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Work Experience:

Associate Professor of History and
Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies
University of Vermont.

Teach on the history of poverty, law,
disability, and the post-1945 U.S.,
and teach interdisciplinary courses in gender
and sexuality studies.
August, 2009-present.

President, United Academics, a local
of the American Federation of Teachers
and American Association of University
Professors-Collective Bargaining
Congress.

Guided organization of roughly 800
full- and part-time faculty. Directed
communications and political operations,
collaborations with outside groups and
internal organizing.
July, 2015-August, 2016.

Director, Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s
Studies Program
University of Vermont.

Provided leadership for academic program
including 60+ affiliated faculty, a major and
two minors; coordinated ten conferences
and innumerable collaborations with
community activists and state-level policy
makers; led comprehensive curriculum
reform and name change.
August, 2009 –June, 2015.

Assistant Professor of History
Duke University.

Taught on 20th-century U.S. history, legal
history, gender history, and welfare in the
U.S. and Europe. Advised graduate students
in legal, 19th- and 20th-century history.
2000-2008.

Doctoral Fellow
The American Bar Foundation
Chicago, Illinois.

Pursued independent research on the
social history of law at think tank
funded by the American Bar Association.
1998-2000.

Research Scholar
Institute for Policy Studies
Washington, D.C.

Taught courses on U.S. social policy;
chaired domestic policy working group.
1990-1992.

Staff Member, U.S. House
Select Comm. on Children,
Youth, and Families.

Did legislative work on housing, poverty.
Wrote speeches; organized policy hearings.
1989-1990.

Researcher
Changing Domestic Priorities Project
The Urban Institute.

Helped initiate 'underclass' research; wrote
on homelessness, literacy, and poverty.
Summer 1987.

Senior Editor
Children's Express Journalism and
Advocacy Group.

Led 100 child journalists producing UPI
column; managed convention coverage.
1982-1984.

Education:

Princeton University.

M.A., with Highest Honors, 1994.
Ph.D., November, 2000.

Harvard-Radcliffe College.

B.A., *cum laude*, in Social Studies.
May, 1989.

Major Grants and Awards:

Muriel Gold Senior Visiting Scholar
Inst. for Gender, Sexuality and Feminist
Studies
McGill University
Montreal, Quebec.

Support for writing and participation
in university and institute life.
January-May, 2014.

Visiting Scholar
Center for the Study of Law and Society
UC-Berkeley Boalt Hall School of Law
Berkeley, CA.

Opportunity to write and participate in
intellectual life of the Center, the law
school, and the university.
August-December, 2013.

Faculty Research Support Award
College of Arts and Sciences, University
of Vermont.

To support archival research in Washington,
D.C. and Berkeley, CA.
2013.

Faculty in Residence Award
Faculty Resource Network/New York University.

Pursued archival research in New York City.
Summer, 2010.

Lattie Coor Research Award
University of Vermont.

Support for archival work in New York.
Summer, 2010.

Visiting Research Scholar
Center for Documentary Studies
Duke University.

Pursued independent research and writing.
2008-09.

Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity Fall Award
Winner, Office for Institutional Equity,
Duke University.

Recognized for raising awareness
and changing policies for the LGBT
community at Duke, as co-chair of the
university LGBT Task Force.
Fall, 2006.

Fellowship, Social Science Research Institute
Duke University.

Participated in collaborative research
on family structure and social change.
2006-07.

Fellowship, J. Willard Hurst Institute
University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Chosen for intensive summer institute
on legal history organized by the American
Society for Legal History.
June, 2003.

Finalist, Lerner-Scott Prize
Organization of American Historians.

Granted to the best dissertation in U.S
Women's History.
2000.

Samuel I. Golieb Fellowship
New York University
Law School.

Fellowship in Legal History under the
direction of Professor William Nelson.
1997-1998.

Woodrow Wilson Society of Fellows
Graduate Award
Princeton University.

Fellowship support from society for the
discussion of research in social science.
1996-7 (funded) and 1995-6 (honorific).

Women's Studies Award
Woodrow Wilson Nat'l Fellowship Foundation.

Research award for dissertations in the
cross-disciplinary field of Women's Studies.
1996.

Littleton-Griswold Award
American Historical Association.

Grant for research in legal history and the
history of law and society.
1995-1996.

Mellon Graduate Fellowship
University Center for Human Values
Princeton University.

Fellowship support from research center
for the study of ethics and political thought.
1995-1996.

Publications – Manuscripts:

Ensuring Poverty: Welfare Reform in Feminist Perspective, with Gwendolyn Mink.
Philadelphia, PA: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2018.

The Battle for Welfare Rights: Politics and Poverty in Modern America. Philadelphia, PA: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2007, series on “Politics and Culture in Twentieth-Century America.”

