

Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

Academic Positions

Yale University, Professor of History, 2018-
Faculty Director of the Lewis Walpole Library, 2024-
University of California, Berkeley, Associate Professor, 2007-2011, Professor, 2011-18,
Department Chair, 2015-18
University of Iowa, Assistant Professor, 1997-2001, Associate Professor, 2001-07
Harvard University, Lecturer on History, 1996-97
Boston University, Visiting Assistant Professor, 1994-95
Harvard University, Lecturer on History and Literature, 1993-94, 1995-96

Higher Education

Ph.D., Harvard University, History, June 1993
A.M., Harvard University, History, June 1985
A.B., Harvard University, History and Science (magna cum laude), June 1983

Honors and Awards

James P. Hanlan Book Prize, New England Historical Association, for *The City-State of Boston*, 2020
Appointed as Edmund S. Morgan Professor of History, Yale University, 2019
Elected Member, Council of the American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, MA, 2019-
Elected Member of the *New England Quarterly*, Incorporated, 2019-
Administrative Board Member, The Benjamin Franklin Papers, Yale University, 2018-
Elected Member, Council of the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, Williamsburg, VA, 2009-2012
Townsend Center Initiative Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley Spring, 2008
Elected Member, American Antiquarian Society, 2004-
Frederick Burkhardt Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies, 2003-04
Faculty Scholar Award, University of Iowa, 2002-06
Woodrow Wilson Prize, Presbyterian Historical Society, for best article on the

Reformed tradition in America, 2002
Obermann Center Humanities Symposium Award, University of Iowa, 2000-2001
Stephen Botein Fellow in the History of the Book, American Antiquarian Society, 1999
Elected Member, Massachusetts Historical Society, 1999
Research Fellow, Charles Warren Center, Harvard University, 1997-98
Elected Member, Colonial Society of Massachusetts, 1995
Congregational History Project Dissertation Fellow, 1989-90
CBS Bicentennial Scholar Award, Harvard University, 1986-88
Magna cum laude in History and Science, Harvard College, 1983
Phi Beta Kappa, Harvard College, 1983

SCHOLARSHIP

Works in Progress:

- Books:** *Revolution's Ends: A New History of the American Revolution for the 21st Century* (under contract, Princeton University Press)
- Edited Book:** co-editor, with Professor David Hancock, University of Michigan, of *The Collected Writings of John Hull, 1650-1685*, to be published by the Colonial Society of Massachusetts.
- Article:** "Boston in New England as a Node of Early Modern Capitalism," in *Nodes of Early Modern Capitalism*, ed. Giorgio Riello, (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming).

Publications:

- Books:** *The Making and Breaking of the American Constitution: A Thousand-Year History* (Princeton University Press, March 2026)
- The City-State of Boston: The Rise and Fall of an Atlantic Power, 1630-1865* (Princeton University Press, April 2019; paperback, October 2020). Chinese edition, in production.
- Reviewed in: *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Review of Books*, *Times Literary Supplement*, *The New Yorker* (Briefly Noted), *Christian Science Monitor*, and a wide range of scholarly journals -- with forums on the book in *The New England Quarterly* and the *Journal of Early American History*.
- The Price of Redemption: The Spiritual Economy of Puritan New England* (Stanford University Press, 1997)

Edited Journal Issue: co-editor, with Virginia DeJohn Anderson and Richard D. Brown,

of the *New England Quarterly*, vol. 95, no. 3 (September, 2022), a special issue devoted to the career of Bernard Bailyn on the centennial of his birth.

Articles, Book Chapters, and Review Essays:

- “Against Against Constitutional Originalism: A Critique of a Critique,” *Yale Journal of Law & the Humanities*, Vol. 36, no. 3 (2025): 455-461.
- “The Shadow and the Substance: How the Constitution Binds the United States,” *Reviews in American History*, vol. 54, no. 4 (Dec. 2024): 305-317.
- “Demography” in *The Oxford Handbook of the Seven Years War*, ed. Trevor Burnard, Emma Hart, Marie Houllemaire, (Oxford University Press, 2024): 633-652.
- “General Overview: The British Colonies,” for *The Cambridge History of the Age of Atlantic Revolutions*, ed. Willem Klooster, 3 vols., (Cambridge University Press, 2023) I: 161-188.
- “Boston in New England, Intoxicant Town,” *The Historical Journal*, vol. 65, issue 1 (February 2022): 167-184.
- “The Social Origins of *Ideological Origins*: Notes on the Historical Legacy of Bernard Bailyn,” *Reviews in American History*, vol. 49, no. 2 (June 2021), 360-387. Reprinted in *The New England Quarterly*, special edition devoted to the career of Bernard Bailyn, vol. 95, no. 3 (Sept. 2022): 362-400.
- “Cities, States, and Citizens in the Atlantic World: Towards a New Narrative. A Discussion of Mark Peterson’s *The City-State of Boston: The Rise and Fall of an Atlantic Power, 1630-1865*. Authors Emma Hart, Robert J. Allison, Paul P. Musselwhite, and Daniel K. Richter, response by Mark Peterson” *The Journal of Early American History*, vol. 10, issue 2-3 (2020): 179-246.
- “Making Boston Strange,” response to “A City-State on a Hill: A Roundtable on Mark Peterson’s *The City-State of Boston*,” *The New England Quarterly*, Vol. 93, no. 2 (June, 2020), 252-262.
- “Introduction” to Sections II and III, and Plates 5, 8, and (with Kerima Lewis) 9, in *The Atlas of Boston History*, ed. Nancy Seasholes (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2019), 12-13, 16-17, 24-29.
- “Unschooling the Revolution,” review essay of John Murrin, *Rethinking America: From Empire to Republic* (NY: Oxford Univ. Press, 2018), in *Journal of the Early Republic*, 40 (Winter 2020): 117-123.
- “Capitalism,” essay in the *Princeton Companion to Atlantic History*, ed. Joseph C. Miller (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2015).
- “Why They Mattered: The Return of Politics to Puritan New England,” review essay in *Modern Intellectual History*, vol. 10, no. 3, (November 2013).
- “Stone Witnesses, Dumb Pictures, and Voices from the Grave: Monuments and Memory in Revolutionary Boston,” in *Commemoration in America*, ed. David Gobel and Daves Rossell, (Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2013), 60-86.
- “The War in the Cities,” in *The Oxford Handbook of the American Revolution*, ed. Jane

