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### **Education:**

Attended public schools in Cardiff, Wales, and Trenton, New Jersey  
A.B. cum laude, Goucher College, 1961  
M.A. in History, Rutgers University, 1963  
Ph.D. in History, Rutgers University, 1968

### **Employment**

R. Gordon Hoxie Professor of American History, Columbia University, 1999-2016  
Chair, Department of History, 2003-2006  
Professor, Institute for Research on Women and Gender, 1999-2016  
Emerita, 2016-present  
Professor of History, Rutgers University, 1990-1999  
Professor II, 1994; Director of Women's Studies, 1990-1995  
Professor of History, Temple University, 1988-1990  
Professor of History, Hofstra University, Hempstead, N.Y., 1981 to 1988  
Associate Professor, 1974-1981; Assistant Professor, 1968-1974  
Co-Director, Hofstra University, Center for the Study of Work and Leisure, 1976-1988  
Visiting Professor, State University of New York, Binghamton, Spring, 1985  
Visiting Senior Lecturer in the History of American Labor,  
University of Warwick, 1979-1980  
Visiting faculty, Sarah Lawrence College, 1974-76. Director Women's History  
Program, 1975-6

### **Honors and Awards**

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowships, 1976-77 and 1985-6  
Fellow, Bunting Institute, Radcliffe College, 1977  
Who's Who of American Women, 11th and succeeding editions  
Rockefeller Foundation, Gender Roles Program, Fellowship, 1988-89  
John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship, 1989-90  
Research Associate, Center for Studies of Social Change, New School  
for Social Research, 1989-90  
Visiting Fellow, Swedish Collegium for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences,  
Uppsala, Spring, 1991  
Doctor of Laws, Honoris causa, Goucher College, 1991

John B. Commerford Award for Labor Education, 1991.  
 Society of American Historians, 1992;  
 Visiting Fellow, Institute for Social Research, Oslo, 1994-5  
 Ford Foundation grant, Education and Culture division for Women's Studies Global Curriculum,  
 1994-6  
 Doctor of Philosophy, honoris causa, Uppsala University, Sweden, 1995  
 Fulbright Award, Australia and New Zealand, Fall, 1995  
 Fellow, Swedish Collegium for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences,  
 Spring, 1997  
 Fellow, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, 2001-2  
 American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Elected, 2005  
 William C. and Ida Friday Fellow, National Humanities Center, 2006-7  
 Vice-President, President Elect, and President, Organization of American Historians, 2009-2012  
 American Philosophical Society, Elected, 2012  
 Sol Stettin Labor journalism award, 2016  
 Rutgers University: 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fellow  
 American Historical Association award for Scholarly Distinction, 2016  
 Intelligence and Courage Award, Frances Perkins Center, 2020

### **Books:**

Women Have Always Worked: a Concise History, 2d Edition, University of Illinois Press, 2018

A Difficult Woman: the Challenging Life and Times of Lillian Hellman, Bloomsbury Press,  
 2012. Finalist for best biography, LA Times, PEN, and Plutarch Awards

Gendering Labor History, University of Illinois Press, 2007

In Pursuit of Equity: Women, Men, and the Quest for Economic Citizenship in Twentieth Century  
 America (Oxford University Press, 2001). Recipient of the Bancroft Prize; the Herbert  
 Hoover Presidential Book Award; the Philip Taft Prize for Labor History; Joan Kelly  
 Prize for the History of Women and Gender

A Woman's Wage: Historical Meanings and Social Consequences

(The University Press of Kentucky, 1990); 2d edition with added epilogue, 2014; ch. 2  
 reprinted in Nancy Schrom Dye and Noralee Frankel, eds., *Gender, Class, Race and  
 Reform in the Progressive Period* (Kentucky, 1991); ch. 3 reprinted in Kerber and deHart,  
Women's America, Fifth Edition, (Oxford University Press, 2000)

Out to Work: A History of Wage-Earning Women in the United States

Oxford University Press, 1982. Awarded the Philip Taft Prize for the best book in Labor  
 History, 1982; ch. 6 reprinted in Allen F. Davis and Harold D. Woodman, eds., *Conflict  
 and Consensus in Modern American History*, sixth edition (D.C. Heath, 1984); ch 7  
 excerpted in Ralph Lindgren and Nadine Taub, *The Law of Sex Discrimination* (West  
 Publishing Co. 1988); excerpts reprinted in Katherine Bartlett, Gender and Law: Theory,  
 Doctrine, Commentary (Little, Brown, 1993). 20 year anniversary edition, 2002

Women Have Always Worked: An Historical Overview, Feminist Press and McGraw Hill, 1981.

Democracy and the Welfare State: The Two Wests in the Age of Austerity edited with Maurizio Vaudagna. Columbia University Press, 2017

Democracy and Social Rights in the “Two Wests” edited with Maurizio Vaudagna, Otto Press, 2009

Protecting Women: Labor Legislation in Europe, Australia and the United States, 1880-1920 University of Illinois Press, 1995, edited with Ulla Wikander and Jane Lewis; introduction translated into Danish and reprinted in *Arbejder Historie* (1997), 1-17

U.S. History as Women's History, University of North Carolina Press, 1995.  
edited with Linda K. Kerber and Kathryn Kish Sklar

Perspectives on American Labor History: The Problem of Synthesis  
edited with Carroll Moody, Northern Illinois University Press, 1990

Faith of a Woman Writer: Essays in Twentieth Century Literature, edited  
with William McBrien, Greenwood, 1988.

