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### Education

- 1990      Ph.D., History, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
- 1984      M.A., History, University of Michigan
- 1982      B.A., summa cum laude, History, University of Detroit, Detroit, MI

### Professional Experience

- 2013-      William Smith Mason Professor of American History, Department of History, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL [Associate Chair, 2017-20, Charles Deering McCormick Professor of Teaching Excellence, 2019- ]
- 2002-13    Associate Professor to Professor (promoted 2005) to Humanities Distinguished Professor, Department of History, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
- 1994-02    Assistant to Associate Professor (tenured 1997), Department of History University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA [Graduate Program Director, 1999-2001]
- 1997-98    Mary Ball Washington Chair of United States History, University College Dublin, Ireland
- 1990-94    Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Toledo, Toledo, OH
- 1982      Research Historian, Joseph Henry Papers, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.

## Current Projects

*The Splendid Dead: An American Ordeal*

## Books

*The Shattering: America in the 1960s* (New York: W.W. Norton, 2021; audiobook, Tantor, 2021; paperback edition forthcoming, 2022)

*Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights, and Murder in the Jazz Age* (New York: Henry Holt and Company, 2004; paperback edition, 2005; audiobook, Recorded Books, 2006)  
[winner of the 2004 National Book Award, the 2005 Chicago Tribune Heartland Book Prize, the 2005 Simon Wiesenthal Center Tolerance Book Award, and the 2005 Society of Midland Authors Book Award; finalist for the 2005 Pulitzer Prize in History, the 2005 National Book Critics Circle Award, and the American Bar Association's 2005 Silver Gavel Award; named a 2004 New York Times Notable Book and a Best Book of 2004 by National Public Radio's *Fresh Air*, Salon.com, The Christian Science Monitor, The Chicago Tribune, The Boston Globe, The Baltimore Sun, The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, The Detroit Free Press, The St. Louis Post-Dispatch, The Portland Oregonian, The Seattle Times, and the State Library of Michigan; chosen as a History Book Club and Quality Paperback Book Club selection, as the Detroit Metropolitan Area Read, 2007, and the Great Michigan Read, 2011].

*Organized Labor and American Politics, 1894-1994: The Labor-Liberal Alliance* (editor) (Albany: State University of New York Press, 1998).

*Muddy Boots and Ragged Aprons: Images of Working Class Life in Detroit, 1900-1930* (with Victoria L. Getis) (Detroit: Wayne State University Press, 1997).

*The UAW and the Heyday of American Liberalism, 1945-1968* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1995; paperback edition 1998)  
[named a Choice Outstanding Academic Book for 1996]

## Articles

"Twenty-Nine Helmets: Government Power and the Promise of Security," in Steven Conn, ed., To Promote the General Welfare: The Case for Big Government (New York: Oxford University Press, 2012), 85-101.

"Walter Reuther: The Promise of Modern America," in Eric Arnesen, ed., The Human Tradition in American Labor History (Wilmington, DE: SR Books, 2003), 231-

- 247 [reprinted in Charles Calhoun, ed., The Human Tradition in America: 1865 to the Present (Wilmington, DE: SR Books, 2003), 183-199.]
- "The Price of Peace: Vietnam, the Pound, and the Crisis of the American Empire," Diplomatic History 27 (January 2003), 37-72.
- "The Ruins of Detroit: Exploring the Urban Crisis in the Motor City," Michigan Historical Review 27 (Spring 2001), 109-127.
- "Work Places: The Economy and the Changing Landscape of Labor, 1900-2000," in Harvard Sitkoff, ed., Perspectives on Modern America: Making Sense of the Twentieth Century (New York: Oxford University Press, 2000), 101-124.
- "Little More than Ashes: The UAW and American Reform in the 1960s," in Kevin Boyle, ed., Organized Labor and American Politics, 1894-1994: The Labor-Liberal Alliance (Albany: SUNY Press, 1998), 217-238.
- "The Kiss: Racial and Gender Conflict in a 1950s Automobile Factory," Journal of American History 84 (September 1997), 496-523.
- "Auto Workers at War: The UAW in World War II," in Robert Asher and Ronald Edsforth, eds., Auto Work (Albany: SUNY Press, 1995), 99-126.
- "'There Are No Union Sorrows That the Union Can't Heal': The Struggle for Racial Equality in the United Automobile Workers, 1940-1960," Labor History 36 (Winter 1995), 5-32.
- "Building the Vanguard: Walter Reuther and Radical Politics in 1936," Labor History 30 (Summer 1989), 433-449.
- "Rite of Passage: The 1939 General Motors Tool and Die Strike," Labor History 27 (Spring 1986), 188-203 [reprinted in Melvyn Dubofsky and Stephen Burwood, eds., Outstanding Articles on the Great Depression and the New Deal v. II (New York: Garland Publishing, 1990)]

