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Ph.D. in History, Columbia University, 2000, “The Ideological Transformation of the Republican Party During the Civil War”; Adviser: Eric Foner

M.A., University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 1988

B.A., University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 1986 (High Distinction)

Books:

Nevada: A History of the Silver State (University of Nevada Press, 2015).

Ideas and Movements That Shaped America: From the Bill of Rights to “Occupy Wall Street”,
(co-edited with Scott L. Stabler; 3 volumes, ABC-CLIO, 2015).

Lincoln and the Election of 1860 (Southern Illinois University Press, 2011).

Politics and America in Crisis: The Coming of the Civil War (Santa Barbara: ABC-Clio, 2010).

Las Vegas: A Pictorial Celebration (New York: Sterling Publishing, 2006).

Las Vegas: A Centennial History (co-authored with Eugene P. Moehring; Reno: University of Nevada Press, 2005).

The Centennial Business Chronicle: One Hundred Years of Business in Las Vegas (co-authored with Jeff Burbank; Las Vegas: Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, 2005).

Freedom, Union, and Power: Lincoln and His Party during the Civil War (New York: Fordham University Press, 2004).

Nevada: A Journey of Discovery (Salt Lake City: Gibbs-Smith Publishers, 2004, a middle school textbook).

A Liberal Conscience: Ralph Denton, Nevadan (Reno: University of Nevada Oral History Program, 2001).

Nevada: Readings and Perspectives (co-edited with Gary E. Elliott; Reno: Nevada Historical Society, 1997).

Books in Progress:

The Great Basin in the Twentieth Century, University of Arizona Press

A Companion to Abraham Lincoln, Wiley-Blackwell Publishing (editor).

Lincoln and Native Americans, Southern Illinois University Press.

“We’re Bigger Than U.S. Steel”: Organized Crime in Twentieth-Century America. Rowman & Littlefield.

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- "Wile E. Coyote, Ross Perot, and the Myth of Western Individualism," Popular Culture Review, VII:2 (August 1996), 21-31.
- "Frank Waters at Sunset," Studies in Frank Waters XVI, 1995, 17-24.
- "Understanding Nevada Today: The Southward Shift," Halcyon 1994: A Journal of the Humanities, XVI, 179-95.
- "Picks, Spades, and Shiloh: The Entrenchment Question," Southern Studies, III (Spring 1992, published in 1994), 45-54.
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- "The Las Vegas Newspaper War of the 1950s," Nevada Historical Society Quarterly, XXXI:3 (Fall 1988), 155-82.
- "Campaigning on the Comstock: Virginia City and the Hayes-Tilden Election," Hayes Historical Journal, VII:1 (Fall 1987), 6-26.
- "Diehard or Swing Man: Senator James W. Nye and Andrew Johnson's Impeachment and Trial," Nevada Historical Society Quarterly, XXIX:3 (Fall 1986), 175-191.

Contributions to Edited Works:

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- Geoff Schumacher and Scott Dickensheets, eds., Back to Where You Once Belonged: Las Vegas

- Writers Weigh the Power of the Past (Las Vegas: Huntington Press, 2017), "Growing Up Amid History," 47-65.
- Frank J. Williams and Michael Burkheimer, eds., The Lincoln Assassination Riddle (Kent: Kent State University Press, 2015), "Robert Todd Lincoln: The Grieving Prince of Rails," 137-51.
- A. James Fuller, ed., The Election of 1860 Reconsidered (Kent: Kent State University Press, 2013), "The Political Organizer: Abraham Lincoln's 1860 Campaign," 7-27.
- Steven L. Danver, ed., Encyclopedia of Politics of the American West (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2013), multiple entries.
- Jerry L. Simich and Thomas C. Wright, eds., More Peoples of Las Vegas: One City, Many Faces (Reno and Las Vegas: University of Nevada Press, 2010), "The Irish," 1-28.
- Richard W. Etulain, ed., Lincoln Looks West: From the Mississippi to the Pacific (Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Press, 2010), "Lincoln, the West, and the Antislavery Politics of the 1850s," 90-112.
- Paul A. Cimbala and Randall Miller, eds., The Great Task Remaining Before Us: Reconstruction as America's Continuing Civil War, "Reconstructing the Nation, Reconstructing the Party: Postwar Republicans and the Evolution of a Party" (New York: Fordham University Press, 2010), 183-204.
- David S. Tanenhaus, ed., Encyclopedia of the Supreme Court of the United States, (5 volumes, Farmington Hills: Macmillan Reference USA, 2008), "Abe Fortas," "Potter Stewart," "Anthony Lewis," and "Benjamin R. Curtis."
- Brian Daugherty and Charles Bolton, eds., With All Deliberate Speed: Implementing Brown v. Board of Education (Fayetteville: University of Arkansas Press, 2008), "Brown, Integration, and Nevada," 231-48.
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- Erik Herzik, Dennis Soden, and Royse J. Smith, eds., Nevada in the New Millennium (Dubuque: Kendall-Hunt, 2001), "The Nevada Constitution," 19-43.
- Stephen Tchudi, ed., Western Technological Landscapes (Reno: University of Nevada Press, 1998), "Western Landscapes and Warner Bros. Cartoons," 191-204.
- Richard O. Davies, ed., The Maverick Spirit: Building the New Nevada (Reno: University of Nevada Press, 1998), "Hank Greenspun: Where He Stood," 74-95.
- Richard Moreno, ed., The Historical "Nevada Magazine": Outstanding Historical Features From the Pages of "Nevada Magazine" (Carson City: Nevada Magazine, 1998), "Gass' Station,"

- 96-104 (with Ralph J. Roske).
- Stephen Tchudi, ed., Change in the American West (Reno: University of Nevada Press, 1996), "The Valley Times: A Personal History," 213-32.
- Kenneth T. Jackson, ed., Encyclopedia of New York City (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1995), eleven entries
- Eric Foner and John A. Garraty, eds., The Readers' Companion to American History (Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1991), more than eighty entries.
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- "Harry Reid: Getting Started with a Little Help from His Friend" and "Faith and Politics: 'How Can I Be a Mormon and a Democrat?'" Desert Companion, October 2016
- "Vin Scully: The End of an Era and a Career for the Ages," www.werehistory.org, October 3, 2016
- "Edward R. Murrow, Charles Collingwood, and Morley Safer: A Lineage that Shaped American Journalism," www.werehistory.org, May 24, 2016
- "Jackie Robinson & the Dodgers' Trip to Cuba: Havana Set the Stage for Robinson's Rookie Season," www.werehistory.org, March 25, 2016
- "The Story of Lenora Young: What Her Life Tells Us About Women's History," www.werehistory.org, March 11, 2016
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- "A Perfect Game and a Perfect Account: Koufax and Scully," www.werehistory.org, September 9, 2015
- "The Tenth Man on the Field ... Or Above It," www.werehistory.org, April 28, 2015
- "William Henry Seward: Another Victim of the Events of April 14, 1865," www.werehistory.org, April 14, 2015
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- "Lincoln as a Politician: The Presidential Election of 1860," North & South, March 2012, 40-44.
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- The Farmers' Game: Baseball in Rural America, Journal of the West, 52:4 (Fall 2013), 113.
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Neon Metropolis: How Las Vegas Started the Twenty-First Century, Business History Review, LXXVII:1 (Spring 2003), 153-55.

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Society Quarterly, XLIII:2 (Summer 2000), 182-83.
24/7: Living It Up and Doubling Down in the New Las Vegas, Nevada Historical Society Quarterly, XLII:4 (Winter 1999), 294-95.
Securing the Fruits of Labor: The American Concept of Wealth Distribution, 1865-1900, Business History Review, LXXIII:2 (Summer 1999), 275-76.
On the Boulevard: The Best of John L. Smith, Nevada Historical Society Quarterly, XLI:3 (Fall 1998), 176-78.
Searchlight: The Camp That Didn't Fail, Nevada Historical Society Quarterly, XLI:2 (Summer 1998), 129-31.
The Greatest Nation of the Earth: Republican Economic Policies in the Civil War, Nevada Historical Society Quarterly, XLI:1 (Spring 1998), 62-64.
Letters from the Nevada Frontier: The Correspondence of Tasker L. Oddie, Western Legal History, VIII:2 (Summer/Fall 1995), 296-97.
The Gentle Giant: How Jim Joyce Shaped Nevada for a Generation, Nevada Historical Society Quarterly, XXXVII:2 (Summer 1994), 150-52.

Professional Papers and Presentations:

“Lincoln and Native Americans: What Might Have Been,” Western History Association conference, San Diego, November 4, 2017
“Consuming the Past: Representing Prohibition Era Material Culture with Public History” (panel chair), Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association conference, Northridge, California, August 5, 2017
“How the Mountain West Voted in 2016: A Post-Election Analysis of Trends, Demographics, and Politics in America’s New Swing Region,” Brookings Mountain West, Las Vegas, November 15, 2016
“Go West, Young Historians! Expanding the Boundaries of Civil War Studies,” Society of Civil War Historians conference, Chattanooga, June 4, 2016 (roundtable)
“The Boundaries of Being a Nevadan: National Reputation and Exceptionalism,” Nevada Historical Society Conference, Reno, September 26, 2015
“Ambassador of Cajun Music: Jimmy C. Newman, 1927-2014,” Far West Popular Culture Association, Las Vegas, February 21, 2015
“The Battle Between *Las Vegas Sun* Publisher Hank Greenspun and Senators Pat McCarran and Joe McCarthy,” First Amendment Lawyers Association, Las Vegas, February 6, 2015
“Lincoln and the Election of 1860,” The Lincoln Forum, Gettysburg, November 18, 2013
“Labor’s History and Future in Nevada: From the Mines to the Casinos,” Eighth Annual Colloquium on Current Scholarship in Labor and Employment Law, UNLV, William S. Boyd School of Law, September 27, 2013
“The Mob Museum: Building a History of Organized Crime in the U.S.,” Fifteenth International Conference on Gambling & Risk Taking, Las Vegas, May 31, 2013
“California and the Civil War,” California Historical Society, San Francisco, September 21, 2012 (commentator)
“The Election of 1860,” OAH Community College Conference, Springfield, Illinois, June 16, 2012
“Fruits of Civil War: Corruption in Late Nineteenth-Century Nevada,” Western History Association conference, Oakland, October 14, 2011
“Beyond Battlefields and Homefronts: California and the Civil War,” Western History

- Association conference, Oakland, October 14, 2011, commentator
- “The Civil War in the Far West,” OAH Community College Conference, Denver, June 14, 2011
- “Modern Marvels: Hoover Dam, City Center, Economics, Art, and Reality,” Urban History Association conference, Las Vegas, October 21, 2010 (also led conference tour)
- “The Irish in Las Vegas,” Arizona-Nevada History Convention, Laughlin, April 16, 2010.
- “Teaching American History Grants,” Workshop, Arizona-Nevada History Convention, Laughlin, April 15, 2010.
- “Serving All Our Students: Diverse Skill Levels in the Community College History Classroom,” Organization of American Historians conference, Seattle, March 26, 2009.
- “A Partisan Press: Las Vegas and the 1932 Election,” Nevada Historical Society Biennial Conference, Reno, May 21, 2008.
- “Community Colleges and Teaching American History Grants: A Mutually Beneficial Partnership,” Organization of American Historians conference, New York, March 29, 2008.
- “We Have Agreed to Your Terms’: African Americans, Jews, and the Civil Rights Movement in Las Vegas,” Western History Association conference, St. Louis, October 14, 2006.
- “Sonny James: The Southern Gentleman,” Far West Popular Culture Association conference, Las Vegas, February 5, 2005.
- “Quality Work: The History of Lionel Sawyer & Collins,” Western History Association conference, Las Vegas, October 16, 2004 (also led conference tour).
- “Boosting Beginnings: The Las Vegas Times, 1905-06,” Nevada Historical Society Biennial Conference, Reno, May 25, 2004.
- “The Mississippi of the West?,” “Preserving Equal Justice in the West” conference, William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, February 20, 2004.
- “The Jews of Las Vegas,” Far West Popular Culture Association conference, Las Vegas, February 7, 2004.
- “Rethinking Hoover: Nero Wolfe and Nevada,” Far West Popular Culture Association conference, Las Vegas, February 1, 2003 (panel moderator).
- “In Tune, Out of Tune, War Toons: Political Correctness and National Crisis,” Far West Popular Culture Association conference, Las Vegas, February 2, 2002 (panel moderator).
- “Nevada Gaming and the Black Book,” American Italian Historical Association conference, Las Vegas, October 26, 2001 (panel moderator).
- “Hank Snow, His Music, and American Culture,” Far West Popular Culture Association conference, Las Vegas, February 4, 2001 (with William Thompson).
- “Nevada History and Historiography: The Impact of the Elliotts,” Nevada Historical Society Biennial Conference, Reno, May 16, 2000.
- “Las Vegas: Myth and Reality,” Far West Popular Culture Association conference, Las Vegas, February 5, 2000.
- “Myths of Las Vegas History,” Nevada Museum Association conference, Clark County Museum, Henderson, October 7, 1999.
- “The Ten Most Important Events in the History of the Gaming Industry,” Gaming Business & Law Update, Clark County Bar Association/Nevada Gaming Attorneys, Las Vegas, June 9, 1999 (with Gary E. Elliott).
- “Farewell to the Good Times: Russell Baker and American Journalism,” Far West Popular Culture Association conference, Las Vegas, February 6, 1999.
- “Ghost Towns and Tourist Towns: The Nevada Example,” American Planning Association conference, Las Vegas, September 28, 1998.

