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**Education:**

Ph.D., History, University of Washington (Seattle), 1985  
Mentor: W. J. Rorabaugh  
M.A., History, University of Montana, 1977  
B.A., History, Central Washington State College, 1974

**Expertise:**

Early America  
Frontier  
American Studies (Early American Literature, Folklore, and  
Music)  
Pacific Northwest and western Canada  
American Social

**Professorships:**

2000-present: Professor of History, University of  
Washington, Tacoma  
1992-2000: Associate Professor, University of Washington,  
Tacoma  
1990-1992: Assistant Professor, University of Washington,  
Tacoma  
1989-90: Assistant Professor, Eastern Montana College  
1988-89: Member of the Faculty, Deep Springs College (CA)  
1985-88: Assistant Professor (tenure track), Tennessee  
Technological University

**Administration:**

2009-present: Coordinator, History BA Degree, UWT  
2000-2005: Coordinator, American Studies Degree  
1997-present: Founder and President, Ellensburg Rodeo Hall  
of Fame Association and the Kittitas County Heritage Center  
Association, Ellensburg, Washington  
1990-present: Founding Faculty Member, UWT

**Books :**

In progress: *Mississippi River Valley: The Course of American Civilization*

In progress: *A Junior Patriot's History of the United States* (co-authored with Larry Schweikart)

2011: *A Patriot's History Reader: Essential Documents for Every American* (co-edited with Larry Schweikart and David Dougherty, New York, Sentinel/Penguin Group)

2006: *The Confederation Congress and Creation of the First Trans-Appalachian Settlement Policy, 1783-1787* (New York, Edwin Mellen Press)

2004: *A Patriot's History of the United States: From Columbus' Great Discovery to the War on Terror* (co-authored with Larry Schweikart, New York, Sentinel/Penguin Group), #1 *New York Times* and *Amazon.com* Bestseller. Paperback and Audio book editions, 2007; revised edition (21st printing) forthcoming

1999: *Frontiers of Western History: The Origins, Evolution, and Future of Western History* (co-edited with Mary L. Hanneman, Needham, Mass., Simon and Schuster Custom Publishing, Revised 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 2007)

1998: *Rodeo Cowboys in the North American Imagination* (Reno, University of Nevada Press), finalist for Spur Award (Western Writers of America)

1990: *Western Rivermen, 1763-1861: Ohio and Mississippi Boatmen and the Myth of the Alligator Horse* (Baton Rouge, Louisiana State University Press, 1990), winner of the Phi Alpha Theta Book Award

**Book Chapters :**

In Progress: "The Upper Cumberland River Valley: A Socio-Cultural Portrait," Calvin Dickinson and Michael Birdwell (eds.), *Lend An Ear: The Upper Cumberland*

In Progress: "Alexander Hamilton and the West," *Hammond Annual Lectures in Western History, 2000-* (University of Montana)

2011: "Ronald Reagan," *Chronological Encyclopedia of the American Presidency*, (Greenwood Press)

1996: "Who Was David Crockett?," in Calvin Dickinson and Larry Whiteaker (eds.) *Tennessee: State of the Nation* (New York: American Heritage Custom, 1995), 47-53

1991: "The Ohio: Artery of Movement," in Robert L. Reid, ed., *Always A River: The Ohio River and the American Experience* (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1991), 105-29.

#### **Refereed Articles:**

In progress: "Twain and Turner: The Significance of the Mississippi Valley in American History."

In progress: "Zion's Landing: Mississippi Riverboating in Old Nauvoo."

2006: "Ikua Purdy, Yakima Canutt, and Pete Knight: Continuity and Tradition Among Pacific Basin Rodeo Cowboys," *Journal of the West*, 45 (Spring 2006), 43-50.

2005: "'I Just want to be a Cosmic Cowboy': Hippiess, Cowboy Code, and the Culture of a "Counter" Culture," *Western Historical Quarterly* 36 (Autumn 2005), 275-99

1998: "Origins and Evolution of North American Rodeo," *Journal of the West* 37 (Jan. 1998), 69-79

1996: "'When the Cowboys Are Indians and the Indians Are Cowboys': Plains and Plateau Indian Rodeo Riders in Literature," *Pacific Northwest Forum* 10 (Winter-Fall 1996), 94-111

1994: "The 'New' Western History Stillborn," *The Historian* 57 (Fall 1994), 201-208

