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EDUCATION

A.B., History, Magna Cum Laude, Boston College, 1972.
A.M., History, College of William and Mary, 1973.
M.S., Library Science, Simmons College, 1975.
Ph.D., History, Boston College, 1987.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1998-present: Department of History, Boston College.
Charles I. Clough Millennium Chair in History, 2006-present.
Professor, 2003-present; Associate Professor, 1998-2003; Acting Department Chair, 2002; Director, University Strategic Planning Initiative, 2003-2006.
Courses: History of American Religion; American Catholic History; Boston History; Study and Writing of History; Graduate Research Seminars.

1986-1998: Department of History, University of Massachusetts at Boston.
Associate Professor, 1993-1998; Assistant Professor, 1987-1993; Lecturer, 1987-1987.
Courses (undergraduate and graduate): U.S. History Survey; Historical Research and Methods; History of American Religion; History of Boston; Historiography.
Planned and directed archives concentration in history M.A. program.
Assistant Graduate Program Director for History Department (1986-1998); Graduate Program Director (1990-1991); Department Vice Chair (1991-1993, 1996);

1978-1986: Archivist, Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston.
Planned and directed archival program; supervised staff of 4; budget, facilities, and grants management.
Served as Governor's Appointee, Massachusetts Archives Commission, 1982-1983.

1974-1977: Archives, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Served successively as Assistant Chief (Archives Division), Acting State Archivist, and Deputy State Archivist.
Supervised staff of 10; budget, facilities, and grants management.

1974: Assistant Curator of Manuscripts and Rare Books, New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Mellon Foundation Research Fellowship in Modern Archives, Bentley Library,
University of Michigan: 1987, 1993, and 1997.
M. Claude Lane Award, Society of American Archivists: 1986.
Phi Beta Kappa: 1972.

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

The Faithful: A History of Catholics in America. Cambridge, Mass.: Belknap Press
of Harvard University Press, forthcoming spring 2008.
Winner, New England Historical Association Hanlan Prize, 2009.

Habits of Devotion: Catholic Religious Practice in Twentieth Century America (Edited).
Ithaca, New York: Cornell University Press, 2004.

Boston's Histories: Essays in Honor of Thomas H. O'Connor. Co-edited with David
Quigley. Boston: Northeastern University Press, 2004.

Passing for White: Race, Religion, and the Healy Family, 1820-1920. Amherst:
University of Massachusetts Press, 2002.
Book of the Month Club, Alternate Selection, May 2003.
New England Historical Association Book Award, 2003.
Georgia Historical Records Advisory Board Award for Excellence in Research, 2003.

The Records of American Business (Edited). Chicago: Society of American Archivists,
1997.
Winner, Leland Prize, Society of American Archivists, 1998.

Militant and Triumphant: William Henry O'Connell and the Catholic Church in Boston,
1859-1944. Notre Dame, Indiana: University of Notre Dame Press, 1992.

Understanding Archives and Manuscripts. Chicago: Society of American Archivists,
1990. Second edition, with Richard J. Cox, 2006.

Catholic Boston: Studies in Religion and Community, 1870-1970. Co-edited with
Robert E. Sullivan. Boston: Archdiocese of Boston, 1985.

Guide to the Archives of the Archdiocese of Boston. New York: Garland, 1982.
Winner, Leland Prize, Society of American Archivists, 1983.

Most recent articles:

“Riforma e Reazione: Le Strade dei Cattolici Americani,” Il Regno 16 (September 15, 2010): 560-563.

“Reinventing the Sacrament: American Catholics and Extreme Unction,” Josephinum Journal of Theology 16 (Winter/Spring 2009): 72-85.

“Boston’s Catholics and Their Bishops: A Comparative View,” Two Centuries of Faith: The Influence of Catholicism on Boston, 1808-2008, ed. by Thomas H. O’Connor (New York: Herder and Herder, 2009), 237-275.

“‘These Stray Letters of Mine’: Forgery and Self-Creation in the Letters of Cardinal William O’Connell,” New England Quarterly 81 (September 2008): 489-502.

“Studying Popular Devotional Life: The Work of Joseph Fichter and Others as Sources,” American Catholic Studies 119 #3 (Fall 2008): 1-20.

