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University Distinguished Professor of History
John Jay College and The Graduate Center
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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. The Johns Hopkins University, January 1970
Dissertation, Woodrow Wilson and the Antimilitarists
Awarded with distinction unanimously
Readers, Charles A. Barker and Alfred D. Chandler
- M.A. The Johns Hopkins University, October 1964
- B.A. Hunter College, June 1962

SELECTED PUBLIC ACTIVITIES

- Panelist, Oslo Nobel Peace Award Conference, Peace History Society, August 2000
- Panelist, Peace History Society, Hague Appeal for Peace, a global conference to mark 100 years of struggle for international law and amity, June 1999
- NGO delegate to the United Nations, Peace History Society, 1998-present
- Vice-President for Research, American Historical Association, 1991-1994
- Member, Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation, United States Department of State, 1986-1990
- Member, Biography Seminar, New York Institute for the Humanities, New York University, 1983-present
- Member, Women's Biography Seminar, 1990-present
- Vice-President, Fund for Open Information and Accountability (FOIA, Inc), 1979-1988
- Co-chair, with Gerald Markowitz, FOIA, Inc., 1988-1990
- Member of Board, The Institute for Media Analysis, 1985-1992
- Member of Board and Consultant, Women's Foreign Policy Council, 1985-1992
- Member of Board and Consultant, Women for Mutual Security, 1990-present (Margarita Papandreou, president)
- Co-founder, and co-chair with William Preston, Freedom Information and Access Committee, Organization of American Historians (OAH), 1980-1982; 1983-1985.

TEACHING

1968-present, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY

1987- present, Doctoral Faculty, The Graduate Center, CUNY

1984, visiting professor, women's studies, Hunter College

1982, visiting professor, University of California, Los Angeles

1964-1967, Stern College, Yeshiva University

1963, Hampton Institute, Hampton Virginia

COURSES TAUGHT

graduate seminar, 20th Century Diplomatic History

graduate seminar, The Costs of the Cold War, with Gerald Markowitz

graduate seminar, Women in War and Peace, with Sandi Cooper

the graduate colloquium for thesis students in Women's Studies

graduate seminar, Women and Political Change in the 20th Century

graduate seminar, Women, Theory and Social Change

graduate seminar, Military History and 20th International Diplomacy,
John Jay's West Point Program

graduate seminar, Freedom of Information and Access to Public and Private
Documents, History and Journalism, UCLA, 1982

undergraduate seminar: War, Peace and Imperialism

basic undergraduate course: Violence and Social Change

JOURNALISM

Producer and Host, Jewish Women in America, CUNY TV, 2003-2005

Producer and Broadcaster, "Women and the World in the 1980s," Radio Pacifica (WBAI, New York, KPFK, Los Angeles), 1979-1986

Producer and Broadcaster, "Activists and Agitators," Radio Pacifica, 1986-1989

Producer and Broadcaster, "Women and the World in the 1990s," 1990-1993

Free-lance columns and book reviews:

THE WOMEN'S REVIEW OF BOOKS, NEW DIRECTIONS FOR WOMEN, THE NEW YORK TIMES, THE NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW, THE LOS ANGELES TIMES, THE SACRAMENTO BEE, THE WASHINGTON POST, NEWSDAY, THE NATION, OUR RIGHT TO KNOW, PEACE AND FREEDOM, THE EASTHAMPTON STAR

Contributing columnist, "One Woman's Voice," syndicated to 300 newspapers by the Anderson-Moberg syndicate, the Gannett chain, and New York Times Features, 1974-1977

Panelist, William F. Buckley's Firing Line, National Educational Television, 1975-1976

Panelist, MacNeil-Lehrer Election Special 1992

C-Span, Morning News Hour; C-Span Book Notes; occasional C-Span events
Guest Appearances nationwide, including Good Morning America, Joan Rivers, The Today Show, Hardball; full listings available from Viking-Penguin

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT, Volume I, 1884-1933,
(Viking, 1992; Penguin, 1993; Bloomsbury, UK, 1993)
Los Angeles Times Book Prize for Biography, 1992
National Best Seller
American Library Association Notable Book, 1992
New York Times Notable Book, 1992
Lambda Literary Award in Lesbian Nonfiction, 1992

