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EMPLOYMENT

2017–present	Karl J. Weintraub Professor Emeritus, Department of History and The College, University of Chicago
2007–2016	Karl J. Weintraub Professor, Department of History and The College, University of Chicago
2005–2008	Master of the Social Sciences Collegiate Division, Deputy Dean of the Division of the Social Sciences, Associate Dean of the College, University of Chicago
2002–2003	Visiting Professor, Department of History and Medieval Institute, University of Notre Dame
1999–2000	Visiting Professor, Corcoran Department of History, University of Virginia
1983–2007	Assistant Professor of History and The College (1983–90), Associate Professor of History and The College (1990–98), Professor of History and The College (1999–2007), University of Chicago
1979–1983	Preceptor in History (1979–81), Lecturer in History (1981–83), Columbia University

DEGREES

1981	Ph.D. in History, with distinction, Columbia University
1978	M.Phil. in History, Columbia University
1976	M.A. in History, Columbia University
1969	Abitur, Beethoven-Gymnasium, Bonn

EDUCATION

1975–81	Columbia University, New York
1974–75	Ruprecht-Karls-Universität, Heidelberg
1972–74	Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität, Bonn
1969–71	Military service, Murnau
1961–69	Beethoven-Gymnasium, Bonn

GRANTS, HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS

- 2014 "Shaking Historicism: A Symposium Honoring Constantin Fasolt." Department of History. University of Chicago
- 2013–14 University of Chicago, Sabbatical Leave
- 2009–10 University of Chicago, Sabbatical Leave
- 2007 University of Chicago, First holder of the Karl J. Weintraub Chair, The College
- 2005 University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand, William Evans Visiting Fellow (by invitation)
- 2004 University of Chicago Nominee for the 2006 Robert Foster Cherry Award for Great Teaching
- 2003–04 Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Fellowship
- 2003–04 American Council of Learned Societies, Fellowship (declined)
- 2002–03 University of Notre Dame, Visiting Professor of History, Department of History and Medieval Institute
- 2000 Herzog August Bibliothek, Wolfenbüttel, Summer Research Fellowship (by invitation)
- 1999–2000 University of Virginia, Visiting Professor of History, Corcoran Department of History
- 1996–97 John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, Fellowship
- 1996–97 National Humanities Center, Gladys Krieble Delmas Foundation Fellowship
- 1995 Max-Planck-Institute for European Legal History, Frankfurt, Summer Research Fellowship
- 1993–94 1997–98, 2001–03, University of Chicago, History Incentive Grants
- 1993 Reed College, Portland, Oregon, President's Lecture
- 1991–92 University of Chicago, Research Leave of Absence
- 1989 University of Chicago, Llewellyn John and Harriet Manchester Quantrell Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching
- 1987–88 1992–93, 1998–99, 2003–06, University of Chicago, Social Science Research Grants
- 1985–86 Institute for European History, Mainz, Research Fellowship
- 1985–86 American Philosophical Society, Research Grant
- 1981–83 Columbia University, Society of Fellows in the Humanities, Mellon Foundation Fellowship
- 1976–77 Germanistic Society of America, Fellowship
- 1976–79 Columbia University, President's Fellowship
- 1975–76 Columbia University, Graduate School Fellowship

BOOKS

Projected: *Separation of State and Church: The Past and Future of Sacred and Profane*. For submission to Woodrow Wilson Center Press.

In progress: *States of Shock: Europe and Its History*. For submission to University of Virginia Press.

- 2020 Osvaldo Cavallar and Julius Kirshner. *Jurists and Jurisprudence in Medieval Italy: Texts and Contexts*. With the help of Constantin Fasolt. Toronto Studies in Medieval Law, vol. 4. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2020. (Note: my role is acknowledged on p. v of the print version, but p. v is omitted from the online version.)

