

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. (United States History), University of Michigan, 1977
M.A. (United States History), University of Michigan, 1972
B.A. (Literature-History), Earlham College, Richmond, IN, 1971

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Director, Graduate Program in Archives and Records Management, Western Washington University (since 1994), and Professor of History (since 2002); Associate Professor (1994-2002).

- Administering graduate professional program, including recruitment, admission, and placement of graduate students.
- Teaching graduate courses:
 - History and Principles of Archives and Records Management
 - Collections Management and User Services
 - Arrangement and Description of Archives
 - Records and Information Management
 - Advanced Seminar in Archives and Records Management.
 - Practicum in Archives and Records Management
- Supervising student internships at institutions nation-wide.
- Directing M.A. theses and independent study projects.
- Assisting students with placement, career planning, and job applications.
- Teaching undergraduate courses:
 - American History to 1865
 - American History Since 1865
 - Civil War and Reconstruction
 - The Vietnam War
 - Film as History: The Vietnam War
 - Independent study: Civil War, local history, public history, archives

Supervisory Archivist, Mount Rainier National Park Archives Project (1995-2000)

- Planning and developing an archival program for Mount Rainier National Park, with partnership including Western Washington University, National Park Service, and National Archives and Records Administration.
- Supervising graduate students and project archivists in processing, records inventories, preservation, and reference services.
- Negotiating budgets and National Park Service funding for project.

University Archivist and Director of Historical Manuscripts and Archives, University of Connecticut (1979-94)

- Established a new statewide program for collecting, preserving, and making available for research significant historical manuscripts collections, and developed a full-scale university archives, including information and records management services.
- Planned and directed grant projects, funded by National Historical Publications and Records Commission and by National Endowment for the Humanities:
 - University of Connecticut Records Survey, 1981-83
 - Connecticut Labor Archives Project, 1983-85
 - New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Records Project, 1987-89
 - New England Archivists Education Project, 1988-90.
- Developed plans for the new \$10 million (50,000 square ft.) Thomas J. Dodd Research Center, including consultation with facilities planners, engineers, architects, and prominent donors including Senator Christopher Dodd.

Visiting Assistant Professor of History, University of Connecticut (1980-94)

- Taught courses in Administration of Archives and Manuscripts, Advanced Practice in Archival Management, and United States History Since 1877.
- Developed curriculum and policies for Master's degree certificate program in History and Archival Management, as member of the History and Archival Management committee.

Archival Consultant (since 1983)

- Consultant for business companies, colleges and universities, museums, and nonprofit organizations concerning starting an archives, archival strategic

planning, archival education, records management, and organization of manuscripts and archives.

Archivist, Yale University Library (1977-79)

- Developed procedures for manuscript and archival processing and supervised student assistants and volunteers.
- Designed sampling procedures for large business records collections.

**Associate Editor, Temperance and Prohibition Papers Project,
Bentley Historical
Library, University of Michigan (1976-77)**

- Edited and wrote major sections of 400-page research guide for microfilm edition of temperance and prohibition papers.
- Supervised typing and production of guide and coordinated project schedule with project staff at Ohio Historical Society (joint sponsors).

PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS

Memory, Justice, and Accountability: The Role of Archivists in Society. Accepted for publication by the Society of American Archivists; full manuscript currently under review by external experts. Publication expected late 2008.

Editor, *American Archival Studies: Readings in Theory and Practice*, Chicago: Society of American Archivists, 2000; contributing the Introduction, "American Archivists and the Search for Professional Identity," and one previously published article.

The Private Civil War: Popular Thought During the Sectional Conflict, Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1988. Reprinted in paperback edition, 1994.

Editor, *Guide to the Microfilm Edition of Temperance and Prohibition Papers*, Ann Arbor: University of Michigan, 1977.

PUBLICATIONS: REFEREED ARTICLES

"Archives for All: Professional Responsibility and Social Justice," *American Archivist* 70:2 (Fall/Winter 2007): 252-281.

"American Historians and European Archival Theory: The Collaboration of J. Franklin Jameson and Waldo G. Leland," *Archival Science* (2007).

