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Veteran, United States Army (Honorable Discharge), 1970-1972

EDUCATION

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Ph.D. in History, 1976
 University of Nebraska-Lincoln, M.A. in History, 1973
 Bucknell University, B.A. in History, 1969

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

Department of History, Oklahoma State University
 Professor Emeritus, 2018-
 Professor, 1998-2018
 Associate Professor, 1982-1998
 Assistant Professor, 1977-1982
 Visiting Assistant Professor, 1976-1977

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

College of Arts and Sciences, Oklahoma State University
 Interim Associate Dean, 1994-1996

Department of History, Oklahoma State University
 Interim Department Head, 1989-1991
 Director of Graduate Studies, 1983-1987, 2016-2018

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Guide to Quantitative History. Westport, CT: Praeger Publishing Company, 1995. (Co-authored with Robert Darcy).

Germans in Oklahoma. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1980.

ARTICLES

“‘Where the great serpent of Slavery . . . basks himself all summer long’: Antebellum Newport and the South.” New England Quarterly, 94 (March 2021), 82-106.

“State v. Edmund, a Slave (1833): Perceptions of the Legal Status of Slaves and Free Blacks in Antebellum North Carolina.” North Carolina Historical Review, 95 (January 2018), 29-46.

“Training in ‘an art, trade, mystery, and employment’: Opportunity or Exploitation of Free Black Apprentices in New Hanover County, North Carolina, 1820-1859?” North Carolina Historical Review, 90 (April 2013), 127-148.

“The Free Black Experience in Antebellum Wilmington, North Carolina: Refining Generalizations about Race Relations.” Journal of Southern History, 78 (August 2012), 615-638.

“Exercising their Right: African American Voter Turnout in Antebellum Newport, Rhode Island.” New England Quarterly, 84 (September 2011), 402-421.

“‘Public Attention for Essentially Private Matters’: Women Seeking Assistance from President James K. Polk.” Journal of the Early Republic, 24 (Spring 2004), 107-23.

“Sectionalism, Political Parties, and the Attempt to Relocate the National Capital in 1814.” The Historian, 62 (Spring 2000), 535-55.

“American Critics of the French Revolution of 1848.” Journal of the Early Republic, 14 (Fall 1994), 359-77.

“Antislavery Politics and the Pearl Incident of 1848.” The Historian, 56 (Summer 1994), 711-24.

“The Federalist Party and the Convention of 1800.” Diplomatic History, 12 (Summer 1988), 237-60.

“Settlement and Migration Patterns of Immigrants and Their Children: A Research Note.” Immigration History Newsletter, 19 (November 1987), 6-8.

“Sources and Strategies for Computer-Aided Instruction.” Historical Methods, 20 (Spring 1987), 79-83.

“A Computer Program for Guttman Scaling of Roll Calls.” Historical Methods, 18 (Spring 1985), 45-50. (Co-authored with P. McLaughlin and D. Nofziger).

“The Study of Oklahoma History during the Territorial Period: An Alternative Methodological Approach.” The Chronicles of Oklahoma, 60 (Summer 1982), 174-85.

“Partisan Politics and the Attempted Assassination of Andrew Jackson.” Journal of the Early Republic, 1 (Summer 1981), 149-63.

Reprinted in Joel Silbey, ed. The Congress of the United States, 1789-1898. 23 vols. New York: Carlson Publishing, Inc., 1991.

"Fort Gibson: Forgotten Glory," Odie B. Faulk (ed.). Early Military Forts and Posts in Oklahoma, 26-38. Oklahoma City: Oklahoma Historical Society, 1978.

ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

"Democratic Party." Encyclopedia of U.S. Political History, 7 vols. Washington, DC: CQ Press, 2010, 2: 106-109.

"Peggy Eaton Affair." Encyclopedia of U.S. Political History, 7 vols. Washington, DC: CQ Press, 2010, 2: 119-121.

"Washington's Farewell Address." Encyclopedia of U. S. Political History, 7 vols. Washington, DC: CQ Press, 2010, 2: 382-385.

"Germans." Encyclopedia of Oklahoma History and Culture, 2 vols. Oklahoma City: Oklahoma Historical Society, 2009, 1: 579-580.

"Adams-Onís Treaty." Encyclopedia of American Foreign Relations, 4 vols. New York: Oxford University Press, 1997, 1: 19.

"Florida." Encyclopedia of American Foreign Relations, 4 vols. New York: Oxford University Press, 1997, 2: 141-142.

"John Quincy Adams." Encyclopedia of American Foreign Relations, 4 vols. New York: Oxford University Press, 1997, 1: 13-19.

BOOK REVIEWS

Lafferty, Ben P. American Intelligence: Small-Town News and Political Culture in Federalist New Hampshire. New England Quarterly, 94 (September 2021), 479-481.

Milteer, Warren Eugene Jr. North Carolina's Free People of Color, 1715-1885. North Carolina Historical Review, 98 (April 2021), 226-227.

Archer, Richard. Jim Crow North: The Struggle for Equal Rights in Antebellum New England. Register of the Kentucky Historical Society, 111 (Autumn 2019), 598-600.

Thompson, Katrina Dyonne. Ring Shout, Wheel About: The Racial Politics of Music and Dance in North American Slavery. Journal of the Early Republic, 35 (Spring 2015), 146-148.

Rivers, Larry Eugene. Rebels and Runaways: Slave Resistance in Nineteenth-Century Florida. Journal of Southern History, 79 (November 2013), 942-943.