- Kamensky and Edward Gray, (Oxford University Press, 2012), 194-215.
- "The World in a Shilling: Silver Coins and the Challenge of Political Economy in the Early Modern Atlantic World," in *Early Modern Things*, ed. Paula Findlen, (New York: Routledge, 2012), 252-273.
- "Indians and the National Narrative: The Trouble with Words and with Us," in **Forum: Colonial Historians and American Indians**, *William and Mary Quarterly*, 3d ser., 69, no. 3 (July, 2012): 531-35.
- With Rudi Colloredo-Mansfeld, "Dancing the Republican Two-Step with Copyrights, Patents, and Corporations," a review essay of *Common as Air*, by Lewis Hyde and *Commonwealth*, by Oscar and Mary Handlin, in *Common-place.org*, an on-line journal of early American history and culture, vol. 12., no. 1 (October, 2011): <http://www.common-place.org/vol-12/no-01/reading/>
- "Boston à l'heure française: religion, culture et commerce à l'époque des révolutions atlantiques" (Boston's French Moment: Religion, Culture, and Commerce in the Age of Atlantic Revolutions), *Annales historiques de la Révolution française*, no. 363 (Jan-Mar, 2011): 7-31.
- "*Theopolis Americana*: The City-State of Boston, The Republic of Letters, and the Protestant International, 1689-1739," in *Soundings in Atlantic History: Latent Structures and Intellectual Currents, 1500-1825*, ed. Bernard Bailyn (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2009).
- "The Founding Fathers and their Dysfunctional Families: The American Revolution on the Silver Screen," in *Common-place.org*, an on-line journal of early American history and culture, vol. 10, no. 1 (October, 2009): <http://www.commonplace.org/vol-10/no-01/reading/>
- "A Brahmin Goes Dutch: John Lothrop Motley and the Lessons of Dutch History in Nineteenth-Century Boston," in *Going Dutch: Holland in America, 1609-2009*, ed. Benjamin Schmidt, Joyce Goodfriend, and Annette Stott (Leiden, E. J. Brill, 2008)
- "Hiding in Plain Sight: Artisans and the Making of Transatlantic Modernity," review essay of *The Body of the Artisan*, by Pamela H. Smith, and *Fortress of the Soul*, by Neil Kamil, in *William and Mary Quarterly*, 3d ser., 64 (January, 2007).
- "Reading Puritans and the Bard: The Case for Brushing Up Your Shakespeare," in *Common-place.org*, an on-line journal of early American history and culture, vol. 7, no. 1 (October 2006): <http://commonplace.online/article/reading-puritans-and-the-bard>
- "William H. Prescott's *The Conquest of Mexico*," in *American History through Literature, 1820-1870*, ed. Janet Gabler-Hover and Robert Sattlemeyer, (Detroit: Charles Scribners' Sons, 2006), 511-516.
- "Big Money Comes to Boston: The Curious History of the Pine Tree Shilling," in *Common-place.org*, an on-line journal of early American history and culture, vol. 6, no. 3, April 2006, <http://www.common-place.org/vol-06/no-03/peterson/>
- "The Practice of Piety in Puritan New England: Contexts and Consequences," in *The World of John Winthrop: Essays on England and New England, 1588-1649*, ed.