Women in Culture and Politics: A Century of Change, edited with Judith Friedlander, Blanche Cook and Carroll Smith-Rosenberg. Indiana University Press, 1986.

The Open Cage: An Anzia Yezierska Collection, selected, with an  
Introduction, Persea, 1979.

Past Imperfect: Alternative Essays in American History, Edited,  
with Blanche Cook and Ronald Radosh, Alfred Knopf, 1973

**Articles, Book Chapters, etc:**

“Engendering Democracy in an Age of Anxiety” in Frances Rosenbluth and Margaret Weir, eds., Who Gets What? The New Politics of Insecurity (Cambridge, 2021) 103-128

“Beyond the Social Compact: Redesigning the Welfare State in Western Europe and the United States,” *Chinese Journal of American Studies* 4 (2018) 149-160

“The Gender of Jews and the Politics of Women,” in Jack Jacobs, ed., Jews and Leftist Politics: Judaism, Israel, Antisemitism, and Gender (Cambridge, 2017), 217-230

“Dilemmas of Resistance,” in W.V. Harris, ed., Moses Finley and Politics (Brill, 2013) 79-93

“Capitalism, Democracy, and the Emancipation of Belief,” Journal of American History, 99  
(Winter, 2012), 725-740

“Woman’s History: From Neglect to Prominence and to Integration,” in Richard Kirkendall, The

Organization of American Historians and the Writing and Teaching of American History (Oxford University Press, 2011)

- “Gender and Work: Possibilities for a Global Historical Overview,” in Bonnie Smith, ed., Women’s History in Global Perspective. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2004, 145-194.
- “Measures for Masculinity: The American Labour Movement and Welfare State Policy during the Great Depression,” in Stefan Dudink, Karen Hagemann and John Tosh, eds., Masculinities in Politics and War: Gendering Modern History ( University of Manchester Press, 2004), 220-238
- “Home and Work: Reconfiguring the Private in the Context of the Public,” in R. Baritono et al. eds., Public and Private in American History: State, Family, Subjectivity in the Twentieth Century (Otto, 2003), 331-350
- “Reframing the History of Women’s Wage Labor: Challenges of a Global Perspective,” in Journal of Women’s History (Winter, 2004), 186-206
- “In Pursuit of Economic Citizenship,” Social Politics Summer, 2003, 157-175.
- “In the Nation’s Image: The Gendered Limits of Social Citizenship in the Depression Era,” Journal of American History, 86 (December, 1999), 1251-1279. Awarded the James Madison Prize of the Society for History in the Federal Government. Reprinted, in Jason Stacey, ed., *Past Forward* (Oxford, 2016)
- “A Principle of Law but not of Justice: Men, Women and Income Taxes in The United States, 1913-1948, Southern California Review of Law and Women’s Studies, 6(Spring, 1997), 331-360
- “Gender Identity: Rights to Work and the Idea of Economic Citizenship,” Schweizerische Zeitschrift für Geschichte, 46 (1996), 411-426
- “The Paradox of Motherhood: Night Work Laws in the United States,” in Wikander, Kessler-Harris and Lewis, Protecting Women University of Illinois, 1995
- "Designing Women and Old Fools: The Construction of the Social Security Amendments of 1939" in Kerber, Kessler-Harris and Sklar, U.S. History as Women's History, (University of North Carolina Press, 1995), 87-106
- "Gendered Interventions: Exploring the Historical Roots of U.S. Social Policy," The Japanese Journal of American Studies, No.5 (1993-4), 3-22; reprinted in Materassi, et al eds., The American Columbiad (Amsterdam: VU University press, 1996)
- "Treating the Male as 'Other': Re-defining the Parameters of Labor History," Labor History 34 (Spring-Summer, 1993), 190-204.
- "Gender Ideology in Historical Reconstruction: A Case Study from the 1930s," Gender and History, Volume 1, Spring, 1989, 31-49. Reprinted in Norton

and Alexander, Major Problems in American Women's History (D. C. Heath)

"The Just Price, The Free Market and the Value of Women," Feminist Studies, Summer, 1988, 235-250; excerpted in Ms Magazine, October, 1987 and Realia, December, 1987; reprinted in Karen Hansen, and Ilene Philipson, eds, Class and the Feminist Imagination Temple, 1989; reprinted in Dorothy Helly and Susan Reverby, Beyond Dichotomy: Public and Private Spheres in Historical Perspective (Cornell, 1991); Pam Sharpe, ed., Women's Work: The English Experience (Arnold, 1998)

"The Demise of Domesticity," with Karen Brodtkin Sacks in Lourdes Beneria and Catharine R. Stimpson, Women, Households and the Economy, Rutgers, 1987, 65-84. Reprinted in Bonnie Fox, ed., Family Patterns, Gender Relations, Oxford, 1995

"Rose Schneiderman and the Limits of Women's Trade Unionism," in Melvyn Dubovsky and Warren Van Tine, Labor Leaders in America, University of Illinois Press, 1987, 160-184.

"Women's History, Women's Studies, American Studies: The Cultural Connection," Amerikastudien, vol 31, Fall, 1986, 215-227.

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"Problems of Coalition Building: Women and Trade Unions in the 1920s," in Ruth Milkman, ed., Women, Work and Protest: A Century of Women's Labor History, Routledge and Kegan Paul, 1985, 110-138.

