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PROFILE

Accomplished professional historian, administrator, consultant, teacher, and communicator with exceptional information technology skills and a commitment to using history for public benefit.

EDUCATION

Post-Doctoral Coursework, Public History Graduate Program 2002
North Carolina State University

Ph.D., History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill 1997

- Fields: Twentieth-century United States social, cultural, and political history with emphasis on the New Deal, southern history, the Appalachian region, North Carolina history, tourism, and women's history. Second field in modern European history.
- Dissertation: "Parkway Politics: Class, Culture, and Tourism in the Blue Ridge" (351pp)
 - Finalist, Allan Nevins Prize, Society of American Historians (1998)
 - Committee: Jacquelyn Hall (Chair), William E. Leuchtenburg, Joel Williamson, James Leloudis, and Altina Waller

M.A., History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill 1991

- Thesis: "Swimming in the Mainstream: Louise H. Branscomb, M.D. of Birmingham, Alabama" (110pp). Under the direction of Jacquelyn Hall and James Leloudis.

B.A., History, (Summa Cum Laude), Birmingham-Southern College 1989

- Phi Beta Kappa
- GPA: 4.0 / 4.0

UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Director of Research, Communications, and Programs 2006-present
Office of Faculty Governance
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

- Managed qualitative and limited quantitative research, electronic and print communications, and program development to facilitate and support the work of the Chair of the Faculty, the elected Faculty Council, and twenty-two elected and appointed faculty committees, which represent the university's 3500-person faculty in deliberations on a variety of academic policy issues.
- Researched and wrote historical and issue-oriented reports, generated faculty data as needed, created and maintained Excel-based rosters for all faculty governance bodies, redesigned and administered website, wrote and distributed biweekly e-newsletter, developed meeting agendas and secured speakers, managed annual faculty elections, and answered inquiries from faculty and administrators across the university.

- Managed daily operations (including finances, office space, and the Campus Y Faculty Commons space) of the Office of Faculty Governance.
- Supervised office Administrative Assistant.

Assistant Director for Communications and Programs

2002-2006

Acting Associate Director

Mellon Project Manager

John Hope Franklin Humanities Institute, Duke University

- Managed web site, listserv, print and electronic advertising, media relations, and other public communications for the Franklin Humanities Institute, the John Hope Franklin Center, and Duke humanities departments and programs.
- Conceptualized, planned, and directed a variety of public and academic programs for faculty, graduate and undergraduate students, and community audiences. Events included weekly lecture series, dissertation working groups, annual distinguished lecture in the humanities, scholarly publishing workshops, Duke University Press internship program, graduate student career development workshops, interdisciplinary teaching workshops, symposia, and faculty development programs and seminars.
- Developed and nurtured relationships between Humanities Institute, Duke humanities departments and other Duke units and offices, including John Hope Franklin Center, Duke University Press, Career Center, Graduate School, and Perkins Library.
- Directed two Mellon Foundation grants (\$325,000 and \$292,000). With others, wrote successful proposal securing renewal of Mellon project in December 2004. As needed, managed annual FHI operating budget of \$500,000.
- Supervised Institute Office Manager, temporary assistants, work-study employees, and student interns.

CONSULTING / PUBLIC HISTORY EXPERIENCE

Major Projects/Grants/Employment

Co-Writer, Shenandoah National Park Historic Handbook

2009-10

- Co-writer (with David E. Whisnant) for cultural history sections of park visitor handbook commissioned for park's 75th anniversary.
- Contract with the Shenandoah National Park Association.
- 100 pp typescript (due October 2010).

Scholarly Adviser and Co-PI, "Driving through Time: The Digital Blue Ridge Parkway in North Carolina"

2009-11

Carolina Digital Library and Archives, UNC-Chapel Hill

- Digital history project to build web-based exhibit of georeferenced and geotagged historical materials related to the development of the Blue Ridge Parkway. Project is based, in part, on my 2006 book, *Super-Scenic Motorway: A Blue Ridge Parkway History*.
- Awarded \$150,000 (over two years) in grant support from the Library Services and Technology Act, administered through the State Library of North Carolina (2009-11).

