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EDUCATION

BA, History, Cambridge University, 1970 (Double First-Class Honors); PhD, Cambridge University, 1976

POSITIONS HELD

Queen Mary College, London: Lecturer in History, 1976-79
Birkbeck College, London: Lecturer in History, Reader in Modern History, Professor of Modern European History, 1979-92
Stanford University: Visiting Kratter Professor of History, 1989-90
Harvard University: Professor of History (1992-97), Coolidge Professor, 1997-present

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, HONORS

Research Fellow, Jesus College, Cambridge, 1973-76
Research Fellow, Institute for European History, Mainz, Germany, 1974-75
Research Award, German Academic Exchange Service, 1977
Research Fellow, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, 1984-85, July-August 1988, March-July 1995
Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, elected 1987
Research Award, Clark Fund, Harvard, 1994
Fellow, John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, 1994-95
History Department Alumni Lecture, University of Delaware, November 1996
Annual Lecture of German Historical Institute, London, November 1998
Malcolm Wynn Lecture, Stetson University, Florida, April 2002
President, Conference Group for Central European History of American Historical Association,

2003

Walter Channing Cabot Fellow, Harvard University, 2003-04

Annual Lecture of the German Historical Institute, Washington: Reply, November 2004

George C. Windell Memorial Lecture, University of New Orleans, November 2006

Crayenborgh Lecture, Leiden, Netherlands, May 2007

Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, elected 2007

PRIZES

Prize for Best Book in German History for 1994-95 by American Historical Association Conference Group for Central European History [now the Hans Rosenberg Prize], for Marpingen

Prize for Best Book in European History (2007) from Humanities. Sozial- und Kulturgeschichte (juried competition), for The Conquest of Nature

Charles A. Weyerhaeuser Prize of the Forest History Society for the Best Book in Forest and Conservation History (2007), for The Conquest of Nature

George L. Mosse Prize of the American Historical Association, for The Conquest of Nature

SCHOLARLY SERVICE

Secretary (1979-81), Committee Member (1981-86), German History Society (UK)

Academic Management Committee, German Historical Institute London, 1983-92

Editorial Board of Past and Present, 1988-present

Academic Advisory Board, Institute for European History, Mainz, 1995-2005

Prize Committee, Conference Group for Central European History of AHA, 1997

Committee on Honorary Foreign Members, American Historical Association, 2000-2

Executive Committee, Conference Group for Central European History of American Historical Association, 2001-05

Advisory Board, Edmund Spevack Memorial Foundation, 2003-present

Board of Directors, Friends of the German Historical Institute Washington, since 2004. Vice-Chair of Board, 2006-7, Chair, 2007-present

Academic Advisory Board of the Lichtenbergkolleg, University of Göttingen, 2007-present

Prize Committee, Charles A. Weyerhaeuser Prize, 2008

Academic Advisory Board, German Historical Institute, Washington, 2008-

CONFERENCES

Papers given at conferences in Mannheim (December 1977), Oxford (April 1978, July 1984, June 1992), Norwich (July 1979, July 1980, July 1981), Munich (June 1981, June 1984), Paris (December 1981), Dublin (German History Society, July 1982), Münster (German Historikertag,

October 1982), Windsor (February 1984), Mainz (December 1985), Bielefeld (December 1985), Bologna (October 1986), Birkbeck College London (February 1987), Brighton (History Workshop Conference, 1988), Cambridge (German History Society, April 1989), San Francisco (AHA Convention, December 1989), Philadelphia (February 1990), Toronto (April 1990), Hoover Institution, Stanford (May 1990), London (Anglo-American Conference, July 1991), London (History Workshop Conference, 1991), London (Royal Institute of International Affairs, March 1991), St Louis (October 1994), Chicago (AHA Convention, January 1995), Dublin (Biennial Irish Conference of Historians, May 1995), Düsseldorf (November 1995), Seattle (April, 1996), London (Anglo-American Conference, July 1996), London, German Historical Institute (December, 1996), Birkbeck College London (June 1997), Eugene, Oregon (October, 1997), Washington, DC, German Historical Institute (December, 1997), Salt Lake City (German Studies Association, September 1998), Bonn, Kunst- und Ausstellungshalle der Bundesrepublik Deutschland (October 1998), Boston University (February 1999), Oslo (19th International Historical Congress, August 2000), San Francisco (AHA Convention, January 2002), Berlin (July, 2002), Berlin (March 2003), Seattle (American Historical Association, January 2005), Toronto (May 2005), Harvard (September 2005), Oxford (March 2006), Pittsburgh (German Studies Association, September/October 2006), Harvard, Center for European Studies (May 2007), Venice (Third World Conference on the Future of Science, September 2007), San Diego (German Studies Association, October 2007), Washington, DC (American Historical Association, January 2008).

