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I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A. Formal Education

1. Bachelor of Arts ([Rutgers University](#), May 1982).
2. Master of Arts ([University of Virginia](#), May 1984).
3. Doctor of Philosophy ([University of Virginia](#), May 1991).

B. Positions Held

1. Teaching Assistant, [University of Virginia](#) (1984-85).
2. Instructor, [University of Virginia](#) (1986).
3. Instructor, [California Institute of Technology](#) (1991-92).
4. Assistant Professor, [University of Wisconsin--Milwaukee](#) (1992-98).
5. Associate Professor, [University of Wisconsin--Milwaukee](#) (1998-).

C. Special Honors, Awards, and Research Grants

1. [Phi Beta Kappa](#) ([Rutgers University](#), 1981).
2. [Henry Rutgers Scholar](#) ([Rutgers University](#), 1981-82).
3. Magna Cum Laude ([Rutgers University](#), 1982).
4. [Philip Francis du Pont Fellowship](#) ([University of Virginia](#), 1982-83, 1983-84).
5. [Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation Fellowship](#) ([University of Virginia](#), 1985-86).
6. [Henry Huntington Postdoctoral Fellowship](#) ([California Institute of Technology](#), 1991-92).
7. [Robert McNair Mentorship Grant](#) ([University of Wisconsin--Milwaukee](#), 1994).
8. [Graduate School Research Committee Grant](#) ([University of Wisconsin--Milwaukee](#), 1997).
9. Appointment to [Urban Studies Program](#) ([University of Wisconsin--Milwaukee](#), 1997).
10. Sabbatical Leave ([University of Wisconsin--Milwaukee](#), 2002).
11. [Arts and Humanities Summer Research Grant](#) ([University of Wisconsin--Milwaukee](#), 2003).

II. PUBLICATIONS

A. Books

1. *[Running on the Record: Civil War Era Politics in New Hampshire](#)* (Charlottesville: [The University Press of Virginia](#), 1997).

B. Articles in Refereed Journals

1. "The Advent of Agricultural Progressivism in Virginia," *[Virginia Magazine of History and Biography](#)* 96 (January, 1988), 55-82.

2. "Credit and Culpability: New Hampshire State Politics During the Civil War," *Historical New Hampshire* 48 (Spring, 1993), 3-84.
3. "Retrospective Voting and the Presidential Election of 1844: The Texas Issue Revisited," *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 24 (Fall, 1994), 837-854.
4. "The Demographic Roots of Partisanship: The Case of Connecticut, 1840- 1876." *The Connecticut Historical Society Bulletin* 60 (Summer/Fall, 1995), 193-210.
5. "Slavery, Law, Liquor, and Politics: The Case of Wynehamer v. New York," 80 *Mid-America* (Winter, 1998), 35-53.
6. "The Dysfunctional Party: Collapse of the New Jersey Whigs, 1849- 1853," *New Jersey History* 116 (Spring/Summer, 1998), 3-57.
7. "The End of Midterm Decline? Congressional Elections in Historical Perspective," *Social Science History* 27 (Summer, 2003), 139-164.

C. Articles, Essays, and Chapters in Books

1. "'A White Man's State in New England': Race, Party, and Suffrage in Civil War Connecticut," in Paul A. Cimbala and Randall Miller, eds., *An Uncommon Time: The Civil War and the Northern Home Front* (New York: Fordham University Press, 2002), pp. 243-279.

D. Review Articles

1. "In Retrospect: Richard P. McCormick and the Second American Party System," *Reviews in American History* 23 (June, 1995), 378-389.

E. Appendices in Books

1. "Statistical Appendix," in William Gillette, *Jersey Blue: Civil War Politics in New Jersey, 1854-1865* (New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 1995), 333-338.

