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EDUCATION

- 1981 Ph.D. in History, University of Pittsburgh
- 1972 M.A. in History, University of Pittsburgh
- 1970 B.A. in History, University of Pittsburgh, *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa
- 1968 Summer Institute, Philipps Universität, Marburg, Germany

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

- 2007- Professor of History and of Gender and Women's Studies, Western Michigan University
- 2007-08 Fulbright Distinguished Chair, York University (Canada)
- 2000-07 Associate Professor of History and Gender/Women's Studies, Western Michigan University
- 2000-01 Fulbright Distinguished Chair in North American Studies, University of Calgary (Canada)
- 1997-99 Coordinator, Women's and Gender Studies Program, University of Michigan-Flint
- 1996-99 Chair, Department of History, University of Michigan-Flint
- 1985-2002 Associate Professor of History, University of Michigan-Flint
- 1984-87 Director, Master of Liberal Studies Program in American Culture, University of Michigan-Flint
- 1982-85 Assistant Professor of History, University of Michigan-Flint
- 1981-82 Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Texas at Arlington
- 1981 Visiting Adjunct Assistant Professor of History, University of Puget Sound

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2009 Research Award, College of Arts and Sciences, Western Michigan University
- 2008 Association for Borderland Studies Nominee Award; for *Permeable Border*
- 2007-08 Fulbright Distinguished Chair, York University (Canada)
- 2007 Research Award, Lewis Walker Institute for the Study of Ethnic and Race Relations, Western Michigan University
- 2006 Albert B. Corey Prize, American Historical Association and Canadian Historical Association joint prize, for the best book on Canadian-American relations or the history of both countries (awarded biennially); for *Permeable Border*
- 2006 State History Award, Historical Society of Michigan; for *Jewish Life in the Industrial Promised Land*
- 2006 Independent Publisher Book Award Finalist; for *Jewish Life in the Industrial Promised Land*
- 2000-01 Fulbright Distinguished Chair in North American Studies, University of Calgary (Canada)
- 1997 Corporate Woman of Achievement, Greater Flint YWCA
- 1996 William Gilbert Award, American Historical Association, for the best article on teaching history (awarded biennially); for "The American Family and the Little Red Schoolhouse"
- 1996 Regents' Medal, University of Michigan
- 1996 Chancellor's Gold Star Award, University of Michigan-Flint
- 1996 Lucinda Hinsdale Stone Senior Women Faculty Initiative, University of Michigan-Flint
- 1992 Student Government Distinguished Professor Award, University of Michigan-Flint

- 1990 State of Michigan Excellence in Teaching Award, University of Michigan-Flint
 1989 Dorothea E. Wyatt Award, University of Michigan-Flint
 1986 Distinguished Service Award, University of Michigan-Flint

PUBLICATIONS AND OTHER SCHOLARLY WORKS

Books

- Permeable Border: The Great Lakes Basin as Transnational Region, 1650-1990* (Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, and Calgary: University of Calgary Press, 2005); with John J. Bukowczyk, David R. Smith, and Randy William Widdis.
 Winner of the 2006 Albert B. Corey Prize, awarded jointly by the American Historical Association and the Canadian Historical Association for the best book on Canadian-American relations or the history of both countries (biennial award); recipient of the 2008 Association for Borderland Studies Nominee Award.
- Jewish Life in the Industrial Promised Land, 1855-2005* (East Lansing: Michigan State University Press, 2005); with Nancy Hanflik.
 Winner of a 2006 State History Award from the Historical Society of Michigan in the category of Books from a University or Commercial Press; Finalist for a 2006 Independent Publisher Book Award (IPPY) in the category of Multicultural Non-Fiction Adult books.

Special Issues

- Guest Editor, Special Issues of *Michigan Historical Review* on "Borderlands." vol. 34, no. 1 (Spring 2008), includes "Introduction: Emerging Borderlands," vi-xii; vol. 34, no. 2 (Fall 2008), in press, will include "Introduction: Modern Borderlands."

Articles in Refereed Journals

- "La construction d'un avant-poste féminin et bourgeois du nationalisme. Le Club des femmes américaines de Calgary (1912-1945)," *Actes de l'histoire de l'immigration* 6 (January 2007): 127-42. ("Constructing an Outpost of Gendered and Class Nationalism: The American Woman's Club, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, 1912-1945.")
- "Going Across the River: Black Canadians and Detroit before the Great Migration," *Citizenship Studies*, Special Issue on "Freedom on the Margins," 10 (February 2006): 117-34.
- "Staking Narrative Claims," contribution to "Roundtable on Dirk Hoerder's *Creating Societies: Immigrant Lives in Canada*," in *Histoire sociale/Social History* 38 (November 2005): 461-77; with Sylvia Hahn, Leslie Page Moch, Leo Lucassen, and Dirk Hoerder.
- "Jewish Life in Postwar Flint," *Michigan Jewish History* 41 (Fall 2001), 11-23; with Nancy Hanflik.
- "Poor Women, Proximate Border: Migrants from Ontario to Detroit in the Late Nineteenth Century," *Journal of American Ethnic History*, Special Issue on "Migration and the Making of North America," 20 (Spring 2001): 88-109.
- "The Intersection of the Extremes': Navigating and Negotiating the Macrostructural and Microsocial on the Migration Trail," *Historical Methods* 34 (Winter 2001): 44-46.
- "What is a Community? Taking Documentary Photographs of Urban Americans into the Middle School Classroom," *Organization of American Historians: Magazine of History* 10 (Summer 1996): 73-77.
- "The American Family and the Little Red Schoolhouse: Historians, Class, and the Problem of

Curricular Diversity,” *Prospects: An Annual of American Cultural Studies* 19 (1994): 25-74.
With John J. Bukowczyk; photographs by Bruce Harkness.

Winner of American Historical Association’s inaugural William Gilbert Award for the Best Article on Teaching History (1995; biennial award).

