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EDUCATION

- 1984 Ph.D., History-American Studies, Purdue University
1974 M.A., History-American Studies, Purdue University
1972 B.A., with honors, Manhattan College

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

- 2008-2009 Interim Head, Department of History, Utah State University
1993-1997 Director, Honors Program, Utah State University
1986- Department of History, Utah State University: Full Professor (2002-present), Associate Professor (1992-2002); Assistant Professor (1986-1992)
1984-1986 Visiting assistant professor, Purdue University

BOOKS

- 2000 *A Traveller's History of the USA*. Gloucestershire, England: Windrush Press; New York and Northampton, Mass.: Interlink Books.
1994 *The Fortunate Heirs of Freedom: Abolition and Republican Thought*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press.

ARTICLES

- 1991 "'A Faith for Freedom': The Political Gospel of Abolition," *Journal of the Early Republic*, 11 (Fall 1991): 371-93.
1991 "'A State of Commerce': Marketpower and Slavepower in Abolitionist Political Economy," *Civil War History*, 37 (June 1991): 101-119.
1980 "Suggestions on the Theme of the One and the Many in Henry James, Senior, Ralph Waldo Emerson, and William James," *Eros: A Journal of Philosophy and Literary Arts*, 7 (April 1980): 1-17.

REPRINTED ARTICLE

- 1999 "'A Faith for Freedom': The Political Gospel of Abolition," in John R. McKivigan, ed., *Abolitionism and American Politics and Government*, Vol. 3, *History of the American Abolitionist Movement* (New York & London: Garland Publishing, 1999), 49-72.

GRANT

- 2005 Co-principal investigator (along with Logan City School District), Teaching American History Grant (2005-2008), U. S. Department of Education: \$1,000,000.

CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECT**“The Course of Memory: Mnemonics Training in American Culture”**

Building on works of the past two decades that focus on how Americans have “constructed” memory, I will pursue a related – and largely unexplored – issue: the ways in which Americans have *exercised* memory. The project examines nineteenth- and twentieth-century techniques for improving memory, focusing on the changing functions such skills were meant to perform for the individual and society.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS: PAPERS

- 2008 Nineteenth-Century Studies Association, Conference on Politics and Propaganda, “The Power of Memory: Mnemonics Training and Democratization in 19th Century America.”
- 2005 Australian National University, Humanities Research Centre, Conference on Commemoration, Monuments, and Public Memory, “Learning to Remember: Mnemonics in the Antebellum U.S.”
- 2005 British American Studies Association Conference, Cambridge University, “The Art – and Science – of Memory in Antebellum America.”
- 2003 Western Humanities Alliance Conference on Memory, Material, and Meaning, “The Systemization of Memory in Antebellum Mnemonics”
- 2003 American Historical Association-Pacific Coast Branch, “*Phreno-Mnemotechny*: The Lectures of François Fauvel-Gouraud and the Culture of Memory in Antebellum America”
- 1995 Ohio Academy of History, “The Abolitionists’ Republican Geography”
- 1993 Western Social Science Association, “Racism and Saxonism in the Abolition Campaign”
- 1990 Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, “The Ground of Liberty: Nineteenth-Century Abolitionism and the Persistence of Country Ideology”
- 1989 Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, “The Costs of Liberty: The Abolitionist Argument on Political Economy”
- 1989 Missouri Valley History Conference, “Abolitionism and the Quest for National Identity”
- 1983 American Studies Association, “The Romance of Abolitionism: History, Language, and Ideology in the Antislavery Campaign”
- 1982 Duquesne History Forum, “The Political Process and Republican Ideology in the

- Abolitionist Argument”
- 1982 Missouri Valley History Conference, “The Republican Faith: Reconsidering the Religious Framework of Abolition”

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS: COMMENTARY

- 2008 Nineteenth-Century Studies Association, Conference on Politics and Propaganda, panel commentator, session on “Political Re-imaginings: Political Memory in 19th -Century American Minority Literature.”
- 2008 Western Social Science Association annual conference, panel commentator, “War and Memory.”
- 2005 Western Social Science Association annual conference, panel commentator, “Remembering ---and Forgetting”
- 2002 Nineteenth-Century Studies Association 23d Annual Conference, panel commentator, “Civil War Fare”
- 2002 Western Social Science Association annual conference, panel commentator, “Constructions of Meaning in America”
- 2001 Organization of American Historians annual conference, panel commentator, “Under Construction: Gender and Religious Issues”
- 2001 Western Social Science Association annual conference, panel commentator, “‘Spirit’-ed Discussions”
- 2000 Western Social Science Association annual conference, panel commentator, “Memory, Culture, and ‘Other’ in Colonial and Early National America”

