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Education:

Ph.D., The Johns Hopkins University (History)

M.A., The Johns Hopkins University (History)

B.A., Oberlin College (Phi Beta Kappa)

Professional Positions:

Professor of History, Roosevelt University

Chair, Department of History and Philosophy, 2013-2017

Director of the Center for New Deal Studies, Roosevelt University 2002-

Associate Dean, College of Arts & Sciences, Roosevelt University, 2001-2005

Program Coordinator, History, 1999-2000, 2001-2005

Visiting Fulbright Lecturer, University of Latvia, Riga, Latvia, 2000-2001

Assistant Professor of History, Mount Allison University, 1993-1994

Research/Professional Experience:

Research & Editorial Assistant, The Dwight David Eisenhower Papers Project,
Baltimore, Maryland, 1987-1993

Research Historian, History Associates, Inc., Rockville, Maryland, 1985-1990

*Significant projects: Rung, "Celebrating One Hundred Years: A History of Florida National Bank." Recipient of Golden Image Award, Florida Public Relations Association, April 1988.

*Research assistance on: Richard G. Hewlett, *Jessie Ball DuPont*. Gainesville: University of Florida Press, 1992; Rodney P. Carlisle, *Where the Fleet Begins: A History of the David Taylor Naval Research Center, 1898-1998*. Washington, D.C.: Naval Historical Center, 1998; Dian O. Belanger, *Managing American Wildlife: A History of the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies*. Amherst: University of Massachusetts, 1988.

Archival Assistant, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, D.C., 1985

Publications:

With Erik Gellman, "The Great Depression" in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of American History*, ed. Jon Butler. New York: Oxford University Press, 2018. (11,500 words. Online).

"Work, Workers, and the New Deal," in *The Handbook of the New Deal*, ed. Nancy Beck Young. New York: Oxford University Press, forthcoming. (8000 words).

"The Color of Money: Race and Fair Employment in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, 1945-1955," *Journal of Policy History*, 28, no. 2 (Spring 2016): 221-255.

"FDR's Administrative/Political Style," in *A Companion to Franklin D. Roosevelt*, eds. William Pederson. West Sussex, U.K.: Wiley-Blackwell, 2011: 385-404.

Instructor's Resource Manual for America Firsthand: Readings from Settlement to Reconstruction and America Firsthand: Readings from Reconstruction to Present, (8th ed.) eds. Robert Marcus, David Burner and Anthony Marcus. Boston: Bedford/St. Martin's, 2010. Major Revision and Update.

Servants of the State: Managing Democracy and Diversity in the Federal Workforce, 1933-1953. Athens, Ga.: University of Georgia Press, 2002.

"Reweaving the History of American Reform: Historians, Progressivism, and the New Deal" in two parts, *Latvijas Vēsture. Jaunie un Jaunākie Laiki*. September 2001, no. 3: 82-90 and part two, September 2002, no. 3: 58-64.

"Richard Nixon, State and Party: Democracy and Bureaucracy in the Postwar Era." *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, 29, no. 2 (June 1999): 421-43.

"Gender and Public Personnel Management in the New Deal Civil Service," *American Review of Public Administration*, 37, no. 4 (December 1997): 307-23.

"Paternalism and Pink Collars: Gender and Federal Labor Relations, 1941-1950." *Business History Review*, 71, no.3 (Fall 1997): 382-416.

"Administering Democracy in the Roosevelt Era: Personnel Management in the Federal Civil Service." In Mark Rozell and William Pederson, eds. *FDR and the Modern Presidency: Leadership and Legacy*. Westport, Conn.: Praeger, 1997.

Encyclopedia Entries and Other:

“Richard Greening Hewlett, 1923-2015” with Brian Martin. In Memoriam Essay. *Perspectives on History*, American Historical Association, 54, no. 2 (February 2016): 37-38.

“The Color of Money,” Social Justice Blog, Roosevelt University, <http://blogs.roosevelt.edu/socialjustice/2016/02/22/the-color-of-money/>

“New Deal Corporate Regulation” in *Oxford Encyclopedia of American Business, Labor, and Economic History*, eds. Melvyn Dubofsky and Joseph McCartin. New York: Oxford University Press, 2013. (2200 words)

“New Deal Social Reform” and “National Union for Social Justice” in *Oxford Encyclopedia of American Social History*, ed. Lynn Dumenil. New York: Oxford University Press, 2012.