“Immigration History in the United States, 1965-1990: A Selective Critical Appraisal,” *Canadian Ethnic Studies/Études Ethniques au Canada* 33 (2, 1991): 1-23. With John J. Bukowczyk.

“The Great Flint Sit-Down Strike as Theatre,” *Radical History Review* 43 (January 1989): 120-35.

Chapters

“Conversion as a ‘Two-Edged Sword’: Evangelicalism among Pittsburgh’s German Immigrants,” in *German Diasporic Experiences: Identity, Migration, and Loss*, ed. Mathias Schulze, James M. Skidmore, David G. John, Grit Liebscher, and Sebastian Siebel-Achenbach (Waterloo, ON: Wilfrid Laurier University Press, 2008), 193-204.

“‘Talented and Charming Strangers from Across the Line’: Gendered Nationalism, Class Privilege, and the American Woman’s Club of Calgary,” in *One Step Over the Line: Toward a History of Women in the North American Wests*, ed. Elizabeth Jameson and Sheila McManus (Edmonton: University of Alberta Press; and Athabasca, AB: Athabasca University Press, 2008), 261-92. (Brief version in *Actes de l’histoire de l’immigration*.)

“Immigration and Ethnicity,” in *Blackwell Companion to 19th Century American History*, ed. William L. Barney (Oxford, UK and Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishers, 2001), 238-54.

“Revolutionaries in a Rationalist Church: Forty-Eighters in the Smithfield Congregation in Pittsburgh,” in *The German Forty-Eighters in the United States*, ed. Charlotte L. Brancaforte (New York: Peter Lang, 1989), 231-41.

“Immigrants and Industry: Peopling the ‘Iron City’,” in *City at the Point: Essays on the Social History of Pittsburgh*, ed. Samuel P. Hays (Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 1989), 3-31.

“Transition and Turmoil: Social and Political Development in Michigan, 1917-1945,” in *Michigan: Visions of Our Past*, ed. Richard J. Hathaway (East Lansing: Michigan State University Press, 1989), 200-17.

“‘Colored’ and Catholic: The Lebanese in Birmingham, Alabama,” in *Crossing the Waters: Arabic-Speaking Immigrants to the United States before 1940*, ed. Eric Hooglund (Washington, DC: Smithsonian Institution Press, 1987), 69-84. With Nancy Faires Conklin.

“Occupational Patterns of German-Americans in Nineteenth-Century Cities,” in *German Workers in Industrial Chicago, 1850-1910: A Comparative Perspective*, ed. Hartmut Keil and John B. Jentz (DeKalb: Northern Illinois University Press, 1983), 37-51.

Solicited Contributions

Sections on “Canada” in Richard D. Goff, Walter G. Moss, Janice L. Terry, Jiu-Hwa L. Upshur, and Michael J. Schroeder, *The Twentieth Century and Beyond: A Global History*, 7th ed. (New York: McGraw-Hill, 2007).

Entries on U.S. Immigration and Ethnicity, 1815-1877 for *American Historical Association’s Guide to Historical Literature*, general editor Mary Beth Norton, section editor Thomas Dublin (New York: Oxford University Press, 1995); authored sixty-seven entries for the guide.

“Introduction” to “John Bodnar’s *The Transplanted*. A Roundtable,” *Social Science History* 12 (Fall 1988): 217-19.

“Assembling the History of Detroit,” Special Issue on “Detroit: An American City,” *Michigan Quarterly Review* 25 (Spring 1986): 468-78.

Exhibits

Co-Curator, “*The French in North America/Les Français en Amérique du Nord—An Enduring Presence*,” at Waldo Library, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, September 2008-August 2009; with Canadian Studies faculty and students; as Chair of Canadian Studies.

Co-Curator, “*The Great Lakes Close Up: Spirit and Science*,” at Waldo Library, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, September 2006-August 2008; with Lynne Heasley; as Chair of Canadian Studies.

Guest Co-Curator, “*A Century of Jewish Life in Flint*,” Sloan Museum, Flint, MI, August-October, 2001; cosponsored by the Flint Jewish Federation; with Nancy Hanflik.

Video

“Autoworld: Deconstructing Ideologies of Labor, Gender, Race, Class, and Consumerism in Flint, Michigan's Automobile Theme Park and Museum,” (1989). With Connie Samaras. *Script and narration for 21-minute video and accompanying photographic and text exhibit.* Adjudicated exhibition sites include Detroit and Los Angeles (1989), New York (1990).

Curricular Materials

Teachers Guide for Reinforcing Community Values. A Middle School Enrichment and Training Program, ed. John J. Bukowczyk (Flint: Project for Urban and Regional Affairs, University of Michigan-Flint, 1995), 50 pp.

Teachers Guide for the Families of the City--A Project in the Schools based on URBAN INTERIORS: Photographs and Interviews on Detroit's East Side, ed. John J. Bukowczyk (Detroit: Department of History, Wayne State University, 1989), 35 pp.

Immigration and Ethnicity in American Life (University of Pittsburgh External Studies Program, 1980), 250 pp; with Jonathan Levine.

Book Reviews

Lee Shai Weissbach, *Jewish Life in Small-Town America: A History* in *Annals of Iowa* 66 (Winter 2007): 94-96.

Robert P. Swierenga, *Faith and Family: Dutch Immigration and Settlement in the United States, 1820-1920*. "On Solid Ground," H-SHGAPE, H-Net Reviews (September 2002).

Dirk Hoerder and Jörg Nagler, eds., *People in Transit: German Migrations in Comparative Perspective, 1820-1930* in *Journal of American Ethnic History* 17 (Summer 1998): 128-30.

Stephen P. Dandenau, *A Town Abandoned: Flint, Michigan, Confronts Deindustrialization* in *American Studies* 38 (Spring 1997): 162-63.

La Vern J. Rippley and Robert Paulson, *German Bohemians: The Quiet Immigrants* in *Wisconsin Magazine of History* 80 (Spring 1997): 222-23.

Dorothee Schneider, *Trade Unions and Community: The German Working Class in New York City, 1870-1900* in *Industrial & Labor Relations Review* 49 (January 1996): 376-77.

