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EDUCATION

Ph.D. History, Harvard University, 1974
Dissertation: *The French Debt to the United States, 1917-29*
M.A. History, Harvard University, 1962
B.A. magna cum laude, Radcliffe College, 1960

EMPLOYMENT

Assistant to Full Professor, Yeshiva University, 1987-2013
Editor, *Academe*, 1998-2002
Adjunct Professor, Columbia University, 1996; The Union Institute, 1991-95
Lecturer, Department of History, Princeton University, (full-time), 1985-87
Program Officer, New York Council for the Humanities, 1984-85
Adjunct Assistant Professor, History Department, New York University, 1983-85
Instructor, New School for Social Research, 1982-83
Preceptor, Expository Writing, Harvard University, (full-time) 1975-81
Assistant Senior Tutor (Lowell House), Harvard University, 1972-74

PUBLICATIONS

Books

The Lost Promise: American Universities in the 1960s, University of Chicago Press, Chicago, December 2021
The Lost Soul of Higher Education: Academic Freedom, Corporatization, and the Assault on the University, The New Press, New York, 2010
Cold War Triumphalism: Exposing the Misuse of History after the Fall of Communism, ed., The New Press, New York, 2004, paperback ed., 2006
Many Are the Crimes: McCarthyism in America, Little, Brown, New York, 1998; 2nd ed., Princeton University Press, Princeton, N.J., 1999
The Age of McCarthyism: A Brief History with Documents, Bedford Books, Boston, 1994; 2d ed. 2002; 3rd ed., with Philip Deery, 2017
No Ivory Tower: McCarthyism and the Universities, Oxford University Press, New York, 1986
Regulating the Intellectuals: Perspectives on Academic Freedom in the 1980s, edited with Craig Kaplan, Praeger, New York, 1983
The Hired Money: The French Debt to the United States, 1917-1929, Arno Press, New York, 1979
Mrs. Chiang's Szechwan Cookbook, Harper and Row, New York, 1976 (2nd ed., 1987), Electronic edition, Askmar Publishers, 2011; <https://app.ckbk.com/book/006015828x/mrs-chiangs-szechwan-cookbook>

Other Media (selected)

“Yes, These Bills Are the New McCarthyism,” *Academe* Blog, Sept.12, 2021
<https://academeblog.org/2021/09/12/yes-these-bills-are-the-new-mccarthyism/>

- “William Randolph Hearst and McCarthyism,” September 2021, American Experience, WGBH <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/american-experience/features/citizen-hearst-william-randolph-hearst-and-mccarthyism/>
- “Podcast, “The FBI: The Bureaucratic Heart of McCarthyism,” January 2021, <https://stillspying.org/the-bureaucratic-heart-of-mccarthyism/>
- “More Than Just a Man,” (consultant) American Experience, WGBH, December 2019 <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/mccarthy-more-than-just-a-man/>
- “McCarthyism,” TED-Ed Video, April 2017 <https://ed.ted.com/lessons/what-is-mccarthyism-and-how-did-it-happen-ellen-schrecker> (2.1 million views)
- McCarthyism: The Cold War Red Scare in America* (Audiocourse), Recorded Books, Prince Frederick, Md., 2004 <https://www.amazon.com/Modern-Scholar-American-Inquisition-McCarthyism/dp/B001GN35RK#customerReviews>

Scholarly Articles and Chapters (selected)