1994: "'Row Boatmen Row!,'" The Songs of the Early Ohio and Mississippi Rivermen," *Gateway Heritage, Quarterly Journal of the Missouri Historical Society* 14 (Winter, '93-'94), 46-59

1992: "Mabel Strickland and the Rise and Decline of the Early Rodeo Cowgirl," *Pacific Northwest Quarterly* 83 (October 1992), 122-27

1990: "The Riverman As Jacksonian Man," *Western Historical Quarterly*, 21 (August, 1990), 305-20

1986: "Justice For The Indians: The Federalist Quest," *Essex Institute Historical Collections*, 122 (April, 1986), 124-41

1985: "Sired By A Hurricane: Mike Fink, Western Boatmen, and the Myth of the Alligator Horse," *Arizona and the West*, 27 (Autumn, 1985), 237-52

1983: "The Lower Mississippi in 1803: The Travelers' View," *Missouri Historical Review*, 77 (April, 1983) 253-71

1981: "Anti-Federalism and Libertarianism," *Reason Papers*, 7 (Spring, 1981), 73-94

1978: "The Federalists and the West, 1783-1803," *Western Pennsylvania Historical Magazine*, 61 (October, 1978), 315-32

1977: "Jay, Gardoqui, and the Mississippi River Debate, 1785-1787," *Tennessee Historical Quarterly*, 36 (Winter, 1977), 447-67

#### **Encyclopedia Articles:**

2011: "Mississippi River," *Oxford Encyclopedia of American Social History*.

2007: "Mississippi River," in *Encyclopedia of the Midwest*

2000: "Mississippi River," in *Oxford Companion in American History*

1998: "Rivermen," in *Encyclopedia of Western History*

1997: "Steamboats," and "Transportation, River" in *Encyclopedia of Tennessee History*

#### **Non-refereed Articles:**

In progress: "'Turn Your (Mississippi Valley) Radio On:' The Grand Ole Opry and A Prairie Home Companion"

2008: "Campaign Buttons: The History of A Political and Material Culture Type," *Pacific Northwest Quarterly* (Winter, 2007-08), 30-33

2006: "John Ford Clymer: The Life and Art of a Pacific Northwest painter and Illustrator," *Columbia: Magazine of Northwest History* (Fall 2006), 20-25.

2002: "Alligator Horses on the Old Mississippi," Two Parts, *The Waterways Journal* 116 (August 19 and August 26, 2002), 13-14

2000: "Desert of Wheat: Zane Grey's Contemporary Western," *Pacific Northwest Quarterly* 91 (Fall 2000), 217-18

1999: "Rodeo Tales: Injury, Death, and Glory in the Arena," *Persimmon Hill* 27 (Winter 1999), 25-29

- 1999: "Rodeo Reminiscences," *ibid.*, 30-31
- 1998: "Yakima Canutt: From Colfax to Hollywood." *Columbia, The Magazine of Northwest History* 12 (Summer 1998), 38-43
- 1997: "Cowboyphobia, or The Emperors Wear No Duds," *Journal of the West* 36 (October 1997), 3-6
- 1996: "Ken Kelsey's Last Go-Round," *The Ketch Pen* (Rodeo History Society) 9 (Summer 1996), 10-11
- 1996: "The Rodeo Cowboy in Art: A Sampler," *Pacific Northwest Quarterly* 87 (Winter 1995-96)
- 1995-96: "'Hard Day's Night': The Beatles' 1964 Seattle Concert," *Columbia, Magazine of Northwest History* (Summer 1996) 6-11 (with Pat Diviney)
- 1995: "Beyond the 'Endless Mountains': The View From The Ohio River," *Queen City Heritage, Quarterly Journal of the Cincinnati Historical Society* (Fall 1995)
- 1995: "Showdown at the P. C. Corral: The Demise of the 'New' Western History," *Columbia, Magazine of Northwest History* 9 (Spring 1995), 3-5
- 1995: "Trailing the Rodeo Cowboy: The Rodeo Art of Clifford P. Westermeier," *The Ketch Pen* 7 (January 1995), 2-5
- 1993-94: "Mabel Strickland, Rodeo Cowgirl," *The Ketch Pen* 6 (December-January 1993-94), 2-3
- 1993: "Ellensburg's Rodeo Grounds," *The Ketch Pen* 6 (July 1993), 18-19
- 1992-93: "Presidential Assassinations in American Folklore and Popular Culture," *Columbia, Magazine of Northwest History* 6 (Winter 1992-93) 2-5
- 1991: "Let 'er Buck! How the Ellensburg Rodeo Was Born," *Columbia, Magazine of Northwest History*, 5 (Summer, 1990), 10-12
- 1986: "Historical Works on Early American Rivermen," *Bookman's Weekly*, 78 (Nov, 24, 1986), 2141-43
- 1984: (ed.), "Reminiscences of a Common Boatman, 1849-1851," *Gateway Heritage, Quarterly Journal of the Missouri Historical Society*, 5 (Fall, 1984), 36-49
- 1984: "Big Sky Burger: The Great Montana Hamburger Chase," *Montana Magazine*, 64 (March-April, 1984), 19-20

