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Employment

Professor of History and Public Policy and Public Administration, George Washington University, Washington, D.C. (2003-present).

--Professor of History, George Washington University, Washington, D.C. (1989-2003).

--Director of the Program in History and Public Policy, 1982-2006

--Chair, Department of History, The George Washington University, Washington D.C. (2000-2002) (1993-1997) (Acting Chair, spring and summer, 1998)

--Associate Professor of History (1982-1989).

Director, Corporate and Foundation Relations, Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts (1982).

Senior Staff, The President's Commission for a National Agenda for the Eighties, The White House (1980-1981).

Assistant Professor of History and John F. Kennedy Fellow, University of Massachusetts, Boston, Massachusetts (1977-1980).

Policy Analyst, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Washington, D.C. (1975-1976).

Other Experience

Visiting Scholar, Department of History, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland (2002-2003)

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Faculty Fellow in Health Care Finance, Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, Baltimore, Maryland (1987-1988).

Visiting Scholar, National Academy of Social Insurance, Washington, D.C. (1988).

Instructor, Department of History, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois (1976-1977).

Education

Princeton University, A.B. 1972. (Magna Cum Laude, History).

Northwestern University, M.A. 1973, Ph.D. 1976 (History). Thesis director: Robert Wiebe

Publications

Books

Social Security: A Documentary History. Washington: Congressional Quarterly Press, 2008. [With Larry DeWitt and Daniel Beland].

Something Happened: A Political and Cultural Overview of the Seventies. New York: Columbia University Press, 2006.

Robert Ball and the Politics of Social Security. Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 2003.

-----Paperback edition, with incorporated website, 2005

To Improve Human Health: A History of the Institute of Medicine. Washington, D.C.: National Academy Press, 1998.

The Medical Follow-Up Agency, 1946-1996. Washington, D.C.: National Academy Press, 1998. [With Mark Santangelo].

Mr. Social Security: The Life of Wilbur J. Cohen. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 1995.

-----Hebrew translation, Herzliya, Israel: Hod-Ami Computer Book Publisher Ltd, 2003.

America's Welfare State: From Roosevelt to Reagan. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins Press, 1991.

Group Health Association: A Portrait of a Health Maintenance Organization. Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1988. [with Wendy Wolff].

Disabled Policy: America's Programs for the Handicapped--A Twentieth Century Fund Report. New York and London: Cambridge University Press, 1987.

-----Paperback Edition, 1989.

(Chapter Six reprinted in Leonard D. Cain, The Emerging Minorities. Dubuque, Iowa: Kendall Hunt, 1991, pp. 253-287.)

Creating the Welfare State: The Political Economy of Twentieth Century Reform. New York: Praeger Press, 1980. [with Kim McQuaid].

-----Second Edition, Revised and Expanded. New York: Praeger Press, 1988. [with Kim McQuaid].

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Social Security and Medicare: A Policy Primer. Westport, Connecticut: Auburn House, 1993. [with Eric Kingson].

Rehabilitation: The Federal Government's Response to Disability. New York: Arno Press, 1980.

Editor of Social Security After Fifty: Successes and Failures. Westport, Connecticut: Greenwood Press, 1987.

Editor of Disability Programs and Government Policies. New York: Praeger Press, 1979.

Congressional Testimony and Government Reports

"A Social Agenda for the Eighties," in President's Commission for a National Agenda for the Eighties, A National Agenda for the Eighties. New York: New American Library, 1981. Also published by the Government Printing Office and Prentice Hall.

President's Commission for a National Agenda for the Eighties, Government and the Advancement of Social Justice, Health, Welfare, Education and Civil Rights in the Eighties. Englewood Cliffs: Prentice Hall, 1981.

"Emerging Issues in Disability Policy," in Special Committee on Aging, United States Senate, Fifty Years of Social Security: Past Achievements and Future Challenges. Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, August 1985.

"Labor Force Participation Among Disabled Persons," in Department of Labor, Commission on Workforce Quality and Labor Market Efficiency, Investing in People: Background Papers. Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, September 1989, pp. 1205-1258 [with Monroe Berkowitz].

Testimony Prepared for the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare in consideration of the Americans with Disabilities Act, May 1989, reprinted in Congressional Digest, 68 (December, 1989), pp. 304-312 [with David Dean].

