

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

1989 --- Ph.D. Loyola University Chicago – History – Fields: Irish History, British History, U.S. History, Immigration Ethnicity; Irish American History; Catholic American History

1983 – M.A. – Loyola University Chicago – Irish, Irish American History; British History

Summer 1979 – University College Cork, Ireland – Irish History and Literature

1979 – B.A. Loyola University of Chicago – Sociology

1975-1978 University of Wisconsin, Madison – Sociology

Grants, Awards, Honors

2006 and 2004 Illinois Humanities Council Road Scholars Award for “Songs of the Great Lakes Concert” by Lee Murdock.

2006 Summer Grant. Faculty Course Development.

National Park Service Grant with Dr. Theodore J. Karamanski to write a History of the St. Croix River Valley. 2000.

1997 – Illinois State Historical Society – Superior Achievement Award for “*What Parish Are You From?*” *The Chicago Irish Parish Community and Race Relations, 1916-1970*

1991 – Hibernian Research Award for Studies in Irish-America. Project – The Irish and the American Civil War

1985-86—Loyola University Dissertation Fellowship

1985 – Phi Alpha Theta Honors Society in History

1985 – Best Paper in American History. Phi Alpha Theta History Conference at
University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana

1984 – Alpha Sigma Nu National Jesuit Honor Society

1982-84 – Teaching Assistantship – Loyola University

1980-82 – Research Assistantship – Loyola University

1978-79 – Illinois State Scholarship

1976 – Sigma Epsilon Sigma National Freshman Honors Society

Publications

Chicago's Civil War: A History in Documents. With Theodore J. Karamanski.
Ohio University Press, 2014.

Northwood River: The St. Croix River in Upper Midwest History. University of
Wisconsin Press, Fall 2008. University of Wisconsin Press. Co-authored with
Theodore J. Karamanski.

“The Literary Dimension to the Soxside of Chicago: The White Sox in the City’s
Literature,” *Chicago History Magazine*. Fall 2008

“What Parish Are You From?” *The Chicago Irish Community and Race Relations, 1916-
1970*. The University Press of Kentucky, 1995

“Irish American Women in the Civil War,” in *Irish Soldiers, American Wars: Irish
Participation in the Mexican and American Civil Wars*. David Doyle and Arthur
Mitchell, eds., Forthcoming. Dublin: Irish Academic Press.

“Parish Life,” and “Chicago Lawn,” in *Encyclopedia of Chicago*, Ann Durkin
Keating, ed. Illinois University Press, 2005

“Illinois,” in *An Encyclopedia of the Irish in America*. Notre Dame University Press,
1999

“The Irish.” *Ethnic Handbook: A Guide to the Cultures and Traditions of Chicago’s
Diverse Communities*. Illinois Ethnic Coalition. November 1996. Updated 2nd
edition. 2013

“Sister Vincent Ferrer Bradford.” *Historical Encyclopedia of Chicago Women*. Indiana
University Press, 1999

“The Irish-American Press,” in *Ethnic Presses in America*. Sally Miller, ed. Greenwood

Press, 1987.

“Daniel O’Connell” and “Dublin” in *Victorian Britain: An Encyclopedia*. Sally Mitchell, 1988.

Book Reviews:

American Studies Journal. The Church on TV: Portrayals of Priests, Pastors and Nuns on American Television Series. By Richard Wolf. New York: The Continuum International Publishing Group, Inc., 2010.

American Historical Review. (February 1997) Noel Ignatiev. *How the Irish Became White*. New York: Routledge, 1995.

Journal of Church and State. (1997) Desmond Bowen. *History and the Shaping of Irish Protestantism*. Peter Land Publishing, 1995.

Journal of American History. Dennis Clark. *Hibernia American: The Irish and Regional Cultures*. Westport: Greenwood Press, 1986.

The Chicago Catholic. Robert Slayton. *Back of the Yards: The Making of a Local Democracy*. University of Chicago Press, 1986.

Irish Literary Supplement. Karl Bottingheimer. *A Short History of Ireland*. Columbia University Press, 1982.

Eire/Ireland Lawrence J. McCaffrey. *Textures of Irish America*. University Press of Kentucky, 1992.

Labor History. (1994) Mary P. Corcoran. *Irish Illegals: Transients Between Two Societies*. Greenwood Press, 1993.

International Migration Review. (1989) Bruce S. Elliot. *Irish Migrants in the Canadas: A New Approach*. McGill-Queen's University Press, 1988.

Papers

"Writing for the Illinois State Historical Society: How to Get Your Research Published in the *Journal*," 29th Annual Illinois State Historical Society Symposium, "Abraham Lincoln in Ante-Bellum Illinois: 1830-1861," Illinois College, Marcy 28, 2009

"Erin on the Prairie: A Brief History of Irish Settlements Along the Illinois and Michigan Canal," Central Illinois: Patchwork of People, Lunch and Learn Series, University of Illinois, Springfield, October 21, 2008

"Irish Farmers on the Illinois Frontier," American Conference for Irish Studies Midwest Regional Meeting. University of Missouri – Kansas City, October 2007

"Why Did They Fight? Irish Confederates and the American Civil War." Irish-American Cultural Heritage Center. Chicago. February 28, 1999.

“What Parish Are You From?” Twentieth Century American Catholicism Conference. University of Notre Dame. November 2, 1990

“The Chicago Irish and Parish-Centered Catholicism,” American Committee for Irish Studies Regional Conference. Milwaukee. October 1987.