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"Education in Working Class Solidarity: The Summer School for Office Workers," in Joyce Kornbluh and Mary Frederickson, eds., Sisterhood and Solidarity: Workers Education for Women, 1914-1980, Temple University Press, 1985, 223-241

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"Protection for Women: Trade Unions and Labor Laws," in Wendy Chavkin, ed., Report From the Front Lines, Monthly Review Press, 1984, 139-159

"American Women and American Character: A Feminist Perspective," in John Hague,

American Character and Culture, revised edition, Greenwood, 1979, 227-242.

"Worker Education and Worker Participation: Reflections on the U.S. Experience," with Bertram Silverman, Economic Analysis and Workers' Management, XIII (1979), 605-617.

"Women's Wage Work as Myth and History: A Review Essay," in Labor History, 19 (Spring, 1978), 287-307

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"Women, Work and the Social Order," in Berenice Carroll, ed., Liberating Women's History: Theoretical and Critical Essays, University of Illinois Press, 1976.

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"Where are the Organized Women Workers?" Feminist Studies, (Fall, 1975) 92-110, Reprinted in Nancy Cott and Elizabeth Pleck, eds., A Heritage of Her Own, Simon and Schuster, 1979; and in Linda Kerber and Jane de Hart Mathews, Women's America: Refocusing the Past, Oxford University Press, 1981, 1987, 1991; Leon Fink, ed., Perspectives on the American Past (DC Heath, 1995).

"Organizing the Unorganizable: Three Jewish Women and Their Union," Labor History, (Winter, 1976), 5-23. Reprinted in Milton Cantor and Bruce Laurie, eds., Class, Sex and the Woman Worker, Greenwood, 1977; Jacob R. Marcus, ed., The American Jewish Woman: A Documentary History, Ktav, 1981; and Dan Leab, ed., The Labor History Reader, University of Illinois Press, 1984.

"Stratifying by Sex: Notes on the History of Working Women," in Richard Edwards, et al eds., Labor Market Segmentation, Lexington Books, 1975, 217-242.

"Industrial Discontent," in Ernest Hohnlitz, ed., The Study of American History, vol II, Dushkin, 1974

"Women in Advanced Capitalism," with Bertram Silverman, Social Policy, July/August, 1973, 16-22.

### **Essays and Miscellaneous Pieces**

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"Is *Not Enough* Enough?" LABOR: Studies in Working Class History, (February, 2020),

"Gerda Lerner" American National Biography

<https://doi.org/10.1093/anb/9780198606697.013.00254>

- “The Long History of Workplace Sexual Harassment,” Jacobin,  
<https://jacobinmag.com/2018/03/metoo-workplace-discrimination-sexual-harassment-feminism>
- “Crossing into the Future,” in Reassembling Motherhood: Procreation and Care in a Globalized World, Yasmine Ergas et al eds. Columbia University Press, 2017
- “That’s (Serious) Entertainment: Lillian Hellman’s Bargain with Audiences” American Theatre, Feb 4, 2017
- “What’s Wrong with Leaning In?” Miglena Sternadori, ed., Gender and Work, (Cambridge Scholarly Publications, UK, 2016), 8-18
- “Altering the Meaning of Women’s Citizenship: Trans Atlantic Thoughts” in Kari Nordberg et al eds, Myndighet Og Medborgerskap ((Oslo: Novus Forlag, 2015) 97-110
- “Remembering David Montgomery,” Against the Current, May/June 2012; 44-45
- Gender Identity and the Gendered Process,” Journal of American History, Winter, 2012 , 827-829
- Forward, Labor Rising: The Past and Future of Working People in America, ed, Daniel Katz and Richard Greenwald (New Press, 2012)
- “What Lillian Hellman Knew,” The Chronicle Review, April 27, 2012, 10-12
- “Tips and Tales,” in Sally Cline ad Midge Gillies, The Arvon Book of Literary Non-Fiction (Bloomsbury, 2011) 130-132
- “The Quest for Equality: Women from 1865 to the present” Gilder-Lehrman podcast (released Feb, 2011)
- “Legal Theory and Gendered History” Columbia Journal of Gender and Law, 19 (2010), 1-8
- “Democracy, Liberty, and Social Rights: An Introduction,” in Kessler-Harris and Vaudagna, Democracy and Social Rights in the Two Wests. Otto Press, 2010, 3-18
- Symposium, “Intellectuals and their America” Dissent, Winter, 2010, 28-30
- “AHR Roundtable: Why Biography?” American Historical Review, 114 (June, 2009), 625-630
- Roundtable on Electronic Publishing, Perspectives, February, 2009
- “Why I’m not Necessarily for Hillary,” San Francisco Chronicle, Jan 25, 2008
- “Do We Still Need Women’s History,” The Chronicle Review, December 7, 2007

- “The Transnational Journey of Gender History in the United States,” Journal of Women’s History (Spring, 2007)
- “A Conversation with Ida Blom,” Perspectives 44(December, 2006), 6-11
- “The Wages of Patriarchy,: Some Thoughts about the Continuing relevance of Class and Gender,” Labor: Studies in Working-Class History of the Americas. 3 (Fall, 2006), 7-22
- “Vera Shlakman”, International Labor and Working Class History, #69 (Spring, 2006), 195-200
- Lillian Hellman” and Barbara Nachtrieb Armstrong for Notable American Women, the Fifth Edition (Harvard, 2004)
- Coalitions of the Imagination,” Perspectives 42 (April, 2004), 35-39
- “Pink Collar Ghetto, Blue Collar Token,” in Robin Morgan, ed., Sisterhood is Forever, (Washington Square Press, 2003), 358-367
- “What is Gender History Now,” David Cannadine, ed., What is History Now? (Palgrave, 2002), 95-112
- “Two Labour Histories or One?,” in Gender, Religion, and Ethnicity in the Writing of European Labour History, Lex Heerma Van Voss and Marcel van der Linden, eds. (London: Berghahn Books, 2002), 133-149
- “February 24, 1908, Affirming the Sexual Division of Labor,” in James McPherson and Alan Brinkley, eds., Days of Destiny: Crossroads in American History (New York: DK Press, 2001), 204-219
- “ Voluntary Work and Labour History: A Postscript,” Labour History, (Australia) no. 81(November, 2001), 129-134
- “Economic Citizenship: the Next Battle?” Democratic Left, 29(Fall/Winter, 2001), 6, 18.
- “How Historians Can Stay Relevant” Chronicle of Higher Education, Section 2, September 21, 2001, B11-B13
- “Anzia Yezierska” in Blanche Gelfant, ed., The Columbia Companion to the Twentieth American Short Story (Columbia University Press, 2000), 600-604
- “1048 Fifth Avenue” in William E. Leuchtenburg, ed., American Places: Encounters with History (Oxford University Press, 2000) 233-241
- “From Warren Susman to Raymond Williams and Allen Ginsburg: Moving towards a Future with Illusions,” in Rob Kroes, ed., Predecessors: Intellectual Lineages in American Studies (VU University Press, Amsterdam, 1999), 129-141; reprinted in Rethinking History, Spring, 2001, 11-26



- Interviews with Karen Nussbaum (with Dorothy Sue Cobble) and Ruth Simmons (with Cora Kaplan) in Mary Hartmann, ed., Talking Leadership: Conversations with Powerful Women (Rutgers, 1999)
- "The Labor Movement" Encyclopedia of Jewish Women in America (Routledge 1997), 771-781
- "The Life and Times of Rosie the Riveter: The Experience and Legacy of Wartime Women wage Earners," in John Chambers, ed., World War II: Film and History (Oxford, 1996) 107-122
- "Comparative Perspectives," in Joan Scott, Cora Kaplan and Debra Keates, eds., Transitions, Environments, Translations: Feminisms in International Politics (Routledge, 1997), 400-406
- "Some Thoughts on the Intersection of the Politics of Culture and the Culture Concept in American Studies," in Gunter Lenz and Klaus Milich eds., American Studies in Germany: European Contexts and Intercultural Relations (Campus Verlag and St. Martin's Press, 1995)
- Foreword to Christina Looper Baker, In a Generous Spirit: A First Person Biography of Myra Page (Illinois, 1996)
- "Pride and Paradox: Despite Success Women's Studies Faces an Uncertain Future," Chronicle of Higher Education, April 26, 1996, A64 with Amy Swerdlow
- "Explorations in Gender Matters: Social Policies Re-constructed," in Anne Lise Ellingsaeter and Gro Hagemann, eds., Gender, Work and Welfare States: Report from a Seminar, Oslo Institutt for Samfunnsforskning, 1995
- "Feminism and Affirmative Action," in Nicolaus Mills, ed., To Look Like America: Debating Racial Preferences and Affirmative Action in the 1990s (Dell, 1994)
- "Women and Welfare: Public Interventions in Private Lives," Review Essay, Radical History Review, Spring, 1993
- "Cultural Locations: Positioning American Studies in the Great Debate," American Quarterly 44 (September, 1992), 299-312; reprinted in Lucy Maddox, Locating American Studies (Johns Hopkins University Press, 1998); Richard P. Horwitz, The American Studies Anthology (Scholarly Resources, 2001)
- "On Being Labelled Politically (In)Correct: The View from Women's Studies," Signs 17 (Summer, 1992) 794-805.
- "Multiculturalism Can Strengthen, not Undermine a Common Culture," Chronicle of Higher Education (October 21, 1992), B4. B7.
- "Beyond Industrial Unionism," Dissent (Winter, 1992), 61-66, with Bertram Silverman

