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EDUCATION:

Ph.D., European History, University of Virginia, 1993
(Dissertation: *The Uses of Reform: "Godly Discipline" and Popular Behavior in Scotland and the Wider European Context, 1560-1610*)
Dissertation advisors: Martin Havran and H.C.E. Midelfort

M.A., European History, University of Virginia, 1988
(Thesis: *Beyond The Pale: Canal Boatmen and the Victorian Conscience*)
Thesis advisors: Nicholas Edsall and Lenard Berlanstein

B.A., English Language and Literature, University of Virginia, 1982
(Managing Editor, *Cavalier Daily*)

Certificate, German as a Foreign Language, Goethe Institute, Göttingen, Germany,
Summer 1988

MAJOR FIELDS:

Tudor-Stuart Britain, Early Modern Northern Europe, 1500-1815

MINOR FIELDS:

Medieval England, Modern Britain

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

University of Akron, Akron, Ohio

Emeritus Professor of History, 2025-

Professor of History (with tenure) 2009-2025

Associate Professor of History (with tenure) 1999-2009

Assistant Professor of History, 1995-99

Courses: Tudor-Stuart Britain (graduate and upper-level undergraduate)
 The Reformation (graduate and upper-level undergraduate)
 England to 1688 (survey)
 Europe from Renaissance to Religious War (upper-level undergraduate)
 Europe from Absolutism to Revolution (upper-level undergraduate)
 Hunting Witches in Early Modern Europe (upper-level undergraduate)
 Historical Methods (upper-level undergraduate)

Humanities in the Western Tradition (general education requirement)
Reading Seminar in Early Modern European History (graduate)
Writing Seminar in Early Modern European History (graduate)
Graduate Research Seminar (graduate)
Teaching Practicum (graduate)

Coker College, Hartsville, South Carolina

Assistant Professor of History, 1993-5

Courses: Western Civilization to 1600
Western Civilization since 1600
Renaissance Europe
Reformation Europe
The Contemporary World
Tudor-Stuart Britain

Also edited institutional self-study, 1994-5

Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Va.

Visiting Instructor of History, 1992-3

Courses: European Civilization 1300-1815
World Civilization 1815-present

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va.

Instructor of History, Summers 1990-1, Spring 1991, Spring 1993

Courses: Western Civilization 1600-present
Majors' Seminar on European Apocalypticism, 1500-1700

Teaching Assistant, 1987-89: British History survey

MAJOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

University of Akron, Akron Ohio

Course director, The Humanities in the Western Tradition, 1999-2007, 2016-7
(Redesigned major general education course and coordinated its instruction,
involving approximately 22 part- and full-time faculty)

Director of graduate studies, History Department, 2009-14

PUBLICATIONS:

Books:

The Blasphemies of Thomas Aikenhead: Boundaries of Belief on the Eve of the Enlightenment,
(Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2008) (Paperback edition, 2013)

The Uses of Reform: "Godly Discipline" and Popular Behavior in Scotland and Beyond, 1560-1610, (Leiden and New York: E.J. Brill, 1996) (winner of Roland Bainton Prize from

Sixteenth Century Studies Conference)

Articles and essays:

- “The Afterlives of Thomas and Jean Weir” in Martha McGill and Alasdair Raffe, eds, *The Scottish State and the Experience of Government, c. 1560-1707* (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2025), 259-276.
- “Punching Back Against Patriarchy: The Story of Jean Weir” in Janay Nugent, Cathryn Spence and Mairi Cowan, eds, *Gender in Scotland, 1200-1800: Place, Faith and Politics* (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2024), 48-61.
- “The Theory and Practice of Church Discipline,” in William Ian Hazlett, ed., *A Companion to the Reformation in Scotland, ca. 1525-1638: Frameworks of Change and Development* (Leiden and Boston: E.J. Brill, 2022), 420-440.
- “‘Doctrein’ or ‘Filthie Speachis’: The St Andrews Ministers and the Politics of the 1590s,” in Chris Langley, Catherine McMillan and Russell Newton, eds., *The Clergy in Early Modern Scotland* (Woodbridge: Boydell and Brewer, 2021), 130-150.
- (with Whitney A.M. Leeson, James Ogier, Kathryn Brammall, Greta G. Kroeker, Jennifer Selwyn, Myrna I.W. Fuentes and Janis M. Gibbs), “Experiential Learning In and Out of the Classroom,” *Sixteenth Century Journal* 46 (2015), 1009-32.
- (with Gretchen E. Minton), “The Word as an Artifact of Remembrance: John Bradford, Joyce Hales and a Bible,” *Reformation* 18 (2013), 64-83.
- “Kirk in Danger: Presbyterian Political Divinity in Two Eras,” in Bridget Heal and Ole Peter Grell, eds., *The Impact of the European Reformation: Princes, Clergy and People*, (Aldershot: Ashgate, 2008), 167-186.
- “The Scottish Reformation,” in Norman Jones and Robert Tittler, eds., *A Companion to Tudor Britain*, (London: Blackwell, 2004), 289-306.
- “Conflict and Sacred Space in Reformation-era Scotland,” *Albion* 33 (2001), 371-87.
- "The Reformation in Scotland," in Andrew Pettegree, ed., *The Reformation World*, (London: Routledge, 2000), 410-30.
- "Women and the Church Courts in Reformation-era Scotland," in Elizabeth Ewan and Maureen Meikle, eds., *Women in Scotland, c. 1100 - c. 1750*, (East Linton: Tuckwell, 1999), 187-198.
- “A King’s Impossible Dream,” (Review article), *Virginia Quarterly Review* 75 (1999), pp. 192-6.

"Knox on Discipline: Conversionary Zeal, or Rose-tinted Nostalgia?" in Roger Mason, ed., *John Knox and the British Reformations*, (Aldershot: Ashgate, 1998), pp. 268-85.

"Review Article: Back to the Political Narrative in Early Modern France," *Sixteenth Century Journal* 27 (1996), pp. 1065-71

"Bury St. Edmunds: A Reassessment of Town-Abbey Relations," in June Burton and Carolyn White, eds., *Essays in European History* 2, (Lanham, Md.: University Press of America, 1996), pp. 95-132

"Social Discipline in Scotland, 1560-1610," in Raymond Mentzer, ed., *Sin and the Calvinists: Morals Control and the Consistory in the Reformed Tradition*, (Kirkville, Mo.: Thomas Jefferson University Press, 1994), pp. 129-57

"The Civil Sword and the Scottish Kirk in the Late Sixteenth Century," in W. Fred Graham, ed., *Later Calvinism: An International Perspective*, (Kirkville, Mo.: Thomas Jefferson University Press, 1994), pp. 237-48

"Equality Before the Kirk? Church Discipline and the Elite in Reformation-era Scotland," *Archiv für Reformationsgeschichte/Archive for Reformation History* 84 (1993), pp. 289-310. Reprinted in Andrew Pettegree, ed., *Reformation: Critical Concepts in Historical Studies*, 4 vols., (London: Routledge, 2004)

"Toward a New Biography of John Foxe," *Essays In History* 32, (University of Virginia, 1989) pp. 52-68

Reviews:

Andrew Thomson, *Church Courts and the People in Seventeenth-Century England: Ecclesiastical Justice in Peril at Winchester, Worcester and Wells*, *Journal of British Studies* 63 (2024), 471-3

Bess Rhodes, *Riches and Reform: Ecclesiastical Wealth in St Andrews, c. 1520-1580*, *Sixteenth Century Journal* 54 (2022), 225-67.

Lena Liapi, *Roguary in Print: Crime and Culture in Early Modern London*, *Sixteenth Century Journal* 52 (2021), 147-9.

Lizanne Henderson, *Witchcraft and Folk Belief in the Age of Enlightenment: Scotland, 1670–1740*, *Journal of British Studies* 56 (2017), 638-9.

Jane E.A. Dawson, *John Knox*, *Catholic Historical Review* 103 (2017), 134-5.

Steve Boardman and Julian Goodare, eds., *Kings, Lords and Men in Scotland and Britain, 1300-*

