

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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### Education:

1973	Ph.D., Harvard University
1967	M.A., University of Sussex (England)
1966	A.B. <u>magna cum laude</u> , Harvard College

### Research Fellowships:

2001-02	Fellowship at Alice B. Kaplan Center for the Humanities, Northwestern University.
1995-96	Lloyd Lewis/National Endowment for the Humanities Fellow, The Newberry Library, Chicago.
1990-91	Fellow, National Humanities Center, Research Triangle
1990	President's Humanities Fellowship, Northwestern University (declined)
1971-72	Samuel Stouffer Fellowship of the Harvard-M.I.T. Joint Center for Urban Studies
1966-72	Danforth Graduate Fellowship

### Teaching and Administration Awards and Honors:

2019	E. LeRoy Hall Award for Excellence in Teaching in the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences
2016	MALS Leadership and Teaching Excellence Award, Northwestern University School of Professional Studies.
2013	Career Achievement Award, Northwestern University Black Alumni Association.
2005	Outstanding Affiliate Award, Northwestern Department of African American Studies.
1999	Outstanding Faculty Member Award from the Northwestern University Interfraternity Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council, and Pan-Hellenic Association.
1998	National Faculty Award from the Association of Graduate Liberal Studies Programs.
1998-2001	Charles Deering McCormick Professor of Teaching Excellence

- 1996 Northwestern University Alumni Association Award for Excellence in Teaching
- 1984 Northwestern University College of Arts and Sciences Award for Outstanding Teaching
- 1980 NEH course development grant (with Professor Carl Smith, English)
- 1974 ff Northwestern University Associated Student Government Faculty Honor Roll, 1992-93, 93-94, 94-95, 2003-04, 04-05, 08-09, 10-11, 13-14, 17-18.

### **Experience in Teaching and Administration:**

- Associate Professor of History, Northwestern University, 1979-present (joint appointment with African-American Studies since 1990).
- Assistant Professor of History, Northwestern, 1973-79.
- Director, Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Program, 1997- 2015
- Director, Program in American Culture, Northwestern, 1982-85.
- Director, Urban Studies Program, Northwestern, 1978-81.
- Teaching Fellow in History, Harvard University, 1969-73.
- Teaching Fellow in the Intensive Summer Studies Program, Harvard, Summer, 1970.
- Assistant Head Tutor in History, Harvard, 1970-72.
- Resident Tutor in John Winthrop House, Harvard, 1969-73.
- Member of the Standing Committee on the Undergraduate Curriculum in History, Harvard, 1970-1972.

### **Principal Courses Offered at Northwestern:**

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| History 102                               | Progressive Reform in the City (Freshman Seminar).  |
| History 102                               | New Communities in America (Freshman Seminar).  |
| History 102                               | Antipoverty Crusades (Freshman Seminar)   |
| History 210-2                             | U.S. History since 1865.  |
| History 322-1,2                           | Development of the Modern American City.  |
| History 389                               | Discovering Poverty in America (Junior Tutorial).   |
| History 300                               | The Evolution of Chicago.   |
| History 395                               | The Problem of Poverty in Anglo-American Culture.   |
| History 492                               | Urbanization and its Discontents (Graduate Seminar).  |
| History 410-2                             | U.S. History, 1800-1914 (Graduate Seminar).   |
| American Studies<br>215                   | Humanistic Dimensions of Technological Change.  |
| American Studies<br>390                   | Senior Research Seminar.  |
| Humanities 210                            | Brave New Worlds (Kaplan Scholars Course co-taught with Professors Carl Smith and Kasey Evans |
| Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Program |   |

401 GraduateSeminar - Various Topics: The Pursuit of Community;  
Urbanization; Technology and Culture; Poverty

**Scholarly Publications:**

*The First Suburbs: Residential Communities on the Boston  
Periphery, 1815-1860* (Chicago, 1985).

"Multicentered Chicago," Interpretive Essay in James R. Grossman, *et al.* (eds.), *The  
Encyclopedia of Chicago* (Chicago, 2004).