F. Book Reviews

1. "Lincoln, Land, and Labor, 1809-1860, by Olivier Frayseé," *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* 93 (Spring, 1995), 221-222.
2. "The Orange Riots: Irish Political Violence in New York City, 1870 and 1871, by Michael A. Gordon," *New York History* 76 (April, 1995), 205-206.
3. "Charles Sumner and the Conscience of the North, by Frederick J. Blue," *Civil War History* 41 (September, 1995), 252-253.
4. "Washington County: Politics and Community in Antebellum America, by Paul Bourke and Donald DeBats," *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* 94 (Winter, 1996), 78-80.
5. "The Salmon P. Chase Papers, Volume 2: Correspondence, 1823-1857, edited by John Niven," *Illinois Historical Journal* 89 (Spring, 1996), 56-57.
6. "The Inner World of Abraham Lincoln, by Michael Burlingame," *Louisiana History* 37 (Spring, 1996), 240-242.
7. "Ken Burns's The Civil War: Historians Respond, edited by Robert B. Toplin," *H-CivWar, H-Net Reviews*, (September, 1996) [extended version of review later printed in *Wisconsin Magazine of History*].
8. "Rebel Storehouse: Florida in the Confederate Economy, by Robert A. Taylor," *The Historian* 59 (Fall, 1996), 161.
9. "Lewis Cass and the Politics of Moderation, by Willard C. Klunder," *Kansas History* 19 (Winter, 1997), 296-297.
10. "The Emerging Midwest: Upland Southerners and the Political Culture of the Old Northwest, 1787-1861, by Nicole Etcheson," *H-CivWar, H-Net Reviews* (February,

1997).

11. "Political Culture in the Nineteenth-Century South: Mississippi, 1830-1900, by Bradley G. Bond," [*Louisiana History*](#) 38 (Winter, 1997), 111-112.
12. "For Honor or Destiny: The Anglo-American Crisis over the Oregon Territory, by Donald Rakestraw," [*Pacific Northwest Quarterly*](#) 88 (Spring, 1997), 93-94.
13. "Ken Burns's The Civil War: Historians Respond, edited by Robert B. Toplin." [*Wisconsin Magazine of History*](#) 80 (Spring, 1997), 241-243.
14. "Parties, Politics, and the Sectional Conflict in Tennessee, 1832-1861, by Jonathan M. Atkins," [*The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*](#) 95 (Spring 1997), 194-197.
15. "Charles Sumner, by David Herbert Donald." [*Illinois Historical Journal*](#) 90 (Autumn, 1997), 217.
16. "Texas, New Mexico, and the Compromise of 1850: Boundary Dispute and Sectional Crisis, by Mark J. Stegmaier," [*The Historian*](#) 60 (Fall, 1997), 140-141.
17. "Slavery and the American West: The Eclipse of Manifest Destiny and the Coming of the Civil War, by Michael A. Morrison," [*American Historical Review*](#) 103 (April 1998), 597-598.
18. "American Forests: Nature, Culture, and Politics, edited by Char Miller," [*Utah Historical Quarterly*](#) 66 (Summer, 1998), 281-282.
19. "Rocky Mountain Radical: Myron W. Reed, Christian Socialist, by James A. Denton," [*South Dakota History*](#) 28 (Fall, 1998), 195-196.
20. "Union & Emancipation: Essays on Race and Politics in the Civil War Era, edited by David W. Blight and Brooks D. Simpson," [*West Virginia History*](#) 57 (1998), 170-171.
21. "Political Abolitionism in Wisconsin, 1840-1861, by Michael J. McManus," [*Civil War History*](#) 46 (March, 2000), 60-61.
22. "Rum, Romanism, & Rebellion: The Making of a President, 1884, by Mark W. Summers" [*Journal of Illinois History*](#) 3 (Autumn, 2000), 326-327.
23. "Land and Freedom: Rural Society, Popular Protest, and Party Politics in Antebellum New York, by Reeve Huston" [*H-Pol, H-Net Reviews*](#) (July, 2001).
24. "Southern Rights: Political Prisoners and the Myth of Confederate Constitutionalism, by Mark E. Neely, Jr." [*Louisiana History*](#) 42 (Summer, 2001), 367-369.
25. "The Magic of the Many: Josiah Quincy and the Rise of Mass Politics in Boston 1800-1830, by Matthew H. Crocker." [*American Historical Review*](#) 106 (October, 2001), 1350-1351.
26. "Gold Rush Politics: California's First Legislature, by Mary Jo Ignoffo." [*California History*](#) 80 (Winter, 2002), 228.
27. "A Kind of Fate: Agricultural Change in Virginia, 1861-1920, by G. Terry Sharrer." [*Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*](#) 109 (July, 2002), 341-343.
28. "Abraham Lincoln and a New Birth of Freedom: The Union & Slavery in the Diplomacy of the Civil War, by Howard Jones." [*West Virginia History*](#) 59 (2003), 169-170.
29. "The Republican Vision of John Tyler, by Dan Monroe." [*The Journal of American History*](#) 91 (June, 2004), 238-239.
30. "Justice of Shattered Dreams: Samuel Freeman Miller and the Supreme Court during the Civil War Era, by Michael A. Ross." [*Nebraska History*](#) 85 (Spring, 2004), 53.
31. "Sacred Debts: State Civil War Claims and American Federalism, 1861-1880, by