- 2014 *Past Sense: Studies in Medieval and Early Modern European History*. Studies in Medieval and Reformation Traditions, 182. Leiden: Brill, 2014.
- 2005 Hermann Conring's *New Discourse on the Roman-German Emperor*. Ed. and trans. Constantin Fasolt. Medieval and Renaissance Texts and Studies, 282. Tempe, AZ: Arizona Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, 2005.
- 2004 *The Limits of History*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2004. I know of reviews in more than a dozen scholarly journals.
- 1993–present: General Editor of *New Perspectives on the Past*, a series of monographs founded by R. I. Moore in 1983 variously published by Cornell University Press, Blackwell, and Wiley. The following books were published during my editorship: David Arnold, *The Problem of Nature* (1996); Ernest Gellner, *Nations and Nationalism*, 2nd edition (2006); Francis Oakley, *Kingship* (2006); William Ray, *The Logic of Culture* (2001); Bruce Trigger, *Sociocultural Evolution* (1998); David Turley, *Slavery* (2000); Merry Wiesner, *Gender in History* (2001). Michael Adas, *Locating World History*, is in progress.
- 1991 *Council and Hierarchy: The Political Thought of William Durant the Younger*. Cambridge Studies in Medieval Life and Thought, 4th series, ed. David Luscombe. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1991. I know of reviews in more than twenty scholarly journals.

ARTICLES, CHAPTERS, ESSAYS, AND OTHER PUBLISHED WRITINGS (SELECTED)

- 2015 "History, Law, and Justice: Empirical Method and Conceptual Confusion in the History of Law." In "*Law As . . .*" III—Glossolalia: *Toward a Minor (Historical) Jurisprudence*. Ed. Christopher L. Tomlins. *UC Irvine Law Review* 5 (2015): 413–62.
- 2014 "Introduction: A Program of Research." In *Past Sense: Studies in Medieval and Early Modern European History*, by Constantin Fasolt, 1–106. Leiden: Brill, 2014.
- 2013 "Breaking up Time—Escaping from Time: Self-Assertion and Knowledge of the Past." In *Breaking Up Time: Negotiating the Borders between Present, Past and Future*, ed. Chris Lorenz and Berber Bevernage, 176–96. Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2013.
- 2012 "Saving Renaissance and Reformation: History, Grammar, and Disagreements with the Dead." *Religions* 3 (2012): 662–80. Reprinted in *From the Renaissance to the Modern World: A Tribute to John M. Headley*, ed. Peter Iver Kaufman (Basel: MDPI, 2013), 68–86.
- 2011 "Scholarship and Periodization." *History and Theory* 50 (2011): 414–24. Review Essay of Kathleen Davis, *Periodization and Sovereignty: How Ideas of Feudalism and Secularization Govern the Politics of Time*, Middle Ages series (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2008).
- "Respect for the Word: What Calvin and Wittgenstein Had against Images." In *John Calvin, Myth and Reality: Images and Impact of Geneva's Reformer. Papers of the 2009 Calvin Studies Society Colloquium*, ed. Amy Nelson Burnett, 165–90. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2011.
- 2008 "Hegel's Ghost: Europe, the Reformation, and the Middle Ages." *Viator* 39 (2008): 345–86.
- 2007 "Religious Authority and Ecclesiastical Governance." In *The Renaissance World*, ed. John Jeffries Martin, 364–80. London: Routledge, 2007.