1984: "Souvenirs of a Controversy: The Cook-Peary Postal Cards," *Alaska Journal*, 14 (Summer, 1984), 54-57

1982: "Life on the Mississippi--Towboat-Style," *The Lookout*, 74 (June-July, 1982), 13-16

#### **Selected Newspaper and Prose Publications:**

1997-present: "Ellensburg Rodeo Hall of Fame Inductees," an annual series in the *Ellensburg Daily Record*. Republished as "Special Hall of Fame Record Insert." 72 biographies to date

2009-10: Invited columnist, "Opinion Page," *thenewstribune.com*

2005: "The Elections of 1816 and 2004: Federalists and Democrats Compared," *The News Tribune*

1992: "The Birth of the Ellensburg Rodeo," *Ellensburg Daily Record*

1986: "Across Siberia By Rail," two-part series in *Ellensburg Daily Record*

1983: "Spit in the Ocean, or 'Greasewood City: You Can't Get There From Here,'" *Ellensburg Anthology*

1982: "War Stories (Part 1)," *Ellensburg Anthology*

1981: "Rick Ramsay, or Why Reader's Digest Won't Publish My 'Most Unforgettable Character' Essay," *Ellensburg Anthology*

1981: "The Birth of Kittitas Valley Rock," two-part series in *Ellensburg Daily Record*

1978: "My Life on the Mississippi," two-part series in *Ellensburg Daily Record* and *Daily Missoulian*

1976: "Stories of the American Revolution," ten-part series in the *Ellensburg Daily Record*

Over seventy-five additional newspaper articles, essays, and short stories in *Daily Missoulian* (Mt) *Bridgeport Leader* (Ill.) and *St. Francisville Times*, *Trenton Sun* (Ill.), and *Ellensburg Daily Record* (Wa.)

#### **Book Reviews:**

Forthcoming: Barnett Singer, *The Americanization of France: Searching for Happiness after the Algerian War*, in *Journal of Popular Culture*.

2013: Mary-Ellen Kelm, *A Wilder West: Rodeo in Western Canada*, in *Western Historical Quarterly*.

2011: Lee Sandlin, *Wicked River*, in *Journal of Illinois History*.

2010: John O. Baxter, *Cowboy Park: Steer-Roping Contests on the Border*, in *Western Historical Quarterly*.

2009: Annalies Corbin and Bradley Rogers, *The Steamboat Montana and the Opening of the West*, in *Great Plains Quarterly*

2009: Renee Laegreid, *Riding Pretty: A History of Rodeo Royalty in American*, in *Journal of American History*

2008: Paul Paskoff, *Steamboat Disasters, River Improvements, and American Public Policy, 1821-1860*, in *EH.net*

2008: Jerry Hay, *River's Revealed: Rediscovering America's Waterways*, in *Indiana Magazine of History*

2008: Peter La Chapelle, *Proud to be an Okie: Cultural Politics, Country Music, and Migration to Southern California*, in *Pacific Historical Review*

2007: Claus-M. Naske, *Ernest Gruening: Alaska's Greatest Governor*, in *Pacific Northwest Quarterly*.

2007: Roy Rogers and Dale Evans: *King of the Cowboys and Queen of the West*, in *Pacific Historical Review*

2006: Renne Lagreid, *Riding Pretty: Rodeo Royalty in Journal of the West*

2007: James H. Justus, *Fetching the Old Southwest*, in *Journal of Southern History*

2005: Mary Ellen Rowe, *Bulwark of the Republic: The American Militia in the Antebellum West*, in *Western Historical Quarterly*

2005: *The Western Steamboat*, in *Journal of Southern History*

2004: Michael Vouri, *The Pig War: Showdown at Griffin Bay*, in *The Pickett Society Quarterly*

2003: Peter Stanfield, *Horse Opera: The Strange History of the 1930s Singing Cowboy*, in *Pacific Historical Review*

