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## **EDUCATION**

1980	Ph.D. City University of New York, Department of History
	Dissertation: "Their Own Sphere: Women Workers, The Knights of Labor and
	the Transformation of the Carpet Trade," Advisor: Herbert Gutman,
	Doctoral Examination Fields: Major: U.S. History 1848-Present, Minor: British
	Social History, 19th Century

BA, Roosevelt University, Chicago, Illinois Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa 1970 1965-67

# PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2011- 2000- 2005-07	Director, Institute for the Humanities, University of Illinois at Chicago. Professor, Department of History, University of Illinois at Chicago. Director of Graduate Studies, Department of History, University of Illinois at Chicago.
2002-2005	Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Illinois at Chicago Dean (Divisional Dean for Interdisciplinary Programs, Undergraduate Programs, International Contacts, and Faculty Affairs).
1992-2000	Associate Professor, Department of History, East Carolina University, (Tenure 1996).
1991-92	History Fellow, American Association of University Women. Lecturer, National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar, "The Emergence of the Modern," UNC-Chapel Hill.
1990-91	Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History and Curriculum in Folklore, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.
1989	Historical Consultant, Ligature, Inc. Fourth Grade Social Studies Text.
1989	Historical Consultant, Scholastic, Inc., American Adventures, Eighth-grade History Textbook Project.
1989	Historical Consultant, "The Task That is Ours: Women in North Carolina History," North Carolina Museum of History.
1988-89	Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.
1988	Historical Consultant, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management, Urban Heritage State Park, Lynn, MA.
1987	Visiting Assistant Professor, American Studies Curriculum, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.
1985-87	Associate Editor, <i>Social Science</i> , Institute for Research in Social Science, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

1984-85	Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.
1983-84	Lecturer, Amerika-Institute der Universitat Munchen, Munich, West Germany.
1980-82	Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina.
1979	Workshop Coordinator, "Working Women-Roots," Oral History Workshop for Working Women, Twentieth Century Trade Union Woman Oral History Program, University of Michigan, held in Durham, North Carolina.
1978-79	Program Development and Research Coordinator, Center for Labor Education and Research, North Carolina Central University, Durham, North Carolina.
1976-80	Co-Director, "Women at Work, An Exhibition: 200 Years of Life and Labor in New York City." A Public Education project funded by the New York Council for the Humanities.
1977	Assistant Director, National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar for Labor Leaders, City University of New York, New York, NY.
1977	Instructor, Cornell University Industrial and Labor Relations School, Evening Division, New York, NY.
1977	Instructor, Excel Adult Degree Program, Fordham University, New York, NY.
1976	Visiting Faculty, Adult Degree Program, Godard College, Plainfield, Vermont.
1976	Adjunct Lecturer, Women's Studies Program, Brooklyn College, New York NY.
1971-75	Lecturer and Program Development, Department of History and College Skills Program, Queens College, New York, NY.
1970	Caseworker, Cook County Department of Public Aid, Chicago, Illinois.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books**

Distant Hunger: Government and Civil Society in the History of International Food Aid, (in progress).

School Lunch Politics: The Surprising History of America's Favorite Welfare Program, Princeton University Press, (2008, paperback 2010).

Degrees of Equality: The American Association of University Women and the Challenge of Twentieth Century Feminism, Philadelphia: Temple University Press, (1995).

Lynn, Massachusetts, Boston: Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management, Lynn Heritage State Park Visitor Center (1988).

Labor's True Woman: Carpet Weavers, Industrialization and Labor Reform in the Gilded Age, Philadelphia: Temple University Press, (1984).

## **Articles**

"The Culture of Consumption Reconsidered: Essays in Tribute to Susan Porter Benson," *Journal of Women's History*, 19:1 (Spring 2007), pp. 10-15.

"A Bit of Mellifluous Phraseology': The 1922 Railroad Shopcraft Strike and the Living Wage," in John Belchem and Neville Kirk, eds., *Languages of Labour*, Aldershot, England: Ashgate Publishing Limited, (1997).

"Workers' Wives: Gender, Class, and Consumerism in the 1920s," *Gender and History*, 3:1, (Spring 1991), pp. 45-64.

"Class and Gender: Herbert Gutman and the Women of "Shoe City," *Labor History*, 29:3 (Summer 1988), pp. 344-355.

"Labor's True Woman: Equal Rights and Domesticity in the Knights of Labor," Journal of American History, 70:2 (Sept. 1983), pp. 323-339.