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2009 Organization of American Historians, conference presentation, “Teaching American History” Symposium, “The Long-Term Impact of TAH Grants on History Programs and Faculty Development” (*forthcoming, March 2009*)
- 2009 American Historical Association, panel commentator, “The Future of Teaching American History Grants” (*forthcoming, January 2009*)
- 2009 Lecture: “The Historical Contexts of Lewis & Clark,” *Lewis & Clark and the Indian Country*, Brigham City (UT) Library (*forthcoming 2009*)
- 2008 Teaching American History Connections Project, Draper, UT, “The Essential Teaching Points about Reconstruction.”
- 2008 Teaching American History Connections Project, Summer Academy, Park City, UT, “The Essential Teaching Points about the American Civil War.”
- 2008 Bridgerland PATHS Teaching American History summer program, Logan, UT, intensive course on “The Civil War and Reconstruction.”
- 2008 Lecture, “The Political Economy of Alexander Hamilton,” *Alexander Hamilton: The Man Who Made Modern America*, Brigham City (UT) Library

- 2006 Lecture, "Decade of Crisis: The 1850s," *Forever Free: Abraham Lincoln's Journey to Emancipation*, Brigham City (UT) Library, Nov. 16, 2006.
- 2000 Utah Humanities Council, Good Society Speakers Bureau, "The Bill of Rights: The Top Ten Surprises About the First Ten Amendments," delivered to Humanists of Utah, Salt Lake City, 9 March 2000, and Salt Lake City Public Library, 13 April 2000.

BOOK REVIEW ESSAYS

- 2001 "Naturally Right" (review of Harry V. Jaffa, *A New Birth of Freedom: Abraham Lincoln and the Coming of the Civil War*), *Reviews in American History*, 29 (September 2001): 368-76.
- 2000 David K. Adams and Cornelis A. van Minnen, eds, *Religious and Secular Reform in America: Ideas, Beliefs, and Social Change*; Douglas M. Strong, *Perfectionist Politics: Abolitionism and the Religious Tensions of American Democracy*; Michael J. McManus, *Political Abolitionism in Wisconsin, 1840-1861*. *Journal of American History*, 87 (December 2000): 1030-1032.

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2005 Douglas R. Egerton, *Rebels, Reformers, & Revolutionaries: Collected Essays and Second Thoughts*, *Journal of the Early Republic*, 25 (Summer 2005): 335-38.
- 2004 Kris Fresonke, *West of Emerson: The Design of Manifest Destiny*. *Western Historical Quarterly*, 35 (Summer 2004): 227-28.
- 2002 David E. Brown, *Inventing Modern America: From the Microwave to the Mouse*, *The Social Science Journal*, 40 (2003): 169-71.
- 2001 Leonard L. Richards. *The Slave Power: The Free North and Southern Domination, 1780-1860*, *Journal of the Early Republic*, 21 (Fall 2001): 543-46.
- 2000 John R. McKivigan and Stanley Harrold, eds. *Antislavery Violence: Sectional, Racial, and Cultural Conflict in Antebellum America*. *Journal of the Early Republic*, 20 (Fall 2000): 594-96.
- 2000 Allen C. Guelzo, *Abraham Lincoln: Redeemer President*. H-NET Reviews (September 2000), www2.h-net.msu.edu/reviews/showrev.cgi?path=24004970690837
- 1999 Paul Goodman, *Of One Blood: Abolitionism and the Origins of Racial Equality*. *Journal of the Early Republic*, 19 (Spring 1999): 136-38.
- 1996 Richard F. Teichgraeber III. *Sublime Thoughts/Penny Wisdom: Situating Emerson and Thoreau in the American Market*. *American Historical Review*, 101 (December 1996): 1622.
- 1993 Donald R. Wright. *African Americans in the Early Republic, 1789-1831*. *Journal of the Early Republic*, 13 (Fall 1993): 426-27.

