

Vita

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Education

BA: University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 1966.
MA: University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 1968.
PhD: University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 1972.

Fields

U.S. History
U.S. Early National
U.S. Military

Employment

Visiting Lecturer, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 1972-73.
Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Colorado, Boulder, 1973-75.
Lecturer, University of California, Santa Barbara, 1976-77.
Visiting Assistant Professor, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Spring, 1978.
Assistant Professor to Professor, Wayne State College, Wayne, Nebraska, 1978--.

Concurrent Positions

Visiting Lecturer, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Summer, 1981.
John F. Morrison Professor of Military History, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College,
Fort Leavenworth,
KS, 1991-92.

Co-Director and Professor, Nebraska Semester Abroad Program, Spring, 1994.
Visiting Professor of Strategy, U.S. Naval War College, Newport, RI, 1995-96.

Current Research Interests

Early National America

War of 1812

Quasi-War

Henry Adams

Freedom of Speech in Wartime

Books

The War of 1812: A Forgotten Conflict. University of Illinois Press cloth edition, 1989, and paperback edition, 1990; History Book Club edition, 1989; Book-of-the-Month Club edition, 1990; Recorded Books cassette edition, 1990; Easton Press Collector's Edition, 2002.

Nebraska Moments: Glimpses of Nebraska's Past. University of Nebraska Press cloth edition, 1992, and paperback edition, 1996..

The War of 1812: A Short History. University of Illinois Press paperback edition, 1995.

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Articles

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- "The Federalists and the Coming of the War, 1811–1812." Indiana Magazine of History 75 (March 1979): 70–88.
- "Federalist Defense Policy in the Age of Jefferson, 1801–1812." Military Affairs 45 (April 1981): 63–70.
- "American Trade Restrictions during the War of 1812." Journal of American History 68 (December 1981): 517–38.
- "Louis Rodenberg: Pioneer in Braille Printing" [with Lyle Seymour]. Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society 75 (Spring 1982): 39–46.
- "America's Response to the Slave Revolt in Haiti, 1791–1806." Journal of the Early Republic 2 (Winter 1982): 361–79.
- "Timothy Pickering and the Haitian Slave Revolt: A Letter to Thomas Jefferson in 1806." Essex Institute Historical Collections 120 (July 1984): 149–63.
- "The Monroe–Pinkney Treaty of 1806: A Reappraisal." William and Mary Quarterly, 3rd ser., 44 (January 1987): 65–88.
- "The Trial of Standing Bear." Constitution 3 (Spring–Summer 1991): 56–63.
- "The Baltimore Riots of 1812." Constitution 3 (Fall 1991): 35–41.
- "The Farmer's Weekly Museum." The Conservative Press in Eighteenth- and Nineteenth-Century America. Ed. Ronald Lora and William Longton. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1999: 103–11.
- "The War of 1812: Still a Forgotten Conflict?" Journal of Military History 65 (July 2001): 741–69.

"When Did the War of 1812 Become the War of 1812?" Journal of the War of 1812 6 (Summer 2001): 5–11.

"Foreign Wars of the Early Republic, 1798–1815." The Atlas of American Military History. Ed. James C. Bradford. New York: Oxford University Press: 2003: 34–41.

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Short Pieces

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"Federalist Party Unity and the War of 1812." Organization of American Historians, Atlanta, GA, April 7, 1977.

"The Federalists and the Defense of America, 1801–1812." Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association, San Francisco, CA, August 19 1978.

"Federalist Defense Policy in the Age of Jefferson." Organization of American Historians, New Orleans, LA, April 12, 1979.

"Jeffersonian Military Policy: A Comment." Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Annapolis, MD, August 10, 1979.

"American Trade Restrictions during the War of 1812." Southern Historical Association, Atlanta, GA, November 15, 1979.

"The Federalists and the Slave Revolt in Haiti, 1791–1806." Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Urbana, IL, July 18, 1980.

"The Monroe–Pinkney Treaty of 1806: A Reappraisal." Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Washington, DC, July 26, 1985.

"The Legacy of the War of 1812." American Historical Association, Washington, DC, December 29, 1987.