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT, Volume II, 1933-1938: The Defining Years
(Viking, 1999; Penguin, July 2000; Bloomsbury UK)
New York Times Notable Book, 1999
National Best Seller
Among 10 Best Books, 1999, Christian Science Monitor

[ER volume III, forthcoming]

THE DECLASSIFIED EISENHOWER: A DIVIDED LEGACY OF PEACE AND POLITICAL WARFARE,
(Doubleday 1981, Penguin 1984)
New York Times Notable Book, 1981

CRYSTAL EASTMAN ON WOMEN AND REVOLUTION (Oxford, 1978)

Senior Editor, The Garland Library of War and Peace, a 360 volume reprint
series; and ten anthologies (Garland Publishing, 1970-1980)

Contributor and co-editor, WOMEN IN CULTURE AND POLITICS: A CENTURY OF CHANGE
(Indiana U Press, 1985)

"The Work and Legacy of Crystal Eastman and Alexandra Kollontai"

Contributor and co-editor, PAST-IMPERFECT: ALTERNATIVE ESSAYS IN UNITED STATES
HISTORY, 2 vols., (Knopf, 1973)

"In Pursuit of Property: The Dispossession of the American Indian," vol. 1

Bibliography on Peace Research in History, (American Bibliographic Center, Clio
Press, 1969)

ARTICLES (Partial Listing)

- "On A Zion in the Wilderness," in Tony Kushner and Alisa Solomon, eds., WRESTLING WITH ZION (Grove Press, 2003)
- Introduction to Owen Lattimore, ORDEAL BY SLANDER (Carroll & Graf, 2003)
- About ER, "Storytellers," in Brian Lamb, BOOKNOTES (Times Books, Random House, 1997)
- "Outing History," in Mary Rhiel and David Suchoff, eds., THE SEDUCTIONS OF BIOGRAPHY (Routledge, 1996)
- "Presidential Papers in Crisis: Some Thoughts on Lies, Secrets, and Silence," in PRESIDENTIAL STUDIES QUARTERLY (Winter 1996)
- "Cold War Fallout: A Review Essay of Jay Gould's THE ENEMY WITHIN: THE HIGH COST OF LIVING NEAR NUCLEAR REACTORS," in THE NATION (9 December 1996)
- "The Rosenbergs and the Crimes of a Century," in Marjorie Garber & Rebecca Walkowitz, eds., SECRET AGENTS: THE ROSENBERG CASE, McCARTHYISM & FIFTIES AMERICA (Routledge, 1995); also in Rob Okun, ed., THE ROSENBERGS: COLLECTED VISIONS OF ARTISTS AND WRITERS (Basic Books, 1993)
- "The Radical Women of Greenwich Village: From Crystal Eastman to Eleanor Roosevelt," in Rick Beard and Leslie Cohen Berlowitz, eds., GREENWICH VILLAGE (Rutgers University Press for the Museum of the City of New York, 1993)
- "U.S. Foreign Relations History: On Secrecy and Documentation," PERSPECTIVES, THE AHA NEWSLETTER, November 1991
- "Women, Peace and the Environment: A Review Essay," THE WOMEN'S REVIEW OF BOOKS, 1991.
- "Crystal Eastman," in PORTRAITS OF AMERICAN WOMEN, edited by G.J. Barker-Benfield and Catherine Clinton (St Martin's Press, 1991)
- "Feminist Biography: A Review Essay," MS MAGAZINE, 1990.
- "Freedom Fighters: A Review Essay," THE WOMEN'S REVIEW OF BOOKS, June 1989.
- "Eleanor Roosevelt and Human Rights: The Battle for Peace and Planetary Decency," in Edward P. Craypol, ed., WOMEN AND AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY (Greenwood, 1987; Scholarly Resources, 1992)
- "Eleanor Roosevelt, Power and Politics," in Jess Flemion and Colleen M. O'Connor, eds., ELEANOR ROOSEVELT: AN AMERICAN JOURNEY (San Diego State

University Press, 1987)

"WILPF: 75 Years of Courage and Conviction," A Celebration of The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, keynote address, Madison Wisconsin, June 1989, reprinted in PEACE AND FREEDOM, September 1989

