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EDUCATION:

Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley, December 1990
M.A. University of California, Berkeley, June 1983
B.A. Wesleyan University, May 1978

EMPLOYMENT:

Scripps College : Professor of History, 2005-
 Associate Professor of History, 1996-
 Assistant Professor of History, 1990-1996
 Instructor in History, 1989-1990

 Director, Humanities Institute, Fall 2002-Spring 2005. Program themes:
 Empathy (Spring 2005)
 The Politics of Knowledge Production (Fall 2004)
 Life Stories (Spring 2004)
 Poverty (Fall 2003)
 Biopowers: Disease, Ethics, Activism (Spring 2003)
 War and Peace (Fall 2002)

Reed College: Visiting Assistant Professor of History and Humanities, 1987-1989

AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

Franz Boas; History of Anthropology, History of American Social Thought
American Intellectual and Cultural History, Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries

HONORS & AWARDS:

Bernard and Audre Rapoport Fellowship,
 Jacob Rader Marcus Center, American Jewish Archives 2013-2014
Mary Wig Johnson Faculty Achievement Award for Service 2013
Sabbatical Research Fellowship 2013 (spring)
Faculty Research Award 2012-13
Mellon Course Development Grant 2012-13
Fulbright Senior Lecturer, University of Bologna 2010 (spring)
Mary Wig Johnson Faculty Achievement Award for Service 2008
Mary Wig Johnson Faculty Achievement Award for Teaching 2001
Sabbatical Research Fellowship 1998
Mary Wig Johnson Faculty Achievement Award for Research 1996
Irvine Faculty Development Grant 1995
Scripps Nominee, AAUW Recognition Award 1994
Athwin Faculty Development Award 1992
Phi Beta Kappa 1978

COURSES TAUGHT:

American Studies 103cc: Introduction to American Cultures
American Studies 180: American Studies Seminar
American Studies 190: American Studies Senior Thesis Seminar
Core I: Histories of the Present: Human Nature and Human Difference
Core I: Culture, Knowledge and Representation
Core III: History and Memory
History 70b [120b]: US since 1865
History 72 [172]: Women in the U.S.
History 166 [119b]: Political and Social Criticism in the U.S.
History 174: US in the 1960s
History 175: War, Empire and Society in the US since 1898
History 177: Fords, Flappers, and Fundamentalists: US in the 1920s
History 180: Proseminar: What is History?
History 190: Senior Seminar in History

WORKS IN PROGRESS:

“The New York Foundation Archives: Philanthropy and Social Service, 1909-1945”
“Franz Boas and the ‘Problem’ of Jewishness”
“The Cosmopolitan Past of Boasian Anthropology”
“Hybridity and Anti-Racism in the United States”
The Cosmopolitan Imagination: Franz Boas and the Development of American Anthropology
“The Uses of History in Wartime”

PUBLICATIONS:

“From Equality to Freedom: Franz Boas and the Bio-Logic of Democracy,” in Isaiah Lorado Wilner and Ned Blackhawk, eds. Indigenous Visions (New Haven: Yale University Press), *submitted*.
“Franz Boas on War and Empire: The Making of a Public Intellectual,” in Regna Darnell, Michelle Hamilton, Robert L.A. Hancock, and Joshua Smith, eds. Franz Boas as Public Intellectual: Theory, Ethnography, Activism (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press), *forthcoming, May 2015*.
“Biography, Art, Culture,” Review essay, Alan C. Braddock, Thomas Eakins and the Cultures of Modernity; Leonard Harris and Charles Molesworth, Alain L. Locke: The Biography of a Philosopher; and Mechal Sobel, Painting a Hidden Life: The Art of Bill Traylor in Reviews in American History 39 (March 2011): 140-148.
Review essay, Kwame Anthony Appiah, Cosmopolitanism: Ethics in a World of Strangers (N.Y.: W.W. Norton, 2006) in Re-Thinking History 13 (September 2009): 419-424.
“Anthropology and Ethnology,” Dictionary of American History, 3rd Edition, vol. I, ed. Stanley I. Kutler (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 2003).
“Anthropology and Cultural Relativism,” Encyclopedia of American Cultural and Intellectual History, vol. II, ed. Mary Kupiec Clayton and Peter W. Williams (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 2001).
“Diasporic Identities: The Science and Politics of Race in the Work of Franz Boas and W.E.B. Du Bois, 1894-1919” Cultural Anthropology 13 (May 1998):1-40.
“German Culture and German Science in the Bildung of Franz Boas,” in “Volkgeist” as Method and Ethic: Essays on Boasian Anthropology and the German Anthropological Tradition, History of Anthropology, vol. 8, ed. George W. Stocking, Jr. (Madison: Univ. of Wisconsin Press, 1996).
“Patterns of Strangeness: Franz Boas, Modernism and the Origins of Anthropology,” in Prehistories of the Future: The Primitivist Project and the Culture of Modernism, ed. Elazar Barkan and Ronald Bush (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1995).
A Companion to American Thought, (Cambridge, Mass.: Blackwell Publishers, 1995). S.v. “Benedict, Ruth,” “Boas, Franz,” “Mead, Margaret.”

“The Contours of Crime Prevention in August Vollmer's Berkeley,” with Steven Schlossman, in Research in Law, Deviance and Social Control, vol. 6, ed. Andrew Scull and Stephen Spitzer (Greenwich, Conn.: JAI Press, 1984).

BOOK REVIEWS:

- Review of John S. Gilkeson, Anthropologists and the Rediscovery of America, 1886-1965 (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010) in American Anthropologist, 114 (June 2012):377-378.
- Review of Lee D. Baker, Anthropology and the Politics of Culture (Durham: Duke University Press, 2010) in Journal of American History 98 (September 2011): 551-552.
- Review of Paul Shankman, The Trashing of Margaret Mead: Anatomy of an Anthropological Controversy (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 2009) in American Ethnologist 38 (August 2011): 600-601.
- “William Shedrick Ellis and the ‘Ghost of Boas’,” review of Rosemary Lévy Zumwalt and William Shedrick Ellis, Franz Boas and W.E.B. Du Bois at Atlanta University, 1906; Transactions of the American Philosophical Society, vol. 98, Part 2 (Philadelphia: American Philosophical Society, 2008) in Metascience, 20 (March 2011): 211-213 [online 8 April 2010].
- Review of Lois W. Banner, Intertwined Lives: Margaret Mead, Ruth Benedict and Their Circle (N.Y.: Alfred A. Knopf, 2003) in Journal of American History 91 (December 2004): 1068-1069.
- Review of Douglas Cole, Franz Boas: The Early Years, 1858-1906 (Vancouver/Toronto: Douglas & McIntyre; Seattle: Univ. of Washington Press, 1999) in Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences 38 (Spring 2002):198-199.
- “The Culture of Politics and the Politics of Culture,” review of Christine Stansell, American Moderns: Bohemian New York and the Creation of a New Century (New York: Metropolitan Books, 2000) in Intellectual History Newsletter 23 (2001).
- Review of Micaela di Leonardo, Exotics at Home: Anthropologies, Others, American Modernity (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1998) in Journal of American History (March 2000): 126.
- Review of Franz Boas among the Inuit of Baffin Island, 1883-1884: Journals and Letters, Ludger Müller-Wille, ed., William Barr, transl. (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1998) in Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences 36 (Winter 2000): 76-77.
- Review of Hazel V. Carby, Race Men (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1998) in Journal of American History (December 1999): 1356-1357.
- Review of William H. Tucker, The Science and Politics of Racial Research (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1994) in Bulletin of the History of Medicine 72 (Spring 1998): 157
- Review of Vernon J. Williams, Jr., Rethinking Race: Franz Boas and His Contemporaries (Lexington: Univ. of Kentucky Press, 1996) in Journal of American History 84 (June 1997): 268.
- Review of Stephen K. Sanderson, Social Evolutionism: A Critical History (Cambridge: Basil Blackwell, 1990) in American Ethnologist, 21 (August 1994): 629-630).
- Review of Ronald Rainger, An Agenda for Antiquity: Henry Fairfield Osborn and Vertebrate Paleontology at the American Museum of Natural History, 1890-1935 (Tuscaloosa: Univ. of Alabama Press, 1991) in Journal of American History 79 (December 1992): 1202-3.
- Review of Marshall Hyatt, Franz Boas, Social Activist: The Dynamics of Ethnicity (Westport: Greenwood Press, 1990) in Journal of American History 78 September 1991): 697.
- Review of Rebecca Zurier, Art for the Masses: A Radical Magazine and Its Graphics, 1911-1917 (Philadelphia: Temple Univ. Press, 1988) in Journal of Amer. History 76 (September 1989): 635.