Chair, “State of History in the National Parks” Study **2008-10**
Organization of American Historians for the National Park Service

- Chair of four-person national scholarly team studying the practice of history in the National Parks. Interviews, site visits, electronic survey of 1500 NPS professionals, and final written report to be completed by August 2010.
- Two-year project contracted by the Chief Historian’s Office, National Park Service with the Organization of American Historians.

Co-PI, Historic Resource Study **2008-10**
Cape Lookout National Seashore, National Park Service

- Co-lead researcher and writer (with David E. Whisnant) for Historic Resource Study for the National Park Service’s Cape Lookout National Seashore (Carteret County, NC).
- Two-year contract with the National Park Service and the Organization of American Historians.
- 550 pp typescript (complete and undergoing final revision and review).

Co-PI, Administrative History **2006-07**
DeSoto National Memorial, National Park Service

- Co-lead researcher and writer (with David E. Whisnant) for Administrative History of the National Park Service’s DeSoto National Memorial in Bradenton, Florida.
- Eighteen-month contract with the National Park Service and the Organization of American Historians.
- 201 pp book published (see below) as *Small Park, Large Issues: DeSoto National Memorial and the Commemoration of a Difficult History* (National Park Service, 2007).

Assistant to the Director, Southeastern Jurisdiction Heritage Center **Summers 1987-89**
Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

- Processed archival materials, developed museum exhibits, and assisted researchers in Methodist museum and archives

Invited Peer Reviews

University of Virginia Press **2008**

- Reviewed and advised press on manuscript on National Park Service history

National Park Service/Organization of American Historians **2007**

- Peer reviewer for draft Administrative History of Minute Man National Historical Park

National Park Service, Blue Ridge Parkway **2006**

- Peer reviewer for draft Blue Ridge Parkway Historic Resource Study

University of Nebraska Press **2005**

- Reviewed and advised press on manuscript on National Park Service history

National Park Service/Organization of American Historians **2004**

- Peer reviewer for draft Administrative History of Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site

Organizational Service

Member, Southeast Regional Council, National Parks Conservation Association 2008-

- Provided historical expertise on National Parks issues to nonprofit organization.

Member, Board of Trustees, Blue Ridge Parkway 75, Inc. 2007-2010

- Provided historical expertise for nonprofit created to coordinate celebration of Blue Ridge Parkway's 75th Anniversary.

Board of Trustees/Council of Advisors, Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation 2003-present

- Provided historical expertise for fund-raising foundation.
 - Chair, Governance/Nominating Committee (2009-present)

Other Public History Work

Speaker, North Carolina Humanities Forum 2005-present
North Carolina Humanities Council

- Traveled statewide to give approximately 15 public talks (through 2009) about the history of the Blue Ridge Parkway

Consultant, History Channel "Hit the Road"/ "Modern Marvels" Series 2005

- Provided historical context and expertise for episode on "Mountain Roads," air date July 5, 2005

Consultant, National Park Service, Blue Ridge Parkway 2002

- Cultural/historical resources management advisor for development of Parkway General Management Plan

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Assistant/Adjunct Associate Professor 2007-present
History and American Studies
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

- Courses: North Carolina History, Introduction to Public History
- Introduction to Public History course received support in 2009 from the Office of Undergraduate Research for a Graduate Research Consultant.

Visiting Lecturer/Instructor 1994; 1997-99
Division of Continuing Studies and History Department
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

- Courses: North Carolina History and United States History
- Supervised graduate teaching assistants

Teaching Assistant 1990-92; 1995-96
Department of History
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

- Courses: United States History, North Carolina History

PUBLICATIONS

* indicates refereed publications

Books

- *When the Parkway Came* [with David E. Whisnant] (Primary Source Publishers, 2010). First book for children and youth about Blue Ridge Parkway's history. 57 pp.
- * *Small Park, Large Issues: De Soto National Memorial and the Commemoration of a Difficult History* [with David E. Whisnant] (National Park Service, 2007). 201 pp.
- * *Super-Scenic Motorway: A Blue Ridge Parkway History* (University of North Carolina Press, 2006). First full scholarly analysis of the history of the most visited site in the American National Park system. 434 pp.

