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**Current Position:**

Full Professor, Department of History Johns Hopkins University	1994-
Associate Professor, Department of History, JHU	1987-94
Assistant Professor, Department of History, JHU	1982-87
Preceptor, Contemporary Civilization Program Columbia College, Columbia University	1976-80

**Education:**

Ph.D. (in Sociology), Columbia University	1982
M.Phil., Columbia University	1976
M.A., Columbia University	1975
B.A., Northwestern University	1972

**Publications:**

*(articles & essay reviews)*

- “Domesticating Women: the Gendering of Politics in Great Britain and America,”  
Reviews in American History 40 (Sept 2012), 365-70.
- “Afterword,” in New Men: Manliness in Early America, ed. Thomas A. Foster (New  
York: New York University Press, 2011), 256-67.
- “What’s Love Got to Do with It?: The History of Men, The History of Gender in the  
1990s,” Reviews in Am. Hist. (June 2000), 1-14.
- “The New Men’s History and the Peculiar Absence of Gendered Power: Remedies from  
Early American Gender History,” Gender & History 16 (April 2004), 1-35.  
*Winner: 2005 Berkshire Conference of Women Historians Article Prize*
- “Secret Selves, Credible Personas: The Problematics of Trust and Public Display  
in the Writing of Eighteenth-Century Philadelphia Merchants,” in Possible Pasts:  
Becoming Colonial in Early America, ed. Robert Blair St. George (Ithaca: Cornell  
University Press, 2000), 219-42.
- “Formative Ventures: Mercantile Letters and the Articulation of Experience,” in  
Epistolary Selves, ed. Rebecca Earle & Carolyn Steedman (London: Ashgate, 1999),  
59-78.
- “Shipwrecked: Imperiled Masculinity and the Representation of Business Failures  
among Philadelphia's Eighteenth-Century Merchants,” Journal of American  
History 81 (June 1994), 51-80.
- “Ownership and Obligation: Inheritance and Patriarchal Households in Connecticut,

1750-1820," The William and Mary Quarterly, 3rd ser., 47 (April 1990): 235-65.

(Book)

Property and Kinship: Inheritance in Early Connecticut, 1750-1820 (Princeton, 1986).

(Short Entry Pieces)

History, North America," in Routledge International Encyclopedia of Men & Masculinities, 1 volume, ed. Michael Flood, Judith Kegan Gardiner, and Bo Pease, and Keith Pringle (London: Routledge, 2007).

"Family History (Comparative)" in Making History: A Global Encyclopedia of Historical Writing, ed. D.R. Woolf (New York: Garland, 1998).

*Short Reviews also in:*

J. of Social History; Am. Hist. Rv.; Am. J. of Sociology; Essex Inst. Hist. Coll.; J. of Am. Legal Hist.; J. of the Early Republic; J. of Interdisciplinary Hist.; MD Hist. Mag.; Men and Masculinities; Wm & Mary Q.

### **Work in Progress:**

"Shipwrecked: Manliness and the Culture of Risk among Philadelphia Merchants, 1730-1815" (under contract: University of Chicago Press).

### **Fellowships and Awards:**

Article Prize, Berkshire Conference of Women Historians, 2005

Kenan Grant, JHU, 2004

Distinguished Teaching Award, Johns Hopkins University, 1992

NEH Grant, Travel to Collections Program, 1986

AHA, Albert J. Beveridge Grant for Research in the History of the Western Hemisphere, 1986

### **Conference Papers/ Invited Seminars & Talks since 1990:**

Fraught Affections: Epistolary Attachments and the Gendered Formation of Young Men in the Eighteenth Century," University Seminar on Early American History and Culture, Columbia University, New York City, March 13, 2013.

"Youth," Roundtable on "History, Theory, Masculinity," 14<sup>th</sup> Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Minneapolis, June 12-15, 2008.

"Father's Eye: Epistolary Attachments and the Gendering of Youths in 18th Century Washington Area Seminar, University of Maryland-College Park, College Park MD, Feb. 19, 2009

*also:* Yale British Studies Colloquium, New Haven 2008;

"Youth," Roundtable on "History, Theory, Masculinity," 14<sup>th</sup> Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Minneapolis, June 12-15, 2008.

Huntington Library & University of Southern California, May 17-18, 2007.

"Home & Away: Eighteenth Century Family Letters and Gendered Micro-Politics in Advice to Youths," Evening Address, Berkshire Conference of Women's Historians, Annual Business Meeting, Northampton, June 2-4, 2006.;

*Also at:* Summer Evening Series, McNeil Center for Early American Studies, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, July 28, 2006.