Manuscripts in Progress:

Constant Craving: Economic Justice in Modern America: A collection of essays on the ideas and strategies of four major twentieth-century social movements, those for LGBT, women’s, African American, and disability rights. The work focuses on these movement’s efforts in behalf of welfare and employment rights and their uses of law. It critiques the idea that “identitarian” social movements have diverted American politics away from matters of economy and substantive equality.

How to Win a War on Women: My Mother, Her Neighbor, and the History of Reproductive Rights and Justice in Modern America: I am at work on a project about the successful campaign to legalize abortion in New York State in 1970, three years before *Roe v. Wade*. The project’s center is the work my mother, Beatrice Kornbluh Braun, did as a liberal feminist advocate to enable the law’s passage and the simultaneous rise of reproductive justice activism. A leader in this latter group was Puerto Rican doctor Helen Rodriguez Trias, who lived next door to my mother in an Upper West Side highrise in the 1980s. A third strand of the story concerns Kathe Leichter, the leading socialist feminist of “Red Vienna” between World War I and the Nazi ascendancy of the late 1930s. Leichter was ultimately killed, but her son, Franz Leichter, was later the initial co-sponsor of the law that decriminalized abortion in New York.

Major Articles and Creative Products:

“Dissident Political History: ‘Social Movements’ in North America,” in The History of Social Movements in Global Perspective: A Survey, ed. Stefan Berger and Holger Nehring. London and New York: Palgrave-Macmillan, 2017, 145-74.

“Food as a Civil Right: Hunger, Work, and Welfare in the South after the Civil Rights Act,” Labor: Studies in Working-Class History of the Americas, special issue on food and work, vol. 12/1-2 (May, 2015): 135-58.

Felicia Kornbluh and Brian Purnell, “A Perfect Opportunity to Raise the Agenda of the Northern Civil Rights Movement,” 13 Most Wanted Men: Andy Warhol and the 1964 World’s Fair – Conversations, editors Larissa Harris and Media Farzin (Queens, New York, and Pittsburgh, PA: Queens Museum of Art and Andy Warhol Museum, 2015).

Video: “Forgotten Conflict: Remembering the 1964 World’s Fair,” with Jeff Wakefield, posted March 2, 2015, 7:15.

“Siting the Legal History of Poverty: Below, Above, and Amidst” (co-authored with Karen Tani), A Companion to American Legal History, eds. Sally E. Hadden and Alfred L. Brophy, (Sussex: Blackwell/Wiley, 2013), 329-48.

“Turning Back the Clock: California Constitutionalists, Hearthstone Originalism, and *Brown v. Board of Education*,” California Legal History, vol. 7 (2012): 287-318.

“Queer Legal History: A Field Grows Up and Comes Out,” Law and Social Inquiry, 36/2 (Spring, 2011): 537-59.

“Disability, Anti-Professionalism, and Civil Rights: The Blind and the ‘Right to Organize’ in the 1950s,” Journal of American History, 97/4 (March, 2011): 1023-47.

“Poverty Rights Activism,” Speaking Out: An Anthology of American Activism, ed. Heather Ann Thompson (New York: Prentice Hall), 2010, 195-220.

“Is Work the Only Thing that Pays? The Guaranteed Income and Other Alternative Anti-Poverty Policies in Historical Perspective,” Northwestern Journal of Law and Social Policy, 4/1 (Winter, 2009): 61-84.

“Who Shot FAP? The Nixon Welfare Plan and the Transformation of American Politics,” The Sixties: A Journal of History, Politics, and Culture, 1/2 (December, 2008): 125-50.

“Redistribution, Recognition, and Good China: Administrative Justice for Women Welfare Recipients before *Goldberg v. Kelly*,” Yale Journal of Law and Feminism, Spring, 2008: 101-30.

“Women’s History with the Politics Left *In*: Feminist Studies of the U.S. Welfare State,” Exploring Women’s Studies: Looking Forward, Looking Back: New Feminist Scholarship, eds. Carol R. Berkin, Judith L. Pinch, and Carole S. Appel (New York: Pearson Prentice Hall, 2006), 236-55.

“A Human Right to Welfare? Social Protest Among Women Welfare Recipients After World War II,” Women’s America, ed. Linda K. Kerber and Jane Sherron DeHart, 6th edition. New York: Oxford University Press, 2004, pp. 552-559. An earlier version of this work appeared in Women’s America, 5th ed., 2000, 523-31.

“Black Buying Power: Welfare Rights, Consumerism, and Northern Protest,” Freedom North: Black Freedom Struggles Outside the South, 1940-1980, eds. Jeanne Theoharis and Komozi Woodard. New York: Palgrave/MacMillan, 2004, 199-222.

“The Goals of the Welfare Rights Movement: Why We Need Them Thirty Years Later,” Feminist Studies, 24/1 (Spring 1998): 65-78.

