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- EDUCATION:** Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, Ph.D., 1991.
- London School of Economics and Political Science, London, U.K., M.Sc., 1983.
- Allegheny College, Meadville, Pennsylvania, B.A., 1980.
- EXPERIENCE:** Professor of History, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, 1990 to present. Field: American Foreign Relations.
- BOOKS:** *Why America Fights: Patriotism and War Propaganda from the Philippines to Iraq*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2009.
- To Win the Peace: British Propaganda in the United States during World War II*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1997.
- ARTICLES:** “Fighting for Freedom: World War II and a Century of American War Propaganda” in *Justifying War*. David Welch and Jo Fox, editors. London: Palgrave Macmillan, forthcoming.
- “Crusaders vs. Barbarians: American Propaganda during World War I” in “Huns” vs. “Corned Beef”: *Representations of the Other in American and German Literature and Film on World War I*. Thomas F. Schneider and Hans Wagener, editors. Göttingen: V&R unipress, 2007. Pages 27-57.
- “‘As Far as We Can’: Culture and U.S. Foreign Relations” in *Blackwell’s Companion to the History of U.S. Foreign Relations*. Robert Schulzinger, editor. Oxford: Blackwell Publishing, July 2003. Pages 15-30.
- “Propaganda” in *The Oxford Companion to U. S. History*. Paul C. Boyer, editor in chief. New York: Oxford University Press, 2001.

- REVIEWS:** *American Historical Review, Diplomacy and Statecraft* (forthcoming), *Peace & Change, Political Science Quarterly*
- EDITORIALS:** “Thinking Through the Sales Pitch,” *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, November 8, 2009
- BLOG POSTS:** “Battlefields May Change But Propaganda Remains Constant,” NeimanWatchdog Ask This, February 2010, http://www.niemanwatchdog.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=ask_this.vi&askthisid=00446
- “Susan A. Brewer on *Why America Fights*” on *Concurring Opinions: Bright Ideas*, August 10, 2009, www.concurringopinions.com
- “War Stories: Explaining Why We Fight to the American Home Front,” on *History News Network*, August 3, 2009, hnn.us/articles/105401.html
- “The Page 99 Test: Susan A. Brewer’s ‘Why America Fights,’” on *The Page 99 Test*, July 5, 2009, page99test.blogspot.com
- “American War Propaganda Top Ten,” on Oxford University Press Blog, June 30, 2009, <http://blog.oup.com/2009/06/war-propaganda/> ; Also posted on *The Huffington Post*, July 1, 2009, www.huffingtonpost.com/susan-brewer/top-ten-american-war-prop_b_224314.html
- PRODUCER:** *The Progressive Legacy: Wisconsin Politics and Society since 1945*. 1995. Twelve-part video series featuring political leaders, citizen-activists, journalists, historians, and political scientists discussing the progressive tradition, Joseph McCarthy, civil rights, the Wisconsin Idea, Native American sovereignty, policy-making, environmentalism, and maverick candidates and campaigns.
- SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:** “Why America Fights,” presented at the international conference, “Justifying War: Propaganda, Politics and War in the Modern Age,” University of Kent, Canterbury, UK, July 2008.
- “Crusaders vs. Barbarians: American Propaganda during World War I,” invited lecture at an international and interdisciplinary conference, “Huns vs. Corned Beef: Representations of the Other in American and German Literature and Film on World War I,” University of California, Los Angeles, October 2006.

“Don’t Fence Me In’: Selling Internationalism to the American Public in World War II,” presented at the annual conference of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, University of Kansas, Lawrence, June 2006

“The Demise of the West/The Rise of the Western: Propaganda and the War in Iraq,” presented at the Culture and International History III Conference, Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main, Germany, December 2005

“People Need To Be Told Again And Again Why We Are There’: Explaining U.S. War Aims in Vietnam,” presented at the American Historical Association, Pacific Branch Conference, Vancouver, Canada, August 2001.

**SELECTED
CONFERENCE**

PARTICIPATION: Discussant in Round Table: “Author Meets Readers: William Hitchcock’s *The Bitter Road to Freedom: A New History of the Liberation of Europe*,” at the Council for European Studies Seventh Conference of Europeanists, Montreal, Canada, 2010.

Commentator on panel, “America’s Global Reputation: Public Diplomacy and International History,” at the annual conference of the Organization of American Historians, Seattle, Washington, 2009.

Commentator on panel, “Michael Moore’s *Fahrenheit 9/11: How One Film Divided a Nation*,” at the annual conference of the Organization of American Historians, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 2007.

Participant in Round Table, “Justifying Injustice: Promoting Wars through Propaganda and Memory,” at the annual conference of the Wisconsin Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 2004.

Chair and commentator on panel, “The League of Nations and the United States, 1926-1943,” at the annual conference of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, Austin, Texas, 2004.

Commentator on panel, “United States Foreign Relations, 1940-1960: The Interplay of Race, Citizen Activism, and Policy,” at the annual conference of Organization of American Historians, St. Louis, Missouri, 2000.

INTERVIEWS: KVVN Late Morning; Wisconsin Public Radio; Michelangelo Signorile Show on Sirius 109/XM 98; WSPT 1010 AM; "New Books in History," podcast, <http://newbooksinhistory.com?p=1040>

**SELECTED
FELLOWSHIPS
AND AWARDS:**

Focus Residency, "The Costs of War," Blue Mountain Center, Blue Mountain, New York, 2010
Eugene Katz Letters and Science Distinguished Faculty Award, UW-Stevens Point, 2010
University Personnel Development Grant, "Why America Fights," 2006, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
Resident Fellow at the Blue Mountain Center, Blue Mountain, New York, 2001
Fellow at the Institute for Research in the Humanities, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1995-1996
National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, 1995

**SELECTED
SERVICE:**

Member, George Louis Beer Prize Committee, American Historical Association, 2007- 2010
Chair, Department of History, UWSP, 2006-2007
Coordinator of International Studies and Peace Studies, UWSP, 2005-2007
Chair, Robert Ferrell Book Prize Committee, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, 2006-2007;
Member, 2005-2006
Chair, Myrna Bernath Book Award Committee, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, 2003-2004;
Member 2002-2003
Chair, Wisconsin Humanities Council, 2000-2002
Vice-Chair, Wisconsin Humanities Council, 1998-2000

MEMBER:

American Historical Association
Organization of American Historians
Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations