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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley	Ph.D. 1985	History
University of Washington	M.A. 1980	History
Michigan State University	B.A. 1973	Philosophy

CONNECTICUT COLLEGE APPOINTMENTS

Chair, Department of History	2010-2011
Interim Director, Toor Cummings Center for International Studies and The Liberal Arts (CISLA)	2007-2008
Dean of International Studies	2001-2005
Brigida Pacchiani Ardenghi Professor	2001-
Director, Toor Cummings CISLA	1999-2005
Chair, Department of History	1996-1998
Professor of History	1996-2001
Associate Professor of History	1991-1996
Assistant Professor of History	1985-1991

OTHER ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Visiting Professor of History, The Umbra Institute, Perugia	Spring 2018
Visiting Professor of History, The Umbra Institute, Perugia	Spring 2016
Visiting Professor of History, John Cabot University, Rome	Fall 2005
Visiting Professor of History, American University in Cairo	Fall 1997
Visiting Associate Professor of History, Yale University	Fall 1995
Visiting Professor, Chalice of Repose Project, Missoula	1994-2002

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

National Humanities Center Fellow (NEH)	2006-2007
Member, School of Historical Studies, Institute for Advanced Study	1998-1999
Inaugural Nancy Batson Nisbet Rash Research Award, CT College	1996
J. William Fulbright Research Fellowship (Rome)	1993
Camargo Foundation Fellowship (Cassis, France)	1992
Mellon Visiting Faculty Fellow, History of Medicine, Yale	1990-1991
William Meredith Junior Faculty Prize, CT College	1990
NEH/Summer Institute Grant: Medicine and Western Civ, Columbia	1990

American Council of Learned Societies Grant-in-Aid	1989-1990
Andrew W. Mellon Faculty Fellowship in the Humanities, Harvard	1987-1988
Research Fellowship, Institute of Medieval Canon Law, UC Berkeley	1984-1985
Charlotte W. Newcombe Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson National Foundation	1983-1984
Regents Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley	1982-1983
Charles A. Kofoed Fellowship, University of California	1980-1981

BOOKS AND MONOGRAPHS

- The Death Ritual at Cluny in the Central Middle Ages / Le rituel de la mort à Cluny au moyen âge central*, *Disciplina Monastica* 9, *Fontes* 2. (Turnhout: Brepols, 2013).
- Anchoress and Abbess in Ninth-Century Saxony: The Lives of Liutbirga of Wendhausen and Hathumoda of Gandersheim*, translated, with an introduction and notes, *Medieval Texts in Translation* (Washington, D.C.: Catholic University of America Press, 2009).
- Christianizing Death: The Creation of a Ritual Process in Early Medieval Europe* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press 1990; paperback ed., 1996).
- A Medieval Latin Death Ritual: The Monastic Customaries of Bernard and Ulrich of Cluny*, *Studies in Music-Thanatology* 1 (Missoula, Montana: St. Dunstan's Press, 1993).
- Liturgy and Anthropology: A Monastic Death Ritual of the Eleventh Century*, *Studies in Music-Thanatology* 2 (Missoula, Montana; St. Dunstan's Press, 1993).

IN PROGRESS

The North American Southwest in the Middle Ages, 500-1500 CE (completed manuscript)

ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- “Liturgia és gyógyítás a kora középkori szentkultuszban. A lázcsillapító Szent Zsigmond-mise,” *Világtörténet* 8 (2018) 263-85. Hungarian translation of “Liturgy and Healing in an Early Medieval Saint's Cult,” *Traditio* 1994.
- “Studying Deep History Abroad,” *Common Knowledge* 23 (2017) 83-90. Contribution to “Symposium: In the Humanities Classroom,” organized by Caroline Walker Bynum.
- “Researching Rites for the Dying and the Dead,” in *Understanding Medieval Liturgy: Essays in Interpretation*, ed. Sarah Hamilton and Helen Gittos (London: Ashgate, 2016) 39-56.
- “The Early Growth of the Medieval Economy of Salvation in Latin Christianity,” in *Death in Jewish Life: Burial and Mourning Customs Among the Jews of Europe and Nearby Communities*, ed. Stefan Reif, Andreas Lehnardt and Avriel Bar-Levav, *Studia Judaica* 78 (Berlin: De Gruyter, 2014) 17-41.
- “Listening to the Monks of Cluny,” in *Why the Middle Ages Matter: Medieval Light on Modern Injustice*, ed. Celia Chazelle, Simon Doubleday, Felice Lifshitz and Amy Remensnyder (London: Routledge, 2012) 41-53.
- “Agius of Corvey’s Account of the Death of Hathumoda, First Abbess of Gandersheim, in 874,” in *Medieval Christianity in Practice*, ed. Miri Rubin (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2009) 53-58.

- “Birth and Death,” in *The Cambridge History of Christianity, vol. 3, Early Medieval Christianities, c. 600-c. 1100*, ed. Thomas F.X. Noble and Julia M.H. Smith (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008) 383-398.
- “Forgetting Hathumoda: The Afterlife of the First Abbess of Gandersheim,” in *History in the Comic Mode: Medieval Communities and the Matter of Person*, ed. Rachel Fulton and Bruce Holsinger (New York: Columbia University Press, 2007) 15-24.
- “Gratian’s Thirteenth Case and the Composition of the *Decretum*,” in *Proceedings of the Eleventh International Congress of Medieval Canon Law*, ed. Manlio Bellomo and Orazio Condorelli, Monumenta Iuris Canonici Series C: Subsidia 12 (Città del Vaticano: Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana, 2006), 119-129. French translation, *Revue de droit canonique* 51 (2001) 233-249.
- “Performing Death and Dying at Cluny in the High Middle Ages,” in *Practicing Catholic: Ritual, Body and Contestation in Catholic Faith*, ed. Joanna Ziegler, Bruce Morrill and Susan Rodgers (London: Palgrave, 2006) 43-52.
- “*Abbas* and *Rex*: Power and Authority in the Literature of Fleury, 987-1044,” in *The Experience of Power in Medieval Europe, 950-1350*, ed. Robert F. Berkhofer III, Alan Cooper and Adam J. Kosto (Aldershot: Ashgate, 2005) 197-212.
- “Death by Customary at Eleventh-Century Cluny,” in *From Dead of Night to End of Day: the Medieval Cluniac Customs/Du Coeur de la nuit à la fin du jour: les coutumes clunisiennes au Moyen Âge*, ed. Susan Boynton and Isabelle Cochelin, *Disciplina monastica* 3 (Turnhout: Brepols, 2005) 297-318.
- “Communities of the Living and the Dead in Late Antiquity and the Early Medieval West,” in *The Making of Christian Communities in Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages*, ed. Mark Williams (London: Wimbledon, 2004) 49-62.
- “Ariès, Philippe,” “Christian Death Rites” and “Theodosian Code,” in *MacMillan Encyclopedia of Death and Dying*, ed. Robert Kastenbaum (New York: Macmillan, 2003) 35-36, 163-66, 891-92.
- “Remembering the Dead at Cluniac Funerals in the High Middle Ages,” in *Erinnerungskultur im Bestattungsritual*, ed. Jörg Jarnut and Matthias Wemhoff (Munich: Fink, 2003) 177-190.
- “*Oblationes defunctorum*: The Poor and the Dead in Late Antiquity and the Early Medieval West,” in *Proceedings of the Tenth International Congress of Medieval Canon Law*, ed. Kenneth Pennington, Stanley Chodorow, and Keith H. Kendall, Monumenta Iuris Canonici, Series C: Subsidia 11 (Città del Vaticano: Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana, 2001) 245-267.
- “Sickness, Death and Dying: The Legacy of Barbarian Europe in Ritual and Practice,” in *Minorities and Barbarians in Medieval Life and Thought*, ed. Susan J. Ridyard and Robert G. Benson, *Sewanee Mediaeval Studies* 7 (Sewanee: Sewanee Mediaeval Colloquium, 1996) 223-233.
- “Curing Bodies—Curing Souls: Hrabanus Maurus, Medical Education, and the Clergy in Ninth-Century Francia,” *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences* 50 (1995) 230-252.
- “Liturgy and Healing in an Early Medieval Saint’s Cult: The Mass in *honore sancti Sigismundi* for the Cure of Fevers,” *Traditio: Studies in Ancient and Medieval History, Thought and Religion* 49 (1994) 23-43. Translated into Hungarian in *Világtörténet* 8 (2018) 263-85.
- “*Signa mortifera*: Death and Prognostication in Early Medieval Monastic Medicine,” *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* 67 (1993) 631-650.
- “Power and the Power to Heal: The Cult of Saint Sigismund of Burgundy,” *Early Medieval Europe* 2 (1993) 95-110.

- “Anointing the Sick and the Dying in Late Antiquity and the Early Medieval West,” in *Health, Disease and Healing in Medieval Culture*, ed. Sheila Campbell, Bert Hall, and David Klausner (New York: St. Martin's Press, 1992) 93-102.
- “History, Historians and the Peace of God,” in *The Peace of God: Social Violence and Religious Response in France around the Year 1000*, ed. Thomas Head and Richard Landes (Ithaca and London: Cornell University Press, 1992) 21-40.
- “*Bonus liber*: A Late Carolingian Clerical Manual from Lorsch (Bibliotheca Vaticana MS Pal. lat. 485),” in *The Two Laws: Studies in Medieval Legal History Dedicated to Stephan Kuttner*, ed. Laurent Mayali and Stephanie A. J. Tibbetts, Studies in Medieval and Early Modern Canon Law 1 (Washington, D.C.: Catholic University Press, 1990) 1-30.
- ‘The Peace of God in Modern Historiography: Perspectives and Trends,’ *Historical Reflections/Réflexions Historiques* 14 (1987) 385-404.
- “Pax Dei,” *World Encyclopedia of Peace*, ed. E. Laszlo and J. Y. Yoo (Oxford: Pergamon Press, 1986), vol. 2, pp. 168-71. R. Landes co-author. Updated for new edition 1996.
- “A Canonical Dossier on Monastic Rights in Leipzig, Universitätsbibliothek MS 276,” *Bulletin of Medieval Canon Law* 15 (1985) 1-17.

BOOK REVIEWS

- Andrew Shryock and Daniel Lord Smail, *Deep History: The Architecture of Past and Present* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2011), in *American Historical Review*, 118 (2013) 151-52.
- Lynda L. Coon, *Dark Age Bodies: Gender and Monastic Practice in Early Medieval Europe* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2011), in *Theology and Sexuality* 18 (2012) 165-66.
- Achim Thomas Hack, *Alter, Krankheit, Tod und Herrschaft im frühen Mittelalter: Das Beispiel der Karolinger*, Monographien zur Geschichte des Mittelalters 56 (Stuttgart: Anton Hiersemann, 2009), in *Speculum* 87 (2012) 224-26.
- Gustaf Sobin, *Ladder of Shadows: Reflecting on Medieval Vestige in Provence and Languedoc* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2009), in *Speculum* 85 (2010) 466-67.
- Cécile Treffort, *Mémoires carolingiennes: L'épithaphe entre célébration mémorielle, genre littéraire et manifeste politique (milieu VIII^e-début XI^e siècle)* (Rennes: Presses Universitaires de Rennes, 2007) in *Speculum* 84 (2009) 227-29.
- Eric Goldberg, *Struggle for Empire: Kingship and Conflict under Louis the German, 817-76* (Ithaca and London: Cornell University Press, 2006) in *Speculum* 82 (2007) 399-441.
- Yitzhak Hen and Rob Meens, eds., *The Bobbio Missal: Liturgy and Religious Culture in Merovingian Gaul*, Cambridge Studies in Palaeography and Codicology 11 (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004) in *Journal of English and Germanic Philology* 105 (2006) 345-47.
- Victoria Thompson, *Dying and Death in Later Anglo-Saxon England*, Anglo-Saxon Studies 4 (Woodbridge: Boydell and Brewer, 2004) in *The American Historical Review* 110 (2005) 1577.
- Patrick J. Geary, *The Myth of Nations: The Medieval Origins of Europe*, (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2002) in *Speculum* 79 (2005) 573-74.
- Iotsald von Saint-Claude, *Iotsald von Saint-Claude, Vita des Abtes Odilo von Cluny*, ed. Johannes Staub, Monumenta Germaniae Historica, Scriptorum rerum germanicarum in usum scholarum separatim editi 68 (Hannover: Hahnsche Buchhandlung, 1999); and

- Staub, Johannes, *Studien zu Iotsalds Vita des Abtes Odilo von Cluny*, Monumenta Germaniae Historica, Studien und Texte 24 (Hannover: Hahnsche Buchhandlung, 1999), in *Speculum* 77 (2002) 936-37.
- Dominique Barthélemy, *L'an mil et la paix de Dieu, La France chrétienne et féodale 980-1060*. (Paris: Fayard, 1999), in *Speculum* 77 (2002) 135-37.
- Karkov, Catherine, Kelley Wickham-Crowley, Bailey Young, eds. *Spaces of the Living and the Dead: An Archaeological Dialogue*, American Early Medieval Studies 3, (Oxford: Oxbow Press, 1999), in *The Medieval Review*, November 7, 2000: <http://www.hti.umich.edu/t/tmr/>.
- Darrell W. Amundsen, *Medicine, Society, and Faith in the Ancient and Medieval Worlds* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins UP, 1996), in *Early Science and Medicine* 4 (1999) 96-98.
- David Binski, *Medieval Death: Ritual and Representation* (Ithaca and London: Cornell UP, 1996), in *The Catholic Historical Review* 84 (1998) 75-76.
- David B. Ruderman, *Jewish Thought and Scientific Discovery in Early Modern Europe* (New Haven: Yale UP, 1995), in *Contemporary Jewry* 17 (1996) 184-86.
- Patrick J. Geary, *Living with the Dead in the Middle Ages* (Ithaca: Cornell UP, 1994), in *Journal of Social History* 30 (1996) 982-84.
- Éric Rebillard, *In hora mortis: Évolution de la pastorale chrétienne de la mort aux ive et ve siècles* (Rome: École Française de Rome, 1994), in *American Historical Review* 101 (1996) 1528.
- Jacques Paul and Mariano D'Alatri, *Salimbene da Parma, testimone e cronista* (Bibliotheca Seraphico-Cappuccina 41 (Rome: Istituto Storico dei Cappuccini, 1992), in *Mediaevistik: Internationale Zeitschrift für interdisziplinäre Mittelalterforschung* 7 (1994) 485-86.
- Luciano Orabona, *La chiesa dell'anno mille: Spiritualità tra politica ed economia nell'Europa medievale*, La Spiritualità cristiana, Storia e testi 6 (Roma: Edizioni Studium, 1988), in *Mediaevistik: Internationale Zeitschrift für interdisziplinäre Mittelalterforschung* 6 (1993) 366-67.
- Sharon Farmer, *Communities of Saint Martin; Legend and Ritual in Medieval Tours* (Ithaca: Cornell UP, 1991) in *The Catholic Historical Review* (1992) 633-34.
- Valerie I.J. Flint, *The Rise of Magic in Early Medieval Europe* (Princeton: Princeton UP, 1991), in *American Historical Review* 97 (1992) 830-31.
- Richard Kieckhefer, *Magic in the Middle Ages* (Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 1990), in *Studies in the Age of Chaucer* 13 (1991) 213-15.
- Henry Ansgar Kelly, *The Devil at Baptism: Ritual, Theology, and Drama* (Ithaca: Cornell UP, 1985), in *Speculum* 66 (1991) 654-56.
- Patricia Crone, *Meccan Trade and the Rise of Islam* (Princeton: Princeton UP, 1987), in *Journal of Asian Studies* 48 (1989) 575-76.
- De Sancti Hugonis Actis Liturgicis*, trascrizioni a cura di Mons. Mario Bocci, Documenti della chiesa volterrana 1 (Florence: Olschki, 1984), in *Speculum* 62 (1987) 107-9.
- Gerd Althoff, *Adels- und Königsfamilien im Spiegel ihrer Memorialüberlieferung: Studien zum Totengedenken der Billunger und Ottonen*, Münstersche Mittelalter-Schriften, 47 (Munich: Fink, 1984), in *Speculum* 62 (1987) 379-81.

OCCASIONAL ESSAYS

- ‘Learning and the Liberal Arts: Medieval Europe and Today, In Honorem Cora Lutz ’27,’ http://ctl.conncoll.edu/programs/ge/PDFs/Paxton_GE%20_2.pdf (2003).
- ‘Historian of the Ambiguous Core,’ *Humanities*, 20.2 (March/April 1999) pp. 7, 36-38 (on Caroline Walker Bynum, NEH Jefferson Lecturer in the Humanities, 1999).
- ‘From Life to Death,’ *Connecticut College Magazine*, May/June 1994, pp. 26-29 (on the Chalice of Repose Project).
- ‘The Humanities for a Small Planet,’ *Encompassing Columbus: Five Italian Lives* (Boston: New England Foundation for the Humanities, 1992), 113-21.
- ‘Artist of Experience,’ *California Monthly*, October 1982, pp. 8-9 (on historian Peter Brown).