Testimony Prepared for the Subcommittee on Social Security of the Committee on Ways and Means on the long-term solvency of Social Security, September, 1994, in "HR 4245...and Other Bills to Restore the Solvency of Social Security." Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1995, pp. 69-72.

Testimony prepared for the Subcommittee on Social Security of the Committee and Ways and Means on the history of disability programs, July 2000, in "Challenges Facing Social Security Disability Programs in the 21st Century." Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 2001, pp. 32-37.

Articles and Chapters in Books

“Medicare and Medicaid: The Past as Prologue,” Health Care Financing Review, Winter 2005-2006, Volume 27, Number 2, pp. 11-23.

“Medicare: The Great Society’s Enduring National Health Insurance Program,” in Sidney Milkis and Jerome Mileur eds., The Great Society and the High Tide of Liberalism (Amherst: University of Massachusetts Press, 2005) pp. 320-350.

“George Bush and the Americans with Disabilities Act,” in Richard Himmelfarb and Rosanna Perotti eds., Principle Over Politics—The Domestic Policy of the George W. Bush Presidency (Westport: Praeger Press, 2004), pp. 143-155.

“The Great Society,” in Julian Zelizer ed., The American Congress (Boston: Houghton Mifflin and Company, 2004), pp. 566-583.

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“Family Benefits: A Historical Commentary,” in Eugene Steurele and Melissa Favreault eds., Social Security and the Family: Addressing Unmet Needs in an Underfunded System (Washington: Urban Institute, 2002), pp. 19-46.

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“Losing Ground? The Great Society in Historical Perspective” in David Farber and Beth Bailey eds., The Columbia Guide to America in the 1960s (New York: Columbia University Press, 2001), pp. 98-108.

“History and Social Security Reform,” in Eric Kingson, Sheila Burke, and Uwe Reinhardt eds., Social Security and Medicare: Individual vs. Collective Risk and Responsibility. (Washington, D.C.: Brookings Institution, 2000), pp. 31-55.

“Supporting Disability: An Historical Perspective,” American Rehabilitation, Spring-Summer 1999, Volume 25, Number 1, pp. 2-7.

“The Death of Jane Addams,” in Elizabeth Fox-Genovese and Elisabeth Lasch-Quinn eds., Reconstructing History: The Emergence of a New Historical Society. (New York and London: Routledge Press, 1999), pp.226-236. (Revised version of an essay that appeared originally under the same title in The World and I, January 1997, pp 323-335.)

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"Social Welfare Policies and Values," in Milton M. Carrow et alia editors, Democracy, Social Values, and Public Policy. (Westport: Praeger, 1998), pp. 131-146.

"Welfare Reform as History," Reviews in American History, June 1998, pp. 452-456.

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"The Transformation of Social Security," in Steven Sass and Robert K. Triest eds., Social Security Reform. (Boston: Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, 1998), pp. 19-28.

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"The American version of the welfare state," Leidschrift, Volume 11, Number 3, 1996, pp. 83-91.

"Lessons from the Vocational Rehabilitation/Social Security Administration Experience," in Jerry Mashaw et alia eds., Disability, Work, and Cash Benefits. (Kalamazoo: W.E. Upjohn Institute, 1996), pp. 223-244 [with David Dean].

"A United States perspective on disability programs," in Leo J.M. Aarts et alia eds., Curing the Dutch Disease: An International Perspective on Disability Policy Reform. (Alderstot, U.K.: Avebury Press, 1996), pp. 71-91 [with Richard Burkhauser].

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University Press, 1996), pp. 148-193.

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"Jimmy Carter and the Sunbelt Report: Seeking a National Agenda," in Herbert D. Rosenbaum and Alexej Ugrinsky eds., The Presidency and Domestic Policies of Jimmy Carter. (Westport Ct.: Greenwood Press, 1994), pp. 33-44.

"Intergenerational Equity and Academic Discourse," in Warner Schaie and Andrew Achenbaum eds., Societal Impact on Aging. (New York: Springer Publishing Company), 1993, pp. 151-156.

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"Disabled Policy: A Personal Postscript," Journal of Disability Policy Studies, Volume 3, Number 1, 1992, pp. 1-16.