- 1625: Essays in Honour of Jenny Wormald*, *Sixteenth Century Journal* 47 (2016), 191-3.
- Liv Helene Willumsen, *Witches of the North: Scotland and Finnmark*, *Sixteenth Century Journal* 46 (2015), 1052-3
- Laurence A.B. Whitley, *A Great Grievance: Ecclesiastical Lay Patronage in Scotland Until 1750*, *Journal of Scottish Historical Studies* 35 (2015), 119-20.
- Keith Brown and Alan MacDonald, eds., *The History of the Scottish Parliament, Volume 3: Parliament in Context, 1235-1707*, *Sixteenth Century Journal* 45 (2014), 204-5.
- The Perth Kirk Session Books, 1577-1590*, ed. Margo Todd, *English Historical Review* 129 (2014), 444-6.
- Audrey-Beth Fitch, *The Search for Salvation: Lay Faith in Scotland, 1480-1560*, *Journal of British Studies* 50 (2011), 721-2.
- Gillian H. MacIntosh, *The Scottish Parliament Under Charles II, 1660-1685*, *Sixteenth Century Journal* 41 (2010), 889-90.
- Alison Cathcart, *Kinship and Clientage: Highland Clanship, 1451-1609*, *Sixteenth Century Journal* 40 (2009), 852-3.
- Elizabethanne Boran and Crawford Gribben, eds., *Enforcing Reformation in Ireland and Scotland, 1550-1700*, *Journal of British Studies* 46 (2007), 658-9.
- Retha Warnicke, *Mary Queen of Scots*, *Sixteenth Century Journal* 38 (2007), 885-7.
- Keith Brown and Alastair Mann, eds., *The History of the Scottish Parliament. Volume 2: Parliament and Politics in Scotland, 1567-1707*, *Sixteenth Century Journal* 38 (2007), 1135-6.
- Maureen Meikle, *A British Frontier? Lairds and Gentlemen in the Eastern Borders, 1540-1603*, *Sixteenth Century Journal* 38 (2007), 279-80.
- J.H. Burton and David Masson, original editors, *The Register of the Privy Council of Scotland, 1545-1625*, 14 CDs, *Sixteenth Century Journal* 37 (2006), 602-4.
- Keith Brown and Roland Tanner, eds., *The History of the Scottish Parliament: Volume I: Parliament and Politics in Scotland 1235-1560*, *Sixteenth Century Journal* 37 (2006), 512-3.
- David Como, *Blown by the Spirit: Puritanism and the Emergence of an Antinomian Underground in Pre-Civil-War England*, *Histoire Sociale/Social History* 38 (2005), 133-4.

- John Guy, *Queen of Scots: The True Life of Mary Stuart*, *Sixteenth Century Journal* 36 (2005), 1173-5.
- Robert Anderson, Michael Lynch and Nicholas Phillipson, *The University of Edinburgh: An Illustrated History*, *Sixteenth Century Journal* 36 (2005), 881-2.
- Neil Davidson, *Discovering the Scottish Revolution, 1692-1746*, *Scottish Historical Review* 84 (2005), 113-4.
- Margo Todd, *The Culture of Protestantism in Early Modern Scotland*, *Sixteenth Century Journal* 35 (2004), 637-8.
- Jane E.A. Dawson, *The Politics of Religion in the Age of Mary, Queen of Scots: The Earl of Argyll and the Struggle for Britain and Ireland*, *Albion* 35 (2003), 554-6.
- Julian Goodare and Michael Lynch, eds, *The Reign of James VI*, *Sixteenth Century Journal* 33 (2002), 894-5.
- Rosalind Mitchison, *The Old Poor Law in Scotland*, *Albion* 33 (2001), 539-40.
- Sally Mapstone and Juliette Wood, eds., *The Rose and the Thistle: Essays on the Culture of Late Medieval and Renaissance Scotland*, *Sixteenth Century Journal* 31 (2000), 605-7.
- Anna Bryson, *From Courtesy to Civility: Changing Codes of Conduct in Early Modern England*, *American Historical Review* 105 (2000), 608-9.
- Jamie Cameron, *James V: The Personal Rule, 1528-1542*, *Sixteenth Century Journal* 30 (1999), 1190-1
- J.G. Bellamy, *The Criminal Trial in Later Medieval England*, *Sixteenth Century Journal* 30 (1999), 904-5
- David Stevenson, *Scotland's Last Royal Wedding: The Marriage of James VI and Anne of Denmark*, *Albion* 30 (1998), pp. 394-5
- Linda Pollock, *With Faith and Physic. The Life of a Tudor Gentlewoman: Lady Grace Mildmay, 1552-1620*, *Sixteenth Century Journal* 27 (1996), pp. 601-2
- Patrick Collinson, *Elizabethan Essays*, *Sixteenth Century Journal* 26 (1995), p. 998
- R. James Goldstein, *The Matter of Scotland: Historical Narrative in Medieval Scotland*, *Sixteenth Century Journal* 25 (1994), pp. 934-5
- Frank Tallett, *War and Society in Early-Modern Europe, 1495-1715*, *Sixteenth Century Journal* 25 (1994), pp. 469-70

Ian Gentles, *The New Model Army in England, Scotland and Ireland*, *Sixteenth Century Journal* 24 (1993), pp. 725-6

Other:

Contributor/participant in published roundtable discussion "The Concept of Social Disciplining and its Applicability in Current Historiographical Debate," *Colloquia: Journal of Central European Studies* 10-11 (2003-4), pp. 70-85.

