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George Washington University	Ph.D. (History, 1972)
Ohio State University	Ph.D. Candidate (History)
University of Oklahoma	M.A. (Political Science)
University of Oklahoma	B.A. (History)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Academic

Distinguished Historian in Residence
American University, 1996 -

Adj. Professor in History
American University, 1986-1988, 1992-1995

Distinguished Visiting Professor in History
Arizona State University, January-June, 1992

Associate Professor in History
American University, 1991

Adj. Associate Professor in History
Tulane University, 1988-1990

Professorial Lecture to Adj. Associate Professor in History
George Washington University, 1970-1985

PUBLICATIONS

Articles and Book Chapters

"The Evolution of the National Security State; Ubiquitous and Endless," *The Long War: A New History of U.S. National Security Policy Since World War II*, ed. Andrew Bacevich (July, 2007).

"Continuity and Change in the Age of Unlimited Power," *Diplomatic History*, 2005

"Anna M. Rosenberg: An 'Honorary Man'", *Journal of Military History*, (January, 2004). [Mrs. Rosenberg was Assistant Secretary of Defense, 1950-1952]

"Continental Expansion and the Roots of American Foreign

Policy," *Journal of the West*, (2004)

"Caught in the Web of McCarthyism: Anna M. Rosenberg and the Senate Armed Services Committee," *Congress and the Presidency* (Autumn, 2003).

'Research Note: Operation Northwoods and the Covert War against Cuba, 1961-1963," *Cuban Studies*, 32, March 2002.

"Theodore Roosevelt, the Navy and U.S. Foreign Policy," *Theodore Roosevelt, the U.S. Navy and the Spanish-American War*, ed. Edward Marolda, 2001.

"Illuminating the Twilight Struggle: New Interpretations of the Cold War," (Review Essay) *Chronicle of Higher Education*, June 25, 1999.

"The Outsider as Insider: Reflections on the Kennedy Assassination Records Review Board," *The Public Historian*, Winter 1999.

"History with Holes: The CIA Reveals Its Past" (Review Essay) *Diplomatic History*, Summer 1998.

"The John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Review Board," *A Culture of Secrecy: The Government Versus the People's Right to Know*, Athan G. Theoharis, ed. 1998.

"The Importance of Foreign Policy Process: Eisenhower and the National Security Council," Ambrose/Bischoff, eds., *Eisenhower: A Centenary Assessment* 1995.

"George Aiken, Senator from Vermont," Michael Sherman, ed., *The Political Legacy of George D. Aiken, Wise Old Owl of the U.S. Senate*, 1995.

"The Ubiquitous Mr. Clifford," (Review Essay), *Diplomatic History*, Winter 1993.

"The Historian's Dilemma," *Understanding Congress: Research, Perspectives*, Government Printing Office, 1991.

"President Kennedy's National Security Policy: A Reassessment," *Reviews in American History*, March 1991.

"Government-Sponsored research: A Sanitized Past?" (Roundtable), *The Public Historian*, Summer 1988.

"John Foster Dulles and the Bipartisan Congress," *Political Science Quarterly*, , Spring, 1987

"The Committee on the Records of Government: An Assessment," *Government Information Quarterly*, Spring, 1987.

"Jane Storms Cazneau: Disciple of Manifest Destiny," *Prologue*, (Spring, 1986).

"President Truman and the Evolution of the National Security Council," *Journal of American History*, September, 1985.

" 'On Top of Policy Hill': President Eisenhower and the

National Security Council." *Diplomatic History*, Fall, 1983.

"The Public Documents Commission: Politics and Presidential Records," *Government Publications Review*, Vol. 9, 1982.

"Challenge of Documenting the Federal Government in the Latter 20th Century," *Prologue*, July, 1982.

"National Security I: Inventing A Process (1947-1960)," Heclo/Salamon, eds. *The Illusion of Presidential Government*. Westview Press, 1981.

"Destiny and Diplomacy, 1848-1865," Haynes/Walker, eds. *American Foreign Relations: A History: A Historiographical Review*. Greenwood Press, 1981

"Disorder in the House: The Inaccessible Record," *The Public Historian*, Summer, 1980.

"Government Historical Offices and Public Records," *American Archivist*, October, 1978

"Mission to Mexico: Moses Y. Beach, Secret Agent," *New-York Historical Society Quarterly*, July, 1975.

"Secret Agents and Security Leaks: James K. Polk and the Mexican War," *Journalism Quarterly*, Spring, 1975.

Edited Editions

The Policy Makers and the Formation of American Foreign Policy, 1947 to the Present, Rowman and Littlefield, 2008

State Department Policy Planning Staff Papers, 1947-1949 (3 vols.), Garland Press, 1983

The Records of Federal Officials, Garland Press, 1979.

