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Education

Ph.D. History, Purdue University (West Lafayette, IN), 2015

M.A. History, Kent State University (Kent, OH), 1994

B.A. History, Kent State University (Kent, OH), 1988

B.A. Political Science, Kent State University (Kent, OH), 1988

Minor Certificate Geography, Kent State University (Kent, OH), 1988

Professional Experience

Instructor of History, Ball State University, 2008-present

Visiting Professor of History, Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis, 1996-2000 and 2004-present

Visiting Assistant Professor of History, The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina, 2000-2004

Teaching Assistant, Purdue University, 1996-2000

Lecturer, Kent State University's Geneva, Switzerland Program, spring semester 1990

Selected Publications and Presentations

- Political Football: Race, College Football and the Troubled Path to Desegregation in the 1960s. Book manuscript, (basis for HBO Documentary, *Breaking the Huddle*). Currently under solicited consideration.
- Rising Tide: Bear Bryant, Joe Namath, and Dixie's Last Quarter. Co-authored with Randy Roberts (NY: Twelve, 2013).
- "Changing Gears Interactive Documentary." Project Historian. Project director, James J. Connolly, Ball State University Center for Middletown Studies.
- *Namath.* Special contributing assistant to the director. Home Box Office (dir. Joe Lavine). Premier airdate: 28 January 2012 at 9:00 P.M., EST.
- Black Baseball in Indiana. Consultant and commentator. Project director, Geri Strecker, Virginia B. Ball Center for Creative Inquiry. Premier showing: 27 April 2011, 6:30 P.M., EST at Cornerstone Center for the Performing Arts, Muncie, Indiana.
- Fourteenth Annual Student History Conference. Panel chair, "Perspectives on War in the American Tradition." Ball State University, 27 February 2011.
- "Celluloid Alliance: NATO at the Movies." Invited paper presented at Lemnitzer Center for NATO and European Union Studies' Guest Speaker Series (Kent, Ohio), Fall 2010.
- Breaking the Huddle: The Integration of College Football. Special contributing assistant to the director and commentator. Home Box Office (dir. Joe Lavine). Premier airdate: 16 December 2008 at 10:00 P.M., EST.
- Research historian for Bob McGinn, *The Ultimate Super Bowl Book: A Complete Reference to the Stats, Stars, and Stories Behind Football's Biggest Game—And Why the Best Team Won* (Minneapolis, MN: MVP Books, 2009).

- "Ashes to Asphalt." Indianapolis Monthly (Volume 31, Issue 4, December 2007): 90-95.
- "Hidden Talent." Indianapolis Monthly (Volume 31, Issue 2, October 2007): 74-84.
- Mid-American Conference [revised and updated from *ESPN College Football Encyclopedia*], *ESPN Big Ten Encyclopedia*. Edited by Michael MacCambridge (NY: ESPN Books, 2007).
- Oral historian/researcher for William C. Rhoden, *Third and a Mile: The Trials and Triumph of the Black Quarterback* (NY: ESPN Books, 2007).
- "Akron." *The American Midwest: An Interpretive Encyclopedia* (Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 2007): 1172-73.
- Research editor, Super Bowl XL Opus (London: Kraken Media and Sports, 2006).
- "On the Initial Sack: Goose Tatum—Two-Sport Star." *NINE: A Journal of Baseball History and Culture* (Volume 14, Number 2, Spring 2006): 59-67.
- "Shifting Inspiration." Indianapolis Monthly (Volume 29, Issue 8, March 2006): 102-05.
- "Saturday Matinees: College Football Goes to the Movies" (52-57). "Mid-American Conference": Akron (72-75), Ball State (136-43), Bowling Green (166-75), Buffalo (182-85), Central Florida (194-99), Central Michigan (200-07), Eastern Michigan (264-71), Kent State (400-07), Marshall (456-63), Miami (OH) (488-95), Northern Illinois (620-25), Ohio (646-53), Toledo (876-83), Western Michigan (1006-13). All in ESPN College Football Encyclopedia: The Complete History of the Game from 1869 to the Present. Edited by Michael MacCambridge (NY: ESPN Books, 2005).
- "William Styron's *The Confessions of Nat Turner*." *Chickenbones: A Journal for Literary and Artistic African-American Themes* (June 2005): www.nathanialturner.com
- "Fulcrum of Change: Boxing and Society at a Crossroads." *The International Journal of the History of Sport* (Volume 21, Number 2, March 2004): 161-79.
- "Teaching Media and Sports: Keeping Academic Focus in the 'Toy Department." Panelist at the Eighty-Sixth Annual Meeting of the *Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication* (Kansas City, Missouri), August 2, 2003.
- Director. "The Citadel Inaugural Sports Film Festival." (Wednesdays, June 2002).
- "Possession in the Rigging': Indian Captivity Narrative in John Barth's *The Sot-Weed Factor*." *Solander: The Magazine of the Historical Novel Society* (Volume 6, Number 1, May 2002): 33-36.
- "Bontemps's Black Thunder." The Explicator (Volume 6, Number 1, Fall 2001): 42-44.
- "Joe Namath and the Rise of Television." Guest lecture for The Citadel Program for Senior Scholars held at the Citadel Beach House (Charleston, South Carolina), 2 May 2001.
- Commentator. ESPN Classic's *Sportscentury and Beyond*, "Joe Namath." Original airdate: 22 January 2001.
- "For Fun or Function? Recreation and Class in *Great Expectations*." *Aethlon: The Journal of Sport Literature* (XVI: 2 Spring 1999): 85-96.
- "There's Something about Harry: *To Have and Have Not* as Novel and Film." *Bright Lights Film Journal* (Issue 25, August 1999): www.brightlightsfilm.com
- "Two Lives in a Season: Joe Namath at Beaver Falls High School, 1960," paper presented at the Sixty-Fifth Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Historical Association held at Penn State University (State College, Pennsylvania), October 1996.
- "By the Book': African-Americans in John Ford's Films," paper presented at the University of South Carolina's Eighth Annual History Symposium, titled "American History and Film," South Carolina State Museum (Columbia, South Carolina), April 1996.