### **Short Essays/Encyclopedia Entries/ Editorials**

- "King in Chicago," *Chicago Magazine* (November 2021), pp. 75-81.
- "Busing and Segregation: Louisville 1974," *Picturing Black History*, October 2021 (online)
- "A Starting Point: Teaching the January 6 Insurrection" (with James Grossman), *AHA Perspectives*, January 11, 2021 (online).

- “For the Voter Who Fears for Their Suburb,” *McSweeney’s Internet Tendency*, October 27, 2020 (online)
- “Departmental Service with a Smile ... Maybe,” *Perspectives* 56 (October 2018), pp. 30-31.
- “Why I’ll Keep Protesting,” *Small Blows Against Encroaching Totalitarianism* v. 1 (San Francisco: McSweeney’s Books, 2018), pp. 73-75.
- “I Wish I’d Been There: When Socialist Eugene Debs Was Tried for Sedition,” *Echoes Magazine* (May/June 2018), pp. 32-33.
- “The Rouge” and “Chevy in the Hole,” in Andrew Lichtenstein and Alex Lichtenstein, eds., *Marked, Unmarked, Remembered: A Photographic Geography of American Historical Memory* (Blacksburg: West Virginia University Press, 2017), pp. 54-61.
- “The Rages of Whiteness: Racism, Segregation and the Making of Modern Detroit,” in Joel Stone, ed., *Detroit 1967: Origins, Impacts, Legacies* (Detroit: Wayne State University Press, 2017), pp. 40-47.
- “From a Bridge in Selma, Outrage Fed Action,” *Zocalo Public Square/Smithsonian Institution*, May 1, 2017 (on-line)
- “Back to Business: Detroit Gets Creative as it Reinvents itself,” *The Rotarian* (September 2014), pp. 36-39.
- “Beyond the Big Six” and “In the Oval Office,” *Cobblestone Magazine* (February 2013), pp. 22-23, 28-30.
- “The Treaty of Detroit,” in Melvyn Dubofsky, ed., *The Oxford Encyclopedia of American Business, Labor, and Economic History* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2013), pp. .
- “The Two Elections That Dealt a Blow to Organized Labor,” *History News Network*, June 11, 2012 (on-line).
- “Ossian Sweet” in Joe Trotter, ed., *Encyclopedia of African American History* (New York: Fact on File, 2012), pp..
- “Let’s Invest in Detroit: A Marshall Plan for America’s Cities,” *Huffington Post*, December 8, 2011 (on-line).
- “Detroit Isn’t Dead,” *History News Network*, April 4, 2011 (on-line).
- “Requiem: Detroit and the Fate of Urban America,” *Origins*, May 2009.