Member, conference series on Modern German Social History, University of East Anglia, 1978-86, attending nine of ten meetings, chairing sessions and giving two papers.

Member, European Round Table on the History of the Petite Bourgeoisie, attending conferences in Bremen (1980), Paris (1981, 1984) and Bad Homburg (1987).

Commentator and chair at conference on Religion and Society, Center for European Studies (1992); commentator, conference on Terror in European History, Center for European Studies (1993); commentator, conference on Religious Freedom, Center for the History of Freedom, Washington University, St Louis (1994); chair of two panels at German Studies Association conference, Chicago (September, 1995); commentator, conference on Liberalism and Civil Society in Britain and Germany, Center for European Studies (1996); chair of panel, conference on Berlin: Fashioning a National Capital, Harvard (February, 1998); chair of panel, conference on Transatlantic Futures, Center for European Studies (May, 1999); chair and commentator of panel on environmental history, German Studies Association, Houston (October 2000); chair and commentator of panel, conference on Settler Colonialism, Center for European Studies (October 2002); chair and commentator of panel at conference on European Environmental History, Center for European Studies (2003); chair and commentator of panel, conference on International History, Center for European Studies (March 2004); chair of panel at German Studies Association conferences, Washington, DC (October 2004); chair of panel and participant in final roundtable at German Studies Association conference, Pittsburgh (September/October 2006), chair of panel on Art and Empire (Center for European Studies, May 2007), chair and commentator of panels at the German Studies Association conference, San Diego (October 2007); panelist/commentator on William Cronon lecture at Harvard (November 2007).

CONFERENCE ORGANIZING

As secretary/committee member of the German History Society, shared organization of Society's annual and regional conferences, 1979-86

Co-organizer, Past and Present conference on "European Frontiers and Boundaries", Oxford (June 1992)

Co-organizer, Center for European Studies conference on Culture and Society in Germany (May 1994)

Organizer, Center for European Studies conference on Modern German Environmental History in European Perspective (April 2003)

Co-organizer, conference at the Munk Centre for International Studies, University of Toronto, on Localism, Landscape and Hybrid Identities in Imperial Germany (May 2005)

Faculty adviser, graduate workshop conferences on Law and Society in Germany (1994), Liberalism and Civil Society (1996), Military Culture (1998), Political Parties since 1871 (2001): Center for European Studies, Harvard.

CONFERENCE KEYNOTE LECTURES

"Die Natur als historisch zu etablieren': Natur, Heimat und Landschaft in der modernen deutschen Geschichte": Conference on "Naturschutz und Nationalsozialismus", Berlin (July 2002)

"Time is a Violent Torrent": Constructing and Reconstructing Rivers in Modern German History": Conferences on "Rivers in History", German Historical Institute Washington (December 2003)

"The Conquest of Nature and the Mystique of the Frontier": Conference on "Colonialism in Europe? The Presence of the Past in Europe's Expansion to the East", University of British Columbia, Vancouver (February 2004)

"Wilhelmine Germany: Cultural Contacts and Transfers": Conference on Wilhelmine Germany and Edwardian Britain, Oxford (March 2006)

"Landschaft und Umwelt in der deutschen Geschichte", 16th Pfingstsymposium, Zentrum f. Umwelt und Natur, Benediktbeuren, Bavaria, May 8-9, 2008

INVITED LECTURES AND TALKS

In the USA/Canada: Yale University, CUNY Graduate School (April 1976); Stanford University, University of Southern California, UC-Berkeley, UC-Davis, UCLA, UC-Riverside (April 1981); Princeton University, University of Pennsylvania, Columbia University, University of Chicago, University of Michigan (September 1983); UC-Berkeley (February 1990), University of Oregon, University of Southern California ((March 1990), University of Michigan (April, 1990), Brown University (April 1993), Princeton University (March, 1997), McGill University (April, 1997), University of Arizona, Tucson (October, 1997), Vanderbilt University (April 1998), German Historical Institute, Washington, DC (September, 1999), Brandeis University (April, 2000), Stetson University, Florida (April 2002), Getty Institute, Los Angeles (October 2006), UCLA (October 2006), Northwestern University (November 2006), National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC (February 2007), MIT (March 2007), Washington University, St Louis (March 2007), Princeton University (April 2007), the Goethe Institute, Boston (December 2007).

Further talks to Harvard History Department Faculty Seminar; German Study Group and Visiting Scholar Lunch Series at Center for European Studies; Harvard Institute for Learning and Retirement; Cary Memorial Library Lexington, Speaker Series; Lexington High School; Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Alumni Association, Chicago/Harvard Club of Chicago; Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Alumni Association, Philadelphia; Harvard Alumni Association "Three Rivers" cruise.