Arthur W. Thurner, *Strangers and Sojourners: A History of Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula* in *Journal of American History* 82 (December 1995): 1217-18.

Bruce Levine, *The Spirit of 1848: German Immigrants, Labor Conflict, and the Coming of the*

- Civil War* in *Journal of American Ethnic History* 13 (Summer 1994): 57-59.
- Stanley Nadel, *Little Germany: Ethnicity, Religion, and Class in New York City, 1845-80* in *Ethnohistory* 39 (Spring 1992): 226-27.
- Hartmut Keil and John B. Jentz, *German Workers in Chicago: A Documentary History of Working-Class Culture from 1850 to World War I* and Hartmut Keil, ed., *German Workers' Culture in the United States, 1850-1920* in *Journal of American History* 77 (December 1990): 1030-31.
- Adolf E. Schroeder, ed. and tr., and Carla Schulz-Geisberg, ed., *Hold Dear, As Always: Jette, A German Immigrant Life in Letters* in *Journal of American History* 76 (September 1989): 598-99.
- Heinz Lehmann, *The German-Canadians: Immigration, Settlement, and Culture*, translated, edited, and introduced by Gerhard P. Bassler, in *International Migration Review* 22 (Spring 1988): 153-54.
- Theodore Gish and Richard Spuler, eds., *Eagle in the New World: German Immigration to Texas and America* in *Journal of the West* 27 (January 1988): 103-04.
- Carl Oblinger, *Interviewing the People of Pennsylvania: A Conceptual Guide to Oral History* in *Western Pennsylvania Historical Magazine* 63 (January 1980): 59-61.
- Richard L. Ehrlich, ed., *Immigrants in Industrial America, 1850-1920* in *Western Pennsylvania Historical Magazine* 61 (October 1978): 339-42.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- Women and America: An Integrated History*, textbook under contract to McGraw-Hill; Janet L. Coryell, senior author, with Nora Faires; draft manuscript under review.
- Gendered Americanism*, book project on American Woman's Clubs overseas as sites of civic, sojourner, nationalist, and internationalist identities and practices during the twentieth century.
- Migrants and Migration in Modern North America: Cross-Border Life Courses, Labor Markets, and Politics in Canada, the Caribbean, Mexico, and the United States*, coedited volume with Dirk Hoerder; to include an essay titled "Population Movements and the Making of Canadian-U.S. Not-So-Foreign Relations"; prospectus under review.
- The Splintered Cross: Religion and Ideology among German Immigrants in Nineteenth-Century Pittsburgh*; book manuscript on ethnicity, religion, political culture, and economic change.
- Reporting on Immigrants, Restricting Immigration: The Legacies and Lessons of the Dillingham Commission*, coedited volume in preparation with Melanie Shell-Weiss.
- "Freedom Lies Across the River: Meditations on a Monument, Migration, and U.S.-Canada Relations"; article in draft on the International Underground Railroad Memorial in Detroit, Michigan, and Windsor, Ontario.
- "Palaces of Production: Gilded Age Boosterism, Regional Development, and Exuberant Design in the Midwestern Exhibition Movement," article project on exhibit halls constructed from agricultural and extractive products; with Wilson J. Warren.

GRANTS (since 1985)

- 2008-09 Program Enhancement Grant for Western Michigan University's Canadian Studies

- Program. Canadian Embassy/Ambassade du Canada, \$10,000.
- 2007-08 Arts and Sciences Faculty Teaching and Research Award, Western Michigan University, \$900.
- 2006-07 Program Enhancement Grant for Western Michigan University's Canadian Studies Program. Canadian Embassy/Ambassade du Canada, \$7,300.
- 2005-06 Faculty Research and Creative Activities Support Fund, Western Michigan University, for “*The Splintered Cross: Immigrant Religion in 19th-c. Pittsburgh,*” \$9,000.
- 2005-06 Program Enhancement Grant for Western Michigan University's Canadian Studies Program. Canadian Embassy/Ambassade du Canada, \$6,100.
- 2005-06 Fund for Final Preparation and Publication of Papers and Exhibitions of Creative Works, Western Michigan University, for indexing of *Jewish Life in the Industrial Promised Land*, c. \$500.
- 2004-05 Fund for Final Preparation and Publication of Papers and Exhibitions of Creative Works, Western Michigan University, for photographic reproduction, *Jewish Life in the Industrial Promised Land*, c. \$500.
- 2004-05 Arts and Sciences Faculty Teaching and Research Award, Western Michigan University, \$450.
- 2004-05 Program Enhancement Grant for Western Michigan University's Canadian Studies Program. Canadian Embassy/Ambassade du Canada, c. \$5,400.
- 2003-04 Program Enhancement Grant for Western Michigan University's Canadian Studies Program. Canadian Embassy/Ambassade du Canada, \$5,300.
- 2001-02 Faculty Research and Creative Activities Support Fund, Western Michigan University, for “Jewish Life in Autotown: Community Evolution in Flint, Michigan,” \$5,000.
- 1999-2000 Arts of Citizenship Grant, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, for “Fostering Social Cohesion among Middle School Students through Imagery and Narrative: An Interdisciplinary Collaboration on the Nature of Community,” \$6,000.
- 1997-99 Research Partnership Grant, University of Michigan-Flint (with undergraduate students Kathy C. Wallace and Brenda Reed).
- 1996-97 Research Excellence Fund of the State of Michigan, for project on “Developing Community—Linkages and Challenges: A University-Civic Initiative to Enhance Quality of Life,” administered by the Project for Urban and Regional Affairs, University of Michigan-Flint; \$11,000.
- 1995-96 Research Excellence Fund of the State of Michigan, for project on "Defining Community, Reexamining Society: Enhancing the Quality of Life through Civic Collaboration," administered by the Project for Urban and Regional Affairs, University of Michigan-Flint; \$50,000.
- 1994-95 Research Excellence Fund of the State of Michigan, for project on "Reinforcing Family, Diversity, and Community Values: A Middle School Enrichment and Training Program for the Flint and Genesee County Public Schools," administered by the Project for Urban and Regional Affairs at the University of Michigan-Flint; c. \$25,000.
- 1993-94 Faculty Development Fund Research Grant, University of Michigan-Flint.
- 1988 Research Initiation Grant, University of Michigan-Flint.
- INVITED ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS (since 1985)**
- 2008 “Migration, People's Lives, Shifting and Permeable Borders: The North American and Caribbean Societies in the Atlantic World,” presented at “Workers, the Nation-State, and Beyond: The Newberry Library Conference on Labor Across the Americas, ”

