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## EDUCATION:

- Ph.D. Columbia University, Department of History, 1998.  
Dissertation: "John Lindsay and the Crisis of Urban Liberalism"  
Advisor: Kenneth T. Jackson.
- M.A. Columbia University, Department of History, 1994.
- B.A. Williams College, Political Science, with Honors, 1990.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

- Associate Professor Department of History, University of Massachusetts, Boston  
2008-present
- Assistant Professor Department of History, University of Massachusetts, Boston  
2002-present.
- Adjunct Professor Department of History, University of Maryland, College Park  
Fall 2000.
- Teaching Assistant Department of History, Columbia University, New York, NY  
1993-1996.

## Books:

- *American Passage: The History of Ellis Island*, (HarperCollins, June 2009).
- *Living in the Eighties*, co-edited with Gil Troy (Oxford University Press, October 2009).
- *The Ungovernable City: John Lindsay and his Struggle to Save New York*, (Basic Books, 2001).

## ARTICLES:

- "From One Liberal Dreamboat to Another," *The Wall Street Journal*, June 11, 2010.
- "A Home of One's Own," *National Affairs*, Spring 2010.
- "Bright Lights Doomed Cities? Urban America in the 1980s and the Literature of Excess and Apocalypse," in *Living in the Eighties*, Gil Troy and Vincent Cannato, (eds.) (Oxford University Press, 2009).
- "Immigration and the Brahmins," *Humanities Magazine*, Volume 30, Number 3, May/June 2009.
- "Coming to America: Ellis Island and New York City," *History Now*, The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, March 2007.
- "Time on His Side," *Washington Post*, December 3, 2006.
- "Honey I Shrunk the GOP," *The Wall Street Journal*, November 30, 2006.
- "Blame Pataki," *The Wall Street Journal*, May 7, 2003.
- "He Made New York's Mayor Matter Again," *The New York Times*, December 23, 2001.
- "Lindsay's Failures—And Liberalism's," *The Wall Street Journal*, December 26, 2000.
- "Littler Italy," *The New Republic*, February 2, 1998.

## Reviews:

- *Freedom is Not Enough*, by James T. Patterson, *The Wall Street Journal*, May 3, 2010.
- *The Battle for Gotham: New York in the Shadow of Robert Moses and Jane Jacobs*, by Roberta Brandes Gratz, *National Review*, April 19, 2010.
- *The Birth of Modern Politics: Andrew Jackson, John Quincy Adams, and the Election of 1828*, by Lynn Hudson Parsons, *The Weekly Standard*, March 15, 2010.
- *The Age of Reagan: The Conservative Counterrevolution, 1980-1989*, by Steven Hayward, *The Weekly Standard*, October 26, 2009.
- *Wrestling with Moses: How Jane Jacobs Took On New York's Master Builder and Transformed the American City*, by Anthony Flint, *The Wall Street Journal*, July 29, 2009.
- *Dry Manhattan: Prohibition in New York City*, by Michael A. Lerner, *The Weekly Standard*, July 16, 2007.
- *America's Uncivil Wars: The Sixties Era from Elvis to the Fall of Richard Nixon*, by Mark Hamilton Lytle, H-1960s, April 2007.
- *Inventing Great Neck: Jewish Identity and the American Dream*, by Judith S. Goldstein, *New York Sun*, November 3, 2006.