In Germany: Universities of Heidelberg, Essen and Bielefeld (June 1979); Universities of Konstanz, Bielefeld, Bochum, Trier, and the Institute for European History Mainz (March-July 1985); Universities of Frankfurt and Bielefeld, and the Institute for European History Mainz (June 1995); Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin/CES Dialogues in Berlin (July 2007); European College of Liberal Arts Berlin (May 2008). I also appeared on panel discussions in Marpingen/Saarland at the time of the first and second German editions of my book on events in Marpingen (1997, 2007).

In the UK: Universities of Bradford, Bristol, East Anglia, Essex, Lancaster, Leicester, Manchester, Sheffield, Southampton, Sussex (1978-92); many papers in London at the Institute of Historical Research, The School of Slavonic and East European Studies, and the German Historical Institute. Further lectures and talks at the Imperial War Museum, to meetings of the Historical Association, branches of the Workers' Education Association and the University of the Third Age, and to university and school history societies (1976-91).

In former Yugoslavia: two lectures at the Serbian Historical Institute, Belgrade (May 1986)

REFEREING OF RESEARCH PROPOSALS/FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS

Proposals refereed for the Social and Economic Research Council of Great Britain; the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft and the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Germany; The Social Science Research Council of Canada; the Basic Research Foundation of the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities; the Bunting Institute, Radcliffe College; the Woodrow Wilson Center;

the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation; The American Academy in Berlin.

REFEREEING OF MANUSCRIPTS

Manuscripts refereed for: Allen & Unwin, Cambridge University Press, University of California Press, Harvard University Press, Hutchinson, Methuen, Oxford University Press, Princeton University Press, Routledge, Stanford University Press, I.B.Tauris, Yale University Press; and for European History Quarterly, German History, Harvard Library Bulletin, History of Psychiatry, Social History, as well as Past and Present.

TENURE AND PROMOTION REVIEWS, VISITING COMMITTEES

Participation in numerous tenure and promotion and reviews on behalf of History departments in US and Canadian universities.

Member, Visiting Committee at History Departments of University of Notre Dame (September 2000) and University of California, Berkeley (April 2004).

ACADEMIC ADVISORY AND CONSULTANCY WORK

Member, West European subcommittee of the International Committee, (British) Labour Party National Executive Committee, 1977-79

Academic consultant to the booklet accompanying the (British) Channel-4 TV series, "The Germans", 1992

Historical consultant to SMASH company, Boston, producers of the "Timelab 2000" and "World Before Us" for the History Channel

Editor, Penguin Custom Editions: The Western World (2000-02). Responsible for recruiting and overseeing a team that identified and wrote detailed notes on 600 excerpts from Penguin and Penguin Classics editions covering the period 1650-present. The resulting database (<http://www.pearsoncustom.com/database/penguin.html>) is the first of its kind for college instructors, searchable by author, period, title, subject and genre.

PUBLICATIONS

See "Publications"

CURRENT RESEARCH

I am working on a new project with the working title "Germany in the World: A Transnational History, 1700-2000".

TEACHING AND ADVISING

Courses taught at Harvard (1992-present)

Western Societies, Politics and Cultures, 1650 to the Present
 History of Nineteenth-Century Germany
 Germany 1871-1990: From Unification to Reunification
 European History 1848-1945
 Religion and Popular Culture in Nineteenth-Century Europe
 Problems and Sources in Modern German History
 Max Weber in His Time
 Germany in the World, 1600-2000 (to be taught in spring 2009)

Courses taught at Stanford (1989-90)

The Catholic Church in Nineteenth-Century Europe
 History of Nineteenth-Century Germany
 History of Twentieth-Century Germany
 Problems in German History

Courses taught at London (1976-1992)

European History since 1800
 Autocracy, Democracy and Dictatorship in Germany, 1860-1945
 Max Weber and Modern Politics
 Crime and Society in Victorian Britain
 The Rise of the Modern State (parts of)
 History Foundation Course (parts of)
 Historical and Political Analysis (parts of)
 European History 1500-1800 (parts of)

Graduate Advising

I advised three PhDs at London University and since 1992 I have signed off on 34 PhD dissertations (17 by advisees) at Harvard. Currently principal adviser to nine graduate students. Former advisees have won dissertation prizes and currently hold positions at the Getty Institute,

Harvard University, Hunter College/CUNY, Middlebury College, Texas A&M, Tufts University, and Washington University, St Louis.

I have offered graduate reading fields in Modern German History and the Economic and Social History of Europe and the Americas.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

At Harvard I have been Chair of the History Department, Director of Graduate Studies in History, Chair of the Board of History Examiners and Director of the Center for European Studies, in addition to serving on some twenty search, promotion and other committees. I was a member of the Social Science Advisory Council (2004-7), and served on the Faculty Dean Search Advisory Committees chaired by interim Harvard President Derek Bok in 2006 and President-elect Drew Faust in 2007.