- Francis Bremer and Lynn Botelho, (Boston: Massachusetts Historical Society, University of Virginia Press, 2006), 75-110.
- "Boston Pays Tribute: Autonomy and Empire in the Atlantic World, 1630-1714" in *Shaping the Stuart World, 1603-1714: The Atlantic Connections*, ed. Allan I. Macinnes and Arthur H. Williamson (Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2005), 311-335.
- "Cities on the Margins: New Amsterdam and Boston in 1653," *de Halve Maen*, *Journal of the Holland Society of New York*, Summer 2005.
- "Naming the Pacific: How Magellan's relief came to stick, and what it stuck to," feature article in *Common-place.org*, an on-line journal of early American history and culture, Vol 5, no. 2, January 2005.
<http://www.common-place.org/vol-05/no-02/peterson/index.shtml>
- "Life on the Margins: Boston's Anxieties of Influence in the Atlantic World," chapter in *The Atlantic World: Perspectives on Migration, Slavery, and Imagination*, ed. Wim Klooster and Fred Padula, (Upper Saddle River, N.J.: Prentice Hall, 2005), 45-60.
- "*The Selling of Joseph*: Boston, Anti-Slavery, and the Protestant International, 1689-1733," *Massachusetts Historical Review*, vol. 4 (2002): 1-22.
- "How (and Why) to Read Francis Parkman," feature article for *Common-Place.org*, Vol. 3, no. 1, October 2002. <http://www.common-place.org/vol-03/no-01/peterson/>
- "The Significance of Silver," review essay of *New England Silver and Silversmithing, 1620-1815*, ed. Falino and Ward, and Barquist with Butler and Sarna, *Myer Myers: Jewish Silversmith in Colonial New York*, in *William and Mary Quarterly*, 3d ser., 59 (July, 2002): 728-36.
- "Puritanism and Refinement in Early New England: Reflections on Communion Silver," *William and Mary Quarterly*, 3d ser., 58 (April, 2001):307-46. Winner of the Woodrow Wilson Prize, Presbyterian Historical Society, for best article on the Reformed Tradition in America, 2002.
- Reprinted in *Material Christianity: Western Christianity and the Agency of Things*, ed. by Christopher Ocker and Susanna Elm (Cham, Switzerland: Springer, 2000), 135-174.
- "Siege Amnesia: The Siege of Boston and the Loss of Historical Memory," in Carlo Dottor, ed., *Proceedings of the International Conference on Cities under Siege* (2002), 373-79.
- "From Founding Fathers to Old Boy Networks: The Declension of Perry Miller's Puritans," *Reviews in American History*, 23 (1995): 13-19.
- "The Plymouth Church and the Evolution of Puritan Religious Culture," *New England Quarterly*, 66 (1993): 570-93.
- "Ordinary Preaching and the Interpretation of the Salem Witchcraft Crisis by the Boston Clergy," *Essex Institute Historical Collections*, 129 (1993): 84-102.

Encyclopedia Articles:

Six articles in John A. Garraty, gen. ed., *American National Biography* 24 vols. (New York: Oxford University Press, 1999). On John Alden, Charles

Chauncy, John Harvard, Ann Hibbens, Leonard Hoar, and Samuel Langdon (1:238-39, 4:752-53, 10:269-71, 10:732-33, 10:889-90, 13:139-40).
“John Winthrop,” in *A Companion to American Thought*, ed. Richard Fox and James Kloppenberg (Oxford: Blackwell Publishers, 1995), 739-40.

Book Reviews

- As a City Upon a Hill: The Story of America's Most Famous Lay Sermon*, by Daniel T. Rodgers (Princeton, 2018) English Historical Review, vol. 135, issue 575 (August, 2020), 1024-1026.
- Defiance of the Patriots: The Boston Tea Party & the Making of America*, by Benjamin Carp (New Haven, 2010), New England Quarterly 84, no. 2 (June, 2011), 357-362.
- Prospero's America: John Winthrop, Jr., Alchemy, and the Creation of New England Culture, 1606-1676*, by Walter W. Woodward (Chapel Hill, 2010), Journal of Interdisciplinary History (Spring 2011), Vol. 41, no. 4, 654-656.
- Pilgrims: New World Settlers and the Call of Home*, by Susan Hardman Moore (New Haven, 2007) H-Atlantic (July 2008), <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=14668>
- After the Siege: A Social History of Boston, 1775-1800*, by Jacqueline Barbara Carr (Boston, 2005) New England Quarterly 78, no. 3, (September, 2005).
- The Fault Lines of Empire: Political Differentiation in Massachusetts and Nova Scotia, ca. 1760-1830*, by Elizabeth Mancke (New York, 2005), Itinerario: The European Journal of Overseas History 29:3 (2005).
- The English Atlantic in an Age of Revolution, 1640-1661*, by Carla Gardina Pestana, Reviews in American History, 33 (June, 2005), 153-162.
- Global Connections and Monetary History, 1470-1800*, ed. By Dennis O. Flynn, Arturo Giraldez, and Richard von Glahn, (Aldershot, England, 2004) in Itinerario, The European Journal of Overseas History, 29:1, (2005), 125-27.
- Making Heretics*, by Michael P. Winship: in the American Historical Review, vol. 108, no. 1, (Feb. 2003).
- Conversing by Signs*, by Robert Blair St. George in the American Historical Review, vol. 104, no. 4, (Oct. 1999).
- Damned Women*, by Elizabeth Reis in Church History (1998)

Grants and Fellowships

- Townsend Center for the Humanities Collaborative Research Grant, University of California, Berkeley, Spring 2008.
- Frederick Burkhardt Residential Fellowship for Recently Tenured Scholars, American Council of Learned Societies, awarded in the 2001-02 competition, with funding for a year's research at the American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Massachusetts, for 2003-04.
- Faculty Scholar Award, University of Iowa, 2002-2006, for work on *Boston in the*

Atlantic World, 1630-1860

Arts and Humanities Initiative Grant, University of Iowa, 2001-2002, for work on "Boston and the Problem of Slavery"

Obermann Center Symposium Grant, "Fleeting Objects, Enduring Communities: New Work in the Study of Material Culture," April, 2001, co-director with Rudi Colloredo-Mansfeld, Department of Anthropology.

