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EDUCATION

- M.A. Department of History, George Mason University, May 2003
- B.A. Department of Communications, Oregon State University, June 1973

TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2020-2022 Associate Editor (part-time), The Eleanor Roosevelt Papers Project,
The George Washington University
- 2019-2020 Book Review Editor, History News Network, <https://historynewsnetwork.org/>
- 2018-2019 Editor of two published collections of Eleanor Roosevelt's work, *If You Ask Me: Essential Advice from Eleanor Roosevelt* (Atria) and *What Aare We For: The Words and Ideals of Eleanor Roosevelt* (HarperCollins)
- 2016-2019 Consulting Editor, The Eleanor Roosevelt Papers Project,
The George Washington University
- 2011-Present Adjunct professor, History Department, George Mason University
- 2002-2015 Associate Editor, The Eleanor Roosevelt Papers Project,
George Washington University
- 2000-2003 Director, Oral History Program, Women in Military Service to America Memorial
Foundation, Arlington, VA
- 1999-Present Freelance writer for clients including the White House Historical Association and
the United States Capitol Historical Society
- 1998-1999 Manager, Internal Communications Publications, American Red Cross
National Headquarters Washington, DC
- 1984-1998 Held progressively responsible positions at American University, Washington, DC
1990-1998 Managing Editor, American Magazine
1984-1990 Managing Editor, American Scene (tabloid)
1983-1984 Administrative Assistant Special Events/Media Relations
- 1979-1983 Held a series of administrative posts in three major Washington, DC non-profits
including the American Geophysical Union

CONSULTING

Consultant, Context Travel, Washington, DC, designed historical tours of the Mall and Pennsylvania Avenue 2016-Present

Consultant, Eleanor Roosevelt at Val-Kill Exhibit, Val-Kill National Historic Site, Hyde Park, New York (National Park Service), 2010

Judge, National History Day, local and national levels, 2006, 2008

PUBLICATIONS

Books

What Are We For: The Words and Ideals of Eleanor Roosevelt (New York: HarperCollins 2019) (Editor)

If You Ask Me: Essential Advice from Eleanor Roosevelt (New York: Atria, 2018) (Editor)

The Eleanor Roosevelt Papers: The Human Rights Years 1949-1952 Volume 2 (Charlottesville, VA: University of Virginia Press, 2012). (Associate Editor)

The Eleanor Roosevelt Papers: The Human Rights Years 1945-1948 Volume 1 (Farmington Hills, MI: Thomson Gale, 2007). (Assistant Editor)

A Defense Weapon Known to Be of Value: Servicewomen of the Korean War Era (Lebanon, New Hampshire: University Press of New England, 2005). (Co-author)

HerStory: An Oral History Handbook for Collecting Military Women's Stories (Washington, DC: Military Women's Press, DC, 2002) (Author).

Edited Volumes

The Dictionary of American History, Third Edition (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 2003).

Secrets of the Twentieth Century, (Alexandria, VA: Time-Life Books, 2000).

Events That Shaped the Century, (Alexandria, VA: Time-Life Books, 1998).

Journal Articles

- "One President, Two Pilots, and the History of Flight," White House History Quarterly (forthcoming)
- "Travels with a Seafaring President," White House History Quarterly (forthcoming)
- "A Wartime Inauguration," White House History Quarterly (forthcoming)
- "The Journalist and the First Lady," White House History Quarterly (forthcoming)
- "Jacqueline Kennedy's Televised Tour of the White House," White House History Quarterly (Winter, 2022), pp.70-83
- "The Silver Fox: Barbara Bush and Her Scaasi Fashions," White House History Quarterly, (Summer, 2022), pp. 54-64
- "In the Beginning: The Founders Remember the Creating of the White House Historical Association," White House Quarterly (Winter, 2021). pp. 14-33
- "Writing with Photographs: Oliver Atkins Documents the Nixon Presidency," White House History Quarterly (Summer, 2020) pp. 68-81
- "Theodore Roosevelt: The President Who Saved Football," White House History Quarterly, (Fall, 2019) pp. 30-43
- "Social Secretary: The Best Job in the White House," Journal of White House History, (Spring, 2018), pp. 4-73
- "Fit for America: The State Visit of the Spanish Infanta Eulalia," Journal of White House History, (Summer, 2017), pp. 44-57
- "The Indomitable Sara Delano Roosevelt," Journal of White House History, (Fall/Winter, 2014), pp. 5-23.
- "The Man Who Came to Dinner at the White House," Journal of White House History, (Fall 2011), pp. 4-11
- "A Room of Their Own," Journal of White House History (Summer 2011), pp. 14-25
- "Journey into Nowhere," Journal of White House History (Fall 2010), pp. 72-81