- "Recentering the West: A Forum," by John M. Headley, Sanjay Subrahmanyam, Constantin Fasolt, and John M. Hobson. *Historically Speaking* 9, no. 2 (Nov/Dec 2007): 9–19. Reprinted in *Recent Themes in World History and the History of the West: Historians in Conversation*, ed. Donald A. Yerxa, 98–103. Columbia, SC: University of South Carolina Press, 2009.
- "Hermann Conring and the European History of Law." In *Politics and Reformations: Histories and Reformations. Essays in Honor of Thomas A. Brady, Jr.*, ed. Christopher Ocker, Michael Printy, Peter Starenko, and Peter Wallace, 113–34. Studies in medieval and Reformation traditions, v. 127. Leiden: Brill, 2007.
- 2006 "History and Religion in the Modern Age." *History and Theory, Theme Issue* 45 (2006): 10–26.
- 2005 "Red Herrings: Relativism, Objectivism, and Other False Dilemmas." *Storia della storiografia* 48 (2005): 17–26.
- "Empire the Modern Way." *Disquisitions on the Past & Present* 13 (2005): 73–82.
- "The Limits of History: An Exchange," by Constantin Fasolt, Allan Megill, and Gabrielle M. Spiegel. *Historically Speaking* 6, no. 5 (May/June 2005): 5–17.
- 2004 "Political Unity and Religious Diversity: Hermann Conring's Confessional Writings and the Preface to Aristotle's *Politics* of 1637." In *Confessionalization in Europe, 1555–1700: Essays in Honor and Memory of Bodo Nischan*, ed. John M. Headley, Hans J. Hillerbrand, and Anthony J. Papalas, 319–45. Aldershot: Ashgate, 2004.
- 2002 "Report on Enrollment and Teaching, 1996 to 2001," *University of Chicago Record, August 15, 2002* 37/1 (2002): 1–7.
- 2001 "Europäische Geschichte, zweiter Akt: Die Reformation." In *Die deutsche Reformation zwischen Spätmittelalter und Früher Neuzeit*, ed. Thomas A. Brady, 231–50. Munich: R. Oldenbourg, 2001.
- "Hermann Conring and the Republic of Letters." In *Die europäische Gelehrtenrepublik im Zeitalter des Konfessionalismus. The European Republic of Letters in the Age of Confessionalism*, ed. Herbert Jaumann, 141–53. Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz, 2001.
- "Author and Authenticity in Conring's *New Discourse on the Roman-German Emperor*: A Seventeenth-Century Case Study." *Renaissance Quarterly* 54 (2001): 188–220.
- "Voluntarism and Conciliarism in the Work of Francis Oakley." *History of Political Thought* 22 (2001): 41–52.
- 1998 "Sovereignty and Heresy." In *Infinite Boundaries: Order, Disorder, and Reorder in Early Modern German Culture*, ed. Max Reinhart, 381–91. Kirksville, MO: Sixteenth Century Essays & Studies, 1998.
- 1997 "A Question of Right: Hermann Conring's 'New Discourse on the Roman-German Emperor'." *Sixteenth Century Journal* 28 (1997): 739–58.
- "William Durant the Younger and Conciliar Theory." *Journal of the History of Ideas* 58 (1997): 385–402.
- 1996 "Texts, Society, and Time, or: Why it Helps to Read Great Books." Published online by Fathom at <http://fathom.lib.uchicago.edu/1/77777760806/>.

