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### **Education**

Ph.D., Stanford University, 1972  
M.A., Stanford University, 1967  
LL.B., Stanford Law School, 1967  
B.A., Amherst College, 1963

### **Professional Career**

Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Texas at Austin,  
1980-  
Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Texas at Austin,  
1974-80  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Stanford University, Summer 1974  
Assistant Professor, Department of History, Princeton University, 1972-74  
Lecturer, Department of History, Princeton University, 1969-72  
Teaching Assistant, Department of History, Stanford University, 1967-68

### **Fellowships and Grants**

College Research Fellowships, University of Texas, 2011, 2012  
Dean's Fellow, University of Texas, 1998  
Summer Stipend, National Endowment for the Humanities, 1988  
Faculty Research Assignment, University Research Institute, University of  
Texas, 1984  
Special Research Grant, University of Texas Research Institute, University  
of Texas, 1978, 1987, 1991, 1992, 1994  
Summer Research Award, University of Texas Research Institute,  
University of Texas, 1976  
Graduate Fellowship, Department of History, Stanford University, 1968-69  
John Emerson and Miriam Maclaren Marble Fellowship, Stanford  
University, 1966-67

### **Prizes and Awards**

Regents' Outstanding Teaching Award, University of Texas at Austin, 2010  
Friar Centennial Teaching Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin, 2004  
Silver Spur Centennial Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin, 2004  
Academy of Distinguished Teachers, University of Texas at Austin, 1995  
Jean Holloway Award for Teaching Excellence, University of Texas at  
Austin, 1991  
AMOCO Foundation Outstanding Teaching Award, University of Texas at  
Austin, 1991  
President's Associates Teaching Excellence Award, University of Texas at

Austin, 1984  
Harry H. Ransom Award for Teaching Excellence in the Liberal Arts,  
University of Texas at Austin, 1979  
Allan Nevins Prize, Society of American Historians, 1973 [National prize  
awarded annually "for the best-written dissertation on a significant  
theme in American history submitted for the Ph.D. degree"]  
Irving H. Hellman, Jr., Prize for Research and Legal Writing, Stanford Law  
School, 1964

## **Committee and Other Service**

### **University of Texas**

Parking and Traffic Appeals Panel, 2009-present  
Parking and Traffic Policy Committee, 2007-2009  
Editorial Board, Undergraduate Research Journal, 2005-07  
Hearing Officer, Student Judicial Services, 2004-present  
Recreational Sports Committee, 1999-2001  
Provost's Advisory Committee on Selection of Dean of Liberal Arts, 1998-99  
Reader, "Soundsight," KUT, 1989-2000  
Participant, "CampTexas" freshman orientation program, 1993  
University Fellowship Selection Committee, 1990-92  
Advisory Board, Center for Teaching Effectiveness, 1990-94  
NEH Summer Awards Screening Committee, 1988, 1989  
Committee on Responsibilities, Rights, and Welfare of Teaching Assistants and Assistant  
Instructors, University of Texas, 1987-89  
Faculty Sponsor, Halcyon Co-op, 1975-76  
Faculty Fellow, Andrews Dormitory, 1974-75

### **College of Liberal Arts**

Academic Affairs Committee, 2008-09  
Dean's Advisory Committee on Teaching Awards, 1999-2001  
Harry H. Ransom Award Committee, 1981-86  
Dean's Advisory Committee on Selection of History Department Chairman, 1980  
Academic Development Committee, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, 1977

### **Department of History**

Associate chair, 2004-2010  
Graduate Adviser, January-June 2004  
Pre-law adviser, 1992-present  
Mentor to assistant professors, 1995-98, 2001-2005  
Promotions Committee, 1990  
Salary Committee, 1989-90, 2001-02, 2004-2005  
Teaching Committee, 1986-87; 1988-89, 2001-2004  
Undergraduate Adviser, 1982-83  
Chair, American Area Committee, 1980-81  
Ferguson Prize Committee, 1980  
Search Committees:  
American History, 1978-79, 1980-81, 1984-85 (chair), 1987-88, 1989-90, 1993-94,