- 1993 Joshua Miller. *The Rise and Fall of Democracy in Early America, 1630-1789: The Legacy for Contemporary Politics*. *History: Reviews of New Books*, Fall 1993.
- 1992 Lawrence Foster. *Women, Family, and Utopia: Communal Experiments of the Shakers, the Oneida Community, and the Mormons*. *Western Historical Quarterly*, 23 (November 1992): 512-13.
- 1989 Anne M. Boylan. *Sunday School: The Formation of an American Institution, 1790-1880*. *The Historian*, 52 (November 1989): 145-46.
- 1988 Ruth Currie-McDaniel. *Carpetbagger of Conscience: A Biography of John Emory Bryant*. *History: Reviews of New Books*, 17 (Fall 1988): 29-30.
- 1987 James A. Ward. *Railroads and the Character of America, 1820-1887*. *Business History Review*, 61 (Summer 1987): 329-31.
- 1986 James Turner. *Without God, Without Creed: The Origins of Unbelief in America*. *The Historian*, 48 (August 1986): 616-17.
- 1985 Myra C. Glenn. *Campaigns Against Corporal Punishment: Prisoners, Sailors, Women, and Children in Antebellum America*. *History: Reviews of New Books*, 13 (July-August 1985): 143.
- 1985 Hans J. Morgenthau and David Hein (Kenneth W. Thompson, editor). *Essays on Lincoln's Faith and Politics*. *Civil War History*, 24, 31 (March 1985): 81-82.
- 1984 Alan M. Kraut, ed. *Crusaders and Compromisers: Essays on the Relationship of the Antislavery Struggle to the Antebellum Party System*. *History: Reviews of New Books*, 12 (July-August, 1984): 169-70.
- 1984 Lela B. Costin. *Two Sisters for Social Justice: A Biography of Grace and Edith Abbott*. *History: Reviews of New Books*, 12 (April 1984): 125.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2006 Humanist of the Year, College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences, Utah State University
Humanist of the Year, Department of History, Utah State University
- 2005 Teacher of the Year, Department of History, Utah State University
- 2001 *The Social Science Journal*, Recognition Award, Contributions as Associate Editor
Western Social Science Association, Outstanding Section Coordinator, for the American Studies Section of the WSSA's annual conference
- 1991 College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences Faculty Minigrant for Course Development and Instructional Design, Utah State University, 1991-1992.
- 1990 University Faculty Research Grant, Utah State University, 1990-1991.
- 1984 Louis Schneider Memorial Award in Recognition of an Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Purdue University.
- 1972 Phi Beta Kappa

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

American intellectual history; U.S. Early Republic; social reform; American Studies

UNIVERSITY COURSES TAUGHT

American History Survey to 1877	American History Survey, 1877-Pres
Age of Jefferson and Jackson	Civil War and Reconstruction
American Religious History	Seminar: Slavery and Antislavery
American Cultur. / Intellec. History	Seminar: Historical Research and Writing
Graduate: American Studies Methods	Graduate: 19 TH C. American Reform

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Organization of American Historians	Society for Historians of the Early Republic
American Studies Association	Western Social Science Association

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE: NATIONAL

- National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, D.C.
 - 2008 Summer Stipend Review Panel
 - 2007-2008 Film and Television Panel, Division of Public Programs
 - 2006 Summer Stipend Review Panel
 - 2005 Film and Television Panel, Division of Public Programs
 - 2003-2004 Summer Stipend Review Panel
 - 2002-2003 Summer Stipend Review Panel
 - 2002 Division of Preservation and Access, Reviewer, Online State Encyclopedias
 - 2002 Media Panel, American History
 - 2001-2002 Collaborative Research Program
 - 2000-2001 Summer Stipend Review Panel
 - 1999-2000 Consultation Grants Review Panel
 - 1999-2000 Summer Stipend Review Panel
 - 1998-1999 Summer Stipend Review Panel
 - 1997 Media Panel, Early American History and Studies
 - 1994-1995 Summer Stipend Review Panel

- *The Social Science Journal*
 - 1994-2007 Associate Editor
 - Responsibilities: review manuscripts; solicit submissions; suggest

reviewers; participate in decisions concerning the journal
The Social Science Journal is the official journal of the Western Social Science Association

▪Western Social Science Association

- 1994- Program Chair, American Studies, Western Social Science Association Annual Conference
- 1995-1997 Executive Council Alternate

▪Adjudication

Referee for articles submitted to *Journal of American History*, *Journal of the Early Republic*, *American Quarterly*, *Western Historical Quarterly*, *Canadian Journal of American Studies*, *Northern Social Science Review*, *The Historian*.

▪Other

- 2000 Text review, *Major Problems in U.S. History*, Houghton Mifflin
- 1997 Consultant, "The Sarah Roberts Case of 1849," documentary project by filmmaker Anna Jhirad
- 1988 Text review, American history survey, West Educational Publishing
- 1985 Assistant coordinator, Liberty Fund Colloquium on "Milton, Harrington, Sidney, and the American Republican Tradition"

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE: REGIONAL

▪Northern Utah Professional Academy for Teaching History in Schools (NuPATHS), northern Utah school districts (*project funded by a "Teaching American History" grant from U.S. Department of Education, \$1,000,00, 2008-2010.*

- 2008-2010 Academic Director, NuPATHS, coordinating presentations from Utah State University History faculty with school districts throughout northern Utah.

