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### EDUCATION:

Ph.D. University of Pennsylvania, History Dept., 1994  
B.A. Yale University, 1987

Specialties in American cultural and intellectual history; urban history; religious history; public history

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### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

2015 – W. E. Smith Professor of History, Miami University of Ohio  
2013 Visiting Faculty, American Studies Center, University of Warsaw  
2012 Senior Faculty, West China Faculty Enhancement Program, Xi'an, China  
2006 – 2015 Professor, History Department, Ohio State  
2005 – 2015 Director, Public History Initiative, Ohio State  
2003 Visiting Professor, History Department, Temple University  
2000 – 2006 Associate Professor of History, Ohio State  
Adjunct Associate Professor, Art History, OSU  
1994 – 2000 Assistant Professor of History, Ohio State  
1991 – 2008 Visiting Faculty Lecturer,  
Wharton School Advanced Management Program,  
University of Pennsylvania  
1989-90 Director, Penn Extension, Community Service Program  
1988-89 Project Coordinator, Campus Compact,  
Providence, RI  
1987-88 Assistant to the Director, Office of Community Relations,  
Yale University

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**HONORS AND AWARDS:**

- 2023 Fulbright Senior Specialist Award, West University, Timisoara, Romania
- 2019 Teagle Foundation Knowledge for Freedom Grant (3 years/\$300,000)
- 2016 Exploratory Grant Hagley Library
- 2015 – Fulbright Specialist Roster
- 2013 – Organization of American Historians Distinguished Lecturer
- 2008-09 Sabbatical Support Fellowship, American Philosophical Society
- 2006 *Choice* Outstanding Academic Title Award, for *History's Shadow*
- 2005 Allen Noble Prize, for *Building the Nation*
- 2001-02 American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship
- 2000 Mellon Fellowship, Library Company of Philadelphia
- 1999 Mellon Resident Fellowship, American Philosophical Society
- 1997 Grant-in-Aid, Ohio State University
- 1996 Seed Grant, Ohio State University
- 1995 Special Research Assignment, Ohio State University
- 1992-94 Mellon Dissertation Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania
- 1991 Summer Dissertation Workshop, University of Pennsylvania
- 1989-90 Pomfret Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania
- 1987 Triffen Prize for Academic Achievement in the Social Sciences, Yale University

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**PUBLICATIONS:**
**Books**

*The Lies of the Land: Seeing Rural America for What It Is – and Isn't*, University of Chicago Press forthcoming.

*Picturing Black History* (co-edited with Nick Breyfogle) Abrams Books forthcoming.  
*Nothing Succeeds Like Failure: The Sad History of American Business Schools*, Cornell University Press 2019; paperback edition, 2021.

*Americans Against the City: Anti-Urbanism in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century*, Oxford University Press, 2014.  
 Audio book by Audible Books, 2014

*To Promote the General Welfare: The Case for Big Government*, ed., Oxford University Press, 2012.

*Do Museums Still Need Objects?* University of Pennsylvania Press, 2010; paperback edition, 2011.

*Metropolitan Philadelphia: Living in the Presence of the Past*, University of Pennsylvania Press, 2006, 2<sup>nd</sup> printing, 2007.

*History's Shadow: Native Americans and Historical Consciousness in the 19th Century*, University of Chicago Press, 2004; paperback edition, 2006.

*Building the Nation: Americans Write about Their Architecture, Their Cities, and Their Landscape*, ed. with Max Page, University of Pennsylvania Press, 2003.

*Museums and American Intellectual Life, 1876-1926*, University of Chicago Press, 1998; paperback edition, 2000;

-Chinese translation, Shanghai Joint Publishing Company, 2012.

## **Book Chapters**

“Head for the Hills: The Anti-Urban Response to National Crises,” in *The Case for Cities* (Routledge, forthcoming).

“Italy at the Fairs,” in *The Italian Legacy in Philadelphia* (Temple University Press, 2021).