2003: Peter S. Onuf, *Jefferson's Empire: The Language of American Nationhood*, in *Continuity*

2002: Richard W. Etulain, *Telling Western Stories*, in *Nevada Historical Quarterly*

2002: Daniel Herman, *Hunting in the American Imagination*, in *Oregon Historical Quarterly*

2002: Ray Allen Billington and Martin Ridge, *Westward Expansion*, abridged and revised 7<sup>th</sup> edition, in *Columbia, Magazine of Northwest History*

2001: Michael A. Bellesiles, *Arming America: Origins of a National Gun Culture* in *Indiana Magazine of History*

2001: Emily Foster (ed.), *The Ohio Frontier: An Anthology of Early Writings*, in *Ohio Valley History*

2001: Lawrence Clayton, et al, *Horsing Around: Contemporary Cowboy Humor* in *Journal of the West*

2001: Dick Steward, *Duels and the Roots of Violence in Missouri*, in *Pacific Historical Review*

2001: *Wild West Shows*, in *Oregon Historical Quarterly*

2000: Neal O. Hammon (ed.,) *My Father Daniel Boone: The Draper Interviews With Nathan Boone* in *Journal of the West*

2000: Blake Almendinger and Valerie Matsumoto (ed.), *Over the Edge: Re-Mapping the American West* in *Journal of the West*

1999: Wayne S. Wooden and Gavin Ehringer, *Rodeo in America*, in *Montana, Magazine of Western History*

1999: Elizabeth A. Perkins, *Border Life: Experience and Memory in the Early Ohio Valley*, in *American Historical Review*

1999: Laban S. Records, *Cherokee Outlet Cowboy* in *Journal of the West*

1999: Kent Steckmesser, *The Western Hero in History and Legend* in *Journal of the West*

1999: Baillargeon and Tepper (eds.) *Legends of Our Time: Native Cowboy Life* in *Columbia, Magazine of Northwest History*

1999: Will James, *Lone Cowboy: My Life Story* in *Journal of the West*



- 1999: Captain James Coomer, *Life on the Ohio*, in *The American Neptune*
- 1999: *Volunteer Forty-Niners*, in *Tennessee Historical Quarterly* 1998: *America by Rivers* in *Journal of the West*
- 1998: Joint review of Jon M. and Donna McDaniel Skovlin, *Hank Vaughan: Hell-raising Cowboy from the Bunch Grass Territory* and Thomas L. Clark, *Western Lore and Language: A Dictionary*, in *Oregon Historical Quarterly*
- 1997: Clyde Milner (ed.) *A New Significance: Re-Imagining the American West* in *Journal of American History*
- 1997: Stephen Aron, *How The West Was Lost in Indiana Magazine of History*
- 1997: Harvey Jackson, *Rivers of History: Life on the Coosa, Tallapoosa, Cahaba, and Alabama* in *American Historical Review*
- 1996: Coy Cross II, *Go West Young Man! Horace Greeley* in *Journal of the Great Plains*
- 1996: Keith Peterson and Mary E. Reed, *Controversy, Conflict, and Compromise: A History of Lower Snake River Development* and Keith Peterson, *River of Life, Channel of Death: Fish and Dams on the Lower Snake*, a double review in *Oregon Historical Quarterly*
- 1996: Jens Lund, *Flatheads and Spoonies: Fishing For A Living in the Lower Ohio Valley*, in *Indiana Magazine of History*
- 1996: Wilma Duniway, *The First American Frontier: Transition to Capitalism in Southern Appalachia, 1700-1860*, in *Pacific Historical Review*
- 1996: Nat Love, *The Life and Adventures of Nat Love...* in *Tennessee Historical Quarterly*
- 1996: Theodore Roosevelt, *The Winning of the West* (repr., 4 vols), in *Tennessee Historical Quarterly*
- 1996: Sally Zanjani, *Ghost Dance Winter and Other Tales of the Frontier* in *Journal of the West*
- 1995: William C. Davis, *A Way Through the Wilderness: The Natchez Trace and the Civilization of the Southern Frontier*, in *Tennessee Historical Quarterly*
- 1995: David H. Mould *Dividing Lines: Canals, Railroads, and Urban Rivalry in Ohio's Hocking Valley, 1825-1875*, in *American Historical Review*

1995: Meredith L. Clausen, *Spiritual Space: The Religious Architecture of Pietro Belluschi*, in *Journal of the West*