Monographs

Secret Agents: President Polk and the Search for Peace with Mexico, Modern American History Series, Garland Press, 1988.

Presidents, Policy and Process: Five Case Studies of National Security Decisions. University of Kentucky Press (in progress)

Encyclopedias and Collections

Notable American Women Supplement, "Dorothy Fosdick" (2004).

Encyclopedia of American Foreign Policy, "National Security Council"

Encyclopedia of U.S. Foreign Relations, "Frank Carlucci."

American National Biography, "Robert Cutler," "Wayne Morse,"

Oxford Companion to United States History, "National Security Act of 1947; National Security Council Document #68.

Book Reviews

Chronicle of Higher Education, 2007; *American Historical Review*, 2008; *Pacific Historical Review*, (2007); *Journal of American History*, (2006); Roundtable Review, H-Diplo, October 19, 2006;); *Journal of American History* (2005); *Journal of American History* (December 2001); *American Historical Review*, (February 1995 and June 1996); *Diplomatic History*, (Winter, 1993); *Journal of American History*, (December, 1992); *Public Historian* (Summer, 1992); *American Historical Review*, (April, 1992); *Journal of American History*, (June, 1991); *Political Science Quarterly* (Spring, 1989); *Technology and Culture*, (April, 1989); *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, (January, 1989); *The Public Historian* (Summer 1988); *Journal of Southern History*, (Summer 1988); *Journal of Southern History*, (Summer 1988); *Annals of Iowa*, (Summer 1988); *American Archivist*, (Fall, 1988).

Professional Newsletters, Newspapers, Media,

Roundtable on Melvin Leffler's *For the Soul of Mankind*, SHAFR Newsletter, *Passport*, September 2008.

"Future of the CIA," *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, (Point of View), March 31, 1995.

"The U.S. Must Declassify Its Cold-War Documents," (with Richard H. Kohn), *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, (Point of View), September 16, 1992.

"Congress Must Harness NSC," *New Orleans Times-Picayune* July 14, 1989.

"Irrational Policies on Access to Government Records Are Undercutting Our Ability to Understand History," *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, (Point of View), September 28, 1988.

"Classified History," *Newsletter*, Organization of American Historians, August, 1984.

"In Support of History," *Perspectives* (American Historical Association Newsletter), February, 1984.

"History Without Historians," *Newsletter*, American Historical Association, February, 1978.

"Foreign Policy Records and Papers: A Case Study of One Group of Documents," *Newsletter*, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, June-December, 1977.

Interviews for Media

Interview, NPR, April 1, 2007 (Presidential Libraries)
Interview, Canadian Broadcasting TV, December 28 (Pres. Ford); NPR, December 18, 2004 (CIA); WAMU, December 17, 2003 (Diane Rhiems Show); Lehrer News Hour, January 6, 2002; CNN, February 27, 2002. (Both on the President's E.O. on presidential papers.) Interview, CNN (FRUS Document) July 1997; Interview, NPR, February 1996 (Declassification) Interview, CNN, June 1995 (Enola Gay and the Smithsonian Exhibit); Interview, WAMU, January 1995; Interview, Diane Rhiems Show, NPR, December 1994 (Enola Gay and the Smithsonian Exhibit).

Interviews related to JFK Records Review Board:

May 31, 1999, CBS Today Show; November 22, 1998, History Channel; Oct. 10, 1998, C-Spann, "Washington Journal"; Oct. 1, 1998, Channel 9 Morning News; Sept. 30, Canadian Radio; Sept. 29 & 30, Press Conferences on Board Report; Interview, June 1998, New Orleans NBC-TV Station; Interview, June, 1998, National Network Organization; Interview and Call-in Program, WGN, March, 1996.

PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

*** John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Review Board
(Presidential Appointment, Senate Confirmation), 1994-1998.

Department of State Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation (Representing the Organization of American Historians), 1992-1994.

GRANTS AND HONORS

Troyer Steele Anderson Prize for Advancement of the Purposes of the American Historical Association. 2009.

Public Policy Fellow, Woodrow Wilson Center, May-August, 2007

Lyndon B. Johnson Foundation Research Grant, 2003.

Coalition on Government Information, The James Madison Award, March 1999, for the work of the JFK Assassination Records Review Board.

Society for History in the Federal Government, Franklin Delano Roosevelt Prize, 1988, for the Advancement of Historical Study of

the Federal Government.

Lyndon B. Johnson Library, Research Grant 2006.