College of Liberal Arts Summer Research Fellowship, University of Iowa, Summer 2000.

Arts and Humanities Initiative Grant, University of Iowa, 1999-2000.

Stephen Botein Fellow in the History of the Book, American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Massachusetts, Summer, 1999.

Old Gold Summer Research Fellowship, University of Iowa, Summer 1999.

Charles Warren Center for Studies in American History, Harvard University, Research Fellowship, 1997-98.

Congregational History Project, Fellowship for Doctoral Dissertation Research and Writing, 1989-90.

Charles Warren Center, Harvard University, Summer Research Fellowships, 1986 and 1987.

Conference Papers, Presentations, and Invited Lectures

- "Boston in New England as a Node of Early Modern Capitalism," paper presented at the Nodes of Early Modern Capitalism conference, European University Institute, Villa Salviati, Florence, Italy, September 21-22, 2023
- "Early Modern Atlantic Cities Roundtable," The State of Urban History: Past Present, Future, Conference on the 50th Anniversary of the Urban History Journal, University of Leicester, Leicester, UK, July 11-13, 2023
- Chair, Provisions, Partnerships, and Plantations: A Roundtable on Northeastern North America and Caribbean Slavery, 1630-1815, American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, January 6, 2023
- "Nine Squares in a 'Wilderness': The Mysteries of Early New Haven," public lecture for the New Haven Preservation Trust, Center Church, New Haven, November 10, 2022
- "Property in the Age of Revolutions," panel discussion with Wim Klooster and Gordon S. Wood, American Political Cultures Forum, sponsored by the *New England Quarterly*, Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, Sept. 17, 2022
- "Market Regulation in Colonial Boston: Exploring a Historical Puzzle," paper presented at "Law, Theology, and the Moral Regulation of 'Economy' in the Early Modern Atlantic World," Newberry Library, Chicago, IL, March 25, 2022
- Panelist at the US Intellectual History Conference, Nashville, TN, Nov. 2021, postponed because of Covid to Zoom in March 2022, roundtable

discussion of Jennifer Ratner-Rosenhagen's book, *The Ideas that Made America*.

- “Of Time and the Land: The American West and the Urgency of Constitutional Reform,” opening address at Constitutions and their Creation in the Age of Washington, at the Washington Library, Mt. Vernon, Virginia, Nov. 18-19, 2021
- “Boston in the West Indies: How the Sugar Islands Saved New England,” paper presented at the (on-line because of Covid) conference, The Bitter and the Sweet: The Material Culture of Sugar in Early New England, Historic Deerfield, Deerfield, MA, Sept 26, 2020
- “The City-State of Boston,” public lecture, Rothermere Center for American Studies, Oxford University, Oxford, UK, March 6, 2020
- “From Domesday to Independence: Land and Conquest in Anglo-American Constitutions,” paper presented at the conference, Lines on a Map: Crafting and Contesting Borders in the Early Modern Atlantic, Institute of Historical Research and British Library, London, UK, December 13-14, 2019.
- “The City-State of Boston and Imperial Warfare,” keynote address, annual meeting of the Massachusetts Society of Colonial Wars, Brookline, MA, Dec 5, 2019.
- “From Merchant Princes to Lords of the Loom: Textile Mills and the Remaking of Boston's Political Economy,” public lecture, Charles River Museum of Industry and Innovation, Waltham, MA, November 13, 2019.
- “The City-State of Boston,” public lecture, Newberry Library, Chicago, IL, Oct. 26, 2019.
- “The City-State of Boston” public lecture, American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, MA, Sept 26, 2019.
- “The World in a Shilling: Money and Political Economy in Early New England,” Charter Day Lecture, Old State House, Boston MA, Sept 25, 2019.
- “The City-State of Boston” address to the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, Boston, MA, May 2, 2019
- * “The City-State of Boston: The Rise and Fall of an Atlantic Power,” address to the Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, MA, April 17, 2019.
- * “The Long Crisis of the (US) Constitution,” paper presented at the conference, “The Imperial History of the American Revolution,” University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia, Nov. 9-10, 2018.
- * “An Intoxicant Town in the Empire of Goods: Notes Toward a History of Early Modern Desire,” paper presented at the conference, “Intoxicants, Space, and Material Culture,” Beinecke Library, Yale University, April 2018.
- * “The City-State of Boston: Refiguring Early American History,” Keynote Address, Annual Conference of the British Group in Early American History, Portsmouth, England, August 31-Sept. 1, 2017.
- * “On the German Road to Athens: Boston at a Crossroads,” paper presented at the

University of Heidelberg American Studies Center, Heidelberg, Germany, May 24, 2016.

