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Books

- America's War: Talking about the Civil War and Emancipation on Their 150th Anniversaries, edited for the National Endowment for the Humanities and American Library Association,
- America on the Eve of the Civil War, edited with Carolyn R. Martin (University of Virginia Press, 2010)
- The Crucible of the Civil War: Virginia from Secession to Commemoration, edited with Gary Gallagher and Andrew Torget (University of Virginia Press, 2006)
- What Caused the Civil War? Reflections on the South and Southern History, (W.W. Norton, 2005)
- In the Presence of Mine Enemies: Civil War in the Heart of America, 1859-1863, (W.W. Norton, Fall 2003)
- The Valley of the Shadow: Two Communities in the American Civil War--The Eve of War, CD-ROM and book, co-authored with Anne S. Rubin (W. W. Norton and Company, 2000)
- The Oxford Book of the American South: Testimony, Memory, and Fiction, edited with Bradley Mittendorf (Oxford University Press, 1997)
- All Over the Map: Rethinking American Regions, co-editor and co-author, (Johns Hopkins University Press, 1996)
- The Promise of the New South: Life After Reconstruction (Oxford University Press, 1992; paperback edition, 1993; abridged edition, 1995; 15th Anniversary Edition, 2007)
- The Edge of the South: Life in Nineteenth-Century Virginia, edited with John C. Willis (University Press of Virginia, 1991)
- Vengeance and Justice: Crime and Punishment in the Nineteenth-Century American South (Oxford University Press, 1984; paperback edition, 1986)

Awards for Scholarship

- National Humanities Medal, awarded by the President of the United States, 2013
- Albert J. Beveridge Award, American Historical Association, for the best English-language book on the history of the US, Canada, or Latin America from 1492 to the present, December 2004
- Bancroft Prize for Distinguished Book in American History, Columbia University, March 2004
- Wilbur Lucius Cross Medal, School of Graduate Studies Award for Outstanding Achievement, Yale University, May 2003
- American Academy of Arts and Sciences, elected as member in 2001
- E-Lincoln Prize for Best Digital Project on the Era of the American Civil War, given by the Gilder-Lehrman Institute and Gettysburg College, 2001 (\$40,000)
- Frank L. and Harriet C. Owsley Award, given by the Southern Historical Association for the best book in Southern history, 1993

James Rawley Prize, given by the Organization of American Historians, for best book on the history of race relations in the United States, 1992
National Book Award, Finalist for Nonfiction, 1992
Pulitzer Prize, Finalist for History, 1992
J. Willard Hurst Award for Best Book in American Legal History, cowinner for 1984-1985, Law and Society Association

Awards for Teaching and Service

National Professor of the Year for Research and Doctoral Universities, Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, and Council for Support and Advancement of Education, (CASE Award), 2003
James Harvey Robinson Prize for Outstanding Aid to Teaching History, American Historical Association (AHA), 2002
State Council of Higher Education in Virginia Outstanding Faculty Award, 1991 (a \$5,000 award and statue presented by Virginia's Governor)

National Service

Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Digital Scholarship, American Historical Association, 2014-15
President-elect, Organization of American Historians, term beginning in 2017
American Council for Education, executive committee, 2008-12
National Humanities Center, board, 2007-11
National Council for the Humanities, 2000-2004, appointed by the President of the United States to advise the National Endowment for the Humanities

Digital and Broadcast Media

Co-Editor of the Digital Atlas of American History, Digital Scholarship Lab, University of Richmond
Director: "The Valley of the Shadow: Two Communities in the American Civil War," an electronic archive (<http://valley.vcdh.virginia.edu>)
Co-host, *BackStory, with the American History Guys*, a nationally syndicated radio and podcast show, Virginia Foundation for the Humanities

Education

BA, University of Tennessee, summa cum laude, American Studies, 1974
PhD, Yale University, American Studies, 1980

Prior Positions

Buckner W. Clay Dean of the College and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Virginia, 2001-2007; Hugh P. Kelly Professor, 1993-2007; professor, 1992-1993; associate professor, 1986-1992; assistant professor, 1980-1986
Fellow, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Palo Alto, 1999-2000
John Adams Professor of American Studies, University of Groningen, The Netherlands, 1995

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