1998-99 (chair)  
African History, 1979  
Latin American History, 1982, 1994-95  
Dora Bonham Faculty Grants Committee, 1978-79; 1986-96; chair, 1986-1993  
Budget Council, 1977-78, 1980-81, 1989-90, 2001-2004  
Graduate Program Committee, 1975-77, 1980-82, 2002-04  
Graduate Admissions Committee, 1974-75, 2001-02, 2004  
Undergraduate Scholarship Committee, 1974-75

**Talks, panels, and other presentations:**

Paper, "Civil War Explanatory Schemes," Rice University, March 9, 2013  
Lecture, "The Constitution in the Civil War Era," Humanities Texas, June 9, 2009 (Austin), June 16, 2009 (San Antonio)  
Lecture, "The Civil War," Humanities Texas, Trinity University, San Antonio, June 16, 2008  
Lectures on Civil War topics to UT Parents, Parents' Weekend 2004, 2005  
Seminar leader, "Voltaire's Coffee," Plan II, University of Texas, September 2004  
Seminar leader, Freshman "Reading Round-Up," University of Texas, August 2004  
Lecture, "Historians and the Causes of the Civil War," SHIPS ("Scholars of History Integrating Primary Sources"), Austin ISD, June 2004  
Seminar leader, Texas Teachers as Scholars, Humanities Institute, University of Texas, 2003-04  
Discussant, panel on "The Louisiana Territory and the Civil War," at "The Louisiana Purchase and American Expansion: A Bicentennial Symposium." University of Texas, February 21, 2003  
Lecture, "Northern Understandings of Confederate War Purposes," University History Society, University of Texas, February 24, 1999  
Lecture, "Was Secession Constitutional?" Ex-Students' Association, University of Texas, June 21, 1996  
Commencement speech, College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas, May 18, 1996  
Commentator, papers on "Nation and Section in Early Memories of the American Revolution," Convention of the Organization of American Historians, Chicago, March 30, 1996  
Participant, conference on "Crisis and Continuity in American Politics," Department of Government, University of Texas, April 29-30, 1994  
Participant, panel on J. David Greenstone's The Lincoln Persuasion: Remaking American Liberalism," Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Albuquerque, March 12, 1994  
Lecture series on the American Civil War, Ex-Students' Association, University of Texas, March 1993  
Talk, "Lincoln: Myths and Realities," Westminster Manor, Austin, Texas, February 13, 1992  
Lecture, "What Northerners Saw at Stake in the American Civil War," LAMP, University of Texas, October 25, 1989  
Talk, "Carl Degler on Slavery and the Sectional Conflict," Symposium on the Career of Carl Degler, Stanford University, May 23, 1987  
Paper, "Lincoln's Tyrants," delivered at "Lincoln 175" Conference, Gettysburg College,

September 15, 1984  
Commentator, papers on "Abraham Lincoln's Political Thought," Convention of the American Historical Association, San Francisco, December 1983  
Participant, "Conference on Psychohistorical Meanings of Leadership," Department of Psychiatry, Michael Reese Hospital and Medical Center, June 6-8, 1980  
Commentator, papers on "United States Biography and Psychohistory: Underlying Themes," Convention of the American Historical Association, New York, December 1979  
Lecture, "Historians and Psychological Theory," Department of History, Rice University, October 5, 1979  
Guest, Inquiring Mind, KUT Radio, University of Texas, February 1979  
Commentator, papers on "Slavery and Expansion," Convention of the Pacific Coast Branch, American Historical Association, San Francisco, California, August 17, 1978  
Panelist, "Revising History," 200 Years, KUT Radio, University of Texas, October 1975  
Panelist, "American Issues Radio Forum," National Public Radio, September 1975  
Panelist, "The Founding Fathers," 200 Years, KUT Radio, University of Texas, June 1975  
Lecture, "Sentimental Rhetoric and the Crisis of the Union," University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, January 24, 1974

### **Scholarship and Publications**

#### **Book:**

Patricide in the House Divided: A Psychological Interpretation of Lincoln and His Age. New York: W. W. Norton & Co., 1979. 308 pp. Paperback edition, 1981. Chapter seven, "Abraham Lincoln and the Melodrama of the House Divided," reprinted in Robert J. Brugger, ed., Our Selves, Our Past: Psychological Approaches to American History. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1981, pp. 179-204.