"Tenements," in Grossman, *et al.*, *The Encyclopedia of Chicago* (Chicago,  
2004).

"Slums," in Paul S. Boyer (ed.), *The Oxford Companion to American History* (New  
York: Oxford University Press, 2001), 719-720.

"The Remaking of Evanston in the 1890s," in Elizabeth A. Myers (ed.), *At Home in  
Evanston: the Charles Gates Dawes House* (Evanston, 2000).

"Tenement," in Neil Larry Shumsky (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Urban America: The Cities  
and Suburbs* (1998), vol. 2, 781-783.

"The Early 19th Century Suburb: Creating a Suburban Ethos in  
Somerville and Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1820-1860," in  
Daniel Schaffer (ed.), *Principles and Policy: Urban  
Planning in the United States* (London, 1988).

"Never Trust the Census Taker, Even When He's Dead" (Review  
Essay), *Urban History Yearbook*, 1975, 22-28.

"Land Tenure, Social Structure and Railway Impact in North  
Lambeth, 1830-1861," *Journal of Transport History*, II (1974), 129-154.

**Work in Progress:**

Book Manuscript, "Improving Cincinnati: Social "Evils" and Spatial Management in  
Cincinnati, 1820-1870." In review at University of Chicago, Press.

"The Discovery of Slums in Cincinnati," commissioned for Alan Mayne (ed.), *The  
Oxford History of the Modern History of Slums*. In review.

**Papers Presented to Scholarly Gatherings:**

“Slum Clearance Without the Name: Engineering, Race, and ‘Improvement’ in Cincinnati, 1849-1870.” Presented at the 15<sup>th</sup> National Conference of the Society for City and Regional Planning History, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, October 5, 2013.

“Locating Urban Poverty in the Nineteenth-Century United States: Adventures in Two Cities,” presented at the Annual Conference of the Social Science History Association, November 16, 2007, Chicago, IL.

“Locating Danger in the Nineteenth-Century American City,” Northwestern University Department of History Seminar, January 12, 1998.

“The Construction of Local Notoriety in the Nineteenth Century American City,” Newberry Library Fellows Seminar, April 8, 1996

“Commercial, Evangelical, and Other Space: the Construction of Local Notoriety in the Mid-Nineteenth Century American City,” Loyola University History Seminar, February 16, 1996

"Tenements, Slums, and Blight: the Figurative Landscape of Urban Poverty, 1880-1915," Fifth National Conference of the Society for City and Regional Planning History, Chicago, November 20, 1993.

"Locating the Poor in the Nineteenth-Century American City," UCLA American Studies Urban Culture Conference, May 21, 1993.

"Domestic, Commercial, and Other Space in the Nineteenth-Century American City," Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Washington, D.C., December 28, 1992.

"Do Nineteenth Century Suburbs Have a Political History?" Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, Washington, D.C., March 23, 1990.

"The Political History of Romantic Suburbs," Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Chicago, December 28, 1984.

#### **Invited Lectures and Panels:**

“World War I: Crucible of Twentieth Century Chicago,” Northwestern University Library Board Lecture, March 29, 2017.

“Urbanization and Disaster in the Lower Mississippi Valley,” Panel Presentation at Symposium on “Hurricane Katrina: Preparation, Response, and Rebuilding,” Robert R McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science, Northwestern University, October 17, 2005.

"Building the First Chicago," Lecture in connection with the exhibit "Chicago in 1848," Newberry Library, January 9, 1998

"Chicago Architecture: from Prairie Village to Metropolis," Mazzuchelli Lecture, Rosary College, March 16, 1993.

"Los Angeles and the History of Urban Rebellions," Public Lecture at Chicago State University, October 21, 1992.

"The Invention of the Slum in America," Public Lecture at Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas, October 12, 1992.

"The Invention of the Slum in Nineteenth Century America," Annual American Studies Lecture, Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts, April 17, 1989.