“The Culture of Politics: The Cold War and Beyond,” in *The Routledge Companion to Cultural History in the Western World* (Routledge, 2020).

“Words or Things in American History,” in *The Oxford Handbook of History and Material Culture* Ivan Gaskell & Sarah Carter eds. (Oxford University Press, 2020).

“The Generic Turn: Genre, Audience, and Reclaiming Historical Authority,” in *Varieties of Historical Experience* (Routledge, 2019).

“Melting Pots, Salad Bowls, Ethnic Museums and American Identity,” in *The Oxford Handbook of American Immigration and Ethnicity* (Oxford University Press, 2016).

“Museums by Commerce, Museums of Commerce, Museums for Commerce,” in *Kept/Discarded: Collector's Knowledge* (Waxmann, 2013).

“Culture for the People: How Government Has Fostered the Arts in Culture,” in Conn ed., *To Promote the General Welfare: The Case for Big Government* (Oxford University Press, 2012).

“Local Hero: *The Gross Clinic* and our Sense of Civic Identity,” in *An Eakins Masterpiece Restored* (Yale University Press, 2012).

"Science Museums and the Culture Wars," in *Blackwell's Museum Studies Companion* (2006), pp. 494-508.

"Archaeology, Philadelphia and Our Understanding of 19th Century America," in *Philadelphia and the Development of Americanist Archaeology*, Don Fowler & David Wilcox, eds. (University of Alabama Press, 2003), pp. 165-180.

"The Politics of Corporate Architecture: Skyscrapers in Penn's Green Country Towne," with Max Page, in *Invisible America: Unearthing our Hidden History*, Neil Silberman and Mark Leoni, eds. (Henry Holt, 1995), pp. 260-261.

#### **Articles/Essays** (\* = refereed journal)

"Ron DeSantis and the Spectre of Lynne Cheney," *The Chronicle of Higher Education* February 2023.

"A Make or Break Moment for American Cities," *The Atlantic* May 15, 2020.

AHR Conversation: "Museums, History and the Public in a Global Age," *American Historical Review* (December 2019).

"Business Schools Have No Business in the University," *Chronicle Review* March 19, 2018.

"It's the Geography Stupid," *Belt Magazine* (January 2018).

"The Importance of National Myths," *Chronicle Review* April 7, 2017.

\*"Political Romanism?: Re-evaluating American Anti-Catholicism in the Age of Italian Revolution," *Journal of the Early Republic* (Fall 2016).

"Do Universities Need Museums/Do Museums Need Universities," *Antioch Review* (Spring 2016).

\*"Back to the Garden: Communes, the Environment and Anti-Urban Pastoralism at the End of the Sixties," *Journal of Urban History* (November 2010).

"Darwin Refused, A People Condemned," *The Australian Humanist* (Autumn 2010).

"Charles Darwin's American Adventure: A Melodrama in Three Acts," *Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective* (January 2010).

Guest Editor, *Context*, Spring 2010; Fall 2008.

"Native Americans and the History of History," *Historically Speaking* 7 (2005).

"Rowhouses Provide a Lesson in City Living," in *Designer/Builder* (Sept/Oct, 2004), pp. 44-46.

"The Field Museum," in *The Encyclopedia of Chicago History* (University of Chicago Press, 2004).

"Narrative Trauma and Civil War History Painting," in *History and Theory* (December 2002), pp. 17-42.

"Russian Women: Living in History's Shadow," with Angela Brintlinger, in *Journal of International Women's Studies* (June 2001).

"The History in the Art: Painting the Civil War," with Andrew Walker, in *Museum Studies* (Spring 2001), pp. 60-81.

\*"Where is the East: Asian Objects in American Museums from Nathan Dunn to Charles Freer," *Winterthur Portfolio* (Fall 2000), pp. 157-173.

"Museums," in *The Encyclopedia of American Cultural and Intellectual History* (Charles Scribners, 2001), pp. 379-386.

