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Education:

Ph.D. Yale University (American Studies), 1994
M.A. Yale University (American Studies), 1990
B.A. University of Virginia (History and English Literature), 1988

Academic Employment:

Distinguished Professor of History, The Graduate Center, City University of
New York, 2014-
Professor of History, Temple University, 2004-14
Associate Professor of History, University of Notre Dame, 1999-2004
Assistant Professor of American Studies, Yale University, 1996-99
Member of the Core Faculty (Social Sciences Division), Bennington College, 1994-96

Awards, Honors and Fellowships:

Elected Member, American Antiquarian Society, 2005
Dorothy and Lewis B. Cullman Center for Scholars and Writers Fellowship,
New York Public Library, 2001-02
Woodrow Wilson Foundation Fellowship, 2001-02 (declined)
Benjamin Franklin Grant, American Philosophical Society, 2001
Ralph D. Gray Prize (Best Article), Society for Historians of the Early American
Republic, 1999, for "Abraham Bishop's Vocation"
Gilder Lehrman Fellowship, Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, 1999
Jamestown Foundation Prize (best first book manuscript), Institute of Early
American History and Culture, 1995, for *In the Midst of Perpetual Fetes*
Percy Prize (Best Article), Southeastern American Society for Eighteenth-Century
Studies, 1995, for "Rites of Rebellion, Rites of Assent"
National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, 1995
Peterson Fellowship, American Antiquarian Society, 1993
Mellon Research Fellowship, American Philosophical Society, 1993
Andrew Mellon Fellowship, Virginia Historical Society, 1992
Leo Wasserman Foundation Prize (Best Article), American Jewish Historical
Society, 1991-92, for "Radicalism, Religion, Jewishness"

Publications:

--Books

Slavery's Constitution: From Revolution to Ratification (New York: Hill and Wang, 2009).

Runaway America: Benjamin Franklin, Slavery, and the American Revolution (New York: Hill and Wang, 2004).

In the Midst of Perpetual Fetes: The Making of American Nationalism, 1776-1820 (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, for the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, 1997).

--excerpt in Elizabeth Cobbs and Edward J. Blum eds., *Major Problems in American History*, 4th ed. (Wadsworth, 2016).

--Work in Progress:

The Odyssey of Phillis Wheatley. Under contract to Farrar, Straus and Giroux.

--Edited Volumes

[with Van Gosse] *Revolutions and Reconstruction: Black Politics in the Long Nineteenth Century* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2020).

The Diaries of John Quincy Adams, 1779-1848, 2 vols. (New York: Library of America, 2017).

[with Matthew Mason], *John Quincy Adams and the Politics of Slavery: Selections from the Diary* (New York: Oxford UP, 2017).

A Companion to John Adams and John Quincy Adams (Malden, MA and Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2013).

A Companion to Benjamin Franklin (Malden, MA and Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2011).

[with Jeffrey L. Pasley and Andrew W. Robertson], *Beyond the Founders: New Approaches to the Political History of the Early American Republic* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2004)

Notes on the State of Virginia by Thomas Jefferson with Related Documents (Boston: Bedford Books/ St. Martin's Press, 2002).

The Struggle Against Slavery: A History in Documents (New York: Oxford University Press, 2001).

--Articles and Book Chapters

“Something Funny Happened on the Way to the Amistad: John Quincy Adams, the Shutdown, and the Restart of Antislavery Politics, 1787-1836” in James Oakes and John Stauffer eds., *The Antislavery Bulwark: The Antislavery Origins of the Civil War* (forthcoming).

“John Quincy Adams, the Missouri Crisis, and the Long Politics of Slavery” in John Craig Hammond and Jeffrey L. Pasley eds., *A Firebell in the Past: The Missouri Crisis at 200* (Columbia: University of Missouri Press, forthcoming).

[with Van Gosse], “Introduction: Black Politics and U.S. Politics in the Age of Revolutions, Reconstructions, and Emancipations” in Gosse and Waldstreicher eds., *Emancipations, Reconstructions, and Revolutions: African American Politics and U.S. History From the First to the Second Civil War* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2020), 1-23.

“Women’s Politics, Antislavery Politics, and Phillis Wheatley’s American Revolution” in Barbara B. Oberg ed., *Women in the American Revolution: Gender, Politics and the Domestic World* (Charlottesville: UP of Virginia, 2019), 147-70.