- "Historical Myth and Reality in Warner Bros. Cartoons," Far West Popular Culture Association conference, February 7, 1998.
- "The 1978 Election," Nevada Historical Society Biennial Conference, Reno, May 21, 1997.
- "A Founding Father: A Political Biography of James G. Scrugham," Nevada Archaeological Association conference, March 31, 1997.
- "Dethpicable: A Duck Turnth Thixty," Far West Popular Culture Association conference, Las Vegas, February 1, 1997 (panel moderator).
- "Requiem for Yosemite Sam: Friz Freleng, 1906-1995," Far West Popular Culture Association, conference, Las Vegas, February 3, 1996 (panel moderator).
- "The History of The Valley Times," Nevada Historical Society Biennial Conference, Las Vegas, May 23, 1995.
- "Lincoln's Court: Creating a Republican Supreme Court," Organization of American Historians conference, Washington, April 2, 1995.
- "Robert McKimson, the Forgotten Man of Looney Tunes," Far West Popular Culture Association conference, Las Vegas, February 4, 1995 (panel moderator).
- "From Dogwoods to Dodger Dogs: Red Barber, Vin Scully, and the Cult of the Baseball Broadcaster," Far West Popular Culture Association conference, Las Vegas, February 5, 1994 (chair of additional panel).
- "The Nevada Political Tradition," Nevada Historical Society Biennial Conference, Reno, Nevada, May 20, 1993.
- "Wile E. Coyote, Ross Perot, and the Myth of Western Individualism," Far West Popular Culture Association conference, Las Vegas, Nevada, January 22, 1993 (panel moderator).
- "The Environmentalism of Chuck Jones," California American Studies Association conference, Fullerton, California, May 3, 1992.
- "Bugs, Elmer ... and the NRA?: Environmental Images in Warner Brothers Cartoons," Far Western Popular Culture Association conference, Las Vegas, February 8, 1992.
- "Rethinking Nevada: The Turning Point and the Southward Shift," Nevada Historical Society Biennial Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada, May 23, 1991.
- "Senator William M. Stewart and Reconstruction," Western History Association conference, Sparks, October 20, 1990 (panel organizer).
- "Nevada and the Court-Packing Plan," Nevada Historical Society 85th Anniversary Conference on Nevada History, Reno, May 19, 1989.
- "Picks, Spades, and Shiloh: The Entrenchment Question," Phi Alpha Theta conference, Washington, D.C., December 29, 1987.
- "Octavius Decatur Gass of Pah-Ute County: Arizona Legislator and Landowner," Arizona Historical Society conference, April 30, 1987, Flagstaff (with Ralph J. Roske).

Manuscript Evaluations (published books):

- Burlingame, Michael, ed., Lincoln as President-in-Waiting: The Springfield Dispatches of Henry Villard, 1860-1861 (Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Press, 2017).
- Fuller, A. James, Oliver P. Morton and the Politics of the Civil War and Reconstruction (Kent: Kent State University Press, 2017).
- Fornieri, Joseph, Abraham Lincoln: Philosopher Statesman (Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Press, 2014).
- Zola, Gary Phillip, ed., We Called Him Rabbi Abraham: Lincoln and American Jewry, A Documentary History (Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Press, 2014).