- "William Durant the Younger in the History of the Conciliar Theory." In *The Vital Nexus: Representation, Consent and Papal Authority*, ed. Arthur P. Monahan and John R. MacCormack, 20–8. Halifax, Nova Scotia: Institute of Human Values, Saint Mary's University, 1996. Translated into Chinese by Wei Zhao and submitted for publication in *Collected Papers of History Studies* (2018).
- 1995 "Visions of Order in the Canonists and Civilians." In *Handbook of European History, 1400–1600: Late Middle Ages, Renaissance and Reformation*, ed. Thomas A. Brady, Jr., Heiko Oberman, and James Tracy, 2:31–59. Leiden: Brill, 1995.
- 1992 "Die Rezeption der Traktate des Wilhelm Durant d. J. im späten Mittelalter und in der frühen Neuzeit." In *Das Publikum politischer Theorie im 14. Jahrhundert: Zu den Rezeptionsbedingungen politischer Philosophie im späteren Mittelalter*, ed. Jürgen Miethke, 61–80. Munich: Oldenbourg, 1992.
- 1991 "Quod omnes tangit ab omnibus approbari debet: The Words and the Meaning." In *In Iure Veritas: Studies in Canon Law in Memory of Schafer Williams*, ed. Steven Bowman and Blanche Cody, 21–55. Cincinnati, OH: University of Cincinnati, College of Law, 1991.
- 1989 "From Helmstedt via Mainz to Paris: Hermann Conring and Hugues de Lionne." In *Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Western Society for French History, 16*, ed. Gordon C. Bond, 126–34. Auburn: Western Society for French History, 1989.
- 1988 "At the Crossroads of Law and Politics: William Durant the Younger's 'Treatise' on Councils." *Bulletin of Medieval Canon Law* n. s. 18 (1988): 43–53.
- 1987 "Conring on History." In *Supplementum Festivum: Studies in Honor of Paul Oskar Kristeller*, ed. James Hankins, John Monfasani, and Frederick Purnell, 563–87. Binghamton, NY: Medieval and Renaissance Texts and Studies, 1987.
- Translation of Philippe Duplessis-Mornay, "Vindiciae contra Tyrannos." In *Early Modern Europe: Crisis of Authority*, ed. Eric Cochrane, Charles M. Gray, and Mark A. Kishlansky, trans. Constantin Fasolt, 103–37. University of Chicago Readings in Western Civilization, vol. 6. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1987.
- 1986 Translation of sections 6, 15, 29, 45, 58, 59, 61, 62, 64, 65, 69. In *Medieval Europe*, ed. Julius Kirshner and Karl F. Morrison, trans. Constantin Fasolt, 55–66, 87–95, 164–9, 304–12, 360–7, 369–77, 383–402, 434–46. University of Chicago Readings in Western Civilization, vol. 4. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1986.
- Revised Lists of Suggested Readings. In *History of Western Civilization: A Handbook*, by William H. McNeill. 6th ed. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1986.
- 1981 "A New View of William Durant the Younger's 'Tractatus de modo generalis concilii celebrandi'." *Traditio* 37 (1981): 291–324.
- 1980 "Die Erforschung von Wilhelm Durant d. J. 'Tractatus de modo generalis concilii celebrandi': Eine kritische Übersicht." *Annuario Historiae Conciliorum* 12 (1980): 205–28.
- 1978 "The Manuscripts and Editions of William Durant the Younger's 'Tractatus de modo generalis concilii celebrandi'." *Annuario Historiae Conciliorum* 10 (1978): 290–309.
- Reviews in *American Historical Review*, *Bryn Mawr Reviews*, *German History*, *Journal of Modern History*, *Renaissance Quarterly*, *Sixteenth Century Journal*.

CONFERENCE PAPERS, LECTURES, AND OTHER UNPUBLISHED WRITINGS (SELECTED)

- 2016 "Knowledge of the Past: Neither Theory nor Understanding." Invited participant in a panel at the annual meeting of the Social Science History Association, Chicago.
- First speaker at the History Graduate Student Associations student-faculty lunchtime events
- 2015 "Historical Methodology." Early Modern Workshop, University of Chicago.
- 2014 Commentator on papers by Marshall Sahlins and François Hartog for the concluding panel of "Varieties of Historical Experience." International conference organized by Stephan Palmié (University of Chicago) and Charles Stewart (University College London) for the Neubauer Collegium project on *The Anthropology of History*. University of Chicago.
- "Liberty & Fear: A History of Europe, 1000–2000." European Lecture Series of the Institute for International, Comparative and Area Studies. University of California-San Diego.
- "History, Law, and Justice: Empirical Method and Conceptual Confusion in the History of Law." International symposium "Law As ... III: Glossolalia – Creating a Multidisciplinary Historical Jurisprudence." University of California Irvine School of Law.
- 2013 Concluding Roundtable Discussant. International Conference on "Union and Disunion: Comparing Political Unions in the Late Medieval and Early Modern World, 1350–1801." Center for Renaissance Studies, Newberry Library, Chicago.
- "From Start to Finish: A Program of Research." Early Modern Workshop, University of Chicago.
- 2012 "Saving Renaissance and Reformation: History, Grammar, and Disagreements with the Dead." Early Modern Workshop. University of Chicago.
- Invited Panel Chair and Commentator. International Symposium on "Law As ... II: History as Interface for the Interdisciplinary Study of Law." University of California-Irvine School of Law.
- 2011 "Saving Renaissance and Reformation: Antiquity's Significance in European History." UNC Program in Medieval and Early Modern Studies Conference, "From the Renaissance to the Modern World: A Symposium in Honor of John Headley." University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.
- "Breaking up Time—Escaping from Time: Self-Assertion and Knowledge of the Past." Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies Workshop, "Breaking up Time: Settling the Borders between the Present, the Past and the Future," Freiburg. Also presented at the Early Modern Workshop, University of Chicago.
- 2010 "Religion and the Transmission of Knowledge." Panelist, Moderator, and Commentator. Graduate Student Conference on "Intellectual Exchange and Networks in Europe, 1500–1660: Approaches from the Humanities and Social Sciences," University of Chicago.
- 2009 "Respect for the Word: What Calvin and Wittgenstein Had against Images." Calvin Studies Society Colloquium. Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