“To Fulfill Their ‘Rightly Needs’: Consumerism and the National Welfare Rights Movement,” Radical History Review, 69 (Fall 1997): 76-112.

“Why Gingrich? Welfare Rights and Racial Politics, 1965-1995,” in Race Consciousness: African American Studies for the New Century, ed. Judith Jackson Fossett and Jeffrey Tucker,

with a foreword by Nell Irvin Painter and Arnold Rampersad and introduction by Robin Kelley. New York: New York University Press, 1997, 193-207.

“Political Arithmetic and Racial Division in the Democratic Party,” Social Policy, 26/3 (Spring 1996): 49-63.

“The New Literature on Gender and the Welfare State: The U.S. Case,” Feminist Studies 22/1 (Spring 1996): 171-97.

“What’s Wrong with Raw, Carnal Lust?” Kristin Luker on Sex, Welfare, and Feminist Scholarship,” Critical Matrix, 8/2 (1994): 9-17.

“Subversive Potential, Coercive Intent: Women, Work and Welfare in the 1990s,” Social Policy, 21/4 (Spring 1991): 23-39.

Review Essays:

“Pulling Punches on Vietnam” (review of Elizabeth Partridge, Boots on the Ground: America’s War in Vietnam), New York Times Book Review, Sunday, August 12, 2018.

[<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/08/10/books/review/elizabeth-partridge-boots-on-the-ground.html>]

“Embodied Politics” (Review of Laura Briggs, How All Politics Became Reproductive Politics and Loretta J. Ross and Rickie Solinger, Reproductive Justice: An Introduction), with L. Hughes and M. Letizia, Women’s Review of Books, vol. 35/No. 2 (March-April, 2018): 6-8.

Review of Eva Bertram, The Workfare State, American Historical Review, 121/3 (June, 2016): 973-74.

Review of Jenna M. Loyd, Health Rights are Civil Rights: Peace and Justice Activism in Los Angeles, 1963-1978, Journal of American History, 103/1 (June, 2016): 271-72.

Exhibition Review, “13 Most Wanted Men: Andy Warhol and the 1964 World’s Fair,” Journal of American History, 101/3 (November, 2014): 877-79.

“Divided We Stand” (review of Robert Self, All in the Family), Women’s Review of Books, vol. 30/ No. 2 (March-April, 2013): 10-12.

Review of Kaaryn Gustafson, Cheating Welfare: Public Assistance and the Criminalization of Poverty, Law and Society Review 46/4 (December, 2012): 923-25.

Review of Natalie Fousekis, Demanding Child Care: Women’s Activism and the Politics of Welfare, Journal of American History 99/2 (September, 2012): 666-67.

Review of James Patterson, Freedom Is Not Enough: The Moynihan Report and America’s Struggle over Black Family Life from LBJ to Obama, American Historical Review, 117/1 (February, 2012): 236-37.

Review of Marisa Chappell, The War on Welfare: Family, Poverty, and Politics in Modern America, Journal of American History, (December, 2010): 880-81.

Review of Ellen Reese, Backlash Against Welfare Mothers: Past, Present, and Future, Journal of the History of Sexuality, 19/1 (January, 2010): 182-87.

Review of Joel Handler and Yeheskel Hasenfeld, Blame Welfare, Ignore Poverty and Inequality, Law and History Review, 27/2 (Summer, 2009): 477-79.

Review of Kris Shepard, Rationing Justice: Poverty Lawyers and Poor People in the Deep South, Florida Historical Quarterly, 88/1 (Summer, 2009): 113-16.

Review of Anne Enke, Finding the Movement: Sexuality, Contested Space, and Feminist Activism, Committee on Lesbian and Gay History Newsletter, 22/2 (Fall, 2008):17-19.

Review of Steven Robertson, Crimes Against Children: Sexual Violence and Legal Culture in New York City, 1880-1950, Law and History Review, 25/3 (Fall, 2007): 676-78.

Review of Gareth Stedman Jones, An End to Poverty? A Historical Debate, Social Service Review 81/2 (June, 2007): 360-62.

Review of Jennifer Mittelstadt, From Welfare to Workfare: The Unintended Consequences of Liberal Reform, 1945-1965, Journal of American History, 92/4 (March, 2006): 1517-18.

Film Review of "The Trials of Henry Kissinger," written, directed, and produced by Alex Gibney and Eugene Jarecki, Political Communication, 23/1 (January-March, 2006): 131-33 (with M. Anore Horton).

Review of Susan Traverso, Welfare Politics in Boston, 1910-1940, Social Service Review, 78/1 (March, 2004): 157-59.

Review of L. Mara Dodge, 'Whores and Thieves of the Worst Kind': A Study of Women, Crime, and Prisons, 1835-2000, Register of the Kentucky Historical Society, 101/2 (Spring, 2003): 172-73.