PROFESSIONAL PAPERS:

- “On Franz Boas’ 1938 version of *The Mind of Primitive Man*, democracy and us,” Boas in Centennial Perspective, Indigenous Visions: Rediscovering the World of Franz Boas, Yale University, September 16, 2011.
- “Franz Boas on War and Empire,” Franz Boas: Ethnographer, Theorist, Activist, Public Intellectual, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, December 4, 2010.

- “The Uses of History in the Post-World War II Era,” American Way of Life and Europe in Post-World War II, a Round-Table, American Embassy, Rome, May 24, 2010.
- “Visual Representations,” Commentator, Apologies: Mourning the Past and Ameliorating the Present, Claremont Graduate University, February 2002.
- “Do the Social & Behavioral Sciences Need (Their) Histories?” Discussant, Pitzer College, Apr. 2000.
- “Franz Boas and the ‘Problem’ of Jewishness,” Scripps College Faculty Research Seminar, Feb. 2000.
- “Race, Hybridity, and Anti-Racism in the United States,” Conference on “Travelling Concepts” Text, Subjectivity, Hybridity,” Amsterdam School of Cultural Analysis, January 2000.
- “The Cosmopolitan Moments of Boasian Anthropology,” American Anthropological Association, Chicago, November 1999.
- “Franz Boas and the ‘Problem’ of Jewishness,” American Studies Association, Montreal, October 1999.
- “Hybridity and Anti-Racism in the United States,” Universidad de Oviedo, Spain, July 1999.
- “Franz Boas and the ‘Problem’ of Jewishness,” American Jewish Congress, Boston, December 1998.
- “Franz Boas and the ‘Problem’ of Jewishness,” American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C., November 1997.
- “Diasporic Identities: The Science and Politics of Race in the Work of Franz Boas and W.E.B. Du Bois,” American Ethnological Association, Seattle, March 1997.
- “Diasporic Identities: The Science and Politics of Marginalization in the Work of Franz Boas and W.E.B. Du Bois,” American Studies Association, Kansas City, Missouri, November 1996.
- “Diasporic Identities: The Science and Politics of Marginalization in the Work of Franz Boas and W.E.B. Du Bois,” Social Science History Association, Chicago, November 1995.
- “Atlanta, 1906: Franz Boas, W.E.B. DuBois, and the Politics of Race and Modernism,” Organization of American Historians, Atlanta, April 1994.
- “Franz Boas on Ethnicity and the New World Order,” Forum on Historical and Cultural Studies, Claremont Graduate School, November 1992.
- “The Ties That Bind: Franz Boas between Two Worlds,” Prehistories of the Future: Primitivism, Modernism, Politics, California Institute of Technology, February 28, 1992.
- “Cosmopolitanism as Politics,” Commentator, American Studies Association, New Orleans, Nov. 1990
- “Progressive and Liberal Identities in 20th Century America,” Chair and Commentator, American Historical Association, Pacific Coast Branch, Portland, August 1989.
- “The Policeman as Social Worker: August Vollmer and Delinquency Prevention in Early Twentieth-Century Berkeley, California,” History of Education Association, New York, October 1982.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Editorial Advisory Board, Franz Boas Papers: Documentary Edition. Jointly funded by the Social Science and Humanities Research Council (of Canada), the American Philosophical Society, University of Nebraska Press; University of Western Ontario and Musgamagw Dzanada'enuxw Tribal Council and the University of Victoria partners.
- Manuscript referee for University of Mississippi Press, American Anthropologist, American Ethnologist, Cultural Anthropology, Isis, Transforming Anthropology
- “The challenges of teaching about politics through social history,” Western Association of Women Historians, Roundtable discussion. Huntington Library, Pasadena, CA, April 2011.
- Participant, Gilder Lehrman Institute/Council of Independent Colleges Seminar on Interpreting the History of Recent and Controversial Events, Harvard University, June 2005.
- Member, Editorial Board, Cultural Anthropology, Journal of the Society for Cultural Anthropology, 1998-2001.
- Presenter, “Civilizational Thinking,” Curricular Workshop, Center for Cultural Studies, University of California, Santa Cruz, April 1999.
- Faculty Seminar on the New Western History, funded by the Academic Deans Committee, Claremont Colleges, 1997.
- Faculty Seminar on Knowledge and the Disciplines, 1994-95.