Editorial Assistant, *NATO After Forty Years*, Lawrence S. Kaplan *et al*, eds. (Wilmington, DE: SR Inc., 1990).

Several dozen book reviews in newspapers and professional journals.

More than fifty radio and television interviews.

Selected Academic Honors

Favorite Professor, Ball State Field Hockey Team (Fall 2010 and Fall 2011), Women's Volleyball Team (Fall 2009 and Fall 2011), Men's Volleyball Team (Spring 2011)

IUPUI 21 Club: Community Members That Had a Significant Impact on First-Year Students (2007)

IUPUI Jaguars Favorite Professor Award (2005-06 to 2007-08 Academic Years, inclusive)

Top-rated Teaching Professor, The Citadel Department of History (2000-04, each semester, inclusive)

Top-ranked Teaching Professor, IUPUI Department of History (1999)

Purdue University Department of History, Tuition Waiver/Teaching Fellowship (1994-98)

Purdue University Department of English—65th Annual Literary Awards, "Novel-in-Progress" (1996)

Purdue University Department of History, Travel Grant (1996)

Kent State University Center for International and Comparative Programs, Travel Stipend (1990)

Kent State University Department of History, Tuition Waiver/Teaching Assistantship (1988-90)

Lyman L. Lemnitzer Center for NATO Studies, Summer Research Assistantship (1989)

Officer, Psi Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta (the history honorary) (1989)

Kent State University Department of Political Science, Undergraduate Representative (1986-88)

National Model NATO (Howard University), Kent State University Representative (1987)

Lyman L. Lemnitzer Center for NATO Studies Associate (1986)

Kent State University, Presidential Scholarship for Undergraduate Study (1984)

Courses Taught

Senior Research Project (Ball State History 440)

The West in the World (Ball State History 150)

20th Century U.S. Military History (Ball State History 360)

Pacific Theater of World War II (Ball State History 360)

The Cold War (Ball State History 360)

A History of NATO (Ball State History 360)

History of Sports (Ball State History 205)

History of the United States I

History of the United States II

Western Civilization I

Western Civilization II

Sports and Film

Modern Europe, since 1945

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Major Field Examinations

American History (Standard Departmental, Purdue University Department of History)
American Popular Culture (Randy Roberts, Purdue University Department of History)
Military History (Gunther Rothenberg, Purdue University Department of History)
Modern American Literature (Robert Lamb, Purdue University Department of English)
North Atlantic Treaty Organization (Lawrence Kaplan, Kent State University Department of History and the Lyman L. Lemnitzer Center for NATO Studies)