- "Embracing the Power of Archives," *American Archivist* 69 (Spring/Summer 2006): 19-32.
- "Ethical Concerns for Archivists," *The Public Historian* 28:1 (Winter 2006): 87-92.
- "Documents and Archives in Early America," *Archivaria* 60 (Fall 2005): 235-258.
- "Archival Priorities: Ten Critical Issues for the Profession," *Provenance* 23 (2005): 57-70.
- "Margaret C. Norton Reconsidered," *Archival Issues* 26:1 (2001), pp. 39-60.
Reprinted in Thornton W. Mitchell, ed., *Norton on Archives: The Writings of Margaret Cross Norton on Archival & Records Management*, 2nd edition; Chicago, Society of American Archivists, 2003.
- "Archives and Manuscripts" column (refereed articles), *OCLC Systems & Services*:
- "The Nature of Archives and Manuscripts," 18:1 (2002), 21-23.
 - "Arrangement Techniques for Archives and Manuscripts," 18:2 (2002), 75-78.
 - "Archival Description and Finding Aids," 18:3 (2002), 125-29.
 - "Saving Room for CUSTARD," 18:4 (2002), 173-77.
 - "Reference, Access, and Use," 19:1 (2003), 13-16.
 - "Deciding What to Collect," 19:2 (2003): 54-57.
 - "Archives and Memory," 19:3 (2003), 89-95.
 - "Deciding What to Save," 19:4 (2003), 135-140.
 - "The Future of Archives and Manuscripts," 20:1 (2004), 11-14.
- "Graduate Archival Education at Western Washington University," *OCLC Systems & Services* 17:4 (2001), pp. 157-65.
- "Redefining Archival Identity: Meeting User Needs in the Information Society," *American Archivist* 52 (Summer 1989), pp. 332-40.
- "The Connecticut Labor Archives," *Labor History*, 31:39-43 (Winter- Spring, 1990); revised and reprinted in Daniel J. Leab and Phillip P. Mason, eds., *Labor History Archives in the United States*, Detroit: Wayne State University Press, 1992, pp. 41-45.
- "Civil War Memoirs," in David Roller and Robert Twyman, eds., *The Encyclopedia of Southern History*, Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1979, p. 230.

PUBLICATIONS: REPORTS AND NONREFEREED ARTICLES

- "The Archival 'Radar Screen': Strategic Issues Identified by SAA Council," *Archival Outlook*, July/Aug 2005, p. 5.

Society of American Archivists "President's Message" column, *Archival Outlook*:

- "Coming Together: Unity and Diversity" Sept/Oct 2004
- "SAA and the World of Archives" Nov/Dec 2004
- "Archival Stories" Jan/Feb 2005
- "A Public Voice for Archives" Mar/Apr 2005
- "Why I Am an Archivist" May/June 2005
- "Strategies for Survival" July/Aug 2005

"Introduction to a Classic," in Thornton W. Mitchell, ed., *Norton on Archives: The Writings of Margaret Cross Norton on Archival & Records Management*, 2nd edition, Chicago; Society of American Archivists, 2003.

"On Becoming a Donor," *Archival Outlook*, November/December 2002, pp. 6-8.

"100 Years of Women at The University of Connecticut," *Harvest* (Spring 1992).

"New Research Users for Old Business Records" (with Fred V. Carstensen), *Harvest* (Spring 1990).

"Working on the Railroad Records: The New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Records Project," *Harvest* (Spring 1988).

"Political Research in the Archives," *Harvest* (Spring 1986).

"University of Connecticut Historical Manuscripts and Archives," in David M. Roth, ed., *Connecticut History and Culture: An Historical Overview and Resource Guide for Teachers*, Hartford: Connecticut Historical Commission, 1985, pp. 454-56.

"Paperwork, Information and the Archives," 12-minute slide/tape program, 1983 (revised 1984).

"Information, Record-keeping and the Archives," Final report, University of Connecticut Records Survey, 1983. Reprinted in Association of Research Libraries SPEC Kit.

"Long Range Planning," Problems in Archives Kit, Chicago: Society of American Archivists, 1982.

