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EDUCATION

Ph.D., History, Indiana University-Bloomington, 1984
M.A., History, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, 1968
B.A., History with Distinction and Honors, Indiana University-Bloomington, 1965

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Jane Grey Swisshelm: An Unconventional Life, 1815-1884 (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2004).

A History of Gender in America: Essays, Documents, and Articles (Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall, 2003).

When Hens Crow: The Woman's Rights Movement in Antebellum America (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1995).

Private Matters: American Attitudes Toward Childbearing and Infant Nurture in the Urban North, 1800-1860 (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1989).

Scholarly Articles:

"Female Self-making in Mid-Nineteenth-Century America," **Journal of Women's History**, 20 (Sept. 2008).

"Who Funded the National Women's Party?" **Women and Social Movements in the United States, 1600-2000**, 11 (December 2007), at www.alexanderstreet.com/wasm/wasmrestricted/dp83/intro.htm. (Alexander Street Press, digital format.)

"Women's Rights Movement," **Americans at War: Society, Culture, and the Homefront**, ed. John P. Resch (New York: Macmillan, 2005).

“Jane Grey Swisshelm, Elizabeth Keckley, and the Significance of Race Consciousness in American Women’s History,” **Journal of Women’s History** 13 (Autumn 2001), 8-33.

“Childbirth,” **Oxford Companion to United States History**, ed. Paul Boyer (New York: Oxford University Press, 2001), 116-17.

“Gender and Vigilantism on the Minnesota Frontier: Jane Grey Swisshelm and the Dakota War of 1862,” **Western Historical Quarterly**, XXIX (Autumn 1998), 342-62.

“Jane Grey Swisshelm and the Negotiation of Gender Roles on the Minnesota Frontier,” **Frontiers: A Journal of Women’s Studies**, 18 (Winter 1997), 17-39.

“Mothers’ Manuals,” **The Oxford Companion to Women’s Writing in the United States**, ed. Cathy N. Davidson and Linda Wagner-Martin (New York: Oxford University Press, 1995), 585-86.

“New York City’s Penny Press and the Issue of Woman’s Rights, 1848-1860,” **Journalism Quarterly**, 70 (Fall 1993), 656-65.

“Childbearing on the Trans-Mississippi Frontier, 1830-1900,” **Western Historical Quarterly**, XXII (August 1991), 272-88.

“‘A Very Peculiar Sorrow’: Attitudes Toward Infant Death in the Urban Northeast, 1800-1860,” **American Quarterly**, 39 (Winter 1987), 601-16.

“The Yankee Schoolmarm and the Domestication of the South,” **Southern Studies**, XXIV (Summer 1985), 188-201. **Reprint** in Nancy F. Cott, ed., **History of Women in the United States**, Vol. 17: **Social and Moral Reform, Part I** (Munich: K. G. Saur, 1994), 176-89.

“Mary Boykin Chesnut: Private Feminist in the Civil War South,” **Southern Studies**, XVI (Spring 1977), 81-89.

Current Research Project:

“The Trouble With Angels: Money and Power in the National Women’s Party”
Using the National Women’s Party as a case study, this research explores the relationship between political philanthropy and the cause of woman’s rights from 1913 to 1933.

An extension of the above project is a study of private secretary/companions in early twentieth-century America.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Professor of History, Texas A & M University, College Station, TX, 2005 -
Distinguished Professor of History and Women's Studies, University of North Carolina –
Chapel Hill, 2004
Professor of History and Women's Studies, University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill,
1995 -2004
Associate Professor of History, Southwest Missouri State University, Springfield,
1992-1995
Assistant Professor of History, Southwest Missouri State University, 1988-1992
Visiting Lecturer, Department of History/Women's Studies Program, Washington
University, St. Louis, Missouri, 1983-1988
Chair, Department of History, St. Louis Country Day School, St. Louis, 1984-1988

TEACHING INTERESTS

Women in America
Gender in America
Women's Studies
Age of Jackson
American Social History (19th Century)
War and Society
U.S. Survey

TEACHING AWARDS

Bowman and Gordon Gray Chair in Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching, University
of North Carolina – Chapel Hill, 2004
Tanner Faculty Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, University of
North Carolina-Chapel Hill, 2000
Senior Class Teaching Award, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, 1997.
Women's Studies Teaching Award, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, 1996.
Albert G. Blanke, Jr., Chair of Distinguished Teaching, St. Louis Country Day School,
St. Louis, Missouri, 1986-1988.