- ★ “Dismembering the Body: The Demise of the City-State of Boston, 1822-1860,” paper presented at the Cambridge American History Seminar, Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, England, May 23, 2016.
- “Border Troubles in the Land of Euclid: How the Revolution Empowered Imaginary Lines,” co-presentation with Edward Gray, Professor of History, Florida State University, at a *William and Mary Quarterly-Journal of the Early Republic* joint workshop, Mount Vernon, March 18-20, 2016.
- “A Protestant Aesthetic and the Spirit of Consumption,” paper presented at the Christianity and Capitalism in the Late Middle Ages and Early Modernity Conference, Berkeley, CA, March 11-12, 2016.
- “The Rise and Fall of Monetized Wampum,” presentation at Making Markets: Histories of Commodity Grading and Trading, UC-Berkeley, November 20, 2015.
- “Trade, War, and Imperial Expansion in the Urban British Atlantic: Boston and Kingston, 1740-1765,” co-presentation with Trevor Burnard, Professor of History, University of Melbourne, Australia, at “Port Cities, 1500-1800,” McNeill Center for Early American History, Philadelphia, PA, Nov 5-7, 2015
- ★ “Circulation versus Balance: Phillis Wheatley and John Adams Ponder Enlightenment in Late Imperial Boston,” paper presented at “Enlightenment Futures: A Workshop,” sponsored by the International Center for Jefferson Studies and the Compagnia di San Paolo, Turin, Italy, May 18-20, 2015
- “Water and Walls: The Fortification and De-Fortification of Boston, 1630-1850,” paper presented at AHRC International Research Network “The Global City, Past and Present” Workshop 1: “Space,” University of St. Andrews, Scotland, May 14-15, 2015
- ★ “City Thinking in the Early Modern Atlantic World,” Keynote Address, Sheffield Centre for the City in History, inaugural seminar, Sheffield, England, May 7, 2015
- ★ Presenter at the *Eighteenth-Century Studies* Workshop on the City, Yale University, April 17, 2015.
- ★ “On the German Road to Athens: Boston at a Crossroads, 1815-1848,” Draper Chair Lecture in Early American History, University of Connecticut, April 16, 2015
- ★ “From the Stump to the Library: Boston and the Emergence of Capitalism, 1540-1848,” paper presented at “World and Ground: New Early American Histories,” Early Modern Studies Institute/Omohundro Institute of Early American History Annual Conference, University of Southern California, March 6-7, 2015
- ★ “On the German Road to Athens: Boston at a Crossroads,” Keynote Address,

- Berkeley International and Global History Conference, February 22, 2015.
- ★ "Boston, 1643: Morality and Political Economy in the Birth of an English Commonwealth," paper presented at "Morality, Institutions, and Empire," Yale University, October 24, 2014
 - ★ "Rethinking Federalism in the Early Republic: Boston's Congressmen and the Pursuit of Federative Politics," paper presented at the Fifth Biennial European Early American Studies Association Conference, Lublin, Poland, Dec. 2014
 - ★ "*The Industrious Revolution* and the Tower of Babel: Speaking the Language of Consumption," paper presented at a symposium in honor of Jan de Vries, University of California, Berkeley, May 2014
 - ★ Featured Speaker, Panel Discussion on the musical, "*1776*" at the American Conservatory Theater, San Francisco, CA, September 28, 2013
 - ★ "City Thinking in the Early Modern Atlantic World," paper presented at "Before 1607," *A William and Mary Quarterly* and USC-Huntington Early Modern Studies Institute Workshop, The Huntington Library, San Marino, CA, May 24-25, 2013
 - "Boston's French Connection: Religion and Commerce in the Age of Atlantic Revolutions," Keynote Address, Annual Meeting of the British Group in Early American History, St. Andrews, Scotland, Sept. 6-9, 2012.
 - "Third Way Lost: The City-States of Boston and Kingston, the Parameters of Empire, and the American Revolution," co-presentation with Trevor Burnard, Professor of History, University of Melbourne, Australia, at a conference on Britain's American Revolution, Huntington Library, San Marino, CA, Sept. 21-22, 2012.
 - ★ "De-Centering from the Center: Boston and the Problem of Colonial American History," paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Historical Association, Chicago, Illinois, Jan. 6, 2012.
 - ★ "*Nos Amis, les Ennemis*: Boston's Relationship with Acadia and its Destruction by Britain's Warfare State," paper presented at the USC-Huntington Library Early Modern Studies Institute Conference on Maritime Communities of the Atlantic World, Missillac, Brittany, France, June 26-29, 2011.
 - ★ "Like the Bank Bills of Venice": Monetary Creativity and Political Economy in the City-State of Boston, 1630-1690," paper presented at the Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Houston, TX, March 19, 2011.
 - ★ "The World in a Shilling: The Political Economy of Boston in an Atlantic World, 1650-1676" paper presented at the Early Modern Social History Seminar, Christ's College, Cambridge University, March 10, 2011.
 - ★ "Political Economy in the 17th-Century British Atlantic," presentation at the Warwick University/Institute of Historical Research Seminar on Britain