"Honor Each Noble Maid': Women Workers and the Yonkers Carpet Weavers' Strike of 1885," New York History, LXII:2 (April 1981), pp. 153-176. (Winner of Kerr

History Prize for best article).

"Ladies and Looms: The Social Impact of Machine Power in the American Carpet Industry," in *Dynamos and Virgins Revisited: Women and Technological Change in History*, Martha M. Trescott, ed., Metuchen, NJ: Scarecrow Press, (1979), pp. 67-76.

(1979), pp. 67-76. Hand in Hand: History of Women in Trade Unions, pamphlet, New York: Institute for

Research in History, (1978), 22 pp.

# Encyclopedia Entries

"Victoria Woodhull," *Readers' Encyclopedia of American Literature*, New York: Harper Collins, (1991) pp. 1156-1157.

"Leonora M. Barry" and "Alzina P. Stevens" in Alden Whitman, ed., *American Reformers*, New York: H.W. Wilson co., (1985), pp. 104-106 and 109-111.

#### Reviews

Vanessa May, Unprotected Labor: Household Workers, Politics, and Middle Class Reform in New York, 1870-1940, Journal of Interdisciplinary History (forthcoming).

Christine Woyshner, The National PTA, Race, and Civic Engagement, 1897-1970, History of Education Quarterly, 50:4 (Novvember 2010), pp. 581-583.

Chad Alan Goldberg, Citizens and Paupers: Relief, Rights, and Race, From the Freedmen's Bureau to Workfare, American Historical Review, 114: 798-99 (June 2009).

Susan Thistle, From Marriage to the Market: The Transformation of Women's Lives and Work, Left History, 13:2, (2008).

Anthony J. Stanonis, ed., *Dixie Emporium: Tourism, Foodways, and Comsumer Culture in the American South, North Carolina Historical Review* (LXXXVI:2 (April 2009).

Susan Porter Benson, Household Accounts: Working-Class Family Economies in the Interwar United States, Labor: Studies in Working-Class History of the Americas, (2009).

Linda Eisenmann, Higher Education for Women in Postwar America, 1945-1965, American Historical Review, 112:2, (April 2007), 542-543.

Roger Horowitz, Putting Meat on the AmericanTable: Taste, Technology, and Transformation, Labor: Working-Class History of the Americas, 4, (Fall 2007), 117-119.

Diana B. Turk, *Bound by a Mighty Vow: Sisterhood and Women's Fraternities*, 1870-1920, in H-Net Reviews, H-SHGAPE (January 2007).

Christina Greene, Our Separate Ways: Women and the Black Freedom Movement in Durham, North Carolina, North Carolina Historical Review, v. LXXXII (2005), pp. 387-388,

Ileen A. DeVault, United Apart: Gender and the Rise of Craft Unionism, in Labor: Working Class Studies of the Americas, 2 (Fall 2005). 126-128.

Lizabeth Cohen, A Consumer's Republic: The Politics of Mass Consumption in Postwar America, Labor: Working Class Studies of the Americas, (Forthcoming, Summer 2004).

Hasia R. Diner, Hungering for America: Italian, Irish, and Jewish Foodways in the Age of Migration, Labor History, 44:1 (2003), pp. 122-124.