Teaching-oriented publications:

General editor of *The Humanities in the Western Tradition: A Reader* (Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2001, 2006), a sourcebook designed for the Humanities in the Western Tradition course at the University of Akron. I contributed a general introduction to the 2006 edition and introductions to the selections from Homer's *Iliad*, Ovid's *Art of Love*, Augustine's *Confessions*, Calvin's "Genevan Ecclesiastical Ordinances", Hobbes' *Leviathan*, Locke's *Second Treatise on Government* and Beccaria's *On Crimes and Punishments* in all editions.

Journalism/columns:

"Americans Should Pay Attention to U.K. Election on July 4," *Akron Beacon Journal*, June 30, 2024.

"What Can Iconoclasm Tell Us About Confederate Monuments," *Akron Beacon Journal*, July 5, 2020.

"Lessons from Scotland's Failed Experiment with Federalism," *The Atlantic* (online), September 23, 2014.

"Scotland Confronts its Future," *Akron Beacon Journal*, July 7, 2014.

PRESENTATIONS:

Papers and visiting seminars:

"Witchcraft and Sexual Abuse in Early Modern Scotland," Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Baltimore, MD, October 2023

"Punching Back Against the Patriarchy: the Case of Jean Weir", Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Minneapolis MN, October 2022

"The Afterlives of Thomas and Jean Weir", Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, St. Louis MO, October 2019

- “‘Doctrein’ or ‘Filthie Speiches’? The St. Andrews Ministers and the Politics of the 1590s”, Scottish History Seminar, University of Edinburgh, May 2019
- “Politicized Pastors: The Clergy of St Andrews in the late Sixteenth Century”, North American Conference on British Studies, Providence RI, October 2018
- “Reading Reginald Scot in Scotland”, Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Bruges, Belgium, August 2016
- “John Knox in 1554: Live-blogging the Marian Crackdown”, Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Vancouver, BC, October 2015
- “John Knox and the Sixteenth-century Media”, John Knox at 500 Conference, Sponsored by King University and the Presbyterian Heritage Center, Montreat, NC, March 2014
- “Printing Reginald Scot’s *Discoverie of Witchcraft*”, Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico, October 2013
- “Which Scot? The Many Uses of *The Discoverie of Witchcraft* (1584)”, Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Cincinnati OH, October 2012
- “Sectarian Discourse in the Cause of Moderation: Reginald Scot and Demonological Skepticism”, Workshop on “Voices of Moderatism in the Atlantic World, 1600-2010”, Sponsored by the Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, University of Edinburgh, March 2011
- “Keeping the Novelties Out: Scotland and the Marketplace of Ideas in Williamite Britain”, North American Conference on British Studies, Baltimore, MD, November 2010
- “The Word as an Artifact of Remembrance: John Bradford, Joyce Hales and a Bible”, Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Montreal, October 2010
- “What Kind of Paper Was the *Athenian Mercury*?”, Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, St. Louis, MO, October 2008
- “Kirk in Danger: Presbyterian Political Divinity in Two Eras”, Conference on “The Reformation: The Church and the Clergy”, sponsored by Reformation Studies Institute, University of St Andrews and the Renaissance and Early Modern Research Group, The Open University, held at the University of St Andrews, Scotland, May 2006
- “Why Did Scotland Need a New Statute Against Blasphemy in 1695?”, Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Toronto, October 2004
- “The Execution of Thomas Aikenhead: Aftermath,” Scottish Studies Seminar, University of Glasgow, Scotland, May 2003

"The Strange Case of Thomas Aikenhead," St Andrews Reformation Studies Institute, University of St Andrews, Scotland, May 2003

"Public Opinion and the Execution of Thomas Aikenhead." North American Conference on British Studies, Baltimore, MD, November 2002

"The Blasphemies of Thomas Aikenhead: The Boundaries of Belief on the Eve of the Enlightenment," Southeastern American Conference on Eighteenth Century Studies, Savannah, GA, March 2000

