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### Education

Doctoral Studies, American History, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI  
M.A., World History, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 1983  
B.A., History, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 1977  
Michigan Secondary Teaching Continuing Certificate

### Experience

**Assistant Professor of History**, Marygrove College, Detroit, Michigan 1989-present; History Department Co-Chair, 2002-present; Courses taught: U.S. History to 1877; U.S. History Since 1877; Senior Research Seminar; American Society Since World War Two; Women in U.S. History; Contemporary European History; Europe 1789-1914; World Regional Geography; Methods of Teaching Secondary History and Social Studies; Special Topics Courses: Oral History, Constitutional History, and The Civil War. Department responsibilities include: develop and coordinate history program coursework; responsible for department assessment; advise undergraduate students in history and social studies; also advise post-degrees and graduate students in the secondary history and social studies certification program.

**Social Science Division Chair**, 2013-present. Administrative responsibility for the Social Science Division comprised of 7 programs and 10 full time division members plus adjunct faculty. Ensure effective division course scheduling, budget, assessment, accreditation, program review, program development, retention and marketing activities; develop agendas and run divisional meetings; manage personnel issues such as sabbaticals, retirement planning, hiring new faculty and adjunct faculty, evaluation of new faculty and monitoring faculty workloads.

**Faculty Assembly President**, elected May 2015 for three year term. Set agendas and chair Faculty Assembly meetings; represent the Faculty Assembly at meetings of the Academic Council, on the Resources and Planning Committee, and on the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees; manage faculty business to include revising the Faculty Constitution and ensuring alignment to Faculty Handbook.

**Co-Chair, Assessment Committee**, 2013-present. Worked with the Director of Institutional Research to develop and implement the Academic Assessment Process the Division Chair Review of Academic Programs, and assessment for Institutional Learning Outcomes Assessment and co-curricular programs.

**Coordinator for Secondary Social Studies Education**, 1990-present. Design and coordinate social science coursework and curriculum for teacher certification in history, political science, economics and social studies; design and implement programmatic changes for compliance with State of Michigan Standards (1990, 1992, 1995, 2000, 2010) NCATE (1995) compliance with No Child Left Behind (2002, 2003) and other Michigan Department of Education and federal mandates; serve as Social Science Liaison to the Education Unit 1990-present; served on Education Strategic

Planning Committee 2014-2015 and Education Advisory Committee 1992-2007; attend the teacher certification meetings; advise undergraduate, graduate and post-degree certification students in social studies, history, political science and economics; review and approve plans of work for graduate students seeking teacher certification; have served as a supervisor for social studies student teachers and attended college supervisor meetings; and developed the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC) preparation guide in history and social studies.

### **Prior/Related Positions**

- History Instructor, Marygrove College 1986-1989
- Mentor, Master in the Art of Teaching Program, Marygrove College 1997-2000
- Teacher Fellow, History Department, Wayne State University, 1993
- History adjunct instructor, Wayne State University, 1989-1992
- History adjunct instructor, Eastern University, 1987-1989
- Adult Education Instructor, Detroit Public School, part-time, 1985-1990.
- Social Studies Secondary Teacher and Curriculum Coordinator for the International Baccalaureate Program, Cotopaxi Academy, Quito, Ecuador, South America. 1983-1985.
- History High School Teacher for the International Baccalaureate Program, International College Spain, Estepona, Malaga, Spain. 1980-1981
- Middle and High School Social Studies Teacher, The American School, Barcelona, Spain. 1978-1980.
- English as a Second Language Instructor, Santa Giulia di Lavagna, Chiavari, Italy, summers 1979 and 1980

### **Awards**

Presidential Award for Excellence in Service Marygrove College, 2016

BOLD Summer Stipend 2014

Marygrove Teacher-Scholar Summer Stipend 2008

Presidential Award for Excellence in Service Marygrove College, 2008

Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching Marygrove College, 2007

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Fellowship, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee,

### **Memberships**

Michigan Council for History Education,

National Council for History Education

National Council for the Social Studies

Michigan Council for the Social Studies

Organization of American Historians

Michigan Oral History Association

The Metro Detroit Historians' Collegium

### **Professional Activity and Service (selected since 2007)**

- Judge, 2017 Michigan History Day, Districts 7, 8 and 10 contest, Detroit Historical Museum, Saturday, March 4, 2017.
- History content reviewer for the Evaluation Systems group of Pearson and the Michigan Department of Education in drafting the new Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC) in history to meet the *History (CC) Endorsement Standards for Teacher Preparation*, 2009-2013.