Review of Leila Rupp, Worlds of Women: The Making of an International Women's Movement, and Nancy Naples (ed), Community Activism and Feminist Politics: Organizing Across Race, Class, and Gender, Signs, Winter, 2001: 606-09.

Review of The 'Girl Problem' Female Sexual Delinquency in New York, 1900-1930, by Ruth Alexander, Journal of the History of Sexuality 7/1, July 1996: 126-8.

"Some Are More Equal" (review of Theda Skocpol, Protecting Soldiers and Mothers), Radical History Review, 57, Fall 1993: 250-57.

Testimony Before Legislative, Administrative, and University Bodies

Comments before the UVM Board of Trustees, on the Concerns of Organized Faculty about Incentive-Based Budgeting, and other matters, February 6, 2016.

Remarks to the Women's Caucus, Vermont State Legislature, on the history and gender dynamics of "Reach Up" (the Vermont iteration of the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI), February 5, 2016.

Testimony, Vermont State House, Committee on Education, on the subject of Financing for Higher Education in the State of Vermont, January 27 2016.

Other Writing and Media (incomplete list):

"It's Not Too Late for Progressives and Democrats to Rethink Anti-Poverty Strategy" (with G. Mink), The Hill, August 21, 2018. [<http://thehill.com/opinion/civil-rights/402777-its-not-too-late-for-progressives-and-democrats-to-rethink-anti-poverty>]

"Poverty and Politics in 2018," major interview on Building Bridges Radio, with Mimi Rosenberg, WBAI-FM, January 2, 2018.

"Why Not a Women's Party?" Counterpunch.org, December 8, 2017 (also aired as commentary, "Time for a Women's Party?" on Vermont Public Radio, December 8, 2017 and was published as "Why Not a Women's Party?" on VTDigger, December 11, 2017).

"Remembering the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Movement that Generated It," Commondreams.org, July 26, 2017 (also aired as commentary, "Remembering the ADA," Vermont Public Radio, July 26, 2017).

"Assessing the Impact of 45 Years of Title IX," in-studio interview, "Vermont Edition," Vermont Public Radio, June 22, 2017.

"Goodbye to All That (Liberal Optimism)," Voices on Campus/Medium, November 21, 2016 (also published as "Goodbye to All That Liberal Optimism," VTDigger, December 2, 2016).

"Sexism Played a Role," Commentary, Vermont Public Radio, November 15, 2016.

Lead source in Molly Walsh, "Trump's Win Worries Women, Planned Parenthood Officials," "off message" blog, Seven Days, November 10, 2016.

"Ending Welfare Reform," with Gwendolyn Mink, Counterpunch.com, August 22, 2016.

"Hard Times: A History of Unemployment" (featured expert interviewee), BackStory, with the American History Guys, podcast and nationally broadcast National Public Radio broadcast, released February 26, 2016.

“Poor Mothers Don’t Matter in Welfare Policy: Welfare Reform at 19” (with G. Mink), CommonDreams.org, August 23, 2015. Reprinted on the VT Digger news website, August 25, 2015. The piece was the basis for ten radio interviews on stations across the U.S., including the nationally syndicated “Counterspin” broadcast.

“Beyond Women’s History,” Commentary, Vermont Public Radio, Broadcast as part of “Women’s History 2015,” March 24, 2015.

“More at Stake Than Wages,” VTDigger, September 7, 2014.

“The War on Poverty in Vermont—After Fifty Years,” In-Studio Interview, “Vermont Edition,” January 14, 2014.

“Pleasure and Principle: Thoughts on ‘AIDS in New York City: The First Five Years,’” Women’s Review of Books Blog, October, 2013.

“Reforming Welfare--Again,” Raleigh News and Observer Op-Ed, August 25, 2006, p. A19.

“Child Care: NC Families Need More Help,” Raleigh News and Observer Op-Ed, November 23, 2004, p. A13.

“Welfare That Works for Women,” Raleigh News and Observer Op-Ed, June 5, 2002, (co-authored with Gwendolyn Mink), p. A 23.

“The Costs of Care” (review of Nancy Folbre, The Invisible Heart: Economics and Family Values), Women’s Review of Books, xviii/12 (September, 2001), pp. 7-8.

“Redirect the Rebate,” Los Angeles Times Sunday Op-Ed, July 8, 2001 (co-authored with Karen Kornbluh). Reprinted in the Houston Chronicle, Charlotte (N.C.) Observer, and several other newspapers.

“Making Modern Mothers” (review of Ruth Feldstein, Motherhood in Black and White), Women’s Review of Books, xviii/5, February, 2001, p. 26.

“Class Dismissed! Welfare Recipients Fight to Stay in College,” In These Times October 5, 1997, cover, pp. 18-20.

