

Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Degrees Earned

Ph.D. in American History, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, 2000.
Dissertation: *All Points North: Entrepreneurial Politics and Railroad Development in Northern New England, 1830-1860*. Examination Committee: Drs. Jon L. Wakelyn, Gary Gerstle, and Larry Poos.

Fields: American Political History, 1820-1870; American Cultural History, 1870-1920; American Political Thought, 1750-1850, European Political and Social Thought, 1750-1950.

Master of Arts in American History, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC. 1995.

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, St. Michael's College, Colchester, VT, 1993.

Academic Appointments

Professor of History, Purdue University Northwest, Department of History and Philosophy, 2016-present.

Associate Professor of History, Purdue University North Central, Department of Social Sciences, 2010-2016.

Assistant Professor of History, Purdue University North Central, Department of Social Sciences, 2004-2010.

Lecturer, Department of History, Franklin Pierce College, Rindge, NH, 2001-2004.

Lecturer, Humanities Program, St. Anselm College, Manchester, NH, 1999-2004.

Non-Profit Positions

Community Archivist, Missionary Society of St. Paul the Apostle (Paulist Fathers)
Archives, Washington, DC, 1996-1999.

Courses Taught at PNC/PNW:

HIST 104 (Introduction to the Modern World – Online format)
HIST 151 (US History to 1877 – Traditional, Hybrid, and Online formats)
HIST 152 (US History after 1877 – Traditional, Hybrid, Online and Summer Formats)
HIST 295 (Introduction to Historiography)
HIST 331 (Great Figures in History)
HIST 367 (Twentieth Century American History)
HIST 378 (Early National America, 1787-1850)
HIST 460 (American Colonial History)
HIST 464 (Jacksonian America, 1815-1860)
HIST 467 (Emergence of Modern America)
HIST 468 (Recent American History)
HIST 492 (History of American Railroads)
HIST 492 (World War One)
HIST 495 (History Senior Thesis)
HIST 509 (Readings in Seventeenth and Eighteenth Century America)
HIST 573 (The Long Nineteenth Century – also cross-listed as POL 590)
IDIS 235 (Introduction to Great Issues)
IDIS 435 (Great Issues I)
IDIS 436 (Great Issues II)

Books

Capitalism, Politics, and Railroads in Jacksonian New England. (Columbia, MO:
University of Missouri Press, 2003.)

Articles and Book Chapters

“The Year They Tore Salem Depot Down,” *Imaginative Conservative* (forthcoming,
December 2019).

“The Spontaneous Disorder of Kansas-Nebraska,” *Imaginative Conservative*, 19
November 2019: <https://theimaginativeconservative.org/2019/11/spontaneous-disorder-kansas-nebraska-stephen-douglas-michael-j-connelly.html>

“The Problem with Anne Hutchinson,” *Imaginative Conservative*, 4 October 2019:
<https://theimaginativeconservative.org/2019/10/problem-anne-hutchinson-michael-connelly.html>

“The Yachtsman and the Revolution,” *Imaginative Conservative*, 12 September 2019: <https://theimaginativeconservative.org/2019/09/yachtsman-revolution-michael-connolly.html>

“Alexander Stephens and the ‘Cornerstone Speech,’” *Imaginative Conservative*, 12 August 2019: <https://theimaginativeconservative.org/2019/08/alexander-stephens-cornerstone-speech-michael-connolly.html>

“Barrett Wendell and New England Orderly Idealism,” *Imaginative Conservative*, 25 June 2019: <https://theimaginativeconservative.org/2019/06/barrett-wendell-new-england-orderly-idealism-michael-connolly.html>

“Franklin Pierce, Political Protest, and the Dilemmas of Democracy.” *Imaginative Conservative*, 9 January 2019: <https://theimaginativeconservative.org/2019/01/franklin-pierce-political-protest-dilemmas-democracy-michael-j-connolly.html>.