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"Rehabilitation in the Work Injury Program," Rehabilitation Counseling Bulletin, 34 (March 1991), pp. 182-196 [with Monroe Berkowitz].

"The Social Welfare History State," Reviews in American History, March 1990, pp. 89-94.

"Wilbur Cohen and American Social Reform," Social Work, July 1989, pp. 293-299.

"Domestic Politics and International Expertise in the History of American Disability Policy," Milbank Memorial Quarterly, 67, Supplement 2, Part 1, 1989, pp. 195-227.

"Allocating Resources for Rehabilitation: A Historical and Ethical Framework," Social Science Quarterly, March, 1989, pp. 40-52.

"Incentives for Reducing the Costs of Disability," in Jack Meyer and Ken McLennan eds. Care and Cost: Current Issues in Health Policy. (Boulder Colorado: Westview Press, 1989), pp. 203-226 [with Monroe Berkowitz].

"The Struggle for Compromise: Social Security Disability Insurance, 1935-1986," Journal of Policy History, Volume 1, Issue 3, 1989, pp. 233-260 [with Daniel Fox]. Reprinted in Mock, ed. History and Public Policy, pp. 121-147.

"Social Security as History," Social Insurance Update (a publication of the National Academy of Social Insurance), April 1989.

"Public History, Academic History, and Policy Analysis: A Case Study with Commentary," The Public Historian, Fall, 1988, pp. 43-63.

"Social Insurance for the Disabled and Elderly in Historical Perspective," Educational Gerontology 14 (1988), pp. 411-418.

"Social Welfare and the American State," in Donald T. Critchlow and Ellis W. Hawley eds. Federal Social Policy: The Historical Dimension. (State College, Pennsylvania: Pennsylvania State University Press, 1988), pp. 171-200.

"Historical Aspects of Disability," Disability Studies Quarterly, Summer 1988, pp. 41-43.

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"A Historical Perspective on the Aging and Adult Disability Movement," Aging Network News, October 1987, p. 8.

"Rehabilitation's Past: History as a Factor in the Future," in Elizabeth Minton, ed. If: The Future of VR. (Charleston, West Virginia: West Virginia Research and Training Center, 1986) pp. 9-18.

"History and Public Policy," in Barbara Howe ed. Public History. (Malabar, Florida: Krieger Publishing Company, 1986), pp. 414-426.

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"Challenges to Workers' Compensation: An Historical Analysis," in John D. Worrall and David Appel eds. Workers' Compensation Benefits: Adequacy, Equity, and Efficiency. (Ithaca, New York: ILR Press, 1985), pp. 158-180. [with Monroe Berkowitz].

"Social Influences on Rehabilitation," in Leonard G. Perlman and Gary F. Austin eds. Social Influences in Rehabilitation Planning: Blueprint for the 21st Century. (Alexandria, Virginia: National Rehabilitation Association, 1985), pp. 11-26.

"Widening the Field," American Behavioralist, February, 1985, pp. 60-72. [with Monroe Berkowitz].

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"Politics as Process," Reviews in American History, December, 1984, pp. 595-599.

"History, Public Policy and Reality," Journal of Social History, Fall, 1984, pp. 79-89.

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"The First Social Security Crisis," Prologue, Fall, 1983, pp. 132-149. Revised and reprinted in Berkowitz ed., Social Security After Fifty, pp. 55-78.

"Commissioning the Future, Getting the Present," Reviews in American History, June, 1983, pp. 294-299.

"Letter from Washington," Institute News, March 1983, pp. 5-6.

"History and Public Policy: A View from the Middle," AHA Perspectives, December, 1982, pp. 17-20.

"Finding Work: Some Trends, Predictions and Laments for the 1980's," in Katy B. Greenwood ed. Contemporary Challenges for Vocational Education. (Arlington, Va: American Vocational Association, 1981), pp. 15-22.

"Unemployment Loopholes: The Lessons of History Haunt the Teacher," op-ed article, Boston Globe, December 19, 1981.

"The Federal Government and the Emergence of Rehabilitation Medicine," The Historian, Summer 1981, pp. 530-545.

"Growth of the U.S. Social Welfare System in the Post-World War II Era: The UMW, Rehabilitation, and the Federal Government," in Paul Uselding ed. Research in Economic History. (Greenwich, Conn: JAI Press, 1980), pp. 233-247.

