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EDUCATION

Ph.D., M.A., University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, American History, 2002.
B.A., Wayne State University, Honors History, *summa cum laude*, 1989.

DISSERTATION

Toward a New World Order: Thomas Paine and the Ideology of Early American Foreign Relations.

Committee: Bradford Perkins, Susan Juster, Gerald Linderman; Paul Huth.

Exams: U.S. Foreign Relations; U.S. to 1877; U.S. since 1877; Mass Communications.

RECENT APPOINTMENTS

2007 to present, Lecturer, Rhode Island School of Design.

2004 to 2009, Invited Research Scholar, John Carter Brown Library at Brown University.

2004/05, Program Director, Providence Teaching American History Project.

1998 to 2010, Adjunct Professor of History, University of Rhode Island (M.A. and B.A.).

TEACHING EXPERTISE

United States in the World to 1917.

United States in the World since 1917.

The United States in Vietnam.

Cinematic Representations of the Vietnam War.

The Cold War.

Survey of United States History to 1877.

Survey of United States History since 1877.

United States History: All Periods: Revolutionary, Progressive Era, etc.

World History since 1500.

Western Civilization since 1500.

PROFESSIONAL PANELS ORGANIZED

“Early American Foreign Relations below the Level of the Nation State,” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Conference, Washington, DC, 25 June 2009.

“Early American Expansion,” Society for Historians of the Early American Republic Annual Meeting, Providence RI, 24 July 2004.

“Revolutionary Ideology in American Foreign Relations,” Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Boston MA, 28 March 2004.

“Cultural Approaches to the History of International Relations,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC, 9 January 1999.

“Re-thinking the Barbary Wars,” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Conference, Charlottesville VA, 20 June 1993.

“New Approaches to Early American Foreign Relations,” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Conference, Hyde Park NY, 20 June 1992.

MAJOR ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Invited Speaker, “Thomas Paine and Foreign Policy,” at “Citizen of the World: The Use and Abuse of Thomas Paine, 1809-2009,” The People’s History Museum, Manchester, UK, 30 November 2013.

Commentator, “Early American Foreign Relations below the Level of the Nation State,” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Conference, Washington DC, 2 June 2009.

“Teaching American History,” National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Program, John Carter Brown Library, Brown University, 25 July 2005.

“The Imperial Impulse in Early America,” Society for Historians of the Early American Republic Annual Conference, Providence RI, 24 July 2004.

“Thomas Paine and International Revolution,” Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Boston MA, 28 March 2004.

“Religion in the Political Writings of Thomas Paine,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco CA, 1 September 2001.

“Toward a Cultural Approach to Early American Foreign Relations,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC, 9 January 1999.

“Ideology and Early American Foreign Relations,” New England Historical Association Spring Conference, Mt. Holyoke MA, 29 April 1995.

"The United States and North Africa during the Confederation," Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Conference, Charlottesville VA, 20 June 1993.

“Thomas Paine and Class Conflict in Early American Foreign Relations,” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Conference, Hyde Park NY, 20 June 1992.

"*The United Automobile Worker* and United States Foreign Policy, 1947-1953," Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society in History Annual Regional Meeting, Mt. Pleasant MI, 1 April 1988.

PUBLICATIONS

“Mercy Otis Warren,” in *Colonial America: An Encyclopedia of Social, Political, Cultural, and Economic History* (M. E. Sharpe, 2004).

“Onward Christian Soldiers,” (review of Anders Stephanson, *Manifest Destiny: American Expansion and the Empire of Right*) commissioned and published by H-Review and H-Diplo, April 1997. URL: <http://www.h-net.msu.edu/reviews/showrev.cgi?path=13895872103990>.

“Tom Paine's New World Order: Idealistic Internationalism in the Ideology of Early American Foreign Relations,” *Diplomatic History* 19 (Fall 1995), 569-582. (1996 Bernath Prizewinner from the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations as best article or chapter of an edited book by a scholar under forty on any topic on the history of American foreign relations published in 1995.)