- 2007 "Western Exceptionalism and Universality Revisited." Panel presentation by John M. Headley and Constantin Fasolt. History and Human Rights Workshop and Early Modern Workshop, University of Chicago.
- "Hegel's Ghost: Europe, the Reformation, and the Middle Ages." Early Modern Workshop, University of Chicago.
- 2006 "The History of Law and the Rise of Legal History in Early Modern Europe: Hermann Conring Reconsidered." Annual Conference of the American Society for Legal History, Baltimore.
- "Religious Authority and Ecclesiastical Governance, 1300–1700." Early Modern Workshop, University of Chicago.
- 2005 "History and Religion in the Modern Age." Conference on "Religion and History," *History and Theory*, Middletown, Connecticut.
- "From Universal Hierarchy to Individual Liberty: The Transformation of Religious Authority in Early Modern Europe." Public lecture, University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand.
- "The Limits of History." Colloquium, Department of History, University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand.
- "Red Herrings: Objectivism, Relativism, and Other False Dilemmas." International Commission on the History and Theory of Historiography, 20th International Congress of Historical Sciences, Sydney.
- 2004 "Hermann Conring and the European History of Law." Institute of History and Philology, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan.
- "Europe, the Reformation, and the Middle Ages." European History Colloquium, Department of History, Cornell University.
- "Interpersonal Networks and the Conduct of Politics in Early Modern Germany." Chair and Commentator, Conference Panel organized by Daniel Riches, Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Toronto.
- "Separation of Church and State: The Past and Future of Sacred and Profane." Fourth National Conference of The Historical Society, "Reflections on the Current State of Historical Inquiry," Boothbay Harbor, Maine.
- Invited Contributor, Symposium on "One Nation or Two? Modern History and the Crisis of the Federal Union" by Nicholas Onuf and Peter Onuf, International Center for Jefferson Studies, Charlottesville.
- "The Limits of History." Book launch, with commentary by Gabrielle M. Spiegel, Krieger-Eisenhower Professor of History, Johns Hopkins University, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, D.C.
- 2003 "Liberty and Fear of Barbarism in European History." Colloquium, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, D.C.
- "Empire the Modern Way." Annual Meeting of the Renaissance Society of America, Toronto.
- 2002 "Report on Enrollment and Teaching, 1996–2001." Deans' and Chairs' Meeting, University of Chicago, 27 September 2002.
- "Truth in History." Colloquium, Intellectual History Seminar, Notre Dame University.