UNPUBLISHED LECTURES AND CONFERENCE PAPERS

- Medieval Academy of America, Annual Meeting, 2019 “The Case for a Medieval American Southwest.”
- International Big History Association Conference, University of Amsterdam, 2016: “Teaching the Deep History of Italy in Situ.”
- International Big History Association Conference, Dominican University, 2014. “Medieval North America: The Middle Ages in Big Historical Perspective.”
- Loyola University, Chicago, 2012. Invited lecture: “Men, Women and the Medieval Economy of Salvation.”
- American Historical Association, Boston, 2011. Commentary on papers delivered in a session on “Emotions in Carolingian Europe.”
- New England Medieval Conference, University of Connecticut, Storrs, 2010. “Cluny and the Early Medieval Economy of Salvation.”
- Universities of Exeter and Kent, UK: AHRC-funded workshops on “Interpreting Medieval Liturgy, c. 500-1500, Text and Performance.” June, 2010 “How Did They Do It? Bernard’s Thick Description of the Death Ritual at Cluny;” January 2010 “Composing and Recording Latin Death Rituals, 6th-12th Centuries;” July 2009 “Mapping the Terrain between Manuscript and Performance in the Study of Medieval Latin Death Rituals.”
- Medieval Academy of America, Annual Meeting 2009. “Vocabularies of Grief and Consolation in Ninth-Century Francia.”
- Meredith College, Raleigh, NC, 2007. Invited lecture: “Living with the Dead in the Middle Ages and Today.”
- American Catholic Historical Association, Chicago, 2000. “Ritualizing Death in Early Medieval Europe.”
- New England Medieval Conference, “Prophets and Prophecy,” Boston University, 1999. “The Peace of God as a Mass Religious Movement.”
- International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, 1999. “Fear of Death and Dying in Late Antiquity and the Early Medieval West.”
- International Medieval Congress, University of Leeds, 1997. “Triumph over Death, Triumphant Death, and the Composition of the *Gesta martyrum Romanorum*.”
- Illinois Medieval Association, Loyola University, 1994. “Body and Soul: Metaphors of Healing in the Early Middle Ages.”
- Universities of Edinburgh, St Andrews, and Copenhagen, 1993. “Models of Healing and Understandings of Sickness in the Late Antique and Early Medieval West.”
- American Historical Association, Chicago, 1991. “Ritual and Christian Society in Carolingian and Post-Carolingian Europe.”

New England Medieval Conference, University of Vermont, 199.: “The Care of Bodies and the Cure of Souls: Spirit and Flesh in Medieval Monastic Medicine.”
 Harvard University, Center for Literary and Cultural Studies, 1988. “The Social Construction of Death in Early Medieval Europe.”
 International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, 1985. “Death in the Early Middle Ages: A Critique of Philippe Ariès.”
 Medieval Association of the Pacific, University of Southern California, 1985. “Monks, Tithes, and Pastoral Work in late Eleventh- and Early Twelfth-Century Canonical Collections.”

COURSES TAUGHT

Readings in Big History		2019
The Medieval American Southwest		2016-19
Perugia, Etruria and the Deep History of Italy	(Umbra Institute, Italy)	2016,18
The Middle Ages in Big Historical Perspective		2012-15
Later Middle Ages: Christians, Muslim and Jews		2012-19
Early Middle Ages: Romans, Barbarians and the Children of Abraham		2011-14
The Deep History of Humanity: From the Ice Age to the Present		2011
Big History: From the Big Bang to the Present		2009-19
Freshman Seminar: Magic, Medicine and Miracles		2008
Perspectives on Modern Global Society		2002-2013
Advanced Study Colloquium: New Approaches to World History		2001-2011
Senior Seminar: New Perspectives on Modern Global Society		2000-2007
Ancient and Medieval Western Civilization to 1300	(AU Cairo)	1997
Origins of Western Monasticism: Antony to Benedict	(AU Cairo)	1997
Text, Image and Event in Medieval Europe		1995-1996
Health and Mortality in Early Medieval Europe		1995
Graduate Seminar on the History of Medieval Law	(Yale)	1995
Senior Honors Seminar in History		1994, 2009-13
Freshman Seminar: Heresy and Dissent in Medieval Europe		1990-2004
Senior Seminar: Magic, Medicine and Miracles		1989-1993
Senior Seminar: Death, Dying and the Dead	(CC and JCU)	1987-2007
Freshman Seminar: Death, Dying and the Dead	(Harvard)	1988
High Medieval Europe 1000-1450	(CC and JCU)	1986-2018
Early Islamic History C.E. 500 - 1250		1986-2016
Senior Seminar: Medieval Spirituality		1986
Freshman Seminar: Fifth Century Athens		1986
Introduction to European History		1985-2014
The Birth of Europe C.E. 200 – 1000 1985-2009		
Senior Seminar: Medieval Spirituality	(UC Berkeley)	1984

