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**ACADEMIC
SPECIALTIES**

Nineteenth-Century America, Immigration & Ethnicity, Political History,
Civil War & Reconstruction, Antebellum America, The Gilded Age,
History of New York City, Italian Renaissance Art History

EDUCATION

Columbia University, Ph.D., May 1990

Wesleyan University, B.A. with High Honors, June 1984

EMPLOYMENT

George Washington University, 1994-present
Professor, 2002-present (History Department chairman, 2006-2009)
Associate Professor, 1997-2002
Assistant Professor, 1994-1997

University of Wyoming, Assistant Professor, 1990-1994

**AWARDS
AND HONORS**

Mark Lynton History Prize of the Columbia University School of Journalism
and the Nieman Foundation awarded to *City of Dreams*, 2017

New York City Book Award of the New York Society Library awarded to *City
of Dreams*, 2017

The Immigrants' Civil War Award given to *City of Dreams*, 2017

Jumpstart Grant (\$5,000), Resilient Networks to Support Inclusive Digital
Humanities Project, funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, 2017

Dean's Research Chair, George Washington University, 2014-2017

President's Fellowship, George Washington University, 2013-2019 (doctoral
fellowship provided to especially meritorious faculty members for the
exclusive use of their doctoral students)

National Endowment for the Humanities Collaborative Research Grant,
Sept. 2011-Aug. 2016 (\$290,000 award to collect and interpret data on
the savings of New York's Civil War-era Irish immigrants)

Editorial Board, *American Nineteenth-Century History*, 2010-present

John T. Hubbell Award for the Best Article of 2006 in *Civil War History*

Most Involved Advisor Award, George Washington University Living and
Learning Community Program, 2005-2006

Gilder-Lehrman Institute Research Fellowship, Fall 2004

Five Points named to the New York Public Library's "25 Books to Remember" list for 2001

Five Points awarded the New York City Book Award by the New York Society Library, 2001

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for University Teachers, 1998

Irish-American Cultural Institute Research Grant, 1998

Fulbright Commission, Thomas Jefferson Distinguished Professorship of American History, University of Utrecht, January-April 1995

Avery O. Craven Prize of the Organization of American Historians awarded to *Nativism and Slavery*, 1993

Nativism and Slavery named a "Notable Book of 1992" by *The New York Times*

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, 1991

**PUBLICATIONS
(BOOKS)**

City of Dreams: The 400-Year Epic History of Immigrant New York (Boston: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2016). Chinese and French editions forthcoming, 2019

Five Points: The Nineteenth-Century New York City Neighborhood that Invented Tap Dance, Stole Elections, and Became the World's Most Notorious Slum (New York: Free Press, 2001).

Nativism and Slavery: The Northern Know Nothings and the Politics of the 1850s (New York: Oxford University Press, 1992).

**PUBLICATIONS
(ARTICLES)**

"Immigrants and Savers: A Rich New Database on the Irish in 1850s New York," with Simone Wegge and Cormac Ó Gráda, *Historical Methods* 50 (July-Sept. 2017): 144-55.

"Which Irish Men and Women Immigrated to the United States During the Great Famine Migration of 1846-54?" co-authored with GW undergraduate Hope McCaffrey, *Irish Historical Studies* 39 (Nov. 2015): 620-642.

"Irish Origins and the Shaping of Immigrant Life in Savannah on the Eve of the Civil War," *Journal of American Ethnic History* 35 (Fall 2015): 5-37.

- “Peaceably If We Can, Forcibly If We Must’: Immigrants and Popular Politics in Pre-Civil War New York,”** book chapter in *Practicing Democracy: Popular Politics in the United States from the Constitution to the Civil War*, Daniel Peart and Adam I. P. Smith, eds. (Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2015), 196-221.
- “Oscar Handlin, Boston’s Immigrants, and the Making of American Immigration History,”** *Journal of American Ethnic History* 23 (Spring 2013): 19-25.
- “Moving Beyond ‘Rags to Riches’: New York’s Irish Famine Immigrants and their Surprising Savings Accounts,”** *Journal of American History* 99 (December 2012): 741-770.
- “Saving Grace: The Emigrant Savings Bank and Its Depositors,”** in *Catholics in New York: Society, Culture, and Politics, 1808-1946*, Terry Golway, ed. (New York: Fordham Univ. Press, 2008), 83-92.
- “Isaiah Rynders and the Ironies of Popular Democracy in Antebellum New York,”** in *Contested Democracy: Freedom, Race, and Power in American History*, Manisha Sinha and Penny Von Eschen, eds. (New York: Columbia University Press, 2007), 31-53.
- “Which Poor Man’s Fight? Immigrants and the Federal Conscription of 1863,”** *Civil War History* 52 (December 2006): 344-372 (winner of John Hubbell Award for the best article of 2006 in *Civil War History*).
- “Nativism and Prejudice Against Immigrants: An Historiographic Assessment,”** in *A Companion to American Immigration*, Reed Ueda, ed. (Malden, Mass.: Blackwell, 2006), 177-201.
- “From Famine to Five Points: Lord Lansdowne’s Irish Tenants Encounter North America’s Most Notorious Slum,”** *American Historical Review* 107 (April 2002): 351-387 [reprinted in Frederick Binder, *The Way We Lived*, 6th ed. (Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2007); used as the model for the writing of a humanities article in Peg Boyle Single, *Demystifying Dissertation Writing* (Staunton, VA, 2009)].
- “Lord Palmerston and the Irish Famine Emigration,”** *The [Cambridge] Historical Journal* 44 (Summer 2001): 441-469.
- “We Will Dirk Every Mother’s Son of You:’ Five Points and the Irish Conquest of New York Politics,”** *Éire-Ireland: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Irish Studies* 35 (Summer 2001): 29-46.
- “Ulysses S. Grant, Nativist,”** *Civil War History* 43 (June 1997): 119-140.

