

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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#### **Education:**

B.A. summa cum laude, Fordham College, 1965  
M.A. Yale University, 1967  
Ph.D. Yale University, 1970

#### **Employment:**

1969-70, Instructor, University of Texas at Austin  
1970-74, Assistant Professor, University of Texas at Austin  
1974-87, Associate Professor, University of Texas at Austin  
1987-94, Professor, University of Texas at Austin  
1994-2017, John E. Green Regents Professor in History, University of Texas  
at Austin  
2017- present, John E. Green Regents Professor Emeritus in History, University  
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#### **Awards, Honors and Fellowships:**

Phi Beta Kappa, 1964  
American Bar Foundation, Project in Legal History fellowship,  
1971  
American Philosophical Society, Research Grants 1971, 1973  
Guggenheim Fellowship, 1975-6  
University of Texas Research Institute, Faculty Research Assignments,  
1975-6, 1982, 1989  
University of Texas President's Associates Teaching Excellence Award  
1985  
University of Texas Liberal Arts Council Teaching Award, 1984  
Raymond Dickson Centennial Teaching Fellowship, 1989-90  
Scholar-in-Residence, Frances Lewis Law Center, Washington and Lee  
University School of Law, 1994.  
Delta Gamma Outstanding UT Professor, Spring 2004

Academy of Distinguished Teachers, University of Texas, 2004  
 University of Texas Regents Outstanding Teaching Award, 2011  
 College of Liberal Arts, Pro Bene Meritis Award, 2019

**Publications:**

**Books:**

- The Civil Lawyers in England, 1603-1641: A Political Study.* Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1973. 311 pp.
- The Witch-Hunt in Early Modern Europe.* London: Longman, 1987; 2nd ed. 1995; 3rd ed. 2006; 4th ed. 2016. Translations: 1st ed.: Italian (1988), Portuguese (1988), Polish (1991), Dutch (1991) and French (1991); 2nd ed: German (1995), Spanish (1995 and 1997), Italian (1999) and Korean (2003). 3rd ed.: Italian (2008), Polish (2009).
- The Formation of the British State: England, Scotland and the Union, 1603-1707.* Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1987, 1991.
- Witchcraft and Magic in Europe: The Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries* (with Marijke Gijswijt-Hofstra and Roy Porter). [The Athlone History of Witchcraft and Magic in Europe, vol. 5. London: Athlone Press and Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 1999. Pp. 1-93.
- The West: Encounters and Transformations* (with Edward Muir, Michael Maas, and Meredith Veldman). New York: Pearson Longman, 2004. 2nd edition 2006, 3rd ed. 2010, 4th ed. 2013, 5th ed. 2016.
- Witch-Hunting in Scotland: Law, Politics and Religion.* London: Routledge, 2008.
- The Devil Within: Possession and Exorcism in the Christian West.* New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 2013.
- Distrust of Institutions in Early Modern Britain and America.* Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2022.

**Books edited:**

- The Jacobean Union: Six Tracts of 1604.* Co-edited with Bruce Galloway. Edinburgh: Scottish History Society, 1985. lxxx + 268 pp.
- Articles on Witchcraft, Magic and Demonology: A Twelve-Volume Anthology of Scholarly Articles.* New York: Garland Press, 1992.
- New Perspectives on Witchcraft, Magic and Demonology: A Six-Volume Anthology of Articles.* New York: Routledge, 2001.
- The Witchcraft Sourcebook.* New York and London: Routledge, 2004; 2nd edition 2015.
- The Oxford Handbook of Witchcraft in Early Modern Europe and Colonial America.* Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013.

**Articles and Essays:**

- "The Proposed Union of English Law and Scots Law in the Seventeenth Century," *Juridical Review* 20 n.s. (1975): 97-115.