Scholarly Articles

- * "The Scenic Is Political: Creating Natural and Cultural Landscapes Along America's Blue Ridge Parkway," in Christof Mauch and Thomas Zeller, eds., *The World Beyond the Windshield* (Ohio University Press, 2008). 20 pp.
- * "Public and Private Tourism Development in 1930s Appalachia: The Blue Ridge Parkway Meets Little Switzerland," in Richard D. Starnes, ed., *Southern Journeys: Tourism, History, and Culture in the Modern South* (University of Alabama Press, 2003). Discusses the 1930s conflict between the owner of the Little Switzerland resort and the creators of the Blue Ridge Parkway. 26 pp.
- * "Culture, History, and Development on the Qualla Boundary: The Eastern Cherokees and the Blue Ridge Parkway, 1935-40." *Appalachian Journal* 24 (Winter 1997): 144-91. Discusses Eastern Cherokees' five-year fight against the Parkway in the 1930s. 47pp.

Review Essay

- * Review of "Blue Ridge Parkway: America's Favorite Journey" and "Within a Day's Drive of Millions," permanent exhibits at Blue Ridge Parkway Visitor Center (Asheville, NC) and Byrd Visitor Center, Shenandoah National Park (Big Meadows, VA), *Journal of American History* (with David E. Whisnant, forthcoming December 2009). 10 pp.

Popular Articles, Op-Ed Pieces, and Blog Entries

- * "Conundrums of Commemoration: Blue Ridge Parkway's Seventy-fifth Anniversary," *Sitelines: A Publication of the Foundation for Landscape Studies*, vol. V, no. 1 (Fall 2009): 11-13.
- "Super-Scenic Motorway: A Historian's Parkway," my blog at *The Blue Ridge Parkway Blog*, <http://www.blueridgeparkwayblog.com/super-scenic-motorway-a-historians-parkway>.
- "Blue Ridge Parkway's 75th Anniversary Celebration Begins," *National Parks Traveler*, <http://www.nationalparkstraveler.com/2008/10/blue-ridge-parkway-s-75th-anniversary-celebration-begins>, 20 October 2008.
- "The Route to Buying Grandfather Mountain," Op-ed Article, *Raleigh News & Observer*, 12 October 2008 [with David E. Whisnant].
- "Parks History: De Soto National Memorial," *National Parks Traveler*, <http://nationalparkstraveler.com/2008/03/park-history-de-soto-national-memorial>, 11 March 2008 [with David E. Whisnant].
- "Notes from a Book Tour," *Chronicle of Higher Education*, 12 February 2008.
- "Tarnish on Our National Treasures," Op-ed Article on the National Parks "Centennial Initiative," *Raleigh News & Observer*, 30 March 2007 [with David E. Whisnant].

- “The Parkway Has Never Been Easy, but It’s Worth It,” Op-Ed Article, *Raleigh News and Observer*, 15 October 2006.
- “Getting Worse: Virginia and North Carolina Could Act to Save ‘Beloved’ Parkway,” Op-Ed Article, *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, May 7, 2006.
- “A Two-State Solution for the Parkway’s Woes,” Op-Ed Article, *Raleigh News and Observer*, May 5, 2006.
- “The Mountains, My Hopes,” *Blue Ridge Country*, Nov/Dec 2005: 82. Commissioned op-ed column in honor of the Blue Ridge Parkway’s 70th Anniversary.
- Four pseudonymous articles on working life in the university, *Chronicle of Higher Education*, 2005, 2007.