“Bull Market,” *Roosevelt Review*, Spring 2009: 11-14.

Co-author, “The New Deal,” in *The World Book Encyclopedia*, 22 vols. Chicago: World Book, Inc., 2008.

“Agricultural Adjustment Administration”; “American Federation of Government Employees”; “National Federation of Federal Employees”; “Personnel Management”; “United Government Employees”; “United Public Workers of America/United Federal Workers of America”; “United States Employment Service” in *Encyclopedia of Labor and Working-Class History*, 3 vols., ed. Eric Arnesen (New York and London: Routledge, 2007).

“City Beautiful Movement,” encyclopedia entry *The American Midwest: An Interpretative Encyclopedia*, eds. Richard Sisson, Christian Zacher, and Andrew Cayton. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2006.

Book Reviews:

Cherny, Robert W., *Victor Arnautoff and the Politics of Art* in *Pacific Historical Review*, v. 87, no. 3 (Summer 2018): 552-553.

Review Essay: “Eleanor Roosevelt’s Place in History.” *Reviews in American History*, v. 45, no. 3 (Sept. 2017): 484-490.

Engel, Jeffrey A., ed. *The Four Freedoms: Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Legacy of an Idea*. New York: Oxford University Press in *History: Reviews of New Books*. v. 45, no. 3 (2017).

Kotlowski, Dean J. *Paul V. McNutt and the Age of FDR*. Bloomington and Indianapolis: Indiana University Press, 2015 in *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, v. 47, no. 2 (June 2017): 401-402.

Yellin, Eric. *Racism in the Nation's Service: Government Workers and the Color Line in Woodrow Wilson's America*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2013 in *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, v. 112, no. 3 (Summer 2014): 528-30.

Rubio, Philip F. *There's Always Work at the Post Office: African American Postal Workers and the Fight for Jobs, Justice, and Equality*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2010 in *American Historical Review*, v. 117, no. 1 (February 2012): 237-238.

Delton, Jennifer. *Racial Integration in Corporate America, 1940-1990*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009 and Weems, Robert Jr. *Business in Black and White: American Presidents and Black Entrepreneurs in the Twentieth Century*. New York: New York University Press, 2009 in *American Historical Review*, v. 115, no. 4 (Oct. 2010): 1085-86.

Grieve, Virginia. *The Federal Art Project and the Creation of Middlebrow Culture*. Urbana and Chicago: University of Illinois Press, 2009 in *The Journal of Illinois History*, 12 (Summer 2009): 163-164.

Lee, Mordecai. *Institutionalizing Congress and the Presidency: The U.S. Bureau of Efficiency, 1916-1933*. College Station: Texas A&M Press, 2006 in *The Journal of American Legal History*, 59 (Oct. 2007): 467-468.

Knepper, Carol, ed. *Dear Mrs. Roosevelt: Letters to Eleanor Roosevelt Through Depression and War*. New York: Carroll & Graf Publishers, 2004 in *The History Teacher*, vol. 39, no. 1 (November 2005): 124-25.

Cohen, Robert, ed., *Dear Mrs. Roosevelt: Letters from Children of the Great Depression*. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 2002 in *The History Teacher*, vol. 37, no. 1 (November 2003): 124-25.

Skrentny, John. *The Minority Rights Revolution*. Cambridge: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2002 in *American Historical Review*, vol. 108, no. 4 (Oct. 2003): 1181-82.

Donaldson, Gary A. *Truman Defeats Dewey*. Lexington, KY: University of Kentucky Press, 1999 in *Journal of Mississippi History*, 61, no. 4 (Winter 1999): 396-98.

Johnson, Ronald N. and Gary D. Libecap, *The Federal Civil Service System and the Problem of Bureaucracy: The Economics and Politics of Institutional Change*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1994 in *Business History Review* 69 (autumn 1995): 433-35.

Manuscript reviews: *The Journal of American History*; *Journal of Policy History*; *Labor Studies*; *Congress and the Presidency*; Oxford University Press; Bedford/St. Martin's Press; University of Pittsburgh Press; Prentice-Hall; Routledge; South Dakota Historical Society Press

Select Conferences and Presentations:

Paper Presentation, Organization of American Historians, "Race, Place and Power in the Mid-Century Bureau of Engraving and Printing," New Orleans, La., April, 2017.