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Tewell, Jeremy, A Self-Evident Lie: Southern Slavery and the Threat to American Freedom (Kent: Kent State University Press, 2012).

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Eckley, Robert S., Lincoln's Trusted Friend and Advocate, Leonard Swett (Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Press, 2012).

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Williams, Frank J., and William D. Pederson, eds., Lincoln Lessons: Reflections on America's Greatest Leader (Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Press, 2009).

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Flehringer, Brett, ed., The Election of 1912 (New York: Bedford/St. Martin's Press, 2002).

Garraty, John A., and Mark C. Carnes, The American Nation (11th Edition, HarperCollins, 2002 (selected chapters).

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Teaching:

Associate Professor of History, UNLV, 2014-
 History 100, Historical Issues and Contemporary Society, "The Meaning of Freedom in

American History”
 History 101, U.S. to 1877
 History 388, “Great Personalities: Lincoln”
 History 388, “Great Personalities: Presidential Campaigns and Elections”
 Honors 111, Themes in American Civilization
 Honors 440, The Making of Modern Nevada
 Honors 440, “Organized Crime and Las Vegas”
 Honors 440, “Slavery, Emancipation, and Civil Rights”
 Professor of History, College of Southern Nevada, 1999-2014 (Instructor, 1995-99; Adjunct, 1987-95)
 History 101, U.S. to 1877
 History 102, U.S. since 1877
 History 111, American Constitutional History
 History 217, Nevada History
 History 220, History of Las Vegas
 History 295, Special Topics: Civil War; History of Gaming Law
 Part-Time Instructor, UNLV, Honors College and Department of History, 1988-91 and 2000-14
 History 217, Nevada History
 History 388, Great Personalities: Abraham Lincoln
 Honors 400, Seminars: Abraham Lincoln; The Supreme Court in American Life; History of Nevada Politics; History of Las Vegas
 Teaching Assistant, Columbia University, 1989-90 (discussion sections)
 Teaching Assistant, Department of History, UNLV, Fall 1986-Spring 1988

Fellowships/Grants/Awards:

Project Co-Director, NEH Summer Institute for College and University Faculty, “Hoover Dam and the Shaping of the American West,” July 2018
 Project Co-Director, NEH Landmarks of American History and Culture workshop, “Hoover Dam and the American West,” July 2016
 Presenter, NEH-Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History Grant, “Created Equal: America’s Equal Rights Struggle,” Green Valley Library, Henderson, Nevada, January 11, 2014
 Eugene Asher Distinguished Teaching Award, American Historical Association, 2013
 Third place, column-writing by a non-staff member, Vegas Seven, Nevada State Press Association, 2013
 Crystal Bookmark Award, Vegas Valley Book Festival, 2012
 Moderator, NEH-American Library Association grant, “Making Sense of the American Civil War,” Green Valley Library, Henderson, Nevada, 2012
 Second place, column-writing by a non-staff member, Vegas Seven, Nevada State Press Association, 2011, 2012, 2016
 First place, column-writing by a non-staff member, Vegas Seven, Nevada State Press Association, 2010
 Los Angeles Corral of Westerners Fellowship, The Henry E. Huntington Library, 2008-09
 Co-Director, U.S. Department of Education Teaching American History Grant, Clark County School District, “Inside American History,” 2007-11 (\$1.998 million)
 Second place, column-writing by a non-staff member, Las Vegas Business Press, Nevada State

Press Association, 2006
Recipient, Wilbur S. Shepperson Book Award from Nevada Humanities, 2005
Co-Director, U.S. Department of Education Teaching American History Grant, Clark County School District, "Living American History, Living American Freedom," 2004-08 (\$985,000)
Dunning Fund travel grant, History Department, Columbia University, 1995, 1990
Fletcher Jones Foundation Fellow, The Henry E. Huntington Library, 1993
Michael J. Connell Foundation Fellow, The Henry E. Huntington Library, 1992
Ball Brothers Foundation Fellow, Indiana University, 1992
Tuition Fellowship, Columbia University, 1990-91
President's Fellow, Columbia University, 1989-90
Fellowship, Columbia University, 1988-89

Historical Service, Editing, and Consulting:

Executive Director, Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association, 2017-
Board of Directors, Preserve Nevada, 2015- (Executive Director, 2017-)
Southern Nevada Jewish Community Digital Heritage Project Committee, UNLV Department
Of Special Collections, 2014-
Board of Directors, National Museum of Organized Crime and Law Enforcement, 2013-
Content Committee, National Museum of Organized Crime and Law Enforcement, 2011-
(Chair, 2016-)
Consultant, Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce Centennial, 2011
Co-editor, "Enduring Questions, ABC-CLIO, 2010-
Advisory Board, Desert Companion magazine, 2010-12
Editor, Howard Hughes: Paranoia, Power, and Palace Intrigue, Stephens Press, 2008
Researcher, City of Las Vegas, National Museum of Organized Crime and Law
Enforcement, 2006-12
Consultant, "The American Experience: Las Vegas," PBS/Insignia Films, 2004-05
Consultant, Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce centennial planning, 2004-05
Consultant, Las Vegas Review-Journal, centennial coverage, 2004-05
Consultant, R&R Partners, Las Vegas centennial planning, 2004-05
Consultant, Clark County Winchester Center History project, 2004-05
Editor-in-Chief, Nevada Historical Society Quarterly, 2004-12
Editor, Sun, Sin, and Suburbia, Stephens Press, 2004
Editor, Wilbur S. Shepperson Studies in Nevada History, University of Nevada Press, 2003-
Co-Editor, Online Nevada Encyclopedia for Nevada Humanities, 2003-08
Book Review Editor, Nevada Historical Society Quarterly, 1999-2012
Consultant, "The First 100," Las Vegas Review-Journal, 1999
Consultant, "Millennium Moments," Vegas PBS, 1998-1999
Assistant Book Review Editor, Nevada Historical Society Quarterly, 1997-99
Editorial Board, Halcyon: A Journal of the Humanities, 1996-2001
Editorial Consultant, Popular Culture Review, 1994-

Employment (History-Related):

Department of Defense Education Activity program, content writer, 2009-10
Expert Witness, Tamares Las Vegas Properties v. El Ad Group, 2008
Author/Consultant, World Book Encyclopedia, 2007

Historical Witness, Los Angeles Public Defender's Office, 2006
Historical Writer, Houssels family history project, 2006-10
Center for the Study of the Future, Elder Hostel Program, speaker, 2000-
Historian, Lionel Sawyer & Collins law firm, 1999-2004
UNLV Division of Educational Outreach, Elder Hostel Program, 1998-2017
"Mining Promotions and Speculation," exhibit, Clark County Museum, 1996
"The Politicians," exhibit, Clark County Museum, 1995
"Senator Hal Smith," exhibit, for Basic Management Water Awareness Month, 1995
"Mining in Southern Nevada," exhibit, Clark County Museum, 1995
"Good Sports of Las Vegas," video, Southern Nevada Clean Communities, 1994-95
"Las Vegas: The Entertainment Capital," multi-year exhibit, Clark County Museum, 1990-92
Historical Writer, McNamee family history project, 1985-87

Journalism/Political Employment:

Columnist, Vegas Seven, February 2010-October 2017
Contributor, "Nevada Today," www.nvtoday.com, July 2006-December 2007
Columnist, Las Vegas Business Press, October 2005-January 2008
Author, "Nevada Yesterdays," Nevada Humanities and KNPR, July 2003-
Columnist, "History," Las Vegas Senior Life, April 2003-August 2004
Columnist, "Backstory," Las Vegas Mercury, April 2001-March 2005
Columnist, "Las Vegas History," Las Vegas Senior Press, August 1998-2003
Contributor, Las Vegas City Life, December 1997-April 2001
Columnist, "Inside the Beltway" and "Books," Nevada's Washington Watch,
March 1996-
Columnist and contributor, Las Vegas Weekly, November 1994-November 1995
Political Consultant, A*Track*Tions Campaign Conductors, February 1994-November 1996
Stringer, Grassroots Mediascan business newsletter, September 1985-July 1987
Senior Editor, LifeStyle Magazine, September 1992-March 1993
Production assistant, election night, KTNV-TV-13, Las Vegas, November 1984
Reporter/news editor, The Valley Times daily newspaper, April 1982-June 1984

Interviews:

Interviews by The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Los Angeles Times, Boston Globe, PBS, CBS News, NPR News, ABC News, A&E Network, The Travel Channel, H2, Bloomberg News, and numerous Nevada media outlets.

