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## Current Position

Teaching Professor of History  
Coordinator of Undergraduate Intern Program  
Department of History  
Pennsylvania State University

## Education

**Ph. D. (United States History), University of Virginia, May 1994.**

Dissertation: *"The Contradictions of Public Service: A Study of Howard Odum's Intellectual Odyssey."*

**M. A. (United States History), University of Virginia, May 1985.**

Thesis: *"Populism to Fascism: A Look at the Political Mind of Milford Howard."*

**B. A. (Economics and History) with High Distinction, University of Toronto, June 1982.**

## Teaching Employment

**Teaching Professor of History**, History Department, Pennsylvania State University.  
2017-present.

**Senior Lecturer of History**, History Department, Pennsylvania State University.  
2008-2017.

**Visiting Scholar & Lecturer of History**, History Department, Pennsylvania State University.  
2005-2008.

**Instructor of History & Economics**, History Department, Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, New Hampshire.  
1991- 2005.

**Instructor**, History Department, University of Virginia.  
1987.

**Teaching Assistant**, University of Virginia.  
United States History Survey, Colonial Era to Civil War, 1986.  
History of Soviet Russia, 1985-1987.  
History of Imperial Russia, 1984-1985.

*"English as a Second Language"* Elementary School Teacher, Oakwood Primary School, Oakville, Ontario, Canada.  
Summer Sessions (June-August) 1982, 1983.

## **Courses Taught**

### **While at Penn State University:**

**History 20**, United States Survey – *"The History of American Civilization to 1877"*

**History 21**, United States Survey – *"The History of American Civilization since 1877"*

**History 148**, History of Pennsylvania State University

[I created this course, submitted course proposal, and, in Nov. 2018, Faculty Senate approved Hist 148 as permanent PSU course]

**History 155**, United States Business History

**History 302W**, *"Monopolies and Antitrust in America"*

**History 450**, United States Constitutional History since 1877

**History 434**, History of the Soviet Union

### **While at University of Virginia and Phillips Exeter Academy:**

*"Southerners' Perspectives on their Region in the Inter-War Years"*  
(University of Virginia Senior seminar, fall 1986)

United States History Survey

History of Economic Thought (*"Capitalism and Its Critics"*)

History of the Soviet Union

20<sup>th</sup> Century World History

American Business and Society

Macroeconomics

[created, with colleague, new 12<sup>th</sup> grade history course titled, *"Why Are Poor Nations Poor?"* (approved by Phillips Exeter faculty, spring 2005)]

## **Administrative Responsibilities & Service Work**

### **Penn State's History Department and Undergraduate History Majors**

**Coordinator of Undergraduate Intern Program, Department of History, Pennsylvania State University, September 2006–present.**

--facilitated, administered, and supervised 100-plus student internships at various museums/historical societies/historical parks chiefly in PA area (internship sites include Harpers Ferry National Historic Park; Delaware Water Gap Recreation Area & National Park; Pennsylvania Military Museum; Penn State All-Sports Museum; Penn State University Library Special Collections; Centre County Historical Society; *"The People's Contest"* Digital Archiving Project, George and Ann Richards Civil War Era Center, Penn State; Huntingdon County Historical Society; U. S. Army Heritage and Education Center; York County Historical Trust; Pasto Agricultural Museum; Historical Society of Berks County; WPSU; *"Hearts in the Highlands,"* Highlands Civic Association, State College, PA; Centre County Planning & Community Development Office).

**Creator and Department Administrator, "historic preservation" student internships, Centre County Planning & Community Development Office (CCPCDO), Bellefonte, PA, spring 2017-present.**

**Evaluator, Education Abroad course equivalencies & CSRS history syllabi course equivalencies, July 2012-present.**

Director of Undergraduate Studies [interim], Department of History, Pennsylvania State University, January 2019-May 2019.

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of History, Pennsylvania State University, July 2012-July 2016.

Host and Organizer, *"Penn State History Alums Careers Panel,"* University Park, PA, 15 October 2020 [ZOOM remote event].

Host and Organizer, *"Penn State History Alums Careers Panel,"* University Park, PA, 3 October 2019.

Host and Organizer, *"Penn State History Alums Careers Panel,"* University Park, PA, 11 October 2018.

Host and Organizer, *"Penn State History Alums Careers Panel,"* University Park, PA, 19 October 2017.

Host and Organizer, *"Penn State History Alums Careers Panel,"* University Park, PA, 13 October 2016.

Host and Organizer, *"Penn State History Alums Careers Panel,"* University Park, PA, 15 October 2015.

Host and Organizer, *"Penn State History Alums Careers Panel,"* University Park, PA, 16 October 2014.

Co-Host and Organizer, talk given by Liz Covart (creator of “Ben Franklin’s World”) titled, “Podcasting and History,” 102 Weaver, University Park, PA, 3 October 2019.

Faculty Supervisor for Pennsylvania State University “Erickson Summer Discovery Grant” undergraduate research project by Aileen McKinstry (project titled: “Justice Scalia’s Enduring Constitution”), May-August 2019.