- *Grand Illusion: The Untold Story of Rudy Giuliani and 9/11*, by Wayne Barrett and Dan Collins, *Washington Post*, September 3, 2006.
- *Imagining Italians: The Clash of Romance and Race in American Perceptions, 1880-1910*, by Joseph Cosco, *Italian Americana*, (Summer 2006).
- *Excellence Without a Soul*, by Harry R. Lewis, *The Wall Street Journal*, May 24, 2006.
- *Sprawl: A Compact History*, by Robert Bruegmann, *The Weekly Standard*, March 20, 2006.
- *Blackout*, by James Goodman, H-Urban, (October 2005).
- *The Prince of the City: Giuliani, New York and the Genius of American Life*, by Fred Siegel, *The Weekly Standard*, July 25, 2005.
- *Right Turn: John T. Flynn and the Transformation of American Liberalism*, by John E. Moser, *Washington Examiner*, May 23, 2005.
- *Who We Are: The Challenges to America's National Identity*, by Samuel Huntington, *The Claremont Review of Books*, (Fall 2004).
- *Family Circle: The Boudins and the Aristocracy of the Left*, by Susan Braudy, H-1960s, (May 2004).
- *Remaking the American Mainstream: Assimilation and Contemporary Immigration*, by Richard Alba and Victor Nee, *The Public Interest*, (Winter 2004).
- *The Strike that Changed New York: Blacks, Whites, and the Ocean Hill-Brownsville Crisis*, by Jerald Podair, *New York History*, (Winter 2004).
- *Reinventing the Melting Pot: The New Immigrants and What It Means to Be an American*, Tamar Jacoby, (ed.), *Wall Street Journal*, January 29, 2004.
- *The War on the Bill of Rights-And the Gathering Resistance*, by Nat Hentoff; *Fear's Empire: War, Terrorism, and Democracy*, by Benjamin Barber; *The Soft Cage: Surveillance in America from Slave Passes to the Patriot Act*, by Christian Parenti; and *Terrorism and Tyranny: Trampling Freedom, Justice, and Peace to Rid the World of Evil*, by James Bovard, *The Washington Post*, September 28, 2003.
- *A New Deal for New York*, by Mike Wallace, *The Weekly Standard*, February 24, 2003.
- *Fighting the Good Fight: A History of the New York Conservative Party*, by George Marlin, *The Weekly Standard*, May 27, 2002.
- *The Strange Death of American Liberalism*, by H.W. Brands, *The Wall Street Journal*, November 27, 2001.
- *Empire Statesman: The Rise and Redemption of Al Smith*, by Robert Slayton, *The Washington Post*, March 4, 2001.
- *American Pharaoh: Mayor Daley, His Battle for Chicago and the Nation*, by Adam Cohen and Elizabeth Taylor, *The Wall Street Journal*, May 24, 2000.
- *Gotham: A History of New York City to 1898*, by Mike Wallace and Edwin G. Burrows; and *Writing New York: A Literary Anthology*, edited

- by Phillip Lopate, *The Wall Street Journal*, December 3, 1998.
- *Someone Else's House: America's Unfinished Struggle for Integration*, by Tamar Jacoby, *The Weekly Standard*, July 20, 1998.
  - *Liberal Racism*, by Jim Sleeper, *The Wall Street Journal*, July 14, 1997.
  - *Turning Right in the Sixties: The Conservative Capture of the GOP*, by Mary Brennan, *The Wall Street Journal*, October 31, 1995.
  - *Edge City: Life on the New Frontier*, by Joel Garreau, *The Public Interest*, Spring 1992.
  - *The True and Only Heaven: Progress and its Critics*, by Christopher Lasch, *The Public Interest*, Summer 1991.

## PANELS AND CONFERENCES:

- "Roundtable—Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr.'s Legacy for Policy History," Policy History Conference, June 2010; Edward Berkowitz, George Washington University, Ellis Hawley, University of Iowa, and Beverly Gage, Yale University.
- "Are the 1980s Already History?: First Thoughts on the History of the Reagan Years," American Historical Association conference, January 2008. Presenting with David Greenberg, Rutgers University, Gil Troy, McGill University, and Meg Jacobs, M.I.T.
- "Ellis Island Agonistes: Or What Happened to the White Ethnics?" Paper presented at the Immigration and Urban History Seminar, Massachusetts Historical Society, February 22, 2007. Marilyn Halter, Boston University, chair and Matthew Frye Jacobson, Yale University, commentator.
- "The Creation of the Liberal Establishment," Organization of American Historians, April 2006. Chairing panel with Mark Feldstein, George Washington University School of Media and Public Affairs; David Greenberg, Rutgers University; Healan Gaston, University of California, Berkeley; and Michael Kazin, Georgetown University.
- "Byrd-Dogging the Profession: The DOE Teaching American History Grants and State History Standards Movement," Organization of American Historians Conference, Boston, MA, (March 26, 2004)
- "The 2004 Presidential Election," Ohio University-Lancaster. Panel discussant with Rick Perlstein, Journalist, *Village Voice*, and Gregory Schneider, Emporia State University, (February 6, 2004)
- Paper presented: "*The Public Interest* and the Neo-Conservative Revolt," The Evolution of Modern Conservatism Conference, John M. Ashbrook Center for Public Affairs, Ashland University, (October 11, 2003)
- "The Wagner Legacy: Assessing Urban Liberalism," The First Biennial Conference on the Mayors of New York City: The Mayoralty of Robert F. Wagner, The College of Staten Island, CUNY and the New-York Historical Society. Panel discussant with State Senator Seymour Lachman; and Ruth Messinger, former Manhattan Borough President. (March 21, 2003)