“Slavery, Voice and Loyalty: John Quincy Adams as the First Revisionist” in Seth Cotlar and Richard J. Ellis eds., *Historian In Chief: How Presidents Interpret the Past to*

- Shape the Future* (Charlottesville: UP of Virginia, 2019), 57-79.
- [with Jeffrey L. Pasley], “Hamilton as Founders Chic: A Neo-Federalist, Antislavery Usable Past?” in Renee C. Romano and Claire Bond Potter eds., *Historians on Hamilton: How a Blockbuster Musical is Restaging America’s Past* (New Brunswick: Rutgers UP, 2018), 137-66.
- “Ancients, Moderns and Africans: Phillis Wheatley and the Politics of Empire and Slavery in the American Revolution” *Journal of the Early Republic* 37 (Winter 2017), 701-33.
- [with Michael McDonnell], “Revolution in the *Quarterly*? A Historiographical Analysis,” *William and Mary Quarterly* 74 (October 2017), 633-66.
- “Minstrelization and Nationhood: ‘Backside Albany,’ Backlash, and the Wartime Origins of Blackface Minstrelsy” in Nicole Eustace and Fredrika J. Teute eds., *Warring for America: Cultural Contests in the Era of 1812* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, for the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, 2017), 29-55.
- “The Beardian Legacy, the Madisonian Moment, and the Problem of Slavery,” *American Political Thought* 2 (Fall 2013), 274-82.
- “The Mansfieldian Moment: Slavery, the Constitution, and American Political Traditions,” *Rutgers Law Journal* 43:3 (Fall/Winter 2013), 471-86.
- “John Quincy Adams: The Life, The Diary, and the Biographers” in *A Companion to John Adams and John Quincy Adams* ed. Waldstreicher (Malden, MA and Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2013), 241-62.
- [with Staughton Lynd], “Free Trade, Sovereignty, and Slavery: Toward An Economic Interpretation of American Independence,” *William and Mary Quarterly*, 3rd Ser. 68 (Oct. 2011), 597-630, with reply to forum respondents, “Reflections on Economic Interpretation, Slavery, the People Out of Doors, and Top Down versus Bottom Up,” *Ibid.*, 653-60.
- “The Wheatleyan Moment,” *Early American Studies* 9: 3 (Fall 2011), 522-51.
- “Phillis Wheatley, the Poet who Challenged the American Revolutionaries” in Alfred F. Young, Gary B. Nash and Ray Raphael eds., *Revolutionary Founders: Rebels, Radicals, and Reformers in the Making of the Nation* (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2011), 97-113.
- “The Origins of Antislavery in Pennsylvania: Early Abolitionists and Benjamin Franklin’s Road Not Taken” in Richard Newman and James Mueller eds., *Antislavery and Abolition in Philadelphia: Emancipation and the Long Struggle for Racial Justice in the City of Brotherly Love* (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State UP, 2011), 162-73.
- “Foreword” in Staughton Lynd, *Intellectual Origins of American Radicalism*, 2nd ed. (New York: Cambridge UP, 2009), xxix-xxxviii.
- “Benjamin Franklin, Religion, and Early Antislavery” in Steven Mintz and John Stauffer eds., *The Problem of Evil: Slavery, Race, and the Ambiguities of Reform* (Amherst: University of Massachusetts Press, 2007), 162-73.
- “Capitalism, Slavery, and Benjamin Franklin’s American Revolution” in Cathy D. Matson ed., *The Early American Economy: Historical Perspectives and New Directions* (University Park, Pa.: Penn State UP, 2006), 183-217.
- Revised version entitled “Franklin, Capitalism, and Slavery” in D. Waldstreicher ed., *A Companion to Benjamin Franklin* (Malden, MA and Oxford: Blackwell, 2011), 211-36.
- “Two Cheers for the Public Sphere...and One for Historians’ Skepticism,” *William and Mary Quarterly* 3rd Ser., 61 (Jan. 2005), 107-12.
- “Why Thomas Jefferson and African Americans Wore Their Politics on their Sleeves: Dress and Mobilization Between American Revolutions” in Jeffrey L. Pasley,