- “The Decline of the Professions,” with Richard Ohmann, *Radical Teacher* (Summer 2014) <http://radicalteacher.library.pitt.edu/ojs/index.php/radicalteacher/issue/view/4/showToc>
- “Moses Finley and the Academic Red Scare,” in *Moses Finley and Politics*, William Harris, ed., Brill, 2013
- “The Roots of the Right-wing Attack on Higher Education,” *Thought & Action*, Fall 2010, 71-82
- “Soviet Espionage in America: An Oft-Told Tale,” *Reviews in American History*, vol 38, no. 2 (June 2010), 355-61
- “Ward Churchill at the Dalton Trumbo Fountain: Academic Freedom in the Aftermath of 9/11,” *AAUP Journal of Academic Freedom*, vol.1. Jan. 2010, 1-44 <http://www.academicfreedomjournal.org/VolumeOne/Schrecker.pdf>
- “Political Repression and the Rule of Law: The Cold War Case of William Sentner,” in Cornelis A. van Minnen and Sylvia L. Hilton, *Political Repression in U.S. History*, VU University Press (Amsterdam), 2009, 153-71.
- “Subversives, Squeaky Wheels, and ‘Special Obligations’: Threats to Academic Freedom, 1890–1960,” *Social Research*, Summer 2009, 513-40.
- “Academic Freedom in the Age of Casualization,” in Monika Krause, Mary Nolan, Michael Palm, and Andrew Ross, eds., *The University Against Itself: The NYU Strike and the Future of the University Workplace*, Temple University Press 2008.
- “‘Mere Shadows’: The Early Cold War,” in Daniel A. Farber, ed., *Security vs. Liberty*, New York: Russell Sage Foundation, 2008, 67-94.
- “National Security: A Pretext for Repression?” in Melinda M. Hicks and Charles Belmont Keeney III, eds., *Defending the Homeland: Historical Perspectives on Radicalism, Terrorism and State Responses*, West Virginia U. Press, 2007, 3-19
- “Papers of a Dangerous Tendency’: From Major Andre’s Boot to the Venona Files,” with Maurice Isserman, in Schrecker, ed., *Cold War Triumphalism*, 149-73.
- “Stealing Secrets: Communism and Soviet Espionage in the 1940s,” *North Carolina Law Review* vol 82, #5 (June 2004): 1841-1889.

- "Labor and the Cold War: The Legacy of McCarthyism," in Robert Cherny, William Issel, and Kerry Taylor, eds., *Labor and the Cold War at the Grassroots*, Rutgers University Press, 2004, 7-24
- "Free Speech on Campus: Academic Freedom and the Corporations," in Thomas R. Hensley, ed., *The Boundaries of Freedom of Expression and Order in American Democracy*, Kent State University Press, 2001, 227-46
- "McCarthyism and Democracy," in David McCann and Barry Strauss, ed., *War and Democracy: The Peloponnesian War and the Korean War*, M.E. Sharpe, 2001, 191-215
- "McCarthy's Ghosts: Anticommunism and American Labor," *New Labor Forum*, Spring/Summer, 1999, 7-17, reprinted in Eileen Boris and Nelson Lichtenstein, *Major Problems in the History of American Workers*, 2002.
- "Immigration and Internal Security: Political Deportations during the McCarthy Era," *Science & Society* 60 (4) Winter 1996-1997): 393-426.
- "McCarthyism and the Communist Party," in Michael Brown et al. eds., *New Studies in the Politics and Culture of U.S. Communism*, Monthly Review Press, New York, 1993, 123-40; reprinted in Andre Kaenel, ed., *Anti-Communism and McCarthyism in the United States*, Editions Messene, Paris, 1995
- "McCarthyism and the Labor Movement: The Role of the State," in Steve Rosswurm, ed., *The CIO's Left-Led Unions*, Rutgers U. Press, New Brunswick, 1992, 139-57.
- "Introduction" to *Records of the Subversive Activities Control Board, 1950-1972*, University Publications of America, Frederick, Md., 1989, v-xvi.
- "Archival Sources for the Study of McCarthyism," *Journal of American History*, June 1988, 197-208

Other Pieces (selected)

