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Higher Education Degrees:

Iowa State University: Ames, Iowa.

Doctor of Philosophy: United States History Agriculture and Rural Studies

Dissertation: *The Home Fronts of Iowa, 1940-1945*

Eastern Michigan University: Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Master of Liberal Studies: Women's Studies [History & Psychology]

Thesis/Creative Writing: *Pregnancy: Literature, Experience, & Silence*

Iowa State University: Ames, Iowa.

Bachelor of Science: English major, Sociology minor

Community Service:

At-Large Council Member, Oskaloosa City Council (elected position), January 2022 to Present

Professorships: History & English, Composition & Communication

HiSET Indian Hills Community College, September 2023 to August 2024. Tutored 5 subjects

Visiting William Penn University, Oskaloosa, Iowa. 2019-2020. History & composition

Emerita Des Moines Area Community College, Ankeny, Iowa. 2005-2018. History & literature

Professor Southwestern Community College, Creston, Iowa. 2001- 2005. Journalism & history

Adjunct Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa. 1999-2001. History, composition & adult education

Book Publications & Contracts:

The Hoover Plan: A Spiritual Reconstruction for Europe & Asia, 1947.

Contract with Bloombury Press. Manuscript due May 2025.

'The Grimpest Spectre': Herbert Hoover's Global Famine Mission & the Creation of UNICEF, 1946. Completed manuscript. Searching for publisher.

Waifs of Warsaw: Polish Girlhood & Motherless Memories of the Second World War, 1939-1946. Searching for publisher.

The Forgotten Generation: American Children & World War II. University of Missouri Press, 2011. Paperback 2020.

The Depression Dilemmas of Rural Iowa, 1929-1933. University of Missouri Press, 2011.

Winner of the 2012 Benjamin F. Shambaugh Award for "significant Iowa history."

The Home Fronts of Iowa, 1939-1945. University of Missouri Press, 2009. Paperback 2018.

Boards & Committees:

Rural Restoration Project, founding Board of Directors. 5 county/501(c)4. January 2023-Present.

World Social Sciences Association, Board of Directors. 2021-2024 Rural Studies, 2017-2024.

Educational Testing Service, Advanced Placement Reader. Invited 2015, 2016, 2018 & 2020.

National Education Association, Board of Directors, At-Large Higher Education. 2011-2014

Herbert Hoover Presidential Library Travel Grant Committee. 2005-2011

Organization of American Historians, Committee on Community Colleges. 2006-2010

Humanities Iowa, Speakers' Bureau. World War II & Great Depression in Iowa. 2005-2021

National Education Association's *Thought & Action*, academic journal board. 2005-2013
Iowa State Historical Society, Board of Trustees. Elected member. 2004-2010

Awards & Grants:

The Hoover Institution at Stanford University, Silas Palmer Research Grant. 2016 & 2017
Harry S. Truman Presidential Library & Archives, Research Grant. 2015 & 2016
Hoover Presidential Library, Presentation Travel Grants. To Belgium & Japan. 2016 & 2014
National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute, Library of Congress. 2009
NEH Landmark Series, Community College Professors. 3 seminars to HI, GA & MS. 2010 & 2008
2006 Jacob Rader Marcus Fellowship at the American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati. 2007
Franklin & Eleanor Roosevelt Institute Research Grant, FDR Library. 2006

Professional Conference Presentations:

"Mines of Spain: Exploitation of Native Americans in Dubuque, 1788," Western History, Oct. 2025
"Grey Coal from Black Earth: Iowa's Coal Mining, 1900-1940," Rural Iowa Symposium, Sept. 2025
"Duties & Fragilities of Youth," The Second World War Research Conference, London, June 2025.
"Mississippi Proved No Barrier, 1788-1973," Western History Association, Kansas City, Oct. 2024.
"Waifs of Warsaw, 1939-1946," Polish Institute 's 9th World Congress, Warsaw, June 2024.
Presented original research papers at over 100 state, regional, national & international conferences.

Academic & Popular Publications:

Published 18 chapters, essays and articles for various academic anthologies, journals & magazines.
Critiqued 17 chapters and books for reviews within various academic journals.
Researched and wrote 28 academic encyclopedia entries for 8 research series publications.

Academic Press & Professional Journal Reviews:

Reviewed & developed manuscripts for 15 academic presses and journals. 2006-Present

Historical Documentary Films:

Advised & interviewed on 6 Iowa documentaries. 2009-2016

Professional & Community Contributions:

Iowa State Education Association, member and local leadership roles. September 2001 to Present
National Mississippi River Museum, educator & research project. January 2023 August 2023.
Candidate, Iowa House & Senate, District #88 & #44. 2022 & 2024.
Oskaloosa Writers' Club, founding member. Created 2021 Present
Lions Club, Oskaloosa. An international service & civic club. Vice President 2020, President 2023.
Interim Manager, The Book Vault. Managed staff. Arranged events & orders. Oct. 2021-July 2022.
"The Surviving Scarcity Cooking Talk." Sarah Lawrence College Graduate College, Zoom. 2020
75th Anniversary of the Battle for Iwo Jima. Iowa perspective. Gold Star Military Museum, 2020
ISU History Graduate Student Banquet, keynote. ISU Alumni Center. 2018

European College Study & Adult Tours: EF [Education First & Go Ahead Tours]:

"75th Anniversary of D-Day," 2019; "Scandinavia Capitals & Fjords," 2018; "The Train Tour of Europe," 2018; "500th Anniversary Year of the Reformation," 2017; "Irish Heritage," 2017
"Second World War & Holocaust," 2015; "Italy & Greece," 2014; "Essence of Europe," 2013
"France & Spain," 2012; "World War II & the Western Front," 2011.