“Were the Salem Witches Justly Hanged?” *Voegelin View*, 31 October 2018: <https://voegelinview.com/were-the-salem-witches-justly-hanged/>

“Orestes Brownson’s New England and the Unwritten Constitution,” *Imaginative Conservative*, 1 November 2017: <http://www.theimaginativeconservative.org/2017/11/orestes-brownsons-new-england-unwritten-constitution-michael-j-connolly.html>

“Prophet of Anti-Modernism: W. H. Riehl and Authentic Community,” *Anamnesis*, 15 August 2017: <http://anamnesisjournal.com/2017/08/prophet-of-anti-modernism-w-h-riehl/>

“‘History has rendered its verdict upon him’: The Franklin Pierce Statue Controversy,” *Journal of the History of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era*, Vol. 12, 2 (April 2013), 234-259.

“Jonathan Jackson’s Thoughts: A High Federalist Critique of the Philadelphia Constitution,” *Historical Journal of Massachusetts*, Vol. 41, 1 (Winter 2013), 54-75.

“Irresistible Outbreaks against Tories and Traitors’: The Suppression of New England Anti-war Sentiment in 1861,” in *The Battlefield and Beyond: Essays on the Civil War*, edited by Clayton E. Jewett (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2012), 173-195.

“‘I Make Politics My Recreation’: Vice President Garret A. Hobart and Nineteenth Century Republican Business Politics,” *New Jersey History*, Vol. 125, 1 (2010). 20-39.

“‘Tearing Down the Burning House’: James Buchanan’s use of Edmund Burke,” *American Nineteenth Century History* 10 (2), June 2009, 211-221.

“New England Industry and Workers,” *Jacksonian and Antebellum Age: People and Perspectives*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio, Inc. 2008. 117-131. (Co-authored with Mary Beth Fraser Connolly)

“Barrett Wendell: New England Orderly Idealist,” *Modern Age*, 48 (4), Fall 2006, 320-329.

“The Correction of Our Political Philosophy: New England Whigs and the 1851 Boston Railroad Jubilee,” *New England Quarterly*, 79 (2), June 2006, 202-226.

“Introduction,” *Historical New Hampshire*, Spring 2005, 59 (1), 4-5. (Introduction to special Franklin Pierce bicentennial issue, “Revealing Relationships: The Family and Friends of Franklin Pierce.”)

“The ‘Grave Emergency’ of 1909: Modernism and the Paulist Fathers,” *U.S. Catholic Historian*, 20 (3), Summer 2002, 51-68.

“Charles Sumner,” *Leaders of the American Civil War: A Biographical and Historiographical Dictionary*. Eds. Charles F. Ritter and Jon L. Wakelyn. (New Haven: Greenwood Press, 1998.) 405-415.

“A Dog’s Life for Christ: The Life and Times of George Deshon, CSP, 1823-1903,” *Paulist History*, 7 (1), Winter 1998, 3-27.

Book Reviews

Review of Benjamin Sidney Michael Schwantes, *The Train and Telegraph: A Revisionist History*, *New England Quarterly* (In process).

Review of Zachary Callen, *Railroads and American Political Development: Infrastructure, Federalism, and State Building*. *Journal of Transport History* (Submission date July 2018).

Review of William Portier, *Divided Friends: Portraits of the Roman Catholic Modernist Crisis in the United States*. *Catholic Historical Review* (Summer 2015): 676.

Review of Joshua D. Wolff, *Western Union and the Creation of the American Corporate Order, 1845-1893*. *The American Historical Review* (2014) 119 (3): 899.

Review of David M. Gold, *An Exemplary Whig: Edward Kent and the Whig Disposition in American Politics and Law*. *Journal of American History* (2013) 100 (2): 518-519.

Review of *The Pennsylvania Anthracite Coal Industry, 1865-1902: Economic Cycles, Business Decision-Making, and Regional Dynamics* by R.G. Healey, H-SHGAPE (September 2009).

