

## *CURRICULUM VITAE*

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### EDUCATION

- Ph.D. (History), Johns Hopkins University, 1970
- B.A. (History), Columbia University, 1964

### ACADEMIC POSITIONS HELD

- University of Delaware, Henry Clay Reed Professor of History, 1994-present
- University of Delaware, Professor of History, 1985-1994
- Harvard University, Visiting Professor of History, Spring, 1985
- University of New Mexico, Associate Professor of History, 1976-85
- University of Wisconsin-Madison, Assistant Professor of History, 1969-75
- University of California-Davis, Lecturer in History, 1968-69

PUBLICATIONS

*BOOKS*

- A Sphinx on the American Land: The Nineteenth-Century South in Comparative Perspective* (Louisiana State University Press, 2003)
- American Slavery: 1619-1877* (Hill & Wang, 1993; paperback, 1994; revised ed., 2003; Penguin paperback, England, 1995; French transl., Belin, 1998)
- Unfree Labor: American Slavery and Russian Serfdom* (Harvard University Press, 1987; paperback, 1990)
- First Freedom: The Responses of Alabama's Blacks to Emancipation and Reconstruction* (Greenwood Press, 1972; paperback with new preface, University of Alabama Press, 2008)

*ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS*

- “Comparative Perspectives on Emancipation in the U. S. South: Reconstruction, Radicalism, and Russia,” *Journal of the Civil War Era*, 89 (June, 2012), 203-32
- “The South and the World,” *Journal of Southern History*, 75 (August, 2009), 565-80
- “Whiteness Studies,” in two parts: “I: the New History of Race in America” (reprint of June, 2002 *JAH* article) and “II: An Update on the New History of Race in America” (new article), *Journal de la Société des Américanistes*, 95-1 (2009), 118-43 (Pt. I), and 144-63 (Pt. II)
- “L’Approche comparée de l’étude de l’esclavage: Problèmes et perspectives,” in Myriam Cottias *et al.*, eds., *Esclavage et dépendances serviles: Histoire comparée* (L’Harmattan, 2006), 283-301
- “Eugene D. Genovese: Historian of Slavery,” *Radical History Review*, 88 (winter, 2004), 52-67
- “Whiteness Studies: The New History of Race in America,” *Journal of American History*, 89 (June, 2002), 154-73
- “The American South in Comparative Perspective,” in Enrico Dal Lago and Rick Halpern, eds., *The American South and the Italian Mezzogiorno: Essays in Comparative History* (Palgrave, 2002), 26-59

- “Foreword” to Aleksandr Nikitenko, *Up from Serfdom: My Childhood and Youth in Russia: 1804-1824*, transl. Helen Saltz Jacobson (Yale University Press, 2001), ix-xx, 207-09
- “After Serfdom: Russian Emancipation in Comparative Perspective,” in Stanley L. Engerman, ed., *Terms of Labor: Slavery, Serfdom, and Free Labor* (Stanford University Press, 1999), 87-115, 293-309
- “Slavery and Freedom in the Civil War South,” in James M. McPherson and William J. Cooper, Jr., eds., *Writing the Civil War: The Quest to Understand* (University of South Carolina Press, 1998), 241-60, 335-47
- “Slavery in United States History Textbooks,” *Journal of American History*, 84 (March, 1998), 1425-38
- “Some Controversial Questions Concerning Nineteenth-Century Emancipation from Slavery and Serfdom,” in M. L. Bush, ed., *Serfdom and Slavery: Studies in Legal Bondage* (Longman, 1996), 42-67
- “The Tragic Era? Interpreting Southern Reconstruction in Comparative Perspective,” in Frank McGlynn and Seymour Drescher, eds., *The Meaning of Freedom: Economics, Politics, and Culture after Slavery* (University of Pittsburgh Press, 1992), 291-311
- “Some Thoughts on Emancipation in Comparative Perspective: Russia and the United States South,” *Slavery and Abolition*, 11 (December, 1990), 351-67
- “Die südstaatliche Sklaverei vor dem amerikanischen Bürgerkrieg und die Historiker. Zur Debatte 1959-1988,” *Geschichte und Gesellschaft*, 16 (spring, 1990), 161-86
- “Some Recent Works on Slavery Outside the United States: An American Perspective,” *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, 28 (October, 1986), 767-77
- “American Historians and Antebellum Southern Slavery, 1959-1984,” in William J. Cooper, Jr., et al., eds., *A Master's Due: Essays in Honor of David Herbert Donald* (Louisiana State University Press, 1985), 87-111
- “Reevaluating the Antebellum Slave Community: A Comparative Perspective,” *Journal of American History*, 70 (December, 1983), 579-601
- “Comparing American History,” *Reviews in American History*, 10 (December, 1982), 64-81
- “In Defense of Servitude: American Proslavery and Russian Proserfdom Arguments, 1760-1860,” *American Historical Review*, 85 (October, 1980), 809-827
- “Scalawags, Carpetbaggers, and Reconstruction: A Quantitative Look at Southern Congressional Politics, 1868-1872,” *Journal of Southern History*, 45 (February, 1979), 63-76