"Cultural Institutions," in *The Encyclopedia of American Cultural and Intellectual History* (Charles Scribners, 2001), pp. 505-511.

"Frank Furness," in *American National Biography* (Oxford University Press, 1999).

"Inhabiting History: Learning from the City," *The Long View* (March 1999), pp. 65-73.

\*"An Epistemology for Empire: The Philadelphia Commercial Museum, 1893-1926," *Diplomatic History* (Fall 1998), 533-563.

\*"The Politics of Painting: Horace Pippin the Historian," *American Studies* (Spring 1997), pp. 5-26.

\*"Rescuing the Homestead of the Nation: The Mount Vernon Ladies Association and the Preservation of Mount Vernon," *Nineteenth Century Studies* (Spring 1997), pp. 71-94.

"American Culture as Urban Culture, 1900-1945," in *Visions of America: Urban Realism 1900-1945*, exhibition catalogue (Columbus Museum of Art and the Modern Art Museum of Mexico City, 1996), pp. 43-56; translated as "La Cultura Urbana Como Cultura Estadounidense, 1900-1945," in *Visions of America: Urban Realism 1900-1945*.

\*"Henry Chapman Mercer and the Search for American History," *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* (July 1992), pp. 323-355.

"Thoughts on National Service: An Open Letter to William Buckley," *Change Magazine* (July 1991).

## **Review Essays**

"What is a Neoliberal City?" in *Journal of American Studies*, Spring 2023.

"The Personal is the Historical," in *Reviews in American History* (March 2015).

"Our House?: The President's House at Independence National Historical Park," *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* (April 2011).

"Sleight of Hand: Andrew Wyeth's Memory and Magic," *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* (Fall 2006), pp. 411-416.

"History vs. Heritage at the National Museum of the American Indian," in *Public Historian* (Spring 2006), pp. 69-74.

“Native Americans and the History of History,” *Historically Speaking* (December 2005).

“Don’t Know Much About (the history of) History,” *American Literary History* (Winter 2005).

“Who You Callin’ an Intellectual,” *Reviews in American History* (March 2005).

“Skeletons, and Other Things, in the Closet,” *Reviews in American History* (December 2001).

### **Book Reviews**

Review of *The Overlooked Americans* in *Slate* June 2023.

Review of *Justice at Work: The Rise of Economic and Racial Justice Coalitions in Cities* in *Journal of Urban Affairs* (May, 2023).

Review of *When Good Government Meant Big Government*, in *American Historical Review* (forthcoming).

Review of *Staging Indigeneity: Salvage Tourism and the Performance of Native American History* in *Journal of American History* (June 2022).

Review of *Fresh Kills: A History of Consuming and Discarding in New York City* in *Journal of Urban Affairs* (Fall 2021).

Review of *Iconic Planned Communities and the Challenge of Change* in *Journal of Urban Affairs* (Fall 2020).

Review of Karilyn Crockett, *People Before Highways*, in *American Historical Review* 2019.

Review of Benjamin Pykles, *Excavating Nauvoo*, in *Ethnohistory* (January 2019).

Review of Cox & Gardner, *Reassessing the 1930s South*, in *The Historian* (December 2018).

Review of Steven Sabol, “*The Touch of Civilization*”: *Comparing American and Russian Internal Colonization*, in *Journal of American History* (September 2018).

Review of Brian Tochtermann, *The Dying City: Postwar New York and the Ideology of Fear* in *The Journal of Interdisciplinary History* (Spring 2018).

Review of Cecile R. Ganteaume, *Officially Indian* in *The Public Historian* (February 2018).

Review of George Marsden, *Twilight of the American Enlightenment* in *The Antioch Review* (Summer 2015).

Review of Gobel & Rossell eds., *Commemoration in America* in *Journal of American History* (June 2014).

Review of William S. Walker, *A Living Exhibition: The Smithsonian and the Transformation of the Universal Museum* in *American Historical Review* (June 2014).