- “Sitting Shivah for Detroit’s Promise,” Detroit Free Press, December 21, 2008.
- “Why Is There No Social Democracy in America?” International Labor and Working Class History 74 (Fall 2008), pp. 33-37.
- “The Fire Last Time,” The Washington Post, July 29, 2007, B1 [reprinted in The (Tokyo) Daily Yomiuri, The Irish Times (Dublin)]
- “Walter Reuther” and “Labor and Politics in the Twentieth Century” in Eric Arnesen, ed., Encyclopedia of U.S. Labor and Working Class History (New York: Routledge, 2007), pp. 1101-1105, 1187-1190.
- “The Root Causes of Immigration,” Inc. Magazine (March 2007), 91-93.
- “Industrial Workers in the Era of the CIO, 1935-1965,” in Andrew L. Cayton, et al., The Encyclopedia of the Midwest (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2006), 1305-1308.
- “Detroit,” in Stephen A. Reich, ed., The Encyclopedia of the Great Black Migration v. 1 (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2006), 247-250.
- “Shameful Separation Still Surfaces in the Real Estate Market,” Detroit Free Press, August 22, 2005.
- “Still Separate,” Baltimore Sun, November 1, 2004.
- “A Dream Gone Awry,” Michigan History (September/October 2004), 34-43.
- “Congress of Industrial Organizations” and “George Meany” in Robert Weir, ed., The Encyclopedia of the American Labor Movement (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2004).
- “A National Crisis and the Role of the Academy,” Thought and Action 17 (Winter 2001-02), 9-15.
- “Liberalism” and “Unions” in Waldo Martin, Jr., and Patricia Sullivan, eds., Civil Rights in the United States v. 2 (New York: Macmillan, 2000), 427-430, 745-748.

### **Review Essays**

- “Crime Wars,” Labor 14 (December 2017), pp. 81-84.
- “The Truth of the Matter,” Labor 9 (Fall 2012), pp. 35-38.

"Decay," Labor History 52 (August 2011), pp. 332-336.

"Labour, the Left, and the Long Civil Rights Movement," Social History 30 (August 2005), pp. 366-372.

"Radio, Race, and the Re-Writing of Civil Rights," Reviews in American History 33 (June 2005) 249-253.

"The Times They Aren't A-Changing," Reviews in American History 29 (June 2001), 304-309.

"Labor's Fragile Juggernaut," Reviews in American History 24 (December 1996), 641-646.

"Capital Cities: Industry and Power in the Urban Midwest," Journal of Urban History 23 (November 1996), 120-125.

"The Tragedies of Walter Reuther," Labor History 37 (Summer 1996).

### **Book Reviews**

American Communist History (1 review published)

The American Historical Review (2 reviews published)

American Journal of Legal History (1 review published)

Amnesty International Magazine (1 review published)

BookForum (1 review published)

Business History Review (5 reviews published)

Chicago Tribune (7 reviews published)

Common Reader (1 review published)

Diplomatic History (1 review published)

The Historian (5 reviews published)

Indiana Magazine of History (1 review published)

Industrial and Labor Relations Review (1 review published)

International Labor and Working-Class History (1 review published)

Irish Literary Supplement (1 review published)

Journal of American History (8 reviews published)

Journal of American Ethnic History (1 review published)

Journal of Southern History (3 reviews published)

Labor History (15 reviews published)

Labor (7 reviews published)

Labor/Le Travail (1 review published)

Michigan Historical Review (1 review published)

Missouri Historical Review (1 review published)

New York Times Book Review (11 reviews published)

Ohio History (3 reviews published)

Political Science Quarterly (2 reviews published)

The Public Historian (2 reviews published)

The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society (1 review published)

Social History (3 reviews published)

Washington Post Book World (15 reviews published)

### **External Fellowships and Awards**

2015-16      National Endowment for the Humanities Public Scholars Fellowship

2015-16      Andrew Carnegie Fellow, Carnegie Corporation

2006-      Society of American Historians

2006      Simon Wiesenthal Center Tolerance Book Award for Arc of Justice

- 2006 History News Network Top Young Historians
- 2005 Chicago Tribune Heartland Book Award for non-fiction for Arc of Justice
- 2005 Society of Midland Authors Book Prize for non-fiction for Arc of Justice
- 2005 Finalist, Pulitzer Prize for History and National Book Critics Circle Award for Non-Fiction for Arc of Justice
- 2004 Irish America Magazine Top 100 Irish-Americans
- 2004 National Book Award for Non-Fiction for Arc of Justice
- 2001-02 John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship (deferred to 2002-03)
- 2001-02 American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship
- 2001-02 National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for University Teachers
- 2000 Bordin/Gillette Research Travel Fellowship, Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan
- 1997-98 Mary Ball Washington Chair (Fulbright Distinguished Chair Program), University College Dublin, Ireland
- 1991 National Endowment for the Humanities Travel to Collections Grant
- 1990-91 Rockefeller Foundation Fellowship in the Humanities, Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI
- 1986 Henry Kaiser Travel Grant, Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs

### **Internal Fellowships and Awards**

- 2019-22 Charles Deering McCormick Professor of Teaching Excellence, Northwestern University
- 2016, 2020 Associated Student Government Faculty Honor Roll, Northwestern University
- 2015-16 Alice Kaplan Institute for the Humanities Fellow, Northwestern University
- 2011 Sphinx Honorary Society, Faculty Award, Ohio State University



2010	Alumni Distinguished Teaching Award, Ohio State University
2010	Faculty Fellowship, Mershon Center for International Studies
2009	Ohio State University Autumn Commencement Speaker
2007-08	University Distinguished Lecturer, Ohio State University
2007	Research on Research Fellowship, TELR, Ohio State University
2007	Special Research Assignment, Ohio State University
2001-02	Faculty Research Grant, University of Massachusetts
2000	Hewlett Senior Teaching Fellow, University of Massachusetts
1995-96	Faculty Research Grant, University of Massachusetts
1993	Humanities Institute Fellow, University of Toledo
1992, 93	Summer Faculty Fellowship, University of Toledo
1991	Faculty Research Grant, Wayne State University
1989	Rackham Dissertation Fellowship, University of Michigan

### **Professional Activities**

2018	Proposal review, National Endowment for the Humanities Public Scholars Program
2017-20	Vice-President, Professional Division, American Historical Association
2014-18	U.S. History Reviewer, Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship
2015-17	U.S. History proposal reviewer, Berkhardt Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies
2013-	Editorial Board, <u>Michigan Historical Review</u>
2010	Prize Committee, Francis Parkman Prize, Society of American Historians
2009	Faculty member, Solstice Writers Conference, Pine Manor College, Chesnut Hill, MA

- 2009 Prize Committee, Alan Nevins Prize, Society of American Historians
- 2008 Prize Committee, Sandra Brand Tolerance Book Award, Simon Wiesenthal Center, New York, New York
- 2006-07 Chair, Organization of American Historians Liberty Legacy Foundation Award Committee
- 2006 Non-Fiction Prize Committee member, National Book Awards
- 2005- Organization of American Historians Distinguished Lecturer
- 2005 Proposal Review Panel member, National Endowment for the Humanities
- 2003-10 Advisory Board Member, Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI
- 2003-09, 2012- Editorial Board Member, LABOR
- 2002-05 Executive Board Member, Labor and Working Class History Association (Chair, LAWCHA Awards and Prizes Committee, 2004-2008)
- 1999- Editorial Board Member, Labor History
- 1997- Faculty member, NEH Summer Seminar for College Teachers, "Teaching the Civil Rights Movement," Harvard University, Cambridge, MA (1997, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2006, 2008, 2011)
- 1995-03 Book review editor for modern U.S. history, The Historian

Manuscript Referee, Columbia University Press, Cornell University Press, Harvard University Press, NYU Press, Oxford University Press, Princeton University Press, SUNY Press, Temple University Press, University of Chicago Press, University of Illinois Press, University of Massachusetts Press, University of North Carolina Press, University of Pennsylvania Press, University of Tennessee Press, University Press of Kentucky, Wayne State University Press, Yale University Press, Blackwell Publishing, HarperCollins, D.C. Heath, Merriam Webster, Houghton Mifflin, W.W. Norton, Prentice Hall

Article Referee, American Studies, Business History Review, Diplomatic History, The Historian, Indiana Magazine of History, Journal of American History, Journal of American Studies, Journal of Policy History, Journal of Urban History, Journal of Women's History, Labor, Labor History, Law and History Review, Media History, The Michigan Academician, Michigan

Historical Review, Northeast Ohio Journal of History, Pacific Historical Review, Political Power and Social Theory, Social Science History

Tenure and Promotion external evaluator, Amherst College, Carnegie Mellon University, City College of New York, Claremont McKenna College, Cornell University, Duke University, Georgia Institute of Technology, George Mason University, Kent State University, New York University, Oakland University, Penn State Harrisburg, Rice University, Rutgers University, SUNY-Binghamton, University of California Irvine, University of California Santa Barbara, University of Cincinnati, University of Illinois Chicago, University of Iowa, University of Maryland, University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth, University of Massachusetts-Lowell, University of Michigan, University of New Hampshire, University of Oklahoma, University of Oregon, University of Rochester, University of South Carolina, University of Toledo, University of Vermont, Virginia Tech, Washington State University, Washington University, Wayne State University, West Virginia University, Williams College, Yale University

**Invited Lectures**

National Archives, Washington, DC, January 19, 2022.

