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Education: B.A. (High Honors), University of Virginia, 1979; M.A., University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1982; Ph.D., University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1989.

Previous Positions: Lecturer, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1983; Assistant Editor, *The Papers of Andrew Johnson*, 1984-1987; Instructor /Assistant Professor, Wofford College, 1987-1990.

Dissertation: "Let Us Have Peace: General Ulysses S. Grant and the Politics of War and Reconstruction, 1861-1868."

Honors and Awards: NEH Travel to Collections Award, 1990; Huntington Library Fellow, 1991; Newberry Library Fellow, 1991; American Philosophical Society Grant, 1991; Dirksen Congressional Research Center Grant, 1991; Faculty Grant-in-Aid, ASU, 1992, 1994, 1995, 1998; NEH Summer Stipend, 1994; Father Smith Lecturer, Gonzaga University, 1994; American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship, 1994; Fulbright Scholarship, Leiden University, 1995; Interdisciplinary Fellow, ASU, 1998; ASU Alumni Association Faculty Research Award, 2003; Best Group Blog, *Clipatria*, 2006; ASU Professor of the Year Finalist, 2006, 2009, 2011, 2012, and 2013; ASU Foundation Chair, 2009-present; Cecil H. & Ida Green Honors Chair Lecture, Texas Christian University, 2012; Barrett Visiting Faculty Fellow, Barrett, The Honors College (ASU), 2012-13.

Publications--Books:

Advice After Appomattox: Letters to Andrew Johnson, 1865-1866. Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 1987. With LeRoy P. Graf and John Muldowny.

Let Us Have Peace: Ulysses S. Grant and the Politics of War and Reconstruction, 1861-1868. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 1991 (paperback, 1997). A History Book Club Selection.

The Political Education of Henry Adams. Columbia: Univ. of South Carolina Press, 1996.

America's Civil War. Wheeling, IL: Harlan Davidson, 1996.

Union and Emancipation: Essays on Race and Politics in the Civil War Era. Kent, OH: Kent State University Press, 1997 (paperback, 2009). With David W. Blight.

Think Anew, Act Anew: Abraham Lincoln on Slavery, Emancipation, and Reconstruction. Wheeling, IL: Harlan Davidson, 1998.

The Reconstruction Presidents. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 1998 (paperback, 2009). A History Book Club Selection.

Sherman's Civil War: Selected Correspondence of William T. Sherman, 1860-1865. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1999 (paperback, 2013). With Jean V. Berlin. A History Book Club Main Selection.

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Publications: Books (continued):

Gettysburg: A Battlefield Guide. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1999. With Mark Grimsley. A History Book Club Selection.

Ulysses S. Grant: Triumph over Adversity, 1822-1865. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2000 (paperback, Zenith Press, 2014). New York Times Notable Book of the Year; A Choice Outstanding Academic Title, 2000; A Book of the Month Club Selection; A History Book Club Main Selection.

The Collapse of the Confederacy. Lincoln: The University of Nebraska Press, 2001 (paperback, 2002). With Mark Grimsley. A History Book Club Selection.

The Civil War: The First Year Told By Those Who Lived It. New York: The Library of America, 2011. With Stephen W. Sears and Aaron Sheehan-Dean. A History Book Club Selection.

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Victors in Blue: How Union Generals Fought the Confederates, Battled Each Other, and Won the Civil War. Lawrence: the University Press of Kansas, 2011 (paperback, 2015). Assisted Albert Castel.

The Civil War: The Third Year Told By Those Who Lived It. New York: Library of America, 2013.

Publications--Articles & Chapters in Books:

“Butcher? Racist? An Examination of William S. McFeely's Grant: A Biography,” Civil War History 33 (March 1987), 63-83.

“Grant's Tour of the South Revisited,” Journal of Southern History 54 (August 1988), 425-48.

“Ulysses S. Grant and the Failure of Reconciliation,” Illinois Historical Journal 81 (Winter 1988), 269-82.

“Editors, Editing and the Historical Profession,” OAH Newsletter (May 1989), 8-9.

“Henry Adams and the Age of Grant,” Hayes Historical Journal 8 (Spring 1989), 5-23.

“A New Look at President Grant,” Proceedings of the South Carolina Historical Association 20 (1990), 7-16.

