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Education

Ph.D. U. of California, Berkeley, American History, 1986; distinction on qualifying exams
M.A. University of California, Berkeley, 1981
A.B. Princeton University, History, *magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa

Selected Publications

Book contract, *Saving America's Cities: Ed Logue and the Struggle to Renew Urban America in the Suburban Age*, Farrar, Straus & Giroux; research supported by grants from Harvard's Real Estate Academic Initiative (GSD) and Taubman Center for State & Local Govt/Rappaport Institute for Greater Boston (JFK School).

"Re-viewing the Twentieth Century through a U.S. Catholic Lens," in *Catholicism in the Twentieth Century*, ed. by R. Scott Appleby and Kathleen Cummings, Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, Notre Dame and Cornell University Press, forthcoming 2010.

"Is It Time for Another Round of Consumer Protection? The Lessons of Twentieth-Century U.S. History," *Journal of Consumer Affairs*, forthcoming Spring 2010.

"An Historian's Perspective on Ecological Urbanism," essay in volume produced from Ecological Urbanism Conference, Harvard Graduate School of Design, forthcoming 2010.

The American Pageant (David M. Kennedy, Lizabeth A. Cohen), Houghton Mifflin (now Cengage Learning), 11th ed. 1998, 12th ed. 2002, 13th ed. 2006, 14th ed. 2010, college and AP US History text.

"A Historian's Reflection on the Unsustainable American State," in *The Unsustainable American State*, ed. by Lawrence Jacobs and Desmond King, Oxford University Press, 2009.

"Team of Rivals Redux," *American Prospect*, April 2009.

"Hearing Echoes of 1933 in 2009," *Boston Herald*, January 18, 2009.

Making a New Deal: Industrial Workers in Chicago, 1919-1939 (Cambridge U. Press, **2nd edition,** 2008 with new introduction; 1st edition, 1990; pbk, 1992). Received Bancroft Prize of Columbia U., finalist for Pulitzer, Philip Taft Labor History Award of Cornell U., and Superior Achievement Award of Illinois State Historical Society. Symposium on *Making a New Deal* in journal *Labor History*, Fall 1991.

"Buying into Downtown Revival: The Centrality of Retail to Postwar Urban Renewal in American Cities," *Annals of the AAPSS* 605 (May 2007).

"Escaping Steigerwald's 'Plastic Cages': Consumers and Subjects and Objects in Modern Capitalism," response to historiographical essay, "All Hail the Republic of Choice: Consumer History as Contemporary Thought," *Journal of American History*, September 2006.

"A Historian's Labor in the Built Environment," *Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians*, March 2006.
"The Consumers Republic: An American Model for the World after 1945," in Garon and MacLachlan, eds., *The Ambivalent Consumer: Questioning Consumption in East Asia and the West* (Cornell U., 2006).

Essay on architectural historian and critic Esther McCoy, *Notable American Women*, Susan Ware, ed., Harvard University Press, 2005.

"Voting Alone," part of Symposium on the 2004 election in *American Prospect*, December 2004.

"Conversation with Lizabeth Cohen," (Oral History Interview), *Journal of Urban History*, January 2004.

A Consumers' Republic: The Politics of Mass Consumption in Postwar America (Knopf, 2003; Vintage, 2004); supported by fellowships from NEH, ACLS, Guggenheim Foundation, and Radcliffe Institute of Advanced Study. *Booklist* starred review and Editor's Choice Selection, 2003; named one of nine best non-fiction books of 2003 by *Boston Globe*; Symposia on *A Consumers' Republic* in History Dept, Univ. of Pennsylvania (2003) and at Social Science History Association (2003); subject of daily scholarly exchange, week of Feb. 17, 2003, on *Slate* (on-line journal).

"Is There An Urban History of Consumption?" *Journal of Urban History*, January 2003.

"Trying to Buy Our Way Out of Trouble," *New York Times*, op-ed, December 11, 2002.

"Buying Out: How the Growth of Mass Consumption Markets in the Postwar Era Privatized Metropolitan America," in Ghent Urban Studies Team, *Post Ex Sub Dis: Fragmentation of the City*, 010 Publ., 2002.

"Citizens and Consumers in the Century of Mass Consumption," in Sitkoff, ed., *Making Sense of the Twentieth Century*, Oxford U. Press, 2000; reprinted in Daunton & Hilton, eds., *Material Politics, States, and Consumer Political Cultures*, Burg Publishers, 2001.