Boston Atheneum, Boston, MA, December 1, 2021.

Newberry Library, Chicago, IL, November 16, 2021.

McCandless Lectures, Eastern Michigan University, October 14, 2021; November 4, 2021; January 27, 2022.

Wexner Center for the Arts, Ohio State University, March 4, 2020.

University of Detroit Mercy, September 19, 2019.

Ft. Wayne Fair Housing Annual Conference, Ft. Wayne Indiana, April 18, 2019.

National Humanities Center Webinar Seminar (OAH Distinguished Lecture Program), November 29, 2018.

Fair Housing Center of Indianapolis Annual Conference, Indianapolis, IN April 4, 2018.

Bayview Association American Experience Lecture Series, Petoskey, MI, July 31-August 4, 2017.

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI March 13, 2017

Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Detroit, MI, November 2016

Minnesota History Center, St. Paul, MN (OAH Distinguished Lecture), March 2016.

Osaka University, Osaka, Japan, January 2016.

Western Michigan Open Housing Alliance, Holland, MI, October 2015.

Sorbonne University, Jean-Juares School of Montreuil, CFJ School of Journalism,  
Nanterre University, Université Paris-Est, Caen University (under the auspices of  
the U.S. State Department), December 2014.

College of Charleston, Charleston, SC, October 2014.

Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, MI, November 2013

Mitchell, South Dakota Public School District (OAH Distinguished Lecture), April 2013.

Michigan Bar Association, Labor and Employment Law Section, (OAH Distinguished  
Lecture), January 2013.

Baskes Lecture, Chicago Humanities Festival, Chicago, IL, November 2012.

Great Michigan Read Author Tour (appearances at the Alpena Public Library, Marquette  
Public Library, Grand Rapids Public Library, Lansing's Cooley Law School, Flint  
Public Library, Flint Public School System, Martin Luther King Jr. High School,  
Detroit's Charles H. Wright Museum of African-American History, and the  
Traverse City Museum), October 2011 and June 2012.

International Defense Attorneys Association Annual Meeting, Whistler, BC, Canada, July  
2011.

Little Rock Public School District (OAH Distinguished Lecture), February 2011.

Hutchins Lecture, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC, January 2011

Thombrough Lecture, Butler University, November 2010

Klement Lecture, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI, October 2010

Michigan Archival Association Annual Meeting, Detroit, MI, June 2010.

Oregon Fair Housing Council, April 2010.

University of Oregon, April 2010.

Midwest Clinical Law Teachers Conference, Wayne State University, October 2009.

Five College Graduate Program Annual Lecture, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA, April 2009

Alabama A & M University, Huntsville, AL, April 2009.

Metropolitan Community College, Omaha, NE (OAH Distinguished Lecture), April 2009

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, November 2008.

University of Michigan Honors Program, November 2008.

Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA, September 2008.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Policy Conference, Atlanta, GA, April 2008

Ewing Lecture, Lycoming College, Lycoming, PA (OAH Distinguished Lecture), April 2008

University of Michigan Business School, January 2008

New York City Bar Association, October 2007.

Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan, August 2007.

Mackinac Policy Conference, Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce, Mackinac Island, MI, June 2007.

LAWCHA luncheon, Organization of American Historians annual meeting, Minneapolis, MN, April 2007.

Knight Fellow, Western Reserve Academy, Hudson, OH, February 2007.

Farmington Hills, MI Public Library, February 2007

University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, February 2007

McRee Lecture, Federal Bar Association, Michigan Chapter, February 2007

State Bar of Michigan (OAH Distinguished Lecture), January 2007.

Central Connecticut State University, October 2006.