- and America in the 17th Century, Venice, Italy, July 10-12, 2010.
- * “How John Adams Read History: The Puritans and the Classics in John Adams’ Library,” co-presentation with Professor Caroline Winterer, Stanford University, for the travelling exhibition of the Boston Public Library’s “John Adams’ Library,” Benicia Public Library, Benicia, CA, May 16, 2010.
 - * “The Local Politics of Universal Truth: The Mather Family Library and the Struggle over Enlightenment in Colonial Boston,” paper presented at Enlightenment 2.1 Workshop, University of California, Berkeley, April 23-24, 2010.
 - * “The World in a Shilling: Silver, Coins, and the Challenges of Empire in Seventeenth-Century Boston,” paper presented at the Early Modern Things Workshop, Stanford University, January 29-30, 2010.
 - * “Cutting Off the Circulation: The Destruction of Phillis Wheatley’s Transatlantic World,” Seminar on Enlightenment and Revolution, Stanford University, October 15, 2009
 - * Plenary Address, 7th Biennial Symbiosis Conference, “Boston and the New Atlantic World,” Suffolk University, Boston, MA, June 25-28, 2009.
 - * “Boston and the Cuban Connection: Conquest vs. Commerce in an Age of Anglo-American Empire,” paper to be presented at the 18th World History Association Annual Conference, Salem, Massachusetts, June 25-28, 2009.
 - * “Theopolis Americana: The City-State of Boston, the Republic of Letters, and the Protestant International, 1689-1739,” invited lecture, Yale University, Department of History, February 16, 2009.
 - * “Rumors of War and a “Free Mercate” in Boston: Imperial Co-operation and Competition among New England, New France, and New Netherlands in the 1640s,” paper presented at “Québec and the seventeenth-century Atlantic World: Quatercentennial perspectives,” symposium, University of California, Berkeley, November 7, 2008.
 - * “‘God Deliver Me and Mine from the Government of Soldiers’: The Militarization of Boston’s Atlantic World, 1740-1775,” presented at the Cultural Studies Seminar, University of California, Santa Cruz, October 10, 2008.
 - * “From Christian Athens to Christian Sparta: The American Revolution and the Destruction of Boston’s Atlantic World,” paper presented at “The American Revolution as a Moment in World History, a workshop of the International Center for Jefferson Studies, Uppsala, Sweden, June 5, 2008.
 - * “The City-State of Boston: An Atlantic History,” paper presented at the Rocky Mountain Seminar in Early American History, Salt Lake City, Utah, November 29, 2007.
 - * “The City-State of Boston: The Rise and Fall of an Atlantic World,” paper presented at the Huntington Library/Early Modern Seminar, American

- Origins, San Marino, California, March 3, 2007
- * “Cutting off the Circulation: The Destruction of Phillis Wheatley’s Atlantic World, 1761-1784,” paper presented at “From Colonies into Republics in the Atlantic World: North America and the Caribbean in a Revolutionary Age,” University Paris 7 – Denis Diderot, Paris, France, December 7-9, 2006.
 - * Northwestern University Atlantic History Seminar, Evanston, IL, November, 2006
 - * Newberry Library Early American History Seminar, Chicago, IL, November, 2006
 - * “Politics in the Republic of Letters: Knowledge and Authority in Atlantic America,” paper presented at a conference on “The Atlantic World of Print in the Age of Franklin,” McNeil Center for Early American Studies, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, Sept. 28-30, 2006
 - * “Ideas of Order in Massachusetts: Reformation, Utopia, and Community in Early New England,” paper presented at the Twelfth Annual Conference of the Omohundro Institute for Early American History and Culture, Universite Laval, Quebec City, Quebec, Canada, June 9-11, 2006
 - * “Political Economy in Seventeenth-Century North America: Revisiting the Nation of New England in an Atlantic Context,” paper presented at the William and Mary Quarterly/Early Modern Studies Institute Workshop, Huntington Library, San Marino, CA, May 19-20, 2006
 - * “Utopia and Community in Early America: Christian Humanism, Republicanism, and the Founding of New England,” Invited Speaker, American Culture and Politics Speaker Series, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon, April 20, 2006
 - * “Boston’s Atlantic Empire: Political Economy in the Kingdom of New England,” paper presented at the Atlantic History Seminar of the McNeil Center for Early American Studies, University of Pennsylvania, January 17, 2006.
 - * “What ‘Atlantic’ Does for History,” paper presented at the European Studies Workshop, University of Iowa, April 28, 2005.
 - * “A Brahmin Goes Dutch: John Lothrop Motley and the Lessons of Dutch History in 19th-Century Boston,” paper presented at “Going Dutch: Holland in America, 1609-2009,” University of Denver, Denver, CO, March 25-26, 2005.
 - * “‘Moneys is Your Suit,’ or, Fleshing out the Pound: Silver, Coins and Trade in the Atlantic World, 1577-1652,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Shakespeare Association of America, Bermuda, March 17-19, 2005.
 - * “Politics in the Republic of Letters: Knowledge and Authority in Atlantic America, 1650-1750,” the Martin Weiner Lecture of the Brandeis University graduate program in American History, Oct. 21 2004.