Book Reviews and Encyclopedia Entries

- Review of David Louter, *Windshield Wilderness: Cars, Roads, and Nature in Washington’s National Parks* (University of Washington Press, 2006) *CRM: Cultural Resource Management*, vol. 6, no 1 (Winter 2009): 78-79.
- Review of Ann Denkler, *Sustaining Identity, Recapturing Heritage: Exploring Issues of Public History, Tourism, and Race in a Southern Town* (Lanham, Md., and other cities: Lexington Books, 2008) *Journal of Southern History*, vol. 75 (August 2009).
- Review of Richard D. Starnes, *Creating the Land of the Sky: Tourism and Society in Western North Carolina* (University of Alabama Press, 2005) *North Carolina Historical Review*, January 2006.
- Articles on “Blue Ridge Parkway” and “Mt. Mitchell” for the *Encyclopedia of Appalachia*, Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 2006.
- Review of Stephen Wallace Taylor, *The New South’s New Frontier: A Social History of Economic Development in Southwestern North Carolina* (University Press of Florida, 2001) *Journal of Appalachian Studies* (Fall 2002).
- Review of Daniel S. Pierce, *The Great Smokies* (University of Tennessee Press, 2000) *North Carolina Historical Review* 78 (April 2001): 245-46

PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES

Blue Ridge Parkway: Academic and Scholarly Presentations

- Invited to deliver Carol Grotnes Belk Distinguished Lecture, Appalachian State University Library, Boone, NC, 8 July 2010.
- "When the Road Is the Park, Can the Park Be More than a Road? Thinking about the Blue Ridge Parkway at Its 75th Anniversary," part of panel on " Drive-Through America: Making Historic and Natural Places for and against the Automobile," National Council on Public History/American Society for Environmental History Annual Conference, Portland, OR, 13 March 2010.
- “Asheville’s Battle for the Blue Ridge Parkway,” Blue Ridge Parkway 75th Anniversary Panel Discussion, Blue Ridge Parkway Folk Art Center, Asheville, NC, 14 November 2009.
- “Super-Scenic Motorway: The Blue Ridge Parkway Nobody Knows,” Keynote Address for the Society of North Carolina Archivists Conference, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC, 17 October 2008.
- “Beyond Aesthetics: Politics and the Design of the Blue Ridge Parkway,” part I of a session on “Borrowed Landscape: History, Preservation, and the Management of the National Park Service’s Blue Ridge Parkway,” Organization of American Historians, Seattle, WA, 27 March 2009.

- “Beyond Aesthetics: Politics and the Design of the Blue Ridge Parkway,” part I of a panel presentation on “A Living Past on a Borrowed Landscape: The Blue Ridge Parkway at 75,” Blue Ridge Parkway 75th Anniversary Kickoff Symposium, Roanoke, VA, 9 October 2008.
- “Beyond the Beauty: Politics and the Creation of the Blue Ridge Parkway,” keynote address for NEH Landmarks of American History and Culture K-12 workshop “Not Just a Scenic Road: The Blue Ridge Parkway and Its History,” Appalachian State University, 7 July and 14 July 2008.
- “Beyond Aesthetics: Politics and the Design of the Blue Ridge Parkway,” part I of a panel presentation titled “A Borrowed Landscape: Politics, Design and Management of the Blue Ridge Parkway,” Designing the Parks Conference, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, 21 May 2008.
- “Re-memembering the Peaks of Otter: Regional History and the Landscape of the Blue Ridge Parkway,” National Council on Public History / American Society of Environmental History Annual Meeting, Victoria, British Columbia, 3 April 2004.
- “Reading the Parkway Landscape, Revealing Parkway History,” Blue Ridge Parkway Seasonal Ranger Training Event, Crossnore, NC, 19 May 2003.
- “The (Hidden) Politics of the Blue Ridge Parkway,” Franklin Humanities Institute Wednesday Conversations Series, Duke University, 5 March 2003.
- “The Scenic Is Political: Creating Natural and Cultural Landscapes along America’s Blue Ridge Parkway.” Prepared for “Landscapes and Roads in North America and Europe: Cultural History in Transatlantic Perspective,” German Historical Institute, Washington, DC, 11-13 October 2002.
- “Two Faces of Tourism in 1930s Appalachia: The Blue Ridge Parkway and Little Switzerland.” Appalachian Studies Association meeting, Snowshoe, WV, 31 March 2001.
- “Great Picture Windows on Appalachian Life: Packaging Natural and Cultural Landscapes in the Creation of the Blue Ridge Parkway.” American Heritage Center Symposium “Packaging Places: Imagining, Remembering, and Promoting Landscapes,” University of Wyoming, Laramie, 28 September 2000.
- “Understanding the History of the Blue Ridge Parkway.” Presentation to National Park Service Rangers at the “Understanding Park Resources” training event sponsored by the Blue Ridge Parkway, Doe Run Lodge, VA, 27 September 1999.
- “Urban Appalachia and the New South: A Case Study of Asheville, North Carolina and the Routing of the Blue Ridge Parkway.” Appalachian Studies Association meeting, Boone, NC, 20 March 1998.
- “Good Engineering Is Good Politics: R. Getty Browning and the Politics of Highway Location in Western North Carolina.” Appalachian Studies Association meeting, Unicoi State Park, GA, 30 March 1996.
- “What Was on Their Minds?: New Dealers, North Carolinians, and the Early Development of the Blue Ridge Parkway.” Appalachian Studies Association meeting, Morgantown, WV, 18 March 1995.
- “Cultural Politics on the Qualla Boundary: The Eastern Band of Cherokees, the New Deal, and the Blue Ridge Parkway.” Appalachian Studies Association meeting, Blacksburg, VA, 13 March 1994.