- "From Pre-Widow to Merry Widow," in Nan Bauer Maglin, ed. *Widows' Words*, Rutgers University Press, 2019
- "Trumpism Is the New McCarthyism," *The Nation*, May 21, 2018
<https://www.thenation.com/article/trumpism-is-the-new-mccarthyism/>
- "The AAUP in the Age of Trump," *Academe*, (Jan.-Feb. 2018)
<https://www.aaup.org/article/aaup-age-trump#.WvDPhe8vzcs>
- "McCarthyism, 1945-1960," *Historians for Peace and Democracy*, Broadside, 2017.
<https://www.historiansforpeace.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Schrecker-McCarthyism.pdf>
- "A Lesson in How to Survive Trumpism—From the McCarthy Era," *The Nation* (Jan. 9, 2017) <https://www.thenation.com/article/a-lesson-on-how-to-survive-trumpism-from-the-mccarthy-era/>
- "In the Archives: A User's Perspective," *Radical Teacher* (#106, 2016)
<https://radicalteacher.library.pitt.edu/ojs/index.php/radicalteacher/article/view/283/183>
- "The New McCarthyism," *Chronicle of Higher Education* (June 30, 2016)
<http://www.chronicle.com/article/The-New-McCarthyism/236956>
- "Take My Degree Back," *Inside Higher Ed*, May 6, 2011,
http://www.insidehighered.com/views/2011/05/06/essay_on_the_controversy_over_cuny_and_tony_kushner

- "Room for Debate" (on-line), *New York Times*, (October 14, 2010)
 "Where's My Professor? The Disappearing Faculty and the Lost Soul of Higher Education," *Forbes Magazine* (August 2010) on-line
 "The Right's Cold War Revisionism," with Maurice Isserman, *The Nation*, July 24/31, 2000, 22-24
 "The Bad Old Times," *Chronicle of Higher Education*, June 26, 2009
 "The House Marxists," *The Nation*, January 27, 1979

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, HONORS, AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES (selected)

- Member, Steering Committee, Historians for Peace and Democracy, 2017-present
 Member, Editorial Board, *Radical Teacher*, 2015-17
 Visiting Scholar, Tamiment Library, New York University, 2008-2021
 Doctor of Humane Letters, *Honoris Causae*, John Jay College-CUNY, May 2008
 Member, Editorial Board, *AAUP Journal of Academic Freedom*, 2008-21
 Distinguished Lecturer, Organization of American Historians, 2006-present
 Fellowship, Frederick Ewen Academic Freedom, Tamiment Library, NYU, 2007-2008
 Member, Advisory Committee, Center for the United States and the Cold War, New York University. 2005-15
 American Association of University Professors:
 Member, Advisory Board, AAUP Foundation, 2017-2020; Member, National Council, 2005-2011; Member, Committee A on Academic Freedom and Tenure, 2009-12;
 Member, Subcommittee on Politically Controversial Personnel Decisions, 2009-11;
 Member, Advisory Board, *Academe*, 2004-2009; Member, Government Relations Committee, 2006-09
 Member, Dissertation Committee, History Department, Columbia University, May 2004
 Member, Review Panel, NEH Division of Public Programs, 2003-04
 Fellow, Society of American Historians, 2002-, member Nevins Prize Committee, 2005
 Member, Committee on Research, Scholarship and Academic Relations, Harry S. Truman Library Institute, 2001- 2011
 "Outstanding Academic Book, 1998" *Choice*
 "Top 25 Books of 1998," New York Public Library
 Fellowship, National Humanities Center, Research Triangle, N.C., 1994-1995
 Yeshiva University:
 Curriculum Review Steering Committee, Yeshiva College, 2006-2007; History Department, chair, 1995-2001; Executive Committee, Humanities Division, 2005-9, 1989-2003, Chair, 2001-2003, Acting Co-Chair, 2000, Acting Chair, 1999; Middle States Steering Committee, chair, Faculty Development Workgroup 1999-2001; Honors Committee, Stern College for Women, 1999-2010; Academic Standards Committee, Stern College, 1988-1993; Curriculum Committee, Yeshiva College, 2005-2013, 1999-2003, 1990-1994
 Member, 1995 Program Committee, Organization of American Historians
 Research Fellowship, Harry S. Truman Library, 1987
 Outstanding Book Award, History of Education Society, 1987
 Honorable Mention, Gustavus Meyers Center for the Study of Human Rights in the United States, 1987

Chair, New York Local, National Writers Union, 1985-87
 Fellowship, Bunting Institute (Radcliffe College), 1977-78
 Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson Foundation, 1960-61