- * "There Are No Periods in Colonial American History, or, If We Have Never Been Modern, Then Why Should We Be Early?" paper presented at "Turning Points: Time and Place in Early American History," the annual conference of the British Group in Early American History, Norwich, England, September 3-5, 2004.
- * "The World in a Shilling, or, Show Me the Money: Silver Coins and the Challenges of Empire in Seventeenth Century Boston," paper presented at a conference on "Object Relations in Early America," Huntington Library, San Marino, CA, May 20-21, 2004.
- * "Mining and Minting, Hides and Hats: John Hull and the Instauration of Boston in the Political Economy of the Atlantic World: 1654-1683," paper presented at "The Culture of Entrepreneurship in the Atlantic World," American Antiquarian Society Seminar, Worcester, MA, May 14, 2004.
- * "Boston's Atlantic World in 1704: The Journal of Jonathan Belcher," paper presented at the American Society of 18th-Century Studies Annual Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, March 24-28, 2004.
- * "Cities on the Margins: Boston and New Amsterdam in 1653," invited paper presented at the annual Rensselaerswyck Seminar, New York, NY, September 20, 2003.
- * "Atlantic Exposures and Religious Identities," commentary on panel at the Ninth Annual Conference of the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, New Orleans, LA, June 6-8, 2003.
- * "Stone Witnesses, Dumb Pictures, and Voices from the Grave: Monuments and Memory in Colonial Boston," paper presented at "Commemoration and the City," 3rd Savannah Symposium, Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, GA, February 20-22, 2003.
- * "Boston Pays Tribute: Autonomy and Empire in the Atlantic World, 1644-1714" invited paper presented at the Aberdeen University/Huntington Library symposium, "Shaping the Stuart World, 1603-1714," Aberdeen, Scotland, June 21-23, 2002.
- * "England's Age of Revolution? A Colonial Perspective," invited paper, presented at the Eric Cochrane/History Department Colloquium, "England's Age of Revolution," University of Chicago, November 9-10, 2001.
- * "Boston, the Problem of Slavery, and the Nature of the Atlantic World," paper presented at:
 - i. American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, January 6, 2001,
 - ii. Institute of Early American History and Culture Annual Conference, Glasgow, Scotland, July 16, 2001.
- * "Life on the Margins: Boston's Anxieties of Influence in the Atlantic World," paper presented at the Seminar on Atlantic History, a lecture series sponsored by the University of Southern Maine, Portland, Oct 2., 2000.
- * "*The Selling of Joseph: Bostonians, Anti-Slavery, and the Protestant International*,

- 1688-1733,” paper presented at the Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, St. Louis, Missouri, March 30, 2000.
- * “Boston’s ‘Dutch’ Moment: The Construction of an Atlantic Protestant International, 1690-1740,” invited paper presented at:
 - i. “Sometimes an Art”: A Symposium in Honor of Bernard Bailyn, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, May 13, 2000
 - ii. Newberry Library Seminar in Early American History, Chicago, October 22, 1998.
 - * “The Practice of Piety in Puritan New England: Notes on Contexts and Consequences,” invited paper presented at the international conference on John Winthrop’s Worlds, 1588-1649, Millersville University, Millersville, PA, September 17-18, 1999.
 - * “Siege Amnesia: The Siege of Boston and the Loss of Historical Memory,” paper contributed to the International Conference on Cities under Siege, Montalcino, Italy, July 7-10, 1999.
 - * “Putting My Foot In It: A Sidelong Glance at the Teaching of Atlantic History” -- paper presented at the Workshop on Teaching Atlantic History, Charles Warren Center, Harvard University, Nov. 7-8, 1998.

Professional Activities and Service

- * Faculty Director, The Lewis Walpole Library, Yale University, 2024-
- * US History before 1900 Search Committee, Department of History, Yale University, 2025-2026
- * History of Technology Search Committee, Department of History, Yale University, 2024-2025
- * Organizer, New Directions in Early Modern Economic History Workshop, Yale University, March 30-31, 2023.
- * Early Modern European History Search Committee, Department of History, Yale University, 2022-2023
- * Co-organizer of the conference, “American Political Cultures,” sponsored by the *New England Quarterly*, held at the Massachusetts Historical Society, Sept. 16-17, 2022
- * Director of Undergraduate Studies, History Department, Yale University, 2020-2022
- * Qing History Search Committee, Department of History, Yale University, 2021-2022
- * Elected Member of the Governing Council of the American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, MA, 2019 – Strategic Planning Steering Committee, 2021-22,
- * Historical Consultant for Revolutionary Spaces, Boston’s Old South Church and Old State House, in planning and revising their museum and public presentations.
- * Corporation Board Member, *The New England Quarterly*, Inc., 2019-
- * Principal Organizer, with Professor Wim Klooster, Clark University, of “Black Men and Women in the Age of Atlantic Revolutions,” authors’ conference for the