Public Lecture, "FDR & Pearl Harbor" Swartzberg House, Chicago, IL, April 2017

Public Lecture, "Slavery and Freedom: Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War," Swartzberg House, Chicago, IL, March 2017

Public Lecture, "The 'Burbs in Historical Context," Elmhurst History Museum, April 2016

Public Lecture, "Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt: Personal and Public Lives During World War Two," Swartzberg House, Chicago, IL, March 2016

Paper presentation, 42nd Conference on D.C. Historical Studies, "Printing Equality and Justice for All: Gender and Race in the Wartime Bureau of Engraving and Printing." Washington, D.C., November 2015

Public Lecture, "First Lady of the World: Eleanor Roosevelt and Human Rights in the Cold War Era," Oakton Community College, April 2015

History Channel Teachers Workshop, "The Politics and Culture of the New Deal," Newberry Library, February 2015

Lecture, "Thanksgiving Through the Ages: Myths, Realities, Traditions" to Roosevelt University Honors Society, November 2013

Lecture, "Eleanor Roosevelt" to Eleanor Roosevelt Society, Roosevelt University, Fall 2013

Keynote address, "FDR at the Wheel of the New Deal," at The New Deal in Illinois Conference, Eastern Illinois University, October 2008

Workshop, "Teaching the New Deal with Primary Sources," for the 29th Annual History Teachers Conference, Eastern Illinois University, October 2008

Guest Scholar, "Citizenship and the State: New Expectations," America History Matters Collaborative 2008 Summer Institute workshop for high school teachers, July 2008

Panelist, Scholars Discussion for Timeline Theater, "Fiorello!," Chicago, Illinois, May 2008

Lecture, "FDR's Wartime Leadership," to Institute for Continued Learning, Schaumburg, Illinois, April 2008

4th Presbyterian Church, Mini-Course, "Social and Political Topics in America, 1929-1969," Chicago, Illinois, October 2006

Keynote address: "Old Deal/New Deal: The Great Depression and Redefinition of America" and

Closing address: "Our Deal: The Legacy and Challenge of America's New Deal," South Dakota Historical Society Annual Conference, Desperate Times and Lasting Legacies: The New Deal Era in South Dakota, March-April 2006

Panel organizer and paper presenter. Panel: Federal Power, Federal Labor: Government Labor Policy in the Postwar Era. Paper Presentation: "The Fight for Fair Employment: The Politics of Race and Ethnicity in North America," Organization of American Historians, Boston, Mass., March 2004

Paper Presentation, "The Case for Fair Employment: Race and Labor in the Federal Civil Service, 1948-55," Society for History in the Federal Government, Shepherdstown, West Va., March 2003 (also presented to: Mid-America American Studies & Great Lakes American Studies Meeting, Iowa City, Iowa, April 2003)

Lecture/Workshop, "FDR and the New Deal," Teacher's Consortium, Newberry Library, February 2003

Lecture/Workshop, "Eleanor Roosevelt and First Ladies," Chicago Historical Society, Teacher's Education Division, May 2002

Paper Presentation, "Social Security: Then and Now," National New Deal Preservation Association Conference, Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, May 2002

Lecture, "Propaganda and Poster Art of World War Two," Chicago Public Schools Teachers' Institute, Roosevelt University, July 2001

Paper Presentation, "Race and Merit in the Wartime Civil Service," North American Studies Conference, Tartu, Estonia, May 2001

Lecture Series on American Political Culture delivered on behalf of Public Affairs Division, U.S. Embassy, Riga, Latvia. Three lectures, spring 2001

Paper Presentation, "Poverty in the USA: Liberalism and the Welfare State," International Conference on Human Development and Transition Economies, Poverty and Social Assistance, Jurmala, Latvia, October 2000

Media Contributions/Interviews

TV/Film

- PBS/WTTW (Chicago). Interviewed live during airing of Ken Burns's *The Roosevelts: An Intimate History*, Aug. 2015

- BBC One, *Imagine* (TV Series). Interviewed about U.S. Post Office Mural and New Deal Art for television show about public funding for arts. 2008.
- Documentary. Interviewed on Roosevelts and the New Deal for *The 1930s: The Great Depression*. MPI Teleproductions. David Garte, Producer. 2000.

