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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. American History, University of Maine, Orono, Maine, 1982
Dissertation: "The U.S. Navy and the Caribbean, 1914–1941"
- M.A. History, University of Maine, Orono, Maine, 1974
Thesis: "Admiral Samuel Graves and the Falmouth Affair: A Case Study in British Imperial Pacification, 1775"
- B.A. History, Eastern Nazarene College, Quincy, Massachusetts, 1972

POSTDOCTORAL DEVELOPMENT

Templeton Oxford Seminars on Science and Christianity, Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University, 1999 to 2001

WORK HISTORY

Professor of History, Emeritus, Eastern Nazarene College, June 2009 –
Program Leader, Religion and Innovation in Human Affairs, a grants program of The Historical Society funded by the John Templeton Foundation, June 2011 to July 2014
Co-Director, The Historical Society, January 2009 to December 2010
Co-Director, Venice Summer Institute of Science and Religion (held at L'Istituto Veneto di Scienze, Lettere ed Arti, 2007–2010).
Assistant Director, The Historical Society, September 2001 to December 2008
Chair, Department of History, Eastern Nazarene College, July 1994 to June 2009; July 2011 to December 2014
Professor of History, Eastern Nazarene College, August 1992 to June 2009
Adjunct Instructor of History, Curry College, Milton, Massachusetts, 1989 to 1990
Independent Scholar, August 1988 to July 1990
Associate Professor of History/Director of Admissions, Eastern Nazarene College, 1983 to 1988
Assistant Professor of History/Director of Admissions, Eastern Nazarene College, 1980 to 1983
Instructor of History, Eastern Nazarene College, 1977 to 1980

EDITING

Editor, *Fides et Historia*, June 2011–June 2020
Senior Editor, *Historically Speaking*, January 2009–December 2013
Editor, *Historically Speaking*, September 2001–December 2008
Guest co-editor with William R. Shea, "Focus on the Scientific Revolution," *European Review*, XV:4 (October 2007).

EDITORIAL BOARDS

Contributing Editor, *Books & Culture*, April 1999–December 2016

Editorial Committee, *New Global Studies*, 2007–2019

Editorial Board, *American Political Thought: A Journal of Ideas, Institutions, and Culture*, 2011–2019

Editorial Board, *Fides et Historia*, January 2009–June 2011

Associate Editor, *Research News and Opportunities in Science and Theology*, June 2000–December 2000.

PUBLICATIONS

A. Books:

Species of Origins: America's Search for a Creation Story (co-authored with Karl Giberson). Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2002.

Admirals and Empire: The U.S. Navy and the Caribbean, 1898-1945. Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 1991.

The Burning of Falmouth, October 18, 1775. Portland: Maine Historical Society, 1976.

B. Edited Volumes:

Religion and Innovation: Antagonists or Partners? London: Bloomsbury, 2015.

British Abolitionism and the Question of Moral Progress in History. Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 2012.

Recent Themes at the Interface of Science, Religion, and History: Historians in Conversation. Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 2009.

Recent Themes in World History and the History of the West: Historians in Conversation. Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 2009.

Recent Themes on Historians and the Public: Historians in Conversation. Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 2009.

Recent Themes in Military History: Historians in Conversation. Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 2008.

Recent Themes in Historical Thinking: Historians in Conversation. Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 2008.

Recent Themes in the History of Africa and the Atlantic World: Historians in Conversation. Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 2008.

Recent Themes in Early American History: Historians in Conversation. Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 2008.

C. Articles and Chapters:

“Science and Religion in Historical Perspective: Some Brief Thoughts from the Engaged Periphery” in a forthcoming volume in Brepols Publisher’s *Science and Orthodox Christianity* series.

“Introduction” in *Religion and Innovation: Antagonists or Partners?* London: Bloomsbury, 2015.

“Historians, Moral Progress, and the Limits of History” in *British Abolitionism and the Question of Moral Progress in History*. Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 2012.

“Big Questions and the History of Science and Religion” in *Recent Themes at the Interface of Science, Religion, and History: Historians in Conversation*. Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 2009.

“History on a Large Scale” in *Recent Themes in World History and the History of the West: Historians in Conversation*. Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 2009.

“Historians’ Audiences” in *Recent Themes on Historians and the Public: Historians in Conversation*. Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 2009.

