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Academic Appointments

Senior Research Fellow, Homerton College, University of Cambridge, 2005-
 Presidential Distinguished Professor, Emory University School of Law, 1997-2005.
 Distinguished Historian in Residence, American University, 1995-96.
 James Pinckney Harrison Visiting Professor of History, The College of William and Mary, 1994-1995.
 Visiting Distinguished Professor of History, The Cooper Union, New York, N.Y., 1992-1993.
 Senior Fellow, The Twentieth Century Fund, New York, N.Y., 1991-1993.
 Visiting Fellow, Virginia Center for the Humanities, Charlottesville, Va., 1991.
 Professor, City College of New York and the City University Graduate Center, 1987-91.
 Associate Professor, City College of New York and the City University Graduate Center, 1984-1987.
 Visiting Fellow, Joint Center for Political Studies, Washington, D.C., 1984.
 Assistant Professor, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 1980-1984.
 Visiting Member, School of Social Science, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, N.J., 1979-1980.
 Instructor, Duke University, 1978-1979.

Publications

Books

Liberty and Sexuality: The Right to Privacy and the Making of Roe v. Wade. New York: Macmillan, 1994; Berkeley: University of California Press updated & expanded paperback, 1998.
Bearing the Cross: Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. New York: William Morrow & Co., 1986; Vintage Books paperback, 1987; Harper Perennial paperback, 2004; London: Jonathan Cape, Ltd., 1988; Vintage Books paperback, 1993.
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 - St. Augustine, Florida, 1963-1964: Mass Protest and Racial Violence*. (Vol. 10).
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- The Martin Luther King, Jr., FBI File*. Frederick, Md.: University Publications of America, 1984. (Microfilm, 16 reels). Part II: *The King-Levison File*, 1987. (Microfilm, 9 reels).
- Protest in Selma: A Documentary Collection*. Birmingham: Alabama Center for Higher Education, 1980.

Major Academic Articles

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- "Significant Risks: *Gonzales v. Carhart* and the Future of Abortion Law," *Supreme Court Review 2007* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2008): 1-50.
- "Bad Behavior Makes Big Law: Southern Malfeasance and the Expansion of Federal Judicial Power, 1954-1968," *St. Johns Law Review* 82 (Winter 2008): 1-38.
- "The Evolution of Affirmative Action and the Necessity of Truly Individualized Admissions Decisions," *Journal of College and University Law* 34 (2007): 1-19. (Reprinted as "Affirmative Action and the U. S. Black Freedom Struggle," in Marvin Krislov, et al., eds., *The Next Twenty Five Years? Affirmative Action and Higher Education in the United States and South Africa* (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2009, pp. 35-49).
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- Michael L. Kurtz, *Crime of the Century: The Kennedy Assassination from A Historian's Perspective*, in *The Historian* 47 (February 1985): 303-304.
- Nicole Ball & Milton Leitenberg, eds., *The Structure of the Defense Industry*, in *Perspective* 13 (March 1984): 41.
- Mary Cornelia Potter & G. Alan Tarr, eds., *State Supreme Courts*, in the *American Political Science Review* 77 (December 1983): 1050-51.
- Stephen Oates, *Let the Trumpet Sound: The Life of Martin Luther King, Jr.*, in the *South Atlantic Quarterly* 82 (Summer 1983): 328-330.
- Mary Aickin Rothschild, *A Case of Black and White*, in the *Journal of American History* 70 (June 1983): 203-204.
- Gary Wills, *The Kennedy Imprisonment: A Meditation on Power*, in the *Southern Humanities Review* 17 (Spring 1983): 201-202.
- Richard Neely, *How Courts Govern America*, in the *American Political Science Review* 76 (September 1982): 667-668.

Honors and Awards

- M.A., University of Cambridge, 2009. (The Cambridge M.A. is awarded for service to the collegiate university.)
- 1995 Distinguished Alumnus Award, Wesleyan University.
- Project Award from The Twentieth Century Fund to support the research and writing of *Liberty and Sexuality*, 1991-1993.
- Individual Grant from the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities to support research for *Liberty and Sexuality*, 1991.
- 1989 Julia Cherry Spruill Prize for the best published work in southern women's history (Co-Winner), for *The Montgomery Bus Boycott and the Women Who Started It*.