1995: James P. Ronda, *Astoria and Empire*, in *Journal of the West*

1994: Ruth Ferris, *St. Louis and the Mighty Mississippi in the Steamboat Age: The Collected Writings of Ruth Ferris*, in *Gateway Heritage, Quarterly Journal of the Missouri Historical Society*

1994: Martin Ridge (ed.), *History, Frontier, and Section: Three Essays by Frederick Jackson Turner*, in *Oregon Historical Quarterly*

1994: John Mack Faragher, *Daniel Boone, Life and Legend of an American Pioneer*, in *American Historical Review*

1993: Bernie Rhodes, with Russel P. Calame, *D. B. Cooper, The Real McCoy*, in *Pacific Northwest Quarterly*

1993: Jane Pattie, *Cowboy Spurs and their Makers in Southwestern Historical Quarterly*

1992: Ruth B. Moynihan, Susan Armitage, and Christiane Fischer Dischamp (eds.), *So Much to be Done, Women Settlers on the Mining and Ranching Frontier* in *Pacific Northwest Quarterly*

1991: Richard W. Slatta, *Cowboys of the Americas* in *Pacific Northwest Quarterly*

1990: William H. Goetzmann, *Looking at the Land of Promise, Pioneer Images of the Pacific Northwest*, in *Columbia, Magazine of Northwest History*

1989: Grant McConnell, *Stehikin, A Valley in Time*, in *Pacific Northwest Quarterly*

1989: David Crockett, *A Narrative of the Life of David Crockett*, and *The Tall Tales of Davy Crockett, The Second Nashville Series of Crockett Almanacs, 1839-1841* in *New Mexico Historical Review*

1988: Robert E. Walls, *Bibliography of Washington State Folklore and Folklife* in *Columbia, Magazine of Northwest History*

1988: Fay E. Ward, *The Cowboy at Work: All About His Work and How He Does It* in *Oregon Historical Quarterly*

1988: Sam McKinney, *Reach of Tide, Ring of History: A Columbia River Voyage*, in *Pacific Northwest Quarterly*

1988: Grady McWhiney, *Cracker Culture: Celtic Ways in the Old South*, in *Journal of the Early Republic*

1987: Michael Lofaro (ed.) *Davy Crockett: The Man, The Legend, The Legacy, 1786-1986*, in *Pacific Historical Review*

1985: Carole Simon-Smolonski, *Journal 1862: Timothy Nolan's 1862 Account of His Riverboat and Overland Journey to the Salmon River Mines, Washington Territory* in *Pacific Northwest Quarterly*

**Paper Presentations and Addresses:**

2011: "Truman and Reagan: 20<sup>th</sup> Century Mississippi Valley Presidents," Presidents Day Address, State Capital Museum, Olympia, Washington, February, 2011

2010: "The Significance of the Mississippi Valley in American History," Keynote Address, Ohio Valley History Conference, Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville, TN, October, 2010.

2009: Chair, "Manifest Destiny in the Pacific Northwest" Panel, Organization of American Historians, Seattle, WA., March 26-29

2008: "From Colonel David Crockett to Sheriff Andy Taylor: Trans-Appalachian Popular Culture Heroes, 1831-1968," invited lecture, Wayne State College, Wayne, Nebraska

2008: "'I Just Want to Be a Cosmic Cowboy': Hippies, Cowboy Code, and the Culture of a Counterculture" invited lecture, Wayne State College, Wayne, Nebraska

2008: "Alexander Hamilton and the West," Hammond Lecture in Western History, University of Montana, Missoula

2007: "The Fountainhead: The Life, Art, and Anti-Communism of Ayn Rand," American Architectural Society, Blue Mouse Theatre, Tacoma, WA.

2007: Examination Commentator, Naval War College, Selected Security Year-End Oral Examinations and Presentations, Whidbey Island Naval Air Station (2008-10, 2011)

2006: "John Ford Clymer: The Life and Art of a Pacific Northwest Painter and Illustrator," Curtiss Hill Memorial Lecture, Washington State Historical Society

2004: "Cowboy Culture and Counterculture," Carroll College Guest Lecturer Series, Helena, Montana.