"Bureaucrats as Social Engineers: Federal Welfare Programs in Herbert Hoover's America," American Journal of Economics and Sociology, October 1980, pp. 321-335. [with Kim McQuaid]. Reprinted in Donald Critchlow and Ellis Hawley, eds., Poverty and Public Policy in Modern America. (Chicago: Dorsey Press, 1988.)

"The Politics of Mental Retardation in the Kennedy Administration," Social Science Quarterly, June 1980, pp. 128-142.

"Welfare Reform in the 1950's," Social Service Review, March 1980, pp. 45-58. [with Kim McQuaid]. Reprinted in Critchlow and Hawley eds., Poverty and Public Policy in Modern America.

"Strachan and the Limits of the Federal Government," International Review of History and Political Science, February 1980, pp. 65-81.

"Mary Switzer: The Entrepreneur Within the Welfare State," American Journal of Economics and Sociology, Jan. 1980, pp.79-81.

"The American Disability System in Historical Perspective," in Berkowitz ed., Disability Programs and Government Policies.

"Lessons of the Past: Social Policy of the Sixties," The Public Historian, Summer 1979, pp. 67-71.

"The Historian as Policy Analyst: The Challenge of HEW," The Public Historian, Spring 1979, pp. 17-25.

"Businessman and Bureaucrat: The Evolution of the American Social Welfare System, 1900-1940," Journal of Economic History, March 1978, pp. 120-142. [with Kim McQuaid].

Book Reviews

Over seventy reviews in Industrial and Labor Relations Review, Journal of American History, Journal of Social History, The Public Historian, Administration in Social Work, Social Service Review, Contemporary Sociology, Urban Studies, Journal of Economic History, History of Education Quarterly, Business History Review, American Studies International, Disability Studies Quarterly, Science, Labor History, American Historical Review, Political Science Quarterly, Journal of Interdisciplinary History, Pacific Historical Review, U.S. Catholic Historian, H-State, H-Business, H-Pol, Bulletin of the History of Medicine, American Studies, Journal of Economic Literature, Journal of Policy History.

Professional Recognition

Journal of Policy History, editorial board member.

Journal of Disability Policy Studies, associate editor and book review editor.

Journal of Gerontology-Social Sciences, editorial board member.

Social Insurance Update, editorial board member.

Journal of Social Science and Disability, editorial board member.

National Academy of Social Insurance, founding member.

Mary Switzer Scholar, 1984.

Twentieth Century Fund, Project Director, 1982-1985.

Hastings Center, Project Participant, Ethical and Policy Issues in Rehabilitation Medicine, 1985-7. Ethical and Policy Issues in Traumatic Brain Injury, 1999-2003.

General Accounting Office, Consultant.

Social Security Disability Foundation, Advisory Committee.

Health Insurance Association of America, Consultant.

Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Consulting Historian.

Peer reviewer for Journal of American History, Milbank Memorial Quarterly, Journal of Social History, National Endowment for the Humanities, Social Service Review, Journal of Health, Politics and Law, Public Historian, Business History Review, Yale University Press, Rutgers Press, Cambridge University Press (American and Australian branches), Greenwood Press, Penn State Press, Pacific Historical Review, Canadian Historical Papers, University of Wisconsin Press, University Press of Kansas, Cornell University Press, Northern Illinois Press, Johns Hopkins Press, University of Chicago Press, University of California Press, Brookings Institution, Social Science History, Lexington Press, Polity, Columbia University Press, Princeton University Press, Oxford University Press, Studies in American Political Development, North Carolina University Press, Journal of the History of Medicine.

Tenure and promotion referee for Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Carnegie-Mellon University, University of California, Los Angeles, University of Texas at Dallas, Rutgers University, Pennsylvania State University, University of Virginia, University of Missouri, Ohio University

H-State, Board of Editors.

Scholarly Papers and Talks

“The American Approach to Disability Policy,” Michael Davis Lecture, School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago, December 13, 2006

“The Politics of Social Welfare Failure,” plenary session, Journal of Policy History Conference, Charlottesville, Virginia, June 1, 2006.