"The Papers of Three Hiram Bingham," *Yale University Library Gazette*, October 1979.

Numerous book reviews for *The American Archivist*, *Journal of American History*, other historical journals, and Internet listserv groups.

Book manuscript reviewer for several presses; and grant proposal reviewer for National Endowment for the Humanities and National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

PAPERS AND ADDRESSES

- "The Temperance and Prohibition Movements in America," Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 1977.
- "The View From the Ranks: Personal Stories of the Civil War," Kutztown (PA) State College, 1979
- "The Historian as Archivist, " Department of History, Rutgers University - Newark, 1980.
- "Half a Baby: Problems of Divided Manuscript Collections," New England Archivists, Concord, NH, 1981.
- "The Ghost of Bob Cratchit: Appraisal of Historical Business Records," New England Archivists, Mystic, CT 1982.
- "Dusting Away the Cobwebs: Archives in the Information Society," Association of Records Managers and Administrators, Hartford-Springfield Chapter, Hartford, CT, 1983.
- "Planning for Grants: Grants for Planning," New England Archivists, Burlington, VT 1983.
- "Preserving the Past; or, What To Look For When You Clean Out the Attic," Columbia (CT) Historical Society, 1984.
- "On Being a Turtle: Caring for Connecticut's Historical Records," Connecticut Historical Records Assessment Project Conference, Hartford, CT, 1984.
- "Toward 2001: The Future of Academic Archives," Society of American Archivists, Chicago, IL, 1986.
- "Collecting Local History Sources," Eastern Connecticut Library Association, Willimantic, CT, 1986.
- "Moving Mountains and Sorting Rocks: Processing Techniques for Large Collections," New England Archivists, Bridgeport, CT, 1987.
- "Archival Education at the Grass Roots," Society of American Archivists, Atlanta, GA, 1988.
- "The Private Civil War: Personal Glimpses of the Sectional Conflict, " Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford, CT, 1989.
- "Archival Cooperation: the New England Archivists Education Project," Association for the Study of Connecticut History, Fairfield, CT, 1989.

- “The Records Manager and the Archivist: Partners in Information Services,” Hartford/Springfield Chapter, Association of Records Managers and Administrators, Hartford, CT, 1990.
- “Continuing Education for Archivists: the New England Archivists Model,” Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference, Pittsburgh, PA 1992.
- “Toward a Common Historical Agenda: SAA and the Historical Associations,” Society of American Archivists, Indianapolis, IN, 1994.
- “The Thurgood Marshall Papers Controversy: SAA Council Responds,” Society of American Archivists, Indianapolis, IN, 1994.
- “Archivists On-line: Education for the Electronic Future,” keynote address for Northwest Archivists Association, Seattle, WA 1995.
- “Changing Needs in Records Management Education,” Association of Local Agency Records Managers, Bellingham, WA, 1996.
- “The Civil War Interpreted by Participants,” Puget Sound Civil War Roundtable, Seattle, WA, 1996.
- “Exploring Career Options for History Majors,” WWU Phi Alpha Theta, Bellingham, WA, 1996.
- “New Directions in Archival Education: a United States Perspective,” Northwest Archivists/Association of British Columbia Archivists joint annual meeting, Penticton, BC, 1996.
- “Civil War History From a Personal Perspective,” DePauw University Department of History, Greencastle, IN, 1998.
- “The Archival Internship: Academic Goals and Purposes,” Northwest Archivists, Portland, OR, 1998.
- “What Can I Do With a History Degree?” WWU Phi Alpha Theta, Bellingham, WA, 1998.
- “Continuing Education for Archivists,” Northwest Archivists, Missoula, MT, 1999.
- “Archival Internships: Academic Benefits,” Seattle Area Archivists, 2000.
- “Margaret Cross Norton: Pragmatic Administrator,” Society of American Archivists, Denver, CO, 2000.
- “Review of the Master of Archival Studies Guidelines: Historical Background,” Open Forum, Society of American Archivists, Denver, CO, 2000.