- "The Process of Confrontation: Patterns of Resistance to Bondage in Nineteenth-Century Russia and the United States," *Journal of Social History*, 11 (summer, 1978), 457-90
- "Social Reconstruction," Ch. 22 in *The Study of American History* (Dushkin Publishing Group, Inc., 1974), II, 2-21
- "The Business Press and Reconstruction, 1865-1868," *Journal of Southern History*, 33 (May, 1967), 183-96

#### *REVIEW ESSAYS AND COMMENTS*

- "Complicating the Big Picture: Robin Blackburn's *The American Crucible*," *Slavery and Abolition*, 33 (December, 2012), 611-19
- "Communities in Revolt: A Comment" (on three articles dealing with the Nat Turner revolt), *Journal of the Early Republic*, 27 (winter, 2007), 721-28
- "Putting New World Slavery in Perspective" (review of David Brion Davis, *Inhuman Bondage: The Rise and Fall of Slavery in the New World*), *Slavery & Abolition*, 28 (August, 2007), 277-88
- "Variations of Slavery in the Atlantic World" (Introduction to Forum on "Slaveries in the Atlantic World"), *William and Mary Quarterly*, 59 (July 2002), 551-54
- "The Big Picture: A Comment on David Brion Davis's 'Looking at Slavery from Broader Perspectives,'" *American Historical Review*, 105 (April, 2000), 467-71
- "The World the Historians Made: Peter Wood's *Black Majority* in Historiographical Perspective," *South Carolina Historical Magazine*, 100 (October, 1999), 368-78
- "*Africans in America: America's Journey Through Slavery*: A Review," in *AHA Perspectives*, 37 (April 1999), 41-44
- "The Variable Institution" (review of William Dusenberre, *Them Dark Days: Slavery in the American Rice Swamps*, Patricia Morton, ed., *Discovering the Women in Slavery: Emancipating Perspectives on the American Past*, and Thomas D. Morris, *Southern Slavery and the Law, 1619-1860*) in *Journal of American Ethnic History*, 18 (winter, 1999), 111-21
- "Comment on *The First Slave (and Why He Matters)* by Jonathan Bush," in *Cardozo Law Review*, 18 (November, 1996), 631-33
- "Class Consciousness" (review of Clarence E. Walker, *Deromanticizing Black History: Critical Essays and Reappraisals*), in *Reviews in American History*, 20 (December, 1992), 585-90

- "More Time on the Cross? An Evaluation of Robert William Fogel's Without Consent or Contract,"* in *Journal of Southern History*, 58 (August, 1992), 491-502
- "Commentary on Steven Hahn's 'Emancipation and the Development of Capitalist Agriculture: The South in Comparative Perspective,'"* in Kees Gispén, ed., *What Made the South Different?* (University Press of Mississippi, 1990), 88-96, 171-72
- "Race, Slavery, and History"* (review of John Hope Franklin, *Race and Slavery: Selected Essays, 1938-1988*, and Peter J. Parish, *Slavery: History and Historians*), in *Reviews in American History*, 18 (December, 1990), 466-72
- "The Slaving Business"* (review of James A. Rawley, *The Transatlantic Slave Trade: A History*), in *Reviews in American History*, 10 (June, 1982), 173-76
- "Race, Class, and Poverty in the Post-Civil War South"* (review of Jay R. Mandle, *The Roots of Black Poverty: The Southern Plantation Economy after the Civil War*, Roger L. Ransom and Richard Sutch, *One Kind of Freedom: The Economic Consequences of Emancipation*, and Jonathan M. Wiener, *Social Origins of the New South: Alabama, 1860-1885*), in *Reviews in American History*, 7 (December, 1979), 515-26
- "The Sociologist as Southern Historian"* (review of Edgar T. Thompson, *Plantation Societies, Race Relations, and the South: The Regimentation of Populations*), in *Reviews in American History*, 5 (March, 1977), 21-27
- "Toward a Reinterpretation of Slavery"* (review of Robert William Fogel and Stanley L. Engerman, *Time on the Cross: The Economics of American Negro Slavery*), in *Journal of Social History*, 9 (fall, 1975), 99-113
- "The Myth of Radical Reconstruction"* (review of Michael Les Benedict, *A Compromise of Principle: Congressional Republicans and Reconstruction, 1863-1869*), in *Reviews in American History*, 3 (June, 1975), 228-35