- Tory D. Dickinson and Robert K. Schaffer, Fast Forward: Work, Gender and Protest in a Changing World, Labour/Le Travail, 50 (Fall 2002), pp. 369-370.
- Rose Laub Coser, Laua S. Anker, and Andrew J. Perrin, *Women of Courage, Jewish and Italian Immigrant Women in New York*, *Oral History Review* 29:2 (Summer 2002), pp. 195-196.
- Amy Bentley, Eating for Victory: Food Rationing and the Politics of Domesticity, American Studies, 42:1 (Spring 2001), pp. 202-203.
- Harriet Woods, Stepping Up to Power: the Political Journey of American Women, Political Science Quarterly, 116:3 (Fall 2001), pp. 489-490.
- Greg Phelan, Grand Master Workman: Terence V. Powderley, *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, (July 2001), pp. 292-293.
- Oral Histories Online, University of California, Berkeley, *The Oral History Review*, 28:2 (Summer/Fall 2001), pp. 139-140.
- Arwen P. Mohun, Steam Laundries: Gender, Technology, and Work in the United States and Great Britain, 1880-1940, The Journal of Interdisciplinary History, XXXII:2 (Autumn 2001), pp. 334-335.
- Donna R. Gabaccia, We Are What We Eat: Ethnic Food and the Making of Americans, Journal of American History, 86:1 (June 1999), p. 284-286.
- Carol Blesser, Tokens of Affection: Letters of a Planter's Daughter, South Carolina Historical Magazine, 98:2 (April 1997), pp. 220-222.
- Robert E. Weir, Beyond Labor's Veil: The Culture of the Knights of Labor, Labor History, 37:4 (Fall 1996), pp. 551-552.
- Katherine Kish Sklar, Florence Kelley and the Nation's Work: The Rise of Women's Political Culture, 1830-1900, International Labor and Working Class History, 50 (Fall 1996), pp. 206-208.
- Dana Frank, Purchasing Power: Consumer Organizing, Gender, and the Seattle Labor Movement, Journal of Interdisciplinary History, XXVII:2 (Autumn 1996), pp. 353-355.
- Angel Kowlek-Folland, Engendering Business: Men and Women in the Corporate Office, 1870-1930, Journal of American History, 82:3 (December 1995), pp. 1228-1229.
- Virginia Bernhard, Betty Brandon, Elizabeth Fox-Genovese, Theda Perdue, and Elizabeth H. Turner, eds., *Hidden Histories of Women in the New South*, *North Carolina Historical Review*, LXXII (April 1995), pp. 263-264.
- Sharon Hartman Strom, Beyond the Typewriter: Gender, Class, and the Origins of Modern American Office Work, 1900-1939. Journal of Social History, 27:4 (Summer 1994), pp. 835-836.
- Philip Scranton, Figured Tapestry: Production, Markets and Power in Philadelphia Textiles, 1885-1941, International Labor and Working-Class History, 40, (Fall 1991), pp. 130-132.
- "Women as Volunteers and Citizens," Review of Sara M. Evans, *Born for Liberty: A History of Women in America*, Los Angeles *Times* Book Review, June 11, 1989, p.10.
- Joan Jensen and Sue Davidson, eds., A Needle, A Bobbin, A Strike: Women Needleworkers in America, Labour/LeTravail, 18, (Fall, 1986), pp. 248-250.
- Suzanne Lebsock, The Free Women of Petersburg: Status and Culture in a Southern Town, 1784-1860, and Jacquelyn Jones, Labor of Love, Labor of Sorrow: Black Women, Work, and the Family from Slavery to the Present, Radical History Review, (Spring 1986) pp. 49-56.
- Sarah Eisenstein, Give Us Bread But Give Us Roses: Working Class Women's Consciousness in the United States, 1890 to the First World War, and Faye Dudden, Serving Women: Household Service in Nineteenth Century America, Social History, 10:3 (October 1985) pp. 404-405.

- Mari Jo Buhle, Women and American Socialism, 1870-1920 and Charles Sowerwine, Sisters or Citizens? Women and Socialism in France Since 1876, International Labor and Workingclass History, 26 (Fall 1984), pp. 123-
- Ellen Carol DuBois, *Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony:* Correspondence, Writings and Speeches, South Atlantic Quarterly, 82:2 (Spring 1983), pp. 226-227.

"The Politics of Domesticity," *Social History*, 8:1 (Jan. 1983), pp. 116-117. "Speaking for the Inarticulate," *Labour/Le Travail*, 7, (Winter, 1981), pp. 217-219.

"Hidden Histories: Southern Labor and Women Workers," Reviews in American History, 6:3, (Sept. 1978), pp. 288-292.

## **PAPERS**

"CARE, the USDA, and International Food Aid in the Cold War," Agricultural History Society Annual Meeting, Springfield, IL, June 2011.

"Distant Hunger: CARE and the Politic of US Food Aid After World War II," VIII International Conference on Labour History, Association of Indian Labour Historians, March 18-20, 2010, Delhi, India.

"School Lunch Politics: Researching the History of Food Policy," Keynote Address, Researching New York 2008, University at Albany, SUNY, November, 2008.

"Eating Democracy: The Creation of a National School Lunch Program," Gender History Group and the Policy History Program, University of California, Santa Barbara, May 2003

"A Diet for Americans: Nutrition Science Meets a Democratic Public," Institute for the Humanities, University of Illinois at Chicago, January 2002.

"Lessons of Lunch: Food, Politics, and Consumer Culture," Charles Warren Center for Studies in Americah History, Harvard University, March 1999.

"Working Class Housewives and Consumer Culture in the Twentieth Century United States," Yokohama City University, Yokohama, and Society for American Historical Studies, Tokoy University, Komaba Campus, Japan, October 1998.