Panelist, session titled, “Advice on Attending Graduate School,” Richards Center Emerging Scholars Program, University Park, PA, 29 June 2017.

Faculty Supervisor for Pennsylvania State University “Summer Discovery Grant” undergraduate research project by Colin Hirth (project titled: “MIA: History and the Recovery of those Missing in Action”), May-August 2013.

Faculty Adviser, History Roundtable (undergraduate history students’ club), October 2012-September 2016.

Chair, Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department of History, Pennsylvania State University, July 2012-May 2016.

Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department of History, Pennsylvania State University, September 2010-June 2012.

Department Administrator for Eagles Mere Museum summer internships, Eagles Mere, PA, 2009-2016.

Presentation of “Preliminary Thoughts on History of Penn State Course,” Penn State University’s History Roundtable, 17 November 2014.

Presentation on internship opportunities for History Majors, Penn State University’s History Roundtable, 25 September 2012; 10 February 2010; 7 November 2007.

Faculty Panelist, History Roundtable – Penn State University Undergraduate History Conference, University Park, PA, 1 December 2011; 9 April 2011.

## **Penn State’s College of Liberal Arts**

**Interviewer, College of Liberal Arts “Witness to Change: The Penn State Experience” website** [<https://www.1968.psu.edu/>], November 2017-present.

--interviewer of the following Penn State alumni (videotaped interviews posted on “Witness to Change”): Howard Davidson (class of 1969) (7 November 2017); Dan Clements (class of 1968) (10 November 2017); John Knorr (class of 1972) (10 November 2017); Kay Salvino (class of 1969) (10 November 2017); Bruce K. Miller (class of 1971) (20 April 2018); Steve Fisher (class of 1970) (27 February 2019) John Sternberg (class of 1971) (5 September 2019).

---interviewer of 1968 Olympic Gold Medalist Tommie Smith (April 2018) (interview posted on “Witness to Change”).

Presenter, lecture titled: “President Atherton and Hetzel: Leadership Tested in Times of Crisis,” “We Are,” Penn State Alumni Weekend, 1 June 2019, 31 May 2019.

Presenter, lecture titled: *"Moments in Penn State History as Viewed through Selected History 148 Writing Assignments,"* Penn State Parents' Weekend, 11 October 2019.

Faculty Presenter, College of Liberal Arts Accepted Students Program event, 25 February 2019.

Panelist, Pennsylvania State University – College of the Liberal Arts, *"Moments of Change presents Forrest Gump,"* State College, PA, 20 September 2017.

## **Schreyer's Honors College at Pennsylvania State University**

Thesis Supervisor for Schreyer's Honors College thesis of Aileen McKinstry, academic year 2019-2020 (thesis title: *"Guns, Perps, and Scalia: An Analysis of Justice Antonin Scalia's Originalist Jurisprudence in District of Columbia v. Heller and Crawford v. Washington"*).

Thesis Supervisor for Schreyer's Honors College thesis of Nicholas Labecki, academic year 2018-2019 (thesis title: *"A Pastoral State: The Morgenthau Plan and the Debate Over Germany's Postwar Future"*).

Thesis Supervisor for Schreyer's Honors College thesis of Sarah McKenna, academic year 2018-2019 (thesis title: *"Analyzing 'Detrimental Psychological Harm': Social Science Evidence and Segregation in the Supreme Court, post-1950"*).

Thesis Supervisor for Schreyer's Honors College thesis of Joshua Tonkel, academic year 2018-2019 (thesis title: *"Nothing Less Than a Revolution: Henry Prentiss Armsby and the Role of Scientists in Society, 1862-1921"*).

Thesis Supervisor for Schreyer's Honors College thesis of Jennifer Steinhardt, academic year 2008-2009 (thesis title: *"Who is John Galt? A Comparison of Individualism in Ayn Rand's Fiction to Zamyatin, Orwell, Hook, and Hayek"*).

Thesis Supervisor for Schreyer's Honors College thesis of Saalim Carter, academic year 2006-2007 (thesis title: *"Labor Unions and Antitrust Legislation: Judicial Activism vs. Judicial Restraint from 1890-1941"*).

Honors Adviser, Department of History, Pennsylvania State University, July 2012-May 2017.

Faculty Reader of admissions folders for Schreyer's Honors College, fall 2018; spring 2015; spring 2011; spring 2010; spring 2009; spring 2006.

Panelist, session titled: *"The Honors Thesis: Journey and Destination,"* Honors Advising and Teacher Forum, Schreyer's Honors College, University Park, PA, 2 October 2014.

Faculty Reader for Schreyer's Honors College thesis of Bianca Leigh Black, academic year 2010-2011 (thesis title: *"The Ballot Is Stronger than the Bullet": The Issue of Race in the 1864 Presidential Election Campaign"*).

Faculty Reader for Schreyer's Honors College thesis of Katherine Emma Felt, academic year 2009-2010 (thesis title: *"The Modern Memory of Stalin's Terror in Russia"*).

