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EDUCATION:

B.A.	History and French	Carnegie-Mellon University
M.A., Ph.D.	American Intellectual and Cultural History	Drew University

AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS:

Organization of American Historians (OAH) Distinguished Lecturer (re-appointed Jan. 2010 by incoming OAH president David Hollinger)	2006-present
OAH Avery O. Craven Award	2005
Drew University Bela Kornitzer Prize	2007
Drew University Lester Dissertation Prize	2003

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS:

American intellectual and cultural history from the Civil War to the Progressive Era.

Specific interests include the memory of the war in contemporary American politics and domestic security in the Civil War North. Further interests include the emergence of leadership as a topic of intellectual concern in the post-Civil War decades. I also direct the American Studies minor and teach courses on historical methods at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. The following is a partial listing of courses taught, including graduate seminars (g):

History & Memory in the Modern West (g).

The War in the North (g).

The American Civil War.

The West in Myth and History (mixed grad/undergrad).

Robber Barons and Reformers: The United States from 1880 to 1920.

Trials of the Century: Modern American Legal History.

Topics in American Intellectual History: Democracy in America (g).

Topics in American Intellectual History: Leadership and Democracy (g).

History 2: United States from 1876 to the Present.

PUBLICATIONS:

Lafayette Baker and Domestic Security in the Civil War North (Oxford University Press, under contract).

The Legend of John Wilkes Booth: Myth, Memory and a Mummy (Kansas, 2004). Winner of the 2005 OAH Avery O. Craven Award and 2007 Bela Kornitzer Prize.

Publications (cont.)

“Lincoln, Obama, and the Presidential Election of 2008,” chapter for edited volume on Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War in Contemporary American Culture, Thomas Brown, ed. (under review with John Hopkins University Press).

“Lafayette Baker and Security in the Civil War North,” *North and South Magazine*, September 2008.

“Credit Mobilier,” “1905 Insurance Scandal,” “Lindbergh Kidnapping,” and “Ponzi Scheme” in *Disasters, Accidents, and Crises in American History*, Ballard Campbell ed., (Facts on File, 2008).

“An Analysis of ‘Myth and Symbol,’” *Chronicle Review*, Feb. 11, 2005, p. B4.

“Congressional Temperance Society,” and “Methodist Board of Temperance,” in *Alcohol and Temperance in Modern History: An International Encyclopedia*, Jack Blocker and Ian Tyrrell ed., (ABC-CLIO, 2003).

“John Wilkes Booth,” and “Assassination of Abraham Lincoln,” in *Conspiracy Theories in American History*, Peter Knight ed., (ABC-CLIO, 2003).

“Of Mummies and Methodism: Reverend Clarence True Wilson and the Legend of John Wilkes Booth,” *Journal of Southern Religion*, Vol. 5 (2002). On-line at <http://jsr.as.wvu.edu/2002/jsrlink5.htm>.

Review of Stephen Mihm’s *A Nation of Counterfeiters for Enterprise and Society*, October 2009.

Review of Heather Cox-Richardson’s *West from Appomattox*, for H-CivWar (H-NET), July 2008: <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.cgi?path=69741219076380>.

Review of Marc R. Wilson’s *The Business of Civil War* for *North and South Magazine*, 2007.

Review of William Blair’s *Cities of the Dead* for H-SOUTH (H-NET), November, 2006: <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.cgi?path=252251174508942>.

Review of Eric Foner and Joshua Brown’s *Forever Free: The Story of Emancipation and Reconstruction* for *North and South Magazine*, 2006.

Review of Scott Trafton’s *Egypt Land for American Nineteenth-Century History* (Routledge), Spring 2006.

Review of John Rodrigue’s *Reconstruction in the Cane Fields* for H-SOUTH (H-NET), January 2001: <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.cgi?path=170941009564791>.

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS:

“Information Challenges of the 21st Century Classroom,” professional development workshop for Madison, New Jersey public school teachers, January 2010.

“The Legend of John Wilkes Booth in American History,” invited speaker, Chicago Public Library series on Abraham Lincoln in American History, July 2009.

“Obama, Lincoln, and 2008: The Mobilization of Memory in Contemporary American Politics,” invited speaker, Halsey Institute conference on Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War in Contemporary Culture, Charleston, South Carolina, February, 2009.

Conferences and Presentations (cont.)

- “The Discovery of Leadership in the Gilded Age,” paper presented at the spring conference of the New England Historical Association (NEHA), Boston, April 2008.
- “Republicans Are Local, Democrats Are Not: Historical Vision in Recent Presidential Contests,” presented at the annual convention of the Organization of American Historians (OAH), Washington D.C., April 2006.
- “The Historical Vision of the Nation’s 16th President,” presented at the Drew University annual Lincoln Symposium, February, 2006.
- “The Liberal Dilemma in Contemporary American Politics,” presented at the annual Arts & Letters reception, Drew University, October, 2005.
- “The Death and Commemoration of Patrice Lumumba,” presented during the Congo Chronicles exhibition at Drew University, September, 2005.
- “The Body of Israel: Antebellum Mummies and Euroamerican Racial-Religious Identity,” presented at the fall conference of the New England Historical Association (NEHA), October 2003.
- “Of Mummies and Methodism: Reverend Clarence True Wilson and the Legend of John Wilkes Booth,” presented at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion (AAR), November, 2001.
- “Civil War Memory and the Legend of John Wilkes Booth,” presented at the Modern History & Literature Faculty/Graduate Colloquium, Drew University, September, 2001.
- “New Left Jeremiad: The *Port Huron Statement* as Public Text,” presented at the 23rd Warren Susman Graduate Student Conference, Rutgers University, April, 2001.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS:

- Acting director, Drew University American Studies minor, 2009-present.
- Faculty co-advisor, *Drew Review*, 2009-present.
- Member, Drew University Presidential Strategic Planning Task Force, 2009-present.
- Member, Drew University College of Liberal Arts Dean’s Council, 2009-present.
- Faculty participant, SHEAR/Mellon Summer Institute, American Philosophical Library, Philadelphia, June 2007.
- List Editor, H-SHGAPE, Electronic Discussion Forum of the Society for the History of the Gilded Age and Progressive Eras, sponsored by H-NET, Humanities Online. 2003- 2009.
- Webmaster, H-SHGAPE, 2006- 2008.
- List Editor, H-IDEAS, H-NET, 1999-2002.
- Member, Networks Planning Committee, H-NET, 2001-2005.
- Conference coordinator and panel moderator, Drew University graduate student conference on the history of the book, Fall 2000.
- Panel moderator, Drew University graduate student conference on eugenics, Fall 1999.

Other Professional Contributions (cont.)

Faculty seminar participant, Cornell University, November 2003.

Fellow and intern, Washington Association and Morristown National Historical Park, 2000.

M.A. Thesis, "Politics, Law, and Disorder in A Colonial Court: The Early Records for Hunterdon County, New Jersey," Examined local courts records for examples of disobedience to court authority as evidence of the politicization of legal process in early 18th century New Jersey.

PRIOR CAREER EXPERIENCE:

Peace Corps Zaire: development volunteer in rural village. 1980-1982

Civil Affairs Officer, U.S. Army 1985-1987

MEMBERSHIPS:

Organizations of American Historians (OAH).

Society for the History of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era (SHGAPE).

Society for Civil War History (SCWH).

Society for History in the Federal Government (SHFG).