2003: "Ikua Purdy, Yakima Canutt, and Pete Knight: Continuity and Tradition Among Pacific Basin Rodeo Cowboys," Coast Branch, American Historical Association, Honolulu, Hawaii

2003: "Wild West Show and Rodeo Images in Popular Culture," Comment, Western History Association, Fort Worth, Texas

2002: "'I Just Want to Be a Cosmic Cowboy': The Rodeo Cowboy in Country Rock Music," Western History Association, Special ProRodeo Hall of Fame Session, Colorado Springs Colorado

1999: "Big Four: Origins of Northwest Rodeo in Pendleton, Walla Walla, Ellensburg, and Lewiston," Western History Association, Portland, Oregon

1999: "Songs, Now and Then, of the Mississippi Boatmen," Natchez Literary Conference, Natchez, Mississippi

1999: "Northwest Rodeo and Rodeo Cowboys," Quarterly Speaker, Fox Island Historical Association, Fox Island, WA

1998: "Hippies and Rodeo Cowboys: The Culture of a Counterculture," Keynote Address, Nebraska Historical Society Annual Meeting, Valentine, Nebraska, October

1998: "Flatboat Wars and Mississippi Rivermen," Mississippi Territory Bi-Centennial Conference, Natchez, Mississippi

1997: "Vision, Grace, and Power at Oneida and Zoar," Comment, Communal Studies Association, Tacoma, WA

1997: "Are Rodeo Cowboys Real Cowboys?," Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association, Portland, OR

1997: "The Emperors Wear No Duds," Luncheon Address, Missouri Valley Historical Association Meeting, Omaha, NE

1996: "Northwest Rodeo in History and Popular Culture," Keynote Address, Annual Meeting, Fort Steilacoom Historical Society, Ft. Steilacoom, WA

1995: Comment, "Western Sports and Leisure" Panel, Western History Association, Denver CO

1994: "The Stillbirth of the 'New' Western History," Luncheon Address, Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, Seattle

1992: "Beyond the 'Endless Mountains': The View From the River," Western History Association, New Haven, CT

1991: "Mabel Strickland: Hall of Fame Cowgirl," Western History Association, Austin, TX

1991: "King of the River," Keynote Address, Ohio River Conference, Louisville, KY

1990: "Boatmen's Castes and Demography," Front Range Early Americanist Consortium, Jackson Hole, Wyoming

1988: "The 'Flatboat Wars' Myth and the Civilizing of the Mississippi Boatmen," Western History Association, Los Angeles, CA

1987: "Law and Order Comes to Memphis," Keynote Address, Phi Alpha Theta Regional, Spokane, WA

1985: "Western Boatmen: Myths and Other Realities," Western History Association, Sacramento, CA

1985: "The Folklore of the Mississippi Boatmen," Pacific Northwest History Conference, Helena, MT

1984: "Big Mike Fink: King of the Keelboatmen," Pacific Northwest American Studies Association, Pullman, WA

1984: "Mike Fink, Western Boatmen, and the Myth of the Alligator Horse," Coast Branch, American Historical Association, Seattle, WA

1984: "History, Folklore, and the Western Boatmen," Society of Historians of the Early American Republic, Indianapolis, IN

Over twenty-five paper presentations and comments at Phi Alpha Theta International History Society Regional Conferences

**Public Service Addresses:**

Over fifty public speeches to community groups, including the Washington State Historical Society, Rotary and Kiwanis International, college, Elderhostel and Retirement Homes, community college, public, and homeschool audiences, Republican Party Lincoln Day Addresses, Chambers of Commerce, church organizations, etc. etc.

**Honors, Awards, and Grants:**

2013: Distinguished Research Award, UW Tacoma  
2011: Visiting Scholar, Yukon College, Whitehorse YT, Summer Semester, 2011

2010: #1 *New York Times* Non-fiction Bestseller (*A Patriot's History of the United States*); #1 on Amazon.com (all categories) 2/11-22, 2010

2008: Hammond Annual Lecture in Western History, University of Montana

2006: Curtiss Hill Memorial Lecture, Washington State Historical Society

2005: Distinguished Teaching Award, UW Tacoma

2005: Lysander Spooner Award (Laissez Faire Books) for Advancing the Literature of Liberty, for *A Patriot's History of the United States*

2004: ASUWT (Associated Students of the University of Washington, Tacoma) President's Excellence in Leadership and Service Award (First Recipient)

2004, 1997-98: Faculty Member, Bryn Mawr College and Princeton University Summer Program of the Institute for Humane Studies

1999: Finalist, Spur Award (Western Writers of America)

1994: Exchange Professor, Tacoma Community College

1992: Phi Alpha Theta Book Award for *Western Rivermen, 1763-1861*

1991: F. Leroy Hill Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University

1986: Huntington Library Fellow

1985: Arthur A. Denny Graduate Fellowship

1985: John Pine Memorial Award (Phi Alpha Theta)