Grant Reviewer, National Endowment for the Humanities, Division of Preservation & Access, July 1993.
Scripps Representative and Participant, Vassar College American Culture Conference, May 1992.
“Women and American Politics: Three Moments in American History,” The Shakespeare Club of Claremont, California, May 1991.
Pew Faculty Seminar on Cultural Paradigms and Hierarchies of Cultural Discourses in the United States, Fall 1990.

COLLEGE SERVICE—COMMITTEES AND ADMINISTRATION:

Chair, American Studies Search Committees, 2014-2015
Interim Chair/Coordinator, American Studies, 2014-
Chair, Faculty Executive Committee, 2011-12
 Subcommittees: Budget Advisory Committee; Trustee Finance Committee; Intercollegiate Faculty Council; liaison to College Council; Associate Dean Search Committee
Chair, Department of History, 2010-
Chair, History Search Committee (Asian American History lecturer) 2012
Member, Anthropology Search Committee, 2011-12
Member, History Search Committee, 2011-12
Assistant Director, Core II Program, 2010-2011
Member, Core Steering Committee, 2002-2005, 2010-2012
Member, Faculty Executive Committee, 2010-2011
 Subcommittees: Academic Policy Subcommittee (chair); Committee on Study Abroad; Trustee Educational Policy Committee
Coordinator, American Studies Program, Scripps College 1989-2009
Intercollegiate Chair, American Studies Program, 1992-93, 1994-95, 1996-2009
Humanities Institute Advisory Committee, 1996-2002, 2005-2008
Advisory Board, Hart Institute of American History, Pomona College, 2001-2010
Edward A. White Award Committee, 1990-92, Chair, 1993-present
Convener, Faculty Research Seminar, 2008-2009
Member, Core Planning Committee, 2008-2009
Member, Jordan Chair Search Committee, 2008-2009
Chair, Anthropology Search Committee, 2007 and 2007-2008
Chair, American Studies Search Committee, 2006-2007 and 2007-2008
Appointment Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2006-2007
Member, Dean of Faculty Search Committee, 2006-2007
Chair, U.S. History Search Committee, 2007
Member, Berkshire Conference of Women Historians Planning Committee, 2002-2005
Member, Anthropology Search Committee, 2003-2004
Member, U.S. & African American History Search Committee, 2003-2004
Chair, U.S History Search Committee, 2003-2004
Scripps College Summer Academy, Inaugural Year, Summer 2003
Member, Latin American History Search Committee, 2003-2004, 1999-2000
Faculty Executive Committee, 1992-93, Spring 1994, 1999-2001 (Chair, 2000-2001)
 Subcommittees: Trustee Budget and Planning Subcommittee; Diversity Steering Committee; Williamson Gallery Review Committee; Academic Policy Subcommittee; Trustee Admissions and Student Affairs Subcommittee; Trustee Development Subcommittee; Policy on Humanities Teaching Subcommittee; Sexual Harassment Policy Subcommittee; Early Retirement Subcommittee; Hewlett Grant Subcommittee; Enrollment Management Team; Curriculum Review/Reform (CRR), Strategic Planning Subcommittee
Discussant, CP&R Luncheon on family and career, November 2001
Presentation on American Studies, ASAC subcommittee, Scripps College Board of Trustees, Nov. 2001
Interviewer, James E. Scripps Scholarship Finalists, 1998-2001, 2008