Blue Ridge Parkway: General Public Presentations

- “Super-Scenic Motorway: The Blue Ridge Parkway Nobody Knows,” and “Grandfather Mountain and the Blue Ridge Parkway,” slide presentations (many arranged as part of the North

Carolina Humanities Council's "Road Scholars" program) delivered at the following venues, 2005-10:

- Alleghany County Public Library
- American Association of University Women, Chapel Hill chapter
- Appalachian Cultural Lunch Series, Western Carolina University
- Appalachian State University
- Ashe County Public Library
- Bedford Historical Society
- Blowing Rock Historical Society
- Blue Ridge ExxonMobil Retirees (Roanoke, VA)
- Blue Ridge Community College
- Blue Ridge Parkway Folk Art Center
- Catawba County Public Library
- Durham Women's Club
- Encore Program, North Carolina State University
- Explore Park (Roanoke, VA)
- FRIENDS of the Blue Ridge Parkway (Asheville Chapter)
- Forsyth Gem and Mineral Club
- Friends of the Chapel Hill Public Library
- Gaston County Public Library
- Historical Society of Western Virginia
- Hound Ears Homeowners Association (Blowing Rock, NC)
- John Hope Franklin Center, Duke University
- John Locke Foundation (Raleigh, NC)
- Lenoir Kiwanis Club
- Madison County Public Library
- Mayland Community College Lifelong Learning Program
- North Carolina Transportation Museum (Spencer, NC)
- North Regional Library (Raleigh, NC)
- Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Duke University Fall 2008 Retreat
- Roxboro Research Club
- Roxboro Rotary Club
- Southern Pines Public Library
- UNC General Alumni Association Lifelong Learning Program
- UNC Retired Faculty Association
- University United Methodist Church United Methodist Men (Chapel Hill, NC)
- Village Elders Series (Chapel Hill, NC)
- Wake County Historical Society
- Westwood Westerners (Durham, NC)
- Short readings, appearances, and print and broadcast media interviews related to *Super-Scenic Motorway: A Blue Ridge Parkway History*, and *When the Parkway Came*, 2006-10:
 - Asheville *Citizen-Times*
 - Associated Press
 - Raleigh *News & Observer*
 - Roanoke *Times*
 - WFAE-FM (Charlotte, NC)
 - WPTF-AM (Raleigh, NC)
 - WRAL-AM (Raleigh, NC)
 - WUNC-FM "State of Things" Program