- Andrew W. Robertson, and David Waldstreicher eds., *Beyond the Founders: New Approaches to the Political History of the Early American Republic* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2004), 79-103.
- “The Vexed Story of Human Commodification Told by Benjamin Franklin and Venture Smith,” *Journal of the Early Republic* 24 (Summer 2004), 268-78.
- “Preface” and “Introduction: Nature, Race and Revolution in Jefferson’s America,” *Notes on the State of Virginia by Thomas Jefferson with Related Documents* (Boston: Bedford Books/ St. Martin’s Press, 2002), vi-viii, 1-38.
- “The Long Arm of Benjamin Franklin” in Katherine Ott, David H. Serlin, and Stephen Mihm eds., *Artificial Parts, Practical Lives: Modern Histories of Prosthetics* (New York: New York University Press, 2002), 300-26.
- “The Nationalization and Racialization of American Politics: Before, Between, and Beneath Parties, 1790-1840” in Anthony J. Badger and Byron E. Shafer eds., *Contesting Democracy: Structure and Substance in American Political History, 1775-2000* (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2001), 37-63.
- “Reading the Runaways: Self-fashioning, Print Culture, and Confidence in Slavery in the Eighteenth Century Mid-Atlantic,” *William and Mary Quarterly*, 3d ser., 56 (April 1999), 243-72.
- Repr. in Karen Ordahl Kupperman ed., *Major Problems in American Colonial History*, 3rd ed. (Wadsworth/Cengage, 2011).
- Repr. In Phillip Mulder ed., *Colonial America and the Early Republic* (Ashgate, 2007).
- “Federalism, the Styles of Politics, and the Politics of Style” in Doron Ben-Atar and Barbara B. Oberg eds., *Federalists Reconsidered* (Charlottesville: University Press of Virginia, 1999), 99-117.
- [with Stephen R. Grossbart] “Abraham Bishop’s Vocation; or, the Mediation of Jeffersonian Politics,” *Journal of the Early Republic* 18 (1998), 617-59.
- “Rites of Rebellion, Rites of Assent: Celebrations, Print Culture, and the Origins of American Nationalism,” *Journal of American History* 82 (June 1995), 37-61.
- Excerpt in Sean Wilentz and Jonathan Earle eds., *Major Problems in Early Republic, 1787-1848*, 2nd ed. (Wadsworth/Cengage, 2008).
- Repr. In Phillip Mulder ed., *Colonial America and the Early Republic* (Ashgate, 2007).
- “‘Fallen Under My Observation’: Vision and Virtue in *The Coquette*,” *Early American Literature* 24 (1992), 204-18.
- “Radicalism, Religion, Jewishness: The Case of Emma Goldman,” *American Jewish History* 80 (1990), 74-92.

--Online Essays

- “The Hidden Stakes of the 1619 Controversy,” *Boston Review*, Jan. 24, 2020, <https://bostonreview.net/race-politics/david-waldstreicher-hidden-stakes-1619-controversy>
- “The Fourth of July Has Always Been Political: The Question is Which Vision of America it’s being Used to Advance,” *The Atlantic.com*, July 4, 2019, <https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2019/07/before-trump-fourth-july-was-already-political/593332/>
- “The Revival of John Quincy Adams,” *The Atlantic.com*, July 11, 2017, <https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2017/07/john-quincy-adams/533298/>
- [with Matthew Mason], “What Makes a Great Ex-President?” *Time Magazine*, Jan. 30, 2017, <http://time.com/4653377/john-quincy-adams-ex-president/>

- “Why the Constitution Was Indeed Proslavery,” *The Atlantic.com*, Sept. 19, 2015, <https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2015/09/how-the-constitution-was-indeed-pro-slavery/406288/>
- “On the Border of Slavery and Freedom: What Conductors and Passengers on the Underground Railroad in Pennsylvania were Up Against,” Historical Society of Pennsylvania, *Uncovering William Still’s Underground Railroad* (2015), <http://still.hsp.org/still/essay/border-slavery-and-freedom-what-conductors-and-passengers-underground-railroad>

--Book Reviews and Review Essays:

- “Reinventing the Wheel of Early U.S. Nationalism,” Rev. of Jasper Trautsch, *The Genesis of America*, in *Diplomatic History* 44 (Sept. 2020), 699–702.
- Review of Benjamin E. Park, *American Nationalisms*, in *American Historical Review* 124 (June 2019), 1069-70
- Review of Matthew J. Clavin, *Aiming for Pensacola*. In *Journal of American History* 103 (Sept. 2016), 466-67.
- “Sympathy for the Devil,” Review of Nathaniel Philbrick, *Valiant Ambition*, in *The New York Times Book Review*, May 22, 2016.
- “Wilderness Years,” Review of Edward J. Larson, *The Return of George Washington, 1783-1789*, in *The New York Times Book Review*, Nov. 2, 2014.
- “The Revolutions in Revolution Historiography: Cold War Contradance, Neo-Imperial Waltz, or Jazz Standard?,” *Reviews in American History* 42 (March 2014), 23-35.
- Review of Gene Allen Smith, *The Slaves’ Gamble*, in *Journal of American History* 100 (March 2014), 1189-90.
- Review of Andrew Delbanco, *The Abolitionist Imagination*, in *Journal of American Studies* 47 (May 2013), 46-7.
- Review of Maurie McInnis and Louis P. Nelson eds., *Shaping the Body Politic: Art and Political Formation in Early America*, in *Winterthur Portfolio* 47 (2013), 99-101.
- “Too Big to Fail, So Blame the Critics – Early Republic Style.” Rev. of George Van Cleve, *A Slaveholder’s Union*, in *Reviews in American History* 40 (March 2012), 52-56.
- Rev. of John B. Boles and Randall L. Hall eds., *Seeing Jefferson Anew*, in *Journal of American History* 98:1 (June 2011), 190.
- “How the Indians Lost Washington Territory.” Rev. of Richard Kluger, *The Bitter Waters of Medicine Creek*, in *The New York Times Book Review*, March 27, 2011.
- Rev. of William Pencak ed., *Pennsylvania’s Revolution*, in *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* 135 (Jan. 2011), 109-10.
- “All the King’s Men.” Rev. of Thomas B. Allen, *Tories*, in *The New York Times Book Review*, Dec. 12, 2010.
- Rev. of Lynn Hudson Parsons, *The Birth of Modern Politics* and Donald B. Cole, *Vindicating Andrew Jackson* in *Journal of the Early Republic* 30:4 (Winter 2010), 674-78.
- Rev. of Gordon S. Wood, *Empire of Liberty* in *American Historical Review* 115 (June 2010), 838-39.
- Rev. of Michael Kranish, *Flight From Monticello: Jefferson at War* in *Boston Globe*, Feb. 3, 2010.
- Rev. of Jackson Lears, *Rebirth of a Nation: The Making of Modern America, 1877-1920* in *The Boston Globe*, October 30, 2009.