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- "Frauengeschichte in den USA: die 8 Berkshire Conference," Feministische Studien Summer, 1991
- "Frances Perkins" and "Women's Work" in Foner and Garraty, eds., The Readers' Companion to American History (Houghton Mifflin, 1991) 829-30; 1158-1161
- "Social History," in Eric Foner, Ed., The New American History, Temple University Press, 1990, 163-184, and rev. ed., 1997; translated and reprinted as "La Storia Sociale," in Sergio Bertelli, ed. Laboratoria di Storia (Gruppo Editoriale Fiorentino)
- "Women and Wages: Then and Now," Democratic Left, January-February 1990, 15-16
- "A New Agenda for American Labor History: A Gendered Analysis and the Question of Class," in Moody and Kessler-Harris, Perspectives on American Labor History, 217-234
- "Women's Culture at Work: Towards a Conceptual Framework" Uppsala papers in European History, Working paper no. 7, 1989
- "Academic Freedom and Expert Witnessing: A Response to Haskell and Levinson," Texas Law Review, December, 1988, 429-440
- "Trade Unions Mirror Society in Conflict Between Collectivism and Individualism," Monthly Labor Review, August, 1987, 32-35.
- "Women's History and EEOC v. Sears Roebuck and Co.: An Interview with Alice Kessler-Harris," New Perspectives, Summer, 1986, 23, 29-34; reprinted in Society, September/October, 1987
- Introduction, with Cook, Coss, Petchesky and Swerdlow to Joan Kelly, Women, History and Theory, University of Chicago Press, 1984.
- Introduction, with Paul Lauter to Feminist Press series on 1930s fiction including Fielding Burke, Call Home the Heart; Josephine Herbst, Rope of Gold; and Tess Slesinger, The Unpossessed;
- "Working Women: Myths and Realities" editorial in New York Times, August 18, 1982, and syndicated nationwide.
- "Mothers are Different Now," editorial in Baltimore Sun, May 9, 1982, Richmond, Va Times Dispatch, and syndicated nationwide
- "Theresa Wolfson" and "Rose Pesotta" entries in Barbara Sicherman, ed., Notable

American Women, Supplement. Harvard, 1979

Introduction to Anzia Yezierska, Bread Givers, George Braziller, 1975. Published in England by Virago, 1985. Excerpted in Contemporary Literary Criticism, vol 46 (1988), 446-447. Forward to the new edition, 1999; Third edition, 2003.

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### **Massive Open On Line Course:**

**Women Have Always Worked: The U.S. Experience, parts 1 and 2 (2017)**

<<https://www.edx.org/course/women-have-always-worked-u-s-experience-columbiawhaw1-1x> >; and <<https://www.edx.org/course/women-have-always-worked-u-s-experience-columbiawhaw1-2x>>

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### **Personal Interviews**

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### Reviews:

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 September, 1973, July, 1974.  
Science and Society; Fall, 1973  
Social Studies; Fall, 1973  
Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society; Fall, 1974  
Labor History; Spring 1975; Spring, 1983; Summer, 1984, Spring, 2003.  
American Historical Review; June, 1977; April, 1985, October, 1989; February, 1994. Sept, 2006;  
 February, 2007  
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Ms Magazine; April, 1978, July, 1984  
Journal of American History June, 1980; December, 1980; Spring, 1985;  
 March, 1987, March, 1993, December, 1993, Spring, 1998, June 2017.  
Society for the Study of Labour History G.B., Spring, 1980  
Reviews in American History; September, 1982  
In These Times; October 13, 1982; April, 1984.  
The Women's Review of Books, July, 1984; February, 1985; April, 1986, November, 1989;  
 January, 1994, May, 1998, March, 1999, November, 2002, July, 2003; May/June, 2006,  
 May/June, 2008; July/August, 2013; May/June, 2015  
New York Times Book Review; August 4, 1985; May 4, 1986; July 24, 1988;  
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The Nation, February 28, 1987  
New Directions for Women, March/April, 1987  
Labor/Le Travail, Spring, 1987; Spring, 2003.  
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Conference Group in Women's History Newsletter October, 1992  
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Gender and History, April, 1997  
Labor: Studies in Working Class History, Spring, 2006; Fall, 2007, March, 2016

### Conference Papers and Presentations: (since 1990, partial listing)

"A Woman's Wage," University of California Group in Economic History Conference, November 10, 1990

"Gender and the Construction of Culture: Conference on Ideology and Resistance, University of Haifa, Israel, January, 1990

"Ideologies and Innovation: Gendered Dimensions of Business History," Business History Conference, Toronto, March, 1991, published in Business and Economic History 2d Series, 20(1991)45-51

"A Historian's Vision of Difference" Symposium on Women in Austria, University of Minnesota, April, 1991

"Treating the Male as 'Other:' Reconstructing Labor History," North American Labor History Conference, Detroit, October, 1991

"Women's Other War: The Battle over the Meaning of the Home," New Jersey State Historical Commission, Trenton, December, 1991

"Gendered Interventions: Rediscovering the American Past," European Association for American Studies, Seville, Spain, April, 1992

"Problems of Multiculturalism: Political Culture and the Culture Concept," Conference on American Studies in Germany: European Contexts and Intercultural Relations, Ebernburg-Bad Munster am Stein, Germany, June, 1992.

Keynote address, Indiana Association of American Historians, Richmond, Indiana, March, 1992

Keynote Address, Japanese Association for American Studies, Kyoto, Japan, April, 1993

Keynote Address: Anglo American Historical Conference, London, July, 1993

Roundtable: "The Creation of Feminist Consciousness: American History as Women's History," Organization of American Historians meeting, April, 1994

Keynote address, Women's Breakfast meeting, American Studies Association, Atlanta, October, 1994

Roundtable: "Issues of Social Rationalization between the wars," Social Science History Association, November, 1994,

New Jersey Council for History Education, annual meeting, Princeton, NJ, December, 1994

Plenary address, conference on "The Social Rationalization of Everyday Life" Bad Homburg, Germany, February, 1995

"Removing the Swaddling Clothes: Mill, Marshall and the Minds of Women," European Social Science History Association, Noordwijkhout, the Netherlands, May, 1996

"Economic Citizenship for Women" plenary lecture, Canadian Historical Association, St. Catherine, Canada, May, 1996

"Recasting Citizenship: The Meanings of Class in a Multicultural Age," Organization of American Historians meeting, San Francisco, April, 1997