- Barnes & Noble (Fayetteville, NC)
- Blue Ridge Parkway Visitor Center (Asheville, NC)
- Bull's Head Bookshop (Chapel Hill, NC)
- Chapters Bookshop (Galax, VA)
- Flyleaf Books (Chapel Hill, NC)
- Great Southeastern Hiking Festival (Montreat, NC)
- Joseph-Beth Booksellers (Charlotte, NC)
- Malaprop's Bookstore (Asheville, NC)
- Market St. Books (Chapel Hill, NC)
- McIntyre's Fine Books (Pittsboro, NC)
- Ram's Head Books (Roanoke, VA)
- Regulator Bookshop (Durham, NC)
- Skyland Books (West Jefferson and Blowing Rock, NC)
- Virginia Festival of the Book (Charlottesville, NC)
- "A New Trip Along a Beloved Road: The Blue Ridge Parkway Nobody Knows," Residents of Carol Woods, Chapel Hill, NC, 15 December 2005.
- "Parkway Land and Local People: The Blue Ridge Parkway in Ashe County," Friends of the Ashe County Public Library, West Jefferson, NC, 28 September 2005.
- "Good Engineering Is Good Politics: R. Getty Browning and the Creation of the Blue Ridge Parkway," Kiwanis Club of Tobaccoland, Durham, NC, 25 July 2005.
- Discussion of the history of the Blue Ridge Parkway on *The State of Things* with Melinda Penkava, WUNC Radio, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, air date 30 October 2003.
- "The Blue Ridge Parkway: Myth and History." Chapel Hill Historical Society, Chapel Hill, NC, 5 November 1995.

Career Planning and Public History Presentations

- "State of History in the National Parks: Project Update," National Council on Public History, Portland, OR, 13 March 2010.
- Panelist, "Working 9 to 5 while Practicing History" Working Group, National Council on Public History, Portland, OR, 12 March 2010.
- "Jobs Beyond the Academy," Workshop for graduate students, History Department, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 15 February 2010.
- Panelist, "Launching and Sustaining A Successful Consulting Practice," National Council on Public History, Providence, RI, 3 April 2009.
- "Talking about Non-Academic Jobs for Ph.D.s," workshop for the Graduate History Society, UNC-Chapel Hill, 19 March 2009.
- "Public History as Scholarly Engagement," panel presentation at the "Campus Dialogue on Engagement: Incentives and Rewards for Engaged Scholarship," UNC-Chapel Hill, 9 January 2009.
- "Public History as an Intellectual Endeavor or Challenge," panel presentation as part of session on "Essential Knowledge, Skills, Experiences for Public History Professionals," American Historical Association, New York, NY, 3 January 2009.
- Moderator and panelist, "This Historian's Life: Careers for Historians in the Twenty-First Century," workshop session, American Historical Association, Washington, DC, 5 January 2008.
- Moderator and co-organizer for "Beyond the Tenure-Track: Exploring Multiple Career Options in the Humanities and Social Sciences," workshop sponsored by The Graduate School, UNC-Chapel Hill, 27 September 2006.

- Local coordinator for “WRK4US,” a national discussion list on non-academic careers for Ph.D.s in the humanities and social sciences, housed at Duke University from 2006ff.
- “From ‘Why Study History’ to Creating an Effective PhD Placement Program,” Workshop presentation, Organization of American Historians, Washington, DC, 21 April 2006.
- “Professional Careers for Historians: Negotiating a Multi-Pronged Job Search,” Workshop conducted for graduate student placement program, History Department, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 17 September 2004, 14 October 2005, and 6 October 2006.
- Co-leader of session on “Demystifying Conferences” for the monthly meeting of Triangle-area Feminist Women in History, Durham, NC, 28 October 1994.