- “Beyond Biography, Through Biography, Toward an Integrated History.” Rev. of Annette Gordon-Reed, *The Hemingses of Monticello*, in *Reviews in American History* 37 (June 2009), 161-67.
- Rev. of Edmund S. Morgan, *American Heroes* in *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, May 17, 2009.
- Rev. of Ronald C. White, *A. Lincoln*, Fred Kaplan, *Lincoln: The Biography of a Writer*, and Catherine Clinton, *Mrs. Lincoln*, in *Boston Globe*, Jan. 25, 2009.
- Rev. of Ira Stoll, *Samuel Adams: A Life*, in *The Boston Globe*, Jan. 21, 2009.
- Rev. of Nancy Rubin Stuart, *The Muse of the Revolution*, and Kevin J. Hayes, *The Road to Monticello*, in *Boston Globe*, June 29, 2008.
- Rev. of Terry Bouton, *Taming Democracy*, in *Journal of American History* 95 (June 2008), 188-89.
- Rev. of Michael A. McDonnell, *The Politics of War: Race, Class and Conflict in Revolutionary Virginia*, in *Journal of Southern History* 74 (May 2008), 429-31.
- “Final Fantasy” (Review of Susan Faludi, *The Terror Dream: Fear and Fantasy in Post-9/11 America*) in *The Nation* [online edition], March 31, 2008
- “Primary Sources.” Rev. of Gretchen Holbrook Gerzina, *Mr. and Mrs. Prince* in *New York Times Book Review*, Feb. 24, 2008
- . Repr. *International Herald Tribune*, Feb. 21, 2008.
- Rev. of Drew Gilpin Faust, *This Republic of Suffering*, Mark E. Neely Jr., *The Civil War and the Limits of Destruction*, and Stephen Berry, *House of Abraham*, in *The Boston Globe*, Jan. 20, 2008.
- Rev. of Edward J. Larson, *A Magnificent Catastrophe* in *The Boston Globe*, Nov. 28, 2007
- “Atonement.” Rev. of Eve LaPlante, *Salem Witch Judge* in *The New York Times Book Review*, Oct. 7, 2007.
- Rev. of Eric Jay Dolin, *Leviathan*, in *Boston Globe*, July 1, 2007
- Rev. of William W. Freehling, *The Road to Disunion, Volume II* in *Boston Globe*, June 3, 2007.
- Rev. of Ralph Frasca, *Benjamin Franklin’s Printing Network*, in *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* 131:2 (April 2007), 212-13.
- Rev. of James Oakes, *The Radical and the Republican*, James F. Simon, *Lincoln and Chief Justice Taney*, and Douglas L. Wilson, *Lincoln’s Sword*, in *Boston Globe*, Feb. 5, 2007.
- Rev. of Simon Schama, *Rough Crossings*, and Cassandra Pybus, *Epic Journeys of Freedom*, in *American Historical Review* 111 (Dec. 2006), 1104-5.
- “American Genius Studies: Franklin at 300.” Rev. of Joyce Chaplin, *The First Scientific American*, J.A. Leo LeMay, *The Life of Benjamin Franklin Vol. 1 and Vol. 2*, and Jerry Weinberger, *Benjamin Franklin Unmasked*, in *Eighteenth Century Studies* 40:2 (2006), 324-30.
- Rev. of Cassandra Pybus, *Epic Journeys of Freedom*, in *Boston Globe*, Aug. 30, 2006
- Rev. of Alan Taylor, *The Divided Ground*, in *Boston Globe*, March 5, 2006
- Rev. of Bruce Ackerman, *The Failure of the Founding Fathers*, in *Boston Globe*, Feb. 12, 2006.
- Rev. of Joseph J. Ellis, *His Excellency: George Washington*, in *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* 113:2 (2005), 188-90.
- Rev. of Stacy Schiff, *A Great Improvisation*, in *Boston Globe*, April 10, 2005.
- Rev. of David Hackett Fischer, *Washington’s Crossing*, in *American Historical Review* 110 (June 2005), 784.
- Rev. of T.H. Breen, *The Marketplace of Revolution*, in *Journal of American History* 91 (March 2005), 1416-17.