“What Parish Are You From?” A Study of the Irish Parish Community and Race Relations.” Phi Alpha Theta Regional Meeting. University of Illinois – Champaign-Urbana. March 1987.

“The Irish Parish in Chicago.” Irish Cultural Heritage Foundation. February 1987.

Professional Experience

Consultant for The National Trust for Historic Preservation to write the National Landmark History Proposal for the Gaylord Building, Lockport, Illinois. Summer 2014.

Editor. *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society*. Summer 2007 to August 2013.

“Lockport Historic District Property Values Project.” Presented at the National Council on Public History Annual Meeting on “Sustainable Public History.” Monterey, CA. Session “Sustaining Historic Preservation Through Community Engagement. March 21, 2014

“Parishes on the Prairie: Irish Canal Workers and the Establishment of Catholic Parishes Along the I&IM Canal.” Irish American Society Will County. February 16, 2014

“Parishes on the Prairie: Irish Canal Workers and the Establishment of Catholic Parishes Along the I&IM Canal.” Beverly Kiwanis Club. March 5, 2014.

“Lockport Historic District Property Values Project Presentation.” Community Conversations, Gaylord Building, National Trust for Historic Preservation. April 25, 2013.

“Lockport Historic District Property Values Project.” Lewis University Celebration of Scholarship Presentation. April 18, 2103.

Lecture for Women’s Athletic Club of Chicago on “The Civil War and Women of Chicago,” Wednesday July 17, 2013.

St. Croix Valley Foundation. “The Heritage Initiative: Many Waters, Many People.” Expert Round Table Meeting. Hudson, Wisconsin. January 11, 2013.

Culture & Civilization Program Director. Fall 2004 to May 2010. Lewis University.

History Department Internship Coordinator. 2004 to present.

Arts & Ideas Program. Sesquicentennial of the Civil War Speakers Series. Spring 2011

Arts & Ideas Program. Bicentennial of the War of 1812 Speaker/Folk Singer Series.
Fall 2012

History Major Book Club. Summer 2005

Vince Howard Memorial Lecture Organizer. 2003-2008

Public History Workshops: "Saving the Past for the Present and Future;" "Golden Flyer 75th Anniversary History;" "Museum Studies at Cantigny First Division Museum;" "Roman Catholic Parish Art," and "Supernatural Relatives: Roman Catholic Material Culture," co-taught with Maryellen Davis Collett, Theology and Leslie Colonna, Art

Panelist. "The Future of Feminism, Part 1 & 2: A Multigenerational Conversation"
October and November 2006

Committees: Arts & Ideas Committee, Fall 2007 to present
Educational Policy Committee, Fall 2007 to 2012
Ad Hoc -- University of Notre Dame Design; Academic Building
Committee

"Irish Film Fest," Spring 2004. Arts & Ideas Program.

"Culture & Civilization Film Fest," Arts & Ideas Program 2005-2006 organizer

"The Last Great American Canal: How the Illinois and Michigan Canal United 19th Century America." National Endowment for the Humanities Teachers Workshop. "The Irish on the I & M Canal" Session. Summer 2004

Public Lecture on Chicago Parish Records for Tinley Park Genealogy Society October 2004

Presenter in "Assessment" Summer Institute 2006 – Teaching, Learning, & Technology Support Center. Lewis University.

Speaker on "Betty Friedan's *The Feminine Mystique*," Books that Inspire Series. Lewis University. March 22, 2006

Panel Moderator and Organizer. "Intelligent Design in the Classroom." Fall 2005

Historical Consultant. National Park Service. *History of the Saint Croix National Scenic Riverway Corridor*, 1998-2002

Editor. *Mid-America: An Historical Journal*. Loyola University Chicago. July 1996-2002

“The Write Stuff,” The Chicago Public Library Cable Television. Interviewed by Stephen O. Benson on “*What Parish Are You From?*” *The Chicago Irish Parish Community and Race Relations, 1916-1970*.

“Talk of the City,” WBEZ Public Radio. Interviewed by John Dempsey on “*What Parish Are You From?*” *The Chicago Irish Parish Community and Race Relations, 1916-1970*.

“The John Dempsey Show,” WBEZ Public Radio. Interviewed by John Dempsey regarding “Beating of Leonard Clark in Bridgeport Neighborhood,” Spring 1998.

Visiting Assistant Professor. Loyola University Chicago. 1992-1993

Visiting Assistant Professor. Northeastern Illinois University. 1990-1991

Senior Lecturer of History. Loyola University Chicago. 1984- 2000

Lecturer of History. Columbia College. 1996

Lecturer of History. St. Xavier University. 1992-1995

President of Chi Mu Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta International Honors Society. During my tenure this Chapter was given a Special Commendation Award by the National Organization for Best Chapter, 1986-87.

Manuscript Reviews for the Center for Migration Studies.

Public History Project: Peabody Coal Company Anniversary History. 1982.

Illinois Public Action Council. Community Organizer. 1979-1980

Professional Associations

Illinois State Historical Society
Organization of American Historians
American Historical Association
American Conference for Irish Studies

Courses Taught

World History

British History
Irish History
U.S. Immigration, Ethnicity, and Race
British Empire
Native American History
History of Illinois
Social History of American Sports
American Women's History
Emerging Modern America, 1877-1941
The Civil War and Reconstruction
U.S. History 1941 to Present
The FDR Years, 1933-1945
Western Civilization
U.S. History Survey
19th Century Europe
Great Books in History
Workshops on Museum Studies