Public Appearances:

More than 600 talks for Elderhostels, Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, Nevada Humanities, Harrah's Corporation, William S. Boyd School of Law, City of Las Vegas, Old Spanish Trail Association, Southern Nevada Water Authority, Las Vegas-Clark County Library District, Clark County Museum/Department of Parks and Cultural Services, and a variety of civic groups.

Service (Nevada System of Higher Education):

Editorial Advisory Board, University of Nevada Press, 2001-
Search Committee, University of Nevada Press director, 2003

Service (UNLV)

Speaker, UNLV Creates, August 25, 2017

Co-Chair, Historical Committee, UNLV 60th Anniversary Celebration, 2016-17

Executive Committee, UNLV 60th Anniversary Celebration, 2016-17

Service (Honors College)

Mid-Tenure Review Committee, Daniel Bubb, 2017-18

Mid-Tenure Review Committee, Joanna Kepka, 2016-17

Service (UNLV Department of History):

Search Committee, Harry Reid Chair in the History of the Intermountain West, 2017-

Curriculum Committee, 2017- (Chair)

Public History Committee, 2017-

Outreach Committee, 2015-

Awards Committee, 2014- (Chair, 2015-)

Graduate Committee, 2014-17

Service (College of Southern Nevada):

Special Hearing Committee, 2013-2014

Tenure Committees, 2011, 2013

Lead Faculty in History, 2002-2004, 2010-2014

Sabbatical Leave Committee, 1998-2000, 2003-2005, 2009-14 (Chair, 1999-2000 and 2004-05)

Accreditation Committee, History, 1998-2000

Nevada Faculty Alliance Political Action Committee, 1998-2000

Search Committee, History, 1997, 1998, 2002, 2010 (Chair, 2002—two hires)

Search Committee, Political Science, 1996

Greenspun Fund Faculty Committee, 1996-1998

Grade Appeal Committee, 1995-1997

Law Day Committee, 1995-1997

Selected Community Service and Activities:

Board of Directors/Co-President, Nevada Center for Civic Education, 2016-

Board of Directors, Institute for a Progressive Nevada, 2015

Author, program, Junior League of Las Vegas and presenter, The Sands Copa Connection

Program Series, 2013-14

Author, program, Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner, Democratic party, 2010

Member, Boulder City Chautauqua Committee, and program moderator, 2009-

Consultant, Vegas PBS Program Archive, 2008-

Member, Planning Committee, “Pursuing Equal Justice in the West” conference, William S.

Boyd School of Law, UNLV, 2004

Member, historical planning committee, City of Las Vegas Centennial Commission, 2003-05

Judge, “We The People” high school government contest, 2000-

“Millennium Moment #37,” KLVX-TV-10, September 1999

Consultant, “The First 100,” Las Vegas Review-Journal, 1998-99

Consultant, Las Vegas Top 100 and Millenium Moments, KLVX-TV-10, 1998-99

Contributor, "Las Vegas Top 10," Las Vegas Review-Journal "Best of Las Vegas," April 19,

1998

Consultant/Voiceover, "The Water Rules," documentary, KLVX-TV-10, 1996-97
Judge, History Day, Nevada Humanities/Clark County School District, 1996-

Organizational Memberships:

American Historical Association
Organization of American Historians
Western History Association
Abraham Lincoln Association
The Lincoln Forum
Supreme Court Historical Society
American Society for Legal History
Nevada Historical Society

Organizational Service:

Local Arrangements Committee, Western History Association Conference, 2019 (co-chair)
Local Arrangements Committee, National Council for Public History, 2018
Local Arrangements Committee Co-Chair, American Society for Legal History conference, 2017
Membership Committee, Organization of American Historians, 2009- (Chair, 2016-)
Michael P. Malone Award Committee, Western History Association, 2009-2011 (chair, 2011)
Member, Local Arrangements Committee, Western History Association Conference, 2004

References (available upon request):

Eric Foner, DeWitt Clinton professor of history, Columbia University
Heather Cox Richardson, professor of history, Boston College
Richard W. Etulain, emeritus professor of history, University of New Mexico
Michael Vorenberg, associate professor of history, Brown University
Xi Wang, professor of history, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
John David Smith, Charles H. Stone distinguished professor of history, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Larry Gragg, Curators' Teaching Professor, Missouri University of Science & Technology