

**CURRICULUM VITAE**

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**EDUCATION:** B.A. (with High Honors), History (with Honors), University of Maryland, 1967.  
M.Phil., History, Yale University, 1972.  
Ph.D., History, Yale University, 1976.

**EMPLOYMENT  
SUMMARY:**

1978 to present Assistant, Associate, and Professor of History, Tulane University  
2000 to 2005 Executive Director, Tulane/Xavier National Center for the Urban Community.  
1998 to 2000 Director, Tulane/Xavier Campus Affiliates Program  
1976 to 1978 Lecturer, Yale University  
1975 to 1978 Assistant and Associate Editor, the Frederick Douglass Papers, Yale University

**PUBLICATIONS:**

**BOOKS:**

- 1) New Orleans: The Making of an American Pompeii (under contract with Harvard University Press)
- 2) Editor, George Washington Cable's New Orleans (Baton Rouge: LSU Press, 2008)
- 3) Editor, Reconstructing Louisiana: Volume VI: Louisiana Purchase Bicentennial Series in Louisiana History (Lafayette: USL Press, 2002)
- 4) Troubled Memory: Anne Levy, the Holocaust, and David Duke's Louisiana (Chapel Hill: UNC Press, 2000)
- 5) with Philip Gould, Louisiana's Capitols: The Power and the Beauty (Lafayette: Galerie Press, 1995)
- 6) Co-Editor, The Encyclopedia of the Confederacy. 4 Volumes. (New York: Simon & Schuster, 1993).
- 7) Frederick Law Olmsted, The Cotton Kingdom (1861). Edited and with an intro. by Lawrence N. Powell. (Random House, 1984).
- 8) New Masters: Northern Planters During the Civil War and Reconstruction (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1980 [Fordham University Press, 1999]).
- 9) Co-editor, The Frederick Douglass Papers, Series One: Speeches, Debates, and Interviews. Volume One: 1841-1846 (Yale University Press, 1979).

**ARTICLES (selected—2000 to the present):**

Guest Editor, Special Katrina Issue, Journal of American History (Dec. 2007)

“What Does American History Tells Us About Katrina, and Vice Versa?” Journal of American History (Dec. 2007)

“Letter from New Orleans,” The American Scholar (Summer 2007)

“Centralization and its Discontents in Reconstruction Louisiana,” Studies in American Political Development, 20, No. 2 (2006)

“New Orleans: An American Pompeii?” in Satchmo Meets Amadeus, ed. by Reinhold Wagnleitner (Innsbruck, Austria: StudienVerlag, 2006)

“The Rise and Fall of David Duke: How Holocaust Memory Broke the Code of Right-Wing Populism,” The American Scholar (Fall 2005)

“Some Unexpected Ways Universities Can Prime the Community Economic Engine: Asset-Building for the Working Poor and the University Back Office,” Journal of Higher Education and Outreach and Engagement (Summer 2005)

“How Interviewing a Holocaust Survivor Led a Historian into Practicing Therapy without a License: An Unexpected Encounter,” Generations, vol. 37 (Fall 2003)

with Joseph Logsdon, “Rodolphe Lucien Desdunes: Forgotten Organizer of the *Plessy* Protest,” in Sam Hyde, ed., Sunbelt Revolution: The Historical Progression of the Civil Rights Struggle in the Gulf South, 1866-2000 (Gainesville, FL: University Press of Florida, 2003), 42-72

“C. Vann Woodward, 1908-1999,” Journal of Southern History 76 (May 2000)

#### **HONORS AND AWARDS:**

Eggleston Prize in American History, Yale University (1976)

Tulane University Council on Research Summer Grant (1980)

American Philosophical Society Summer Grant (1980)

Tulane Associated Student Body Award for Teaching Excellence (1981)

John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship (1982-83)

American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship (1982) -- declined

Governor's Award, Yale University Press (1982)

Honors Program Professor of the Year (1984-85)

Hackney Award -- Tulane Professor of the Year (1984-85)

Tulane University Council on Research Summer Grant (1993)

Leo Wasserman Prize for best article in American Jewish History--1997-98

Encyclopedia of the Confederacy Prizes:

Library Journal--1993 Best Reference Source

American Association of Publishers, Professional and Scholarly Division--Best History Book, 1993

American Library Association—Outstanding Reference Source for 1993  
History Book Club Selection—Winter 1994

Douglas Southall Freeman Award—Military Order of the Stars and Bars

Lewis Wasserman Prize for best article in American Jewish History, 1997

"George Washington Lucas Community Service Award"—NAACP New Orleans Branch

“Louisiana Humanist of the Year for 1999”—Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities

Lillian Smith Book Prize, Southern Regional Council, 2000

The Kemper and Leila Williams Book Prize from the Louisiana Historical Association for 2000

Booklist “Ten Best Books on the Holocaust for 2000”

Finalist, National Jewish Book Award, 2000.