Review of Daniel Bender, *American Abyss* in *University of Toronto Quarterly* (Fall 2013).

Review of Dennis Drabelle, *The Great Railroad War* in *Pennsylvania Gazette*, (January 2013).

Review of Peter H. Wood, *Near Andersonville: Winslow Homer's Civil War*, in *New England Quarterly* (December 2011).

Review of James Lander, *Lincoln & Darwin: Shared Visions of Race, Science, and Religion*, in *Review of the National Center for Science Education* (2011).

Review of Gary Nash, *The Liberty Bell*, in *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* (October 2010).

Review of Susan Sleeper-Smith, ed. *Contesting Knowledge: Museums and Indigenous Perspectives*, in *Journal of American History* (September 2010).

Review of John Hausdoerffer, *Catlin's Lament: Indians Manifest Destiny and the Ethics of Nature*, in *Great Plains Quarterly* (September 2010).

Review of Nancy Heinzen, *The Perfect Square*, in *Philadelphia Inquirer* (December 6, 2009).

Review of David Kushner, *Levittown*, in *Philadelphia Inquirer* (June 21, 2009).

Review of Lois Fink, *A History of the Smithsonian American Art Museum*, in *History and Philosophy of the Life Sciences*, 31 (2009).

Review of Duncan Faherty, *Remodeling the Nation*, in *Nineteenth-Century Contexts* (March 2009).

Review of Robert Kohler, *All Creatures: Naturalists, Collectors and Biodiversity, 1850-1950*, in *The Journal of Interdisciplinary History* (Winter 2008).

Review of Michael Pisani, *Imagining Native America in Music*, in *American Historical Review* (October 2007).

Review of Robert Beauregard, *When America Became Suburban* in *The Antioch Review* (July 2007).

Review of Setha Low et al, *Rethinking Urban Parks*, in *The Antioch Review* (Summer 2006).

Review of Lucy Maddox, *Citizen Indians*, in *American Historical Review* (April 2006).

Review of Terry Barnhart, *Ephraim George Squier* in *The Journal of the Early Republic* (Winter 2005).

Review of Kerry Trask, *Black Hawk: The Battle for the Heart of America*, in the *Chicago Tribune* (January 22, 2006).

Review of Ann Forsyth, *Reforming Suburbia*, in *Antioch Review* (Winter 2005).

Review of Michael Johns, *Moment of Grace: The American City in the 1950s*, in *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* (October 2004).

Review of Bruno Giberti, *Designing the Centennial*, in *Journal of American History* (Fall 2003).

Review of Shari Huhndorf, *Going Native: Indians in the American Cultural Imagination* & Sherry Smith, *Reimagining Indians: Native Americans Through Anglo Eyes, 1880-1940*, in *Nevada Historical Society Quarterly* (Winter 2002).

Review of James Snead, *Ruins and Rivals: The Making of Southwest Archaeology*, in *American Historical Review* (Spring 2002).

Review of Anthony Wallace, *Jefferson and the Indians*, in *American Quarterly* (March 2001).

Review of Frederick Hoxie et al, eds. *Native Americans in the Early Republic*, in *Journal of the Early Republic* (Winter 2000).

Review of David Hamer, *History in Urban Places: The Historic Districts of the United States*, & Michael Holleran, *Boston's "Changeful Times": Origins of Preservation & Planning in America*, in *Journal of American History* (September 1999).

Review of Scott Martin, *Killing Time: Leisure and Culture in Southwestern Pennsylvania, 1800-1845*, in *Journal of the Early Republic*, 16.2 (Summer 1996).

Review of David Brigham, *Public Culture in the Early Republic: Peale's Museum and Its Audience*, in *Winterthur Portfolio*, 30, 2/3 (Summer 1995).

Abstract of Mary Warner Blanchard, *Oscar Wilde's America: Counterculture in the Gilded Age*, in *Journal of Women's History*.