- “Racial Histories, Histories of Race: All or None of the Above?” Rev. of John Wood Sweet, *Bodies Politic*, in *Reviews in American History* 32 (Sept. 2004), 347-51.
- Rev. of John K. Alexander, *Samuel Adams*, in *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* 128 (April 2004), 202-4.
- Rev. of Frederic Cople Jaher, *The Jews and the Nation*, in *William and Mary Quarterly* 59 (Oct. 2003), 908-11.
- “Redressing Early America.” Rev. of Linda Baumgartner, *What Clothes Reveal*, in *Common-place* 4:1 (Sept. 2003).
- Rev. of Ellen Fitzpatrick, *History’s Memory*, in *Biography* 26:3 (Summer 2003), 495-98.
- “Founders Chic as Culture War.” Review of David McCullough, *John Adams*, Joseph J. Ellis, *Founding Brothers*, and Joanne B. Freeman, *Affairs of Honor*, in *Radical History Review* 84 (Fall 2002), 185-94.
- Rev. of Genevieve Fabre and Jurgen Heideking eds., *Celebrating Ethnicity and Nation*, in *Journal of the Early Republic* 22 (Summer 2002), 312-15.
- Rev. of Susan-Mary Grant, *North over South*, in *Journal of American History* 88 (Dec. 2001), 1078.
- Rev. of Robert B. St. George ed., *Possible Pasts*, in *William and Mary Quarterly* 58 (Oct. 2001), 977-81.
- “Keeping it in the Family, Post-DNA.” Review of Joseph J. Ellis, *Founding Brothers*, in *Reviews in American History* 29 (June 2001), 198-204.
- “Anti-Foundational Founders.” Review of Saul Cornell, *The Other Founders*, in *American Quarterly* 53 (June 2001), 340-48.
- Rev. of Joyce Appleby, *Inheriting the Revolution*, in *Common-place* 1:1 (Sept. 2000)
- Rev. of Thomas G. West, *Vindicating the Founders*, in *Labor History* 41 (2000), 356-57.
- Rev. of Christopher Grasso, *A Speaking Aristocracy*, in *Maryland Historical Magazine* 94 (1999), 364-66.
- “The First Linguistic Turn.” Review of Jane Kamensky, *Governing the Tongue*, in *Reviews in American History* 27 (1999), 14-21.
- Rev. of Pauline Maier, *American Scripture*, in *William and Mary Quarterly* 55 (1998), 463-65.
- Rev. of Lloyd Kramer, *Lafayette in Two Worlds*, in *Journal of American History* 84 (1997), 230-31.
- Rev. of Andrew W. Robertson, *The Language of Democracy*, in *Journal of American History* 82 (1996), 1561-62.
- Rev. of Craig Calhoun ed., *Habermas and the Public Sphere*, in *William and Mary Quarterly* 52 (1995), 175-77.
- Rev. of Alfred F. Young ed., *Beyond the American Revolution*, in *Australasian Journal of American Studies* 13 (1994), 89-92.

--Invited Presentations and Papers

- “Phillis Wheatley Reads the News and Dreams” (Foundations of Independence: Protest and Communication in Revolutionary America, 1770 to 2020, Iona College/ Institute of Thomas Paine Studies, Sept. 25, 2020)
- “Slavery and the Constitution: A Debate,” (Colgate University, Sept. 17, 2020).

