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PERSONAL:

Born in Denver, Colorado, June 23, 1951
Married to Mary Cairns Kloppenberg, July 1, 1972
Children: Ann Marie, born May 6, 1979; James Anthony, born August 17, 1983

EDUCATION:

1976-1980: Ph.D., History and Humanities joint program, Stanford University
1974-1976: M.A., History, Stanford University
1969-1973: A.B., Summa cum Laude, with Highest Distinction in History, Dartmouth College

EMPLOYMENT:

Charles Warren Professor of American History, Harvard University, 2008-present
David Woods Kemper '41 Professor of American History, Harvard University, 2003-2007
Professor of History, Harvard University, 1999-2003
Assistant Professor to Associate Professor to Professor, Brandeis University, 1980-1999
Instructor, Stanford University program in Florence, Italy, 1977
Instructor, French Department language program, Dartmouth College, 1972

ACADEMIC HONORS:

George L. Mosse Prize, 2017, awarded by the American Historical Association for the best book in European intellectual history published in 2016
Fellow, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, elected Spring, 2015
Visiting Professor, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, Spring, 2013, Spring, 1993
Walter Channing Cabot Fellow, Harvard University, 2010-2011
Fellow Commoner, Jesus College, University of Cambridge, elected October, 2009
Pitt Professorship in American History and Institutions, University of Cambridge, 2008-2009
Harvard College Professorship, in recognition of distinguished contributions to undergraduate and graduate teaching, Harvard University, 2003-2008
Fellow, Massachusetts Historical Society, elected February, 2005
Joseph R. Levenson Memorial Teaching Prize for Senior Faculty, voted by the Harvard Undergraduate Council, 2002
Fellowship, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford, term to be arranged
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, 1999-2000
Guggenheim Fellowship, 1991-92
American Council of Learned Societies Travel Grant, 1990
Merle Curti Award, 1987, given by the Organization of American Historians for the best book in American intellectual history published in 1985 or 1986
Bernstein Faculty Fellowship, Brandeis University, 1985-86
American Council of Learned Societies Postdoctoral Fellowship for Studies in Modern Society and Values, 1982-1983
Mazer Fund Faculty Research Grant, Brandeis University, 1982-1983, 1987-1988
Danforth Fellowship, 1978-1980
Whiting Fellowship, 1978-1979
History Fellowship, Stanford, 1974-1978
Jones History Prize, Dartmouth, 1973
Phi Beta Kappa, 1973

BOOKS:

Uncertain Victory: Social Democracy and Progressivism in European and American Thought, 1870-1920 (New York: Oxford University Press, 1986; paperbound edition, 1988), winner of the Merle Curti Award from the Organization of American Historians.

A Companion to American Thought, co-editor with Richard Wightman Fox (Cambridge, Mass., and Oxford: Blackwell Publishers, 1995; paperbound edition, 1998).

The Virtues of Liberalism (New York: Oxford University Press, 1998; paperbound edition, 2000).

Reading Obama: Dreams, Hope, and the American Political Tradition (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2011; paperbound edition, 2012); also published in Japanese translation (Tokyo: Iwanami Shoten, 2012), named 2011 Book of the Year by PBS White House correspondent Mara Liasson.

Toward Democracy: The Struggle for Self-Rule in European and American Thought (New York: Oxford University Press, 2016; paperbound edition, 2019), winner of the George L. Mosse Intellectual History Prize from the American Historical Association.

The Worlds of American Intellectual History, co-edited with Joel Isaac, Michael O'Brien, and Jennifer Ratner-Rosenhagen (New York: Oxford University Press, cloth and paperbound edition, 2017).

BOOKS IN PROGRESS:

"The American Democratic Tradition, 1500 to the Present" (under contract with Princeton University Press)

"Solidarity Forever: Social Democracy in Europe and America since 1920"

"The Long Shadow of William James: Pragmatism and American Culture"

"Thinking Historically: Philosophical History in Theory and Practice"

ARTICLES IN SCHOLARLY JOURNALS AND POPULAR PERIODICALS:

"Deconstruction and Hermeneutics as Strategies for Intellectual History," The Intellectual History Newsletter 9 (April 1987).

"The Virtues of Liberalism: Christianity, Republicanism, and Ethics in Early American Political Discourse," The Journal of American History 74 (June 1987); reprinted in Peter S. Onuf, ed., The New American Nation, 1775-1820 (New York: Garland, 1991).

"The Republican Idea in American History and Historiography," La Revue Tocqueville/The Tocqueville Review 13 (1992).

"Institutionalism, Rational Choice, and Historical Analysis," Polity 28 (1995).

"Life Everlasting: Tocqueville in America," La Revue Tocqueville/The Tocqueville Review 17 (1996); reprinted in Religion and Values in Public Life 5 (1997), supplement to Harvard Divinity Bulletin 26 (1997); and reprinted Isaac Kramnick, ed., The Norton Critical Edition of Alexis de Tocqueville, Democracy in America (New York: W. W. Norton & Co., 2007).