"Has Chicago Ever Been Ready for Reform? Mayoral Elections, 1837-1989," Guild Lecture, Chicago Historical Society, April 13, 1989.

"Cities within a City: The Idea of Neighborhood in Chicago," Chicago Public Library, October 11, 1986.

"The Civil War Experience and the Management of American Cities," Paul M. Angle Lecture, Chicago Historical Society, February 18, 1981.

"Neighborhood Formation in Cambridge and Somerville, Massachusetts, 1820-1860," Newberry Library, Chicago, November, 1977.

"The View from the Road: New Englanders in the South," at Old Sturbridge Village Conference on "New England in Motion: Travel, Transportation, and Change," April 26, 1970.

**Other Conference Participation:**

Chair and Commentator on three papers in session on "Federal Subsidies and Private Interests: FHA, HUD, and Operation Breakthrough," at the National Conference of the Urban History Association, Chicago, October 15, 2016.

Panelist in Roundtable on "Revisiting *The Crabgrass Frontier*," at the Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, Indianapolis, April 2, 1998.

Chair and Commentator on two papers in session on "Planning After the Fall," at the Seventh National Conference on American Planning History, Seattle, October 24, 1997.

Commentator on two papers in session on "Revisiting the Discourse of Dependency: the Orphan, the Delinquent, and the Feeble-Minded in the 19th Century" at the Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, Washington, April 1, 1995.

Commentator on three papers in session on "Federal Housing Initiatives: the Early Decades" at the Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, Anaheim, CA, April 17, 1993.

Chair and commentator on three papers in session on "Private Interests and Public Spaces in Nineteenth Century Cities" at the Fourth National Conference on American Planning History, Richmond, November 9, 1991.

Commentator on one paper in session on "The Chicago Area Transportation Study: An Example of Rational Comprehensive Planning" at the Third National Conference on American Planning History, Cincinnati, December 1, 1989.

Participant in Panel Discussion on "Industry and Early Urban Transportation Systems" at the Duquesne History Forum, Pittsburgh, October 27, 1989.

Commentator on three papers in session on "Race, Religion, and Ethnicity in the City" at the Duquesne History Forum, Pittsburgh, October 25, 1989.

Commentator on three papers in session on "The Black Housing Problem" at the Bicentennial Symposium on Black Cincinnati, Cincinnati, December 27, 1988.

Commentator on three papers in session on "Institutional Responses to Public Health Questions" at the Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Chicago, November 6, 1988.

Commentator on one paper in session on "Rethinking Urban History" at the Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Chicago, November 5, 1988.

Commentator on three papers in session on "Automobiles, Suburbs, and Community-Building in the West" at the Annual Meeting of the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association, Honolulu, August 16, 1986.

Participant in Panel Discussion on "Priorities in Urban History" at the Chicago Historical Society Symposium on the Role of an Urban History Center, Chicago, May 8-9, 1978.

Commentator on two papers in session on "Social Change and the Arts: the Turn of the Twentieth Century" at the Annual Meeting of the American Studies Association, San Antonio, November, 1975.

### Academic Book Reviews:

Lawrence J. Vale, *From the Puritans to the Projects: Public Housing and Public Neighbors*, in *American Historical Review*, 108 (February, 2003), 206-207.

Peter Knights, *Yankee Destinies: the Lives of Ordinary Nineteenth-Century Bostonians*, in *Journal of American History*, 79 (1992), 1187-88.

Robert Fishman, *Bourgeois Utopias: the Rise and Fall of Suburbia*, in *Journal of Economic History*, 49 (1989), 1079.

Kathryn Schneider Smith (ed.), *Washington at Home: An Illustrated History of Neighborhoods in the Nation's Capital*, in *Washington Works: Reviews of Recent Literature* (Spring, 1989), 1, 3-6.

Robert Doherty, *Society and Power: Five New England Towns, 1800-1860*, in *American Historical Review*, 84 (1979), 552-53.

### Other Publications:

"Edith Abbott's *The Tenements of Chicago, 1908-1933*," in The Caxton Club, *Chicago by the Book: 101 Publications that Shaped the City and its Image* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2018), 130-131.