- Teaching American History Grant Application, 2011; collaborated with Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA) and Dearborn Public Schools to prepare the application; wrote the history content design and outline.
- Board Member, Michigan Council for History Education, 2003-2013; served as MCHE liaison to Michigan Department of Education Office of Professional Preparation.
- President, Michigan Council for History Education, 2008-2009
- Chair, Michigan History Standards Committee for the Michigan Department of Education. The committee, made up of six historians from teacher preparation institutions across the state, drafted the *Standards for the Preparation of Teachers of History (CC)* at the middle school and high school level, 2008-2009; found at [http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Item\\_W\\_280656\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Item_W_280656_7.pdf)
- Board Member, Michigan Department of Education (MDE) Social Studies Endorsement Executive Committee –the committee drafted the *Social Studies Endorsement Standards for Teacher Preparation*, 2008-2009. Standards found at: [http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Item\\_W\\_280656\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Item_W_280656_7.pdf)
- Served as content expert and co-author for the *Grade-Specific Resources for Social Studies K-8 GLCE and HSCE* and the *High School US History and Geography of the Social Studies Curriculum and Assessment Alignment Project*, 2009-2011.
- History Education Reviewer for the Michigan Department of Education - review the teacher preparation programs in history at Michigan colleges and university submitted for State Periodic Review/Program Evaluation 2004-2006, 2010, 2011-2012.
- Social Studies Curriculum Coordinator, The Skillman Foundation's Yes for Prep Program, Detroit MI 2005-2006; designed the high school history curriculum, selected resources and teachers for the program.

### **Presentations**

- “The History Capstone Course: How a Detroit Focus Engages Students and Shapes the History Department at Marygrove College”, The Metro Detroit Area Historians’ Collegium, Spring 2017, Friday, March 24, 2017, Health Sciences Education Center Hackett Conference Room G-150
- “The Challenge of Teaching History in the Eternal Present”, *Day in the D*, a professional development conference for teachers sponsored by MCHE and Michigan Historical Society, Detroit Historical Museum, Detroit MI, October 8, 2011.
- “Aligning Social Studies Teacher Prep Standards to National Standards: Why it Matters”, Michigan Department of Education Standards Technical Review Conference, Lansing, MI, October 2009

### **Conferences (selected since 2009)**

- The Metro Detroit Historians’ Collegium’s Fall and Spring Conference, Detroit, MI, 2016-2017.
- “Borderland Stories: Local Histories of Detroit-Windsor”, Marygrove College, Detroit, Michigan, Friday, March 31, 2017, Madame Cadillac Building, Denk Chapman Hall
- Higher Learning Commission Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, Spring, 2013, 2014.
- Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC) History Review Conferences, Lansing, MI, four meetings. May, 11, 2010 –November 2011 to write new test for 2013.
- Michigan Council for History Education Annual State Conference, Lansing, Michigan, November 2010, 2011, 2012.
- “*Day in the D*”, a professional development conference for teachers sponsored by MCHE and Michigan Historical Society, Detroit Historical Museum, Detroit MI, October 8, 2011; served on the steering committee and as co-chair.
- The 2010 Assessment Institute, Indianapolis, Indiana, October 26-28, 2010

- Michigan Council for History Education Annual State Conference, Lansing, MI, October 2009
- Michigan Council for the Social Studies State Conference, Lansing, Michigan, October 2009 – 2013.
- Michigan Department of Education Standards Technical Review Conference, Lansing, MI, October 2009
- Michigan Association of Institutional Research State Conference, Traverse City, MI, November 6-7, 2008.
- Michigan Council for History Education Annual State Conference, Lansing, MI, November. 2008, 2009, 2010.
- The Metro Detroit Historians’ Collegium’s Spring Conference, Detroit, MI, attend annual meetings.

### **College Service**

- HLC 2017 Accreditation Committee, Criterion 4 Captain 2015-present, wrote draft argument for Criterion 4, “Teaching and Learning: , Evaluation and Improvement”;
- Faculty Constitution Revision Committee, 2015-2017;
- Education Strategic Planning Committee, 2015, co-wrote White Paper on Partnerships;
- Member, Assessment Committee, 2006-2016, Co-Chair Assessment Committee 2013-Present,
- Faculty Handbook Ad Hoc Committee 2005-2009;
- Chair, Professional Procedures Committee, 2003-2006;
- Coordinate Secondary Social Studies Education and serve as the Social Science Liaison to the Education Unit 1986-present; responsibilities have included writing four state reviews and two national accreditations reports (NCATE); supervising secondary social studies teachers, 1986-2007; developing MTTC preparation materials, offering MTTC Prep Sessions;
- Served on numerous search committees and as an evaluator for several pre-tenure, tenure and post tenure reviews.
- Made numerous presentations on social studies education, secondary history education, program assessment, constitution revision and faculty assembly issues.
- Served on the General Education Committee 1998-2000, Curriculum Committee, 1990-1996, Education Advisory Committee, 1992-2007, and the General Education Curriculum Ad Hoc Committee, 1989-1991.

### **Community Service**

- Active member of Grosse Pointe Harper Woods Special Olympics, ARC of Michigan, Partners for Different Learning, Grosse Pointe Public School System; FEDS (Families Exploring Down Syndrome), and attend numerous conferences on educating and raising a child with special needs.
- Special Education Advisory Committee, Michigan Department of Education, Member At-Large, appointed by Kathleen Strauss, State Board of Education, 1999-2002; Steering Committee, Michigan Department of Education, Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Self-Assessment Process-OSEP Monitoring, appointed member, 2000-2004.