- Kyle S. Sinisi." [*The Journal of Military History*](#) 68 (July 2004), 967-968.
32. "Capitalism, Politics, and Railroads in Jacksonian New England, by Michael J. Connolly." [*H-Shear, H-Net Reviews*](#) (December, 2004)
33. "The Reconstruction of Southern Debtors: Bankruptcy After the Civil War, by Elizabeth Lee Thompson." *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 38 (Autumn, 2007), 301-302.
34. "Broken Glass: Caleb Cushing and the Shattering of the Union, by John M. Belohlavek." *Civil War History* 55 (September, 2009), 502-503.
35. "Slavery and the Supreme Court, 1825-1861, by Earl M. Maltz." *Kansas History* 33 (Summer, 2010), 138.
36. "Between Freedom and Bondage: Race, Party, and Voting Rights in the Antebellum North. By Christopher Malone." *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 41 (Summer, 2010), 154-156.
37. "Pursuit of Unity: A Political History of the American South, by Michael Perman." *Florida Historical Quarterly* 88 (Spring, 2010), 566-569.
38. "The Nationalization of American Political Parties, 1880-1896. By Daniel Klinghard, in *Historical Methods: A Journal of Quantitative and Interdisciplinary History*, (October, 2011) 44:4, 191-194.
39. "Representation and Inequality in Late Nineteenth-Century America: The Politics of Apportionment. By Peter H. Argersinger." *Journal of Illinois History* 15 (Winter, 2012), 211-212.

G. Contributions to Reference Works

1. "Edward H. Rollins" in John A. Garraty and Mark C. Carnes (eds.), [*American National Biography*](#) (24 vols., New York: Oxford University Press, 1999), 18: 787-788.
2. "Charles G. Atherton" in John A. Garraty and Mark C. Carnes (eds.), [*American National Biography*](#) (24 vols., New York: Oxford University Press, 1999), 1: 705-706.
3. "Ichabod Goodwin" in John A. Garraty and Mark C. Carnes (eds.), [*American National Biography*](#) (24 vols., New York: Oxford University Press, 1999), 9: 269-271.
4. "William A. Newell" in John A. Garraty and Mark C. Carnes (eds.), [*American National Biography*](#) (24 vols., New York: Oxford University Press, 1999), 16: 339-340.
5. "William Pennington" in John A. Garraty and Mark C. Carnes (eds.), [*American National Biography*](#) (24 vols., New York: Oxford University Press, 1999), 17: 302-303.
6. "The Anti-Masonic Party" in [*Oxford Companion to United States History*](#) (Oxford University Press, 2001), 41-42.
7. "The Whig Party" in [*Encyclopedia of the United States in the Nineteenth Century*](#) (Charles Scribner's and Sons Publishers, 2001, 3 Volumes), 3: 388-392.