- "Toward a More Perfect Union: England, Scotland and the Constitution," in *After the Reformation: Essays in Honor of J.H. Hexter*, ed. B. Malament. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 1980, pp. 55-72.
- "English Law, Scots Law and the Union, 1603-1707," in *Law-Making and Law-Makers in British History*, ed A. Harding. London: Royal Historical Society, 1980, pp. 107-119.
- "The English Civilians, 1500-1750," in *Lawyers in Early Modern Europe and America*, ed. W. Prest. London: Croom Helm, 1981, pp. 108-28.
- "The Great Scottish Witch Hunt of 1661-1662," *Journal of British Studies* 20 (1980): 90-108.
- "Isaac Dorislaus," "Robert Greville, second Lord Brooke," "John Hampden," and "Sir Gilbert Pickering" in *Biographical Dictionary of British Radicals in the Seventeenth Century*, ed. R. L. Greaves and R. Zaller. Brighton: Harvester Press, 1982-4. Vol. I, pp. 230-1; Vol. II, pp. 26-8, 46-9; Vol. III, pp. 41-2.
- "Law and Ideology: The Civil Law and Theories of Absolutism in Elizabethan and Jacobean England," in *The Historical Renaissance: New Essays on Tudor and Stuart Literature and Culture*, ed. H. Dubrow and R. Strier. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1988, pp. 220-41.
- "The Civil Law, Theories of Absolutism, and Political Conflict in Late Sixteenth- and Early Seventeenth-Century England," in *Law, Literature and the Settlement of Regimes*, ed. G. Schochet (Proceedings of the Folger Institute Center for the History of British Political Thought, vol. 2). Washington, D.C.: Folger Shakespeare Library, 1990, pp. 29-48.
- "La Strega" [The Witch], in *L'uomo barocco*, ed. R. Villari. Rome: Editori Laterza, 1991, pp. 269-97.
- "The Unification of Britain," *Discovery* 12, no. 1 (1991), 6-9.
- "Law, Sovereignty and the Union," in *Scots and Britons: Scottish Political Thought and the Union of 1603*, ed. R. Mason. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1994, pp. 213-37.
- "The Great Witch Hunt," in *Handbook of European History in the Later Middle Ages, Renaissance and Reformation, 1400-1600*, vol 2, ed. Thomas Brady, Heiko Oberman, and James Tracy. Leiden: E.J. Brill, 1995, pp. 607-640.
- "Scotland 1450-1800," in *American Historical Association Guide to Historical Literature*, ed. Mary Beth Norton. Washington, D.C., 1995, vol. 1, pp. 782-84.
- "The Witch" in *Baroque Personae*, ed. Rosario Villari. Chicago: Chicago University Press, 1995, pp. 239-262.
- "Possession, Witchcraft and the Law in Jacobean England," *Washington and Lee Law Review* 52 (1996), pp. 1613-40.
- "Possession and Exorcism," in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Reformation*. Ed. Hans Hillerbrand. New York, 1996, IV, 318-20.
- "State Building and Witch Hunting in Early Modern Europe," in *Witchcraft in Early Modern Europe: Studies in Culture and Belief*, eds. J. Barry, M.

- Hester G. Roberts. Cambridge University Press: Past & Present Publications, 1996, pp. 96-115.
- "Law" in *The History of the University of Oxford*, Vol. IV: *The Seventeenth Century*, ed. N. Tyacke. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1997, pp. 559-568.
- "The English Toleration Act," in *Religion and American Law: An Encyclopedia*, ed. Paul Finkelman. New York: Garland Press, 2000., pp. 154- 57.
- "Witchcraft," in *Encyclopedia of the Renaissance*, ed. Paul Grendler. New York, Charles Scribner's Sons, 1999, VI: 312-15.
- "Sir John Amy," "Sir William Bird," "John Budden," "Thomas Bouchier," "Sir John Cooke," "John Cowell," "Sir Thomas Eden," "Sir Thomas Ridley," "Sir Edward Stanhope," and "Sir Richard Swale," in *The Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 2004.
- "The Decline and End of Scottish Witch-Hunting," in *The Scottish Witch-Hunt in Context*, ed. Julian Goodare, Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2002, pp. 166-181.
- "Judicial Torture in Scotland during the Age of Mackenzie," in *Miscellany IV*, ed. Hector MacQueen. Stair Society, vol. 49, Edinburgh 2002, pp. 185-198.
- "Witch Hunts," *Encyclopedia of Religious Freedom*, ed. Catharine Cookson. New York, Routledge, 2003, pp. 509-12.
- "Accusatorial Procedure," "William Blackstone," "Meric Casaubon," "Chronology of Witchcraft Trials," "Evidence," "Inquisitorial Procedure," "Lawyers," "Sir George Mackenzie," "Mechanical Philosophy," "Paris Theologians," "Anna Pedersdotter," "Stuart Clark," "Torture," "University of Paris," "Witchcraft Trials," "Witch Hunts, Decline," "Witches as Rebels," "Witches as Scapegoats," in *Encyclopedia of Witchcraft: The Western Tradition*, ed. R. Golden, Santa Barbara: ABC-Clio, 2006.
- "Crime and the Law," in *Palgrave Advances in Witchcraft Historiography*, ed. Owen Davies and Jonathan Barry. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2007, pp. 146-63.
- "Themes of Recent Witchcraft Research," *ARV: Nordic Yearbook of Folklore for 2006* (2007), pp. 7-31.
- "Demonic Possession in Early Modern Scotland," in *Witchcraft and Belief in Scotland*, ed. Julian Goodare, Joyce Miller and Lauren Martin. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2008, pp. 166-84.
- "State-Building and Witch-Hunting in Early Modern Scotland," in *Staatsbildungn und Hexenprozess/ Witch-Trials and State Building*, ed. Johannes Dillinger, Jürgen Michael Schmidt and Dieter R. Bauer, [Hexenforschung Band 12]. Bielefeld: Verlag für Regionalgeschichte, 2008, pp. 99-117.
- "Witch-Hunting in England and Poland: Similarities and Differences," in *Britain and Poland-Lithuania: Contacts and Comparisons From the Middle Ages to 1795*, ed. Richard Unger and Jakub Basista, Leiden: Brill, 2008, pp. 233-41.