- 2001 Invited contributor, "Liberty in Joseph Conrad's *Under Western Eyes*," Liberty Fund Colloquium, Toronto.
- 2000 "Religion in History." Fourth Midwest German History Workshop, University of Wisconsin, Madison.
- "States of Shock: Law and the European Frame of Mind." Four public lectures, Corcoran Department of History, University of Virginia, Charlottesville.
- "Blindsided by the Evidence." Lilly Colloquium, National Humanities Center, Research Triangle Park.
- 1999 "Europäische Geschichte, Zweiter Akt: Die Reformation." International Research Colloquium, "Die Deutsche Reformation zwischen Spätmittelalter und Früher Neuzeit," Historisches Kolleg, Munich.
- "Change of Paradigm in Early Modern Law." Division of Late Medieval and Reformation Studies, Thirty-Fourth International Congress of Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo.
- "Authoritative Christianity in Medieval Latin Europe." Annual Meeting of the American Society of Church History and the American Historical Association, Washington.
- 1998 "Colonialism Before Its Time." Second Midwest German History Workshop, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
- "The State of the Field: Observations on the Study of Early Modern Political Thought." Invited Contributor, Plenary Roundtable, Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Toronto.
- 1997 "The Shadow of the Emperor: Hermann Conring's Thoughts on History and Power." International Conference, "The European Republic of Letters," Herzog August Bibliothek, Wolfenbüttel.
- "A Question of Right: Hermann Conring's *New Discourse on the Roman-German Emperor*." Department of History, North Carolina State University, Raleigh.
- 1996 "What's the Subject?" Colloquium, National Humanities Center, Research Triangle Park.
- "Questions and Answers in Favor of the Core as Currently Understood and Practiced, or, How to Produce Intellectual Zest and Fearlessness." A manifest composed for the College Curriculum Group, University of Chicago, by Andrew Abbott, Constantin Fasolt, Wendy Olmsted, Richard Strier, and Peter Vandervoort.
- "Texts, Society, and Time." Plenary Address, Second Annual Conference of the Association for Core Texts and Courses, Philadelphia.
- 1995 "Sovereignty and Heresy." First International Conference of Frühe Neuzeit Interdisziplinär, Duke University.
- 1994 "Bartolus on the Lord of the World." Twenty-Ninth International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo.
- "The Emperor in Late Medieval Legal and Political Thought." Organizer, Conference Panel with Robert L. Benson (Chair), Constantin Fasolt, Steven G. Lane, and Cary Nederman. Twenty-Ninth International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo.

- Conference on "The Ancient World in Western Civilization." Co-organizer with Ian Morris and Richard Saller, Western Civilization Conference, University of Chicago, with papers by Barry S. Strauss (Cornell University), Virginia Hunter (York University), Carolyn Osiek (Catholic Theological Union at Chicago), and Richard Saller (University of Chicago).
- 1993 "Hermann Conring's *New Account of the Roman-German Emperor*." Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, St. Louis.
- "Liberal Education in a Historical Context." President's Lecture, Reed College, Portland, Oregon.
- 1992 "Renaissance and Reformation." Chair, Conference Panel with Birgit Stolt (University of Stockholm), Barbara Bauer (University of Munich), and James Murphy (University of California, Davis). Centennial Conference, "Rhetoric Old and New: From Notker to Nietzsche and Beyond," Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures, University of Chicago.
- 1991 "Leipzig in Early Modern Times." Frühe Neuzeit Interdisziplinär, Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Philadelphia.
- "The Conciliar Movement, the End of the Middle Ages, and the Beginning of Modern History." Inaugural Lecture, Division of the Social Sciences, University of Chicago.
- 1990 "The Semantics of Abuse: An Inquiry into the Causes of the Reformation." Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, St. Louis.
- "The Idea of Reform in the Fifteenth-Century Councils and Nicholas of Cusa: Ideals and Realities – In Honor of Gerhart B. Ladner." Chair and commentator, Twenty-Fifth International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo.
- 1989 "Die Rezeption der Traktate Wilhelm Durants d. J. im späten Mittelalter und der frühen Neuzeit." International Colloquium on "The Reception of Political Theory in the Later Middle Ages," Historisches Kolleg, Munich.
- "The German Idea of Freedom and the German Ideology." Symposium in Honor of Leonard Krieger, University of Chicago.
- 1988 Co-organizer with Julius Kirshner, Lectures on Early Modern European Legal and Political Thought by Robert Bireley (Loyola University), Thomas A. Brady, Jr. (University of Oregon), Kenneth Pennington, David Wootton, Alison Brown, Thomas A. Brady, Jr., and J. H. M. Salmon, Workshop on Political and Legal Thought in Early Modern Europe, University of Chicago.
- "Political Thought in Early Modern Times: Labels and Types." Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, St. Louis.
- 1987 "Reformation Manners: Reflections on the Change from Medieval to Modern Ways of Thought and Action." Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Tempe, Arizona.
- "Hermann Conring's Commentary on Machiavelli." Eleventh Annual Meeting of the German Studies Association, St. Louis.
- "Decline and Endings in Western Civilization." Co-presentation with Julius Kirshner, Conference on "Familiarizing Devices and the Study of Civilizations." University of Chicago.
- 1986 "Recht und Interesse: Das Konzil bei Wilhelm Durant d. J." Department of History, University of Heidelberg.