#### *ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES*

- "Slavery in the United States,"* in *Microsoft Encarta Africana* (1999), also available in print version in Kwame Anthony Appiah and Henry Louis Gates, eds, *Africana: The Encyclopedia of the African and African American Experience* (Basic Civitas Books, 1999), 5,800 words
- "Slavery in the United States,"* in *Microsoft Encarta 97 Encyclopedia* (1996), 3,000 words
- "Reconstruction,"* in *Microsoft Encarta 97 Encyclopedia* (1996), 3,000 words
- "The Institution of Slavery,"* in Eric Foner and John A. Garraty, eds., *The Reader's Companion to American History* (Houghton Mifflin, 1991), 990-92

## *BOOK REVIEWS*

-book reviews in the following journals:

*Agricultural History*  
*American Historical Review*  
*American Political Science Review*  
*Chronicle of Higher Education*  
*Civil War History*  
*Florida Historical Quarterly*  
*The Historian*  
*Georgia Historical Quarterly*  
*International Labor and Working-Class History*  
*Journal of American Ethnic History*  
*Journal of American History*  
*Journal of Ethnic Studies*  
*Journal of Interdisciplinary History*  
*Journal of Social History*  
*Journal of Southern History*  
*Journal of the Early Republic*  
*Los Angeles Times Book Review*  
*Maryland Historical Magazine*  
*New Mexico Historical Review*  
*New York Times Book Review*  
*North Carolina Historical Review*  
*Philadelphia Inquirer*  
*Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*  
*Russian History/Histoire Russe*  
*Russian Review*  
*Slavery and Abolition*  
*Social History*  
*Southern Studies*  
*Southwestern Historical Quarterly*  
*Texas Historical Quarterly*  
*Wall Street Journal*  
*Wisconsin Magazine of History*

## *PARTICIPATION AT PROFESSIONAL CONVENTIONS AND CONFERENCES*

### *PAPERS*

-“U. S. Emancipation in Historical Perspective,” Emancipation Symposium (Delaware Historical Society, Wilmington, April 2013)

- “The Other Emancipation of the 1860s: Freeing Russia’s Serfs,” keynote address at Illinois History Symposium on Slavery and Emancipation (Springfield, IL, March 2013)
- “The State of Southern History: The Nineteenth Century,” Southern Historical Association convention (Charlotte, NC, November 2010)
- “What Kind of Freedom? The Abolition of American Slavery and Russian Serfdom,” International Congress of Historical Sciences (Amsterdam, August 2010)
- “Emancipation in the U.S. South: A Comparative Perspective,” Symposium on the South and the World in the Civil War Era (Rice University, Houston, February 2009)
- “Revisiting Some Historical Debates on Slavery and Race,” Conference on Global Dimensions of Racism in the Modern World (University of Heidelberg, Germany, July 2007)
- “Whiteness Studies II: An Update on the New History of Race in America,” Conference on “Race”, “ethnie”, et “communauté” aux Amériques (Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, December 2006)
- “Unfree Labor and After: What Kind of Freedom?” Outreach Conference on Historical Juxtapositions: America and Russia in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries (University of California-Berkeley, May 2004)
- “Considering Reconstruction in Comparative Perspective,” Southern Intellectual History Circle conference (Philadelphia, February 2003)
- “Interpreting Southern Slavery: Recent Trends and Future Prospects,” Southern Historical Association convention (New Orleans, November 2001)
- “The American Civil War and Emancipation in Comparative Perspective,” Conference on Civil War Scholarship in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (Center for U.S. Studies, Stiftung Leucorea, Wittenberg, Germany, March 2001)
- “The World the Historians Made: *Black Majority* in Historiographical Context,” Conference on Slavery in Early South Carolina (University of South Carolina, Columbia, February 1999)
- “The American South in Comparative Perspective,” keynote address at Commonwealth Fund Conference on the Two Souths: Towards an Agenda for Comparative Study of the American South and the Italian Mezzogiorno (University College, London, January 1999)
- “After Serfdom: Russian Emancipation in Comparative Perspective,” Conference on Making of Modern Freedom (Washington University, St. Louis, October 1996)
- “The Comparative Approach to the Study of Slavery,” Conference on Les Dépendances Serviles (Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, June 1996)

