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EDUCATION

- Princeton University, B.A. History, magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, 1979
- St. Andrews University, Scotland. Non-degree graduate fellowship in History, 1980
- George Mason University, M.A., American History/Public History, 1994
- University of New Hampshire, Ph.D., American History, 2010

EXPERIENCE

2010 to present: Public Historian and Independent Scholar, providing consulting, research, and programs to historical and humanities organizations, schools, and teacher seminars. Selected clients include:

- Freedom's Way National Heritage Area, Mass.
- Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, Mass.
- American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass.
- Historic Newton, The Jackson Homestead and Museum, Newton
- National Heritage Museum, Lexington, Mass.
- Lexington Historical Society, Lexington, Mass.

Previous Employment:

- University of New Hampshire, 2007-08. Teaching Assistant, Dept. of History, Durham, N.H.
- Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities. 2004-2006. Research Historian. Providing research and writing for "MassMoments," a program of daily radio scripts and web essays on moments in Massachusetts history.
- National Heritage Museum, Lexington, Mass. 2002-2003. Research Historian. Providing research for exhibition and curricula for "Seeds of Change," Lexington on April 19, 1775.
- Fruitlands Museum, Harvard, Mass., 1995-2002. Historian.
- Orchard House, Concord, Mass., 1994-1995.

PUBLICATIONS

- "Accompanying the Sick Poor in the 'New' City of Boston," New England Quarterly, forthcoming in December, 2025.
- "Sisterhood at Lexington," American History Magazine, April, 2022.
- "Words from a Love Story," Early American Magazine, December, 2021.
- "Half in Love with Death," American History Magazine, April 2021.
- "The Striped Pig," Early American Life, February, 2019.
- Review of "The Dorr Rebellion" website, Common-place, Fall, 2014.
- Crisis of Community: The Trials and Transformation of a New England Town, 1815-1848. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2014. Awarded the Peter J. Gomes Memorial Book Prize, Massachusetts Historical Society.

- "The Worlds of Lexington and Concord Compared," *The New England Quarterly*, Vol. 85, No. 1, March 2012.
- "From Sources to Stories: Reconstructing Revolutionary Lexington in the Classroom," *The History Teacher* Vol. 42, No. 4, August, 2009, pp. 497-506.
- "The Druggist's Apprentice: A Diary of Coming of Age in Antebellum Boston," in New England Diaries: The Dublin Seminar for New England Folk Life Annual Proceedings, 2007. Boston: Boston University, 2008.
- "Reckoning with the Parkers: Three Generations of Artisan Trade in Colonial and Early Republic Lexington (1736-1836)," Monograph, Lexington Historical Society, April, 2004.
- "We Have All Something to Do in the Cause of Freeing the Slaves": The Abolitionist Work of Mary White," in *Women's Work: The Dublin Seminar for New England Folk Life Annual Proceedings*, 2001. Boston: Boston University, 2002.
- Letters from the "Old Home Place": Selections from the White Family Collection at Old Sturbridge Village, 1997. Funded by the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities
- "Family Letters, Community History & a Balance of Expertise," CommonWealth, 1997.
- "The Diary of Mary White," Old Sturbridge Village Visitor, Fall, 1995.

AWARDS/GRANTS/FELLOWSHIPS

- Walter Muir Whitehill Prize, for a distinguished essay on early American history, 2025
- Peter J. Gomes Memorial Book Prize, for best book on Massachusetts history, 2015
- Elected Fellow, American Antiquarian Society, 2015
- Elected Fellow, Massachusetts Historical Society. 2015
- Massachusetts History Commendation for 2014, Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities. In recognition of 20 years of contribution to Massachusetts public history
- Fellow, New England Regional Fellowship Consortium (fellowships at the Massachusetts Historical Society, New Hampshire Historical Society, Rhode Island Historical Society, and the Schlesinger Library, Harvard University), 2014-15
- American Antiquarian Society, J. T. Last Fellow, 2013-14
- Massachusetts Historical Society, Cushing Research Fellowship, 2013-14
- University of North Carolina Press, Anniversary Endowment Fund and Authors Fund Award, 2013
- University of New Hampshire, Best Graduate Research Project in the year 2010, April 2011.
- University Dissertation Fellowship for 2009-10, University of New Hampshire.
- American History Dissertation Fellowship for 2008-2009, University of New Hampshire.
- University of New Hampshire Wilcox Prize (Graduate Research Paper), 2007.
- Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities, Scholar-in-Residence 1996-97, 2003-04.
- Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities Publication Grant, 1997.
- Old Sturbridge Village Research Fellowship, 1995.
- Evelyn Pugh Memorial Scholarship, George Mason University
- Rotary Foundation Graduate Fellowship, St. Andrews University, Scotland
- Presidential Scholar, State of Connecticut