- Newberry Library, Chicago, September; with Dirk Hoerder (lead author).
- 2008 “Freedom Lies Across the River: Meditations on a Monument, Migration, and Canada-U.S. Relations,” Department of History, Michigan State University, May.
- 2008 “Freedom Lies Across the River: Meditations on a Monument, Migration, and Canada-U.S. Relations,” Fulbright Lecture, York University, Toronto, April.
- 2008 “Population Movements and the Making of Canadian-U.S. Relations” and “The Windsor-Detroit Borderland,” presented at the symposium on “Migrants and Labor Markets: Canada, the United States, Mexico, and the Caribbean as a Migration Region, North American Center for Transborder Studies, Arizona State University, April.
- 2008 “Freedom Lies Across the River: The International Underground Railroad Memorial, the Great Lakes Borderland, and Canada/U.S. Relations,” Department of History, York University—Glendon Campus, Toronto, March.
- 2008 “Bewitched, Bothered, Bewildered, Behind, or Betwixt?” contribution to a roundtable on “What has the Cultural Turn Made of Us?” Department of History, York University, Toronto, February.
- 2007 “Turkey Dinners and Malaria Nets: American Women's Clubs and the Construction of National Identities Abroad,” Fulbright Orientation Academic Conference, Ottawa, September.
- 2007 “Bordering Nations, Lands of Immigrants: Migration and Memory in Canada and the United States,” at a session on “Bounding and Un-bounding Spaces and Places” for the Sawyer Seminar on “Globalizing the Americas: World Economies and Local Communities” University of Toronto, February.
- 2006 “Continental Drifts: The Beaver, the Eagle, and Not So Foreign Relations,” at a seminar titled “Among Friends: The Canadian-American Special Relationship in Theory and Practice,” Fulbright Institute of International Relations, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, October.
- 2006 “First Calgary, and then the World: Investigating Gendered Imperialism through the Lens of the American Woman’s Club,” Department of History, University of Calgary, Alberta, March.
- 2006 “Blacks on the Border: Migration, Freedom, and Detroit as Portal and Destination,” Department of History, University of Calgary, Alberta, March.
- 2006 “Blacks on the Canada-U.S. Border: Migration, Freedom, and Detroit as Portal and Destination,” Toronto Area Early Canada and Colonial North America Seminar Series, University of Toronto, March.
- 2006 “Individual Itineraries and Social Processes,” contribution to a Roundtable on Migration in the Great Lakes Borderland, sponsored by Canadian Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, February.
- 2005 “Going Across the River: Black Canadians and Detroit Before the Great Migration,” Center for Canadian Studies, Duke University, December.
- 2005 “Collaborative Scholarship: The Crafting of *Jewish Life in the Industrial Promised Land, 1855-2005*,” Jewish Studies Program/Hadassah, Michigan State University, October.
- 2000 “‘Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor?’ ‘Huddled Masses,’ Scholars, and Constructions of Ethnicity and Gender in the United States,” Annual Fulbright Lecture, University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, November.
- 2000 “Beyond the Bureaucrats’ Gaze: Charity Records on Poor Ontarian Women in Detroit during the Late Nineteenth Century,” Department of History Colloquium, University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, September.

- 2000 “Narrative and Imagery: The ‘Community’ Project for Middle Schools,” Arts of Citizenship Fellows, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, Ann Arbor, March.
- 1997 “Migration of Poor Women from Ontario to Michigan,” University of Michigan-Flint, Flint, MI, October; with undergraduate research partner Kathy C. Wallace.
- 1997 “Border Crossings: Transnational Networks of Women from Ontario to Michigan,” University of Michigan-Flint, Flint, March.
- 1994 “Leaving the ‘Land of the Second Chance’: Migration from Ontario to the Great Lakes States in the Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries,” University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario, Canada, October.
- 1992 “U.S./Canadian Migrations: Intra-Continental Encounters,” presented as part of “1492-1992: Encounters in the Americas,” University of Michigan-Flint, Flint, October.
- 1992 “Anglo-Canadian Migration to the Great Lakes: Themes and Avenues for Research,” Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, April.
- 1992 “The Families of the City,” presentation of model elementary-school curriculum project at ROADS [Renaissance Outreach Alliance for Detroit-Area Schools] Joint Symposium sponsored by the Michigan Council for the Humanities, Detroit, April.
- 1989 “Labor Theatre on the Stage and in the Community,” Sylvis Society Conference on The American Labor Movement: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow, Cincinnati, OH, October.
- 1987 “Immigrants to Pittsburgh,” Pittsburgh Social History Conference, University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, March.
- 1986 “German Families in an Industrializing City,” Conference on Local History, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH, April.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (since 1985)