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“Reconstructing Andrew Johnson,” Congress and the Presidency 17 (1990), 167-74.

“Daniel Webster and the Cult of the Constitution,” Journal of American Culture 15 (1992), 15-23.

“Three Who Made a Constitution,” Constitution 4 (Spring/Summer 1992), 66-73.

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Publications--Articles & Chapters in Books (continued):

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“Components of a Compromise: A Document,” Hayes Historical Journal 11 (Winter, 1992), 23-38 (with Jean V. Berlin).

“This Bloody and Monstrous Crime!: The Colfax Massacre and the Cruikshank Decision,” Constitution 4 (Fall 1992), 38-46.

“George's Justices: The Nomination and Confirmation of Supreme Court Justices in the Washington Administration,” Journal of Supreme Court History (1992), 63-74.

“Land and the Ballot: Securing the Fruits of Emancipation?” Pennsylvania History 60 (April 1993), 176-88.

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“Lincoln Finds His General,” Lincoln Herald 96 (Fall 1994), 82-89.

“Olive Branch and Sword: Union War-Making in the American Civil War.” David K. Adams and Cornelis A. Van Minnen, eds., Aspects of War in American History (1997), 63-79.

“Great Expectations: Ulysses S. Grant, The Northern Press, and the Opening of the Wilderness Campaign.” Gary W. Gallagher, ed., The Wilderness Campaign (1997), 1-33.

“Ulysses S. Grant and the Problems of Command in 1864.” Steven E. Woodworth, ed., The Art of Command in the American Civil War (1998), 137-56.

“General McClellan's Bodyguard: The Army of the Potomac after Antietam.” Gary W. Gallagher, ed., The Antietam Campaign (1999), 44-73.

“If Properly Led!: Command Relationships at Gettysburg.” Steven E. Woodworth, ed., Civil War Generals in Defeat (1999), 161-89.

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Publications--Articles & Chapters in Books (continued):

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“How a New Yorker Came to Love the Penguins.” Randy Roberts, ed., Pittsburgh Sports: Stories from the Steel City (2000), 157-86.

“Continuous Hammering and Mere Attrition: Lost Cause Critics and the Military Reputation of Ulysses S. Grant.” Gary W. Gallagher and Alan T. Nolan, eds., The Myth of the Lost Cause and Civil War History (2000), 147-69.

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“The Reforging of a Republican Majority.” Robert F. Engs and Randall M. Miller, eds., The Birth of the Grand Old Party: The Republicans’ First Generation (2002), 148-66.

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“Election of 1868” and “Election of 1872.” Ballard Campbell and William G. Shade, eds., American Presidential Campaigns and Elections (2003), 2:429-39, 446-57.

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“Battles, Leaders, Stories.” The Ambrose Bierce Project Journal, 3/1 (Fall 2007); <http://www.ambrosebierce.org/journal3simpson.html>

“Derek Jeter.” Matthew C. Whitaker, ed., African American Icons of Sport (2008), 107-16 (with Rebecca A. Simpson); “Earvin ‘Magic’ Johnson.” Ibid., 117-28.

“After Shiloh: Grant, Sherman, and Survival.” Steven E. Woodworth, ed., The Shiloh Campaign (2009), 142-58.

“Frederick Douglass.” Matthew C. Whitaker, ed., Icons of Black America (2011), 239-248; “54th Massachusetts Infantry,” *ibid.*, 292-299; “Earvin ‘Magic’ Johnson,” *ibid.*, 445-54.

“‘Hit Him Again’: The Caning of Charles Sumner.” Paul Finkelman and Donald B. Kennon, eds., Congress and the Crisis of the 1850s (Athens: Ohio University Press, 2012), 203-21.

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Publications--Articles & Chapters in Books (continued):

“What Happened on Orchard Knob? Ordering the Attack on Missionary Ridge.” Steven E. Woodworth and Charles D. Grear, eds., The Chattanooga Campaign (2012), 84-105.

“Winfield Scott Hancock and the Overland Campaign.” Ethan S. Rafuse, ed., Corps Commanders in Blue (2014), 261-80.

“Wartime Reconstruction: Constructing the Union’s New Cornerstone.” Stephen D. Engle, ed., The War Worth Fighting: Abraham Lincoln’s Presidency and Civil War America (Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2015), 202-22.

“The Unfinished Work Before Us.” Carla Knorowski, ed., Gettysburg Replies: The World Responds to Abraham Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address (Guilford, CT: Lyons Press, 2015), 172-73.

“Three Confederates at Gettysburg.” J. Matthew Gallman and Gary W. Gallagher, eds., Lens of War: Exploring Iconic Photographs of the Civil War (Athens, GA: University of Georgia Press, 2015), 86-91.

“Assessing Enemy Civilian Will: The United States Goes to War, 1861.” Leo J. Blanken, Hy Rothstein, and Jason J. Lepore, eds., Assessing War: The Challenge of Measuring Success and Failure (Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2015), 81-95.

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Papers (not including those subsequently published above):

“Seeking to Serve: Applications for Office in the New Republic.” Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Gettysburg, 1992. With Jean V. Berlin.

“Lincoln, Grant, and the Problems of High Command, 1864-1865.” Southern Historical Association, Orlando, 1993.

“Olive Branch and Sword: The Union and Total War.” Society of Civil War Historians, Southern Historical Association, Louisville, 1994.

“Dealing with Defeat: The Civil War and Vietnam.” Vietnam Twenty Years Later, Leiden University, the Netherlands, 1995.

“New Perspectives on the Civil War.” Southern Historical Association, New Orleans, 1995.

“The Art of the Possible: Ulysses S. Grant and Reconstruction.” American Historical Association, Atlanta, 1996.

“Ulysses and Julia Grant.” Organization of American Historians, Chicago, 1996.

“Rethinking the Coming of the Civil War.” Panel, Southern Historical Association, Atlanta, 1997.

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Papers (not including those subsequently published above, continued):

“George B. McClellan.” History America Tours, United States Military Academy, West Point, NY, 2000.

“Searching for Ulysses.” Main Address, Illinois History Symposium, Springfield, 2000.

“Explaining Victory.” Southern Historical Association, New Orleans, 2001.

“How Did Freedom Come?: A Reappraisal of the Emancipation Debate.” Abraham Lincoln Symposium, Springfield, 2002.

“The American Sphinx?” Main Address, Conference on Presidential Rhetoric, Bush Presidential Library, Texas A&M, College Station, TX, 2002.

“Combating Catastrophe: Ulysses S. Grant from Cold Harbor to the Crater.” Deep Delta Civil War Symposium, Southeast Louisiana University, Hammond, LA, 2002.

“PFF and Graduate Training.” American Historical Association, Washington, DC, 2004.

“American Warlord: Abraham Lincoln as Commander-in-Chief.” Abraham Lincoln Symposium, Springfield, 2008.

“Lincoln, Congress, and the Management of Military Affairs.” United States Capitol Historical Society, Washington, DC, 2009.

“War Planning in 1861.” United States Capitol Historical Society, Washington, DC, 2010.

“The Third Star: Lincoln, Grant, and the Lieutenant General Bill.” United States Capitol Historical Society, Washington, DC, 2012.

Review Essays:

“Blacks in Blue and the Fight For Freedom.” Ira Berlin et al., eds., Freedom: A Documentary History of Emancipation, 1861-1867. Series II: The Black Military Experience (1982). Documentary Editing 7 (September 1985), 5-10.

“Carnage, Character, and Consequences.” Stephen W. Sears, Landscape Turned Red: The Battle of Antietam (1983) and Robert G. Scott, Into the Wilderness with the Army of the Potomac (1985). Reviews in American History 14 (September 1986), 368-76.

“Two More Roads to Sumter.” Mark W. Summers, The Plundering Generation: Corruption and the Crisis of the Union, 1849-1861 (1987) and James L. Hutson, The Panic of 1857 and the Coming of the Civil War (1987). Reviews in American History 17 (June 1989), 225-31.

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Review Essays (continued):

“Beneath the Shield: The Letters of Henry Adams.” J. C. Levenson, et al., eds., The Letters of Henry Adams (6 vols.: 1982, 1988). Documentary Editing 13 (March 1991), 13-16.