"Common Tastes: Working-Class Housewives and the Uses of Consumer Culture," Organization of American Historians, Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, IN, April

"A Bit of Mellifluous Phraseology: The 1922 Shopcraft Strike and the Living Wage," Society for the Study of Labour History, Manchester, England, April 1996.

"Degrees of Equality: AAUW, American Liberalism, and Integration after World War II," North Carolina AAUW Annual Convention, Winston-Salem, March 1996.

"The Living Wage Debate: Family Economies, Public Welfare, and the 1922 Railroad Shopcraft Strike," North American Labor History Conference, Wayne State University, October 1993.

"Pearls of Prosperity: Class, Gender, and the American Standard of Living," Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Louisville, 1991.

"Public Work, Private Lives," Conference on "The Visible and Invisible in Women's Work: Building a History and a Consciousness," Orange County Women's Center and Women's Studies Program, UNC-Chapel Hill, February 1987.

"In Unity There is Prosperity," Workers' Wives as Citizens and Consumers, International Colloquium, "In the Shadow of the Statue of Liberty," University of Paris VIII, October 1986.

"Images of Women's Work," Slide Lecture, Historikertreffen, Deutchen Gesselschaft fur Amerikastudien, Frankfurt, West Germany, April 1984.

"The Uneasy Alliance: Women and Trade Unions in American History," Deutsche Gesselschaft fur Amerikastudien, West Berlin, April 1984.

- "Labor's True Woman: Rhetoric and Reality in the Knights of Labor," Organization of American Historians, Annual Convention, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 1982.
- "The Knights of Labor Romantic Ideology," Knights of Labor Centennial Symposium, Chicago, May 1979.
- ""The Best Men in the Order": Women in the Knights of Labor," Canadian Historical Association, Toronto, Ontario, June 1978.
- "Women at Work," Slide Presentation and Paper, Spotlight on Women, North Carolina Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, November 1978.
- "Ella Innes, A Romance of the Big Lockout: Or, How a Knight Won the Prize,' The Knights of Labor Ideology," Rhode Island Labor History Society, Providence, Rhode Island, March 1977.
- "The Social Impact of the Power Loom on American Carpet Manufacture," Society for the History of Technology, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 1976.
- "Then Strive for Your Rights, Ŏh Sisters Dear,"The Carpet Weavers' Strike and the Knights of Labor," Berkshire Conference on Women's History Bryn Mawyr College, June 1976.

#### Comments

- "The Regulatory State in Twentieth Century America," History Graduate Society Conference, University of Illinois at Chicago, November 2011.
- "Reform and Immigration in Chicago: Hull House Alumnae in Action," Newberry Library Seminar on Women and Gender, November 2010.
- "Morality and the State," Second Annual Chicago Graduate Student History Conference, University of Illinois at Chicago, April 4, 2009.
- "Mapping Women Workers Across the Global South," Newberry Library Seminar on Gender and Women's History, September 26, 2008.
- "Susan Porter Benson and the History of Consumer Culture," Labouring Feminisms and Feminist Working Class History, University of Toronto, September 29-October 2, 2005.
- "Creating the "Cost of Living": Consumption and American Political Economy," American Historical Association, Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, January 2-5, 2003.
- "Nutrition and the Chicken," The Chicken: Its Biological, Social, Cultural, and Industrial History," Yale University, May 17-19, 2002.
- "Labor Feminism in Comparative Perspective," Southern Labor Studies Conference, Miami Beach, Florida, April 26-28, 2002.
- "Local Knowledges," Covering New Ground: Explorations in Humanities Research, The Institute for the Humanities, University of Illinois at Chicago, February 22-23, 2001.
- Book Session: Judith Stein, *Running Steel, Running America: Race, Economic Policy, and the Decline of Liberalism*, Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Pittsburgh, PA, October 26-29, 2000.
- "From the Ground Up: Community History Research and Programming, Oral History Association Annual Meeting, Durham, NC, October 11-15, 2000.
- "Gender, Class and Consumption in the Twentieth Century United States," Fifth Southern Conference on Women's History, Richmond, VA, June 15-17, 2000.
- Southern Conference on Women's History, Richmond, VA, June 15-17, 2000. "Working Class Women and Consumer Culture," Berkshire Conference on Women's History, Chapel Hill, NC, June 20-23, 1998.
- "Gender, Race, and the Making of Working Class Cultures," Tenth Southern Labor Studies Conference, Williamsburg, VA, September 25-28, 1997.