Encyclopedia Entries

- "Alabama Share Croppers Union," Encyclopedia of the Great Depression (Woodbridge, CT: MacMillan, 2004), p. 29.

"Marguerite (Missy) LeHand," Encyclopedia of the Great Depression (Woodbridge, CT: MacMillan, 2004), pp. 573-574.

"Mary Harriman Rumsey," Encyclopedia of the Great Depression (Woodbridge, CT: MacMillan, 2004), p. 853.

"Levi Jackson," Historical Dictionary of African Americans in Sport (Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe, Inc., 2004), pp. 172-173.

"William Clarence Matthews," Historical Dictionary of African Americans in Sport (Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe, Inc., 2004), pp. 228-229

"William Henry Lewis," Historical Dictionary of African Americans in Sport (Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe, Inc., 2004), pp. 211-212.

"Lenny Moore," Historical Dictionary of African Americans in Sport (Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe, Inc., 2004), pp. 242-243.

"Ozzie Simmons," Historical Dictionary of African Americans in Sport (Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe, Inc., 2004), p. 330.

"George Taliaferro," Historical Dictionary of African Americans in Sport (Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe, Inc., 2004), p. 357.

Book Reviews

Review of Eleanor Roosevelt The War Years and After 1939-1962, vol. 3 (New York: Viking, 2016) Women and Social Movements, <http://asp6new.alexanderstreet.com.proxygw.wrlc.org/was2/was2.object.details.aspx?dorpid=1009055165>, October 1, 2017.

Review of The Modern World of Neith Boyce, Review Autobiography and Diaries (Albuquerque, NM: University of New Mexico Press, 2003), Documentary Editing, 28, no. 2, Summer (2006), pp. 55-61.

Review of Fanny Kemble's Civil Wars (New York: Simon and Schuster, 2000), Washington Times, September 23, 2000, p. B3.

Review of American First Ladies: Their Lives and Legacy (New York: Garland Publishing, 1996), American Reporter, December 29, 1997. (Online)

Review of Yves Saint Laurent: A Biography, (New York: Nan A. Talese, 1996), American Reporter, September 6, 1997. (Online)

Review of In the Shadow of Polio: A Personal and Social History (Reading, MA: Addison-Wesley, American Reporter, April 26, 1997. (Online)

Review of The War the Women Lived: Female Voices from the Confederate South (Nashville, TN: J.S. Sanders, 1995), Washington Times, January 13, 1996, p. B3.

Review of A Guide to Civil War Washington (Montgomery, AL: Elliott and Clark, 1995) Washington Times, April 22, 1995, p. B3.

Review of A Woman of Valor: Clara Barton and the Civil War (New York: Free Press, 1994), Washington Times, April 30, 1994, p. B3.

Review of Cast No Shadow: The Life of the American Spy Who Changed the Course of World War II, American Intelligence Journal, Summer 1992.

Digital Publications

"British Prime Minister Winston Churchill Speech to Joint Meeting of the U.S. Congress, available at United States Capitol Historic Society, <https://uschs.org/USCHS-Capitol-Stories-files/USCHS-Capitol-Stories-Winston-Churchill-Speech.pdf>.

Brigid O'Farrell and Mary Jo Binker, "How Did Eleanor Roosevelt's Alliance with Women in the Labor Movement Benefit Working Women and Contribute to Her Emergence as a Significant Voice for Democracy and Human Rights, 1902-1962?" In Kathryn Kish Sklar and Thomas L. Dublin, eds., *Women and Social Movements in the United States, 1600-2000*, Alexander Street Press, <http://wass.alexanderstreet.com>.