Radio

- Canadian Broadcasting Company (CBC) “Sunday Edition: ‘But Do it We Will.’” Interview on FDR and New Deal for radio documentary, 2009.
- Interviews on Roosevelts and New Deal for Chicago Public Radio, 91.5 FM; WZRD, 88.3 FM; and 100 FM.

Print

- Interviewed for/quoted in articles about the Great Depression, Roosevelts and the New Deal (2008-2009): *Christian Science Monitor*; *Daily Herald*; *Des Moines Register*; *La Presse* (France); *Southtown Star*.

Works in progress:

“Making Money: Race, Gender and Work in the United States Bureau of Engraving and Printing.” Book Manuscript in progress. The first historical monograph to examine the agency charged with printing the nation’s money and postage stamps, this manuscript chronicles the experiences and struggles of women and African Americans from the organization of the agency in 1862 until the early 21st century. It investigates how racial structures and identities interacted with those of gender and class, focusing specifically on the creation of labor hierarchies that frequently fortified and expressed gender and racial differences. The work aims to broaden our understanding of the: creation of occupational segmentation based upon race and gender and subsequent emergence of fair employment policies; formation of racial and gender identities at the workplace; relationship between unionization and class, race and gender equality/inequality; establishment of corporate cultures (and their ties to race and gender); and interplay of race, gender, class and technological change. Throughout, the study explains how the bureau’s history connected to broader, national histories of both discrimination and labor and civil rights activism.

“The New Deal and National Identity: Race and Ethnicity in the Civilian Conservation Corps.” Article in progress. This study will use research on several CCC camps in Minnesota, Arizona and New Mexico to compare how the ethnic and racial identity of European Americans, African Americans, Mexican Americans and Native Americans may have changed over time as a consequence of the CCC experience. In particular it will investigate the extent to which groups of men began to assimilate into or create a conception of a national or American identity oriented toward the national government.

Awards, Professional Work:

Fulbright Scholar Award, 2021, People's Republic of China

Samuel Ostrowsky Award in Humanities, Roosevelt University, May 2016 for "The Color of Money: Race and Fair Employment in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, 1945-1955," *Journal of Policy Studies*, v. 26, no. 2 (Spring 2016): 221-255

National Endowment for the Humanities Reader/Reviewer, spring 2011

Consultant, Soul of a Nation/Soul of a People, 2010-2012

Outstanding Faculty Service to the Library, Roosevelt University, Spring 2007

Outstanding Faculty Service Award, Roosevelt University, Spring 2005

Samuel Ostrowsky Award in Humanities, School of Liberal Studies, Roosevelt University, May 2003 for *Servants of the State: Managing Diversity and Democracy in the Federal Workforce, 1933-1953*

Fulbright Scholar Award, 2000-2001. University of Latvia, Riga, Latvia (lecturing).

Samuel Ostrowsky Award in Humanities, School of Liberal Studies, Roosevelt University, May 1999 for "Paternalism and Pink Collars: Gender and Federal Labor Relations, 1941-1950." *Business History Review*, 71, no.3 (Fall 1997): 382-416

Phi Beta Kappa, Oberlin College, 1985

Research & Other Grants:

Illinois State Library, LSTA, Digitizing Grant, "Remembering FDR: Digitizing the Memorabilia Collection of Joseph Jacobs at Roosevelt University," Fall 2007 (\$18,000)

National Endowment for the Humanities Seminar, July 2003 "Learning to Look: The Twenties and Thirties and the Making of a Visual American Culture," Assumption College, Worcester, Mass.