"Pragmatism: An Old Name for Some New Ways of Thinking?" The Journal of American History 83 (1996); reprinted in Morris Dickstein, ed., The Revival of Pragmatism (Durham: Duke University Press, 1998); and reprinted in John Pettegrew, ed., A Pragmatist's Progress? Richard Rorty and American Intellectual History (Oxford: Rowman & Littlefield, 2000).

"Rethinking America's Liberal Tradition," Religion and Values in Public Life 6 (1998), supplement to Harvard Divinity Bulletin 27 (1998).

"The Life of the Mind," The Newsletter of The Roxbury Latin School 75, 4 (2002).

"Aspirational Nationalism in America," The Intellectual History Newsletter 24 (2002).

"Advise and Dissent: The Tradition of Antiwar Protest and the Relevance of the Past," Boston Globe, April 6, 2003.

"Pragmatism and the Practice of History," Metaphilosophy 35 (2004).

"Transnational and Multi-Disciplinary: The New Goals of American Studies Programs," American Studies Association Newsletter 28 (March 2005).

- "The Canvas and the Color: Tocqueville's 'Philosophical History' and Why It Matters Now," Modern Intellectual History 3 (2006).
- "Tocqueville, Mill, and the American Gentry," La Revue Tocqueville/The Tocqueville Review 27, 2 (2006). Another version of this article was published in Ricche di Storia Politica 8 (Ottobre 2005).
- "True to His Word," Newsweek, November 29, 2010.
- "A Nation Arguing with Its Conscience': Deliberative Democracy, Philosophical Pragmatism, and Barack Obama's Conception of American Governance," Harvard Magazine, November-December, 2010.
- "Thinking Historically: A Manifesto of Pragmatic Hermeneutics," Modern Intellectual History 9 (2012).
- "Restoring the Language of Obligation," Democracy 24 (2012).
- "Two Cities, Two Americas," Commonweal, October 26, 2012.
- "Obama, Pragmatique incompris," Le Monde, November 2, 2012.
- "The 2012 Election and the Future of the Parties," Footnote, March 28, 2013.
- "Great Exhortations: Taking Obama at His Word," Commonweal, May 17, 2013.
- "A Well-Tempered Liberalism: Modern Intellectual History and Political Theory," Modern Intellectual History 10,3 (2013).
- "Still the Party We Remember," Democracy, September 7, 2016.
- "How Obama Sees America," The Chronicle Review, Chronicle of Higher Education, September 25, 2016.
- "Barack Obama's Presidency," Cairo Review of Global Affairs, Fall, 2016.
- "Les Town Meetings, mythe fondateur de la démocratie américaine," with Paula Cossart and Andrea Felicetti, Participations, Fall-Winter, 2016.
- "The Struggle Continues," a response to reviews of Toward Democracy: The Struggle for Self-Rule in European and American Thought, by Claire Arcenas, Holly Brewer, and Daniel Wickberg, in the Society for US Intellectual History blog, published online, Fall, 2017.
- "The Receding Horizon of Democracy," a response to reviews of Toward Democracy: The Struggle for Self-Rule in European and American Thought, by Richard Bourke, Annelien de Dijn, Daniel T. Rodgers, and Caroline Winterer, in Modern Intellectual History, published online December 7, 2017; in print edition of Modern Intellectual History 16, 2 (August 2019).
- "Trump's Inaugural Address Was a Radical Break with American Tradition," Washington Post, January 20, 2017.
- "Democracy in History: Deliberation, Pluralism, and Reciprocity," a reply to the review of my book Toward Democracy by Hugo Drochon, Global Intellectual History, published online June 18, 2018.
- "In Search of Archimedes: A Meditation on Historical Judgment," a reply to reviews of my book Toward Democracy by Matthew Rainbow Hale, Amy Kittelstrom, Stephen Sawyer, and Kyle Volk, Journal of Politics, Religion, and Ideology, published online Spring, 2018.
- "Interchange: Corruption Has a History," The Journal of American History 105, 4 (March 2019).
- "Reading Buttigieg," Commonweal 147, 3 (March 2020).
- "To Promote the General Welfare: Why Madison Matters," The Supreme Court Review, 2019.
- "John Rawls and 'Our Tradition' of Democracy, The Tocqueville Review/La Revue Tocqueville 43, 1 (2022): 21-50.

BOOK CHAPTERS:

- "Rethinking Tradition: Sidgwick and the Philosophy of the Via Media," in Bart Schultz, ed., Essays on Henry Sidgwick (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1992).
- "Democracy in Social Theory," in Willi-Paul Adams et al., eds., Problems of Democracy in the United States, Symposium of the Gradiuertenkolleg at the John F. Kennedy-Institut für Nordamerikastudien, Freie Universität Berlin (Berlin: Zentrale Universitätsdruckerei, 1993).
- "Democracy and Disenchantment: From Weber and Dewey to Rorty and Habermas," in Dorothy Ross, ed., Modernist Impulses in the Human Sciences, 1870-1930 (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins Univ. Press, 1994).
- "Knowledge and Belief in American Public Life," in William M. Shea and Peter A. Huff, eds., Knowledge and Belief in America: Enlightenment Traditions and Modern Religious Thought (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1995).
- "Political Ideas," in Stanley Kutler, ed., Encyclopedia of the United States in the Twentieth Century, 4 volumes (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1995).