#### **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS/CONFERENCES (selected since 2000):**

“Does Size Matter: Urban History and the Question of Scale,” Urban History Assoc. Pittsburgh October 2023.

“Business Schools in Times of Economic Crisis, or An Encore to John Cage’s 4’33” Policy History, Columbus, OH, June 2023.

“Fantasies of Destruction: The Urban Crisis in Popular Culture,” Keynote address, Symposium of Students in English, West University, Timisoara, Romania, March 2023.

“Do Objects Still Need Museums?” Wolfenbittel, Germany, July 2022.

“The Rural-Urban Divide,” Kansas State Historical Society, June 2022.

“Head for the Hills,” The Case for Cities Series, May 2021.

“The Rural-Urban Divide,” Minnesota History Center, April 2021.

Chair, Museum Studies Panel, Ohio Academy of History, March 2021.

“The Role of Government in American Life, or, What Have the Romans Ever Done for Us?” Minnesota History Center, February 2020.

*AHR* Conversation: “Museums, History and the Public in a Global Age,” American Historical Association, January 2020, New York.

Chair/Commentor, “Eras of Good and Bad Feelings,” Society for US Intellectual History, November 2019, New York.



“Thinking about Thoreau in an Age of Dissent,” The Philadelphia Athenaeum, February 2019.

Chair/Commentor, “Questions of Heritage and Preservation,” Urban History Association, Columbia, SC, October 2018.

“Thinking about Thoreau and the Ethics of Dissent,” Chautauqua Institution, July 2018.

“Where to Put All the Stuff?” Keynote, Cain Conference, Science History Institute, April 2018.

“Every Historian a Public Historian,” Presidential Address, Ohio Academy of History, March 2018.

“The Museum, The Encyclopedia and The Collection,” The Eda Diskant Memorial Lecture, Philadelphia Museum of Art, November 2017.

“Where Have All the Objects Gone?” The Herring Era Museum, Iceland, September 2017.

“Universities & Museums: Happy Marriage, or Friends with Occasional Benefits?” Bard Graduate Center, April 2017.

“The Revenge of the Rural,” American Studies Group, University of Genoa, April 2017.

“Gentrification: Two Kinds of American Cities,” Urban Studies Group, University of Genoa, April 2017.

Remarks at “Historical Expertise and Political Authority” roundtable, American Historical Association, January 2017.

Chair & Commentator, “Revisiting Historic House Museums,” American Historical Association January 2017.

“A Tale of Three Streets,” Keynote at Historic Deerfield, MA, October 2016.

“If We Build It, Who Will Come?” Keynote at the National Council of Arts Administrators meeting, Barnes Foundation, September, 2016.

“How Indians Wound Up in Museums: The Heye Collection in Perspective,” National Museum of the American Indian (New York), September, 2016.

“All Politics is Geographical: Thoughts about Anti-Urbanism,” Antioch College, April 2016.

“Reckless Minds: European Ideas in American Politics,” The Charles R. and Elizabeth C. Wilson Lecture in American History, Miami University, April 2016.

“Words or Things in American History,” George Washington University, March 2015.

“The Anti-Urban Impulse in American Life,” Keynote Address, Institute for Contemporary History, Ohio University, February 2015.

“The State of History Museums: Roundtable,” American Historical Association, New York January 2015.

“Words or Things in American History,” Bard Graduate Center, May 2014.

“The Generic Turn,” Neubauer Collegium, University of Chicago, April 2014.

“Writing for the Public,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, January 2014.

“An ‘Objective’ View of American Museums,” University of Pennsylvania, November 2013.

“E Pluribus Unum, We the People, and the Rise of Ethnic Museums,” University of Warsaw, April 2013.

“The Anti-Urban Impulse or, Why Americans Don’t Like Their Cities,” American Studies Center, University of Warsaw, April 2013.

“The American Idea of Museums,” Temple University, November 2012.