- 2008 “Freedom Lies Across the River: The International Underground Railroad Memorial, the Great Lakes Borderland, and U.S.-Canada Relations,” Organization of American Historians, New York, March .
- 2008 “Blacks on the Border: Migration, Freedom, and Detroit as Portal and Destination,” European Social Science History Conference, Lisbon, February.
- 2006 “From Concept to Exhibit to Book: *Jewish Life in the Industrial Promised Land*,” Michigan Museums Association, Flint, MI, October; with Nancy Hanflik.
- 2006 “Conversion as a ‘Double-Edged Sword’: Evangelicalism among German Immigrants in Nineteenth-Century Pittsburgh,” conference on “Diaspora Experiences: German-Speaking Immigrants and Their Descendants,” Waterloo Centre for German Studies, University of Waterloo, Ontario, August.
- 2006 “Gendered Imperialism: The American Woman’s Club of Calgary, Alberta, Canada in the Interwar Years,” conference on “History, Gender, and Migration in the 19th- and 20th-Century Atlantic World,” Paris, École Supérieure and Université Paris I, Paris, March.
- 2006 “Jewish Refugees in Autotown: Two Waves of Immigrants to Flint, Michigan,” European Social Science History Association, Amsterdam, March.
- 2005 “Newcomers in the ‘Old World,’” contribution to a roundtable on Leo Lucassen’s *The Immigrant Threat: The Integration of Old and New Migrants in Western Europe, 1850-2002*, Social Science History Association, Portland, OR, November.
- 2005 “Telling Jewish Stories in a General Motors Town: Portraying Community Life in Flint through Photographs and Text,” Organization of American Historians, at a panel cosponsored by the Immigration and Ethnic History Society, San Jose, CA, April.

- 2004 "Portraying Jewish Life in Autotown," Association for Jewish Studies, Chicago, December.
- 2004 "Accidental Assimilation?" contribution to a roundtable on Richard Alba and Victor Nee's *Remaking the American Mainstream: Assimilation and Contemporary Immigration*, Social Science History Association, Chicago, November.
- 2004 "Jewish Life during Flint's Heyday: Prosperity and Marginality in America's Auto Boomtown," Urban History Association, Milwaukee, October.
- 2004 "Circuits of Labor Migration," contribution to a roundtable on Transnationalizing Great Lakes Working-Class History: Migrants and Industry, sponsored by the Labor and Working-Class History Association at the North American Labor History Conference, Detroit, October.
- 2004 "Staking Narrative Claims," contribution to a roundtable on Dirk Hoerder's *Creating Societies: Immigrant Lives in Canada*, European Social Science History Conference, Berlin, March.
- 2004 "After the Underground Railroad: Race, Poverty, and Migration in the Great Lakes Borderland," American Historical Association, Washington, DC, January.
- 2003 "Talented and Charming Strangers from Across the Line': Gendered Nationalism, Class Privilege, and the American Woman's Club of Calgary," Association for Canadian Studies in the United States, Portland, OR, November.
- 2003 "Poverty and Race in a Great Lakes City: African Canadian Migration to Detroit during the Late Nineteenth Century," Canadian Historical Association, Halifax, Nova Scotia, May.
- 2003 "A Favourable Crisis?': Evangelicalism among German Immigrants in Mid-Nineteenth-Century Pittsburgh," Organization of American Historians, Memphis, April.
- 2002 "Poverty and Race in a Great Lakes City: African Canadian Migration to Detroit during the Late Nineteenth Century," conference on "Border Cities/Border Cultures," University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Milwaukee, November.
- 2002 "Portraying Jewish Life in Autotown," Social Science History Association, St. Louis, October.
- 2002 "Constructing a Class and Gender Outpost across the Border: The American Woman's Club of Calgary," conference on "Unsettled Pasts: Reconceiving the West through Women's History," University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, June.
- 2002 "Civic Outsiders: American Club Women in Wartime Calgary, Alberta, Canada," Fourth European Social Science History Conference, The Hague, Netherlands, February.
- 2001 "Migration, Race, and Poverty in a Great Lakes City: African Canadian Migrants to Detroit in the Late Nineteenth Century," Great Lakes History Conference, Grand Rapids, MI, November.
- 2001 "African Canadian Migrants to Detroit: Late Nineteenth-Century Encounters with Poverty in a Great Lakes Borderland," conference on "Diaspora Paradigms: New Scholarship in Comparative Black History," Michigan State University, East Lansing, September.
- 2000 "Black, Female, and Poor: African-Canadians in Detroit in the Nineteenth Century," European Social Science History Conference, Amsterdam, Netherlands, April.
- 2000 "Poor Women Crossing a Permeable Border: Migration between Ontario and Michigan," Organization of American Historians, St. Louis, April.
- 2000 "Teaching about 'Community': A University/Middle Schools Collaboration" American Historical Association, Chicago, January.
- 1999 "Reading Migration: Roundtable on Jose Moya's *Cousins and Strangers: Spanish Immigrants in Buenos Aires, 1850-1930*," Social Science History Association, Fort Worth, TX, November.

- 1998 "Crossing a Permeable Border: Trans-National Networks of Women in Michigan and Ontario," European Social Science History Conference, Amsterdam, Netherlands, March.
- 1997 "Multiple Locations for a Text," Roundtable Discussion of Ewa Morawska's *Insecure Prosperity: Small Town Jews in Industrial America*, Social Science History Association, Washington, DC, October.
- 1997 "Incorporating Study of 'Community' in the Curriculum: A Collaborative University/K-12 Project," Michigan Social Studies Conference, Traverse City, MI, September. With middle school teacher Wendy Hunt.
- 1995 "Scholars as Social Actors: Curricular Projects on Family, Diversity, and Community," International Visual Sociology Association, University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario, Canada, July.
- 1992 "Collecting Ethnic Materials in Non-Ethnic Archives: An Immigration Historian's View," Michigan Archival Association, Flint, MI, June.
- 1991 "Anglo-Canadian Migrants to Michigan and the Great Lakes Region," conference on "Canadian Migration to Michigan and the Great Lakes Region: A Sharing of Cultures," Wayne State University, Detroit, November.
- 1990 "Adapting Research Resources to the Elementary School Classroom: The Families of the City-A Project in the Schools," joint session of the American Historical Association and the Polish American Historical Association, New York, December.
- 1988 "The Splintered Cross: Sectarianism and Ideology among Pittsburgh Germans," Social Science History Association, Chicago, November.
- 1987 "Making Labor History Come Alive: The Flint Labor Theatre Project and the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Great Flint Sit-Down," North American Labor History Conference, Wayne State University, Detroit, October.
- 1986 "Revolutionaries in a Rationalist Church: Forty-eighters in the Smithfield Congregation in Pittsburgh," conference on the Contributions of the German-Speaking Forty-eighters to U.S. Cultural, Social, and Political Life, Max Kade Institute, University of Wisconsin-Madison, October.