“Don’t Blame Feminism” (review of Lauri Umansky, Motherhood Reconceived: Feminism and the Legacies of the Sixties), Women’s Review of Books, xiv/9, June, 1997, pp. 25-26.

“Ivory Cower” (review of Noam Chomsky, R.C. Lewontin, et al., The Cold War and the University), The Nation, March 10, 1997, pp. 28-30.

“Feminists and the Welfare Debate: Too Little? Too Late?” Dollars & Sense Magazine Number 208 (November/December 1996), pp. 24-25, 39-40.

"Welfare and the Women's Vanguard," In These Times 20/2 (December 11, 1995), pp. 39-40.

"A Mother's Care" (review of Gwendolyn Mink, The Wages of Motherhood: Inequality in the Welfare State, 1917-1942), with Anore Horton, In These Times, October 2, 1995, pp. 32-3.

"Welfare Mothers" (review of Linda Gordon, Pitied But Not Entitled: Single Mothers and the History of Welfare), Women's Review of Books, xii/ 2, November 1994, pp. 17-8.

"Searching For Signs of Life: A Chronicle of Socialist Feminism" (review of Women, Class and the Feminist Imagination: A Socialist-Feminist Reader, edited by Karen Hansen and Ilene Philipson), Democratic Left, xix/3, May/June 1991, p. 22.

"The Pay's the Thing: How Women are Losing the Wage War" (review of Job Queues, Gender Queues, by Barbara Reskin and Patricia Roos, A Woman's Wage, by Alice Kessler-Harris, The Last Generation, by Mary Blewett, and The Experience and Meaning of Work in Women's Lives, edited by Hildreth Grossman and Nia Chester), Village Voice Literary Supplement, Issue 94, April 1991 (special issue on Work), pp. 14-15.

"Newsweek vs. Feminism," Extra! A Publication of Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting March/April 1991 (special issue on Women and the Media), pp. 12-13.

"Feminism: Still Hazy After All These Years," Tikkun: A Bimonthly Jewish Critique of Politics, Culture and Society, 6/1, Jan./Feb. 1991, pp. 23-26+.

"An Ugly Saga of Everywoman" (review of Now You Know, by Kitty Dukakis with Jane Scovell), Los Angeles Times Book Review, September 23, 1990.

"Where the 80s Went" (review of Circus of Ambition: The Culture of Wealth and Power in the Eighties, by John Taylor), San Francisco Review of Books, xiv/3, Winter 1989-90, pp. 24+.

"Taken for a Ride by '60s Nostalgia (Freedom Summer 25th Anniversary)," In These Times August 2-29, 1989, p. 25.

"Tales Out of School - Felicia Kornbluh," The Nation, 246/12, March 26, 1988 (special issue on student politics), pp. 435-6.

"Anti-Poverty Strategies for the Next Decade," Policy and Research Report: The Magazine of the Urban Institute, xvii/2, Fall 1987, pp. 2+.

"The Orphans of the Storm: The Children of Cambodia," with Quin Bakaty, Michael Schreiber, and Robert Clampitt, Rolling Stone, April 3, 1980, pp. 54-55+ .

Invited Presentations:

"Constant Craving: Hartogian Socio-Legal History on Gender, Law, and Welfare," Conference in Honor of Hendrik Hartog, Princeton, NJ, October 13, 2018.

“The Life of a Statute: The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996,” Legal History Seminar, co-sponsored by Northwestern University and the Illinois Institute of Technology Chicago-Kent College of Law, American Bar Foundation, Chicago, IL, March 21, 2018.

Panel Speaker following film showing of, “I Am Not Your Negro,” by Raoul Peck, Peace and Justice Center of Vermont, Main Street Landing, and Vermont International Film Festival, January 26, 2017.

Panelist, “New Directions in Vermont Labor,” Vermont AFL-CIO Conference, South Burlington, Vermont, August 13, 2016.

Keynote Address, “Gendering the Basic Income,” North American Basic Income Guarantee conference, Winnipeg, University of Manitoba, Canada, May 13, 2016.

“The Civil (and Welfare) Rights of Food,” Presentation at the Workshop, “Gender, Class, and Food Work,” University of Vermont Food Systems Graduate Program and Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies Program, Burlington, VT, August 15, 2013.

Keynote Address, “Economic Empowerment Advocates Conference,” Montpelier, VT, July 25, 2013.

“The Untold History of American Equality: Jacobus tenBroek, Blind People’s Politics, and Legal Rights, 1945-1954,” Conference on the History of Blindness and the Blind: Representations, Institutions, Archives: An International Perspective, sponsored by the Sorbonne (Universite de Paris) and the Longmore Institute of San Francisco State University, Fondation Singer Polignac, Paris, France, June 29, 2013.