Provost Award for Research and Scholarly Achievement, Tulane University, 2005  
Fellow, Society of American Historians

#### **OTHER EXPERIENCE:**

#### **UNIVERSITY/FACULTY:**

Member, Search Committee, Murphy Institute Director, 2008-09

Promotion and Tenure Special Committee for Nicholas Spitzer (Communications), 2007-08

Co-Director (with Sylvia Frey), Deep South Regional Humanities Center Planning Grant, 2000-2001.

Member, Provost's Task Force on Urban Activities at Tulane, 2001-present.

Member, Evaluation Committee for School of Social Work Dean, Suzanne England, 2000-01

Member, Strategic Planning Committee on Community Building, 1999

Member, Urban Village Planning Committee, 1998-99

Member, Newcomb College Committee, 1996-98.

Co-Chair, ACSEPT Committee

Member Academic Performance Committee, University College, 1989-92

Member, Board of Directors, Amistad Research Center, 1986-92.

Member, Senate Budget Review Committee, 1986-8

Member, Committee on Men's Intercollegiate Basketball, 1987-88

President Phi Beta Kappa, 1986-87

Chairman, Select Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics, 1985-86

Chairman, Committee on Fellowships and Scholarships, 1983-85

Member, Executive Committee, Phi Beta Kappa, 1982-3

Member, Faculty Senate Educational Policy Committee, 1980-83

Member of the A & S Senate Committee on Student Financial Aid, 1979-1981

Member of the A & S Honor Board, 1978-1980

**PROFESSIONAL (selected):**

Chair, Nominating Committee, Louisiana Historical Association, 2008-09

Member, Local Arrangements Committee, Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, October 2008

Keynote Speaker, 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Research Day, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, LA. March 20, 2008.

Co-organizer of "Louisiana and the Atlantic World Conference," Tulane University, New Orleans, LA, April 4-5, 2008.

Moderator, at Center for Black Music Research Conference on “Black Music Diaspora,” Xavier University, New Orleans, LA, April 19, 2008.

Invited Lecture, History of New Orleans Lecture Series, University of New Orleans, April 24, 2007.

Keynote Address (with Charles Ogletree), “Children and the Law after Katrina: An Interdisciplinary Conference on Young Evacuees,” the University of Houston Law Center, April 20, 2007.

Keynote Address, “Through the Eye of Katrina: The Past As Prologue,” the Second Howard Mahan Symposium, University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL, March 28, 2007.

Executive Committee, Southern Historical Association, 2007 to present.

Chaired Session and Presented Paper at the Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Atlanta, GA, January 6, 2007.

Chaired Session and Presented Paper at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Historical Association, Birmingham, AL, Nov. 17, 2006.

Presented Paper at Satchmo Meets Amadeus Conference, Salzburg, Austria, September 30, 2006.

Delivered the Rundell Lecture, The University of Maryland, May 1, 2006.

Chair, “Reconstruction in Louisiana and the South,” Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Historical Society, March 24, 2006.

Consultant on American Experience (PBS) documentary on the history of New Orleans.

Panel moderator and presenter, “What’s Been Lost? What Can be Saved?” Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, January 7, 2006

Invited Lecture, Africana Studies, The University of Pennsylvania, November 16, 2005

Lecture, The Centering the South Series, The University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, November 29, 2005

Public Lecture, the Munk Centre, The University of Toronto, October 6, 2005.

Delivered Marc and Constance Jacobson Lecture, Institute for the Humanities, the University of Michigan, September 29, 2005.

Commentator, “The Bitter Politics of Reconstruction,” Louisiana Historical Association Annual Meeting, March 18, 2005.