- "Some Controversial Questions Concerning Nineteenth-Century Emancipation from Slavery and Serfdom," Conference on Slavery and Serfdom (University of Manchester, England, September 1994)
- "Emancipation, Change, and Continuity: Russia and the United States South," Southern Historical Association convention (Orlando, November 1993)
- "Women and Antebellum Plantation Slavery: Elizabeth Fox-Genovese's *Within the Plantation Household*," Southern Historical Association convention (New Orleans, November 1990)
- "Emancipation in Russia," Eighth Annual Presidential Forum: Emancipation in the United States, Russia, and Brazil (Mississippi State University, November 1988)
- "The Aftermath of Slavery: Tragedy and Transformation as Themes in Southern Reconstruction History," Conference on the Meaning of Freedom (University of Pittsburgh, Greensburg, PA, August, 1988)
- "Comparing Slave Societies: Problems and Prospects," Conference on Comparative Approaches to Social History (Northwestern University, Evanston, April 1986)
- "Reevaluating the Antebellum Slave Community: A Comparative Perspective," American Historical Association convention (San Francisco, December 1983)
- "In Defense of Servitude: A Comparison of American Proslavery and Russian Proserfdom Arguments, 1760-1860," American Historical Association convention (San Francisco, December 1978)
- "Reconstruction Considered as a Social Process: Alabama Blacks and Emancipation," Southern Historical Association convention (Hollywood, FL, November 1972)
- "The Negro Family in Alabama During Reconstruction," Pacific Coast Branch meeting of American Historical Association (Santa Clara, CA, August 1968)

*COMMENTS AND SESSIONS CHAIRED*

(\* = comment; \*\* = chair; \*\*\* = chair and comment)

- Southern Historical Association (November, 2012)\*
- Atlantic Emancipations Conference, Philadelphia (April, 2008)\*\*\*
- Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (July, 2006)\*\*
- Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (July, 2005)\*
- American Historical Association (January, 2004)\*
- Southern Historical Association (November, 2003)\*\*



- Organization of American Historians (April, 2003)\*\*
- Conference on Freedom, Race, and Bondage, Yale University (May, 2002)\*
- Social Science History Association, Pittsburgh (October, 2000)\*\*\*
- Conference on Manumission in the Atlantic World, College of Charleston (October, 2000)\*\*
- World 2000 Conference on Teaching World History and Geography, Austin (February, 2000)\*\*\*
- American Historical Association (January, 2000)\*\*
- Organization of American Historians (April, 1998)\*\*\*
- Southern Historical Association (November, 1996)\*
- Conference on New Directions in Carolina Lowcountry Studies, College of Charleston (May, 1996)\*\*
- Symposium on Comparative History of Black People in Diaspora, Michigan State University (April, 1995)\*\*
- Conference on Bondage, Freedom, and the Constitution, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York (February, 1995)\*\*\*
- Conference on Family and Slavery in the Americas, Montreal (October, 1994)\*\*\*
- Organization of American Historians (April, 1993)\*\*
- Conference on Slavery and Freedom in Comparative Perspective, University of California-San Diego (October, 1991)\*
- Fourth World Congress for Soviet and East European Studies, Harrogate, England (July, 1990)\*\*\*
- Chancellor's Symposium on Southern History, University of Mississippi (October, 1989)\*
- Organization of American Historians (April, 1989)\*
- American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (November, 1988)\*\*\*
- Southern Historical Association (November, 1988)\*
- Organization of American Historians (April, 1987)\*
- Western Social Science Association (April, 1979)\*\*\*
- Organization of American Historians (April, 1979)\*
- Organization of American Historians (April, 1976)\*
- Organization of American Historians (April, 1975)\*