Participation in the panel, “The Bureaucratic State from the Ground Up,” at “Poverty and the Bureaucratic State: A Symposium in Honor of Professor Joel Handler,” University of California-Los Angeles School of Law, March 11, 2011.

“The Untold Story of Equal Protection: Disability, Race, and Economy in the Twentieth-Century Rewriting of the Fourteenth Amendment,” Lecture, Department of Political Science, Brooklyn College, City University of New York, February 17, 2011.

“Disability, Anti-Professionalism, and Civil Rights: The National Federation of the Blind and the ‘Right to Organize’,” Princeton University Workshop in American Studies, March 10, 2010.

“Disability, Gender, and Politics: The National Federation of the Blind Confronts the Post-WWII U.S. Welfare State,” Schlesinger Library/Massachusetts Historical Society Seminar on the History of Gender, October 16, 2009.

“A Teachable Moment,” Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Special Panel on “Race and Gender in the U.S. Presidential Elections,” Minneapolis, Minnesota, June 14, 2008.

“Welfare ‘Reform’: A History and a Hope,” Northwestern University School of Law, Special Symposium on “Ten Years After Welfare Reform: Making Work Pay,” April 4, 2008.

“The Battle over Welfare Rights: Poverty and Politics in the 1960s,” Rembert W. Patrick Lecture in History, Guilford College, Greensboro, North Carolina, March 29, 2007.

“Welfare Rights: A ‘Hollow Hope’?” Lecture, University of California at Los Angeles, School of Law, March 14, 2007.

“Citizens of New York City: Welfare Rights as Urban History,” Metropolitan History Graduate Workshop, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, November 3, 2006.

“The Battle Over Welfare Rights,” Legal History Colloquium, New York University Law School, New York City, NY, September 27, 2006.

“Welfare Rights and the Women’s Agenda, From the 1960s to Today,” Conference on Women and Poverty in the U.S., Intercollegiate Women’s Studies of the Claremont Colleges and the Scripps College Humanities Institute, Claremont, California, November 13, 2003.

“The Legal History of Welfare Rights,” University of Michigan Legal History Workshop, Coordinated by Thomas Green and Susanna Blumenthal, Ann Arbor, Michigan, April, 2003.

“If History Be Any Guide: Economic Justice in the 1960s and Today,” Conference on “Whose Welfare? Income Transfers and Economic Justice,” Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California, Berkeley, CA, November 15, 2002.

“Ties that Bind: Public Policy and Social Movements in the 1960s,” Mini-Conference on “Generation Gaps? Teaching and Writing the 1960s,” Reed College, Portland, Oregon, June 8, 2002.

“Was the Welfare Rights Movement ‘Maternalist’? Black Women, Welfare, and the Question of Waged Work for Women,” Juried Workshop on the theme “Women in the Making of the Black World,” University of Houston, Houston, TX, March 23, 2001.

“American Women, 1975-2000: The Paradox of Change,” Keynote Address, Women’s History Month Celebration, Orange County Women’s Commission, Hillsborough, North Carolina, March 8, 2001.

“‘Legal Civil Disobedience’: Welfare Rights and Administrative Appeals,” Workshop on Twentieth-Century History, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, February, 23, 2001.

“Gender, Race, and Welfare Rights: Movement Organizing and Legal Strategies by Low-Income Women in the Late 1960s,” University of Oregon – Eugene, Program in Women’s Studies, January 21, 2000.

“Justice: ‘Legal Civil Disobedience’ by Urban Communities in the Movement for Welfare Rights,” University of California – Santa Cruz, Department of Politics, December 2, 1999.

“Welfare Rights, Consumerism, and the Law,” Lecture, American Bar Foundation, Chicago, Illinois, February 19, 1999.

“Fair Hearings, Welfare Rights, and the Rights of Citizens,” Lecture, Harvard University, Department of History, February 5, 1999.

“Law, Lawyers, and Legalism in the Movement for Welfare Rights,” New York University School of Law, Legal History Seminar, March 25, 1998.

“The National Welfare Rights Movement,” Lecture, State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, November 5, 1996.

“Welfare as We’ve Known It,” Panel Discussion Sponsored by the Program in Women’s Studies, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, April 27, 1995.

Conferences and Other Public Speaking:

Participant and Organizer, Roundtable Discussion, “Welfare or Reform? Antinomy and Hypocrisy in Modern Social Policy,” Organization of American Historians Conference, Philadelphia, PA, 2019, April, 2019, proposal accepted.

“Ensuring Poverty, Generating Disability: The Politics of Welfare Reform, 1996-2016,” panel on “Nondisabled Normalcy in U.S. Law and Policy,” American Society for Legal History, 2019, November 10, 2018.