"Raymond Williams, Allen Ginsburg and I," keynote address, North American Labor History

Conference, Detroit, MI, October, 1997

“Does Work End Poverty?” plenary address to “Does Work End Poverty” Conference, Albany, NY, June, 1998

“Behind Women’s Petticoats: Social Policy in a Contested Nation,” Conference on a Transnational American History, Amsterdam and Cambridge, England, June, 1998

“Moving Towards a Future with Illusions” Conference on Intellectual Lineages in American Studies, Amerika Instituut, University of Amsterdam, September, 1998

“Linking Family Work and Wage Work,” Conference on Families in Transition,” Families and Work Institute, Tarrytown, NY, February, 1999

Keynote Address, Great Lakes Association for American Studies, March, 1999

“Achieving a Political Voice: Intellectuals and the Shape of Public Policy,” Conference on the Changing Role of the Public Intellectual, Humboldt University, Berlin, Feb 3-5, 2000

“A Glance Back into the Future,” Conference on Gender Inquiry, Radcliffe College, October 13, 2000

“Re-Shaping the Policy Agenda” Conference on Frances Perkins and her Legacies, Mount Holyoke College, March 8-9, 2001

“The Future of the Public Intellectual,” Conference on the Public Intellectual, Center for the History of Labor, Industry and Technology, Atlanta, Georgia, March 23-24, 2001

Panelist, The Historian as Witness/the Witness as Historian, CUNY Graduate Center, April 5, 2001

“Gender, Work and Citizenship,” Conference on the Public and Private in American History: Family, Subjectivity and Public Life in the Twentieth Century, Centro ‘Bairati’ di Studi Euro-americani, University of Turin, May 17-19, 2001

“What is Gender History Now?” Conference in honor of E.H. Carr, Institute of Historical Research, University of London, November 14-15, 2001

Panelist, Roundtable on Economic Citizenship, European Social Science History Association, The Hague, Netherlands, March 1, 2002

Keynote, Alva Myrdal Conference, Uppsala University, March 7, 2002

“In Pursuit of Economic Citizenship,” Journal of Policy History Conference, St. Louis, MO, May 31, 2002

Panelist, “New Interpretations of Gender and the Welfare State,” Berkshire Conference on

Women's History, Storrs, CT, June, 2002

Panelist, "Welfare in International Comparison" European Association for American Studies, Prague, April, 2004

Edith and Henry Everett Scholar-in-Residence, Chautauqua Institution, July 19-24, 2004

Panelist, "The American Jewish Experience," Brandeis University, October 18, 2004

Plenary session, Labour Feminism Conference, University of Toronto, September, 2005

"The Future of Economic Citizenship," International Economic History Association, Helsinki, August, 2006

"Biography as History" Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe Institute, June, 2007

Panelist, Democracy and Social Rights Conference, Turin and Vercelli, Italy, May, 2008

Keynote speaker, Labor Feminism Conference, Stockholm, August, 2008

Panelist, American Studies Association, Albuquerque, NM, October, 2008

Panelist, "The Bush-Cheney Years: A Historian's Against the War Roundtable," New York: American Historical Association Annual meeting, January 3, 2009. Published on-line at <http://www.historiansagainstawar.org/aha09/>.

"Sex Lies and History: The life and times of Lillian Hellman," Workshop in Twentieth Century History and Politics, Columbia University, Feb 5, 2009

"History, Identity, Sexuality: Comments on the work of Martha Nussbaum" Columbia University Law School, Feb 12, 2009

Panelist, "The Gender of Law Conference" Radcliffe Institute, Harvard, March, 2009

"Triangle Fire Centennial commemorations"—Tamiment Library, March, 2011

"Jewish Women on the Left," Conference on Jews and the Left, YIVO Institute, May, 2012

"Congressional Power to Effect Sex Equality: The History and Future of the Economic Equity Act," Harvard Journal of Law and Gender, Harvard Law School, February 21, 2013

Keynote speaker, Biennial Women and Gender Research Conference, University of South Dakota, April 10, 2015

Keynote speaker, "Song of the Shirt," Sweatshop Equity: Women in the Garment Industry, Inaugural conference in women's history, New York Historical Society, March 6, 2016

"History, Feminism, Theory: Reflections on Women, Gender, Labour and Colonialism," Toronto,

June 21, 1919

‘Engendering Democracy in an Age of Anxiety,’ American Political Science Association,  
September 11, 2020