- “Coherence, Complexity, and the Place of Africa and the Atlantic World in World History” in *Recent Themes in the History of Africa and the Atlantic World: Historians in Conversation*. Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 2008.
- “Robust but in Disarray: Thoughts on the Present State of Early American History” in *Some Recent Themes in Early American History: Historians in Conversation*. Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 2008.
- “Transdisciplinarity and a More Meaningful Past.” pp. 99-104 in *Transdisciplinarity: Theory and Practice*. Ed. Basarab Nicolescu. Hampton Press, 2008.
- “Historical Inquiry and Thinking after Postmodernism” in *Recent Themes in Historical Thinking: Historians in Conversation*. Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 2008
- “The Curious State of Military History” in *Recent Themes in Military History: Historians in Conversation*. Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 2008.
- “Historical Coherence, Complexity, and the Scientific Revolution,” *European Review*, XV:4 (October 2007), 439-44.
- “That Embarrassing Dream: Big Questions and the Limits of History,” *Fides et Historia*, XXXIX: 1 (Winter/Spring 2007), 53-65 [with responses by Ronald Wells and Wilfred McClay].
- “Has Airpower Come of Age?” in *International Seminar on Nuclear and Planetary Emergencies, 27th Session*. Ed. R. Ragaini (Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co., 2003), 224-38.
- “A Meaningful Past and the Limits of History: Some Reflections Informed by the Science and Religion Dialogue.” *Fides et Historia*, XXXIV:1 (Winter/Spring 2002), 13-30.
- “Phillip Johnson and the Origins of the Intelligent Design Movement, 1977-1991.” *Perspectives on Science and Christian Faith*, LIV:1 (March 2002), 47-52.
- “Contingency, Continuity, and Narrative: David Hackett Fischer’s Approach to History.” *Fides et Historia*, XXXIII:2 (Summer/Fall 2001), 73-75.
- “Remembering the Past: The Historical Philosophy of John Lukacs.” *Fides et Historia*, XXXIII:1 (Winter/Spring 2001), 121-29.
- “Macrohistory at the Millennium’s End: Recent Themes in World Historiography.” *Fides et Historia*, XXXI:2 (Summer/Fall 1999), 31-46.
- “Providence and the Christian Scholar.” *Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies*, XI:1/2 (1999), 123-40 (with Karl Giberson).
- “The U.S. Navy in Caribbean Waters During World War I.” *Military Affairs [The Journal of Military History]*, LI (October 1987). 182-87.
- “The U.S. Navy and the Caribbean, 1914-1941.” in *Naval History: The Sixth Symposium of the U.S. Naval Academy*. Ed. Daniel M. Masterson. (Wilmington: Scholarly Resources, 1987), 256-62.
- “The Special Service Squadron and the Caribbean Region, 1920-1940: A Case Study in Naval Diplomacy.” *Naval War College Review*, XXXIX (Autumn, 1986), 60-72.
- “Vice Admiral Samuel Graves and the North American Squadron, 1774-1776.” *The Mariner’s Mirror* [The Society for Nautical Research, Great Britain], LXII (November 1976), 371-85.
- “The Significance of the Falmouth Affair.” *Proceedings of the Maine Academic Historians*, (Spring 1975).
- “The State of Maine and the New Navy.” *Maine Historical Society Quarterly*, XIV (Spring 1975), 83-205.
- “The Burning of Falmouth, October 18, 1775.” *Maine Historical Society Quarterly*, XIV (Winter 1975), 119-60. Reprinted and published under a separate cover by the Maine Historical Society.

D. Online Essays:

- “Can We Live Without Enchantment?” (co-authored with Wilfred M. McClay) *Big Questions Online* (June 5, 2017) <https://www.bigquestionsonline.com/2017/06/05/can-live-without-enchantment/>.

- “Are Innovation and Tradition Incompatible?” *Big Questions Online* (January 4, 2017) <https://www.bigquestionsonline.com/2017/01/04/are-innovation-tradition-incompatible/>.
- “What Connection Is There, If Any, between Christianity and Innovation?” *Big Questions Online* (April 14, 2015) <https://www.bigquestionsonline.com/2015/04/14/what-connection-there-any-between-christianity-innovation/>.

