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Director, PhD Concentration in the History of Work, Race, and Gender in the Urban World (WRGUW), UIC

Editor, Labor: Studies in Working-Class History of the Americas (Duke University Press), 2004-date

Education

Graduate, North Central High School, Indianapolis, Indiana.

B.A. with High Honors, Harvard University, 1966-70.

Ph.D., University of Rochester, 1977; M.A., (1971) in American history

Languages: French, German, Spanish

Teaching Positions

Department of History, University of Illinois-Chicago, 2000-date

Department of History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Professor 1990-2000

Zachary Smith Professor 1995-1997, Associate Professor, 1985-1990; Assistant Professor, 1977-1985

Senior Fulbright Lecturer. Amerika-Institut, University of Munich, West Germany, 1983-84

Lecturer, Department of History, City College of New York, 1972-1974

Courses taught: Courses taught: (**undergrad**) America to 1865; American Since 1865; U.S. Social History; U.S. Cultural History; The Worker in American Life; Communities in Transition: The Local Impact of the Industrial Revolution; History of American Radicalism; Rise of the Expert, A Critical History of the Professions; Rise of Consumer Culture; The Americas, A Survey of the Forces Shaping the Hemisphere (Pilot course for the Duke-UNC Program in Hemispheric Studies); The Gilded Age and Progressive Era; Five Hundred Years Without Solitude: History of the Guatemalan Maya; Director of Senior Honors Program; (**graduate**) U.S. Labor History, Comparative Labor History, Labor Across the Americas, Intellectuals and Social Action, Twentieth-Century Colloquium in U.S. History, History of the Social Disciplines, Occupational History and Folklore, Labor Migration and Worker Mobilization in the Americas, Immigrants in the Global Marketplace, History and Politics of Occupations, Gilded Age and Progressive Era in Transnational Perspective

Special Professional Service, Honors, and Research Fellowships

Guggenheim Fellowship, 2008-2009
Institute for the Humanities Fellowship, UIC, 2005-2006
Distinguished Professor, 2003-date
University Scholar Award, UIC, 2002-2004
Lawrence Towner Award, Illinois Humanities Council for best-designed proposal:
"Chicago Labor and Working-Class History Map," 2003
National Advisory Board, Society for History Education 1998-date
Elected, Vice President of Teaching Division, AHA, 1998-2001
Lecture Trip to Japan (four university tour sponsored by Society for
American Historical Studies), fall, 1998
Charles Warren Center Fellow, Harvard University, 1998-99
Merle Curti Prize Committee, OAH, 1998-2000
OAH Television Advisory Committee, spring 1997
National Humanities Center Fellow, 1990-91, Research Triangle Park, NC

Publications--Books

Sweatshops at Sea: Merchant Seamen in the World's First Globalized Industry, from 1812 to the Present (Chapel Hill: UNC Press, 2011)

Editor, Workers Across the Americas: The Transnational Turn in Labor History (New York: Oxford University Press, 2011)

Upheaval in the Quiet Zone: 1199SEIU and the Politics of Health Care Unionism (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2009= updated and expanded second edition), originally published as Upheaval in the Quiet Zone: The History of Hospital Workers' Union, Local 1199 (1989). [Co-author with Brian Greenberg]

The Maya of Morganton: Work and Community in the *Nuevo* New South (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2003), Winner, Thomas Wolfe Memorial Literary Prize, Western North Carolina Historical Association, 2004

Major Problems in the Gilded Age and Progressive Era (Boston: Houghton-Mifflin, 2001) (Lexington, MA: D.C. Heath 1993).

Progressive Intellectuals and the Dilemmas of Democratic Commitment (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1998)

Intellectuals and Public Life: Between Radicalism and Reform [Co-editor with Stephen T. Leonard and Donald M. Reid], (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1996).

In Search of the Working Class: Essays in American Labor History and Political Culture (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1994).

Workingmen's Democracy: The Knights of Labor and American Politics (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1983).