- "The Reciprocal Vision of German and American Intellectuals: Beneath the Shifting Perceptions," in David Barclay and Elisabeth Glaser-Schmidt, eds., Transatlantic Images and Perceptions: Germany and America Since 1777 (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1997).
- "Why History Matters to Political Theory," in Ronald Walters, ed., Scientific Authority and Twentieth-Century America (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1997).
- "Cosmopolitan Pragmatism: Deliberative Democracy and Higher Education," in Robert Orrill, ed., Education and Democracy: Re-imagining Liberal Learning in America (New York: The College Board, 1997).
- "Demokratie und Entzauberung der Welt: Von Weber und Dewey zu Habermas und Rorty," in Hans Joas, ed., Philosophie der Demokratie: Beiträge zum Werk von John Dewey (Frankfurt am Main, Suhrkamp, 2000).
- "Une histoire des idées et des mouvements politiques," in Jean Heffer, Pap Ndiaye, and François Weil, eds., La démocratie américaine au XXe siècle (Paris: Belin, 2000).
- "Intellectual History, Democracy, and the Culture of Irony," in Melvyn Stokes, ed., The State of American History (Oxford: Berg Publishers, 2002).
- "American Democracy and the Welfare State: The Problem of Its Publics," in R. Laurence Moore and Maurizio Vaudagna, eds., The American Century in Europe (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2003).
- "From Hartz to Tocqueville: Shifting the Focus from Liberalism to Democracy in America," in Meg Jacobs, William J. Novak, and Julian Zelizer, eds., The Democratic Experiment: New Directions in American Political History (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2003).
- "Pragmatism and the Practice of History: From Turner and Du Bois to Today," in The Range of Pragmatism and the Limits of Philosophy, ed. Richard Shusterman (Oxford: Blackwell, 2004).
- "The Place of Value in a Culture of Facts: Truth and Historicism," in David A. Hollinger, ed., The Humanities and the Dynamics of Inclusion since World War II (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2006).
- "Tocqueville at 200: Reconsidering Democracy in America," in Transatlantic Negotiations, ed. Christa Buschendorf and Astrid Franke (Heidelberg: Universitätsverlag Winter, 2007).
- "James's Pragmatism and American Culture, 1907-2007," in John Stuhr, ed., 100 Years of Pragmatism: William James's Revolutionary Philosophy (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2010).
- "Requiescat in Pacem: The Liberal Tradition of Louis Hartz," in Mark Hulliung, ed., The American Liberal Tradition Reconsidered: The Contested Legacy of Louis Hartz (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2010).
- "Barack Obama and Progressive Democracy," in Bruce Schulman, ed., Making the American Century: Essays in the Political Culture of Twentieth-Century America (New York: Oxford University Press, 2014).
- "Barack Obama and the Traditions of Progressive Reform," in Stephen Skowronek and Stephen Engel, eds., The Progressives' Century: Democratic Reform and Constitutional Governance in the United States (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2016).
- "John Dewey and Liberal Democracy," in Ewa Atanassow and Alan S. Kahan, eds., Liberal Moments: Reading Liberal Texts (London: Bloomsbury, 2017).
- "American Ideas in the European Imagination," with Sam Klug, in Warren Breckman and Peter E. Gordon, eds., The Cambridge History of Modern European Thought (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2019).
- "Barack Obama's Use of American History," in Seth Cotlar and Richard J. Ellis, eds., Historian in Chief: How Presidents Interpret the Past to Shape the Future (Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2019).
- "The Radical Democracy of William James," with Trygve Throntveit, in Alexander Klein, ed., The Oxford Companion to William James (New York: Oxford University Press, 2020).
- "Presidents as Thinkers: Barack Obama and His Progressive Predecessors," in The Unprecedented American Presidency: From Constitutional Foundation to Contemporary Practice, ed. Thomas Sanders (London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2020).
- "Social and Economic Democracy," with John Gee, in Eugenio Biagini and Gary Gerstle, eds., A Cultural History of Democracy in the Modern Age (London: Bloomsbury, forthcoming).
- "Rorty's Insouciant Social Thought," in David Rondel, ed., The Cambridge Companion to Richard Rorty (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming).
- Progressive Politics and Religious Faith," in Beyond the Culture Wars, ed. Darren Dochuk (South Bend: University of Notre Dame Press, forthcoming).
- "Social and Economic Democracy," with John Gee, in A Cultural History of Democracy in the Modern Age, ed. Eugenio Biagini and Gary Gerstle (London: Bloomsbury, 2021), pp. 81-106.