E. Review Essays:

- “Remembering World War I at Sea,” *Fides et Historia* 50:1 (Winter/Spring 2018): 113–34.
- “The Middle Eastern Face of WWI,” *Books & Culture* [online] (November 2016) <http://www.booksandculture.com/articles/webexclusives/2016/november/middle-eastern-face-of-world-war-i.html>.
- “The Eastern Face of WWI,” *Books & Culture* (November/December 2016), 28–31.
- “Attrition: The ‘Bleak Strategy’ of World War I,” *Books & Culture* (March/April 2016), 19–21 [first of a projected multi-part series on recent WWI historiography].
- “Beyond Logistics: Food as an Instrument of Modern Warfare.” *Books & Culture* (September/October 2013), 16–17.
- “The Moral Imperative of History.” *Books & Culture* (May/June 2012), 9–10.
- “The Naval War of 1812.” *Books & Culture* (March/April 2012), 26–29.
- “Remembering Nelson.” *Historically Speaking*, (September 2010), 20–24.
- “Debating Design with Civility,” *Journal of Lutheran Ethics*, VIII:10 (October 2008): <http://archive.elca.org/jle/article.asp?k=809>
- “Guadalcanal,” *Books & Culture*, XIII:1 (January/February 2007), 44–46.
- “David Hackett Fischer’s *Liberty & Freedom* in Historiographical Perspective.” *Historically Speaking*, VII:1 (September/October 2005), 16–17.
- “The Return of Universal History.” *Books & Culture*, XI:4 (July/August 2005), 25–27.
- “The Evolving Debate,” *Science & Spirit*, XVI:1 (January/February 2005), 75–79.
- “What is Written in the Law?” *Books & Culture*, VIII: 6 (November/December 2002), 40–41.
- “The Small Chill: Rediscovering Climate’s Impact on History.” *Books & Culture*, VIII:3 (May/June 2002), 40.
- “First-Person Shooter.” *Books & Culture*, VI:5 (September/October 2000), 38–41.
- “New Voices from Philosophy of History Weigh in on Old Concerns: A Review Essay.” *Fides et Historia*, XXXI: 1 (Winter/Spring 1999), 143–49.
- “Darwinism Comes to America.” *Books & Culture*, V: 6 (November/December 1999), 30–34 (with Karl Giberson).
- “Is Geography Destiny?” in *Books & Culture*, V:3 (May/June 1999), 36–40.

F. Book Reviews:

American Academy of Religion’s *Reading Religion* (3); *American Historical Review* (1); *Books & Culture* (1); *Christian Scholar’s Review* (3); *Fides et Historia* (4); *Perspectives on Science and Christian Faith* (25); *Science & Theology News* (6)

G. Published Interviews:

Books & Culture (13); *Christianity Today* (1); *Fides et Historia* (4); *Historically Speaking* (72); *Research News and Opportunities in Science and Theology* (8)

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND HONORS:

John Templeton Foundation Grant #15576: “Religion and Innovation in Human Affairs” (RIHA), 2012–2014 (\$3.5 million; sponsoring institution: The Historical Society)

John Templeton Foundation Grant #11488: “Contextualizing Issues in Science and Religion: Another point of Entry in the Ongoing Dialogue”, 2004–2008. (approx. \$25,000; sponsoring institution: The Historical Society).

Eastern Nazarene College Service to ENC Award, 2017.

Eastern Nazarene College Teaching Excellence Award, 1995, 2009.

Eastern Nazarene College Professional Achievement Award, 1999, 2002, 2006.

Eastern Nazarene College Alumni Achievement Award, 2003, 2017.

Participant in the European Science Foundation Network “Science and Human Values: Religious Beliefs and the Interpretation of ‘Nature,’” 2001–2003.

Templeton Foundation Grant to assist in writing of *Species of Origins*, 2000–2002.

Resident Member of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, 1998-2010.

U.S. Navy Prize in Naval History for the Best Article on U.S. Naval History Published During 1987; Honorable Mention, U.S. Navy Prize in Naval History for the Best Article on U.S. Naval History Published in 1986.

Phi Kappa Phi, National Honor Society, 1983.

U.S. Navy Predoctoral Fellowship, 1976–1977.

University Fellowship, University of Maine, 1975–1976.

Maine Historical Society Prize Essay, 1975.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

American Historical Association
Conference on Faith and History