“Why the Cause Lost.” Richard E. Beringer, Herman M. Hattaway, Archer Jones, and William N. Still, Why the South Lost (1986) and Steven E. Woodworth, Jefferson Davis and His Generals (1990). Reviews in American History 22 (March 1994), 73-81.

“Fighting for Home and Family: Northern Soldiers and Civilians.” Reid Mitchell, The Vacant Chair: The Northern Soldier Leaves Home (1993) and Stanton Garner, The Civil War World of Herman Melville (1993). Reviews in American History 23 (September 1995), 450-57.

“Battles and Leaders: Old and New in Civil War Military History.” Gary Gallagher, ed., The Third Day at Gettysburg and After (1994); Gabor Boritt, ed., Lincoln's Generals (1994); and Peter Cozzens, The Shipwreck of Their Hopes (1994). Reviews in American History 24 (September 1996), 418-25.

The Historian's Lincoln: Pseudohistory, Psychohistory, and History, edited by Gabor S. Boritt. Journal of the Abraham Lincoln Association 20 (Summer 1999), 67-79.

Television Appearances (national only):

“Booknotes.” C-SPAN, May 30, 2000. Discussion of Ulysses S. Grant: Triumph Over Adversity.

“The Education of Henry Adams.” C-SPAN, May 30, 2000. Discussion of The Political Education of Henry Adams.

“Civil War Institute: Gettysburg College.” C-SPAN, June 27, 2001. Grant Roundtable.

“American Writers: Henry Adams.” C-SPAN, July 23, 2001. 150 minutes on Henry Adams broadcast from Adams National Site in Quincy, MA.

“The American Experience: Ulysses S. Grant.” PBS, May 2002 (two episodes). Four hours on the life of Ulysses S. Grant.

“Ulysses S. Grant.” C-SPAN, April 27, 2008. 60 minutes on Ulysses S. Grant broadcast from the Massachusetts School of Law in Andover, MA.

Interviewed, CNN, February 11, 2009, on the Lincoln legacy, in Springfield, IL.

“Planning for War in 1861.” C-SPAN, May 7, 2010.

“Ulysses S. Grant: Warrior.” PBS, 2011.

“The Third Star: Lincoln, Grant, and the Lieutenant General Bill.” C-SPAN, May 4, 2012.

“Civil War Blogging.” C-SPAN, June 25, 2012.

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Television Appearances (national only, continued):

“Antietam Battlefield Tour.” C-SPAN, June 26, 2012.

“Mark Grimsley’s *The Hard Hand of War*.” C-SPAN, June 2013.

“The Ultimate Guide to the Presidents,” History, February 2013.

“Abraham Lincoln’s War Policies in 1863.” C-SPAN, February 2013.

“Generalship at Gettysburg.” C-SPAN, July 2013

“Gettysburg.” Fox News, July 1, 2013.

“Civil War Chattanooga.” C-SPAN, October 2013.

“Ulysses S. Grant and Virginia in 1864.” C-SPAN, June 2014.

“Lectures in History: Presidents Make War” C-SPAN, October 2015. Telecast of an ASU class (HON 394) taught at Barrett, The Honors College, as an instructor-student discussion class (a first for the series).

“President Grant and the Continuing Civil War.” C-SPAN, June 2016.

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Introductions:

Lloyd Lewis, Sherman: Fighting Prophet Lincoln: Univ. of Nebraska Press, 1993 (1932); Theodore Lyman, With Grant and Meade from the Wilderness to Appomattox. Lincoln: Univ. of Nebraska Press, 1994 (1922); Jacob D. Cox, Sherman's Battle for Atlanta. New York: DaCapo Press, 1994 (1882); Jacob D. Cox, Sherman's March to the Sea. New York: DaCapo Press, 1994 (1883); Andrew A. Humphreys, The Virginia Campaign of 1864-65. New York: DaCapo Press, 1995 (1883); Henry M. Hitchcock, Marching with Sherman. Lincoln: Univ. of Nebraska Press, 1995 (1927); Ulysses S. Grant, Personal Memoirs of U. S. Grant. Lincoln: Univ. of Nebraska Press, 1999 (1885-86); Arthur L. Conger, The Rise of U. S. Grant. New York: DaCapo Press, 1996 (1931); Sylvanus Cadwallader, Three Years with Grant. Lincoln: Univ. of Nebraska Press, 1996 (1955); Kenneth P. Williams, Grant Rises in the West: From Iuka to Vicksburg, 1862-1863. Lincoln: Univ. of Nebraska Press, 1997 (1956); Joshua L. Chamberlain, The Passing of the Armies. Lincoln: Univ. of Nebraska Press, 1998 (1915); Horace Porter, Campaigning With Grant. Lincoln: Univ. of Nebraska Press, 2000 (1897).