- “The Odyssey of Phillis Wheatley: From the Middle Passage to Boston” (NYU Interdisciplinary Workshop in the Global Nineteenth Century, Nov. 11, 2019)
- “The Odyssey of Phillis Wheatley” (OI Colloquium, Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, Williamsburg, VA, Oct. 1, 2019)
- “Jan Lewis’s Constitution” (Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Cambridge MA, July 19, 2019)
- Panel Participant, “Constituting the United States: Living with the American Revolution,” SHEAR conference, Cambridge MA, July 18, 2019)
- “Slavery’s Constitution (and Antislavery’s Declaration) According to John Quincy Adams,” (Organization of American Historians, Philadelphia, April 11, 2019).
- “How John Quincy Adams Shaped the Missouri Crisis and How the Missouri Crisis Shaped John Quincy Adams,” (*A Firebell in the Past: the Missouri Crisis at 200*, University of Missouri, Feb. 15, 2019)
- “What Was Celebrity Good For? The Case of Phillis Wheatley” (Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Cleveland, July 21, 2018)
- “John Quincy Adams’ American Revolution” (Sons of the American Revolution annual conference on the American Revolution, The Adams Family and the American Revolution, Quincy, MA, June 2017)
- Panel Participant, “Possible Futures? Culture and the American Revolution after *Possible Pasts*,” Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture annual conference, University of Michigan, June 2017.
- [With Matthew Mason], “John Quincy Adams and the Politics of Slavery” (Massachusetts Historical Society, Apr. 26, 2017, and Adams National Historical Park, Apr. 27, 2017; U.S. Capitol Historical Society, July 19, 2017)
- “John Quincy Adams as the First Revisionist” (*Presidents as Historians*, Presidential History Center, Southern Methodist University, Oct. 20, 2016)
- “James Madison’s Constitution and the Problem of Slavery” (Constitution Day Lecture, Brigham Young University, Sept. 17, 2016; James Madison University, March 13, 2013.)
- “John Quincy Adams, the Shutdown, and the Restart of Antislavery Politics” (Missouri Regional Early American History Seminar, Sept. 11, 2015).
- “Sometimes by Similie a Victory’s Won’: Phillis Wheatley’s Politics in the Revolutionary Context” (Sons of the American Revolution Annual Conference on the American Revolution, *Women in the Era of the American Revolution*, Williamsburg VA, June 20-22, 2014).
- Panel Participant, “The Legacy of Edmund S. Morgan,” OAH, Apr. 2014.
- Panel Participant, *Charles Beard’s Economic Interpretation at 100*, Columbia University, Oct. 14, 2013.
- “The Beardian Legacy, the Madisonian Moment, and the Politics of Slavery,” (Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, Baltimore, June 13, 2013)
- “Ancients, Moderns, and Africans: Phillis Wheatley and the Politics of Slavery” (McNeil Center for Early American Studies, May 10, 2013; CUNY Graduate Center, Apr. 30, 2013).
- Panel Participant, “Globalizing the Early Republic” (Organization of American Historians, San Francisco, Apr. 11, 2013)
- “Phillis Wheatley’s Ancient Africa” (Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Pittsburgh, Sept. 29, 2012).

- “Phillis Wheatley’s African and Ancient Worlds (and Thomas Jefferson’s),” Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Baltimore, July 21, 2012; Lawrence Henry Gipson Institute for Eighteenth Century Studies, Lehigh University, Oct. 26, 2011.
- Panel Participant, “The Founding Fathers and Contemporary Politics” (Organization of American Historians, Milwaukee, Apr. 2012)
- “Slavery and the Constitution” (Atlanta Cyclorama, June 20, 2012; National Constitution Center, July 15, 2011; Independence Hall National Park, July 19, 2011; Teaching American History/Gilder Lehrman Institute, “Slavery and Freedom in the Age of Revolutions,” Columbia University, July 15, 2010; Library Company of Philadelphia, Oct. 14, 2009.
- “Benjamin Franklin, African Americans and Slavery” (Teaching American History Institute, “Benjamin Franklin and the New Nation,” University of Pennsylvania, June 29 and July 13, 2011; June 30 and July 8, 2010, July 6 and 13, 2016)
- “Other Traditions: Slavery, the Constitution, and Political Culture” (*The Constitution and the Sectional Conflict*, Rutgers University School of Law—Camden, Apr. 12, 2011; University of Rochester, March 26, 2008)
- “Minstrelization and Nationhood: Revisiting *Backside Albany*” (“Warring for America, 1803-1818,” OIEAHC/Library of Congress, Washington, DC, March 31, 2011).
- “The Wheatleyan Moment” (Washington Area Early American Seminar, University of Maryland, Oct. 28, 2010)
- “Phillis Wheatley, Religion, and the American Revolutionaries” (The Historical Society bi-annual conference, George Washington University, June 5, 2010)
- “Phillis Wheatley and the American Revolutionaries (Or, From the Mansfieldian Moment to the Wheatleyan Moment?),” Indiana University, Nov. 20, 2009
- “Slavery and the Constitution: New Directions” (Panel Discussion, McNeil Center for Early American Studies, June 22, 2009).
- “Slavery, Race and the Founding: Jefferson and Franklin” (NEH Teaching American History Grant Program, Nicholls State University, Thibideaux, La., May 10, 2008; May 8, 2007; May 6, 2006)
- “Political Culture Beyond Ideology: The Case of Slavery and the Constitution” (“The Cultural History of Eighteenth Century America,” William and Mary Quarterly-Early Modern Studies Institute Workshop, Huntington Library, Pasadena, California, May 19, 2007)
- “Benjamin Franklin and Slavery” (Hagley Museum and Library, December 6, 2006; Cliveden Institute, March 17, 2006; Drexel University, March 15, 2006; Independence Hall National Park, July 20, 2005; Franklin and Marshall College, Nov. 3, 2004; David Library of the American Revolution, Nov. 18, 2004 [broadcast on C-Span’s History on Book TV program])
- “Reflections on the Franklin Extravaganza” (Pennsylvania Historical Association, Philadelphia, October 19, 2006)
- “Franklin, Quakerism, and Slavery” (Stenton Lecture, Philadelphia, Feb. 25, 2006; Haverford College, Dec. 7, 2005)
- “Africans, Smallpox, and the Making of Benjamin Franklin” (Pennsylvania Hospital, Feb. 22, 2006)
- “Founding Fathers and the Politics of Slavery” (Colgate University, Nov. 16, 2005)
- “Benjamin Franklin, Religion, and Early Antislavery” (University of Delaware History