Harry S. Truman Library Institute, Research Grant, 1987

American Historical Association, Beveridge Grant, 1985

TEACHING FIELDS

History of United States Foreign Policy

From 1914 -

U.S. National Security Policy since World War II

19th Century U.S. Diplomatic History and the Cultural Roots
of U.S. Foreign Policy

History of Intelligence and Espionage in the U.S. from 1914 -
U.S. Discovers the Middle East

Research Methods for Historians of 19th and 20th Century America

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Speech, Women Historians in SHAFR Breakfast (*The Pleasure (and Pain) of Writing About Powerful Women in Foreign Affairs.*) Society for Historians of American Foreign Policy, June 23, 2007

Comment, Panel (Toward a Reaganite Foreign Policy), Society for Historians of American Foreign Policy, June 23, 2007

Panel Participant (Presidential Libraries), American Historical Society, January 6, 2007

Participant, Symposium on Presidential and Congressional Papers, The John Brademas Center for the Study of Congress, October, 2005.

Panel Participant, 9/11 and Foreign Policy, Society for Historians of American Foreign Policy, June 2004

Panel Participant, National FOIA Day, March 2004

Preston Lecture, Hotchkiss School, February 2004

Panel Participant, Library of Congress, Re-Evaluating the Nixon/Ford/Kissinger Era, June 2003

Panel/Comment, The Reagan presidency, March, 2002.

Paper, Society of Military History, April 2002 (Asst. Sec of Def. Rosenberg).

Panel Participant, Conference on Cuban Missile Crisis on its 40th Anniversary, Havana, Cuba, October 10-14, 2002.

Paper, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, June 2000 (NSC 68 as a case study).

Speech, University of Iowa, March 2000 (Cold War Secrecy).

Paper, Conference, Akademie Fur Politische Bildung, Tutzing, Germany, June 1999, (Opening the Door to Intelligence History, 1960-1964).

Paper, Conference, the Journal of Policy History, May, 1999

(Process as Policy: the Case of NSC 68).

Paper, Navy Heritage Foundation, October 1998 (Foreign Policy of Theodore Roosevelt and the War with Spain).

Paper, University of Connecticut in tribute to Thomas Paterson October 1998 (Obsessed with Cuba: New Documents from the Kennedy Era).

Paper, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, June 1998 (NSC 10: The Cold War and the Origins of Covert Action).

Panel, National Security Agency, October 31, 1997, (Executive Order 12958).

Lecture, Central European University, Budapest, (Confronting History) October 1, 1997.

Paper, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, June 1997 (Origins of National Security State)

Panel on Importance of Political History, Organization of American Historians, April 1997.

Panel, Presidential Records, Jimmie Carter Presidential Library, February 1997.

Panel, "Walking a Tightrope, Exhibit Design in the 90's, (Enola Gay exhibit), Society for Environmental Graphic Design, June 1996

Roundtable on Access, Commission on Protecting and Reducing Government Secrecy, (Moynihan Commission) May 1996.

Panel, "Open Secrets: An Interim Report of the John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Review Board," Organization of American Historians, March, 1996.

Panel, "The Enola Gay Exhibit: Should the Smithsonian Satisfy Everyone?" The American University and National Public Radio, December, 1994.

Panel, "The Outsider as Insider: The Historian as Adviser," American Society For Legal History, October 1994.

Panel, Research, Records, and Declassification, Central Intelligence Agency, March 1994.

Lecture, Wilson's Foreign Policy, Smithsonian Associates, October 1993.

Paper, "Rethinking NSC 68," Seminar on the Cold War, Institute of Policy Studies, Washington D.C., October 1991.

Paper, "George Aiken: Senator from Vermont," Aiken Lecture Series Conference, October 1991.

Lecture, Eisenhower Center of the University of New Orleans, October 1990.

Guest Lecturer, Foreign Relations Association of New Orleans, April 1990. (The Evolution of the American Foreign Policy Process from Roosevelt to Reagan)

Paper, American Historical Association, December 1989,

(Kennedy's National Security Policy: A Reassessment)

Panel, Society of American Archivists, October, 1989, (Changing Nature of Documentation and its Impact on Historical Research in Diplomatic History).

Paper, Researching Congress: The Paradox of Sources, (A Bicentennial Research Conference on Congress), 1989.

Paper, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, June 1988, (Before the National Security Adviser: Did the NSC Matter?)

Lecture, Themes in American Diplomacy, Foreign Service Institute, May 1988.

Participant, West Point Symposium on the Theory and Practice of National Security, 1960-1968, March 1988.

Panel Participant, Joint Meeting of the National Council on Public History and the Society for History in the Federal Government, April 1987 (Academic v. Government Sponsored Research).

Address, Friends of the Library, Johns Hopkins University, February, 1987 (Research and Government Information Policy).

Paper, Organization of American Historians, April 1986 (Dulles, Eisenhower and the Bipartisan Congress)

Panel Participant, University of California, San Diego Colloquium, April 1986, (Impact of federal information policy on research).