“Gendering Labor History,” with Thavolia Glumph, LAWCHA, Feb 25, 2021), LAWCHA

**Invited Lectures and Seminars on Aspects of Women, Work, and Social Policy** (selected)

Democratic Socialists of America, February, 1990  
 Center for the Education of Women, University of Michigan, April, 1990  
 New York Historical Society, April, 1990  
 Delaware Coalition for the Homeless, October, 1990  
 New School for Social Research, December, 1990  
 Rutgers University, April, 1991  
 University of Nebraska, March, 1992  
 University of Coimbra, Portugal, March, 1992  
 Columbia University Seminar in American Civilization, September, 1992  
 Hofstra University, November, 1992  
 Simpson University, March, 1993  
 Doshisha University, Kyoto, April, 1993  
 Tokyo University, April, 1993  
 University of Kansas, Wichita, March, 1994  
 Stetson University, March, 1994  
 Institute for Social Research, Oslo, June, 1994 and June, 1995  
 Technische Universitat, Berlin, February, 1995  
 University of British Columbia, Vancouver, March, 1995  
 Pace University, March, 1995  
 Graduate Center, City University, New York, April, 1995  
 University of Bergen, May, 1995  
 University of Amsterdam, May, 1995  
 Aalborg University, Denmark, June, 1995  
 Center for the Study of Working Life, Stockholm, May, 1995  
 University of Melbourne, LaTrobe University, Deakin University, Australia,  
 September, 1995  
 Victoria University, Wellington, NZ, October, 1995  
 Pennsylvania State Historical Society, September, 1996  
 Columbia University Seminar in Twentieth century American History, January 19, 1997  
 Joint Seminar at the Departments of Economic History and the Gender Studies seminar of the  
 Department of History, University of Stockholm, March 21, 1997  
 Gender, Work, and Citizenship Seminar, University of Stockholm, March 12, 1997  
 Institute for Retired Professionals and Executives, Brooklyn College, November, 1997  
 University of Iowa, Iowa City, October, 1998  
 Women’s City Club, New York, November, 1998  
 Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, March 1999  
 The White House, Washington, DC, March, 1999



William E. B. DuBois Lecture, Humboldt University, February 9, 2000  
 Anita Shafer Goodstein Lecture, The University of the South, March, 2000  
 Stockholm University, Department of Economic History, November 2000  
 Center for Law and Culture, Columbia University Law School, April, 2001  
 Brennan Center for Law and Justice, New York University Law School, May, 2001  
 Harvard University, History Department, November, 2001  
 State University of New York at New Paltz, April 2002  
 Yale University Law and Society Seminar, February, 2003  
 City University of New York, Center for the Humanities, February, 2003  
 Edward P. Thompson Memorial Lecture, University of Pittsburgh, November, 2003  
 Frank Tannenbaum lecture, Columbia University, April, 2004  
 University Lecture, Columbia University, April, 2004  
 Chautauqua Institution, July, 2004  
 Herbert Gutman Lecture, CUNY Graduate Center, October, 2004  
 Alice Cook Lecture, ILR School, Cornell University, November, 2004  
 Duke University, September, 2005  
 Miller lecture, University of Maryland, October, 2005  
 University of North Carolina, February, 2007  
 Franklin and Marshall College, March, 2007  
 Barbara Black lecture, Columbia University Law School, November 2007  
 Northwestern University, April, 2010  
 Marilyn Yarbrough Distinguished Speaker, UNC Law School, Feb 23, 2013  
 Clayman Institute, Stanford University, November, 2013  
 Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University, December, 2013  
 “States of Intimacy” Workshop, Radcliffe College, July 25-26, 2016  
 “Lillian Hellman, Radical,” Arena Stage, Feb 5, 2017  
 “Mothers and the Constitution,” with Carol Sanger, NYHS, Fall, 2017  
 “The Conflictual Legacy of 9/11, University of Bologna, October 5, 2021 (zoom)

### **Professional and Service Activities:**

New York Historical Society, Center for Women’s History,  
 Chair, Board of Scholars, 2014-  
 Fellowships committee, 2019

American Historical Association, 1968 to present.  
 Committee on Women Historians, 1983-86; Chair, 1984-86.  
 Elected to Nominating Committee, 1988-90  
 Organizer (with Amy Swerdlow), Conference on Women's History and  
 Public Policy, June, 1989; grants received from the Ford Foundation  
 and the Rockefeller Foundation.  
 Elected to Council, Jan, 2006-2009

Organization of American Historians, 1968 to present,  
 Program committee for 1982 meetings;  
 Lectureship program, 1987-2001; 2008-2016  
 Chair, advisory board, OAH newsletter, 1994-1998;

Foreign language article prize committee, 1995-1998  
 Foreign Language Book Committee, 2002-2007  
 AHA/OAH Joint Committee on Adjunct and Part Time work, 2002-5  
 elected to Executive Board, 2005-8  
 Strategic Planning Committee 2008-9  
 Vice-President, elect, 2009-2011  
 President, 2011-2012  
 Leadership Advisory Council, 2013- 2016  
 Principal Investigator, Ford Foundation grant for China scholarly exchange program,  
 2012-2019  
 David Montgomery Award selection committee, 2018-2019

American Studies Association, 1972 to present:

Program Committee, 1972-75;  
 Executive Council, 1973-78;  
 National American Studies Faculty, consultant, 1975-6;  
 elected to International Committee, 1981-83, and to chair, 1982-83;  
 elected to Nominating Committee, 1984-86.  
 Appointed to International Committee, 1988-92.  
 President-elect, 1990-91; President, 1991-1992.  
 Representative to National Coordinating Committee for the Promotion of History, 1995-  
 Chair, Special Advisory Committee on International American Studies, 1996-  
 Co-Chair, Task Force on International Women in American Studies  
 Distinguished Lecturers program, 2002- 2012

Berkshire Conference of Women Historians, 1969 to present:

Program committee, 1975-76; Prize committee, 1977-78;  
 Program committee, 1982-84; 1988-90; 91-93.

Columbia University Seminar in American Civilization, 1971 to present.

Columbia University Seminar on Women in Society, 1975 to present.

Executive Board, 1982-5; Chair, 1983-84.