REVIEW ESSAYS:

- "In Retrospect: Morton White's Social Thought in America: The Revolt Against formalism," Reviews in American History 15 (September 1987); reprinted in Stanley Kutler, ed., American Retrospectives: Historians on Historians (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1995).
- "Objectivity and Historicism: A Century of American Historical Writing," The American Historical Review 94 (October 1989).
- "Who's Afraid of the Welfare State?" Reviews in American History 18 (September 1990).
- "The Theory and Practice of American Legal History," Harvard Law Review 106 (1993).
- "Deliberative Democracy and Judicial Supremacy," Law and History Review 13 (1995).
- "The Authority of Evidence and the Boundaries of Interpretation," Intellectual History Newsletter 17 (1995).
- "Describing America: The Absence of Experience in Jon Butler's Becoming America and Why It Matters," common-place 1, 1 (2000); www.common-place.org
- "In Retrospect: Louis Hartz's The Liberal Tradition in America," Reviews in American History 29 (2001).
- "Teaching The Metaphysical Club," Intellectual History Newsletter 24 (2002).
- "Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Visionary," Reviews in American History 34 (2006).
- "Cultural Revolution," Boston Globe, December 7, 2007.
- "A Fitful Union," Commonweal, January 4, 2017.
- "How Disinformation, Voter Suppression, and Partisanship Destroy Democracy," Washington Post, October 26, 2018.
- "When Political Conflict Led to Compromise, Not Enmity," Washington Post, March 14, 2019.
- "Civil Conflict in the Age of Trump," Commonweal, September 2019.
- "Overcoming Despair to Discover the Meaning of Life," Washington Post, May 10, 2020.

ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES:

- "Virtue," in Jack P. Greene and J.R. Pole, eds., The Blackwell Encyclopedia of the American Revolution (Oxford: Blackwell, 1991).
- "North America," in John Yolton, ed., The Blackwell Companion to the Enlightenment (Oxford: Blackwell, 1991).
- "Democracy," "Enlightenment," "William James," "Thomas Jefferson," "Philosophy," "Political Theory," and "Pragmatism," in Richard Wightman Fox and James T. Kloppenberg, eds., A Companion to American Thought (Cambridge, Mass., and Oxford, England: Blackwell, 1995).
- "Equality," "Pragmatism," and "Republicanism," The Oxford Companion to United States History, ed. Paul Boyer et al., (Oxford University Press, 2001).
- "Liberalism," "Locke's Political Philosophy," "Tocqueville's Democracy in America," Dictionary of American History, ed. Stanley Kutler et al., (New York: Scribner's, 2002).
- "Liberalism," in The Princeton Encyclopedia of United States Political History, ed. Michael Kazin (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2010).

BOOK AND FILM REVIEWS PUBLISHED IN THE FOLLOWING JOURNALS:

Albion, American Historical Review, Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie, Boston Globe, common-place, Commonweal, Ethics, The Historian, History, History and Theory, The History Teacher, Journal of American History, Journal of Interdisciplinary History, Journal of Modern History, Journal of the Early Republic, Journal of the History of Ideas, Qualitative Sociology, Political Theory, Reviews in American History, Washington Post, The William and Mary Quarterly

MANUSCRIPTS REVIEWED FOR THE FOLLOWING JOURNALS AND PRESSES:

The American Historical Review, The American Political Science Review, American Quarterly, The Harvard Theology Review, The Intellectual History Newsletter, The Journal of American History, The Journal of American Studies, The Journal of the History of Ideas, La Revue Tocqueville/The Tocqueville Review, Modern Intellectual

History, Political Theory, Bedford/St. Martin's Press, Blackwell Publishers, Brill Publishers, Cambridge U. Press, Columbia U. Press, Harvard U. Press, Johns Hopkins U. Press, Kansas U. Press, New York U. Press, Oxford U. Press, Princeton U. Press, Stanford U. Press, Twayne Publishers, U. of Chicago Press, U. of North Carolina Press, U. of Notre Dame Press, U. of Tennessee Press, U. of Wisconsin Press, Yale U. Press

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

Executive Board, Organization of American Historians, 2014-2017
 Dorothy Ross Prize Committee, Chair, Society for US Intellectual History, 2017
 Editorial Board, Modern Intellectual History, 2003-2018
 Council Member, The Tocqueville Society, 2001-present
 Committee on Committees, Organization of American Historians, 2011-2013
 Fellows Committee, Massachusetts Historical Society, 2007-2010
 Editorial Board, Journal of American History, 2004-2007
 Mellon Graduate Fellowships Final Selection Committee, 2002-2006
 ACLS Burkhardt Fellowships Final Selection Committee, 2003-2006
 Guggenheim Fellowships Selection Committee, Cultural/Intellectual History, 2002-2005
 Advisory Board, Rethinking History, 1996-2003
 Advisory Board, The Review of Politics, 1998-2005
 Editorial Board, Intellectual History Newsletter, 1987-2003
 Editorial Board, The Tocqueville Review/La Revue Tocqueville, 1991-2001
 Chair, Merle Curti Award Committee, Organization of American Historians, 1997-99
 Littleton-Griswold Award Committee, American Historical Association, 1998-2000
 Selection Committee, Charlotte Newcombe Doctoral Fellowships, 1995-1999

ACADEMIC SERVICE AT HARVARD:

Co-director, Seminar on Religion and the Public Sphere in US History, Charles Warren Center, 2020-21
 Chair, Committee on Degrees in Social Studies, 2013-2014, 2015-2018
 Committee on Unrecognized Single-Gender Social Organizations, 2017
 Chair, Department of History, 2007-2008, 2010-2012
 Standing Committee on Public Service, 2007-present, Chair, 2015-2018
 Chair, Graduate Program in the History of American Civilization, 2003-06, 2007-08
 Co-director, Seminar on US Intellectuals and the Cultures of the Atlantic World, Charles Warren Center, 2005-2006
 Visiting Committee, Harvard Graduate School of Education, 2004-2007
 Educational Policy Committee, 2004-2006
 Faculty Council, 2004-2005
 Committee on Undergraduate Student Life, Harvard in Allston, 2004-2005
 Co-director, Seminar on Global America, Charles Warren Center, 2000-2001
 Freshman Adviser, 2000-2013
 Committee on Degrees in Social Studies, 1999-present
 Committee on Degrees in History and Literature, 1999-2016
 Historical Studies Core Committee, 1999-2002
 Committee on the Study of Religion, 1999-2002
 History Department Graduate Admissions Committee, 2000-2006

ACADEMIC SERVICE AT BRANDEIS:

Chair, Graduate Program in American History, 1989-91, 1997-99
 Chair, University Seminars in Humanistic Inquiry, 1996-1999
 Tenure Board, 1993-1998, Chair, 1997-98
 Faculty Senate and Senate Council, 1989-91

Chair, History of Ideas Program, 1988-90
 Brandeis History Department Commencement Speaker, 1984, 1991
 Brandeis History Department Advising Head, 1983-1989

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Wellesley College Board of Trustees, 2003-2018
 Member of Visiting Committees to evaluate History Departments and Social Studies Programs in US colleges, universities, and secondary schools, 1986-present
 Guest speaker at civic and charitable organizations, Boston and suburbs, 1990-present
 Guest speaker at public and private elementary and secondary schools and teacher-training programs in Massachusetts, 1985-present
 Coach of Wellesley girls and boys youth soccer, basketball, and baseball teams, 1987-1998
 Parish Pastoral Council, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 1996-1999, President, 1998-1999

SELECTED LECTURES, PAPERS, AND PRESENTATIONS GIVEN SINCE 1987:

- 1987: Lecture on Social Democracy and Progressivism, Political Theory Conference, Yale
 Lecture on Early American Political Thought, History Department Colloquium, Harvard
 Lecture on American and European social reform, Interdisciplinary Cluster Program, Wellesley
 Paper on Eighteenth-Century American political thought, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago
- 1988: Lecture on American Individualism, New York University
 Paper on the Origins of American Progressive Reform at Conference on Industrial Democracy, Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington, DC
 Seminar on Republicanism in European and American Thought, University of Rochester
 Lecture on Max Weber and John Dewey, Conference for the Study of Political Thought, Harvard
- 1989: Lecture on Why History Matters to Political Theory, Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, St. Louis
 Lecture on Modernism in Europe and America, Interdepartmental Seminar, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
 Lecture on the Origins of Atlantic Social Democracy, Center for European Studies, Harvard
 Lecture on American Modernism, American Studies Conference, UCLA
 Paper on Shaping the Welfare States in Britain, France, and the US since World War II, American Historical Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco
- 1990: Paper on Enlightenment and Religion for Conference at Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington, DC
 Lecture on Pragmatism and Atlantic Social Democracy, History Department Colloquium, Dartmouth
 Paper on Pragmatism and Modern Social Theory, American Studies Program, UCLA
 Seminar on Atlantic Welfare States, Charles Warren Center, Harvard
 Lecture on Democracy and Disenchantment, Conference on Modernism in the Life Sciences and Social Sciences, Rockefeller Study Center, Bellagio, Italy
- 1991: Lecture on the Multiple Vocabularies of Early American Political Thought, Conference on the Bill of Rights, United States Capitol Historical Society, Washington, DC
 Presentation on Political Identity in American Thought, Yale
 Paper on German and American Social Theory for Modernism Conference, Interdisciplinary Research Center, Bielefeld
 Paper on John Dewey and Walter Lippmann in the 1920s, History Department Seminar, Northwestern
- 1992: Paper on Liberalism and Republicanism, Intellectual History Colloquium, New York University
 Panel on Social Science and Social Reform, Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Chicago
 Paper on the Intellectual History of American Legal Realism, American Society for Legal History Annual Meeting, Yale
 Paper on Pragmatic Hermeneutics and American Studies, American Studies Association Annual Meeting,

