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Education

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

Fields

U.S. History
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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.
Mark W. Clark Professor of History, The Citadel, Charleston, SC, Spring, 2013.

Current Research Interests

Early National America
War of 1812
Tecumseh's War
Quasi-War
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; Bicentennial edition (revised and expanded), University of Illinois Press, 2012; University Press Audiobooks edition, 2012.
- Nebraska Moments: Glimpses of Nebraska's Past. University of Nebraska Press cloth edition, 1992, and paperback edition, 1996.
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- Citizen Hamilton: The Wit and Wisdom of an American Founder [with Connie D. Clark]. Rowman & Littlefield cloth edition, 2005.
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- "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.
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- "America's Response to the Slave Revolt in Haiti, 1791-1806." Journal of the Early Republic 2 (Winter 1982): 361-

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"Forgotten Conflict: Why the War of 1812 Matters Today." Michigan Historical Center, Lansing, MI, March 8, 2012.

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"What We Know That Ain't So: Myths of the War of 1812." Perry International Peace Monument, Put-in-Bay, OH, September 6-7, 2013.

"Ten Things You Should Know about the War of 1812 (But Probably Don't)." Remembering the Forgotten Conflict: Reflections on the War of 1812, Detroit Historical Museum, October 14, 2013.

"American Designs on Canada: 1812 and Beyond." International Conference on the War of 1812, Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec, Montreal, Canada, October 25, 2013.

"What We Know That Ain't So: Myths of the War of 1812." Bicentennial Symposium, Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON, November 17, 2013.

"What We Know That Ain't So: Myths of the War of 1812." American Wars, American Life, Michael J. Colligan History Project, Miami University, Hamilton, OH, November 19, 2013.

"What We Know That Ain't So: Myths of the War of 1812." The War of 1812 in the Backcountry, Rowan Museum, Salisbury, NC, April 4, 2014.

"What We Know That Ain't So: Myths of the War of 1812." Missouri River Basin Lewis & Clark Center, Nebraska City, NE, April 10, 2014.

"What We Know That Ain't So: Myths of the War of 1812." Star Spangled Banner Festival, Rostrevor, Northern Ireland, July 4, 2014.

"Forgotten Conflict: Why the War of 1812 Matters Today." Summer Lecture Series, Maryland Historical Society, Baltimore, MD, July 17, 2014.

"An Act of 'Inconceivable Folly and Desperation': American Politics and the War of 1812." America under Fire: Mr. Madison's War & the Burning of Washington: A Bicentennial Symposium, Washington, DC, September 4, 2014.

"Ten Things You Should Know About the War of 1812 in the West (But Probably Don't)." Perry's Victory Heritage Festival, Perry International Peace Memorial, Put-in-Bay, OH, September 6, 2014.

"What We Know That Ain't So: Myths of the War of 1812." The Battle of New Orleans Real and Remembered, Louisiana State University, Shreveport, LA, November 13, 2014.

"The War of 1812: An Overview." 1814: The Summation, Creative Alliance at the Patterson, Baltimore, MD, November 15, 2014.

"Beauty and Booty: Myths of the Battle of New Orleans." Battle of New Orleans Bicentennial Celebration, Andrew Jackson's Hermitage: Home of the People's President, Nashville, Tennessee, January 8, 2015.

"Beauty and Booty: Myths of the Battle of New Orleans." Annual Williams Research Center Symposium, Historic New Orleans Collection, New Orleans, LA, January 24, 2015.

"Forgotten Conflict: Why the War of 1812 Matters Today." Noel Memorial Library, Louisiana State University, Shreveport, LA, March 9, 2015.

"Forgotten Conflict: Why the War of 1812 Matters Today." International War of 1812 Symposium, Oswego, NY April 18, 2015.

"Forgotten Conflict: Why the War of 1812 Matters Today." International Conference on the Legacy of the War of 1812, Rostrevor, Northern Ireland, July 3, 2015.

"Andrew Jackson's Military Leadership." Andrew Jackson Symposium, Corn Exchange Building, Belfast, Northern Ireland, July 6, 2015.

"Uncle Sam: The Origins and Evolution of an American Icon." Daniel Library, The Citadel, Charleston, SC, January 17, 2017.