- 1988 G. Wesley Johnson Award of the National Council on Public History for the year's best journal article, for "FBI Political Harassment."
- 1987 Pulitzer Prize in Biography, for *Bearing the Cross*.
Seventh Annual Robert F. Kennedy Book Award, for *Bearing the Cross*.
- 1987 Harvey Kantor Memorial Award for "Outstanding Work in Oral History," for *Bearing the Cross*.
- 1987 Gustavus Myers Human Rights Book Award (Co-Winner with Derrick Bell and John Dower), for *Bearing the Cross*.
- Individual Grant from the Eisenhower World Affairs Institute to support my research on Dr. King and civil rights during the 1950s, 1985-1986.
- Individual Grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Association for State and Local History to support my research on the Albany (Ga.) Movement, January 1984-December 1985.
- Individual Grant from the Ford Foundation to support my research on Dr. King, April 1979-December 1980.
- Individual Grant from the Lyndon B. Johnson Foundation to support my research on Dr. King, 1979-1980.
- 1979 Chastain Award of the Southern Political Science Association for the best book on southern politics, for *Protest at Selma*.
- 1978 Robert S. Rankin Prize in Constitutional Law, Duke University.
Phi Beta Kappa, Wesleyan University, 1975.

Selected Professional Activities

- Senior Advisor, *Eyes on the Prize*, a fourteen part television documentary series broadcast on PBS in 1987 and 1990.
- Senior Advisor, *George Wallace: Settin' the Woods on Fire*, the Sundance prize-winning documentary broadcast on PBS in April 2000.
- Senior Advisor, *Vote For Me: Politics in America*, the Peabody Award-winning 1996 PBS documentary on American elections.
- Senior Advisor, *At the River I Stand*, the prize-winning 1993 PBS documentary on the 1968 Memphis sanitation workers strike.
- Senior Consultant, *The Roots of Roe*, the 1997 PBS documentary on the history of reproductive rights.
- Member, Board of Advocates, Planned Parenthood Federation of America.
- Member, Board of Directors, Death With Dignity National Center, 2003-2005.
- Member, Board of Directors, Oregon Death With Dignity, 2003-2005.
- Fellow, Society of American Historians.
- Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Policy History*, 1990-2001.
- Board Member, Martin Luther King, Jr., Papers Project, Martin Luther King, Jr., Center for Nonviolent Social Change, 1986-
- Manuscript reviews for Basic Books, Beacon Press, Columbia University Press, Cornell University Press, D.C. Heath, the Free Press, Harvard University Press, the Joint Center for Political Studies, Louisiana State University Press, Macmillan, New York University Press, Northern Illinois University Press, W.W. Norton, Oxford University Press, Penn State Press, Praeger, Princeton University Press, Routledge, Syracuse University Press, Temple University Press, the University of Alabama Press, the University of Arizona Press, the University of California Press, the University of Georgia Press, the University of Illinois Press, the University of North Carolina Press, the University of North Texas Press, the University of Tennessee Press, the University of Virginia Press, the University Press of Florida, the University Press of Kansas, the University Press of Kentucky, the University Press of Mississippi, West Publishing Co., and Yale University Press.

Article reviews for the *American Historical Review*, *Congress & the Presidency*, *The Historian*, the *Journal of American History*, the *Journal of Policy History*, the *Journal of Politics*, the *Journal of Southern History*, the *Journal of the Canadian Historical Association*, *Law and History Review*, *Law and Society Review*, *Peace & Change*, *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, *Social Problems*, *Southern Cultures*, and *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*.
 Proposal and nomination reviews for the American Council of Learned Societies, the American Philosophical Society, the Association of Theological Schools, the Guggenheim Foundation, the John D. & Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Science Foundation, the Open Society Institute and the Smithsonian Institution.