“Where Angels Fear to Tread: The Possibilities of Public History,” University of British Columbia, October 2012.

Commentator, “Collecting, Research and Displaying Race in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century United States,” Organization of American History Conference, April 2012.

Chair, “Anti-Urban City Planning in 20th Century Europe: Creating (National) Community and Reconstituting Social Networks” American Historical Association, January 2012.

“How to Look at China: The Structure of Visual Experience in American Museums,” University of Hong Kong; Shanghai Institute of American Studies, May 2011.

“The History of History Museums,” Keynote Address, Mid-western Open Air Museums Conference, March 2011.

“Golden Ages, Then and Now,” University of Chicago, November 2010.

“The Golden Age of Museums, Then and Now,” Museums, Libraries, Archives Conference, Oslo, October 2010.

“Do Museums Still Need Objects?” Cleveland Museum of Art, October 2010.

“Do Museums Still Need Objects?” Oberlin College, October 2010.

“Museums, Their Collections, and Our Sense of Place,” Philadelphia Museum of Art, September 2010.

“Living in a Museum Age,” Denver Museum of Nature and Science, September 2010.

“Museums by Commerce, Museums of Commerce, Museums for Commerce,” Mustair, Switzerland, May 2010.

“Do Museums Still Need Objects?” Wexner Center for the Arts, March 2010.

“False Starts: Native Americans, Representation, and Museums,” Eisenberg Institute, University of Michigan, January 2010.

“Representing the Past to the Public Eye,” University of Michigan, January 2010.

Commentor, "Education at Mid-Century," panel, History of Education Society, Philadelphia, October 2009.

Commentor at "The Race in Culture" conference, Mershon Center, Ohio State, May 2009.

"Where Did All the Grown Ups Go?" Baker-Nord Humanities Center, Case-Western Reserve University, February 2009.

"Civic Identity and the City," Keynote Address, Temple University, January 2009.

"A Tale of Two Science Museums," Deutsches Museum, Munich, Germany, December 2008.

"Practicing History in the Town Square," Chair, SHEAR Conference, July 2008.

"Do Museums Need Objects Anymore?" University of Michigan, April 2008.

"Cultural Objects/Objects of Culture," University of Manchester, England, March 2008.

"Collections, Museums, and Civic Identity," University of North Texas, February 2008.

"Cultural Patrimony vs. Civic Identity," American Studies Association, October 2007.

"Museums, The Public Sphere and Civic Identity," Humanities Institute and the Art History Department, Temple University, March 2007.

"Do Museums Need Objects Anymore?" Ethnohistory Workshop, University of Pennsylvania, January 2007.

"The Meaning of Metropolitan Philadelphia," Writers Series at the Philadelphia Free Library, November 2006.

"The Meaning of the American Century," in conjunction with the acquisition of the Schiller Collection, Columbus Museum of Art, April 2006.

"From the Commercial Museum to the Commercialized Museum," Powerhouse Museum, Sydney, Australia, May 2005.

Commentator for "Displaying the Nation" panel at OAH, April 2005.

"The Search for a Usable Asia," King's College, Cambridge, England, June 2004.

"Fiske Kimball and the Science of the Art Museum," Philadelphia Museum of Art, February 2004.

"The City and the Avant Garde," Mobile Alabama Museum of Art, January 2004.

"The Museum: Past, Present, Future," Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, November 2003.

"Immigrants and the American Avant-Garde," Columbus Museum of Art, July 2003.

Keynote Address, Penn-Temple Conference on Academia and Community, April 2003.

"Toward a History of the 20th Century Museum," Augsburg College, March 2003.

"The Law of Unintended Consequences: Urban Historians and Urban Decline," Urban History Association Conference, September 2002.

"The American Art Museum, Past, Present, Future," Columbus Museum of Art, September 2002.

"From the Glass Case to the Omnimax: Science in Museums, 1870-present," at Images and Ideas: Exhibiting Science in Museums, University of Chicago, June 2002.