CONFERENCE COMMENTARIES (since 1985)

- 2008 "North American Borderlands in the Making of a Continental Migration System," Social Science History Association, Chicago, November.
- 2007 "Faith, Gender, and Nation: Religion and the Definition of Male and Female Citizenship in the Progressive Era," Organization of American Historians, at a panel cosponsored by the Society for the History of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era, Minneapolis, April.
- 2006 "New Perspectives on the Western Borderlands of Canada and the United States," Canadian Historical Association, Toronto, May.
- 2006 "Immigrants, Emigrants, Expatriates: Engaging the Foreign," Organization of American Historians, Washington, DC, April.
- 2005 "Race, Violence, and American Identity," Great Lakes History Conference, Grand Rapids, MI, October.
- 2005 "Look Both Ways Before Crossing" Western Historical Association, Scottsdale, AZ, October.
- 2005 "Marginal Differences?" Canadian Historical Association, London, Ontario, May.
- 2004 "Migration and Nation," European Social Science History Conference, Berlin, March.

- 2002 “Perspectives on Migrant Organizations in Europe and the United States,” Social Science History Association, St. Louis, October.
- 2001 “Youth at Risk in Modern American Culture,” joint Great Lakes American Studies Association/French American Studies Association Conference, Muncie, IN, March.
- 2000 “Making It *One Day Longer*: The Story of the Frontier Strike,” North American Labor History Conference, Detroit, October.
- 2000 “Visions of Modernity: Reaction and Resistance in Detroit and Beyond,” American Studies Association, Detroit, October.
- 1998 “United States Relations with Central America and the Caribbean,” Great Lakes History Conference, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI, October.
- 1998 “Reconstituting Rural-Urban Networks,” European Social Science History Conference, Amsterdam, March.
- 1997 “Women’s Voluntary Organizations and Early Twentieth-Century European Immigration,” Michigan Women’s Studies Association, Flint, MI, April.
- 1995 “Religion and Culture in the Migration Process,” Social Science History Association, Chicago, November.
- 1995 “Polish or Polish-American? Ethnic, Cultural, and Political Conflict in Working-Class Communities in Milwaukee and Detroit, 1930-1950,” North American Labor History Conference, Wayne State University, Detroit, October.
- 1991 “Polish Immigrants: Through the Lenses of Class and Gender,” Polish American Historical Association, Chicago, December.
- 1991 “A Concept of Migration in the Atlantic Economies,” Symposium on Continental European Migration and Transcontinental Migration to North America: Comparative Perspective,” Bremerhaven, Germany, August.
- 1990 “Race and Ethnicity in the Urban Milieu,” Organization of American Historians, Washington, DC, March.
- 1988 “Ethnicity: Workplace Relations and Union Leadership,” North American Labor History Conference, Wayne State University, Detroit, October.
- 1987 “Women’s Decisions about Labor and Reproduction among Immigrant Populations,” Social Science History Association, New Orleans, October.
- 1986 “Bosses, Workers, and Cops: The View from Detroit,” Social Science History Association, St. Louis, October.
- 1986 “Gender and Technology,” Organization of American Historians, New York, April.

EVALUATION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS, PROJECTS, and MANUSCRIPTS

National Endowment for the Humanities, Institute of International Education (Fulbright-Hays Program), Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Canadian Embassy/Ambassade du Canada, Canadian Council for the Arts, Michigan Humanities Council

Cornell University Press, Duke University Press, University of Illinois Press, University of Michigan Press, University of Missouri Press, University of Toronto Press, Wayne State University Press

American Historical Review, Canadian Review of American Studies, Canadian Historical Review, Histoire sociale – Social History, Journal of American Ethnic History, Journal of American History, Michigan Academician, Michigan Historical Review, Pennsylvania History:

EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBERSHIP

- 2005- *Journal of American Ethnic History*
 2000- *Michigan Historical Review*
 1986-88 Great Lakes Books Series, Wayne State University Press

SERVICE TO PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (since 1985)

- 2008-10 Chair, Best Book in Non-North American Urban History, Urban History Association
 2007-09 Vincent P. DeSantis Prize Committee, Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era
 2006-09 Program Committee, Immigration and Ethnic History Society
 2005-06 Chair, Nominating Committee, Social Science History Association
 2004-06 Nominating Committee, Immigration and Ethnic History Society
 2003-04 Conference Committee, Second Biennial Conference, Urban History Association
 2002-05 Executive Board, Immigration and Ethnic History Society
 2002-05 Board of Directors, Urban History Association
 2001-03 Publications Committee, Labor and Working Class History Association
 1999-2001 Margaret K. Bonsteel Tachau Pre-Collegiate Teaching Award Committee, Organization of American Historians
 1999-2000 Program Committee, American Studies Association annual meeting
 1999-2000 Co-Chair, Pre-Convention Collaboratives and Local Arrangements Committee, American Studies Association annual meeting, Detroit, MI
 1999 Chair, Prize Committee for Best Article in Urban History, Urban History Association
 1997-2000 Treasurer, Immigration and Ethnic History Society
 1990-93 Executive Board, Social Science History Association
 1988-89 Chair, Nominating Committee, Immigration History Society
 1987-88 Nominating Committee, Immigration History Society
 1987-88 Chair, Publications Committee, Social Science History Association
 1986-87 Publications Committee, Social Science History Association
 1986-87 Chair, Migration and Ethnicity Network, Social Science History Association
 1986 Honor's Selection Committee, Michigan Women's Studies Association

SELECTED PUBLIC HISTORY CONSULTING

- 2004 "Detroit History," a proposal to the National Endowment for the Humanities to develop a political, labor, and cultural history of twentieth-century Detroit.
 1997 "Initiatives in Family History," National Endowment for the Humanities
 1990-95 "Polish American Historical Association Fiftieth Anniversary Project," a conference and essay collection project exploring accomplishments in the field.
 1988-96 "Urban Interiors," a documentary photographic and oral history project of the lives and homes of inner-city residents, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI.
 1987-88 "The Tenement," a living history museum of the immigrant experience, Lower East Side Conservancy, New York, NY.
 1987-88 "Detroit Images," a photographic and historical exploration of the city, Wayne State University Press, Detroit, MI.