“Welfare Reform and Precarious Family Lives: How the Democrats Went Wrong in 1996 and Continue to Pay for their Mistake,” Pathways to Gender Equality Conference, Institute for Women’s Policy Research and American University Program on Gender Analysis in Economics, Washington, D.C., November 3, 2018.

“When the Democrats Went Wrong: The Gendered and Ableist Politics of Welfare Reform,” Law and Society Association Conference, Toronto, Ontario, June 7, 2018.

Panel Participant, “Keeping Women, Poverty, and Welfare Rights at the Heart of a Basic Income Movement,” Basic Income Earth Network (BIEN) Congress, Lisbon, Portugal, September 26, 2017.

“Ensuring Poverty: The Gendered and Ableist Politics of Welfare Reform, 1996-2016,” Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Genders, and Sexualities, Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY, June 2, 2017.

Commentary, “New Approaches to the History of Japanese Internment,” American Society for Legal History Meeting, Toronto, Ontario, October 29, 2016.

“The Limits of Law and Society: Jacobus tenBroek, Howard Jay Graham, and Disability-Sensitive, Activist Constitutional History,” Law and Society Association Conference Boston, MA, June 1, 2013.

“Turning Back the Clock: California Constitutionalism, Hearthstone Originalism, and *Brown v. Board*,” American Society for Legal History Meeting, St. Louis, Missouri, November 10, 2012.

Comment, “Building the Liberal State: Social Workers, Lawyers, and Rights from the Progressive Era to the Great Society,” American Historical Association conference, Chicago, Illinois, January 7, 2012.

“The Untold Story of Equal Protection: Disability, Race, and Economy in the Twentieth-Century Rewriting of the Fourteenth Amendment,” American Society for Legal History Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, November, 2011.

Comment, “Same-Sex Marriage in Historical and Transnational Perspective,” American Historical Association, Boston, MA, January 7, 2011.

“Raced and Gendered Histories and the Political Turn Since Obama Took Office,” panel on “Obama’s Economic Liberalism: Historical Perspectives,” American Historical Association Conference, San Diego, CA, January 8, 2010.

“Sex, Gender, and Public Policy: The Vermont Experiment,” National Women’s Studies Association conference, Atlanta, Georgia, November 13, 2009.

Participation on the panel, “Women and the Economy,” Berkshire Conference of Women Historians (“Little Berks”), Philadelphia, PA, April 25, 2009.

“Citizens of New York: African American and Puerto Rican Demands on the Democratic Political Machine of the Early 1960s,” Special Panel on Women’s Activism in New York City, Organization of American Historians Conference, New York City, New York, March, 2008.

“Legal Civil Disobedience in the Movement for Welfare Rights,” Conference on Law and Political Development, University of Pennsylvania Department of History and School of Law, February 23, 2007.

“A Disabled State: How Blind Activists Created Modern Social Welfare Policy,” American Society for Legal History meeting, Baltimore, MD, November, 2006.

Commentator and Chair, Panel on “Sexuality and the State,” Organization of American Historians Conference, Washington, D.C., April 4, 2006.

“Friction in the Archives: The Battle Over Welfare Rights in Administrative Fair Hearings,” Policy History Conference, Clayton, Missouri, May 21, 2004.

“Virtually Normal: Jacobus TenBroek, Blindness, and Masculinity in Early Disability Rights Discourse,” Feminism and Legal Theory Workshop, Emory University School of Law, Atlanta, Georgia, March 5, 2004.

Organizer and Chair, “Roundtable: Historians as Activists,” sponsored by the Coordinating Committee on Women in History, American Historical Association conference, Washington, D.C., January 10, 2004.

“From Disability to Welfare Rights: Jacobus TenBroek on Discrimination,” American Society for Legal History meeting, Washington, D.C., November 15, 2003.

“Guaranteed Adequate Income versus the Family Assistance Plan: Welfare Mothers and Public Policy in the Nixon Era,” Policy History Conference, Clayton, Missouri, May 31, 2002.

Comment and Chair, Panel on “Gender and Statebuilding,” European Social Science History Conference, The Hague, The Netherlands, February 28, 2002.

Coordinator and Chair, Roundtable on Hendrik Hartog’s Man and Wife in America, American Society for Legal History Conference, Chicago, Illinois, November 10, 2001.

“Welfare Rights Between Law and Social Work: Professional Competition and Black Women’s Politics in the Late 1960s,” Organization of American Historians Conference, Los Angeles, CA, April 27, 2001.

“Hearings Fair and Unfair: Welfare Rights and Administrative Appeals,” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, May 27, 1999.

“Feminist Scholarship Across a Generation: The Paradox of Similarity,” Special Conference on “Re-Envisioning Women’s History: Working Seminars Across the Generations,” Graduate School, City University of New York, March 13, 1999.

“Work, Citizenship, and Welfare Rights,” Roundtable on Work and Citizenship, with William Forbath, Joel Handler, and Philip Harvey, at the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Aspen, Colorado, June 4, 1998.