- “New Men’s History,” Distinguished Feminist Scholar Series, Gender & History Workshop, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Feb. 20, 2004.  
*Also, WGS Seminar Series*, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Dec. 2, 2003.
- “Masculinities,” roundtable: “Gendering Colonial America, Making Women’s History Colonial,” Twelfth Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, University of Connecticut, Storrs, June 2002.
- Plenary Panel, “Problems and Possibilities in Eighteenth-Century Women’s and Gender Studies,” American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies, 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting, New Orleans, April 2001.
- Overview Address, Conference on Cultures of Communication, McNeil Center for Early American Studies,” University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Sept. 1999.
- “Mercantile Correspondence and the Experience of Risk,” Delaware Seminar in American Art, History, and Material Culture, University of Delaware, Newark, April 1996;  
*also at: Columbia Seminar in Early American History*; NYC, March 1996.  
*The Letter in History Conference*, University of Warwick, England, March 1996.
- "The Instability of the Creditable Self: Credit and Reputation among 18<sup>th</sup> century Philadelphia Merchants," Shelby Cullom Davis Center for Historical Studies, Princeton, April 1994;  
*also at: Workshop on “Women, Gender, and the Atlantic Economy,” Economic History Society*, London, Nov.1994;  
*Washington Seminar on American History & Culture*, Washington, DC, March 1993.
- "Secret Selves, Credible Personas: The Problematics of Trust and Public Display in the Writing of Eighteenth-Century Philadelphia Merchants," OAH, Atlanta, April 1994.  
*also at: Possible Pasts: Critical Encounters in Early America*, University of Pennsylvania, June 1994.
- "Shipwrecked: Imperiled Masculinity and the Representation of Business Failures among Philadelphia's Eighteenth-Century Merchants," Going Public, Workshop, Baltimore, October, 1992.  
*Also at: Rutgers Center for Historical Studies*, December 1992;  
*Philadelphia Center for Early American Studies*, February 1993.  
*Ninth Berkshire Conference on the History of Women*, Vassar College, June 1993.
- Other Conference Participation:*
- Chair and Comment, “Gender and Useful knowledge in the Early Republic,” Society for the History of the Early Republic, 34th Annual Meeting, Baltimore, July 22, 2012.
- Chair and Comment, panel “Calculus of Commerce & Power,” Warring for America, Omohundro Institute of Early American History & Culture, Library of Congress, Washington, DC, March 31-April 1, 2011.
- Comment, Annual Conference, Society for the History of the Early American Republic, Philadelphia, July 21-24, 2005.
- Comment, “Fortune & Failure in the Age of Market Revolution,”  
Org. Am. Historians, Boston, March 28, 2004.
- Comment, “Risk & Reputation: Insecurity in the Early American Economy, A

Conference of the Program in Early American Economy and Society, Philadelphia, October 2002.  
Comment, session, “Women and Power,” Omohundro Institute Early American History, Seventh Annual Conference, June 2002.  
Comment, session: “Constructing Masculinities in the Early American Republic,” Society for the History of the Early American Republic, Annual Meeting, University of Buffalo, June 2000.  
Comment, session: “Declarations of Dependence: Women, Agency and Identity in Early America,” Eleventh Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, University of Rochester, Rochester, June 1999.  
Comment, session: “The Colonial Family,” Children and the Family in New England, Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of Connecticut History, Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford, CT., Nov. 9, 1996.  
Comment, session, “Masculine Identity,” Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Vanderbilt, Nashville, July 1996.  
Comment, session, “Gender, Virtue, and Women’s Work in the Early Republic,” 10th Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, University of North Carolina, June 1996  
Comment and Chair, Focus Session, Institute of Early American History & Culture, First Annual Conference, Ann Arbor, June 1995  
Comment and Chair, session: Choices and Identities: Unmarried Women in Comparative Perspective, Social Science History Assoc., Annual Meeting, Baltimore, Nov 1993.  
Comment, session: Family and Gender in Early America, Eighth Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Douglass College, June 1990.

**Professional Service since 1990, selected:**

Faculty Editorial Board, Johns Hopkins University Press, 2012-present  
Advisory Board, McNeil Center for Early American Studies, 2006-present  
Board of Publications, Maryland Historical Society, 1996-present  
Board of Editors, American Historical Review, 2006-09  
Beveridge Book Awards Committee, American Historical Association, 1996-99  
Trustee, Berkshire Conference of Women Historians, 1991-93  
ABC-CLIO Article Awards Committee, OAH, 1990-91

**Selected University & Departmental Service, Recent:**

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of History, 2013-  
Liaison, Regional Consortium, McNeil Center for Early Am Studies,  
Un of Pennsylvania, 2006-present.  
Liaison (*with Political Science*), Patrick Henry Scholar & Public Lecture,  
2006-present.  
Advisory Board, Faculty & Staff Assistance/Worklife Programs, 2004-06.  
Faculty Advisory Committee, Office of Admissions, Homewood, 2004-06.  
Advisory Board, Graduate Teacher Training Institute, Homewood, 2004-07.  
Advisory Board, Program in Women, Gender, & Sexuality, 1995-2005.  
Academic Council, Schools of Arts & Sciences and Engineering, 1999-2004.  
Dean’s Task Force on the Status of Women, Krieger School of Arts & Sciences, 1999, 2001.  
Provost’s Committee on the Status of Women, Johns Hopkins University, 1997-2000.

**Areas of Teaching Competence:**

Social and Cultural History of Early America and the Atlantic World to 1830  
History of Women and Gender (U.S. and European)  
History of the Family (U.S. and European)

**Professional Affiliation:**

American Historical Association  
Berkshire Conference of Women Historians;  
McNeil Center for Early American Studies;  
Organization of American Historians  
Omohundro Institute of Early American History & Culture