“Michael Moore, Fahrenheit 9/11, and the Politics of History,” Organization of American Historians, Washington, D.C., April 20, 2006

“Remarks on James Patterson, *Restless Giant*,” Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington, D.C., September 30, 2005

“Medicare as a Public-Private Partnership,” Conference on the Public-Private Dichotomy in Social Policy, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, September 7, 2005.

“Social Security: The Making of an Issue,” Hugh Davis Graham Memorial Lecture in Policy History, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Fall, 2005

“Social Security’s History and the Present Crisis,” Distinguished Speaker Series, Embry Riddle University, Daytona, Florida, December 1, 2005,

“The 1970s as Watershed,” at panel of the American Political Science Association, “The 70s Decade and the Politics of Paradigm Change,” September 1, 2005, Washington, D.C.

“The 1970s as Policy Watershed,” April 1, 2005, Lecture Series on American Political Development, the Miller Center, the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia.

“The History of Social Security: Its Past, Present, and Future,” April 12, 2005, invited lecture, Drew University, Madison, New Jersey.

“What Can History Tell Us About the 2004 Presidential Election,” Elmer L. Kayser Lecture, George Washington University, October 2004.

“The 1970s as Policy Watershed and Why Public Administrators Should Care,” Public Administration Roundtable, George Washington University, October 2004.

“The Scholarship and Legacy of Hugh Davis Graham,” History of Public Policy Meetings, St. Louis, Missouri, May 2004.

“Jacob Hacker’s Divided Welfare State,” History of Public Policy Meetings, St. Louis, Missouri, May 2004.

“FDR and the Efficacy of Research,” invited lecture to meeting of Kellogg Foundation Minority Health Fellows, June 2003, Washington, D.C.

“The American Version of the Welfare State: The History and Future of the U.S. Social Security Program,” June 30, 2003, Massey University, Auckland, New Zealand.

“The 1970’s and the End of the American Century,” Keynote Address, Fulbright Conference, “Is it the End of the American Century?” July 4, 2003, Waikato University, Hamilton, New Zealand.

“Disability Policy in the United States,” July 7, 2003, U.S. Embassy, Wellington, New Zealand.

“The 1970s as American Watershed,” July 8, 2003, Canterbury University, Christ Church, New Zealand.

“How Unique is the American Welfare State and is it a Model for Others?” July 15, 2003, Plenary Address, Fulbright Conference, “Are We All Americans Now?” Griffith University,

Brisbane, Australia.

"Disability Policy" AARP Executive Committee, July 24, 2003, Washington, D.C.

"Writing About Robert Ball," brownbag seminar, George Washington Institute of Public Policy, October 8, 2003

"The Genesis and Policy Goals of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentive Act," Social Security Advisory Council, November 7, 2003, Alexandria, Virginia.

"The Kennedy Legacy in Domestic Policy," Plenary Session Address "John F. Kennedy and His Legacy," November 22, 2003, Chestnut Hill College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

"The 1970s and the National Security State," Marcus Raskin Seminar, January, 2004.

"Historical Perspectives on Disability Policy," keynote address, Disability Research Institute Annual Symposium, National Press Club, Washington, D.C., June, 2002

"Social Security and the Nature of the American Welfare State," Oxford University, Oxford, England, February 2002.

"The 1970's as Watershed Decade: The Case of Social Policy," Cambridge University, Cambridge, England, February 2002.

"The Expansion of Social Security," Political History Workshop, Organization of American Historians, Los Angeles, April 2001; also presented at the Miller Center of Government, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, September 2001.

"The Administration of Medicare," University of Virginia Seminar on Twentieth Century American History, Charlottesville, September 2001.

"The American Disability System--A Discussion Paper for the Hastings Group Considering Ethical Issues Associated with Traumatic Brain Injury," Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, September, 2000.

"Family Benefits in Social Security: A Historical Commentary," Urban Institute, Washington, D.C., June, 2000.

"Yesterday and Today: History and Social Security Reform," National Academy of Social Insurance, Eleventh Annual Conference, January 1999, Washington, D.C. Also presented at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, October 1999.

"Social Security Then and Now," American Association of Actuaries, San Francisco, October 1999.

"The Historian and Social Welfare Policy," American Association of Policy Analysts and Managers, Washington, D.C., November 1999.

"A Historian Looks at Social Security," Third Millennium Conference on Social Security History, June, 1998, Washington, D.C.