*RECENT LECTURES (PARTIAL LIST)*

- German Historical Institute (Washington, D.C., November, 2013)
- Hartwick College (October, 2013)
- Union County (NJ) Community College (February 2010), OAH Distinguished Lecture
- University of Leiden (March, 2009): (Crayenburgh Lecture)
- University of Montreal (April, 2008)
- Missouri Southern State University (April, 2006): Jeans Lecture, OAH Distinguished Lecture
- Johns Hopkins University (March, 2006)
- Middle Tennessee State University (June, 2004): OAH Distinguished Lecture
- Salisbury University (March, 2004): OAH Distinguished Lecture
- University of Richmond (October, 2003): Thomas Berry Lecture
- University of Oxford (January, 2002)

- University of Cambridge: Visiting Mellon Scholar (January, 2002): three lectures
- NEH Summer Institute on Early Slave Cultures, Washington D.C. (June, 2000): three lectures
- Louisiana State University: Walter Lynwood Fleming Lectures (April, 2000): three lectures
- Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation, Monticello, VA (July, 1998)
- Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris (January, 1998): four lectures

### OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- President, Southern Historical Association, 2013-14
- Vice President and President-Elect, Southern Historical Association, 2012-13
- Member, Lincoln Prize Jury, 2013 (for book published in 2012)
- Member, Organization of American Historians Executive Board, 2011-14
- Co-Chair, Program Committee for 2011 Organization of American Historians Convention
- Member, Nominating Committee of Southern Historical Association, 2009-10 (Chair 2010)
- Member, 2006 Program Committee of Society for Historians of the Early American Republic
- Member, Editorial Board, *Journal of American History*, 2005-08
- Chair, Lincoln Prize Jury, 2005 (for book published in 2004)
- Professor in Charge, University of Delaware Weeklong Summer Institute for High School Teachers on Abraham Lincoln, the Problem of Slavery, and the Crisis of the Union, July 2004
- Organization of American Historians Distinguished Lecturer, 2002-
- Member, American Historical Association Nominating Committee, 2001-03
- Southern Historical Association's Representative to the National Coalition for History, 2000-12 and secretary of NCH governing board, 2008-12
- Member, Avery O. Craven Award Committee of Organization of American Historians, 2000 (for book published in 1999)
- Member, Editorial Advisory Board, *Slavery & Abolition*, 1998-
- Member, Frederick Douglass Book Prize Jury of Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition, 1999 (for book published in 1998)

- Chair, Frank L. and Harriet C. Owsley Award Committee of Southern Historical Association, 1999 (for book published in 1998)
- Chair, Charles S. Sydnor Award Committee of Southern Historical Association, 1998 (for book published in 1997)
- Member, Executive Council of Southern Historical Association, 1994-96
- Member, Program Committee for Symposium on Comparative History of Blacks in the Diaspora, Michigan State University, April, 1995
- Member, Program Committee for 1992 Southern Historical Association Convention
- Member, Binkley-Stephenson Award Committee of Organization of American Historians, 1989-91
- Member, Membership Committee of Southern Historical Association, 1979-80, 1987-88
- Consultant to National Endowment for the Humanities, 1977-
- Manuscript reviewer for publishers and professional journals

#### MAJOR FELLOWSHIPS

- Center for Advanced Study Fellowship, University of Delaware (1992-93)
- John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation (1979-80)
- National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for Independent Study and Research (1975-76)
- Charles Warren Center for Studies in American History, Harvard University (1975-76)
- National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship in Afro-American History (1971-72)
- Institute of Southern History, Johns Hopkins University (1971-72)

#### AWARDS AND HONORS

- Elected Member of Johns Hopkins Society of Scholars (2013)
- Elected Fellow of Society of American Historians (2007)

- Francis Alison Award (University of Delaware's highest faculty award for research, teaching, and service, 2002)
- National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi (University of Delaware chapter, 1996)
- Award for Outstanding Book on the Subject of Human Rights in North America (Gustavus Myers Center for the Study of Human Rights in North America), for *American Slavery* (1994)
- Avery O. Craven Award of the Organization of American Historians, for *Unfree Labor* (1988)
- Bancroft Prize in American History, given by Columbia University, for *Unfree Labor* (1988)
- Charles S. Sydnor Award of the Southern Historical Association, for *Unfree Labor* (1988)
- Binkley-Stephenson Award of the Organization of American Historians, for best article published in *Journal of American History* during 1983 (1984)
- Phi Beta Kappa (Johns Hopkins University, 1970)

#### TEACHING INTERESTS

- United States history: the South, slavery and emancipation, Civil War and Reconstruction, nineteenth-century
- comparative history of slavery, forced labor, and emancipation

#### CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECT

- a comparative study of emancipation in Russia and the United States (sequel to *Unfree Labor*)