Society of American Historians, 1992-

Elected to executive board, 2006-2012; 2018-2023,  
 Vice President, 2018-19;  
 President, 2019-2020

Labor and Working Class History Association (LAWCHA), 1998-

Founding member and Executive Board, 1998-2001  
 Nominating Committee, 1998-2001  
 Elected Vice President, 2003-5  
 President, 2005-7  
 Herbert Gutman Dissertation Prize selection committee, 2013-  
 Editorial Board, Teaching Labor's Story, Labor and Working Class History Association,  
 June 2020-

American Civil Liberties Union,  
 Academic Freedom Committee, 1971-77;  
 consultant to Women's Rights Project, 1984-92.  
 Advisory Board, Reproductive Health Hazards.

NOW, Legal Defense and Education Fund,  
 Consultant, Supreme Court Brief, *Dept of Human Resources v. William Hibbs*

Editorial Boards:

Journal of American History, 1985-1988.  
Labor History, 1983-1999; 2001-4, 2018-2023  
Feminist Studies, 1982-2007  
Women and History, 1980-85  
Women and Work, 1986-1994  
Gender and History, 1989-1993  
Signs: Journal of Women, Culture and Society, 1986-96  
Labor/Le Travail, 1995-  
Labour History (Australia), 1999-  
Journal of Policy History, 2003-  
Labor: Working Class History of the Americas, 2004-

Speakers' Bureau, New York State Council for the Humanities, 1982-1995

Visiting Committees and departmental evaluations:

Lehigh University History Department, 1984-90.  
 Women's Studies Program, Oberlin College, December, 1985  
 Chair, evaluation team, University of Massachusetts, History Department, April, 1988  
 Bryn Mawr-Haverford History Departments, October, 1991.  
 Women's Studies Program, Vassar College, Spring, 1993  
 Department of American Studies, University of Minnesota, May, 1995  
 Board of Visitors, Goucher College, 1999-  
 History Department, Indiana University, October, 2000  
 History Department, UCLA, January, 2006  
 Carnegie-Mellon University, November, 2008  
 Sarah Lawrence College, MA in Women's History, September, 2013

Editor with David Brody, David Montgomery, and Sean Wilentz, *Working Class*  
 in American History series, University of Illinois Press, 1985-2011  
 with Jim Barrett, Julie Green, William P. Jones, Nelson Lichtenstein, 2012—2020

Prize Juries:

Nominating Jury, Pulitzer Prize in History for 1987.  
 Parkman Prize Jury, 1998  
 Bancroft Prize Jury, 1999, Chair  
 'Gutenberg-E,' 2003-  
 Bancroft Prize Jury, 2004, Chair  
 Bancroft Prize Jury, 2011, Chair  
 Frederick Jackson Turner Jury, 2012-3, Chair

Reader:, Fellowship Program, American Council of Learned Societies, 1988, 1989, 1990.  
 National Humanities Center, 2009 to present  
 American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Junior Fellowships, 2013-14; 2014-15  
 David Montgomery award, OAH/LAWCHA, 2017-2019

Selection Committee:

Fellowship Program, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Studies, 2002, 2003  
 Frederick Burckhardt Residential Fellowship Program, ACLS, 2006, 2007, 2008  
 American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 2006; 2009  
 Swedish Research Council, Humanities and Social Sciences Division, 2008-9

National Advisory Board, Commonwealth Center for the Study of American  
 Culture, William and Mary College, 1991-1994

Committee 'W', American Association of University Professors, 1993-1996

Film consultancies

TBS, VU productions for "Century of Women"  
 "Beyond the Vote" film project  
 "A Measured Century"  
 "Emma Goldman," Nebraska Public Television  
 Clara Lemlich  
 "Sweatshop Cinderella"  
 The WAVES of World War II  
 Gerda Lerner (Renate Keller)  
 Summoned: Frances Perkins (Mick Caouette)  
 "9 to 5" (Julia Reichert)  
 Bread Givers (Dena Greenbaum)  
 The Salome Ensemble (Alan Ginsburg/ Theodore Bogosian)

Advisory Boards:

National Museum of American History, Sweatshops Exhibit  
 Notable American Women: the third round  
 Library of Congress, Guide to Sources on Women  
 The Museum of Women-The Leadership Center  
 Woodrow Wilson Foundation  
 Consultant to evaluate Women's Studies grants program, co-author, "Woodrow  
 Wilson Doctoral Dissertation Grants in Women's Studies: an evaluation."  
 Women's Studies Advisory Committee, 1999-  
 Encyclopedia of Labor History  
 Jewish Women's Archives  
 Dwight David Eisenhower Museum, Kansas  
 Tenement House Museum Training project  
 Center for the Study of Social Difference, Columbia University  
 Women Creating Change Project director of "Social Rights After the Welfare  
 State:" 2013-2016  
 Barriers to European Union, European Commission, 2012-2017

New York Historical Society, Center for Women's History,  
Chair, Scholar's Board, 2014-

Edward M. Kennedy Prize for Drama Inspired by American History, Prize Board  
2014-2017

American Jewish Historical Society, Emma Lazarus project

Recent Conferences and workshops organized:

"What is Feminism Now?" Columbia University, Spring, 2010

"Social Rights After the Welfare State," 2013-2016

"Shifting Notions of Social Citizenship, Reid Hall, Paris, June 11-13, 2014

Symposium: "Beyond Liberalism" Columbia, April 2, 2016

"Democracy and the Welfare State," Reid Hall, Paris, May, 2018