INVITED LECTURES AND SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS (Selected)

- “Social Unionism in the 1960s,” National Center for the Study of Collective Bargaining in Higher Education, Virtual Annual Conference, May 2021
- “The Public Intellectuals Respond to the Student Movement of the 1960s,” Society for U.S. Intellectual History, December 2020
- “Émigré Psychoanalysts in the Age of McCarthyism,” conference on “The Émigré Analysts and American Psychoanalysis,” The New School for Social Research, December 2019
- “The CCAS and the Radical Caucus Movement,” Fairbank Center, Harvard University, Sept. 2018
- “The Disciplines and the Left: The Radical Caucus Movement,” Modern Language Association, New York City, Jan. 2018
- “The Smith Act Trial,” conference on “The Early Cold War and How It Led to Today,” Center for the United States and the Cold War, NYU, Sept. 2017
- “The Teach-in Moment: Academics Oppose the Vietnam War, 1965-67,” Center for the Study of the United States and the Cold War, NYU, April 2016
- “Faculty Governance and Academic Freedom,” Harry Crowe Foundation Conference, Canadian Association of University Teachers, Toronto, February 2016
- “Academic Freedom in the 1960s and 1970s,” American Association of University Professors, Summer Institute, Hofstra University, Long Island, NY, July 2014; American Historical Association, New York, Jan. 2015
- “The Politics of Higher Education,” panel, Claremont-McKenna College, Feb. 2014
- “Hired Education: Capitalism and the University,” Case Western Reserve, Nov. 2013
- “Civil Liberties, Now and Then,” William P. Homans Endowment Program in Civil and Constitutional Rights, Supreme Judicial Court Historical Society, Boston, March. 2012
- “The Lost Soul of Higher Education,” Davis, Markert, Nickerson Annual Lecture, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Oct. 2011
- “The Rosenberg Case and the Historiography of Soviet Espionage in America,” Conference on the Rosenberg Case, Soviet Espionage, and the Cold War,” George Washington University, Washington, DC, June 2011
- Presentation on Academic Freedom, American Council on Education, Washington Higher Education Secretariat, Washington, DC, April 2011
- “Academic Freedom in a Time of Terrorism and Financial Collapse,” 8th Annual American Cultures Symposium, University of Florida, April 2009
- “Regulating the Intellectuals,” Beijing University, Shanghai Normal University, Xian University, Suzhou University, China, Oct. 2008
- “Commencement Address,” John Jay College-CUNY, May 2008.
- “Beyond HUAC and Hollywood: McCarthyism and Cold War America,” Congreso Internacional 60 Aniversario HUAC, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, March 2008
- “Spreading Fear,” Conference on “Politics of Fear in the Cold War,” Hamburg Institute for Social Research, Hamburg, Germany, September 2007