"The Impact of Anti-Communism on American Life," keynote address, Institute for Media Analysis Conference, Harvard University, October 1988; in SCIENCE AND SOCIETY, Winter 1989

"The Fifties," with Gerald Markowitz, in Howard Quint, Dean Albertson, and Milton Cantor, eds., MAIN PROBLEMS IN AMERICAN HISTORY, vol. 2, (The Dorsey Press, 5th ed., 1988)

"WILPF at Seventy," PEACE AND FREEDOM, 70th Anniversary, Sept 1985

"Feminism, Socialism, and Sexual Freedom: The Work and Legacy of Crystal Eastman and Alexandra Kollontai," in STRATEGIES DES FEMMES, Marie-Claire Pasquier, et. al., eds., (Paris: Les Editions Tierce, 1984); US edition, WOMEN IN CULTURE AND POLITICS: A CENTURY OF CHANGE. Judith Friedlander, Blanche Wiesen Cook, Alice Kessler-Harris, Carroll Smith-Rosenberg, eds., (Indiana University Press, 1985)

"Biographer and Subject: A Critical Connection," in Carol Ascher, Louise DeSalvo, Sara Ruddick, eds. BETWEEN WOMEN (Beacon Press, 1984; Routledge 1993)

"First Comes the Lie: C.D. Jackson and Political Warfare," RADICAL HISTORY REVIEW, #31, (1984)

"Turn Toward Peace: Eleanor Roosevelt and Foreign Affairs, in Joan Hoff-Wilson and Marjorie Lightman, eds., WITHOUT PRECEDENT: THE LIFE AND CAREER OF ELEANOR ROOSEVELT (Indiana University Press, 1984)

"The Real Eleanor Roosevelt: An Essay in Celebration of ER's Centennial," Ms (September 1984)

"Feminism and Peace Research: Thoughts on Alternative Strategy," WOMEN'S STUDIES QUARTERLY, (Summer 1984)

"A Utopian Female Support Network: The Case of the Henry Street Settlement," in Ruby Rohrlich and Elaine Hoffman Baruch, eds., WOMEN IN SEARCH OF UTOPIA: MAVERICKS AND MYTHMAKERS, (Schocken Books, 1984)

"History in Shreds: The Fate of the Freedom of Information Act," with Gerald Markowitz, RADICAL HISTORY REVIEW, #26 (October 1982)

"Women and Politics: The Obscured Dimension," in Kenneth Wheeler and Virginia Lee Lussier, eds., WOMEN, THE ARTS, AND THE 1920S IN PARIS AND NEW YORK, (Rutgers U Press, 1982)

"The Witnesses of REDS: Putting the Names and History to the Faces," DIVERSION

(March 1982); partially reprinted in NEW DIRECTIONS FOR WOMEN, (April 1982)

"The Life of Lorena Hickok: ER's Friend," a review essay, FEMINIST STUDIES (Fall, 1980)

"The Historical Denial of Lesbianism: A Review Essay," RADICAL HISTORY REVIEW, #20 (Spring/ Summer 1979)

"Women Alone Stir My Imagination: Lesbianism & the Cultural Tradition," SIGNS (Summer 1979)

"Female Support Networks and Political Activism: Lillian Wald, Crystal Eastman and Emma Goldman," CHRYSALIS #3, (Autumn 1977); Reprinted by Out and Out Books, 1979; also in Nancy Cott and Elizabeth Pleck, eds., A HERITAGE OF HER OWN (Simon & Schuster, 1979); Linda Kerber and Jane DeHart Matthews, eds., WOMEN'S AMERICA (Oxford, 1982)

"Psychosurgery for Social Control," HERESIES, (#6, 1979); reprinted in AEGIS (May/June 1979)-- both special issues on Women and Violence

"Surveillance and Mind Control," in Howard Frazier, ed., UNCLOAKING THE CIA (The Free Press, Macmillan, 1978)

"The Dwight David Eisenhower Library: Manuscript Fiefdom at Abilene," in Alonzo Hamby and Edward Weldon, eds., ACCESS TO THE PAPERS OF RECENT PUBLIC FIGURES, (Organization of American Historians, 1977)

"American Justifications for Military Massacres from the Pequot War to Mylai," JOURNAL OF PEACE AND CHANGE, (Autumn, 1975)

"The Records of Public Officials," participant, 48th American Assembly, Arden House, April 1975. [This American Assembly resulted in new federal laws for presidential and executive records.]