Crafted and led class discussion on “*U. S. Government’s Handling of Dissent and the Protection of Civil Liberties During Times of War*,” Schreyer’s Honors College Orientation Program, 24 August 2012; 19 August 2011; 23 August 2007.

## **McNair Scholars Program at Pennsylvania State University**

Speaker, McNair Scholars Summer Program Workshop titled, “*Research Ethics and Methodology from the Perspectives of the Hard Sciences and the Humanities*,” 24 June 2008.

Faculty Mentor, McNair Scholars Program at Penn State, academic year 2007-2008.

Presentation on historical research methods to McNair Scholars Summer Program, 13 June 2007.

Panelist for “*The Dissertation and the Defense*,” McNair Scholars Program at Penn State, 13 November 2006.

Faculty Research Adviser (to Saalim Carter), McNair Scholars Program at Penn State University, summer 2006.

## **Other Service Work at Penn State University**

Comprehensive Doctoral Exam Committee Member & Dissertation Committee Member, Chelsea Cameron, Pennsylvania State University, graduate student in Educational Psychology, School of Education [Ph. D. dissertation title, “*Multiple Document Question Instruction: Promoting Multiple Document Thinking through Inquiry*”].

Comprehensive Exam, 1 November 2016; Dissertation Defense, 23 August 2018; May 2015-September 2018.

Committee Member, University Faculty Senate Centennial Committee, September 2017-May 2019.

Faculty Adviser, Phi Sigma Pi Service Fraternity, Pennsylvania State University Chapter, October 2011-September 2012.

Faculty Adviser, Penn State Women’s Ice Hockey Team, September 2008-June 2011.

Reader for 2015 Advanced Placement United States History Exam Conference (in Louisville, Kentucky, 30 May-8 June 2015).

Reader for 2013 Advanced Placement United States History Exam Conference (in Louisville, Kentucky, 1 June-8 June 2013).

Reader for 2012 Advanced Placement United States History Exam Conference (in Louisville, Kentucky, 1 June-8 June 2012).

Reader for 2010 Advanced Placement United States History Exam Conference (in Louisville, Kentucky, 1 June-8 June 2010).

Reader for 2009 Advanced Placement United States History Exam Conference (in Louisville, Kentucky, 4 June-12 June 2009).

Reader for 2008 Advanced Placement United States History Exam Conference (in Louisville, Kentucky, 4 June-12 June 2008).

Member of Board of Governors, American Independence Museum, Exeter, NH, 2002-2005.

## **Publications**

Book review, *Ice Cream U: The Story of the Nation's Most Successful Collegiate Creamery* by Lee Stout in Autumn 2010 (Volume 77, no. 4) issue of **Pennsylvania History: A Journal of Mid-Atlantic Studies**, pp. 521-523.

"*Paul Blank '94: Changing Wal-Mart, and Changing America*" [An Interview with Paul Blank, 1<sup>st</sup> Director of "Wake Up Wal-Mart"], **The Exeter Bulletin**, Fall 2008, pp. 23-26.

"*A Conversation with Khrushchev*," **The Exeter Bulletin**, Summer 2003, p. 4.

"*The 'Universal Constant in A World of Societal Variables': Howard Odum's Use of the Folk Concept in Folk Sociology, 1930-1953*," **The Folklore Historian**, Volume 8 (1991), pp. 5-25.

"*The Question of Black Labor and Planter Immigration Ideology, 1865-1910*," **Essays in History**, Department of History, University of Virginia, Volume 28 (1984), pp. 81-110.

## **Teaching and Academic Awards**

**Member of University Court, Penn State Homecoming 2019**, 3-5 October 2019.

**Faculty Marshal for History Department**, selected by History Student Marshal Caroline Briselli, Pennsylvania State University, College of the Liberal Arts, Graduation and Commencement Ceremonies, University Park, PA, 6 May 2017.

**Recognized as "Exemplar Honors Adviser,"** by Schreyer's Honors College, 18 March 2014.  
[Profiled by Nichola Gutgold, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, Schreyer's Honors College, in 18 March 2014 SHC blog]

**Honored as "faculty member who has helped Penn State students excel during their first year,"** East Halls Residence Life, Student Affairs, Pennsylvania State University, 29 March 2011.

**Arthur Seeligson Professorship in Business, Economics & History**, Phillips Exeter Academy, May 2004-June 2006.

**Brown Faculty Fund Teaching Award**, Phillips Exeter Academy, May 2003.

**Charles F. Ryberg Teaching Award**, Phillips Exeter Academy, May 1997.

**Richard Reuss Prize for best graduate essay in folklore studies**, presented by the American Folklore Society, October 1991.

**Governor's Fellowship**, University of Virginia, 1989.

**Mayo Prize in American History**, Department of History, University of Virginia, May 1984.

## **Professional Organization**

Member of **American Historical Association**.

Member of **Pennsylvania Historical Association**.