Kearney, James C. The Nassau Plantation: The Evolution of a Texas-German Slave Plantation. Journal of American History, 98 (June 2011), 203.

Berry, Trey, Pam Beasley, and Jeanne Clements (eds.). The Forgotten Expedition, 1804-1805. The Louisiana Purchase Journals of Dunbar and Hunter. The Chronicles of Oklahoma, 85 (Summer 2007), 235-236.

Matthewson, Tim. A Proslavery Foreign Policy: Haitian-American Relations during the Early Republic. Journal of the Early Republic, 24 (Winter 2004), 689-691.

May, Robert E. Manifest Destiny's Underworld: Filibustering in Antebellum America. Florida Historical Quarterly, 82 (Winter 2004), 378-380.

Melton, Jr., Buckner F. Aaron Burr: Conspiracy to Treason. New Mexico Historical Review, 79 (Summer 2004), 429-430.

O'Brien, Conor Cruise. The Long Affair: Thomas Jefferson and the French Revolution, 1785-1800. Florida Historical Quarterly, 78 (Summer 1998), 101-103.

Weeks, William Earl. John Quincy Adams & American Global Empire. Florida Historical Quarterly, 74 (October 1994), 238-240.

Fredriksen, John C. (comp.). Shield of Republic/Sword of Empire: A Bibliography of United States Military Affairs, 1783-1846. The Chronicles of Oklahoma, 69 (Winter 1991-1992), 446-447.

Belohlavek, John M. "Let the Eagle Soar!" The Foreign Policy of Andrew Jackson. The Chronicles of Oklahoma, 64 (Winter 1986-1987), 101-102.

Van Orman, Richard A. The Explorers: Nineteenth Century Expeditions in Africa and the American West. The Chronicles of Oklahoma, 63 (Spring 1985), 101-102.

Woods, Randall Bennett. A Black Odyssey: John Lewis Walker and the Promise of American Life, 1878-1900. The Chronicles of Oklahoma, 59 (Winter 1981-1982), 476-477.

Oaks, Dallin H. and Marvin S. Hill. Carthage Conspiracy: The Trial of the Accused Assassins of Joseph Smith. The Journal of the West, 19 (October 1980), 94.

Lotchin, Roger W. San Francisco, 1846-1856: From Hamlet to City. The Chronicles of Oklahoma, 58 (Fall 1980), 354-355.

Flynt, J. Wayne. Dixie's Forgotten People: The South's Poor Whites. The Chronicles of Oklahoma, 58 (Summer 1980), 228-229.

Lottinville, Savoie. The Rhetoric of History. The Chronicles of Oklahoma, 55 (Spring 1978), 108.

OTHER SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

INVITED LECTURES

“George Bancroft and American Foreign Relations.” Rothermere American Institute, University of Oxford, England, May 2016.

“The Constitution and Indian Removal.” Constitution Day Address, Oklahoma State University, September 2014.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

“Defining the Legal Status of Slaves and Free Blacks in Antebellum North Carolina,” Mid-America Conference on History, Ft. Smith, Arkansas, September 2014.

“‘Public Attention for . . . Essentially Private Matters’: Women Seeking Assistance from President James K. Polk,” Perspectives on Family, Gender, and Women, Stillwater, Oklahoma, March 2002.

“A Servant of the People: Access to President James K. Polk,” Southwestern Historical Association, Galveston, Texas, March 2000.

“The Attempt to Remove the Seat of Government from Washington, D. C. in 1814,” Southwestern Historical Association, San Antonio, Texas, March 1994.
This paper received the best paper award for United States History.

“Antislavery Agitation and the Pearl Incident,” Mid-America Conference on History, Lawrence, Kansas, September 1992.

“American Disillusionment with Revolutions Abroad: The French Revolution of 1848,” Phi Alpha National Convention, St. Louis, Missouri, December 1989.

“Computers and their Application in Teaching,” Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha, Nebraska, March, 1986.

“A Humanities Course for Engineering Students: ‘The Computer Connection,’” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Section of the American Society for Engineering Education, Wichita, Kansas, March 1984. (Joint authorship with J. Choike, R. Darcy, M. Folk, J. Gelder, and B. Southard).

“The Computer Connection: An Interface between the Sciences and Humanities,” Sixth International Conference on Computers and the Humanities, Raleigh, North Carolina, June 1983. (Joint authorship with J. Choike, R. Darcy, M. Folk, J. Gelder, and B. Southard).

“A Diplomat in the Service of his Country: The Case of George Bancroft,” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, Boston, Massachusetts, August 1982.

"Partisan Politics and the Attempted Assassination of Andrew Jackson," Mid-America Conference on History, Springfield, Missouri, September 1979.

"Agriculture and Agamemnon - The Evolution of the Humanities Disciplines at Oklahoma State University: An Historical Perspective," Southern Humanities Conference, Starkville, Mississippi, February 1978.

"Peaceful Expansionist: George Bancroft as Polk's Secretary of the Navy," Missouri Valley Historical Conference, Omaha, Nebraska, March 1976.

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

Phi Alpha Theta (History Honor Society)

Phi Kappa Phi (Honorary Member)

History Club Professor of the Year Award (2010)

Archie K. Davis Fellow, North Caroliniana Society Grant (2002)

Oklahoma Humanities Council Research Grant (2001)

Oklahoma State University Mortar Board Teaching Award (1991)

Recipient of National Endowment for the Humanities Grant for Interdisciplinary Course Development (1983)

Participant in the Newberry Library Mini-Institute on the New Social History (1980)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Organization of American Historians

Society for Historians of the Early American Republic