"From Town Center to Shopping Center: The Reconfiguration of Community Marketplaces in Postwar America," *American Historical Review*, Vol. 101, no. 4 (October 1996); awarded prizes for best article by Urban History Association and for journal article that advances new perspectives from ABC-CLIO, *America: History & Life*. Reprinted in Horowitz & Mohun, *Gender, Consumption, and Technology*, U. Press of Virginia, 1998; Behrens & Rosen, *Writing and Reading Across the Curriculum*, Longman, 2005, 2007; Blaszczyk & Scranton, *Major Problems in American Business*, Hougton Mifflin, 2006.

"The New Deal State and Citizen Consumers," in Strasser, McGovern, and Judt, eds., *The Development of Twentieth-Century Consumer Society*, German Historical Institute & Cambridge University Press, 1998.

"Struggling on the Home Front: The Personal, the Political, and Working-Class Women," *Radical History Review* 64, Winter 1996.

"A Middle-Class Utopia? The American Suburban Home in the 1950s," in *Making Choices: A New Perspective on the History of Domestic Life in Illinois*, Illinois State Museum, 1995.

"Gender," 20,000 word essay in *Encyclopedia of the United States in the Twentieth Century*, edited by Stanley Kutler, Macmillan, 1995.

"The Class Experience of Mass Consumption: Workers as Consumers in Interwar America," in *The Power of Culture*, edited by Richard Wightman Fox and T. Jackson Lears, University of Chicago, 1993.

"Encountering Mass Culture at the Grassroots: The Experiences of Chicago Workers in the 1920s," *American Quarterly* 41 (March 1989). Awarded Constance Roarke Prize of American Studies Association for best article in Volume 41; reprinted in two essay collections.

"Embellishing a Life of Labor: An Interpretation of the Material Culture of American Working-class Homes, 1885-1915," *Journal of American Culture* 3 (Winter 1980); reprinted in three collections of essays.

Professional Activities

Selected Public Lectures, upcoming: Keynote, Second Annual Boston University Graduate Student American Political History Conference, "Expanding the Political: Cultural Politics and the Politics of Culture," April 2009; OAH Session "State of the Field: Social and Cultural History," April 2010; Keynote Speaker, Urban History Association Annual Lunch, OAH, "Is There Anything New to Say About Urban Renewal?" April 2010; Lecture for American Studies Program, American University of Beirut, March 2010.

Recent years: "Using the Current Economic Crisis to Teach United States History," Dallas, November 2009; "Living with Economic Crisis: A Historical View," Keynote, "Film, Culture, History," international film festival, Kent State University, October 2009; "A Precarious Balance: Public and Private Interests and Resources in Revitalizing Postwar American Cities," SACRPH Conference, October 2009; Panel on *A New Literary History of America*, Harvard Humanities Center, September 2009; "Consuming America: What Have We Done to Ourselves?" Forum, Fordham Center on Religion & Culture, September 2009; "Is It Time for Another Round of Consumer Protection? The Lessons of 20th Century U.S. History," Colston E. Warne Keynote Lecture, American Council of Consumer Interests Annual Meeting, July 2009; Rundell Lecture in American History, University of Maryland, May 2009; "Edward J. Logue and the Renewal of American Cities after World War II," Urban History Seminar, Chicago History Museum, April 2009; "Liberalism in the Postwar City: Public and Private Power in Urban Renewal," Conference on Postwar Liberalism, Boston University, April 2009; "Paul Rudolph and the Rise and Fall of Urban Renewal," Paul Rudolph Conference, Yale School of Archictecture, January 2009; Concluding Commentator, Conference "The Global 1970s," Harvard University, October 2008; "Catholicism in the Twentieth Century," Keynote at Cushwa Center, Notre Dame Conference, April 2008; Keynote, Business History Annual Meeting (April 2008); Keynote Address, German American Studies Association, Historical Section, Annual Meeting (February 2008); Harmsworth Inaugural Lecture, Oxford University (November 2007); other lectures in the UK as Harmsworth Professor, 2007-8 at Cambridge University, University of Leeds, University of London, Warwick University, Queens University, Belfast; "American Cities in the Age of Suburbia: A New Look at Postwar Urban Renewal," Annual W. Bruce Lincoln Lecture, Northern Illinois University (2006); Keynote Lecture, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire (2006); "Buying into Downtown Revival: The Centrality of Retail to Postwar Urban Renewal in American Cities," Conference, University of Wisconsin-Madison (2006); "The Life of Edward J. Logue and the Rebuilding of America's Cities after WWII," Annual Russel B. Swenson Lecture, Brigham Young Univ. (2006); "Integrating Mass Consumption into 20th Century US History," Virginia Beach Public Schools Teaching American History Conference, Texas Community College Teachers Association, AP National Conference (2005-6); Alfred E. Golz Memorial Lecture, Bowdoin College (2005); "A Marketplace of Goods and Ideas: Boston's Faneuil Hall from the 18th to the 20th Century," University of Miami, University of Kentucky, and Yale University Seminar on Markets (2005); Keynote, History & Social Sciences Conference, Boise Public Schools (2004); Conference, "Consumer