- 1984 "William Durant the Younger: Past Work and Future Problems." Department of History, University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign.
- 1983 "Origins of the Conciliar Theory: William Durant the Younger." Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, San Francisco.
- "The Political Context of Early Gallicanism and the Conciliar Theory." Department of History, University of Chicago.
- "Counsel or Consent? The Conciliar Theory of William Durant the Younger." Eighteenth International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo.
- 1978 "William Durant the Younger: The Origins of Conciliarism." Paper, Medieval Studies Conference, State University of New York, Stony Brook.

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (SELECTED)

Deputy Dean of the Division of the Social Sciences, Associate Dean of the College, Master of the Social Sciences Collegiate Division, University of Chicago, 2005–08

Chair, Council on Teaching, University of Chicago, 2001–03

Chair, Rhodes and Marshall Scholarships Committee, University of Chicago, 2004–05

Chair, "History of Western Civilization," University of Chicago, 1989–95

Chair, "Classics of Social and Political Thought," University of Chicago, 1998–99, 2002

Chair, "History of European Civilization," University of Chicago, 2004

Chair, Undergraduate History Program, University of Chicago, 1986–89

Chair, Curriculum Committee, Department of History, University of Chicago, 1988–89

Member, Collegiate Affairs Committee, Department of History, University of Chicago, 2014–15

Committee on Awards and Prizes, University of Chicago, 2012–15

Council on Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Chicago, 2005–08

Board of Computing Activities and Services, University of Chicago, 1993–96

Senior Fellow, Society of Fellows in the Liberal Arts, University of Chicago, 2002–05

Senior Adviser in the Social Sciences, University of Chicago, 1995–96, 1997–99

College Council, University of Chicago, 1988–91, 1993–96, 2000–03

Committee of the College Council, University of Chicago, 2000–02

College Admissions and Enrollment Committee, University of Chicago, 1990–92, 1997–99

College Curriculum Committee, University of Chicago, 1995–96

Fulbright Selection Committee, University of Chicago, 1983–2000

Association for Core Texts and Courses, Member of the Board, 1996–2000

H-WCiv, Member of the Editorial Board, 1994–present

H-Teach, Co-Moderator, 1993–94

Referee for American Council of Learned Societies, Guggenheim Foundation, MacArthur Foundation, Mellon Foundation, National Humanities Center, Herzog August Bibliothek, Newberry Library

Referee for manuscripts submitted to University of Chicago Press, University of Virginia Press, Blackwell Publishers, Hackett Publishing, American Historical Review, Journal of the History of Ideas, Journal of Modern History, Law and History Review, Law and Social Inquiry, Sixteenth Century Journal

External Reviewer, Interdisciplinary Undergraduate Programs, Faculty of Arts, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, 2005

LANGUAGES

German (native speaker)
French (read fluently, spoken with practice)
Latin (read fluently)
Russian (read slowly, spoken with practice)
Greek, Italian, Spanish, Dutch (read slowly)