

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### Biographical Reference

*Who's Who*  
*Directory of American Scholars*  
Wikipedia.org  
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### PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Ph.D. (History), University of California, Santa Barbara, 1972  
M.A. (Liberal Arts), Valparaiso University, 1969  
B.S. (History), Indiana University, 1965

### PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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| 2009-present | University Distinguished Professor of History, TAMU                                  |
| 2004-present | Patricia and Bookman Peters Professor of History, TAMU                               |
| 2001-04      | Claudius M. Easley, Jr. Faculty Fellow in Liberal Arts, TAMU                         |
| 1998         | Distinguished Visiting Professorial Fellow, Queen Mary College, University of London |
| 1992-93      | Research Fellow, St. Catherine's College, Oxford                                     |
| 1987-2004    | Professor of History, TAMU   |
| 1974-87      | Assistant to Associate Professor of History, TAMU                                    |
| 1973-74      | Assistant Professor of History, Bethany College                                      |
| 1971-73      | Lecturer in History, UCSB  |

## **TEACHING FIELDS**

British history, European history, historiography, research methods in history

## **SUPERVISION OF DOCTORAL STUDENTS**

Ph.D.-level teaching in European history began at Texas A&M in 1990. Since 1993 I have chaired the graduate committees of eleven recipients of the Ph.D.

## **SELECTED ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS**

2003-05, Director of Graduate Studies in History, TAMU  
1997, Assistant to the Vice-President for Research, TAMU  
1987-2002, Chair, Advisory Board, Military Studies Institute  
1886-90, Director of Graduate Studies in History, TAMU  
1986, Special Executive Assistant to the Chancellor, TAMU System  
1983-84, Administrative Fellow and Special Assistant to the Provost, TAMU  
1981-83, Director, Institutional Self-Study Program for Re-accreditation, TAMU

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Historical Association  
Royal Historical Society of Great Britain  
North American Conference on British Studies  
Western Conference on British Studies  
Southern Conference on British Studies

## **HONORS AND GRANTS**

1998, Distinguished Visiting Professorial Fellow, Queen Mary College,  
University of London  
1994-95, TAMU Research and Creative Activities (research) Grant  
1992-93, Research Fellow, St. Catherine's College, Oxford University  
1992-93, TAMU Faculty Development (research) Leave  
1989, TAMU Honors Program Teacher-Scholar Research Award  
1985, Fellow, Royal Historical Society of Great Britain  
1985, 1989, TAMU Program in Excellence (research) Grant  
1983-84, TAMU Administrative Fellowship  
1983, TAMU, Faculty Development (research) Leave  
1980, TAMU Association of Former Students Faculty Distinguished Achievement  
Award in Teaching  
1978, American Philosophical Society Research Grant

## PUBLICATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

### Books

*The Georgians: British Society in the Age of George V, 1910-1935*, in preparation.

*Balfour: The Last Grandee*, London: John Murray, 2007; paperback edn. 2008. (Named biography of the year, 2007, D.R. Thorpe, *The Guardian*).

*Europe, Crisis and Conflict: 1890-1945*: New York and London: Oxford University Press, 2003. With the late Robin W. Winks.

*Bonar Law*. London: John Murray; Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 1999. (named book of the year, 1999, David Gilmour, *The Spectator*)

*British Appeasement and the Origins of World War II*. Boston, Houghton Mifflin 1994. Edited.

*British Politics and Foreign Policy in the Age of Appeasement, 1935-39*. London, Macmillan Ltd.; Stanford, CA., Stanford University Press, 1993.

*The Great War: Essays on the Military, Political and Social History of World War I*, London, Macmillan Ltd. and University College, London; College Station, Texas A&M University Press, 1990. Edited.

*Edwardian Conservatism*. London, Croom Helm, 1988. With J.A. Thompson, Arthur Meija (eds.), and others.

*The Conscription Controversy in Great Britain, 1900-18*. London, Macmillan, Ltd.; Columbus, Ohio State University Press, 1987. With the late Philip P. Poirier.

*Arms and the Wizard: Lloyd George and the Ministry of Munitions, 1915-1916*. London, Cassell; College Station, Texas A&M University Press, 1978.

## Articles

'Roundtable: Britain's Dirty Wars and the End of Empire', *Britain and the World: Historical Journal of the British Scholar Society*, 4:2, pp. 320-336, September 2011. With Keith Jeffrey *et al.*

'Another Country: Confessions of an American Biographer', *The Author*, pp. 69-71, CXIX:2, Summer 2008.

'Britain Responds: The Demise of "Business as Usual"', *Relevance: the Quarterly Journal of the Great War Society*, 8:4, pp. 1-6 (quarto pp.), Autumn 1999.

'Andrew Bonar Law and the Fall of the Asquith Coalition: The December 1916 Cabinet Crisis', *The Canadian Journal of History*, 32:3, pp. 185-200, September 1997.

'Andrew Bonar Law and the Struggle for Conservative Party Unity: The Episode of the Referendum Pledge, 1911-1913', *The British Politics Group Newsletter*, 81, pp. 6-11 (quarto pp.), Summer 1995.