“The Six Ages of Catholicism in America,” Church Ethics and Its Organizational Context: Learning from the Sexual Abuse Scandal in the Catholic Church, ed. by Jean M. Bartunek, et al. (Lanham, Md.: Rowman and Littlefield, 2006), 31-41.

“Between Veneration and Loathing: Loving and Hating Documents,” Archives, Documentation, and Institutions of Social Memory: Essays from the Sawyer Seminar, ed. by Francis X. Blouin, Jr., and William G. Rosenberg (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2006), 43-53.

“Archives and Historical Accountability: Toward a Moral Theology of Archives,” Archivaria 58 (Fall 2004): 3-19.

“In the Court of Conscience: American Catholics and Confession, 1900-1975,” in Habits of Devotion, ed. O’Toole, 131-185.

“Catholics: Majority Faith with a Minority Mindset,” in Religion and Public Life in New England: Steady Habits, Changing Slowly, ed. Andrew Walsh and Mark Silk (Walnut Creek, California: Altamira, 2004), 41-60.

Complete list of other articles, encyclopedia entries and book reviews on request.

OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Catholic University of America, School of Library and Information Science.
Summer institute: Introduction to Archives, 1997, 1999, 2001, and 2003.

Western Archives Institute, Society of California Archivists, 1993 and 1995.

University of Hawaii, School of Library and Information Studies. Introduction to Archives Management, 1989.

University of Rhode Island, New England Studies Seminar. Religion and Ethnicity, 1981.

Northeastern University, Department of History. Archives Administration, 1976-1978.

CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

Boston Symphony Orchestra. Consultant in development of archives and records management program, 1989-1991. BSO Archives Committee, 1991-present.

Arthur and Elizabeth Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America, Radcliffe Institute, Harvard University. Advisory Committee, 1995-2002.

Martin Luther King, Jr., Center for the Study of Non-Violent Social Change, Atlanta. Consultant and expert witness in court case regarding the papers of Martin Luther King, Jr., 1993.

Religious Archives: Consultant in development of archives programs for the Diocese of Fort Worth, Texas (1988), the Archdiocese of Hartford, Connecticut (1982-1983), and Trinity Church (Episcopal), New York, New York (1980-1981).

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Catholic Historical Association. 1978-present.
Shea Book Prize Committee, 1995 and 1999-2000; chair, 2000.

American Historical Association. 1988-present.

Association of Canadian Archivists, 1989-present.

Association of Catholic Diocesan Archivists. 1982-present.
President, 1983-1985.

Colonial Society of Massachusetts. 1984-present.

Massachusetts Historical Society. Member, 1992-present; Fellow, 2000-present.

New England Archivists. 1974-present.
Executive Board, 1978-1981. President, 1981-1982.

New England Historical Association, 1990-present.
Vice President, 2001-2002; President, 2002-2003.

Organization of American Historians. 1975-present.

Society of American Archivists. 1975-present.

Executive Council, 1988-1992; Publications Editor, 1991-1994; Committee on
Education and Professional Development, 1986-1987 and 1995-1999; American
Archivist Editorial Board, 1994-2002. Elected Fellow of the Society, 1993.

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Books:

Basic Standards for Diocesan Archives: A Guide for Bishops, Chancellors, and Archivists. Chicago: Association of Catholic Diocesan Archivists, 1991.

From Generation to Generation: Stories in Catholic History from the Archives of the Archdiocese of Boston. Boston: St. Paul Editions, 1983.

Articles:

“Things Unseen: Teaching About Popular Devotions in American Catholic History,” American Catholic Studies 115 #2 (Spring 2004): 67-77.

“The O’Connell Century: From Triumph to Tragedy in Catholic Boston,” U.S. Catholic Historian 22 #2 (Spring 2004): 45-49.

“Portrait of a Parish: Race, Ethnicity, and Class in Boston’s Cathedral of the Holy Cross, 1865-1880,” in Boston’s Histories, ed. O’Toole and Quigley, 92-112.

“Introduction to the 2003 Reissue,” in Ernst Posner, Archives in the Ancient World (Chicago: Society of American Archivists, 2003; orig. pub. Harvard University Press, 1972), vii-xxvii.

“Cortes’s Notary: The Symbolic Power of Records,” Archival Science: International Journal on Recorded Information 2 (2002): 45-61.

“Archives on Trial: The Strange Case of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Papers,” in Archives and the Public Good, ed. by Richard J. Cox and David A. Wallace (Westport, Conn.: Quorum Books, 2002), 21-35.