Selected Lecture Presentations, 1981-2010:

- "The Evolution of Dr. King's Political Thought," Congressional Black Caucus Symposium, Washington, DC, 4 April 1981. (*Congressional Record*, 14 May 1981, pp. E2353-54).
- "The FBI and Martin Luther King, Jr.," plenary session address at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Louisville, KY, 24 March 1982.
- "Martin Luther King, Jr.: The Man, the Legend, the Legacy," annual meeting of the Southern Historical Association, Memphis, TN, 4 November 1982.
- "The FBI and Martin Luther King, Jr.," annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Toronto, 6 November 1982.
- "The Life and Thought of Martin Luther King, Jr.," Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA, 9 December 1982.
- "Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Nobel Peace Prize," annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Atlanta, 28 March 1984.
- "Twenty Years Later: New Myths About the Movement," at "The Civil Rights Act Two Decades Later," a conference sponsored by the Joint Center for Political Studies & the National Academy of Sciences, Washington, DC, 28 June 1984.
- "Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Civil Rights Movement: Spiritual and Political Growth," annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Chicago, 8 December 1984.
- "American Social Protest Movements," annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, New Orleans, 30 August 1985.
- "Leadership and Competition in the Civil Rights Movement," Chancellor's Symposium on Southern History, University of Mississippi, Oxford, 3 October 1985.
- "Martin Luther King, Jr.," The Schomburg Center, New York Public Library, 9 November 1985.
- "Bearing the Cross: Martin Luther King, Jr., 1955-1968," Columbia University Faculty Seminar in American Civilization, New York, 17 April 1986.
- "Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Spirit of Leadership," at "Martin Luther King, Jr.: The Leader and the Legacy," a conference sponsored by the U.S. Congress and the U.S. Capitol Historical Society, Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, 15 October 1986.
- "FBI Surveillance of the Civil Rights Movement, 1955-1970," annual meeting of the American Historical Association, Chicago, 30 December 1986.
- "Dr. King's Later Evolution, 1964-1968," The Schomburg Center, New York Public Library, 10 January 1987.
- "The Evolution of Martin Luther King, Jr.," Presbyterian Church USA General Mission Board, Atlanta, 12 January 1987.

- "Martin Luther King, Jr.: The Man and the Meaning," Kresge Lecture, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA, 20 January 1987.
- "The Life and Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.," Friends of the New York Public Library Lecture, Bartos Forum, 15 October 1987.
- "Race and the Constitution," annual meeting of the American Historical Association, Washington, DC, 28 December 1987.
- "The Political Evolution of Martin Luther King, Jr.," King Lecture, Colgate Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, NY, 13 January 1988.
- "Litigation, Protest, and Politics," Smithsonian Institution Symposium on Afro-Americans and the Evolution of a Living Constitution, Washington, DC, 15 March 1988.
- "The Evolution of Martin Luther King, Jr.," 18th Annual Rayford W. Logan Lecture, Howard University, Washington, DC, 6 April 1988.
- "The Private Lives of Public Men--The Question of Relevance," annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, 1 September 1988.
- "The Biography of Political Figures," Symposium on American Lives, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT, 29 October 1988.
- "Protest, Politics, and Litigation," SUNY Buffalo Law School, Buffalo, NY, 10 November 1988.
- "The Evolution of Martin Luther King, Jr.," National Archives Lecture, Washington, DC, 17 February 1989.
- "Protest, Politics, and Litigation," University of Virginia Law School, Charlottesville, 16 March 1989.
- "Teaching the History of the Modern Civil Rights Movement," annual meeting of the Organization of American Historians, St. Louis, 8 April 1989.
- "The Legacy of the Civil Rights Movement," Florida State University Law School, Tallahassee, 4 November 1989.
- "Martin Luther King, Jr., and the U.S. Civil Rights Movement," 1st Annual Delos Davis Lecture, University of Windsor Law School, Windsor, Ontario, 14 November 1989.
- "New Topics in Civil Rights Historiography," Burke Library Lecture, Union Theological Seminary, New York, 16 November 1989.
- "Civil Rights Historiography and 'Eyes on the Prize,'" National Archives Lecture, Washington, DC, 11 January 1990.
- "The Life and Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.," Annual King Lecture, University of Georgia, Athens, 17 January 1990.
- "The Personal and Political Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.," College Convocation, Morehouse College, Atlanta, 18 January 1990.
- "Testimony on FBI Compliance with the Freedom of Information Act," Civil and Constitutional Rights Subcommittee, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC, 1 March 1990.
- "The Voting Rights Act in Historical Perspective," Smithsonian Institution/American University Symposium on the 25th Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act, Washington, DC, 5 April 1990.
- "Martin Luther King, Jr., and the History of the Civil Rights Movement," Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, 18 October 1990.
- "Reproductive Rights Litigation Before and After *Griswold*," Cornell University Law School, Ithaca, NY, 19 October 1990.
- "The Voting Rights Act Twenty Five Years Later," Muskie Lecture, Bates College, Lewiston, Maine, 8 November 1990.
- "Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Civil Rights Movement," Arizona State University, Tempe, 23 January 1991.
- "The FOIA in Action," American Bar Association Symposium, Washington, DC, 21 May 1991.
- "The Early Roots of *Roe v. Wade*," Smith College, Northampton, MA, 7 November 1991.