'Asquith's Choice: Herbert Henry Asquith, the May Coalition and the Conscription Crisis, 1915-1916', *Armed Forces and Society*, 25:3, pp. 243-263, July 1986.

'The Women's Part: Female Labor and the British Ministry of Munitions in the First World War', *The Red River Valley Historical Journal*, 3:3, pp. 218-240, Autumn 1979.

'The War in Whitehall: The Prelude to the Ministry of Munitions, 1914-1915', *The Australian Journal of History and Politics*, pp. 239-247, August 1978.

'New Men, New Ideas, Old Economics: the Labor Unrest in Great Britain, 1910-1914', *The Red River Valley Historical Journal*, 2:2, Summer 1977.

'Delivering the Goods: Reappraising the Ministry of Munitions, 1915-1916', *Albion*, 7:3, pp. 232-244, pp. 117-12, Autumn 1977.

## Reference Works

Three essays: 'Waldorf Astor, Lord Astor', Sir 'John Simon, Lord Simon', and 'Sir Samuel Hoare, Lord Templewood', totaling 10,000 words in the *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*, Oxford and New York, Oxford University Press, 2004.

Seventy-six entries (14,000 words) in *The Oxford Companion to 20<sup>th</sup> Century British Politics*, ed. by John Ramsden, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2002.

## Reviews

More than thirty since 1978 in *The American Historical Review*, *The English Historical Review*, *Albion*, *The Canadian Journal of History*, *The Journal of Modern History*, *The Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, and other publications.

## Invited Lectures

Approximately twenty since 1978 at Ohio State, Washington (St. Louis), Western Washington, Lamar, Valparaiso, Rice and California Polytechnic Universities, and the Universities of Arkansas, California, Minnesota, North Texas, Washington and, Texas, as well as the Universities of Oxford, Cambridge, Birmingham and London (all U.K.) , as well as academic societies including the Institute for Historical Research, the Thackeray Society, the Historical Association, the Royal Historical Society (all U.K.) and the International Churchill Society and Great War Society (U.S.A.).

## Scholarly Papers

Approximately fifty since 1978 read to the American Historical Association; the North American Conference on British Studies; the Southern Historical Association; as well as the Institute for Historical Research, London; Nuffield College, Oxford; the Modern History Symposium, Cambridge University and many other scholarly organizations in the United States and abroad.

## Research in Progress

Having recently completing a 200,000-word study of the life and career of the British statesman Arthur James Balfour, (published November 2007) I have begun work on a book on British society during the reign of George V, 1910-1935, with publication anticipated in 2010.

## SELECTED UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2011-present, Administrative Council, Texas Institute of Advanced Studies  
2004-05, Director of Graduate Studies in History  
2003-present, Editorial Advisory Board, Texas A&M University Press  
1997-03, Member, Board of the Center for the Study of Foreign Policy, George Bush School of Public Service and Leadership  
1996-7, Chair, University Research Enhancements Programs  
1995-7, Graduate Placement Coordinator, Department of History  
1995, Member, George Bush School Directorship Search Committee  
1993-94, Member, Grants Selection Committee, Program to Enhance Scholarly

and Creative Activities

### **SELECTED UNIVERSITY SERVICE** (continued)

1990-91, Chair, Provost Select Committee on the English Language Requirement for International Graduate Students  
1991-93, College of Liberal Arts, Deans's (Tenure and Promotion) Advisory Ctte.  
1991-94, University Graduate Operations Committee  
1989-91, University Graduate Council  
1988-90, Chair, College of Liberal Arts Graduate Instruction Committee  
1988-89, Chair, College of Liberal Arts Committee for an Initiative in the Humanities  
1986-90, Director of Graduate Studies in History  
1985-89, 1990-93, 1995-96, 1998-03, Elected member, Department of History Executive Committee  
1983-85, Member, University Select Long Range Planning Committee  
1983-84, Chair, Executive Committee, University Self-Study for Re-accreditation

### **SELECTED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

1999-2000, President, Western Conference on British Studies  
1994-97, 2001-03, Member, National Selection Committee, Institute for International Education (Fulbright Graduate Research Selection Committee)  
1988-91, Chair, Program Committee, North American Conference on British Studies  
1988-91, Elected member of Council, North American Conference on British Studies  
1978-05, Associate Editor, *Albion*.

I review article manuscripts for *Albion*, *The Journal of British Studies*, *The Journal of Modern History*, *The American Historical Review*, *The English Historical Review*, *Twentieth Century British History* and other journals, as well as book manuscripts for Oxford and Cambridge University Presses, and the California, Harvard and Stanford University Presses, among many others. I have reviewed research proposals for the Social Science Research Council of Canada, the Fulbright Research Grant program, among other agencies. I have acted as External Reviewer for doctoral candidates at the University of Birmingham (U.K.) and the Australian Defence Forces Academy and the University of New South Wales (Aus.) I have acted as external advisor in promotion and tenure cases at many institutions here and abroad, including the Universities of California, Illinois and Arizona, and the City University of New York, the State University of New York, and the University of Birmingham (U.K.).