Commentator, “Civil War: Causes and Consequences,” Conference at the University of Toronto, June 10-11, 2005

Consultant, PBS Documentary on the SS Republic, August 2004 (Nov. 2004 airing)

Presenter and Commentator, “Session on Troubled Memory,” Louisiana Historical Association Annual Meeting, March 2002.

Presented Talk at University of Toronto, as part of F. Ross Johnson/Connaught Distinguished Speaker Series, Toronto, Canada (February 2, 2001)

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Commentator, "The Crescent City at a Crossroads: Sex, Race, and Business in New Orleans, 1870-1920" Annual Meeting of Southern Historical Association, New Orleans, LA, Nov. 17, 2001

Presented talk at AAHE annual meeting, January 1999, San Diego, CA

Member, Frank L. and Harriet C. Owsley Book Award Committee, the Southern Historical Association, 1996-7.

Presented a talk, "The Abusable Past: The White League Tradition and New Orleans Politics," Inaugural Conference: Tulane-Cambridge Atlantic World Studies Group," Tulane University, New Orleans, (Nov. 21-23, 1996)

Chair, "African American Leaders and the Struggle for Full Citizenship in the Nineteenth Century," annual meeting of the American Historical Association, January, 1996.

Commentator, "Plessy After 100 Years," annual meeting of the Southern Historical Association, New Orleans, Nov. 1995.

Chair, "The Politics of Disfranchisement in the South, 1890-1908," Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, April, 1994

Historical Consultant, "Backlash" a PBS documentary on David Duke and the Politics of Race

Member, Program Committee, Southern Historical Association. (1992)

Chair and commentator at a session of the 1994 Organization of American Historians, April., Atlanta, GA.

Presented a paper at the Citadel Conference on Southern Politics in the 1990s (Charleston, SC, 1990)

Commentator at a session of the 1989 Organization of American Historians, April., St. Louis, MO.

Commentator at a session of the annual meeting of the Southern Historical Association, New Orleans, Nov. 1987.

Commentator at a session of the Canadian Association for American Studies, Montreal, Oct. 1986.

Chair of a session at the Conference on "Science in the Old South," University of Mississippi, March 1982.

Chairman of a session of the 1977 Annual Conference of the Association of Canadian Studies in The United States, Burlington, Vermont.

Chairman of a session of the 1980 American Historical Association Convention, Washington, D. C.

Presented a paper at the 1984 Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, Los Angeles, California.

Presented a paper at the annual Chancellor's Symposium in Southern history, University of Mississippi, October 1981.

Presented a paper at the 1979 Southern Historical Association, Atlanta, Georgia.

Presented a paper at the 1978 Georgia State Studies Symposium, Atlanta, Georgia.

Presented a paper at the 1975 Annual Conference of the Organization of American Historians, Boston, Massachusetts.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE (selected):**

Member, Louisiana State Museum Board, 2008-

Member, Civil Rights Museum Advisory Board, 2008-

Member, Board of Directors, Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities, 2004 to present.

Member, Workforce Investment Board, City of New Orleans, 2001 to present.

Member, Executive Committee, Workforce Investment Board, City of New Orleans, 2003 to present

Member, Youth Council of the City of New Orleans, 2002 to present

Member, Board of Directors, the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities

Member, Board of Directors, Friends of New Orleans Cemeteries, 2000 to present

Expert Witness, "Theriot v. Jefferson Parish, Louisiana" (1996/97).

Conference Chair, "When the Future Was the Past: The Plessy Decision and its Aftermath," a national civil rights conference, New Orleans, LA. May 17-18, 1996.

Expert Witness, "Hays v. Louisiana" (1993).

Judge, United States Holocaust Museum National Writing Contest (1993).

Co-founder and Board President, Southern Institute for Education and Research, 1992 to present

Co-founder, Vice Chair, and Board of Directors, Louisiana Coalition Against Racism and Nazism, 1990-2.

Conference Chair, "The Continuing American Dilemma," a national civil rights conference, New Orleans (Nov. 10-13, 1989).

Member, Governor's Task Force on Disparities in State Procurement. (1989)

Expert Witness, "Fifth Ward Coalition v. Jefferson Parish School Board" (1988).

Expert Witness, "East Jefferson Coalition v. Parish of Jefferson," (1987).