- Costa Mesa, California
Panel on the History of the American Welfare State, American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC
- 1993: Paper on the Role of the South in the History of American Thought, Southern Intellectual History Conference, University of Mississippi
Panel on the Enlightenment in German and American Thought, Conference on American and German Culture, Kalamazoo College
Paper on Modern American Democracy for Symposium on U. S. Democracy, Kennedy Institute, Free University of Berlin
Paper on Religion and American Thought, Conference on the State of American History, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris
Paper on Rational Choice in Contemporary Social Science, Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Baltimore
Panel on Social Democracy and Economic Regulation, Harvard Graduate School of Business
- 1994: Panel on Pragmatist Feminism, Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Atlanta
Panel on Law and Progressive Reform, American Society for Legal History Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- 1995: Panel on the State and National Identity, American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Chicago
Phi Alpha Theta Lecture on Democracy in America, University of Oklahoma
Paper on John Dewey, Max Weber, Richard Rorty, and Jürgen Habermas, Conference on John Dewey and German Thought, Bad Homburg, Germany
Paper on Tocqueville's Shifting Influence in American History, Conference on Tocqueville in France and in America, University of Virginia
- 1996: Paper on Why We Study Democracy, Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Chicago
Panel on Modern American and German Social Theory, Conference on German and American Political Thought, Madison, Wisconsin
Lecture on History and American Studies, Lehigh University
Keynote Address, Symposium on Democracy, Kennedy Institute, Free University of Berlin
- 1997: Panel on Recovering Pragmatist Feminism in America, Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, New York
Paper on Pragmatism and Educational Reform, Conference on Pragmatism and Liberal Education, Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida
Panel on Transnational Currents, Conference on Transcendentalism, Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston
Symposium on Tocqueville and Democracy, Harvard Divinity School
Seminar on William James and France, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris
- 1998: Paper on Legal Realism in America, Legal History Seminar, University of Chicago
Panel on History as Text and Discourse, Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Indianapolis
Panel on Legal Realism, American Society for Legal History Annual Meeting, Seattle
Lecture on William James and Atlantic Modernism, Humanities Colloquium, University of Miami
- 1999: Panel on Direct Democracy in the US, American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC
Triangle Intellectual History Seminar, North Carolina
Panel on Carl Degler's Out of Our Past, Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Toronto
Symposium on the State of American Studies, Kennedy Institute, Free University of Berlin
Seminar on Democracy and Civil Society, University of Dresden
Panel on Free Speech, American Society for Legal History Annual Meeting, Toronto
Symposium on the Work of Charles Taylor, Association for Canadian Studies, Pittsburgh
- 2000: Panel on New Ways of Knowing in US History, American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Chicago
Commonwealth Fund Lecture on the State of the Field of Intellectual History, University College, London
Lecture on William James and Modernism, Kansas University
Seminar on Nationalism in Liberal Cultures, University of North Carolina

- Paper on American Democracy and the Welfare State, Conference on "The American Century," University of Turin
- Paper on Liberalism and Democracy in American Historical Scholarship, Conference on the History of Democracy in America, MIT
- 2001: Panel on Intellectuals and the Twentieth-Century State, American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Boston
- Paper on Pragmatism and American Legal History, University of Virginia Legal History seminar, Charlottesville
- Concluding Panel Discussion at Conference on Global America, University of Oxford
- 2002: Panel on Progressive Reform, American Studies Faculty Seminar, Boston University
- Paper on Demystifying American Liberalism, Sawyer Seminar on Liberal Cultures, National Humanities Center, North Carolina
- Rethinking American Liberalism, American Political Development Seminar, University of Virginia, Charlottesville
- Panel on Varieties of Modernism, Senior Leadership Forum, Harvard School of Design, Cambridge
- Paper on Classical and Contemporary Pragmatism, Conference on neo-pragmatism, Ecole doctorale des Sciences Sociales de Paris-IX Dauphine
- 2003: Presentation on American Intellectual History for Conference on the State of American History, Harvard University
- Panel on Varieties of Reform, Conference on U.S. Catholicism in Comparative Frameworks, University of Notre Dame
- Paper on Dewey and Weber, Rorty and Habermas, Humanities in America Conference, American Academy of Arts & Sciences, Cambridge
- Lecture on the Humanities and the Discursive Social Sciences, Symposium on the Curricular Review, Harvard
- 2004: Nef Lecture on the Place of Values in a Culture of Facts, Committee on Social Thought, University of Chicago
- Seminar on Problems in the Humanistic Disciplines, Harvard Humanities Center
- Panel on the "Third Way" in Nineteenth-Century America," Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Boston
- Symposium on Library of America edition of Tocqueville, Democracy in America, Center for European Studies, Harvard
- Lecture on America in European Perspective for Freshman Parents Convocation, Sanders Theatre, Harvard
- John Sloan Dickey Lecture on Democracy, Dartmouth College
- Paper on Transnational American Studies, Annual Meeting of the American Studies Association, Atlanta
- 2005: Lecture on Tocqueville and Transnational Studies, German Association of American Studies, Frankfurt
- Paper on Tocqueville in France and America, Conference on Tocqueville entre Deux Mondes, C erisy-la-Salle, Normandy
- Paper on Tocqueville's Two Democracies, Tocqueville Bicentennial Conference, Yale
- Lecture on the History of Intellectual History, History of Ideas Program, Fortieth Anniversary, Brandeis
- Panel on Civil Society and Citizenship in Progressive America, 1880-1921, Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, San Jose
- Paper on Rethinking Rights in Early America, Conference on Rights in the American Revolutionary Era, Northwestern
- 2006: Panel on Race and Southern Intellectual History, Annual Conference of the Southern Intellectual History Circle, Radcliffe Institute
- Panel on Economic Regulation, Conference on the Constitution and Public Policy in US History, Boston University
- Lecture on Democracy in the New England Town, Goldfarb Center on Public Policy, Colby College
- Lecture on American Historical Studies, Fortieth Anniversary of the Charles Warren Center, Harvard