"High Hopes and Low Payoffs: A Historical Perspective," National Institute of Disability Research/Social Security Administration Joint Conference, October, 1998, Washington, D.C.

"Remarks on David Landes's 'Wealth and Poverty of Nations,'" Historical Society, October 1998, Washington, D.C.

"Founding the Institute of Medicine," October 1997, Johns Hopkins University Seminar on the History of Medicine.

"The Expansion of Social Security: Disability and Medicare," November 1997, Social Science History Association, Washington, D.C.

"The American Welfare State," May 1997, European University, Florence Italy.

"George Bush and the Americans with Disabilities Act," April 1997, Hofstra Conference on the Presidency of George Bush, Hempstead, New York, April, 1997. Also presented at the Miller Center of Government, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia, June 1997.

"The Unintended Consequences of Medicare," June 1997, Bowling Green Conference on History and Public Policy, Bowling Green, Ohio.

"The Historical Development of Social Security in the United States," June 1997, Learned Societies of Canada, St. Johns, Newfoundland, Canada.

"The Transformation of Social Security," June 1997, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston Conference, Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

"Social Welfare Policies and Values," for a conference sponsored by GW's Program in Public Policy (Milton Carrow organizer), October, 1995, Washington, D.C.

"The History of Social Welfare in America: A Comparative Analysis," special lecture series on the welfare state, November 1995, German Historical Institute, Washington, D.C.

"Current Developments in the Welfare State: An International Perspective," Netherlands American Studies Association, Middelburg, the Netherlands, June 1995. Also presented December 1995, University of Alabama-Birmingham.

"The Academic Historian and the Government Historian," March 1996, D.C. Historians Luncheon.

"Major Developments in Disability Policy," March 1996, Social Security Administration, Dallas, Texas.

"The History of Social Insurance in America," March 1996, Social Security Administration, Baltimore, Maryland.

"History and Public Policy," Organization of American Historians, Washington, D.C., March 1995.

"The SSA/VR Linkage: Lessons from Experience," National Academy of Social Insurance Conference on Disability Policy, Los Angeles, California, October 1994.

"Social Security and the Financing of the American State," Wilson Center Working Group on Financing the American State, December 1993.

"Health, Disability, and Social Science Theory," Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans, November, 1993

"Elizabeth Boggs: Advocacy and Objectivity," Rutgers Conference on Disability Research and Policy, New Brunswick, New Jersey, November 1993

"Poverty and Welfare in the United States," Harvard Business School, November, 1992.

"An American Perspective on Disability Programs," International Social Security Association Conference, Rotterdam, Holland, October, 1992

"The Future of Social Security and Medicare," University of Texas at Dallas, April, 1992.

"History and Public Policy: A Personal Perspective," Anniversary Lecture Series, University of Maryland/Baltimore County, March, 1992; Loyola University, Chicago, November, 1992; Ohio University, February, 1993; Bowling Green University, October 1993.

"Inherent Rights and Economic Realities in American Disability Policy," American Sociological Association, August 1990.

"The Bureaucracy as an Influence over the Welfare State in Modern America," New England Historical Conference, Worcester, Mass., April, 1991.

"Wilbur Cohen and America's Welfare State," Washington Seminar on History, May, 1991.

"Wilbur J. Cohen and the Welfare State in Ike's America," Conference on Ike's America, University of Kansas, October, 1990

"History as an Influence Over Disability Policy," American Public Health Association, Oct. 1990

"Seeking a National Agenda: Jimmy Carter and the Sunbelt Report," Hofstra Conference on Jimmy Carter, November, 1990

"Social Security's Halo: The Implications of the Social Insurance Approach for America's Retirement, Health, and Disability Policy," Social Science History Association, November, 1988.

"Issues in Disability and Mental Health Policy," Rutgers-Princeton Post-Doctoral Seminar in Health Care Policy, March, 1988.

"Disability and Changing Policy Assumptions," Society for Disability Studies, June, 1989

"Archival Evidence and Current Policy Concerns," Organization of American Historians, March 1990.

"The Federal Government and the Regulation of Medical Care," American Historical Association, December, 1987.

"The Medical Profession: A Historical Introduction," George Washington University Medical School, August, 1987.