"Dwight David Eisenhower: Antimilitarist in the White House," (Forum Press Monographs, 1974)

"Democracy in Wartime: Antimilitarism in England and the U.S." AMERICAN STUDIES JOURNAL (Spring 1972); reprinted in Charles Chatfield, ed., AMERICAN PEACE MOVEMENTS, Schocken Books, 1973)

"The Woman's Peace Party: Collaboration and Non-Cooperation in World War I," JOURNAL OF PEACE AND CHANGE, 1972

INTRODUCTORY ESSAYS, THE GARLAND LIBRARY ON WAR AND PEACE:

Jane Addams, PEACE AND BREAD IN TIME OF WAR

C.R. Buxton, TOWARD A LASTING SETTLEMENT

Randolph Bourne, TOWARDS AN ENDURING PEACE

Marie Louise Degen, HISTORY OF THE WOMAN'S PEACE PARTY

William Isaac Hull, PREPAREDNESS: THE AMERICAN VERSUS
THE MILITARY PROGRAMME

Edward Krehbiel, NATIONALISM, WAR AND SOCIETY

Arthur Ponsonby, FALSEHOOD IN WARTIME: CONTAINING AN ASSORTMENT OF LIES
CIRCULATED THROUGHOUT THE NATIONS DURING THE GREAT WAR

Helena Swanwick, THE WAR AND ITS EFFECTS UPON WOMEN

Helena Swanwick, BUILDERS OF PEACE: TEN YEARS OF THE UNION OF
DEMOCRATIC CONTROL

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Organization of American Historians, Freedom of Information and Access
Committee, co-chair, 1980-82; member 1982-85. Membership Committee, NY, 1975-
1980

American Historical Association, executive council, Research Committee, 1975-
1977; Vice-president for Research, 1990-1994

founding member, Council on Peace Research in History (CPRH), 1964; executive
secretary, (1970-1973); vice president (1976-1978); executive board, 1966-1989;
1997-2000 now PEACE HISTORY SOCIETY

Reprints Committee, The Feminist Press, 1979-1984; board of directors, 1998-2001

Board of Editors, Journal of Voluntary Action Research, 1972-1978

co-chair, Coordinating Committee of Women in the Historical Profession, New
York Metropolitan Area, 1972-1973

consultant, World Order Models Project, Institute for World Order (formerly
World Law Fund), 1970-1976

founding member and consultant, WOMEN'S FOREIGN POLICY COUNCIL, Bella Abzug and
Mim Kelber, chairs

consultant, WOMEN FOR MUTUAL SECURITY (WMS), Margarita Papandreou, chair

film consultant, Women Make Movies; Before Stonewall; Cold War:USA; FDR
(Grubin/PBS); ER for The History Channel; ELEANOR ROOSEVELT (PBS)

MEMBERSHIPS

PEN, PEN's Freedom to Write Committee
The Society of American Historians
Consortium on Peace Research Education and Development (COPRED)
The Berkshire Women's Historical Association
Coordinating Committee of Women in the Historical Profession
Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations
Peace History Society

RECENT PRIZES AND AWARDS

NY Women's City Club Award for tk, 11 October 2011
Hunter College, Alumna of the Year Award, 1999
Honorary Degree, The Russell Sage Colleges, 1998
New York Council of the Humanities, Scholar of the Year Award, 1996
Los Angeles Times 1992 Book Prize For Biography
Women, Men & Media Breakthrough Award, 1992
The Feminist Majority Foundation 1992 Feminist of The Year Award, For Courage
And Commitment In Publicly Standing Up For Women's Rights
Uncommon Women Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Women's Community,
1992
Lambda Literary Award, Lesbian Nonfiction, 1992
NOW Alliance PAC of Long Island Award, 14 May 1993
ZONTA INTERNATIONAL of Eastern Suffolk Award for Outstanding Service to
Humanity,
Supporting the Empowerment of Women, Promoting Human Rights, 15 July 1993
WILPF Citation "In Recognition of Many Years Devoted to Women's Rights,
Social Justice & Peace In the World, 8 April 1995