Roosevelt University Research Leave, Fall 2002 (deferred from Fall 2000), Spring 2009, Spring 2015

Roosevelt University Summer Research Grant, 1997, 1999, 2003, 2007, 2009

Harry S. Truman Library Institute, Travel Grant, 1992

Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, Travel Grant, 1992

Oberlin College Graduate Fellowship for Alumni, 1989-1990

Courses Taught:

Roosevelt University:

America, Era of Exploration to Civil War
America, Civil War to present
American Business History (on campus and online)
Ethnicity in North American Cities
Work and Play in Chicago History
Topics in Historiography & Methodology: The Atomic Bomb
Topics in Historiography & Methodology: The Politics and Culture of the 1930s
Topics in Historiography & Methodology: Colonial North America
The Lives & Times of Franklin & Eleanor Roosevelt
The History & Memory of World War Two in the U.S. and Europe (travel abroad course)
Marketing the Nation: Consumerism & Democracy in America, 1920-1940
The U.S., 1945-present
America Transformed, 1929-1945 (Boom & Bust America)
The Making of Modern America, 1880-1929 (Robber Barons & Muckrakers)
The Urban Vision: Cities and Suburbs in American Thought and History
Gender, Work and Welfare in the Modern Era (comparative, graduate seminar)
The Modern State (comparative, graduate seminar)
Readings in American History Since 1877 (historiography, graduate seminar)
First-year Seminar

Mount Allison University:

New Nations in North America (Canada and America, 1400s-1860s)
The Rise of Modern America
The Modern American Administrative State, 1900-1989

University of Latvia, 2000-2001:

Historiography & Methodology (full-year Ph.D. Seminar)
Social and Political Movements in 20th century America
U.S. Economic and Business History
America Transformed, 1929-45
The Making of Modern America, 1880-1929

University Service:

Roosevelt University:

University-wide:

American Dream Reconsidered Conference Co-chair, 2019-2020
Library Faculty Advisory Group, 2019-
Graduate Council, 2008-
Faculty Advisor, Alpha Phi Omega, Beta Gamma Chapter, 2010-
University Faculty Personnel Committee, 2005-2006
Faculty Senator, School of Liberal Studies, 1996-1998, 1999-2000, 2001-2002; 2003-
2005, spring 2010

Chair, Subcommittee on Academic Quality of the Campus Planning & Development Committee, 2004-2005

Task Force on Retention. Subcommittee on First-Year Seminar, 2003-2004

Program Committee, "The Great Experiment," a Smithsonian Exhibit on George Washington, 2002-2003

Employee Recognition Committee, 2002-2004

Chair, Task Force to Study the Library, spring 2000

University Curriculum Committee, 1997-99 (chair, 1998-99)

Faculty Advisor, Student Alliance, Robin Campus, 1995-98

College of Arts & Sciences:

Director of the Center for New Deal Studies, 2002-

Associate Dean, College of Arts & Sciences, 2001-2005

Arts & Sciences Council, Executive Committee, 2003-2004

College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee, 1998-2000, spring 2007

College of Arts and Sciences Strategic Planning Subcommittee on Academic Programs, fall 1998

Robin Campus, Phase II Planning Committee, 1997-98

Strategic Planning Task Force, Facilities Committee, spring 1997

Discipline:

Director, History, 2017-

Department Chair, History & Philosophy, 2013-2017

Graduate Advisor, 2006-

Chair, Peer Review Committees, Fall 2008, Fall 2010

Search Committee, Latin America, Fall 2012-Spring 2013

Search Committees, Latin America & World History, Fall 2008

Search Committee, Modern Europe, 2006-2007

Search Committees, Modern America/African American & Modern Europe, 2005-2006

Coordinator, History program, 1999-2000, 2001-2005

Faculty Advisor, Phi Alpha Theta, 1999-2005

Chair, 19th century U.S. and Early Modern Europe Search Committees, 2003-2004

Coordinator, North American Studies, 1998-2000

Advising Coordinator, School of Liberal Studies, 1996-2000

Search Committee Chair, Latin America and Early Modern European History, 1999-2000

Search Committee, Twentieth-Century Amer. Literature, 1998-1999

American Historical Association Local Arrangements Committee, 1999

Samuel Ostrowsky Humanities Award Committee, 1995-1998, 2003-2004, 2016-2017

Professional Affiliations:

Member, American Historical Association

Member, Organization of American Historians

Member, Fulbright Association

Member, Society for History in the Federal Government

Member, American Association of University Professors

Member, National New Deal Preservation Association

Secretary, National New Deal Preservation Association, Midwest Chapter, 2007-2009

Public Service:

Board of Directors, *In These Times*, 2012-

Chair, 2016-

Secretary, 2014-2016