- Workshop, March 1, 2005; *Freedom, Race and Bondage*, Yale University, May 8, 2002)
- “Reflections on the Memorable Scholarship of Alfred F. Young” (OAH, Boston, March 2004)
- “People as Capital” (Keynote address at *Selling Race: The Limits and Liberties of Markets*, UCLA Center for Modern and Contemporary Studies, Oct. 25, 2002)
- “Fathers, Brothers, and Masters: Rethinking Benjamin Franklin in Boston” (Columbia University Early American History Seminar, May 10, 2002; UCLA History Department Colloquium, Oct. 24, 2002)
- “Slavery and the Emergence of Benjamin Franklin” (Brandeis University, March 7, 2002; New York Public Library, May 1, 2002)
- “The End of Penn’s Dream? Benjamin Franklin, Colonial Liberties, and American Identities” (*Liberty on the Anvil*, Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Oct. 22, 2001)
- “Beyond Political Culture and Cultural Politics? Dress and Mobilization Between American Revolutions” (Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Baltimore, July 2001)
- “Capitalism, Slavery, and Benjamin Franklin’s American Revolution” (*The Past and Future of Early American Economic History*, Library Company of Philadelphia, Apr. 2001)
- “The Long Arm of Benjamin Franklin” (Michigan State University, Oct. 2000)
- “Slavery, Race, and the American Revolution Reconsidered: The Case of Benjamin Franklin” (AHA, Boston, Jan. 2001; Newberry Library Early American History seminar, Chicago, September 2000)
- “Structure and Substance in American Political History, 1790-1840” (Oxford University and Cambridge University, October 1999)
- “Runaways, Petitioners, Soldiers and Authors: The African American Revolution in the North” (Greenwich, Conn. Historical Society, Nov. 1998; Jay Heritage Center, Rye, New York, March 1999)
- “Capitalism, Slavery and Benjamin Franklin” (Rutgers University, Nov. 1998)
- “Confidence Man as Sensitive Man: Stephen Burroughs’ Gender Politics” (OIEAHC Annual Conference, Worcester, June 1998)
- “Reading the Early American Newspaper in the Age of Electronic Reproduction” (Milan Group in Early United States History, Milan, Italy, June 1998)
- “Reading the Runaways” (*More Than Cool Reason: Black Responses to Enslavement, Exile, and Resettlement*, OIEAHC/ Univ. of Haifa, Jan. 1998; Philadelphia Center for Early American Studies, Feb. 1998; American Antiquarian Society, Dec. 1997)
- “An Uncommon Share of Sensibility’: Stephen Burroughs’ Quest for Natural Aristocracy” (Northeast American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies, Worcester, Sept. 1996)
- “Before David Walker: Nationalism, Abolitionism, and African American Celebrations of the End of the Slave Trade, 1808-1825” (*Festivity, Ritual, and Public Display in Early America*, APS/ PCEAS, Philadelphia, April 1996)
- “Women, Nationalism, and the Politics of Celebration in the Early American Republic” (Organization of American Historians, Chicago, March 1996)

Professional, Editorial, and Administrative Activities

Scholarly Advisory Board, Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, 2020-
 Co-Editor, *Journal of the Early Republic*, 2012-14, 2018-20
 Book Series Co-Editor (with Kathleen M. Brown and Daniel K. Richter), *Early American
 Studies*, University of Pennsylvania Press, 2008-present
 Advisory Council, McNeil Center for Early American Studies, 2004-present
 Editorial Board, *Reviews in American History*, 2008-2018
 Book Reviews Co-Editor, *Journal of the Early Republic*, 2010-12
 Nominating Board, Organization of American Historians, 2011-14
 Editorial Board, *Journal of the Early Republic*, 2007-11
 Research Fellowship Selection Committee, Library Company of Philadelphia, 2013
 Research Fellowship Selection Committee, American Philosophical Society, 2005, 2009
 Editorial Board, *Common-place: The Interactive Journal of Early American Life*, 2003-11
 Academic Advisory Council, David Library of the American Revolution, 2006-07
 Ellis W. Hawley Prize Committee, Organization of American Historians, 2003-04
 Nominating Committee, Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, 2002-05
 Chair, Advisory Committee for the James Russell Wiggins Lectureship, American
 Antiquarian Society, 1998-99
 Advisory Committee, Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance
 and Abolition, Yale University, 1998-99
 Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of History, University of Notre Dame,
 2003-04
 Director of Undergraduate Studies, American Studies Program, Yale University, 1997-98
 Conference Planning Committees: SHEAR (Buffalo, 2000; Philadelphia, 2008); OIEAHC
 (Ann Arbor, 1996)
 Session Commentator at annual meetings: SHEAR (1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2003,
 2005, 2008, 2011, 2014), OIEAHC (1997, 2002, 2011, 2015), OAH (2006, 2013), AHA
 (2004), ASA (1996)