"Dependency," Center for Ethics and Public Policy, September 1985.

"Disability Insurance and the Limits of American History," American Historical Association, December, 1984.

"The Overarching Themes of Disability Policy," Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, October, 1984.

"Disability Insurance: A Case Study in History and Public Policy," Case Western Reserve University, January, 1984. Also presented at University of California/ Santa Barbara, April 1984.

"Roundtable Discussion of Curriculum in Public History: The George Washington University's Program," Organization of American Historians, April, 1984.

"Social Security: The Current Crisis in Historical Perspective," National Archives, November, 1983.

"History and Social Welfare Policy," Conference on the Uses of the Humanities, Wilmington, North Carolina, November, 1983.

Commentator on numerous scholarly panels including, since 1990, Wayne State Conference on Labor History, October 1990; Conference on Writing National Policy on Work Disability, Washington, D.C., November 1990; Roosevelt-St. Luke's Hospital Conference on Rehabilitation Medicine, November 1990; National Academy of Social Insurance, Conference on the History of Social Security, February 1991; Society for Disability Studies, Washington, D.C., June 1992; Social Science History Association, Chicago, November 1992; American Historical Association, Washington, D.C., December 1992; Plenary Session, American Association on Mental Retardation, Washington, D.C., March 1993; Social Science History Association, Baltimore November 1993; Conference on Social Welfare History, St. Louis University, August 1996; Plenary Session, Conference on the Carter Presidency, Jimmy Carter Library, February 1997; American Historical Association, Washington, D.C., January 1999; American Foundation for the Blind, Washington, D.C., March 1999; Journal of Policy History Conference on History and Public Policy, St. Louis, May, 1999, May 2002, (Charlottesville) May 2004.

Teaching

Nominated for Trachtenberg Teaching Award, 1999 and 2004, received letter of commendation from the Vice President For Academic Affairs.

Courses Taught Recently

Mass Media in Twentieth Century America
Survey of American History, 1877-Present
Graduate Seminar in History and Public Policy (Social Welfare Policy)
The Twentieth Century American Presidency
American Economic History (cross-listed in economics)
Undergraduate Research Seminar
Movies and American History
The American State
Graduate Seminar in Historiography
Graduate Seminar on the Seventies
Recent American History, 1890-1945

Dissertations Directed

Anne-Marie Mazza, National Academy of Sciences, Washington, D.C. A comparison of public policy responses in the cases of litigation related to asbestos claims and the Dalkon Shield, completed 1998 in the doctoral program in public policy, George Washington University.

Demetra Nightingale, Urban Institute, Washington, D.C. An examination of the effect of the Reagan administration on spending for manpower programs, completed 1998 in the doctoral program in public policy, George Washington University.

Brian Greenwald, Assistant Professor, Gallaudet University. A inquiry into Thomas Edison's writings on deafness and their effect on the deaf community, completed 2006 in the history department, George Washington University.

Participated in numerous doctoral committees in history at George Washington University and at the University of Amsterdam (Jaap Kooijman, 1999), Georgetown University (June Hopkins, 1997), and the University of Maryland/Baltimore County (Katherine Liapis--in progress) (Larry DeWitt in progress).

University Service

Member, Search Committee, Dean, Columbian College, 2005-2006, 2001-2002
Member, Faculty Senate, 1998-2000.
Member, Dean's Council, Elliott School of International Affairs, 1998-2000.
Member, Search Committee, Dean, Elliott School of International Affairs, 1994.
Member, Promotion and Tenure Committee, Columbian School, 1999-2002, 2003-2006
Member, Promotion and Tenure Committee, Elliott School, 2005-present.
Member, Advisory Committee, George Washington Institute of Public Policy, 2000-present
Member, Advisory Committee, Documentary Center, 2000-present
Member, Executive Committee, Department of History, 2004-2006
Graduate Advisor and Director of Graduate Studies, Department of History, 1991-1992
Chair, Graduate Program Committee, Department of History, 1993
Chair, Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of History, 1998-2000, 2004-2005.
Member, 175th Anniversary Committee and co-author of 175th Anniversary history of George Washington University: From Strength to Strength: A Pictorial History of the George Washington University, 1821-1996 (Washington, D.C.: George Washington University, 1996).