1984: Claude R. Lambe Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University

1984: Newberry Library Fellow

1983: Washington Pioneer Daughters Scholarship

1974 & 1976: Phi Alpha Theta International Paper Prize Awards

1974: Honors Graduate, Central Washington State College

#### **Professional Affiliations:**

The Historical Society

Washington State Historical Society

Pacific Northwest Historians' Guild

Kittitas County Historical Society

Rodeo History Society (National Cowboy Hall of Fame)

Phi Alpha Theta International History Honorary Society

National Association of Scholars

Founder, Ellensburg Rodeo Hall of Fame Association

#### **Professional Service (non-UW Tacoma):**

2010: Referee, *Pacific Historical Quarterly*

2008-present: Trustee, Board of Trustees, Washington State Historical Society

2006-7: Program Chair, Pacific Northwest History Conference, Washington State Historical Society  
 2006-7: Interim Editor, *Pacific Northwest Quarterly*  
 2006: Referee, *Nevada Historical Quarterly*  
 2005: Referee, University of Nebraska Press  
 2005: Jurist, National Endowment for the Humanities Grants, Washington DC  
 2002-present: Judge, Washington State History Day Competition, Central Washington University  
 2002: Referee, *Oregon Historical Quarterly*  
 2002: Referee, Washington State University Press  
 2001: Local Arrangements and Program Co-Chair, Phi Alpha Theta Northwest Regional, UWT  
 1999: Local Arrangements Committee, Environmental History Association Conference, Tacoma, March, 2000  
 1997: Program Committee, Pacific Northwest History Conference  
 1996-present: Founder and Secretary, Ellensburg Rodeo Hall of Fame Association  
 1996-97 Manuscript Award Committee, Phi Alpha Theta International  
 1996: Program Committee, Western History Association, Denver Meeting  
 1996: Local Arrangements Committee: National Public History Association Meeting, Seattle  
 1995-present: Occasional Guest Editor, *Pacific Northwest Quarterly*  
 1995: Referee, *Journal of the Early Republic*  
 1995-present: National Rivers Hall of Fame Nominations Committee  
 1994, '98, 2004: Acting Editor, *Pacific Northwest Quarterly*  
 1994: Referee, *Oregon Historical Quarterly*  
 1993-96: Phi Alpha Theta Paper Prize Committee  
 1992, 1995: Judge, National History Day Competition  
 1992-present: Book Review Editor, *Pacific Northwest Quarterly*  
 1991-present: Founding Advisor, UWT's Alpha Zeta Gamma Chapter of *Phi Alpha Theta International History Honorary Society*  
 1991-93: Consultant, Mississippi River National Corridor Study (National Parks Service)  
 1990-present: Commentator, Phi Alpha Theta Regional Student Paper Sessions  
 1990-present: Board of Editors, *Pacific Northwest Forum*  
 1988-90: Consultant, *Always A River Project* (Ohio Commission for the Humanities)  
 1987: Referee, Minnesota Historical Society Press  
 1987: Consultant, Southern Illinois Riverwork Project  
 1985: Local Arrangements and Program Chair, Phi Alpha Theta Northwest Regional Conference, Seattle, WA.

**UW-Tacoma Professional Service:**

*Administrative:*

2009-present: History BA Coordinator  
2009-11: IAS Faculty Council  
2009-10: Student Affairs Veterans Affairs Work Group  
2005-2008: Interim Coordinator, Historical Studies &  
Faculty Rep AHA  
1998-2005: Coordinator, American Studies Concentration  
1997-2000: IAS Faculty Council  
2003-2004: Coordinator, General Studies Concentration

*Standing Committees:*

1997-present: Annual Pie Party Staff Appreciation  
Chair  
2003-2007: Outstanding Student Organization and Leader  
Selection  
2003-2006: Gift of Service Awards Selection  
2006: Educational Consultant (gratis), UW Tacoma  
Campus Security Force RAD (Rape Aggression Defense) Course  
2006: Chair, Distinguished Teaching Award Committee  
2000-2005: Student Conduct Advisory Committee  
1998-2005: Next-Step Scholarship Annual Awards  
1996-2005: Student & Activity Fees, ASUWT  
1995-2005: Admissions and Academic Standards (Chair,  
'96-'99)  
1990-1995: Commencement  
1990-95: Student Affairs (Chair 1990-95)  
1990-93: Speakers and Programs