Other Presentations

- Session Chair, “Historians and the Media (Old and New): A Roundtable Discussion,” National Council on Public History annual meeting, Louisville, KY, April 11, 2008.
- Session Chair, “Preserving Scenic Corridors and Telling Our Story: Scenic Byways and Interpretation of our Transportation History,” 12th National Conference on Planning History, organized by the Society for American City and Regional Planning History, Portland, ME, October 26, 2007.
- Guest, with Charles Frazier, of hosts Doris Betts and Darrell Stover, on National Public Radio program “Storylines Southeast” discussing Frazier’s *Cold Mountain*. Broadcast from WUNC-Radio, Chapel Hill, NC, November 7, 1999.
- “Some Thoughts on Teaching with *Cold Mountain*.” Part of a Roundtable on “The Power of Place in Charles Frazier’s *Cold Mountain*,” Appalachian Studies Association meeting, Abingdon, VA, March 21, 1999.

SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

- Advisory Board, Documenting the American South, University Libraries (2009-present)
- Association for Women Faculty and Professionals, UNC-CH (2007-present)
 - Board Member (2007-present)
 - Vice President (2008-09)
 - President (2009-10)
- Tar Heel Bus Tour
 - Participant (2007)
 - Presenter (2008)
- Provost’s Ad-Hoc Committee on Center for Faculty Excellence (Spring 2007)
- 10th Anniversary Planning Committee, Carolina Women’s Center (2006-07)

SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP AT DUKE UNIVERSITY

- Office of Staff and Labor Relations Dispute Settlement Panel (2005-06)
- Membership Committee, Administrative Women’s Network (2005-06)
- Women’s Initiative Communications Task Force (Fall 2003)
- Volunteer Facilitator for Women’s Initiative focus groups (2002-03)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Historical Association (1996-)
- Appalachian Studies Association (1994-)
- Coordinating Committee for Women in History (2003-06)
- Historical Society of North Carolina (elected membership, 2008-)
- National Council on Public History (2003-)
 - Graduate Student Project Committee (Chair, 2007-08)
 - Program Committee (2008, 2010 meetings)
- Organization of American Historians (1996-)
 - National Park Service Committee (2008-12)
- Southern Association for Women Historians (1989-2004)
- Southern Historical Association (1989-2003)
- Society for American City and Regional Planning History (2007-09)

AWARDS

Post-Doctoral Award

- Phi Alpha Theta Manuscript Award, \$500 (2000)

At the University of North Carolina

- Dissertation was a finalist for Allan Nevins Prize of Society of American Historians (1998)
- Doris G. Quinn Dissertation Writing Year Fellowship, Department of History, \$7000 (1996-97)
- Mowry Grant for Dissertation Research, Department of History, \$1000 (1995)
- Archie K. Davis Grant, North Caroliniana Society, \$500 (1995)
- Research Travel Grant, Franklin & Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, Hyde Park, NY, \$1400 (1994)
- Off-Campus Dissertation Research Grant, The Graduate School, UNC-Chapel Hill, \$1000 (1994)
- Teaching and Research Assistantships, Department of History, approx. \$7500/year (1990-1992, 1994-1996)
- Waddell Memorial Fellowship, Department of History, approx. \$7500 (1989-1990)

At Birmingham-Southern College

- Phi Beta Kappa
- Robert Hewlin Jackson Award (class valedictorian) (1989)
- Henry T. Shanks Prize (outstanding senior humanities major) (1989)
- Bert Meadow McTyeire Scholarship (for history major) (1987-1989)
- Honors Scholarship (1985-1989)
- Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society
- Phi Sigma Iota Foreign Language Honor Society
- Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society
- Mortar Board Leadership Honor Society

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND FINANCIAL SYSTEMS SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

- Adobe Illustrator
- Adobe Pagemaker
- Adobe Photoshop
- Corel WordPerfect
- Email clients (including Lotus Notes, Netscape Mail, Eudora Mail, Mozilla Thunderbird)
- Microsoft Access
- Macromedia Dreamweaver and web design
- Microsoft Excel
- Microsoft PowerPoint
- Microsoft Publisher
- Microsoft Word
- Oracle Calendar
- Quicken
- SAP R/3 (Duke University financial management software)
- ProCite (database software)
- Optical character recognition software and scanners
- WordPress
- Zotero (database software)