Moderator, "Blight and Urban Renewal in Historical Perspective," University of Pennsylvania, April 2002.

Plenary Speaker, Interdisciplinary Nineteenth Century Studies Conference, George Mason University, April 2002.

"Peale's Museum and Its Descendants: Science in Museums," James Franck Institute, University of Chicago, January 2002.

"The Objects of Our Consideration," The Loren Eiseley Lecture, University of Pennsylvania Museum, October 2001.

Commentator, "Hybrid Institutions: Hothouses for Science," International Society for the History, Philosophy and Social Study of Science, July 2001.

"The History in the Art," Chicago Art Institute, June 2001.

"The American Swedish Historical Museum in Historical Context," American Swedish Museum 75th Anniversary Conference, March 2001.

"Museums and the Public Sphere: Retrospect and Prospect," Baldwin Lecture, Oberlin College, December 2000.

"The Many Contexts of Robert Gwathmey," Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, September 2000.

"Where Historians Fear to Tread: The Misadventures of an Interloper in the Art Historical Field," Looking Back Colloquium, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, April 2000.

"America's Museums, Past and Future," Detroit Institute of Arts, April 2000.

"History and Anthropology in the American Museum," Swarthmore College, March 2000.

"To Teach What We Already Know or to Display What We Do Not: Universities, Museums and the Struggle Over the Production of Knowledge," American Historical Association, January 2000.

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## **MEDIA APPEARANCES:**

I have made a number of appearances on television, radio, newspapers and the web discussing American politics, American culture and American history. Among the most significant include:

From 2012-2017 I was on the roster of opinion bloggers on the Huffington Post.

Featured expert and consultant on the multi-part television and web-based history of Philadelphia titled “Philadelphia: The Great Experiment” – (ongoing <http://www.historyofphilly.com/>)

TVO (Toronto) The Agenda with Steve Paikin – roundtable feature on my book *Do Museums Still Need Objects* (aired February 2012 - <http://theagenda.tv.org/episode/141112/museum-matters>)

Featured expert on the PBS production “Dinosaur Wars” (American Experience – aired nationally January 2011)

Radio interviews on NPR Weekend Edition, KABC, Los Angeles, KCBS San Francisco, WOSU, Columbus, OH among others

Since 2000 I have published several dozen op-ed pieces in newspapers around the country including *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, and *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

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### **EDITORIAL WORK:**

Founding Editor, “Picturing Black History,” [picturingblackhistory.org](http://picturingblackhistory.org), 2021-

Founding Editor, *Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective* [www.osu.edu/origins](http://www.osu.edu/origins), 2007 –

Series Editor, “History and the Public,” Temple University Press

Editorial Board, *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, 2006 – 2011

Editorial Board, University of Pennsylvania Press series “Art and Culture in America,” 2005 –

Assoc. Editor, Encyclopedia of Philadelphia project, 2009-2010

Editorial Board for *Context*, American Institute of Architects (Philadelphia) 2007 – 2012

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### **TEACHING:**

Undergraduate courses ranging from large lecture surveys to small specialized seminars: US History 1865-present; Introduction to Historical Practice; American Cultural and Intellectual History (one course on the 19<sup>th</sup> century, and one on the 20<sup>th</sup>); American Urban History; History of American Religion.

Graduate courses in Urban History; American History 1917-1939; Intellectual History; Public History; Advanced Writing Seminars. Designed and direct the combined BA/MA program in Public History at Ohio State.