III. TEACHING EXPERIENCE

A. Courses Taught

1. *Undergraduate courses*

- a) [Introduction to United States History to 1877](#)
- b) [Origins of the American Civil War](#)
- c) [The American Civil War and Reconstruction](#)
- d) [The Quantitative Analysis of Historical Data](#)
- e) Freshman Seminar: "The Wolf by the Ears": Slavery and the Civil War
- f) Topics in American History: Politics and the Supreme Court in U.S. History

2. *Graduate courses*

- a) Colloquium in 19th-Century American Political History
- b) Colloquium on the Age of Lincoln, 1848-1877
- c) Methods of Research and Analysis for Urban Social Institutions

B. Course Innovations

1. Participant, [Freshman Scholars](#) Faculty Retreat (2000)
2. Development of on-line courses (2003-2012)

C. Direction of Graduate Student Research

1. Secondary advisor: John Orth, Option B examination (1993).
2. Secondary advisor: Brian Adkins, "Samuel J. Tilden and the 1880 Democratic Presidential Nomination" (M. A. Thesis, 1993).
3. Director: David J. Schroeder, "Economic Depression and the Nullification Movement in South Carolina, 1789-1833" (M.A. Thesis, 1994).
4. Secondary advisor: Nicholas Seidler, "Cyberpunk: A Voice of Postmodernism" (M.A. Thesis, 1997).
5. Secondary advisor: David Henning, "The Role of the Newspaper in the Development of Professional Football, 1869-1929" (M.A. Thesis, 1997).
6. Director: Kendra D. Wright, Option B examination (1998).
7. Secondary advisor: John Hagen, Option B examination (1999).
8. Secondary advisor: Don Weege, Option B examination (1999).
9. Secondary advisor: John Crouce, "Rehearsal for Redemption: The Southern Clergy versus the Northern Army During the Civil War and Reconstruction" (M.A. Thesis, 1999)
10. Secondary advisor: Joseph Paul, Option B examination (2000).
11. Secondary advisor: James Doucette, Option B examination (2000).
12. Secondary advisor: William Fliss, "Administrative and Political History of the Early Federal Census, 1790-1810" (M.A. Thesis, 2000)
13. Director: Steven Sherrod, Option B examination (2001).
14. Director: John Gauthier, Option B examination (2001).
15. Secondary advisor: Michael Martin, "Patterns of Latino Segregation" (Urban Studies Ph. D. Dissertation, 2003)
16. Secondary advisor: James Congdon, Option B examination (2004).
17. Secondary advisor: James J. Schneider, "The Battle of Lake Erie: How Honor in the Old Navy Affected the Perry-Elliott Controversy" (2005)

18. Secondary Advisor: Jonathan Bruce, "The Cost of Change: A Financial and Demographic Analysis of the Milwaukee Civil Rights Movement (M.A. Thesis, 2012)
19. Director: Mark Ciccone, Rhetoric, Race, & Riots: A Study of Antiwar Politics in Wisconsin During the Civil War Era, 1860-1865 (M.A. Thesis, 2014)

IV. SERVICE

A. Department of History, University of Wisconsin--Milwaukee

1. Faculty Affairs Committee (1992-93, 1994-95, 2003-04).
2. Guest lecturer, Graduate methods class (1993-2003).
3. Revisionist, Option B American history reading list for M. A. degree students (1993).
4. Undergraduate Affairs Committee (1993-94, 2002-03).
5. Recording secretary, department meeting (October 1995).
6. Volunteer, Open-House Day (1995, 1996, 2004).
7. Faculty advisor, [Phi Alpha Theta](#), UWM Chapter (1995-98).
8. Program committee, Open-House Day (1996).
9. Donor, 230 history books to [Phi Alpha Theta](#), UWM Chapter (1996).
10. Awards Committee (1996-98); Chair (1997-98).
11. Director of Undergraduate Studies (1998-2002, 2004-2008, 2009-).
12. Merit Salary Committee (1999, 2002, 2007).
13. Undergraduate Affairs Committee, Member Ex-Officio (1998-2002, 2004-2008, 2009- Present).
14. Search Sub-Committee, Native American History Hire (2001).
15. Committee on UWM Distinguished Professorship (2003-04).
16. Faculty Affairs Committee (2008-2009).