Culture and Its Discontents," Tokyo (2004); Speaker, Yale School of Architecture (2003); Speaker, New-York Historical Society (2003); Distinguished Lecturer, Series on Race and 20th c. Political Development, University of Michigan (2003); Speaker, 92 St. Y (2003); Lecturer, Chicago Humanities Festival (2003); Paul V. McNutt Lecturer, University of Indiana (2002); Keynote, New Jersey Historical Commission Annual Meeting (2000); Conference "Post Ex Sub Dis: Fragmentations of the City Conference, Brussels (2000); Keynote, Australian and New Zealand American Studies Association, Sydney (2000); Conference "Material Politics: State, Consumers an Political Cultures, Cambridge, England (1999); Keynote, Kyoto American Studies Summer Seminar, Japan (1998); Social History Conference, University of Chicago (1998); Urban History Seminar, Chicago Historical Society (1997); Hagley Museum and Library (1997); Louis Faugeres Bishop III Lecture, Rutgers (1996); American Studies Conference, University of Washington, Seattle (1996); Center for the Humanities, Wesleyan (1995); Conference Keynote, Youngstown State University (1995); Historians of Greater Cleveland (1995); George Washington University (1995); Vassar College (1995); Chautauqua Institution (1994).

Harold Vyvyan Harmsworth Professor of American History, Oxford University, 2007-8 (one US Historian selected annually to teach at Oxford since 1920s)

President, Urban History Association, 2001

Editorial Board Service: *Journal of American History, Reviews in American History, International Labor and Working Class History, Journal of Urban History, History News Network*

Board Member Service: Urban History Association, Labor and Working-Class History Association, Immigration History Society, American Studies Association

Conference Presentations, including: American Historical Association, American Sociological Association, American Studies Association, Berkshire Conference in Women's History, Industrial Relations Research Association, Organization of American Historians, Social Science History Association, Society of American City and Regional Planning History, Urban History Association

Other Professional Service: Visiting Committees for History Departments, Brown University and Columbia University; Chair, Jury for Pulitzer Prize in History, 2006; Advisor, new Russian-American Center for American Studies, Russian State Humanities Univ., 2006; Exec. Bd. Member, Society of American Historians, 2005-; Advisory Council for History Dept., Princeton Univ., 2003-; Advisor, new American Studies Center, American Univ. of Beirut, 2004, 2010; Advisor Member of Commissioning Panel, Cultures of Consumption Programme, ESRC, England, 2002; Distinguished Lecturer, Organization of American Historians, 2001-2009; Chair, Parkman Prize Committee, Society of American Historians, 2001; Co-Chair, Search Committee for *JAH* Editor; Nominating Committees for American Historical Association, Urban History Association, and Immigration History Association; Saloutos Prize Committee, Immigration History Association; Program Committees, Organization of American Historians and Berkshire Conference.

Publishing: Advisory Board Member, *Encyclopedia of American Urban History*, Sage, David Goldfield, ed.; History of Am. Thought & Culture Series, University of Wisconsin Press, Paul Boyer, ed.; Debating 20th Century America Series, Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, James Patterson, ed.
Consulting Editor, American History, Hill & Wang Publishers, 1994-97; Assoc. Editor, *Dictionary of American History*, Scribners, Stanley Kutler, ed.; reviewer of manuscripts for many university presses and journals

Teacher Workshops: University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire; Fort Worth, TX; College Board Regional AP

Workshop; Virginia Beach, VA; Columbus, OH; Richmond, VA; Boston, MA; Primary Source, Watertown, MA; Salem State College, Salem, MA; South Shore Educational Collaborative, MA.

Museum and Other Public History Service: Jane Addams-Hull House Museum, Artemas-Ward House, New-York Historical Society, Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania, National Museum of American History; Chicago Historical Society, Lower East Side Tenement House Museum, Illinois State Museum, numerous film and radio documentaries.

Harvard University, Current Service: Chair, Department of History; Co-Chair, Common Spaces Steering Committee; Administrative Committee member: Charles Warrren Center, History of American Civilization Graduate Program, Ph.D. Program in Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Urban Planning, Center for History & Economics, GSD's Real Estate Academic Initiative, Center for American Political Studies; FAS Standing Committee on the Status of Women; Working Group on Arts & Humanities (to recommend budget cuts); Tanner Lectures Committee; Social Science Chairs Council; History Department Planning Committee.

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