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND POSITIONS

Member: Medieval Academy of America; American Historical Association; International Big History Association; Archaeology Southwest

Medieval Academy of America: Book Review editor, *Speculum*, 2006-12; Program Committee, Annual Meeting, 2010; Session Organizer, Annual Meeting, 2006: *Ceremony in Medieval Societies*.

American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, January 2011: Session organizer: *Emotions in Carolingian Europe*.

New England Medieval Conference: President, 2004-2005; Organizer and host of the 31st Annual New England Medieval Conference, CT College, October 16-17, 2004, under the title: *Ritual, Ceremony and Performance*; Vice-President, New England Medieval Conference 2003-2004; Executive Committee, New England Medieval Conference 2000-2002.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Sole External Reviewer: Department of History, St. Michaels College, Vermont, 2018.

Dissertation Committee: Yale University, 2007-2010.

Dissertation Defense Committee: Department of History, Fordham University, August 2000; Department of History, Boston College, November 2007.

Reviews of scholarship for tenure: Duke University, Denison University, Cornell University, University of Massachusetts, Amherst College, Santa Clara University; and for pre-tenure review: University of Utah.

Manuscript reviews of books for Penn State University Press, the University of Michigan Press, Cornell University Press, Notre Dame University Press, Scott, Foresman and Company; Catholic University Press; and of articles for *Speculum: The Journal of the Medieval Academy of America*, *French Historical Studies*, *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*, *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences*, and *Church History*; Review of a version of the GRE in European History.

Reviews of grant applications for fellowships at the National Humanities Center (2008 and 2009), for an Interdisciplinary Graduate Program at the University of Vienna on the Visual Elements of Christian Cult (2006), and for a research fellowship from the Wellcome Trust, London, on Calendars and Medieval Monastic Medicine (2006).

Connecticut College: Chair, Information Services Committee, (2008-9, 2011-15); President, Delta Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, Connecticut (2002-3). Vice-President (2001-2); Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Governance (1999-2000); Faculty Steering and Conference Committee (member 1993-94; Chair elect 1994-95; Chair 1995-96); Graduate Studies Committee; Educational Planning Committee; Grievance Committee (alternate); Summer Reading Committee (chair), Student Designed Interdisciplinary Majors Committee, Study Abroad Committee, Medical School Committee. Faculty Steering Committee for 'Options: Nuclear Weapons, Arms Control, and the National Interest', speaking regularly off campus on war and peace in the Christian tradition and Islam and the modern world, 1986-92.

Secretary, New London County Historical Society, 2002-4. Secretary, New London Landmarks, 2001-2; 2019-2020. Member, Board of Directors, New London County Historical Society and New London Landmarks, 2000-2. Co-Chair of the Coalition to Save the Fort Trumbull Neighborhood, 1999-2005.

Joint organizer of a group of younger scholars of late antique and medieval history in New England (the "Whistling Swans") who met regularly to discuss work in progress 1993-96.

Faculty consultant, New London/Norwich Humanities Alliance. Connecticut Humanities Council/Rockefeller Foundation project to develop a ninth-grade course in World History, Language and Culture, 1989-94. Co-director of two-week summer institutes for participating teachers in 1990, 1991, and 1992. Sole director of the 1993 Institute. Director, English Language Institute of the Amerika Haus, Stuttgart, West Germany, and Geschäftsführer, Hobby und Mieger GmbH, 1976.