"What I Learned on the Way to the War of 1812." Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Toronto, Canada, August 4, 1990.

"Political Controversy and National Growth in Antebellum America: A Comment." Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha, NE, March 14, 1992.

"Preparedness, War, and Politics: The United States and the Great Powers, 1789–1815." Society for Military History at the Organization of American Historians, Chicago, IL, April 3, 1992.

"Eighteenth Century Military Operations in Canada: A Comment." Society for Military History, Fredericksburg, VA, April 10, 1992.

"Military and Naval Affairs of the Early Republic: A Comment." Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha, NE, March 10, 1994.

"Between Worlds: Witches, Warriors, and Ethnologists in the Early Nineteenth Century: A Comment." Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Boston, MA, July 17, 1994.

"Juxtaposed Identities—Bermuda and Baltimore, 1783–1814: A Comment." Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Harpers Ferry, WV, July 19, 1998.

"Holding the Balance: Power Brokers and Mediators in Native North America: A Comment."

Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Lexington, KY, July 18, 1999.

"The Quasi-War, 1798-1801: An Overview." North American Society for Oceanic History, Point Clear, AL, April 6, 2000.

"The War of 1812: Still a Forgotten Conflict?" Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Buffalo, NY, July 21, 2000.

"Who Really Won the War of 1812?" Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Berkeley, CA, July 13, 2002.

"Leading Myths of the War of 1812." Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Columbus, OH, July 19, 2003.

"The Top Ten Myths of the War of 1812," War of 1812 in the West Symposium, St. Louis, MO, March 27, 2004.

"The Top Ten Naval Myths of the War of 1812," Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Providence, RI, July 24, 2004.

Other Professional Activities

Referee for numerous presses and scholarly journals.

Consultant on several film projects.

Editor, The Midwest Review: A Journal of the History and Culture of the Missouri Valley, 1978-83.

Participant, "Political Experience and Political Thought in Revolutionary America," National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar, Stanford University, Summer, 1984.

Participant, "Liberty and the First Amendment," National Endowment for the Humanities Project '87 Seminar, University of Illinois at Chicago, Summer, 1984.

Recipient, Research Grant from Nebraska Committee for the Humanities, Summer, 1986.

Consultant, Project '87, Nebraska Committee for the Humanities, 1986-87.

Participant, "Classic Texts Institute," National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Summer, 1987.

Recipient, NEH Research Fellowship for College Teachers, 1988–89.

Participant, Great Plains Chautauqua Program, 1988–90.

Chair, Program Committee, Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, 1991.

Member, Military Review Advisory Board, 1991–92.

Member, Journal of the Early Republic Editorial Board, 1993–97.

Member, Advisory Committee, National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program, 1997--.

Historical Guide (for War of 1812 sites), HistoryAmerica Tours, 1998.

Consultant, Primary Source Media's History Resource Center, 1999.

Consultant, National Park Service's Star–Spangled Banner National Historic Trail Project, 2000--.

Member, Board of Advisors, Journal of the War of 1812, 2002--.

Consultant, Westward Waters (Teaching of American History project), 2003–06.

Consultant, American Independence (Teaching of American History project), 2004--.

Consultant, Constitutional Issues (Teaching of American History project), 2006--.

Member, Editorial Board, War of 1812 Magazine, 2006--.

Member, ABC–CLIO American Military History Advisory Board, 2007--.

Series Editor, Johns Hopkins Books on the War of 1812, 2007--.

Member, Advisory Board, Preservation Society for the American Revolution, 2008--.

Special Citations

Phi Beta Kappa, University of Illinois, Urbana–Champaign, 1966.

Finalist, Nebraska State College Teaching Excellence Award, 1986, 1991, 1993.

American Military Institute's Best Book Award (for The War of 1812), 1990.

National Historical Society's Book Prize (for The War of 1812), 1990.

Burlington Northern Award (for outstanding teaching), 1991.

Nominee, Professor of the Year, Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), 1991.

Commander's Award for Public Service, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, 1992.

Pi Gamma Mu Outstanding Faculty Member, 1992–93.

Burlington Northern Award (for outstanding scholarship), 1993.

Phi Kappa Phi. Wayne State College. 2006.