*Ad Hoc Committees:*

2009-2010: Lead, History BA Degree proposal, UWT  
2008: Tenure and Promotion Chair (Dr. Luther Adams)  
2007-present: UWT Liaison, Muckleshoot Tribal College  
2006: Tenure and Promotion Member (Dr. Michael Kucher)  
2006: Full Professor Promotion Member (Dr. Julie  
Nicoletta)  
2006: Student Life Organizations Director Search  
2005-2007: Tenure and Promotion Chair (Dr. Guido  
Preparata)  
2005: Tenure and Promotion Member (Dr. Katie Baird)  
2003: Full Professor Promotion Member (Dr. Belinda  
Louie)  
2004: Tenure and Promotion Member (Dr. Joe Sharkey)  
2003: Tenure and Promotion Member (Dr. D. J. Parker,  
Business)  
2003: Full Professor Promotion Chair (Dr. Marcy Stein,  
Education)  
2003-present: UWT Honors Program Planning  
2002: Chair, Junior Faculty Third-year Review  
2001-2002: UWT Legal Education Task Force  
2000: Third Year Review Chair (Dr. D. J. Parker)  
2000: Economics Search (two concurrent searches)



1998-2000: UWT Founders' Endowment (Chair)  
 1999: Tenure and Promotion Chair (Dr. Julie Nicoletta)  
 1999: Campus Alcohol Policy Task Force  
 1998: UWS New Faculty Tour  
 1997: Psychology Search (two concurrent searches)  
 1996-97: UWT New Campus Grand Opening Planning  
 1996: All-Campus Conference  
 1996: Public History Search (Chair)  
 1996: Museum Studies and Public History Curriculum  
 Planning Group  
 1995: Annual Review Non-Tenured Nursing, Ed., and  
 Business Faculty  
 1994: Tenure and Promotion Chair (Dr. David Morris)  
 1994: Education Certification Search Committee  
 1993-present: Tenure and Promotion Committees  
 1993-present: Annual Review of Non-Tenured IAS Faculty  
 Committee  
 1992: Masters in Education Search Committee  
 1992-95: Education Liaison  
 1991: Masters in Education Planning Committee

*Other Services:*

2001-present: Founding Co-Advisor, UWT Pre-Law Society  
 2002-2005: Founding Advisor, UWT Rodeo Club  
 1995: Project Director, UWT History Project  
 1994: Exchange Professor, Tacoma Community College  
 1990-94: Community College Liaison  
 1990-94: Fall Orientation Planning  
 1993: Monuments Symposium speaker  
 1993-95: Founding Advisor, *UWT Independent Student*  
 Newspaper  
 1991: Campus Security Task Force and Security  
 Orientation  
 1990-95: Student Recruitment: Puyallup Fair, Ethnic  
 Fest, Olympic College, Green River College, Tacoma Community  
 College  
 1990-present: Founder and Advisor, UWT's *Alpha Zeta*  
*Gamma* Chapter of *Phi Alpha Theta* International History Honorary  
 Society  
 1990-present: Community Outreach Speaker (over thirty  
 public addresses)

**Community Service:**

1985-present:  
 Founding Director, Ellensburg Rodeo Hall of Fame  
 Co-Founder, Kittitas County Heritage Center  
 Association  
 Den Leader, Cub Scouts of America  
 Merit Bage Counselor, Boy Scouts of America  
 Public Schools volunteer

Oldtown Coop Pre-school volunteer  
St. Patrick's Middle School teaching volunteer  
Prison Awareness Program (Monroe Prison) Volunteer  
Lecturer: Elderhostel and Retirement Home Venues  
*Five-Alive* entertainment  
United Good Neighbors  
Food Bank  
Numerous nursing home and other volunteer magic shows  
Public Television and Radio Subscriber and Fundraiser  
CWU Alumni Association  
Ellensburg Rodeo Volunteer  
Guest speaker for Rotary, Kiwanis, Friday Club, and  
other service and business organizations and churches

**Personal:**

Three children: Jim, Davy, and Caroline Allen

**Non-Academic Interests:**

Amateur magician  
Travel  
Music (country and rock)  
Movies

**Non-Academic Work Experiences:**

1968-70: Artillery Sergeant, United States Marine Corps,  
Vietnam  
1970-74: Restaurant Cook  
1977-1981: Towboat Deckhand, Oil Tankerman, and Cook on  
Upper and Lower Mississippi, Illinois, St. Croix, Ouachita, and  
Arkansas rivers and the Gulf of Mexico.