- Cambridge History of the Age of Atlantic Revolutions*, Beinecke Library, Yale University, Jan. 16-18, 2020
- * History of Science Search Committee, Department of History, Yale University, 2018-19
 - * Chair, Department of History, University of California, Berkeley, 2015-2018
 - * Co-editor, with Professor Edward Gray, Florida State University, Professor Stephen Mihm, University of Georgia, Professor Hannah Farber, Columbia University, and Professor Kathryn Olivarius, Stanford University, of *American Beginnings*, a book series focused on power and politics in early American history, published by the University of Chicago Press, with twenty-five titles in print as of 2026
 - * Principal Organizer, with Professor Phil Stern, Duke University, of “Alternative States: Cities, Corporation, and Companies in the Making of Global Britain, 1600-1800,” Center for British Studies, University of California, Berkeley, May 31-June 1, 2013; Duke University History Department, May 3-4, 2014; UC-Berkeley Matrix Center, June 12-13, 2015
 - * Member of the Faculty Planning Committee for “On the Same Page,” 2014-15, with duties including choosing a book for the campus to read, and organizing programming, including a concert by Mavis Staples at Zellerbach Hall and a panel discussion on Music, Free Speech, and Protest Movements, October 30, 2014.
 - * Editorial Board Member of *Modern Intellectual History*, 2013-2018
 - * Principal Organizer, with Professor Caroline Winterer, Stanford University, of “The Republic of Letters in America,” a conference held at the Huntington Library, San Marino, CA, December 7-8, 2012
 - * Nominator for the MacArthur Foundation “Genius” Awards, 2012
 - * Latin American History Search Committee, Department of History, University of California, Berkeley, 2011-2012
 - * Program Committee, Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, 2011-2012
 - * Historical Consultant to the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, N.J., regarding questions of historical preservation and the adjacent Princeton Battlefield Park; prepared detailed report and testified before the Princeton town planning board on behalf of the Institute
 - * Editorial Board, *The William and Mary Quarterly*, 2010-2011
 - * Vice-Chair for Graduate Affairs and Head Graduate Adviser, Department of History, University of California, Berkeley, 2010-2011
 - Faculty Participant in the **Mapping the Republic of Letters Project**, Stanford University, 2009 -- . Working with Stanford Humanities Faculty in supplying and analyzing digitized data that will allow mapping and other forms of visual representation to generate research questions for an integrative history of the Republic of Letters.
<https://www.humanitiesnetwork.org/groups/mapping/>

- * Publications Committee, Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, 2009-2010
- * Academic Co-ordinator, University of California, Berkeley, History-Social Science Project's Teaching American History Partnership with the Mt. Diablo Unified School District, 2008-2010. Frequent lecturer at Bay Area Teaching American History programs and workshops
- * Search Committees, Department of History, University of California, Berkeley; U.S. and the World, 2007-08; Chinese History, 2008-09; Latin America, 2011-12; U.S. Women and Gender, 2013-14.
- * Co-Director, with Professor Dee Andrews, CSU-East Bay, and Professor Caroline Cox, College of the Pacific, of the Bay Area Seminar in Early American History, 2008-2016
- * NEH Postdoctoral Fellowship Review Committee, Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, 2006-07
- * Program Committee Member, American Historical Association Annual Meeting, January 2007, Atlanta, Georgia.
- * African History Search Committee, Department of History, University of Iowa, 2006-07
- * Principal Organizer, with Prof. Karen Kupperman, NYU, and Prof. Joseph Miller, Univ. of Virginia, of "Transformations: The Atlantic World in the Late 17th-Century," a conference hosted by the Atlantic History Seminar, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, Mar. 30-Apr 1, 2006.
- Editor of "Common Reading," a column appearing quarterly in Commonplace.org, an on-line journal of early American history and culture, sponsored by the American Antiquarian Society. 2006-2012
- * Guest Editor, with Stephen Mihm, University of Georgia, for a special issue of Commonplace.org, an on-line journal of early American history and culture, on Money in America, April 2006.
- * Nominator for the Mellon Foundation Distinguished Scholar Award, February 2006
- * Book Manuscript and Proposal Reviewer for Yale University Press, Cornell University Press, University of Chicago Press, Princeton University Press, University of North Carolina Press, University of Pennsylvania Press, Oxford University Press, Columbia University Press, 2005-
- * Fulbright Scholarship Review Committee, University of Iowa, October 2005
- * Faculty Scholar Award Review Committee, University of Iowa, October, 2005
- * NEH Fellowship Review Committee, American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Massachusetts, March 2005
- * Organizer for "Discipline and Its Discontents: T. Dwight Bozeman and the Rethinking of Transatlantic Puritanism: A Symposium," featuring visiting speakers Professor Michael Winship, University of Georgia, and Professor Francis Bremer, Millersville University of Pennsylvania, University of Iowa, Feb. 25-26, 2005

- * Fellowship Review Committee, American Council of Learned Societies, New York City, February, 2005, 2006, 2007
- * “Teaching the American Revolution in An Atlantic Context,” a presentation for K-12 Teachers, sponsored by The Primary Source, a non-profit professional development organization, Boston, Massachusetts, Jan. 19, 2005
- * Consulting Reader and Roundtable Participant for Visiting Research Fellow, Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, Williamsburg, VA, October 1, 2004
- * Summer Seminar in the History of the Book, American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, MA, June 2004
- * Manuscript referee for *The William and Mary Quarterly*, *Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society*, *Material Religion: The Journal of Objects, Art, and Belief*, *Business History Review*, *New England Quarterly*, *Modern Intellectual History*, *The Historical Journal*, *Journal of the Early Republic*, 2000--
- * Consultant for historical interpretation, The Future of Boston’s Past -- edited and provided information for the scripts of the “Innovation Odyssey” tour.
- * Editorial board, *Common-Place*, an on-line journal of early American history and culture, sponsored by the American Antiquarian Society, 2004-
- * Co-founder and organizer of the Material Culture Faculty Workshop, University of Iowa, 1998-2003