WORKSHOPS AND INSTITUTES CONDUCTED

- 2008 “The Great Migration,” session presented for a U.S. Department of Education “Teaching American History” grant; Flint, MI; June.
- 2004-06 “Summer Institutes on American History for Secondary Education Teachers,” developed and led sections on “Civil War and Reconstruction, 1850-1877” and “The Development of the Industrial United States, 1870-1900,” for a U.S. Department of Education “Teaching American History” grant; Kalamazoo, MI.
- 1998 “The Industry and Product in Global and Historical Perspective,” three day-long presentations for hourly and salaried employees of the American Axle corporation, Detroit, MI, October and November.
- 1990-97 “Corporate and Union Strategies in the U.S. Auto Industry: Historical Perspectives,” “The American Political Process,” and “Strategic Planning” for the Paid Educational Leave project, a joint United Automobile Workers-General Motors initiative; over one hundred fifty day-long presentations at various sites in Michigan
- 1988 “Race, Class, Ethnicity, and Gender,” day-long workshop on U.S. Social Historical Scholarship for middle and secondary school teachers; sponsored by the Michigan Council for the Humanities, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI, November.

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

- “The French in North America/ Les Français en Amérique du Nord” two-day symposium and allied events throughout academic year 2008-09 sponsored by Canadian Studies at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, September 2008; with Canadian Studies faculty and students.
- “Shared Waters: A Symposium on the Great Lakes,” two-day conference sponsored by Canadian Studies at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, September 2006; with Lynne Heasley; 250 participants.
- Fifth Annual Michigan Canadian Studies Roundtable, one-day conference held at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, April 2003; 50 participants.
- “Defining Community, Reexamining Society,” three-day conference held at the University of Michigan-Flint, Flint, MI, September 1996 ; 100 panelists, 300 participants.

GRADUATE SUPERVISION

Currently: Chair two doctoral committees, serve on two; serve on one Master's committee
 Previously: Chaired one doctoral committee, co-chaired one, and served on three; supervised twenty-three Master's theses, served as second reader or committee member for seventeen.

COURSES TAUGHT

Readings Seminar on Gender and Migration in Modern North America (graduate)
 Readings Seminar on Gender and Migration in the United States, 1890-1940 (graduate)
 Research Seminar on Gender and Migration in the United States, 1890-1940 (graduate)
 American Character (graduate)
 Historiography (graduate; in preparation)
 Survey of United States History to 1877

Survey of United States History since 1877
 History of Women in the United States
 Ethnic and Racial Minorities in the United States
 Migration, Ethnicity, and Race in the United States, 1850-1950
 Labor in the United States
 American Urban History
 History of the United States, 1877-1919
 Canada and the United States: Not-So-Foreign Relations (in preparation)
 Food in the Globe, 1600-2000
 Research Methods
 Women and Work (Gender and Women's Studies course)
 Introduction to Women's Studies (Gender and Women's Studies course; co-taught)
 Revolutionary Europe (co-taught)
 Made in America: Diversity and Inequality in the United States (team-taught)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

At Western Michigan University:

For the University:

2002- Chair, Canadian Studies Initiative, College of Arts and Sciences and Diether H. Haenicke
 Institute for Global Education

For the College of Arts and Sciences:

2002-03 Assessment Committee

For the Department of History:

As Committee Chair:

2008-09 Executive Committee
 2007-08 Tenure Committee
 2004-05 Search Committee, United States since 1945
 2003-04 Events Committee
 2002-03 Executive Committee (and Tenure Committee)

As Committee Member:

2006- Burnham-Macmillan Committee
 2005-06 Executive Committee
 2005-06 Graduate Studies Committee
 2005-06 Ad Hoc Graduate Program Review Committee
 2004-05 Information Technology Committee
 2004-05 Sabbatical, Workload, and Evaluation Committee
 2003-04 Search Committee, Twentieth-Century European History
 2001-04 Graduate Studies Committee
 2001-02 Advisor, Undergraduate Minors
 2000 Undergraduate Studies Committee

For other Programs:

2008-10 Advisory Board, Gender and Women's Studies Program
 2002-07 Executive Committee, Gender and Women's Studies Program

At the University of Michigan (System-wide):

- 1996 Presidential Search Advisory Committee (charged to select names of finalists for presentation to the Board of Regents of the University of Michigan)
 1990-95 President's Advisory Commission on Women's Issues

At the University of Michigan-Flint:**For the University:**

As Committee Chair:

- 1999-2000 Academic Affairs Advisory and Program Development Committee
 1995 Search Committee, Dean of Graduate Programs and Research
 1991-93 University Women's Council (co-chair)
 1991-92 Academic Affairs Advisory and Program Development Committee
 1985-86 Search Committee for Provost and Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs

As Committee Member:

- 1999-2000 Academic Council
 1997-98 Campus Representative, ACE/National Identification Project
 1997-98 Teacher Education Advisory Council
 1996-97 Project for Urban and Regional Affairs Advisory Committee
 1994-95 Code and Nominating Committee
 1993-95 Budget Priorities and Chancellor's Advisory Committee
 1989-93 Women's History Month Program Committee
 1989-92 Academic Affairs Advisory and Program Development Committee
 1988-89 Strategic Planning Committee
 1985-89 Women's History Week Program Committee

For the College of Arts and Sciences:

As Committee Chair:

- 1999 Nominations Committee
 1998-99 Secondary Education Committee
 1989-90 Ad Hoc Tenure Review Committee