- Panelist, "Universities as Sites of Political Action," American Sociological Association Annual meeting, New York, August 2007
- "Under Control: Political Repression in America from the Puritans to the Patriot Act," and "William Sentner and the Rule of Law: Political Repression and Legal Proceedings during the Cold War Red Scare," Eighth Middelburg Conference of European Historians of the United States, Roosevelt Institute for American Studies, Netherlands, April 2007
- "Political Repression as an Historiographical Issue," panelist Organization of American Historians, Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, March 2007,
- Plenary Speaker, Radical Philosophy Association, biennial conference, Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska, November 2006
- "The Cold War: An Eyewitness Perspective," Symposium, National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, D.C., October 2006
- "Under Control: Political Repression in America from the Puritans to the Patriot Act," George W. Knepper Lecture, University of Akron, Akron, Ohio, October 2006
- "Terrorism, National Security, and Higher Education," AFT-NEA Higher Education Summit Conference, Orlando, Florida, March 2006
- "Silenced by Money: Intellectual Freedom in the Academic Marketplace," Tenth Annual Davis, Markert, Nickerson Symposium on Academic and Intellectual Freedom, University of Michigan, October 2000
- "Beyond the Myths of McCarthyism," Keynote Address, Conference in Honor of Michael Heale, University of Lancaster, Lancaster, Great Britain, May 2000
- "Free Speech on Campus: Academic Freedom and the Corporations," Conference on Freedom of Expression, Kent State University, May 2000
- "Political Tests for Professors," 50th Anniversary Retrospective on The University Loyalty Oath, University of California-Berkeley, Oct. 1999
- Keynote Address, Southwest Labor Studies Conference, San Francisco, April 1999
- "A Lost Opportunity: McCarthyism and Intellectual Freedom in the Early Cold War," Invited Lecture, American Library Association, Washington, DC, June 1998
- "McCarthyism," United States Information Agency Lectures, Paris, Strasbourg, Bordeaux, Toulouse, Tours, France, 1996
- "McCarthyism and Democracy," Conference on "A Comparative Approach to War and Democracy," Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington, D.C., June 1995
- "On Using the FBI Files," Organization of American Historians, Atlanta, April 1994
- "The Bride of Stalin: Gender and Anticommunism during the McCarthy Era," Berkshire Conference on Women's History, Vassar College, June 1993
- "Criminalizing Communism," American Society for Legal History, Yale Law School, New Haven, October 1992
- Inaugural Lecture, Frederic Ewen Center for Academic Freedom, Brooklyn College, November 1990
- "Gerhart Eisler and the Making of the Communist Menace," Organization of American Historians, Louisville, Kentucky, April 1991
- "McCarthyism and the Communist Party," Conference on 70 Years of American Communism, City University of New York, November 1989
- "Immigration and Internal Security: Political Deportations during the McCarthy Era," Organization of American Historians, Reno, Nev., March 1988

Other Invited Presentations and Scholarly Lectures

College of St. Rose (2012); Organization of American Historians (2011); American Historical Association (2007); John Jay College, CUNY (2006); Russell Sage Foundation (2005); University of Southern Maine (2007); Queens College, Canada (2007); Hofstra University (2007); Harry S Truman Library (2006); Bard College (2005); American Academy of Arts and Sciences (2005); West Virginia University (2005); Harold Wolpe Forum, Capetown, South Africa (2005); Duke University (2004); University of North Carolina School of Law (2003); American Museum of Natural History (2003); College of Santa Fe (2003); Smith College (2003); University of Montana (2001); Ohio University (1999); John F. Kennedy Library, Boston (1999); University of Toledo (1996); University of Wisconsin-Madison (1991)

Historical Consultant, (documentary films, selected)

“Joseph McCarthy,” Sharon Grimberg, producer, (American Experience), 2019
 “Walt Disney,” Sara Colt, producer, (American Experience), 2014-2015
 “American Reds: The Failed Revolution,” Richard Wormser, producer, 2010-17
 “Arthur Vandenberg: America’s Senator,” Michael Grass, producer, 2009-12
 “Shouting Fire,” Liz Garbus (HBO) producer, 2008-09
 “Arthur Miller and Elia Kazan,” Michael Epstein (PBS) producer, 2001-2003
 "The Chinatown Files," Amy Chen, producer, 1990-2001
 “Hiss: The Improbable Spy,” Margaret Slaght, producer, 2000-2001
 "Truman," David Grubin, producer, 1995-97
 "Joe Papp in Five Acts," Tracie Holder, producer, 1995-2010
 "Leaving Eden," Sandra Polizos (Alabama Public TV), producer, 1995-
 "The Un-Americans," Archie Barron, producer (BBC), 1992

COURSES TAUGHT

American Colonial History; Civil War and Reconstruction (The United States, 1850-1877)
 The United States, 1877-1941; The United States, 1941-present; The Contemporary World:
 Main Currents in Global History since World War II; Topics in American Cultural History;
 History of U.S. Foreign Relations; History of the American South; The United States and
 Vietnam; American Politics and Culture in the 1960s; African-American History; History of
 Women in the United States; Dissent and Repression in the United States; McCarthyism; The
 Experience of Modernity; Women, Culture, and Society in the Modern World; The Cold War.