▪Bridgerland PATHS (Professional Academy for the Teaching of History in Schools), Cache County, Utah

(*project funded by a "Teaching American History" grant from U.S. Department of Education, \$999,974, 2005-2008; served as co-principal investigator on grant proposal*)

- 2005-2008 Executive Historian, Bridgerland PATHS
- 2007 Summer seminar: "The Bill of Rights"
 Summer survey course lecture: "America, Inc.: The Organization of

- Capital & Labor"
- 2006 Summer survey course: "American History to 1877"
- 2003 Summer seminar for Cache Valley history teachers: "Teaching American Religious History"; "American Social Reform"
- 2002 Fall workshop for Cache Valley secondary school teachers: "Slavery & Abolition"
- 2002 Summer seminar for Cache Valley history teachers: presentation on "Teaching American Religious History"
- Utah Humanities Council
- 2003-2005 "Road Scholars" speaker series
- 2000-2001 "Front Porch" discussion series
- 1998-1999 Committee on Civil Society and American Culture
- Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society
- 1998-1999 Chapter co-advisor
- 1997 Panel commentator, Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, Utah State University
- 1994 Panel commentator, Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, Westminster College
- 1993 Conference organizer, Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, Utah State University
- 1991-1993 Chapter advisor
- 1990 Lecture: "*Glory: The Civil War on Film*"
- 1989 Conference co-organizer, Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, Utah State University
- 1988-1991 Chapter co-advisor

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE: UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY

- University-wide*
- 1993-1997 Director, Honors Program, Utah State University
- Special duties included:
- Conference organizer, Scholars Day
 - Coordinator, Undergraduate Research and Creative Opportunities Program
 - Faculty liaison, Rhodes, Fulbright, British Marshall, Truman, and Goldwater Scholarships
- 1999-2002 Faculty Senate

- 1997-1998 Judge, University Scholarship Competition
- 1994-1995 General Education Review Task Force Subcommittee
- 1993-1997 Liberal Arts and Sciences Program Governing Board
- 1993-1995 Lecture Coordinating Committee, Student Services

▪ *College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences*

- 2006 Leonard J. Arrington Chair in Mormon History and Studies Search Committee
- 2005-2008 Tenure and Promotion Review Committee, College of H.A.S.S.
- 2004 Steering Committee, O. C. Tanner Symposium on Religion and Culture
- 2002- Tenure and Promotion Committee, Les A. Roka, Communications
- 1998-2000 Tenure and Promotion Committee, Michael Sweeney, Communications
- 1993-1994 Undergraduate Council, 1993-1994
- 1992-1993 Cluster Planning Committee, "Understanding Humankind"
- 1992-1993 Ombudsperson, Promotion and Tenure Committees
- 1991-1993 Chair, O. C. Tanner Lecture Committee
- 1990-1991 Committee on Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
- 1989-1991 O. C. Tanner Lecture Committee
- 1988 Tuition Scholarship Committee

▪ *Interdepartmental*

- 2005-2006 Promotion Committee, Peter Galderisi, Department of Political Science
- 2000- Promotion and Tenure Committee, Les Roka, Department of Journalism and Communications
- 1998- American Studies Steering Committee
- 1988-1994 American Studies Steering Committee
- 1997-1998 Folklore Program Faculty Search Committee
- 1993-1994 American Studies Undergraduate Director Search Committee
- 1992-1993 National Universities Degree Consortium Planning Sessions, American Studies
- 1990-1993 American Studies Library Liaison

▪ *Department of History*

- 2007 Colonial History Search Committee
- 2006- Chair, Promotion Committee, Christopher Conte
- 2005- Promotion Advisory Committee, Peter Mentzel
- 2004- Chair, Promotion and Tenure Committee, Victoria Grieve
- Promotion and Tenure Committee, Lawrence Culver
- Promotion and Tenure Committee, James Sanders
- Promotion and Tenure Committee, Timothy Wolters

- 2004-2005 Chair, Promotion Committee, Mark Damen
 2003-2004 Chair, U.S. Borderlands Search Committee
 2002-2003 Chair, U.S. Borderlands Search Committee
 2001- Promotion and Tenure Committee, Jennifer Ritterhouse
 Promotion and Tenure Committee, Susan Shapiro
 History Department Advisory Council
 1999-2000 American History Search Committee
 "American Heritage" Review Committee
 1998-1999 Departmental Tenure and Promotion Committee
 1998 Co-author, "Net-test" (internet-based challenge exam for American
 history survey)
 1993-1995 Scholar's Day, section coordinator
 1989 Uintah Basin Search Committee
 1988-1992 Library Liaison
 1988 Latin American History Search Committee

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE: COMMUNITY

- 1998 Video: narrator, *Senior Solutions*, Utah Assistive Technology Program,
 Utah State University (two-part series on care-giving for senior citizens)
 1998 Audio: narrator, *SPIES Modules 1-6*, Utah State University (training for
 students with special needs)
 1994 Lecture: "The Study of American Studies," USIA Foreign Scholars
 1989 Lecture: "Thoreau and Freedom," Liberal Arts and Sciences Program
 1988 Lecture: "The American Presidency," Rotary Club, Logan, Utah