- “10 Days That Shook New York: The Transit Strike of 1966,” The New York Historical Society, New York, NY. Panel discussant with Joshua Freeman, Queens College and Roger Toussaint, President of the Transport Workers Union. (Nov. 7, 2001)
- “Brookings Institution /Hudson Institute Event on *The Ungovernable City*,” Washington, DC. Panel discussant with Martin Tolchin, Publisher, *The Hill*; Michael Barone, Senior Writer, *U.S. News & World Report*; and E.J. Dionne, Columnist, *Washington Post*. (July 17, 2001)
- “Manhattan Institute/Cooper Union Forum on *The Ungovernable City*,” New York, NY. Panel discussant with Joshua Freeman, Queens College. (June 27, 2001)
- “Was John Lindsay “The Worst Mayor of 20<sup>th</sup> Century New York?” Gotham Center, New York City. Panel discussant with Fred Siegel, Cooper Union; Steven Isenberg, President of Adelphi University; and Richard Aurelio, former Deputy Mayor of New York City. (May 17, 2000)

## **OTHER EXPERIENCE:**

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| Speechwriter                      | Department of Housing and Urban Development<br>Washington, DC, 2001.    |
| Television Producer               | “The First Measured Century”<br>Aired nationally on PBS, December 2000. |
| Director of Policy<br>Development | Mayor’s Office<br>Jersey City, New Jersey, 1998-1999.                   |
| Managing Editor                   | <i>The Public Interest</i><br>Washington, DC, 1990-1992.                |

## **COURSES TAUGHT:**

- “American History Since 1877”
- “The United States, 1900-1945”
- “The United States Since 1945”
- “U.S. Foreign Policy Since 1898”
- “American Urban History”
- “History of Boston”
- “The American Presidency”
- “History of Baseball”
- “American Immigration History” (graduate)
- “The Progressive Era” (graduate)

- “Post-1945 American History” (graduate)
- “History of New York City” (graduate)
- “History of Boston” (graduate)

## **SERVICE:**

- Associate Editor, *Oxford Encyclopedia of Political, Legal and Policy History*.
- Editorial Board, *The New York Journal of American History*, 2003-present.
- Associate Editor, *The Encyclopedia of New York City*, Second Edition.
- Member of the Advisory Council of Historians and Scholars, American Institute for History Education
- Site Visitor, National Endowment for the Humanities, Institute for Advanced Study, School of Historical Studies, Princeton, NJ, Fall 2006.
- Guest historian, The American Institute for History Education, Cypress, TX, 2006-2007.
- Guest historian, The American Institute for History Education, Lafayette, LA, August 2007.
- Grant Reader for the National Endowment for the Humanities Museums Implementation Grant, April 4, 2005.
- Principal Investigator, Teaching American History Grant Program, University of Massachusetts, Boston. I have administered U.S. Department of Education grants with the Boston, Weymouth, Braintree, Abington, and Whitman-Hanson Public Schools to improve the knowledge of history among high-school and middle-school teachers. 2002-present.
- Standards Setting Committee for the Massachusetts Test for Educator Licensure, October 2002.
- U.S. History Advanced Placement Reader, San Antonio, Texas, 2003-2005.
- Grant Reader for the U.S. Department of Education’s Teaching American History Grant Program, Washington, DC, 2002-2003.
- Manuscript and article reviews for AB Longman Publishers, Oxford University Press, CQ Press, Bedford-St. Martins, Rowman & Littlefield, State University of New York Press, and *Journal of Policy History*.

## **MEDIA:**

Television: CNN Headline News  
 CNNfn  
 C-SPAN  
 New England Cable News: “News Night: The Road to the White House”

“Wine, Food, and Friends with Karen MacNeil,” aired nationally on PBS in 2005.

TVOntario

Radio: “The Diane Rehm Show,” WAMU-Washington  
“The Leonard Lopate Show,” WNYC-New York  
“Public Interest with Kojo Nnamdi, WAMU-Washington, DC  
Voice of America  
*Washington Post* Radio WTWP-Washington, DC  
NPR’s “Marketplace”

### **AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS:**

- 2010 Massachusetts Book Award for Nonfiction for *American Passage*
- National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, 2005-2006.
- Joseph P. Healey Endowment Grant, University of Massachusetts, Boston, 2004-2005.
- American-Swiss Foundation, Young Leader, 2002.
- Richard Hofstadter Fellow, Columbia University, 1992-1997.