- “Preserving Our Past: Historical Consciousness, Memory, and American Archives,” Archival History Roundtable, Society of American Archivists, Denver, CO, 2000.
- “Archival Education at Western Washington University,” Northwest Archivists, Boise, ID, 2001.
- “Researching Archival History: A Progress Report,” Archival History Roundtable, Society of American Archivists, Washington, DC, 2001.
- “Jared Sparks as Historian and Collector,” Archival History Roundtable, Society of American Archivists, Birmingham, AL, 2002.
- “Documents and Archives in Early America,” International Conference on the History of Records and Archives, Toronto, 2003.
- “Historians and Archivists: A Common Past, a Common Future,” Pacific Northwest History Conference, Olympia, WA, 2004.
- “Preserving Our Past: Documents and Archives in American Society, 1774-1940,” Society of American Archivists, Boston, MA, 2004.
- “Coming Together: Unity and Diversity,” Incoming President’s Remarks, Society of American Archivists, Boston, MA, 2004.
- “Archival Stories: Why Archives Matter in Contemporary Society,” Midwest Archives Conference, Des Moines, Iowa, 2004.
- “The Future of Archives in America,” Association of Manitoba Archivists, Winnipeg, 2004.
- “Archival Priorities: Ten Critical Issues for the Profession,” Society of Georgia Archivists, 2004.
- “Public Advocacy for Archivists,” American Historical Association, Seattle, WA, 2005.
- “Working in Partnership: Priorities and Concerns for Archival Education,” Association for Library and Information Science Education, Boston, MA, 2005.
- “NARA and the Archival Profession,” Conference on the Twentieth Anniversary of the Independence of the National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC, 2005.
- “Graduate Archival Education in the Pacific Northwest,” Joint Meeting of Western Archival Associations, Las Vegas, 2005.
- “Embracing the Power of Archives,” Presidential Address, Society of American Archivists, New Orleans, LA, August 2005.

- "American Historians and European Archival Theory: The Collaboration of J. Franklin Jameson and Waldo G. Leland," Second International Conference on the History of Records and Archives, Amsterdam, Netherlands, September 2005.
- "What is RIM?: History and Theory of Records and Information Management," ARMA Great Northwest Region Conference, March 2006.
- "Critical Issues for the Archival Profession," University of Washington School of Information, 2006.
- "Documania: Editors and Historians in 19th Century America," Association of Canadian Archivists, St. John's, Newfoundland, July 2006.
- "Using the Power of Archives for Justice and Accountability," Society of American Archivists, Washington, DC, August 2006.
- "Archives and Memory," Conference on Inventing Our Past, Litchfield, CT, November 2006
- "Orwell in the Archives: The Politics of Memory," Western Washington University Department of History faculty seminar, February 2007.
- "Not All Leaders Are Born That Way – Teaching Leadership Skills," Northwest Archivists annual meeting, Moscow, ID, (accepted for May 2007).
- "Leadership Skills for Archivists," Society of American Archivists, Chicago, IL, (accepted for August 2007).
- Chair and commentator for sessions at Organization of American Historians, Southern Historical Association, SAA, NEA, NWA, Indiana Association of Historians, Phi Alpha Theta Northwest Regional Conference, and other professional meetings, since 1982.

WORKSHOPS CONDUCTED

- "Starting an Archives: Planning and Priorities," New England Archivists, Storrs, CT, 1982.
- "Long-Range Planning for Academic Archivists," Society of American Archivists, Boston, MA, 1982.
- "A Map for the Future: Planning Strategies for Archivists," Society of American Archivists, Washington, DC, 1984.
- "Research Opportunities in the Archives," repeated several times yearly for library staff, faculty, and students, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, 1982-94.
- "Caring for Historical Records: An Introduction," New England Archivists Education Project, repeated several times throughout New England, 1989-92.

"Organizing Manuscripts and Archives," New England Archivists, Storrs, CT and Lewiston, ME, 1990.

"Establishing and Maintaining an Independent School Archives," Taft School, Watertown, CT, (sole instructor for five day intensive workshop), 1994.

"Fundamentals of Archival Outreach," Northwest Archivists, Missoula, MT, 1999.