- "The Waterbury Origins of *Roe v. Wade*," Annual Dinner of the Mattatuck Museum, Waterbury, CT, 5 December 1991.
- "Reproductive Rights in a Post-Roe World," Sparer Symposium, Brooklyn Law School, 11 March 1992.
- "Reflections on the Civil Rights Movement," Center for American Studies, Columbia University, New York, 27 March 1992.
- "Fair Use Copyright and Scholarly Access to Unpublished Materials," annual meeting of the Modern Language Association, New York, 30 December 1992.
- "Reproductive Rights Litigation From *Nelson* to *Roe*," Ninth Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Vassar College, 12 June 1993.
- "Thurgood Marshall's Papers and the U.S. Supreme Court," annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, 4 September 1993.
- "The Legal Status of Presidential 'Papers'--Electronic Records and 'Kissing Cousins,'" Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University, 29 October 1993.
- "The Political Evolution of Martin Luther King, Jr.," Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA, 20 January 1994.
- "The Origins of *Roe v. Wade*," Institute of Politics, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, 2 March 1994.
- "The Making of *Roe v. Wade*," National Archives Lecture, Washington, DC, 9 March 1994.
- "The Making of *Roe v. Wade*," University of Virginia Law School, Charlottesville, 23 March 1994.
- "The Origins of *Roe v. Wade*," 8th Annual John W. Baird Lecture, Northwestern University School of Law, Chicago, 27 April 1994.
- "Reproductive Rights Litigation From *Griswold* to *Roe*," annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Miami, 4 May 1994.
- "What the Warren Court Has Meant to America," University of Tulsa College of Law, 13 October 1994.
- "From *Brown* to *Casey*: The U.S. Supreme Court and the Institutional Burdens of History," Amherst College, 2 December 1994.
- "The Spiritual Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.," Indiana University, Bloomington, 16 January 1995.
- "From *Brown* to *Casey*: The U.S. Supreme Court and the Institutional Burdens of History," Ohio State University, 26 January 1995.
- "Religious Resources and the Montgomery Bus Boycott," Hoover-Sharpe Lecture, University of Chicago Divinity School, 23 April 1995.
- "From *Brown* to *Roe* to *Casey*: The Supreme Court and the Fourteenth Amendment," New York University School of Law, 25 April 1995.
- "Liberty and Privacy Since *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*," New York Law School, 26 April 1995.
- "Liberty and Sexuality in the Burger Court," University of Tulsa College of Law, 1 October 1996.
- "King's Message: A Life, Not A Living," Cannon Chapel, Emory University, 26 January 1997.
- "The History and Future of *Roe v. Wade*," Moran Distinguished Lecture, annual meeting of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Phoenix, 14 November 1997.
- "The Right to Die: Death With Dignity in America," University Lecture Series, University of Mississippi, Oxford, 26 January 1998.
- "The Future of Abortion Law," Georgetown University Law Center, 23 April 1998.
- "William H. Rehnquist in the Mirror of Justices," University of Tulsa College of Law, 18 September 1998.
- "Abortion Before and After *Roe v. Wade*," Albany Law School, Albany, NY, 5 November 1998.