"Eleanor Roosevelt, John Kennedy and the Election of 1960," Model Editions Project available at <https://erpapers.columbian.gwu.edu/eleanor-roosevelt-john-kennedy-and-election-1960>

First Lady of the World," <https://erpapers.columbian.gwu.edu/first-lady-world>

"My Day," <https://erpapers.columbian.gwu.edu/my-day>

"My Day at the White House," White House Historical Association

"If You Ask Me," <https://erpapers.columbian.gwu.edu/if-you-ask-me-0>

"Teaching Eleanor Roosevelt Glossary" National Park Service, available at <https://www2.gwu.edu/~erpapers/teaching/glossary/>

Exploredc.org (www.exploredc.org.), WETA, a local heritage web site for Washington, DC

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Newspaper and Magazine Articles

"Frontier legend fails as general," Washington Times, July 15, 2000, p. B3.

"Capturing Antietam in words and pictures," Cobblestone, October, 1997, pp. 21-23.

"Grant Staffer straddled Indian and white worlds," Washington Times, June 21, 1997, p. B3.

"Uncle Jimmie': Confederates' secret weapon," Washington Times, September 7, 1996, p. B3.

"Feminism's Tinker, Tailor, Physician, Spy" Insight Magazine, July 24, 1995, p. 27.

"Maverick female doctor has place in history," Washington Times, June 3, 1995, p. B3.

"Works of 2 historians keep war heroes alive," Washington Times, November 12, 1994, p. B3.

"John Tucker's career: From the South to Peru," Washington Times, April 2, 1994, p. B3.

"Inner battles of Anna Dickinson," Washington Times, September 11, 1993, p. B3.

"When the nation had two first ladies," Washington Times, May 1, 1993, p. B3.

"Battlefield reporters fought against odds to get story," Washington Times, December 19, 1992, p. B3.

"Perils of Pauline Cushman, other female Union spies," Washington Times, August 1, 1992, p. C3.

"Exhibit on slavery documents resilience of a captive people," Milwaukee Journal, August 25, 1991.

Op-Eds

"Today's problems demand Eleanor Roosevelt's Solutions," *Washington Post*, Made By History blog <https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2019/11/15/todays-problems-demand-eleanor-roosevelts-solutions/>, November 15, 2019.

"Eleanor Roosevelt's Election Day Advice for Women," *Ms. Magazine* blog <http://msmagazine.com/blog/2018/11/06/eleanor-roosevelts-election-day-advice-women/November 6, 2018>.

"This is What Ken Burns Neglected to Tell You About Eleanor Roosevelt," History News Network, December 7, 2014 (co-authored with Brigid O'Farrell).

"This is What Ken Burns Neglected to Tell You About Eleanor Roosevelt," Time magazine online December 9, 2014 (co-authored with Brigid O'Farrell).

CONFERENCE PAPERS

“Eleanor Roosevelt’s Val-Kill: House, Home, Laboratory, and School for Democracy,” 2018 Annual Meeting of the Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association, Washington, DC April 18, 2019

“My Day at Val-Kill: Eleanor Roosevelt’s post White House Life in the Hudson Valley, 1945-1962,” Organization of American Historians, 2018 Annual Meeting, Sacramento, CA, April 13, 2018

“When Worlds Collide: Eleanor Roosevelt and the Development of Public Affairs Journalism,” Organization of American Historians 2010 Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, April 8, 2010

“They Also Served: Military Women of the Korea War Era,” Center for the Study of the Korean War 2007 Annual Conference, Independence, Missouri, February 24, 2007

“Looking for Monsieur Nussbaum and Other Adventures in Annotation,” Association for Documentary Editing, 2005 Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, October 7, 2005

“Thanks for the Memories: Korean War: Emotional Responses of Female Korean War Era Veterans,” Oral History Association Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon, October 1, 2004

“They Also Served, Military Women of the Early Cold War Era 1945-1953,” Oral History Association Annual Meeting, Bethesda, MD, October 9, 2003

“Stranger in a Strange Land, Rachel Mordecai Lazarus and the Search for a Sustainable Identity,” Southern Jewish Historical Society Annual Meeting November 5, 2000