- Lecture on Wilson as a Progressive Reformer, Conference on Woodrow Wilson's Presidency, Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington DC
- 2007: Panel on the Politics of Information in Europe and the US, American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta
- Lecture on the Political Resources of Pragmatism for Democracy, Philadelphia Philosophy Forum
- Panel on the OAH and the Fields of History, Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Minneapolis
- Seminar on Democracy in Early American History, The Ohio State University
- Conference on Pragmatism and Idealism in Dialogue, Harvard University
- Goldman Lecture on Modernism in American History and Philosophy, Boston University
- 2008: Lecture on David M. Kennedy and Social Thought in Europe and America, Stanford University
- Forum on the Future of Liberal Education, Harvard Humanities Center
- Welfare States in Europe and America, Justice Welfare Economics Program, Harvard
- Seminar on Scholarship and Values in Catholic Universities, Boston College
- Seminar on Tocqueville and Democracy in America and France, Catholic University
- Paper on Mill and Tocqueville for Conference on Nineteenth-Century Republicanism in the Atlantic World, University of Oxford
- Symposium on Obama and the 2008 US Presidential Election, Dartmouth College
- 2009: Commonwealth Conference on Lincoln and European Liberalism, University College, London
- Seminar in Political Theory and Intellectual History, King's College, University of Cambridge
- Lecture on Barack Obama and the American Democratic Tradition, Universities of East Anglia, Sheffield, Nottingham, Oxford, and Cambridge; the London Institute for Historical Research; and the Mid-America History Conference, Norman, Oklahoma
- Lecture on Atlantic Enlightenments and the American and French Revolutions, University of Sussex
- Lecture on Democracy in Rousseau, Madison, James Wilson, and Sieyès, University of Cambridge
- Lecture on Barack Obama and the Future of American Democracy, Torino, Italy
- Paper on Obama, Dewey, and the Tradition of Philosophical Pragmatism, Interdisciplinary Research Center, Bielefeld, Germany
- 2010: Paper on Reading Obama: Dreams, Hope, and the American Political Tradition, American Historical Association Annual Meeting, San Diego
- Paper on the Future of Atlantic Intellectual History, Center for European Studies, Harvard
- Moderator for Social Science Symposium, "What Makes a Life Significant?" Harvard
- Keynote Address on the Enduring Significance of William James, Centennial Conference, Cambridge, MA
- Paper on Pragmatism and American Writing, University of Illinois, Champagne-Urbana
- Keynote Address on Obama, Politics, and Ideas, US Intellectual History Conference, Graduate Center, City University of New York
- F. Ross Johnson-Connaught Distinguished Lecture on Obama and America, University of Toronto
- Seminar on Obama's books in US intellectual history, University of California, Berkeley
- Radio interviews with Scott Horsley, NPR; Christopher Lydon, Open Source Radio; Ian Masters, KPRK, Los Angeles; Kathleen Hays, Bloomberg Radio; Marty Moss-Coane, WHYY, Philadelphia; Cecil Prescod and Celeste Carey, KBOO, Portland, Oregon; and with radio stations in England, Ireland, Japan, New Zealand, and Spain
- Television interview with Charlie Rose on Obama and American Thought, PBS
- 2011: Martin Luther King Day Lecture on Obama and Race in America, The Roxbury Latin School
- Lectures on Reading Obama: Hope, Dreams, and the American Political Tradition: Dartmouth College; Wellesley College; New York Ethical Culture Society; Public Library of Nashua, New Hampshire; Harvard Institute for Learning in Retirement
- Littauer Distinguished Guest Lecture on Obama and American Politics, Babson College
- Lecture on Obama and American domestic and foreign policy, Charles Warren Center and Center for American Political Studies, Harvard University
- Lecture on the American Democratic Tradition, Program in History and Literature, Harvard
- Conversation with Steve Marini on Obama and Race in American History, Massachusetts Historical Society