- "The Life and Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.," Hands-On Atlanta MLK Service Summit, Atlanta, 17 January 1999.
- "Improving Communication Between the Academy and the Public," annual meeting of the Organization of American Historians, St. Louis, 1 April 2000.
- "Privacy and the American Constitution," New School University, New York, NY, 5 October 2000.
- "Mental Decrepitude on the U.S. Supreme Court," New York University School of Law, 6 December 2000.
- "What's the Likely Future for Physician-Assisted Dying?," Center for Bioethics, University of Minnesota School of Law, Minneapolis, 28 April 2001.
- "Historical and Political Perspectives on Hastening Death," Society of General Internal Medicine annual meeting, San Diego, 2 May 2001.
- "The Life and Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.," Haverford College, Haverford, PA, 21 January 2002.
- "The Life and Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.," Amherst College, Amherst, MA, 17 February 2002.
- "The Supreme Court and *The Brethren*," T. C. Williams School of Law, University of Richmond, 23 April 2002.
- "The Death With Dignity Movement Since 1997," Oregon Fifth Anniversary Forum, Portland, 24 October 2002.
- "The Larger Meaning of *Brown v. Board of Education*," Miller Center, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, 4 June 2004.
- "Martin Luther King, Jr., and American Freedom," University of Connecticut Teaching American History Series, Hartford, 6 April 2005.
- "Mandatory Retirement on the U. S. Supreme Court: Term Limits or Age Limits," Duke University Law School, Durham, NC, 9 April 2005.
- "The Political Evolution of Martin Luther King, Jr.," Canisius College, Buffalo, NY, 20 April 2005.
- "Lessons From the U. S. Civil Rights Movement," Fulbright Commission of the U. K., London School of Economics, 22 October 2005.
- "The Political Evolution of Martin Luther King, Jr.," University of Leiden, 21 March 2006.
- "Abortion, Privacy and Human Rights," University of Essex, Colchester, 15 March 2007.
- "The Supreme Court and the South," Keynote Address at "Beyond Brown: How the Supreme Court Shaped the Modern South," University of Sussex, Brighton, 23 March 2007.
- "Local Initiatives and National Responses in the American Black Freedom Struggle," University of Leiden, 1 May 2007.
- "Foreshadowing the Future: 1957 and the U.S. Black Freedom Struggle," at "Black Liberation and the Spirit of '57," Fernand Braudel Center, Binghamton University SUNY, 2 November 2007.
- "From '48 to '68," Keynote Address at "1948: American Realignment," Cunliffe Center, University of Sussex, Brighton, 5 September 2008.
- "The Political Evolution of Martin Luther King, Jr.," Peninsula Arts Series Lecture, University of Plymouth, Devon, 7 October 2008.
- "Robert F. Kennedy as Attorney General," at "Bobby: The Life and Legacy of RFK," University of Leiden, 31 October 2008.
- "King's New Yorkers," Keynote Address at "Who Supported Dr. King?," University of Nottingham, 8 December 2008.
- "Rising Star: The Making of Barack Obama," SUNY Binghamton, New York, 21 September 2009.
- "Competition and Conflict in the African American Freedom Struggle, 1955-1967," Cunliffe Center, University of Sussex, 25 September 2009.
- "Barack Obama's Teachers," American Historical Association annual

meeting, San Diego, CA, 8 January 2010.
"The Spiritual and Political Evolution of Dr. King," Nazareth College,
Rochester, NY, 18 January 2010.