"Beauty and Booty: Myths of the Battle of New Orleans." University of South Florida, St. Petersburg, FL, January 23, 2017.

"Forgotten Conflict: Why the War of 1812 Matters Today." Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts & Humanities, Auburn University, Auburn, AL, January 25, 2017.

"Forgotten Conflict: Why Historians Should Pay Attention to the War of 1812 Today." Center for the Study of War and Society, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN, January 27, 2017.

"Uncle Sam: The Origins and Evolution of an American Icon." Cumberland University, Lebanon, TN, January 30,

2017.

"Uncle Sam: The Origins and Evolution of an American Icon" and "When Did the White House Become 'the White House'?" Noel Memorial Library, Louisiana State University, Shreveport, LA, March 8, 2017.

"Forgotten Conflict: Why the War of 1812 Matters Today." 205th Commemoration of the River Raisin Battles, Monroe County Museum, Monroe, MI, January 20, 2018.

"Beauty and Booty: Myths of the Battle of New Orleans." Sackets Harbor Battlefield State Historic Site, Sackets Harbor, NY, July 26, 2018.

"The Rise and Fall of Political Parties: A Hypothesis." Annual Conference on American Political History, Lebanon Valley College, Annville, PA, May 31, 2019.

[Plus many local lectures in Nebraska and Iowa too numerous to list]

Workshops

"The War of 1812: An Overview." Teaching American History workshop, Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine, Baltimore, MD, April 10, 2010.

"The War of 1812: Causes and Consequences." Staff workshop, Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine, Baltimore, MD, July 20, 2010.

"Historiography of the War of 1812." Staff workshop, Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine, Baltimore, MD, March 4, 2011.

"What You Should Know about the War of 1812." Historic Places Workshop, Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, VA, June 9, 2012.

"Ten Things You Should Know about the War of 1812." National Park Service workshop, Historic London Town and Gardens, Edgewater, MD, June 12, 2012.

"Myths of the War of 1812." Staff workshop, Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine, Baltimore, MD, November 3, 2012.

"The War of 1812: America's Second war of Independence." James Madison's Montpelier, Center for the Constitution, Orange, VA, July 15-19, 2013.

"USS Constitution and the War of 1812." USS Constitution Museum, Boston, MA, July 21-26 and August 4-9, 2013.

"2014 Legacy Symposium." Fort Monroe and Hampton University, Norfolk, VA, June 20-21, 2014.

Professional Activities

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, 1997-2003.

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, 2000–2005.
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), 2004–07.
Consultant, Constitutional Issues (Teaching of American History project), 2006–10.
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–.
Consultant, Mastering History (Teaching of American History project), 2010–.
Member, Program Committee, Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, 2012.
Moderator, “New Directions in War of 1812 Scholarship.” Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Baltimore, MD, July 20, 2012.
Participant, Panel discussion on “Keeping the Sea Free for More Than 200 Years: Voices of the Heroes of the Naval War of 1812.” Pritzker Military Library, Chicago, IL, August 16, 2012.
Special Issue Guest Editor, Journal of Military History 76 (October 2012).
Participant, “Nebraska Adult Author Panel.” Library Association 2012 Tri-Conference, Omaha, NE, October 19, 2012.
Member, Program Committee, From Enemies to Allies: An International Conference on the War of 1812 and Its Aftermath, 2013.
Co-Chair, Program Committee, War of 1812 Legacy Conference, Rostrevor, Northern Ireland, 2015.

Additional Professional Activities

Referee for numerous presses and scholarly journals.
Consultant on numerous film projects, including PBS’s “War of 1812” (2011).
Consultant on bicentennial commemoration of War of 1812 for National Park Service, National Portrait Gallery, U.S. Postal Service, National Geographical Society, and USS Constitution Museum.

Awards and 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: A Forgotten Conflict), 1990.
National Historical Society's Book Prize (for The War of 1812: A Forgotten Conflict), 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.
Maryland Preservation Award for Excellence in Media & Publications (for contribution to In Full Glory Reflected), 2013.
Spirit of 1812 Award, National Society United States Daughters of 1812, 2013.
Samuel Eliot Morison Award, USS Constitution Museum, 2013.