Books Edited

Co-Editor, Praeger Series on American Political Culture

- Si Sheppard. *The Buying of the Presidency? Franklin D. Roosevelt, the New Deal, and the Election of 1936* (Praeger 2014)
- Ann V. Collins. *All Hell Broke Loose: American Race Riots from the Progressive Era through World War Two* (Praeger 2012)
- Jim Karl. *Freedom of Choice: Vouchers in Public Education* (Praeger 2011)
- Thomas A. Breslin. *The Great Anglo-Celtic Divide in the History of American Foreign Relations* (Praeger 2011)
- Peter Zavodnyik. *The Rise of the Federal Colossus: The Growth of Federal Power from Lincoln to FDR* (Praeger 2011)

Scholarship in Progress

The Heresy of Popular Sovereignty: Neo-Jacobitism in Great Britain and America, 1880-1914. (Book Project)

Old Buck: James Buchanan and his Administration. (Book project)

Recent Research Presentations

“The Order of the White Rose: American Monarchism in the 1890s,” “History Matters,” Department of History and Philosophy Colloquium, Purdue University Northwest, April 2018.

“James Buchanan and the Coming of the Civil War,” Department of Social Sciences Colloquium, Purdue University North Central, October 2015.

Engagement and Service (external to PNW)

Podcasts on American political history with *Historically Thinking*, Interviewed by Prof. Albert Zambone of Augustana College.

“Michael Connolly on Presidential History,” 11 February 2015:

<http://historicallythinking.org/002/>

“The Political Scene from a Historical Perspective,” 25 February 2016:

<http://historicallythinking.org/episode48/>

Interviewed for article on New Deal public works projects in Northwest Indiana, “80 years ago the WPA provided jobs, controversy,” *Northwest Indiana Times*, 3 May 2015.

Advisor and Recommendation, Franklin Pierce Virtual Library Project, New Hampshire Historical Society, 2013.

List Editor, H-New England, 2005-2016.

Engagement and Service (internal to PNW)

University Service

Member and Chair-Elect, Purdue University Northwest Research Board, 2018-present.

Member, University Faculty Senate, 2014-2016, 2018-present.

Member, Faculty Affairs Committee, 2014-2016, 2018-present.

Member, Purdue University Graduate School, 2015-present.

Campus Representative, Purdue University Graduate Council, 2016-2019.

Member, Area Committee Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2016-2018.

Coordinator, Constitution Day Festivities, 2012-2015.

Member, Purdue Research Foundation (PRF) Grant Committee, 2012.

Social Science Department Representative, Academic Computing Advisory Committee, 2006-2010.

Campus Research Essay and English Composition Research Essay judge for PNC Literary Contest, 2006-2010.

Member, Masters of International Studies Degree Proposal Committee, 2005.

College Service

Member, Building Community Through the Arts Committee, 2017-2018.

Member, Primary Promotion and Tenure Primary Committee, 2010-2016.

Social Science Department Representative (Elected), College Curriculum Committee, 2006-2010.

Chair, Master of Liberal Studies Degree Proposal Committee (MALS), 2005-2010.

Department Service

Department Assessment Coordinator, 2018-present.

Coordinator, History Internship Program, 2015-present.

Member, Faculty Secretary Search Committee, 2016. (Rose Haite)

Member, Assistant Professor of Sociology Search Committee, 2015-2016. (Dr. Harold Izniecki)

Member, Visiting Professor of Sociology Search Committee, 2015. (Dr. Christopher Moore)

History thesis director, 2012-2015, 2019.

Co-Editor, *Journal of Undergraduate Social Science Research*, 2012-2016.

Concurrent Enrollment Reviewer, US History, 2010-2016.

Discipline Coordinator, US History, 2010-2016.

Member, Bachelor of Liberal Arts Assessment Committee, 2008-2016.

Member (Elected), Social Science Department Chair Search Committee, 2006-2010. (Dr. Michael Lynn)

Bachelor of Liberal Arts (BLS) Revision Committee, 2007-2010.

Bachelor of Arts in History Degree Committee, 2007-2011.

Chair, Assistant Professor of History Search Committee, 2006-2007 (Dr. Kenneth Kincaid).

Member, Assistant Professor of Sociology Search Committee, 2005-2006 (Dr. Shirley Keeton).

Member, Assistant Professor of Political Science Search Committee, 2004-2005 (Dr. Jonathan Swarts).