“Antietam in Words and Pictures,” Washington /Chesapeake Area Women Historians’ Annual Conference, Washington, D.C. April 12, 1997

“Outsiders and Outriders, Anna Dickinson and Ely Parker and the Problem of Identity,” Washington/Chesapeake Area Women Historians’ Monthly Meeting, Washington, D.C., May 7, 1997

INVITED TALKS

Interview with Ambassador David McKean about his book, *Watching Darkness Fall: FDR, His Ambassadors and the Rise of Adolf Hitler*, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, DC, November 18, 2021 (via Zoom)

“If You Ask Me: Essential Advice from Eleanor Roosevelt,” Franklin D. Roosevelt Library, Hyde Park, New York, October 11, 2018

“Federal Advocacy for Editors,” Association for Documentary Editors Annual Meeting, New Orleans, August 4, 2016

"Eleanor Roosevelt and Clementine Churchill," George Washington University National Churchill Library and Center and the Washington Chapter of the Churchill Society, Alexandria, VA, March 13, 2016

"Eleanor Roosevelt and Japan," Washington Southeast Regional Japan Seminar, Washington, DC, April 12, 2014

"A Person Oddly Familiar: Eleanor Roosevelt's View of Winston Churchill," Thirtieth International Churchill Conference, Washington, DC, October 31, 2013

COMMUNITY LECTURES

"Eleanor Roosevelt and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights," Beacon Hill Village, Boston, MA, March 22, 2023 (via Zoom)

"After Walter Cronkite: The Modern Media Landscape, Kendal at Home Virtual Course, Boston, MA, August 13, 2021 (via Zoom)

"If You Ask Me: Essential Advice From Eleanor Roosevelt, Kendal at Home Virtual Course, Boston, MA, March 12, 2021, (via Zoom)

"If You Ask Me: A Selection from Eleanor Roosevelt's Advice Column," Bethesda Live and Learn, Bethesda, MD, November 2020 (via Zoom)

"If You Ask Me: Essential Advice from Eleanor Roosevelt," Greenbelt Community Center, Greenbelt, MD, January 17, 2019.

"A Political Odd Couple, Senator Arthur Vandenberg and Eleanor Roosevelt," Congressional Visitors' Center, Washington, DC, January 26, 2018.

"Winston Churchill's 1941 Speech to Congress," Congressional Visitors' Center, Washington, DC, August 11, 2017.

"Eleanor Roosevelt," RoadScholar Days of Discovery, Orchard Cove Hebrew Senior Life, Canton, MA October 29, 2010.

"Great Newsmen: Hearst, Murrow, Cronkite," RoadScholar Days of Discovery, Orchard Cove, Canton, MA, April 5, 2011.

"Eleanor Roosevelt," RoadScholar Days of Discovery, Essex Meadows Lifecare Retirement Community, Essex, CT, April 21, 2011.

"Great Newsmen: Hearst, Murrow, Cronkite, RoadScholar Days of Discovery, Essex Meadows Lifecare Retirement Community, Essex, CT, June 2, 2011.

"Great Newsmen: Hearst, Murrow, Cronkite, Meadow Lakes Retirement Community, East Windsor, NJ, June 7, 2011.

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Pat Williams Show (Orlando, FL)" If You Ask Me: Essential Advice from Eleanor Roosevelt," January 19, 2019

Les Kinsolving Radio Show, (Baltimore, MD) "Mary Walker and the Congressional Medal of Honor" June 6, 1995.

TEACHING

University-Level

2011-Present Historical Editing, George Mason University

High School Teachers

2010-2012 "My Day at the White House." A series of joint seminars sponsored by the White House Historical Association and the Close-Up Foundation, Washington, DC.

SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2004 Recipient of National Historical Publications and Records Commission grant to attend the Thirty-third Institute for the Editing of Historical Documents

2001 Recipient of the Evelyn Pugh Memorial Fellowship Award, a tuition scholarship given to an outstanding graduate student in history at George Mason University.

2000 Recipient of Southern Jewish Historical Society's annual award for the best graduate student essay entitled, "Stranger in a Strange Land: Rachel Lazarus and the Search for a Sustainable Identity."

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