As Committee Member:

- 1997-98 Executive Committee
 1997-98 Executive Committee Task Force for College-wide Planning Events
 1997-98 Executive Committee Task Force for Tenure and Promotion Guidelines
 1997 Academic Standards Committee (Summer)
 1995 Nominations Committee
 1994-95 Appeals Panel
 1992-93 Search Committee for Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences
 1991-92 Nominations Committee
 1987-88 Nominations Committee

For other Departments and Programs:

As Committee Chair:

- 1994-95 Search Committee, African American Studies Program
 1994 African American Studies Program Faculty Council

As Committee Member:

- 1997-98 Search Committee, for Director of African American Studies Program
- 1991-92 Search Committee, Department of Sociology
- 1990-97 Program Faculty Council, Women's and Gender Studies Program
- 1987-2000 Program Faculty Council, Master of Liberal Studies Program in American Culture
- 1985-98 Program Faculty Council, African American Studies Program
- 1985-86 Search Committee, African-Afro-American Studies Program
- 1984-89 Labor Theatre Project

For the Department of History:**As Committee Chair:**

- 1993-95 Assessment and Evaluation Task Force
- 1992-93 Search Committee, Latin American history

As Committee Member:

- 1997-98 Search Committee, Early Modern European history
- 1993-94 Search Committee, Central European history
- 1991-92 Search Committee, Middle Eastern history
- 1989-90 Search Committee, African-American history
- 1988-89 Search Committee, East Asian history

Advisor for Student Organizations:

- 1995-97 Master's of Liberal Studies in American Culture Program Students Organization
- 1987-88 History Club

At the University of Pittsburgh:

- 1978-79 Representative, Graduate Student Organization, Department of History
- 1976-80 Organizing Committee, Graduate Employees Organization
- 11976 Founding Member, Women's Caucus, Department of History
- 1972 Founding Member, Women's Studies Program

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- “Report of the Secondary Education Committee of the College of Arts and Sciences,” prepared for the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, University of Michigan-Flint, 1999.
- “Self-Study for the Department of History at the University of Michigan-Flint,” prepared for the North Central Accreditation team, 1998.
- “Endowing Faculty Citizenship: A Proposal to Enhance Faculty Development,” prepared for the Vice Chancellor for Development, University of Michigan-Flint, June 1995.
- “An Initiative to Support the Scholarly and Creative Activities of Women Faculty,” prepared for the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, University of Michigan-Flint, 1994.
- “Assessment and Evaluation Plan for the Department of History,” prepared for the Provost of the University of Michigan-Flint, 1995.
- “Conceptual Framework for Undertaking Assessment at the University of Michigan-Flint,” prepared for the Academic Affairs Advisory and Program Development Committee, University of Michigan-Flint, March 1992.
- “Report of the Search Committee for Provost and Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs,” prepared for the Chancellor of the University of Michigan-Flint, 1986.

COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS (since 1985)

- 2006 “The Evolution of Jewish Life in Flint,” Jewish Community Center of Washtenaw County, Ann Arbor, MI, November.
- 2006 “Writing *Jewish Life in the Industrial Promised Land*,” Ann Arbor Book Fair, Ann Arbor, MI, May; with Nancy Hanflik.
- 2006 “Jewish Life in the Promised Land of the Automobile,” Genesee Historical Society, Flint, MI, February; with Nancy Hanflik.
- 2005 “Celebrating Jewish Life, Celebrating the City,” Congregation Beth Israel, Flint, MI, September; with Nancy Hanflik.
- 2005 “Remarks on ‘Solidarity,’” Annual Chapter meeting of the American Association of University Professors, Western Michigan University. Kalamazoo, MI, April.
- 2002 “‘The Problem of the Twentieth Century,’” DTE Energy-sponsored workshop on “Understanding and Celebrating the African American Experience,” Detroit, February.
- 2001 “150 Years of Jewish History in Flint,” Temple Beth El, Flint, MI, May; with Nancy Hanflik.
- 1999 “What to *Us* is the Fourth of July?,” Juneteenth Celebration, Flint, MI, June.
- 1999 “Prospects for a Multi-Racial Coalition in Contemporary America,” response to William Julius Wilson’s lecture “Bridging the Racial Divide,” Flint Public Library, Flint, MI, February.
- 1996 “Fragility as Strength,” part of a panel presentation on “The Future of Our Democracy: Is It at Risk?” International Institute, Flint, March.
- 1996 “Community, Education, and Power,” part of a panel presentation on “Tools for a New Civic Society,” cosponsored by the Getty Center for Arts and Humanities and Libraries for the Future, Flint Public Library, Flint, June.
- 1991 “Anzia Yezierska’s *Bread Givers*: An Immigrant Daughter’s Coming of Age,” University of Michigan-Flint, Flint, February.
- 1990 “Civil Rights and Economic Inequality: Part of the Unfinished Agenda of Martin Luther King, Jr.,” University of Michigan-Flint, Flint, January.
- 1989 “Clarifying Differences, Raising Awareness: Untangling the Web of Race, Class, Ethnicity, and Gender,” University of Michigan-Flint, Flint, January.
- 1988 “Jane Austen’s *Pride and Prejudice* and *Persuasion*: Historical Context, Feminist Themes,” University of Michigan-Flint, Flint, March.
- 1986 “American Women as Workers, 1918-1950,” Weekend College, Wayne State University, Detroit, October; also presented in October, 1989.

RECENT COMMUNITY SERVICE

1999-2005 Board of Trustees, Sloan Museum, Flint, Michigan

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Association of University Professors
 American Historical Association
 American Studies Association
 Association for Borderland Studies
 Association for Canadian Studies in the United States
 Canadian Historical Association
 Fulbright Association

Historical Society of Michigan
Immigration and Ethnic History Society
Labor and Working Class History Association
Michigan Women's Studies Association
Organization of American Historians
Social Science History Association
Society for German-American Studies
Society for Historians of the Early American Republic
Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era
Urban History Association