Paper, Society of American Archivists, October 1985, (Committee on the Records of Government).

Panel Participant, American Society of Access Professionals, October, 1985, (Historians and access to government records).

Paper, National Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators, August, 1985 (Public Records)

Hewlett Lecture, Society for History in the Federal Government, September, 1984.

Paper, Conference on the First Amendment, Michigan Law School, April, 1984. (Writing history under current regulations on declassification)

Address, Chairs of Departments of History, North Carolina Institute of History, October, 1983. (Teaching contemporary research).

Paper, Conference on the Truman Presidency, Hofstra University, April, 1983 (Truman and the NSC)

Keynote Address, South Atlantic Archives and Records Administrators, March, 1983.

Paper, Organization of American Historians, April, 1982. (Eisenhower and the NSC).

Paper, Society of American Archivists, September 1981 (Public Documents Commission and Presidential Records Act)

Participant, Miller Center Roundtable, University of Virginia, June, 1980. ("The Presidency in the International Environment.")

Paper, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, August, 1978. (Jane S. Cazneau and American Expansionism)

Paper, Conference on War and Diplomacy, The Citadel, March 1977. (The Records of the NSC, 1952-56)

Participant, New Harmony Conference on Access to the Papers of Recent Public Figures, October 1976.

ORGANIZATIONS

Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations
Council (elected) 2005-2007
Nominating Committee (elected), 1995-98 (Chair, 1998)
Editorial Board, *Diplomatic History*, 1991-1993
Committee on Documentation, 1989-91

Policy Board, National Coalition for History, 2003-

National Council of Public History
Editorial Board, *The Public Historian*, 1991-1993
Chair, Publications Committee, 1985-89
Executive Committee, 1984-1986

Society for History in the Federal Government
Nomination Committee, 2003
Executive Committee, 1980, 1993-96.

Commission on Preservation and Access
Scholarly Advisory Committee on History, 1989-1990

American Historical Association
Joint Committee of Historians and Archivists, 1989-91
Member (elected), Research Division, 1986-88
Congressional Fellowship Committee, 1984

Organization American Historians
Member, Richard Leopold Prize Committee, 2003,
Committee on Access, 1982-1988
Joint Committee of Historians and Archivists, 1982-1984,
(Chair, 1983)
Frederick Jackson Turner Prize Committee, 1980

Advisory Committee on Records, American Institute of Physics,
1978-80.

Other Professional Activities

NSEP/Boren Scholarship Committee, American University, 2005,2007

Council for International Exchange of Scholars, Discipline Advisory
Committee in American History, 1995-1996.

Committee on Fulbright Applicants, Stone Center for Latin American
Studies, Tulane University, 1989.

Faculty, NEH Summer Seminar for College Teachers, 1984.

Testimony before Congressional Committees for AHA and OAH on

Access to Public Records and Archival Policy. November 12, 1981; March 10, 1982; June 28, 1983; September 9, 1986; September 17, 1986; October 19, 2001; March 1, 2007; April 16, 2008.

Reviewer and/or Panel Participant, National Endowment of the Humanities, 1983, 1987, 1988, 1990, 1991, 1997.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE
Concurrent Non-Academic Positions

Consultant, Historical Division, Army Corps of Engineers, 1985-89
Prepared a book length manuscript on the history of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army/Civil Works. Book based upon research in federal records and manuscript collections as well as oral interviews.

Project Director, Committee on the Records of Government
July 1983-April 1985.
Chief investigator, administrator, and author with Committee Chairman Ernest R. May of the final report of a foundation funded study sponsored by ACLS, SSRC, and CLR. Creation of the Committee was prompted by a concern for the effect of technological changes (principally computers) on public records and archives.

Historical Consultant, National Academy of Public Administration
Panel, "The Role of the president in managing the Federal Government," 1979-80.
Organized and coordinated research under direction of Hugh Heclo in four presidential libraries and the National Archives for a group of political scientists preparing issue papers for panel meetings, and books and articles for publication. Prepared chapter for publication on the president and the National Security Council, 1947-1961.

Consultant, Congressional Research Service (Foreign Affairs and National Defense), Library of Congress, September 1978-January, 1979. Researched material in presidential libraries and private manuscript collections for a report on the role of Congress in the Vietnam War. Also conducted oral interviews with former members of Congress and former members of the Executive.

Research Associate, National Study Commission on Records and Documents of Federal Officials, June 1976-May 1977.
Initiated and prepared two studies for the Commission; a study of foreign policy records and papers, and a study of government historical offices and public records. Also prepared a study of the federal depository library program, assisted the director in conducting panels and public hearings and assisted in writing and editing the first and subsequent drafts of the Commission report.