“Welfare Rights and the Law,” Special Mini-Conference on Gender, State and Society, Social Science History Association meeting, Washington, D.C., October 16, 1997.

“Studying Welfare Rights and Organizing with the Women's Committee of 100,” American Historical Association Conference, New York City, New York, January 3, 1997.

“Post-Industrial Democracy: The Political Economy of the National Welfare Rights Movement,” Social Science History Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, October 12, 1996.

“A ‘Right’ to Welfare? Poor Women, Lawyers, and Social Workers Define the Political,” Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, June 9, 1996.

“Social Movement Organizing in the Shadow of the Law: The National Welfare Rights Organization and *Goldberg v. Kelly*,” Law and Society Association Conference, Toronto, Ontario, June 2, 1995.

“Why Gingrich? Welfare Rights and Racial Politics, 1965-1995,” The ‘Negro Problem’ Conference, Program in African-American Studies, Princeton University, March 4, 1995.

Miscellaneous:

* Member, Board of Trustees, Planned Parenthood of Northern New England and Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA)-Vermont Action Fund, 2017-present; Vice President, Board of Trustees, PPFA-Vermont Action Fund, 2018-present.

* Founding advisory board member and Member, Political Strategy Committee, Rights and Democracy, a Burlington-based organization committed to progressive political change, 2015 – present. Co-moderated the Rights and Democracy gubernatorial and lieutenant-gubernatorial candidates’ forum, December, 2015.

* Commissioner, Vermont Commission on Women, 2013-2015.

* Member, Lerner-Scott Award Committee (for the best dissertation in the history of women and/or gender), Organization of American Historians, 2013-14.

* Co-organizer, Workshop and Research Initiative, “Gender, Class, and Food Work,” University of Vermont, Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies Program/Transdisciplinary Research Initiative on Food Systems/Graduate Program in Food Systems, 2013-2014.

* Editor for North America, Book Series, “Palgrave Studies in the History of Social Movements,” Palgrave Macmillan Publishers, lead editors Stefan Berger and Holger Nehring, London and New York, 2012-present.

* Founding editorial board member, Moving the Social – Journal of Social History and the History of Social Movements, published by the Institute for Social Movements, Ruhr-Universität, Bochum, Germany, 2012-present.

* Member, Cromwell Foundation Research Award Committee, American Society for Legal History/ Cromwell Foundation, 2012-2014.

- * Reviewer, Proposals, Law and Social Science Program, National Science Foundation, 2010-present.
- * Reviewer, History Applications, Women's Studies Award, Woodrow Wilson Foundation, 2009-2010.
- * Member, J. Willard Hurst Prize Committee (for the best book published annually in legal history), Law and Society Association, 2010-11 and 2003-2004.
- * Reviewed manuscripts and book proposals for Oxford University Press, Cornell University Press, the University of Pennsylvania Press, Duke University Press, Rutgers University Press, Routledge Press, and the journals Journal of American History, Law and History Review, Law and Society Review, Feminist Studies, Qualitative Sociology, Journal of Urban History, Journal of Southern History, Law and Social Inquiry, Journal of Policy History, The 1960s, Journal of Women's History, Social Service Review, Journal of Homosexuality, Journal of American Studies, and Social Politics.
- * Chair, Article Prize Committee, Urban History Association, 2008.
- * Member, Editorial Board, Law and Society Review, 2008-2012.
- * Member, Elected Board of Trustees, Law and Society Association, 2007-09.
- * Senior Faculty, Law and Society Association Summer Workshop on Rights and Regulation, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, June 21-23, 2007.
- * Founding editorial board member, The 1960s: A Journal of History, Politics, and Culture, published by Routledge Press, 2007-present.
- * Member, Dissertation Prize Committee, Law and Society Association, 2005.
- * Member of the Board of Directors and Secretary, Genesis Home, a family shelter and child care center in Durham, North Carolina, 2003 – 2005.
- * Co-founder, Historians for Social Justice, and lead organizer of historians' lobby for just welfare reform, 2002.
- * Program Committee member, American Society for Legal History meeting, Chicago, Illinois, November 8-11, 2001.
- * Leading member of the Women's Committee of 100, a network of feminist scholars and activists committed to the proposition that "a war against poor women is a war against all women," 1995-2002.

* Co-organized mini-conference on Gender, State, and Society at the 1997 Social Science History Association meeting; helped plan Women Fighting Poverty conference, March, 1997; co-organizer, series on "Welfare as We've Known It" at Princeton and Rutgers Universities, 1995.

* Founded and edited Subterranean Review, an alternative newspaper at Harvard-Radcliffe.

* Work with Children's Express nominated for Pulitzer Prize, 1982; Reporter in Thailand and Cambodia, 1980.