“**Boss’ Tweed: Nativist,**” *Journal of the Early Republic* 15 (Spring 1995): 109-116.

“**William Penn Clarke and the Iowa Know Nothing Movement,**” *Annals of Iowa* 53 (January 1994): 43-55.

“**Fernando Wood and New York’s Secession from the Union: A Political Reappraisal,**” *New York History* 68 (January 1987): 67-92.

“**‘Americans Must Rule America’: Nativism in the History of the United States,**” *Kleio* [The Netherlands] 36 (December 1995): 32-40.

“**Millard Fillmore,**” “**William ‘Boss’ Tweed,**” “**James W. Barker,**” and “**Richard W. Thompson,**” in *American National Biography*, ed. John A. Garraty and Mark C. Carnes, 24 vols. (New York: Oxford University Press, 1999), II: 157-158, VII: 910-912, XXI: 573-574. XXII: 60-62.

“**Nativism**” and “**Samuel F. B. Morse,**” *The Reader’s Companion to American History* (Houghton Mifflin, 1991), 752-753, 779-791.

“**Politics,**” *The Encyclopedia of the Confederacy*, Richard N. Current, ed. (New York: Simon and Schuster, 1993), 1223-1226.

“**Nativism,**” *Violence in America: An Encyclopedia*, Ronald Gottesman, ed. (New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 1999), 2: 438-443.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Networks of Opportunity: How Networking Helped Emigrants from the Great Irish Famine Survive, and Eventually Thrive, in Civil War-Era New York,” 10,000-word manuscript submitted to *Past and Present* in September 2017 (co-authored with Simone Wegge and Cormac Ó Gráda).

“Emigration as Famine Relief: Lessons from the Lansdowne Estate,” in *Kerry: History and Society*, William Nolan and Maurice Bric, eds., forthcoming, 2019 (co-authored with Cormac Ó Gráda and Simone Wegge).

“Networks of Opportunity: How Refugees from the Great Irish Famine Survived, and Eventually Thrived, in Civil War-Era New York,” book manuscript, completion expected in Fall 2019 for publication in 2020.

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND INVITED LECTURES (RECENT)

“Narrative Challenges in the Writing of History,” Roundtable Panel, Organization of American Historians Convention, Sacramento, April 11, 2018

“‘Not Like My Grandparents?’: Yesterday’s Immigrants and Today’s in Historical Perspective,” University of Florida at Gainesville, March 29, 2018

“Using Digital History to Uncover the Lost Stories of New York's Famine Irish Immigrants,” Siena College, Albany, NY, November 2, 2017

“Networks of Opportunity: How Networking Helped Emigrants from the Great Irish Famine Survive, and Eventually Thrive, in New York,” Univ. of Pennsylvania Economic History Seminar, September 2017 (with Simone Wegge)

“The Savings, Mobility, and Networks of New York’s Irish Famine Immigrants: Preliminary Evidence from the Emigrant Savings Bank,” Columbia University Economic History Seminar, March 2, 2017 (with Simone Wegge)

“Immigrants, Savings, and Space: The Social and Economic Geography of Irish-American Banking in Civil War America,” Urban History Association Conference, Chicago, October 2016

“Irish Origins and the Shaping of Immigrant Life in Savannah on the Eve of the Civil War,” Southern Labor Studies Association Conference, Washington, March 2015

“The Impact of Federal Immigration Legislation Before Ellis Island,” American Historical Association Convention, Washington, January 2014

“Historians in Filmmaking and Documentaries: A Roundtable Discussion,” Organization of American Historians Convention, San Francisco, April 2013

**COURSES
TAUGHT**

Immigration and Ethnicity in American Life, Civil War and Reconstruction, Abraham Lincoln (undergraduate seminar), Senior Thesis Seminar, The Historiography of Nineteenth-Century America (graduate seminar), Readings and Research in American Immigration and Ethnicity (grad. seminar), Writing History (graduate seminar), Era of the Civil War (graduate seminar), America to 1876, The U. S. Since 1877.

**SELECT
ADMIN.
ASSIGNMENTS**

Treasurer, Immigration and Ethnic History Society, 2017-present

Chair, IEHS Nominations Committee, 2014-15

Member, Organization of American Historians Committee on Committees,
2013-2015

Member, GWU Benefits Advisory Committee, 2014-present

Member, GWU Faculty Senate Appointments, Salary, and Promotion Policy
Committee, 2014-present.

Member, IEHS Pozzetta Prize Committee, 2012-2014

Member, IEHS Board of Directors, 2011-2014

Chair, George Washington University College of Arts and Sciences Tenure and
Promotion Committee, 2010-2011

Chair, Department of History, 2006-2009

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of History, 2004-2006

Chair, George Washington University College of Arts and Sciences Graduate
Studies Committee, 2005-2006

Chair, Department of History Graduate Admissions Committee, 2000-2003,
2004-2005