"The Evolution of Lake Shore Drive," introduction to Neal Samors and Bernard Judge, *Chicago's Lake Shore Drive* (Chicago: Chicago's Neighborhoods, Inc., 2010).

"City" article in *The World Book Encyclopedia* [co-author with Terry N. Clark], (Chicago, 1994).

"I Scream, You Scream: the Cultural Significance of Ice Cream," in Marilyn Smith Layton (ed.), *Intercultural Journeys through Reading and Writing* (New York, 1991). [Reprinted from *Arts and Sciences, the Magazine of the College of Arts and Sciences*, Northwestern University, X (1987)].

"Why Study Chicago?" in *Northwestern Parents' Quarterly*, Winter 1986, 1.

"The Black Family: A Study in Endurance" (Review of Herbert G. Gutman, *The Black Family in Slavery and Freedom, 1750-1925*), in *Chicago Daily News - Panorama*, September 11-12, 1976.

"A Historian's Icy Verdict on Our Racial Progress" (Review of John Hope Franklin, *Racial Equality in America*), in *Chicago Daily News - Panorama*, November 28, 1976.

"An Heiress Who Sought to Reform the World" (Review of Gilbert A. Harrison, *A Timeless Affair: the Life of Anita McCormick Blaine*), in *Chicago Sunday Sun-Times*, January 6, 1980.

**University, College, and Department Committees and Service:**

University Black House Oversight Committee, 2017-18, 2018-19.  
University Black House Feasibility Study Steering Committee, 2016-17.  
University Advisory Committee on the Black House, 2015-16.  
University Steering Committee for the Center for Civic Engagement, 2009- present.  
University Screening Committee for a new Associate Provost for Enrollment, 2004-05.  
University Search Committee for the William Paterson Chair in Transportation, 2003-04.  
University Parking Committee, 2004-06.  
University Library Advisory Committee, 2004-2018.  
University Committee on Educational Diversity, 1999-2000.  
University Committee on Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, 1999-2000, 2000-01, 2003-04..  
University Women's Center Director Search Committee, 1993-94.  
University Faculty Reappointment, Promotion, Tenure, and Dismissal Appeals Panel, 1992-1995. (Executive Committee, 1993-95).  
University Patterson Chair Lecture Committee, 1994-97.  
University Program Review Committee for the Department of Anthropology, 1992-93.  
University Committee on Faculty Diversity, 1989-90, 1991-99.  
University Committee on Intergroup Relations, 1989-90  
University Committee on the Summer Research Opportunity Program, 1988-present.  
University Committee on Honorary Degrees, 1988-90.  
University General Faculty Committee, Subcommittee on Faculty Development, Women, and Minorities, 1989-90.  
University Task Force on the Undergraduate Experience, Subcommittee on Alcohol and Drugs, 1987-88.  
University Program Review Committee for the Transportation Center, 1987-88.  
University Educational Policy Advisory Committee, 1985-88.  
University Committee on Computer Studies, 1985-86.  
University Graduate Fellowships Committee, 1981-82.  
University Human Relations Committee, 1978-80 (Chair, 1979-80).  
University Planning and Development Task Force, Subcommittee on University Life, 1978-79.  
Academic Director, Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Program, School of Professional Studies, 1987-2015.  
Master, Shepard Residential College, 1982-86.