Recent Departmental and University Service

The Graduate Center, City University of New York
 Library Committee, 2017-19
 Committee on Committees, 2017-18
 Strategic Plan Task Force on Communications and External Outreach, 2015-16
 Strategic Plan Task Force on Faculty, Students, and Programs, 2015-16
 Departmental Service:
 Faculty membership Committee, 2019-20
 Curriculum Committee, 2017-18
 Admissions Committee, 2014-20

Temple University:
 Temple University Press Board of Review, 2013-14
 Faculty Senate Steering Committee, 2008-12
 Editor, *Temple University Faculty Herald*, 2008-12
 Committee on the Status of Faculty of Color, 2010-13
 Ad Hoc Committee on Summer Programs, 2012
 Departmental Service:

Graduate Studies Council, 2005-7, 2008-10, 2011-13
 Chair's Advisory Committee, 2008-9, 2012-13
 Personnel Committee, 2004-5, 2007-8, 2010-11, 2013-14
 Chair Selection Committee, 2010-11

Dissertations Supervised – CUNY Graduate Center

John C. Winters, "The Amazing Iroquois: Haudenosaunee Myth and Memory, 1792-1955" (2020)

Dissertations Supervised– Temple University

Thomas Richards, "The Texas Moment: Breakaway Republics and Contested Sovereignty in North America, 1836-46" (2016). Published as *Breakaway Americas: The Unmanifest Future of the Jacksonian United States* (Johns Hopkins UP, 2020)
 Joshua J. Wolf, "'To Be Enslaved or Thus Deprived': The Impressment of American Seamen in the Early Republic and War of 1812" (2015)
 Brenna O'Rourke Holland, "Free Market Family: Gender, Capitalism, and the Life of Stephen Girard" (2014)
 Aaron Sullivan, "In But not Of the Revolution: The British Occupation of Philadelphia, 1777-78" (2014). Published as *The Disaffected: Britain's Occupation of Philadelphia During the American Revolution* (U of Pennsylvania Press, 2019).
 Henry Buehner, "Mansfieldism and America: Law and Politics in the British Atlantic World, 1730-1850" (2014)

Dissertations supervised, University of Notre Dame:

Benjamin L. Fitzpatrick, "Negroes for Sale: The Slave Trade in Antebellum Kentucky" (2006)

Courses Taught

--Graduate Center, City University of New York

The Literature of American History I (to 1865)
 Age of Empires: Colonial Americas, 1492-1750
 Era of the American Revolution
 Political Culture, Cultural Politics, United States
 Culture Wars: Readings in U.S. Cultural History
 Race, Gender, and American Political Development

– Temple University (Graduate)

Readings in Colonial American History
 U.S. History to 1877
 Age of the American Revolution
 Slavery and U.S. History
 Early U.S. Social History
 Making American Political Cultures, 1760-1890

--Temple University (Undergraduate)

Global Slavery
 U.S. History to 1877
 American Revolution and Republic
 The Literature of Slavery

The New Nation, 1787-1848
 Intermediate Writing Seminar: John Quincy Adams's America
 Mass Media and American Culture

– **University of Notre Dame (Graduate)**

Readings in U.S. History, 1750-1900
 Slavery and the Modern World
 The Civil War Era

--University of Notre Dame (Undergraduate)

Introduction to History and Historiography
 Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, and their America
 The Early U.S. Republic, 1787-1846
 Media and American Culture: From the Age of Print to the Internet
 The Civil War and Reconstruction, 1846-77

– **Yale University**

Formation of American Culture, 1750-1876
 Media and American Culture
 The American Revolution: Culture and Politics, 1750-1800
 Sectionalism, the Civil War and Reconstruction
 The Junior Seminar in American Studies (various themes)

– **Bennington College**

Early American History
 The Era of the American Revolution
 Media and American Culture
 Nationalism, Race and Ethnicity in American History
 The American Renaissance: Literature and Culture, 1820-1860
 Era of the Civil War and Reconstruction
 The History of Sexuality