B. Urban Studies Program, University of Wisconsin--Milwaukee.

1. Student Affairs Committee (1998-99).
2. Grievance and Appeals Committee (1999-2001, 2005-2007, 2012-Present), Chair (1999-2001, 2006-2007).
3. Awards Committee (2001-02).
4. Curriculum Committee (2002-03).
5. Undergraduate Affairs Committee (2003-2005).

C. College of Letters and Science, University of Wisconsin--Milwaukee

1. [Academic Standing & Appeals Committee](#) (1995-98).
2. [Writing-Intensive Initiative Oversight Committee](#) (1998-2001).
3. Donor, [New Directions Program](#) (1998-2003).
4. Presenter, College of Letters and Science Recognition Dinner (1999)
5. Dean's Summer Budget Advisory Committee (2003-2004)
6. Coordinator, UWinterIM and Summer Instruction (2012-Present)

D. Graduate School, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

1. [The Graduate School Scholastic Appeals Committee](#) (2005-).

E. University of Wisconsin--Milwaukee

1. Mentor, [McNair/CIC Summer Research Program](#) (1994).
2. Student Conduct Hearing Committee (1995-96).
3. [Faculty Senate](#) (1995-96).

4. Campus Security Committee (1996-97).
5. Enrollment Management Working Group (1998-2000).
6. [Computer Policy Committee](#) (1998).
7. Participant, Commencement Ceremony (20 December 1998).
8. Faculty Participant, [Wisconsin Public Interest Research Group](#) Survey (1999).
9. Sponsor, Petition to Faculty Senate opposing Enrollment-based Financing of Departments

without Guarantees that Funds are Appropriated to Hiring New Faculty (1999).

10. Disciplinary Policy Advisory Committee (2002-04).
11. Faculty Participant, [Norris Student Health Center](#) Substance Abuse Survey (2003).
12. Division of Arts and Humanities, Executive Committee (2004-07).
13. Academic Misconduct Appeals Committee (2013-present)

F. University of Wisconsin System

1. Panelist, "The Lincoln-Douglas Debates of 1858." Sponsored by the [Institute on Race and Ethnicity](#) (1993).
2. Chair, [The Association of the University of Wisconsin Professionals](#), UWM Chapter (1999-2003).
3. Sponsor, Faculty Senate Resolution Endorsing Collective Bargaining Rights (2001)
4. Sponsor, Faculty Senate Resolution Denouncing Regents in Tenure Dismissal Case (2001)
5. Speaker, in favor of SB 145 before Wisconsin State Senate, Universities, Housing, and Government Operations Committee (12 December 2001)
6. Moderator, [Allsenates](#), a listserv serving the faculty of the UW System (2002-2004)

G. The History Profession

1. *Editorships*
 - a) Book review editor, [H-Pol, H-Net](#) (1997- 1999). Edited more than 150 book reviews.
2. *Referee service*
 - a) [Journal of the Early Republic](#) (1995).
 - b) [Journal of the Early Republic](#) (1996).
 - c) [Journal of Policy History](#) (1997).
 - d) [Social Science History](#) (1998).
 - e) [NEH Collaborative Grant Program](#) (2001).
 - f) [University of Illinois Press](#) (2004).
 - g) [Louisiana History](#) (2006).
3. *Participation at Conferences*
 - a) "Electoral Movement and Legislative Policymaking in Connecticut and New Hampshire, 1840-1870," [Social Science History Association](#) (1989)
 - b) "Issue-voting and the Policymaking Dimensions of Electoral Alignments," [Social Science History Association](#) (1993)
 - c) "Policy Change and the Collapse of the New Jersey Whig Party, 1849-1853," [Social Science History Association](#) (1995)
 - d) "Slavery, Law, Liquor, and Politics: The Case of Wynehamer v. New York," [Great Lakes History Association](#) (1996)
 - e) Panel Chair/Discussant: "Coalitions, Factions, and the Rules of the Game: The Democratic Party, 1936-1972" [Social Science History Association](#) (1998)