Associate Master, Shepard Residential College, 1978-82.  
Faculty Associate, Shepard Residential College, 1974- present  
Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences (WCAS) Convocation Speaker, June 2006.  
WCAS Chicago Field Studies Advisory Committee, 2006- present.  
WCAS Center for African American History Committee, 2014-16.  
WCAS Committee on Teaching Awards, 2004-2005, 2005-06 (Chair).  
WCAS African-American Studies Search Committee, 1987-90, 1991-93.  
WCAS Curricular Review Committee, 1988-90, 2002-03, 2003-04.  
WCAS Committee on the Program in American Culture, 1978-90, 1996-  
(Chair, 1982-85).  
WCAS Committee on the Program in Urban Studies, 1974-2016 (Chair, 1978-81).  
WCAS Division II Council, 1974-76.  
WCAS Committee to Evaluate Promotion Procedures, 1974-75.  
WCAS Committee on Teaching Awards, 2003-04.  
WCAS Freshman Advisor, 1974-80, 1982-83, 1988-89, 1996-2000, 2015-16  
WCAS Field Studies Faculty Advisor, 1975-77, 1986-87.  
History Department Website Redesign Committee, 2015-16.  
History Department Director of Undergraduate Studies, 1988-89, 1991-94, 2004-09.  
History Department U.S. in the World Search Committee, 2007-08.  
History Department U.S. Before 1890 Search Committee, 2003-2004  
History Department U.S. International Search Committee, 2000-2001.  
History Department Teaching Assistant Coordinator, 1998-2004.  
History Department Early American Search Committee, 1996-97  
History Department African-American Search Committee, 1994-95.  
History Department Undergraduate Program Committee, 1994-2009, 2014-15.  
History Department Undergraduate Honors and Prizes Committee, 2004-2015.  
History Department Program Review Undergraduate Subcommittee, 1994-95.  
History Department Graduate Liason Committee, 1988-89.  
History Department Program Review Self-Study Committee (Chair), 1986-87.  
History Department U.S. Search Committee (Chair), 1987-88.  
History Department U.S. Search Committee, 1984-85.  
History Department Graduate Admissions and Fellowships Committee  
(Chair), 1981-82.  
History Department Ad-Hoc Committee on an Appointment in African-  
American Studies (Chair), 1977-78.  
History Department Year-End Graduate Review Committee, 1976-77.  
History Department U.S. Search Committee, 1975-76.  
History Department European Search Committee, 1974-75.  
History Department Committee on the M.A. Program, 1974-75.  
History Department Planning Committee, 1973-74.

**Community Service:**

Member, Board of Trustees, Evanston Historical Society, 1991-94  
Member, Board of Editors, *Chicago Reporter*, 1988-93.

Member, Board of Directors, Business and Professional People for the Public Interest (BPI), 1985-2000; Advisory Committee, 2001-2013.

Member, Executive Committee, Architecture Alliance of the Chicago Historical Society, 1985-2000.

Consultant, Illinois & Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor Workshop on the Joliet Steelworks Historic Site, June, 1991.

Expert Witness at Hearings conducted by the Chicago Commission on Historic and Architectural Landmarks, November, 1982.

Participant in Panel on "The Future of Michigan Avenue" sponsored by the Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois, April, 1982.

Lecturer in Docent Training Programs of the Chicago Architecture Foundation and the Prairie Avenue House Museums, 1983-present.

Tours of Chicago by chartered Elevated train and bus, organized and conducted for American Bar Foundation, Chicago Historical Society, NU Alumni, Duke University Alumni, University of Wisconsin at Green Bay, Shepard Residential College, Residential College of Community Studies, and the Danforth Foundation.

Radio Appearances on Chicago and United States history on WGN, WBBM, WCFL, WBEZ.

Participant and Tour Guide at Conference for Minority Fellows sponsored by the Committee on Institutional Cooperation and the Lilly Foundation, November, 1978.

Speaker, Northwestern Alumnae Day, 1976, 1985.

Instructor in courses for Northwestern Alumnae Continuing Education series, 1975-76, 1986-87, 1991-92, 1998-99, 2003, 2007, 2010, 2014, 2016, 2019.

Advisor and Workshop Participant, the Free Street Theatre of Chicago, 1978.

Monday Class Speaker, the Casino Club, 1974-present

History Representative at Advanced Placement Regional Conference, 1978.

Lecturer at Regional Conference of Pi Lambda Theta (National Teachers' Organization), 1977.

Careers Advisor, Northwestern Regional Conference, Boy Scouts of America, 1974-75.

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