- University of Dublin Fund Lecture on Obama and American Democracy, Trinity College, Dublin
 Paper on the Past and Future of US Intellectual History, Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Houston
 Twenty Questions on Obama, Mahindra Humanities Center, Harvard
 Edith Green Endowed Lecture on Obama and America, Linfield College
 Presentation on Obama and American Thought, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, Paris
 Panel on Intellectual Transfer between Europe and the US, Annual Meeting of the Society for US Intellectual History, Graduate Center, City University of New York
 Radio interviews on Reading Obama with PBS stations in Boston, Los Angeles, and Philadelphia
- 2012: Paper on Democracy in European and American Thought, American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Chicago
 Panel on Historians and the Obama Presidency, American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Chicago
 Visiting historian, Phillips Andover Academy, Andover, Massachusetts
 Symposium on Steven Pinker, "Has Violence Declined?" Mahindra Humanities Center, Harvard
 Donald E. Sharp Lecture on the American Democratic Tradition, Denison University, Denison, Ohio
 Inaugural Lecture in the series on Democracy Studies, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, The Ohio State University
 Gray Colloquium Address, Obligations of American Citizenship, St. Mark's School, Northborough, Massachusetts
 Co-convener, Conference on the Futures of Atlantic Intellectual History, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study
 Seminar on Barack Obama and African-American Autobiography, University of Paderborn, Germany
 Seminar on Barack Obama and American History in conjunction with the release of the Japanese translation of Reading Obama, University of Tokyo
 Lecture on Obama and Democracy, Alberta Institute for American Studies, University of Alberta
 Paper on Barack Obama's Ideas, Conference on the History of the American Presidency, University of Virginia
 Conference on the 2012 US presidential election, sponsored by the German Marshall Fund, Institut des Sciences Politiques, Paris
 Panel on the Reformation and Western Culture, University of Notre Dame
 Radio interviews on the Obama presidency with stations in Boston, Portland, OR, Los Angeles, Edinburgh, Paris, Frankfurt, Vienna, and Tokyo
- 2013: Inaugural David M. Kennedy Lecture on the United States in the World, Stanford University
 Remarks on Knowledge, Responsibility, and Reform in the Work of Thomas Haskell, Rice University
 Forum on Lincoln and the Civil War, Whitney Humanities Center, Yale
 Fifth Annual Gerald Stourzh Lecture on Democracy in the Atlantic World, University of Vienna
 Symposium on Reading Obama, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris
 Seminar on Philosophical Pragmatism and History, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris
 Seminar on Rousseau, Madison, and the American and French Revolutions, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris
 Seminar on Democracy and the US Civil War, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris
 Co-convener, Conference on the Worlds of American Intellectual History, University of Cambridge
 Keynote Address for Conference on The Progressives' Century: Democratic Reform and Constitutional Governance in the United States, Yale University
- 2014: Keynote Address for Conference on Recasting Religion and Politics in the Twentieth Century, John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics, Washington University, St. Louis
 Lecture on Democracy in the Worlds of American Intellectual History, University of Wisconsin, Madison
 John Patrick Diggins Memorial Lecture on Democracy in the US and the World, Graduate Center, City University of New York
- 2015: History Convocation Address on Race and Ethnicity in US History, The Roxbury Latin School
 Democracy in the Longue Durée, Conference on Democracy and Social Theory, University of Rennes,

- France
Lecture on Democracy in European and American thought, Columbia University
- 2016: Persistence and Change in the Work of Carl N. Degler, Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Atlanta
Panel discussion on Toward Democracy: The Struggle for Self-Rule in European and American Thought, Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, Providence
Paper on the Ideas of American Presidents, Adams to Obama, Conference on Leadership in American and Russian History, Moscow
Panel on the Election of 2016 and Democracy in Historical Perspective, Harvard Law School
- 2017: Presentation for session on Home-Grown Historians: Colorado and the Calling of Noted Historians, Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Denver
Paper on Liberalism East and West: China, Islam, and the Atlantic World, Harvard Colloquium on Intellectual History
Is US Democracy in Crisis? TEDx, Harvard College Forum
Lecture on the Crisis of Democracy in Historical Perspective, Carnegie Council for Ethics, New York
Roundtable on the Future of the Historical Study of Democracy, Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Philadelphia
Concluding Commentary at Conference on Ecumenical Protestantism and Post-Protestant Secularism in the US, 1917-2017, University of California, Berkeley
Panel discussion on Toward Democracy: The Struggle for Self-Rule in European and American Thought, Annual Meeting of the Society for US Intellectual History, Houston
Presentation on Service Learning in the Humanities, Netter Center, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia
- 2018: Commentary on Michael Ignatieff, "Open Society's New Enemies and the Assault on Truth," Harvard Forum on Toward Democracy: The Struggle for Self-Rule in European and American Thought, Queen Mary College, University of London
Forum on Atlantic Contradictions: Democracy in Europe, the US, and Latin America, Whitney Humanities Center, Yale
Paper on Global Social and Economic Democracy since 1920, Conference on the Cultural History of Democracy in the Modern World, University of Cambridge
Presentation on New Pedagogies in the Humanities, Harvard Institute for Teaching and Learning
Panel on Liberalism vs. Democracy, Conference on the Many Faces of Liberalism, Graduate Center, City University of New York
Lecture on William James on Obligation and Belief, session sponsored by the William James Society at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Denver
- 2019: Panel on the Continuing Relevance of the Enlightenment, Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Chicago
Panel on Democracy in History, Conference on the Past, Present, and Prospects of Liberalism and Democracy, New School for Social Research, New York
Lecture on Why Democracy Is in Crisis, Wilson Institute for Canadian History, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario
Fulton Lecture on Madison, the Common Good, and the Incoherence of Originalism, University of Chicago Law School
- 2020: Seminars on Autonomy, Equality, and Obligation in early American political thought; on Religion in contemporary US politics; and on the American liberal tradition, University of Notre Dame
Paper on the general welfare in American constitutionalism, Conference on democracy in early America, Stanford

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