"Georgia Archives Institute," principal instructor, Atlanta, GA, June 2002.

"Western Archives Institute," principal faculty member, San Francisco, CA, June 2003; and Davis, CA, June 2004.

"Public Advocacy for Archivists," Northwest Archivists, Butte, MT, May 2006.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Society of American Archivists:

- Member since 1976
- Fellow, elected by past presidents (since 2001)
- President (2004-05; Vice President/President-elect (2003-04)
 - Chair, Committee on Strategic Issues for the Profession (2004-06)
- Council, elected by membership (1991-94)
 - Chair, Council Strategic Planning Committee (1993-94)
 - Council Executive Committee (1993-94)
- Committee on Education and Professional Conduct (since 2006)
 - Chair (since 2007)
- Committee on Education and Professional Development (1999-2003)
 - Chair (2002-2003)
- Chair, Committee to Review Archival Education Guidelines (1999-2000)
 - Chair, Open Forum to review Master of Archival Studies Degree Guidelines (2000)
- Program Committee: Member (1996-97); Co-chair (1997-98)
- Nominating Committee (elected 1988, appointed 1993)
- College and University Archives Section:
 - Committee on Goals and Priorities (1983-84)
- Acquisitions and Appraisal Section:
 - steering committee (1986-91),
 - chair (1990-91)
- Certification exam writing conference (1989)
- Editorial Board (1990-91)
- Salary Survey Steering Committee (1996)
- Educational Needs Assessment Committee (1996).

New England Archivists:

- Member (1977-96)
- Newsletter editor (1980-83)

- Vice President (1984-85)
- President (1985-86)
- Education grant project director (1988-90)
- Education Committee (1989-91), chair (1990-91)
- Archivist (1991-94)
- Distinguished Service Award, second recipient (1994)

Association of Records Managers and Administrators:

- Member since 1981
- President, Mount Vernon Regional Chapter (1998-2000, and since 2003)
- Vice President, Mount Vernon Regional Chapter (2000-03)
- Board Member, Mount Vernon Regional Chapter (since 1996)
- Newsletter Editor, Mount Vernon Regional Chapter (1999-2003, 2005-2006)

Northwest Archivists:

- Member since 1994
- Speaker and presenter (since 1995)
- Continuing Education Committee (2001-2003).

Midwest Archives Conference:

- Member since 1981
- Editorial Board, *Archival Issues* journal (1999-2002)

Other Professional Service:

Washington State Historical Records Advisory Board:

- Member (since 1995)
- Strategic Planning Committee (1997-98).

OCLC Systems & Services

- “Archives & Manuscripts” columnist (2001-2004)
- Editorial Board (since 2001).

University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee: external reviewer for proposal to establish Master of Archival Studies degree (2000)

Academic review panel, University of British Columbia School of Library, Archival, and Information Studies (1997).

Conference of Graduate Archival Educators and Researchers, Boston (2004), Pittsburgh (1999), and San Diego (1996).

Connecticut Historical Records Advisory Board (1983-94).

Connecticut Coordinating Committee for the Promotion of History:

- Member (1987-94);
- Subcommittee on Archives (1981-94).

Connecticut State Library Board, member representing the archival profession (1987-92).

Connecticut State Librarian's Archival Program Planning Committee (1983-84).

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Department of History, Western Washington University:

- Executive Committee, 2006-2007
- Graduate Program Committee, since 1994
- Faculty advisor, Society of American Archivists Student Chapter, since 1994
- Coordinator, teaching methods seminar for teaching assistants, 1995-2000
- Library, Media and Equipment Committee, 1995-96
- Canadian History Search Committee, 1995-96
- Phi Alpha Theta: Faculty advisor for trip to regional conference, Boise, ID, 1997

Western Washington University:

- James Madison Memorial Fellowship Program, WWU coordinator, 1996-2002
- Archivist/Special Collections Search Committee, Wilson Library, 1997
- Archivist Search Committee, Center for Pacific Northwest Studies, 1998
- Advisory Board, Center for Pacific Northwest Studies, since 1999.