- “The Prosecution of Sexual Crimes in Early Eighteenth-Century Scotland,”  
*Scottish Historical Review*, 89 (2010): 172-193.
- “Witch-Lynching: Past and Present,” in *Swift to Wrath: Lynching in Global Historical Perspective*, ed. William D. Carrigan and Christopher Waldrep. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2013, pp. 49-67.
- “The Decline and End of Witchcraft Prosecutions,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Witchcraft in Early Modern Europe and Colonial America*, ed. Brian P. Levack, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013, 429-446.
- “Witchcraft and the Law,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Witchcraft in Early Modern Europe and Colonial America*, ed. Brian P. Levack. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013, pp. 468-484.
- “Introduction” in *The Oxford Handbook of Witchcraft in Early Modern Europe and Colonial America*, ed. Brian P. Levack, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013, pp. 1-10.
- “Britain’s First Global Century: England, Scotland and Empire, 1603-1707,”  
*Britain and the World*, 6 (2013): 101-118.
- “The Horrors of Witchcraft and Demonic Possession,” *Social Research*, 81 (2014): 921-39.
- “Writing about Witches for the Classroom,” *Sixteenth Century Journal*, 45 (2014): 978-80.
- “The Demonic Possession of Richard Dugdale,” in *Album Amicorum: Essays in Honour of Charles Zika*, ed. Jenny Spinks and Dagmar Eichberger. Leiden: Brill, 2015, pp. 51-67.

**Reviews** in: *American Historical Review*, *American Journal of Legal History*, *Albion*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Social Studies*, *Scotia*, *Historical Magazine of the Protestant Episcopal Church*, *Catholic Historical Review*, *Journal of Church and State*, *Journal of Library History*, *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, *History: Reviews of New Books*, *Libraries and Culture*, *Law and History Review*, *Critical Review of Books in Religion*, *Journal of Modern History*, *Religious Studies Review*, *Seventeenth-Century News*, *Renaissance Quarterly*, *Canadian Journal of History*, *Church History*, *Sixteenth Century Journal*, *Scottish Historical Review*, *English Historical Review*, *Journal of World History*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Journal of Ecclesiastical History*, *Britain and the World*.

**Research in Progress.** A book on the development of trust in public institutions in Britain and America in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.

**Languages:** Professional proficiency in Latin, German, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, Dutch and Norwegian

**Courses Taught:**

Tudor England, 1485-1603  
Stuart England, 1603-1689  
English Civilization, 1603 to the Present  
The History of Witchcraft  
Western Civilization

The Birth of the Modern World, 1400-1700

Comparative Legal Systems

Criminal Trials in History

Seminars on: Tudor England; Stuart England; the English Revolution;

Puritanism; European Witchcraft; The English State; The Glorious Revolution; William Hogarth; Historiography; English Political Thought in the 17th Century; Yorkist England; English Religion 1529-1689; English Legal History; English Law and the English Revolution; Demonology and Witchcraft; Restoration Politics and Culture, Research methods in British History

**Professional Societies and Service:**

American Historical Association

Leo Gershoy Award Committee, 1990-2, Chair 1992

Forkosch Prize Committee, 1999-2001, Chair 1999

North American Conference on British Studies

Huntington-NACBS Fellowship Committee, 1990-4

NACBS Dissertation-year Fellowship Committee (chair) 1997-9

Executive Secretary 1999-2002

Stair Society

Sixteenth Century Studies Conference

American Society for Legal History

Surrency Prize Committee, 1991

Board of Editors, *Law and History Review*, 1993-2005

Board of Editors, *ABC-CLIO Encyclopedia of Witchcraft: The Western Tradition*, 1999-2006

Board of Editors. *Magic, Ritual and Witchcraft*, 2005-16

**University Administrative and Committee Service:**

Undergraduate Adviser of the History Department 1973-5

Graduate Adviser of the History Department 1976-8

Director of the Honors Program of the History Department, 1985-7

Chairman of the History Department, 1988-94, 1999-2001

College of Liberal Arts, Faculty Tenure and Promotions Committee, 1995-99

Faculty Council 1995-2000

Chair, University Committee on Rights and Responsibilities of TAs and AIs, 1996-97

University of Texas Press Advisory Board, 1998-2001

University Regents Outstanding Teachings Awards committee, 2008-2010.

College of Liberal Arts Teaching Awards Committee, 2012-13.

College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas, *Pro Bene Meritis* award, 2019