- f) "A White Man's State in New England: Race, Party, and Suffrage in Civil War Connecticut," [American Political Development Workshop](#) (1999)
 - g) "Midterm Decline: Congressional Elections in Historical Perspective" [American Historical Association--Pacific Coast Branch](#) (1999)
 - h) Chair, "Roundtable: Political Determinism and Antebellum America: Michael F. Holt's *The Rise and Fall of the American Whig Party*," [Social Science History Association](#) (2000)
 - i) "The End of the Midterm Decline Phenomenon?" [Social Science History Association](#) (2001)
 - j) Chair, "Settling Frontier Florida" [Allen Morris Conference on Florida History](#) (2002)
 - k) Panelist, "Roundtable: Great Books II: Bruce H. Mann's *A Republic of Debtors*" [Society of Historians of the Early Republic](#) (2003)
 - l) Panelist, "Roundtable: James L. Huston's *Calculating the Value of Union*" [Social Science History Association](#) (2004)
4. *Positions in Professional Organizations*
- a) Program organizer, Politics Network of [Social Science History Association](#) (1997-1998).
 - b) H-Pol, H-Net Editorial Advisory Board (1997-2000).
5. *Miscellaneous*
- a) Provider, over 500 history department web site links to [History Departments Around the World](#)," [Center for New Media in History](#) (sponsored by the [American Social History Project](#)) (1997).
- H. The Community**
1. Donor, 29 microfilm reels of New England newspapers and census schedules to [Wisconsin Historical Society](#)(1993).
 2. Author, "Let's Make America a Democracy before Preaching to other Nations," [Milwaukee Journal](#) (30 November 1994).
 3. Guest, "The Ideas Program," [Wisconsin Public Radio](#) (7 December 1994).
 4. Donor, 43 issues of [American Historical Review](#) [1963-1972] to the [Joint Free Public Library of Morristown and Morris Township, New Jersey](#) (1995).
 5. Guest commentator, Warner Cable Public Access Station (18 October 1996).
 6. Interviewee, [Wauwatosa East High School](#), Wauwatosa, Wisconsin (14 February 1997).
 7. Donor, 63 microfilm reels of New England newspapers and census schedules to [Wisconsin Historical Society](#) (1997).
 8. Author, "Censure Could be Applied to Many Others Involved," [Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel](#) (6 January 1999).
 9. Guest Commentator, [WTMJ-4](#) (7 January 1999)
 10. Interviewee, [Cudahy Reminder Enterprise](#) (14 January 1999)
 11. Interviewee, [Wauwatosa East High School](#), Wauwatosa, Wisconsin (11 February 1999).
 12. Author, "The Pundit Gap." [New York Times](#) (16 February 2000).
 13. Signatory, "Educators for a New Trial for Mumia," [New York Times](#) (7 May 2000).

14. Letter to Jeanne Shaheen, Governor, State of New Hampshire, relative to HB 1548, abolishing the death penalty (30 May 2000).
15. Author, "Undecided and Fickle. Why Not?" [*New York Times*](#) (24 October 2000).
16. "Pro-life label just doesn't fit," [*Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel*](#) (15 January 2001).
17. Interviewee, [*Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel*](#), for "Decades after the dream: Elders fear today's children don't appreciate relevance of King's fight" (20 January 2002).
18. "Tenure, Wisconsin Style," [*Chronicle of Higher Education, Letters to the Editor, Online Edition*](#) (18 November 2002).
19. Member, Board of Directors, [*Green Brook Education Foundation*](#), Green Brook, N.J. (2004-2005).
20. Author, "Editorial's claim seems hypocritical," [*Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel*](#) (18 September 2006).