- "Abundance or Scarcity in the 'Golden Land'": Conflicts Within Working Class Consumption, American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Kansas City, November 1996.
- "Sexual Boundaries and Transgressions," Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA, April 1993.
- "Citizens, Consumers, and Community-Based Unionism," Southern Labor Studies Association, Atlanta, 1991.
- "Gender and Culture in Working-Class History," American Historical Association, Annual Meeting, Cincinnati, 1988.

#### Public Lectures

"School Lunch Politics," American Nutrition Association, September 23, 2010.

"School Lunch Politics," Jane Addams Hull House, Rethinking Lunch Series, March 2009.

"Elizabeth Balanoff and Oral History," Roosevelt University, October 2006.

"History of the National School Lunch Program," Evanston, IL League of Women Voters, September 2006.

## **HONORS AND GRANTS**

Fellowship, Institute for the Humanities, University of Illinois at Chicago, 2010-2011. Fellowship, Institute for the Humanities, University of Illinois at Chicago, 2001-02. Fellowship, Charles Warren Center for Studies in American History, Harvard University, 1998-99.

Research Award, Department of History, East Carolina University, 1998.

Research Award, College of Arts and Sciences, East Carolina University, 1998.

Summer Research Travel Award, East Carolina University, 1995.

Summer Research Fellowship, East Carolina University, 1993.

Brewster Scholar Award, Department of History, East Carolina University, 1992.

History Fellowship, American Association of University Women, 1991-92.

Rockefeller Humanist-in-Residence Fellowship, Duke University-University of North Carolina Center for Research on Women, 1989-90.

Kerr History Prize, Best Article, New York History, 1981.

Project Grant, "Women at Work," A Traveling Exhibition and Public Education Project, New York Council for the Humanities, 1976.

Planning Grant, "Women at Work," Sidney Hillman Foundation, 1976.

#### UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

University of Illinois Press Advisory Board member.
UIC College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Executive Committee.
UIC College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Task Force on Academic
Priorities, Vice-chair, Department of History Graduate Advisory
Committee.
Taft Prize Committee (Best book in Labor History), Labor and Working
Class History Association.
UIC College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Executive Committee Chair
Caterpillar and Kabbes Research Awards Committee, Honors College,
UIC.

2008- 2006-07	Graduate Advisory Committee, UIC Department of History. UIC College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Executive Committee. Rhodes Scholarship Interview Committee, LAS Hearing Officer,
2005-2006	Student Grievance, Honors College Advisor. UIC Chancellor's Greivance Committee, UIC Graduate College Fulbright Review Panel, UIC All-Campus Promotion and Tenure Committee, Honors College Advisor
2002-2004	UIC Faculty Senate,
2003-	UIC Honors College Fellow and advisor.
2001-2004	American Historical Association, Herbert Feis Prize Committee.
1992-2000	East Carolina University, Department of History, Curriculum
	Committee.
1992-2000	East Carolina University, Women's Studies Program Executive Committee.
1992-1997	North Carolina History Day, Judge.
1992-1994	Organization of American Historians, Frederick Jackson Turner Prize Committee.

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

Graduate Colloquium in U.S. History, Teaching American History Grant, High School Teachers, Power and Politics in US Women's History; Food and Hunger in Historical Perspective; Graduate Research Seminar; Introduction to Graduate Study in History; History of Women in American Society; Feminism and Reform in United States History; U.S. Labor History; Comparative Women's History, United States and Mexico; Occupational Cultures (Folklore); Women and Consumerism in American History (American Studies); Women and Work in America; Social History of United States in the Twentieth Century; Survey of American History to 1865 and 1865 to Present (Regular and Honors sections); Immigration in American History; Ethnicity in American Life; The City in American History.

### **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

2007- 2003-2006	Member, Newberry Library Gender and Women Seminar. Member, Social Action Advisory Committee, Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation.
2000-2002	Convener, Gender and History Reading Group, Chicago, IL.
1996-2000	North Carolina Humanities Council, Member and Chair, Program Committee, 1996-2000.
1984-1993	Planned Parenthood of Orange and Durham Counties, Board of Director (President 1991-93).
1984-1990	Human Services Advisory Commission, Carrboro, North Carolina.
1989-1990	Institute for Southern Studies, Board of Directors.
1988	Chapel Hill-Carrboro Schools, Task Force on Potential Move of Sixth Graders to Junior High, Chair.
1981-1982	Chapel Hill Cooperative Pre-School, President of the Board.
1980-1981	Chapel of the Cross Child Care Center, Board of Directors.
1978-1982	Critical Perspectives, a Forum on Contemporary Politics and Culture, Founder and Convener.