University of Michigan School of Law, August 2006, August 2007, August 2008, August 2009, August 2010

University of Cincinnati May 2006.

State Library of Michigan, Lansing, MI, May 2006.

Herbert Hoover Presidential Library, West Branch, IA, April 2006

University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, April 2006

Florida Southern College, Lakeland, FL, February 2006

Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, D.C., December 2005.

Wayne State University, November 2005

Grosse Pointe, MI, public library, November 2005

Bentley Library, University of Michigan, November 2005.

Art Institute of Chicago, November 2005.

University of Toledo, October 2005.

Cranbrook/Kingswood School, Bloomfield Hill, MI, September 2005 and February 2006.

John Carroll University, Cleveland, OH, September 2005.

Akron Roundtable, July 2005.

Detroit Public Library, May 2005, November 2005, February 2007.

Atlanta/Fulton County Public Library, May 2005.

University of Buffalo, April 2005.

Richard Shyrock Lecture, University of Pennsylvania, April 2005.

Henry D. Brown Memorial Lecture, Wayne State University, April 2005.

Museum of Women in the Arts, Washington, D.C, March 2005.

Oakland University, Rochester, MI, March 2005 and September 2007.

University of Michigan, Dearborn, MI, March 2005.

Princeton, New Jersey, Public Library, February 2005.

New York Public Library, February 2005.

Muskingum College, January 2005.

Marygrove College, Detroit, MI, September 2004.

University of Detroit Mercy, October 2002 and February 2007.

Graduate Student Association Lecture, University of Connecticut, April 2002.

University of Michigan, Dearborn, February 2000.

Walter P. Reuther Lecture, Wayne State University, November 1999.

### **Conference Papers and Other Presentations**

Chair and commentator, “,” Intellectual History Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, November 10, 2018.

Chair and commentator, “Uplifting the Race: Class Formation in the Twentieth-Century Black Metropolis,” Urban History Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, October 16, 2016.

Chair and commentator, “The Grassroots and the Boss: Rethinking Opposition to Richard J. Daley and Chicago’s Democratic Machine,” Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Providence, RI, April 10, 2016.

Commentator, “Constructing and Reconstructing Urban America in the Twentieth Century,” Policy History Conference, Columbus, OH, June 6, 2014.

Commentator, “Sacred Space, Neighborhood Activism, and Crisis in the Modern City,” Beyond the Culture Wars Conference, Washington University, March 27, 2014.

Participant, Roundtable on Joseph McCartin, Collision Course, North American Labor History Conference, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI, October 19, 2012.

“Declension: Radicalism, Liberalism, and the Course of Civil Rights,” The Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Houston, Texas, March 13, 2011.

Anchor, “Relationships in History,” Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, March 5, 2010.

“Redemption: Civil Rights, History, and the Promise of America,” Expanding Civil Rights History in Time and Place, University of New Hampshire, November 13,

- 2009, and the Historical Society Annual Conference, George Washington University, Washington, DC, June 5, 2010.
- Chair and commentator, "Writing Labor History for the General Reader," LAWCHA Conference on Race, Labor, and the City, Roosevelt University, Chicago, IL, May 31, 2009.
- Commentator, "The International Reconstruction of Race and Culture since World War II," The Race in Culture: 20<sup>th</sup> Century Ethnology and Empire in Comparative Perspective, Mershon Center, Ohio State University, May 2, 2009.
- "Josie's Story: Looking for History in Some Very Small Places," plenary session, North American Labor History Conference, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI, October 17, 2008.
- Chair and Commentator, "The Popular and the Political: Workers and Electoral Politics," The Newberry Conference on Labor History Across the Americas, Chicago, IL, September 20, 2008.
- Chair and Commentator, "'Justice Was Far From That Courthouse': African-American Legal Activism in South Carolina, 1907-1929," Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting, Richmond, VA, November 2, 2007.
- Chair, "New Directions in Civil Rights Scholarship: Local, Transnational, and Multicultural Perspectives," Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, March 31, 2007.
- Commentator for "Setting the Labor Records Straight," American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, January 9, 2005.
- Participant, "Author Meets Critics: Dorothy Sue Cobble, The Other Women's Movement," Social Science History Association Meetings, Chicago, IL, November 2004.
- Chair for "Determined to Participate: Citizenship and Women's Political Activism in Postwar America," Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, March 2004.
- Commentator for "Forging Their Own Foreign Policy: U.S. Labor's Role in 20th Century Foreign Affairs," North American Labor History Conference, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI, October 17, 2002.
- Commentator for "Negotiating Power: Organized Labor and the Establishment," Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., April 14, 2002.