Chair, History Department, 1997-2000
Writing Program Review Committee, 1998-1999
Chair, Asian American Women's Experiences search, Fall 1999
"Core Curriculum in Interdisciplinary Humanities," Spend a Day in Our Shoes, April 17, 1998
Chair, Anthropology/Women's Studies Search Committee, 1997-98
Member, History Department Search Committee, 1997-98
Legal Studies Program Review, 1996-97
Co-chair, Latin American History Search Committee, 1994-95
History Department Search Committee, One-Year Replacement, 1995
Faculty Representative, James Madison Fellowship Program, 1994-2000
Faculty Representative, Truman Scholarship, 1995
Watson Fellowship Committee, 1994-95
English Department, Interim Review Committee, 1994-95
Steering Committee, Southern California Conference on Undergraduate Research, 1994-
Originator and Convener, Clio's Club, 1994-95
International Relations Search Committee, Spring 1993
Scripps Representative, Honnold Library meeting of the Committee on Interdisciplinary Collections in
Support of Culturally Diverse Subjects, April 1993
CMC History Department Search Committee, 1991-92, 1992-93

COLLEGE SERVICE—LECTURES

Discussant and organizer, all-college screening of *Selma*, Jan. 30, 2015, Laemmle Theater, Claremont
Introductory remarks, Q&A with Abigail Disney, Advance Screening of Part III, *Women, War, and
Peace: Peace Unveiled*, National Council for Research on Women, Western Regional Conference
at the Claremont Consortium, Pitzer College, October 13, 2011.
"The 'Great Arc' of Human Possibilities: Culture, Difference, and Human Nature," Core I Master Class,
Family Weekend, February 2011.
"The War at Home," Panel discussion, Pomona College, Student Union, November 9, 2010
"Slavery, Freedom and Self-Representation," Core I lecture delivered for Family Weekend, Feb. 2008
"Where do We Go From Here?" Student-organized panel on post-election issues, sponsored by Core III:
Social and Political Activism, November 30, 2004
"The Most Important Election of Our Lifetimes? A Panel Discussion of the 2004 Presidential Election,"
Claremont Discourse Panel Discussion, Libraries of The Claremont Colleges, October 27, 2004
"The Presence of the Past," Scripps College Convocation Address, September 13, 2001
"Issues Confronting Women and Politics," Scripps College Economics Society, May 2001
"Double Consciousness and the Problem of the Color-Line: The Ambiguities of Enlightenment,"
Alumnae College Lecture, March 4, 2000
"Franz Boas on Nationalism and the New World Order," Humanities Institute Luncheon, Scripps
College, April 1993
"Nanny and the Professor: Reflections on Nannygate," Vita Nova Luncheon, Scripps, March 1993
"Making the World Safe for Democracy: War and American Society, an Historical Perspective" Scripps
College Family Day, Faculty Lecture, April 1991

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

Institute of Human Development, University of California
Assessed archives of longitudinal study of child development for historical research, 1983
Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University
Prepared case study on immigration restriction legislation for the Uses of History Project,
Summer 1983
Rand Corporation, Santa Monica, California
Researched 1920s delinquency prevention program, National Institute of Education, 1981, 1982