Dissertations supervised to completion:

-Megan Chew, “Power from the Valley”

-David Young, “The Battles of Germantown: Public History and Preservation in America’s Most Historic Neighborhood”

-Jason Powell, “A Humble Protest: A Literary Generation’s Quest for the Heroic Self, 1917-1930”

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**SERVICE AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT:**
**University Service**

Steering Committee, Humanities Center, Miami University 2022 –  
 Chair, Promotion and Tenure Committee, History Department, Ohio State University 2012 – 2015  
 Chair, Ad-Hoc Committee on Civic Engagement 2010-11  
 Search Committee, Director for the Center for Urban and Regional Analysis, 2008-09  
 Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2006 – 2015  
 Book Review Editor, On-line Book Forum, 2006 – 2015  
 Academic Director, History Works Summer Institute for Columbus Public School Teachers, Summer 2005  
 Council on Academic Affairs, 2002-03  
 Committee on Rare Books and Manuscripts, OSU Library, 2002 – 05  
 Editorial Board, Ohio State University Press, 2000 – 2003  
 Alternate, Faculty Senate, 1999 – 2002  
 Legislative Affairs Committee, Faculty Senate, 2000 – 03  
 Chair, Ad-Hoc Committee on American Studies, 1999-2000  
 Search Committee, Senior Position, Early America, 1999-2000  
 Departmental Executive Committee, 1999-2000  
 Search Committee, Senior Position in Modern America, 1996 –1998  
 Ad-Hoc Committee on Teaching Evaluation, 1996 – 1999  
 Undergraduate Studies Committee, 1995 – 1997  
 Scholarships and Grants Committee, 1994-95  
 Grievance Committee, 1994-95  
 Faculty Advisor, ALD/PES, First Year Honoraries, 1996 – 1998  
 Faculty Advisor, Project Community, 1994 –1997

**Professional Service**

President, Ohio Academy of History, 2018-2019  
 Reviewer for tenure and/or promotion: Temple University, University of Massachusetts, University of California, Berkeley, University of Rochester, Penn State, University of Cincinnati  
 Grant Reviewer for the American Philosophical Society  
 NEH Review Panel, Historic Preservation, Spring, 2009  
 Consultant, Historic Germantown Preserved, 2007-2008  
 Advisory Committee, History News Service, 2008 –  
 Referee for: *American Historical Review*; *Journal of American History*, *Modern Intellectual History*, *Art Bulletin*, *Pacific Historical Review*, *Museum Anthropology*, *Journal of Urban History*, Indiana University Press, University of Chicago Press, University of Pennsylvania Press, University of Pittsburgh Press, Rutgers University Press, Syracuse University Press, Duke University Press, Temple University Press, Harvard University Press  
 Principal Faculty, AP Teacher's Summer Institute, Summer, 2003  
 Consultant, Mercer Museum 21st Century Initiative, 2003  
 Co-Principal Faculty, "The Darwin Project," Ohio Learning Network, 2002 – 04  
 Faculty, AP Teacher's Summer Institute, OSU, Summer 2002  
 NEH Review Panel, Preservation and Access Division, Fall, 2001  
 Historical Consultant, Columbus Museum of Art, for the Exhibition "Visions of America: Urban Realism, 1900-1945," 1995

**Civic Involvement (partial list)**

Elected to the Yellow Springs School Board, Nov. 2013 – 2021  
Yellow Springs Board of Zoning Appeal, 2011 – 2014  
Glen Helen Association Board Member, 2011 – 2013  
Co-creator, Neighborhood Institute (Columbus), 2009-2012  
Chair, Development Committee Antioch School, 2006 – 2012  
-Raised \$450,000 for building renovation  
2020 Educational Steering Committee, Yellow Springs Schools, 2011  
Yellow Springs Electrical System Task Force, 2007-2008  
Yellow Springs Environmental Commission, 2006-8  
Education Committee, Tecumseh Land Trust, 2005-8  
Founding Member, Design Advocacy Group, Philadelphia 2002 –

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**REFERENCES:**

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Wendell Pritchett, University of Pennsylvania Law School: [wendellpritchett@gmail.com](mailto:wendellpritchett@gmail.com)

Thomas Sugrue, History Department, University of Pennsylvania: [tsugrue@sas.upenn.edu](mailto:tsugrue@sas.upenn.edu)

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