#### **Chapter:**

"Lincoln's Tyrants." In The Historian's Lincoln: Pseudohistory, Psychohistory, and History, edited by Gabor S. Boritt, pp. 285-301. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1988.

#### **Articles:**

"Biography from the Inside Out." Humanities 1 (1980): 6-7.  
"A Lincoln Divided." New York Times, February 12, 1979.

#### **Encyclopedia Entries:**

"Douglas, Stephen A." In Paul S. Boyer, ed., Oxford Companion to United States History. New York: Oxford University Press, 2001, p. 192.  
"Lincoln-Douglas Debates," In Paul S. Boyer, ed., Oxford Companion to United States History. New York: Oxford University Press, 2001, p. 449.  
"Austin, Texas." In Richard Current, ed., Encyclopedia of the Confederacy. New York: Simon & Schuster, 1993, pp. 116-17.  
"Brownsville, Texas." In Richard Current, ed., Encyclopedia of the Confederacy. New York: Simon & Schuster, 1993, pp. 231-33.

### **Review Essays:**

"Anxiety and Expansionism in the 1840s." Reviews in American History 15 (1987): 38-43.

"Sabotaging Daniel Webster." Reviews in American History 8 (1980): 188-93.

L. Kinvin Wroth and Hiller B. Zobel, eds., The Legal Papers of John Adams. In Stanford

Law Review 18 (1966): 1248-53.

### **Reviews:**

Doris Kearns Goodwin, Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln. In Register of the Kentucky Historical Society 103:4 (2005): 792-95.

Allen Guelzo, Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation: The End of Slavery in America. In Register of the Kentucky Historical Society 102:1 (2004): 110-12.

Melinda Lawson, Patriot Fires: Forging a New American Nationalism in the Civil War North. In Journal of Interdisciplinary History 35.2 (2004) 314-15.

Mark E. Neely, Jr. The Last Best Hope of Earth: Abraham Lincoln and the Promise of America. In Journal of American History 81 (1994): 1317.

Gabor Boritt, ed., Lincoln, the War President. In Georgia Historical Quarterly 77 (1993): 855-57.

Robert W. Johannsen, Lincoln, the South, and Slavery: The Political Dimension. In American Historical Review 97 (1992): 1284-85.

David W. Blight, Frederick Douglass' Civil War: Keeping Faith in Jubilee. In Georgia Historical Quarterly 74 (1990): 172-74.

Waldo W. Braden, Abraham Lincoln: Public Speaker. In Journal of American History 76 (1990): 1269.

William H. Pease and Jane H. Pease, The Web of Progress: Private Values and Public Styles in Boston and Charleston, 1828-1843. In American Historical Review 91 (1986): 181-82.

Bruce Mazlish and Edwin Diamond, Jimmy Carter: A Character Portrait. In Nation 230 (1980): 345-46.

Michael C. C. Adams, Our Masters the Rebels: A Speculation on Union Military Failure in the East, 1861-1865. In Journal of American History 66 (1979): 658-59.

Howard Jones, To the Webster-Ashburton Treaty: A Study in Anglo-American Relations, 1783-1843. In New England Quarterly 51 (1978): 460-63.

Daniel Sisson, The American Revolution of 1800. In Journal of Southern History 41 (1975): 542-44.

Richard M. Dorson, American Folklore and the Historian. In Journal of Southern History 38 (1972): 522-23.

### **Current Project**

I am working on a book-length study of northern political writing during the American Civil War.