"Race and the Modern Metropolis: A Murder, Modernity, and the Making of Civil Rights in 1920s Detroit," paper presented at the Detroit 300 Conference, Wayne State University, September 14, 2001.

"The Center Cannot Hold: Rethinking Postwar American Liberalism," paper delivered at the Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Boston, MA, January 2001.

Chair for "The Future of the Labor Movement: The Regendering of Labor in the 20th Century," North American Labor History Conference, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI, October 20, 2000.

"After the Rainbow Sign: Jerome Cavanagh and 1960s Detroit," the inaugural Walter P. Reuther Lecture, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI, November 30, 1999.

"The Rages of Whiteness: The Politics of Working-Class Racial Violence in 1920s Detroit," paper delivered at the North American Labor History Conference, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI, October 23, 1999.

Commentator for "The Crisis of Labor Liberalism and Urban Politics, 1975-1981," North American Labor History Conference, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI, October 22, 1999.

Participant at the roundtable, "The Art of the Lecture," Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Toronto, Ontario, April 24, 1999.

"Work Places: The Economy and the Changing Landscape of Labor," paper delivered at "Making Sense of the Twentieth Century: Historical Perspectives on Modern America, 1900-2000," University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH, April 16, 1999.

Commentator for "Motor Men: Masculinity and Work Culture in the Automobile Industry," North American Labor History Conference, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI, October 16, 1998.

"Inside the Vital Center: Rethinking Post-World War II Liberalism," paper delivered at the Five College History Seminar, Amherst, MA, May 1, 1997, and at University College, Galway, Ireland, March 11, 1998.

Participant in the roundtable, "Detroit in Historical Perspective," North American Labor History Conference, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI, October 1996.

Commentator for "Politics, Labor, and the State in the Postwar United States," North American Labor History Conference, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI, October 1995.

- "The Kiss: Racial and Gender Conflict in an American Automobile Factory," paper delivered at the Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., April 1995, and at the History Society, University College Dublin, December 1997.
- "Autoworkers and Political Action," paper delivered at the "Symposium on Labor and Politics," George Meany Center, Silver Springs, MD, November 14, 1994.
- Commentator for "Workers, Veterans, and Unions," Social Science History Association, Atlanta, GA, October 1994.
- "Like a Free American Factory: Patriotism and Protest in Detroit, 1941-1945," paper delivered at the North American Labor History Conference, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI, October 1993.
- Chair and Commentator for "Labor and the Homefront in World War II," University of Cincinnati Social History Conference, Cincinnati, OH, October 1993.
- "Building the Great Society: The UAW, Social Democracy, and Liberal Reform, 1961-1968," paper delivered at the North American Labor History Conference, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI, October 1992.
- "'There Are No Union Sorrows That the Union Can't Heal': Confronting the Color Line in the American Automobile Industry, 1945-1960," paper delivered at the "Reworking American Labor History" Conference, Madison, WI, April 11, 1992.
- "'This Is Our War': Patriotism and Shop Floor Conflict in the American Automobile Industry, 1941-1945," paper delivered at the Duquense History Forum, Pittsburgh, PA, October 1991.
- Commentator for "Class Consciousness in the Midwest," North American Labor History Conference, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI, October 18, 1990.
- "'A Class Apart': The National Political Behavior of American Automobile Workers, 1960-1968," paper delivered at the North American Labor History Conference, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI, October 19, 1989.
- "The Agony of Liberalism: The UAW and Vietnam, 1964-1968," paper delivered at the annual meeting of the American Historical Association, Cincinnati, OH, December 1988.
- "The Dilemma of Liberalism: The UAW and Civil Rights, 1963-1968," paper delivered at the North American Labor History Conference, Wayne State University, October 22, 1987.