"Sin and Crime in Early Modern Scotland," Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Toronto, October 1998

"Corporate Body, Body of Christ: Courts and Order in the Sixteenth-century Canongate," Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Atlanta, GA, October 1997

"Knox on Discipline: Revolutionary Zeal or Rose-tinted Nostalgia," Conference on "John Knox and the British Reformations," Institute for Scottish Studies, University of St Andrews, Scotland, July 1997

"Witchcraft and the Church Courts in Reformation-era Scotland," Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, St. Louis, MO, October 1996

"Center, Periphery, and Amity With England in Late Sixteenth-century Scotland," North American Conference on British Studies, Chicago, IL, October 1996

"Conflict Resolution and Sacred Space in Reformation Scotland," North American Conference on British Studies, Washington, D.C., October 1995

"Scottish Social Discipline 1560-1610: Successes and Failures," Sixteenth Century Studies Conference/Midwest Conference on British Studies, Toronto, October 1994

"Reformed Social Discipline and Gender: Was There a Double Standard?," Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, St. Louis, MO, December 1993

"The Anglo-Scottish Debate Over Discipline in the Late Sixteenth Century," Carolinas Symposium on British Studies, Morgantown, WV, October 1993

"The Civil Sword and the Scottish Kirk in the Sixteenth Century," Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Philadelphia PA, October 1991

"Equality Before the Kirk? Calvinist Discipline and the Elite in Reformation-era Scotland," American Society for Church History, Richmond, VA, April 1991

"A New Look at an Old Case: Bury St. Edmunds and the Rising of 1381," Carolinas Symposium

on British Studies, Harrisonburg, VA, October, 1988

Commentaries:

“Social Norms and Exemptions in Sixteenth-Century Scotland”, Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Cincinnati OH, October 2012

“Reformation of the Book I: Scriptural Paratexts,” Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, St. Louis, MO, October 2008

“Gender and Representation in Early Modern Religion,” Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Cleveland, OH, November 2000

“Wee Women and Big Issues: The Integration of Gender Into Scottish Social History,” Midwest Conference on British Studies, Cincinnati, OH, October 2000

“Social Regulation in Early Modern Scotland,” Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Toronto, October 1998

"Community and Coercion in Early Modern Europe," Ohio Academy of History, Delaware OH, April 1996

Roundtable Participation:

“Experiential Learning In and Out of the Classroom”, Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Vancouver, BC, October 2015

Lectures/presentations:

Guest lecturer on topic “Discipline in the Reformation” for NEH Institute for High School Teachers “Making Sense of the Reformation” at the Henry Meeter Center, Calvin College, July 2009.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS:

Visiting Fellowship, Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, University of Edinburgh, Scotland, January-June 2011

National Endowment for the Humanities, summer seminar grant recipient/participant, Antwerp and Oxford, 2007 (Topic: The Reformation of the Book, 1450-1700)

Elected Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, May 2003

James Cameron Faculty Fellowship, Institute for Reformation Studies, University of St Andrews,

Scotland, winter/spring 2003

Faculty Research Grants, University of Akron, summer 2011, summer 2002 and summer 1996

College of Arts and Sciences Service Award, University of Akron, 2002

Sally A. Miller Center Humanities Grant, University of Akron, 2000

Roland Bainton Prize, 1997 (awarded by Sixteenth Century Studies Conference for best book published in 1996 examining some aspect of the history of the period 1450-1660)

National Endowment for the Humanities, summer seminar grant recipient/participant, Duke University, 1995 (Topic: Religious Reform and Societal Change in the Sixteenth Century)

National Endowment for the Humanities, summer institute grant recipient/participant, Claremont Humanities Center, 1993 (Topic: Society and Religion in Early Modern Britain)

Carl S. Meyer Prize, 1992 (awarded by Sixteenth Century Studies Conference for best paper presented at the annual meeting of the conference by a graduate student or a person who has received the Ph.D. within the previous five years)

John Snell Memorial Essay Prize, 1988 (awarded by Southern Historical Association for best seminar paper on a European topic by a graduate student at a southern university)

Graduate Student Essay Prize, 1988 Carolinas Symposium On British Studies

Governor's Fellowships, University of Virginia, 1986-87, 1992-3

Summer Foreign Language Fellowship, University of Virginia, 1988

Academic Enhancement Program Fellowships, University of Virginia, 1989-92