Reviews in The American Historical Review, The Journal of American History, Civil War History, The Journal of Southern History, Wisconsin Magazine of History, Journal of the Early Republic, Maryland Magazine of History, Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography, Pennsylvania History, Register of the Kentucky Historical Society, Georgia Historical Quarterly, North Carolina Historical Review, Florida Historical Quarterly, Journal of Mississippi History, Civil War Times Illustrated, Brightleaf, H-Net, History, and the Boston Globe.

Professional Service:

Reader, U. S. History, Advanced Placement Program, 1991, 1993; Workshop Consultant, Advanced Placement Program, 1991-92; Editorial Board Member, The Hayes Historical Journal, 1992-95; Membership Committee, Organization of American Historians, 1993-96; Associate Editor for History, Congress and the Presidency, 1993-98; Lincoln Prize Advisory Council, 1993-present; series coeditor, "Great Campaigns of the Civil War," University of Nebraska Press, 1994-present; Membership Committee, Southern Historical Association, 1995-97; Advisory Board, "War in History," University of Nebraska Press, 1995-present; series co-editor, "This Hallowed Ground: Guides to Civil War Battlefields," University of Nebraska Press, 1995-present; advisory editor, Harlan Davidson, 1997-2009; Board of Directors, Abraham Lincoln Association, 1998-2015; Lincoln and Soldiers Prize Jury, 1998-99; Board of Directors, Blue and Gray Education Society, 1999-2003; advisor, WGBH-TV (Boston), The American Experience, 1999-2002; Advisory Board, University of Kentucky Press Civil War Series, 2002-04; Civic Literacy Board, Intercollegiate Studies Institute, 2003-present; Speakers Bureau, Arizona Humanities Council, 2007-15; Speakers Bureau, Organization of American Historians, 2010-16.

Institutional Service, Arizona State University (excluding routine department service):

Secretary, CLAS Faculty Senate, 1994-95; Member, Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure, 1994-96, 2008-14, 2015-present (chair, 2012-14; vice chair, 2015-16, chair, 2016-17); Honors Advisor, History, 2008-14; Member, Bylaws Committee, SHPRS, 2011-12; Associate Director, Center for the Study of Race and Democracy, 2011-13; Chair, CLS Personnel Committee, 2014-16 (continuing as member, 2016-17); Member, University Grievance Committee, 2015-16; Associate Dean (iternim), Barrett, The Honors College, Downtown Phoenix campus, 2017; Faculty Head, Interdisciplinary Humanities and Communication, College of Integrative Sciences and Arts, 2017-present.

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Classes Taught: Undergraduate Lectures (since 2006)

HST 204 War and American Society
HST 300 The Civil War in American Memory
HST 315 American Political History
HST 204/306 The American Presidency
HST 408 The Civil War and Reconstruction

Classes Taught: Undergraduate Seminars (since 2006)

HON 171 The Human Event
HON 272 The Human Event
HON 370 History of Ideas
HON 394 Words in American History
HON 394 The American Presidency
HST 495 Research Seminar: Americans at War
HST 495 Research Seminar: The American Presidency
HON 498 Remembering the Civil War
HST 498 The American Presidency
HST 498 The American Civil War

Honors Theses, 2010-present

2010 Chaired one completed thesis (Hadley)
2011 On sabbatical
2012 Chaired two completed theses (Volz, Berg); on one committee (McGovern)
2013 Chaired two completed theses (Chacon, Hillmann)
2014 Chaired seven completed theses (Behnke, Tidwell, Rubin, Tindall, Shaw, Schiller, Porter); on one committee (Palumbo)

Classes Taught: Graduate Seminars

HST 591 Research Seminar (various topics)
HST 598 Readings Seminar (various topics)
HST 692 Research Seminar: Documentary Editing