“Here and There: Looking at Catholicism in New England,” U.S. Catholic Historian 18 #3 (Summer 2000): 13-27.

“Looking at Archives in Art,” American Archivist 63 (Spring/Summer 2000): 97-125; with Barbara L. Craig.

“‘Commendatory Letters’: An Archival Reading of the Venerable Bede,” American Archivist 61 (Fall 1998): 266-286.

“The Archival Curriculum: Where Are We Now?” Archival Issues 22 (Fall 1998):

103-116.

“Diocesan Archives: Twenty-Five Years of Preserving American Catholic History,” U.S. Catholic Historian 16, #1 (Winter 1998): 1-13.

“Racial Identity and the Case of Captain Michael Healy,” Prologue: Quarterly of the National Archives 29 (Fall 1997): 191-201.

“The Archival Educator as Advocate to the University and the Wider Community,” Janus (1997): 16-21.

“The Final Jewel in Mary’s Crown: American Responses to the Definition of the Assumption,” U.S. Catholic Historian 14, #4 (Fall 1996): 83-98.

“Passing: Race, Religion, and the Healy Family, 1820-1920,” Massachusetts Historical Society, Proceedings 108 (1996): 1-34.

“The Future of Archival History,” Provenance 13 (1995): 1-24.
Winner, D. B. Gracy Award, Society of Georgia Archivists, 1996.

“From Advent to Easter: Catholic Preaching in New York City, 1808-1809,” Church History 63 (1994): 365-377.

“On the Idea of Uniqueness,” American Archivist 57 (1994): 632-658.

“The Symbolic Significance of Archives,” American Archivist 56 (1993): 234-255.
Winner, Fellows-Posner Prize, Society of American Archivists, 1994.

“Whose Church Is It? Ethnic Tension and Church Organization in New England,” Bulletin de la Societe Historique Franco-Americain, nouvelle serie (1993): 86-94.

“‘The Newer Catholic Races’: Ethnic Catholicism in Boston, 1900-1940,” New England Quarterly 65 (1992): 117-134.

“American Catholics and the Missionary Impulse: A Commentary,” Records of the American Catholic Historical Society of Philadelphia 103 #3 (Winter 1992): 53-57.

“Herodotus and the Written Record,” Archivaria 33 (1992): 148-160.

“The Role of Bishops in American Catholic History: Myth and Reality in the Case of Cardinal William O’Connell,” Catholic Historical Review 77 (1991): 595-615.

“History and Tradition in American Catholicism: A Bicentennial Reflection,” in Faith Seeking Understanding: Learning and the Catholic Tradition, ed. George C. Berthold (Manchester, New Hampshire: St. Anselm College Press, 1991), 137-144.

- “Case Studies in Archives Program Development,” American Archivist 53 (1990): 548-560; with Larry J. Hackman et al.
- “Curriculum Development in Archival Education: A Proposal,” American Archivist 53 (1990): 460-466. Winner, Fellows-Posner Prize, Society of American Archivists, 1991.
- “The Name That Stood for Rome: William O’Connell and the Modern Episcopal Style,” in Patterns of Episcopal Leadership, ed. Gerald P. Fogarty (New York: Macmillan, 1989), 171-184.
- “On the Idea of Permanence,” American Archivist 52 (1989): 10-25.
- “Things of the Spirit: Documenting Religion in New England,” American Archivist 50 (1987): 500-517.
- “Reconstructing Catholic Family History,” chapter six of Generations and Change: Genealogical Perspectives in Social History, ed. Robert M. Taylor and Ralph J. Crandall (Macon, Georgia: Mercer University Press, 1986), 111-123. Reprinted in New York Irish History 5 (1991): 43-50.
- “Prelates and Politicos: Catholics and Politics in Massachusetts, 1900-1970,” in Catholic Boston (1985), ed. Sullivan and O’Toole, 15-65.
- “Reference Service in Catholic Diocesan Archives,” The Reference Librarian 13 (1985): 149-158.
- “What’s Different About Religious Archives?” The Midwestern Archivist 9 (1984): 91-101.
- “‘That Fabulous Churchman’: Toward a Biography of Cardinal O’Connell,” Catholic Historical Review 70 (1984): 28-44.
- “Archives Revival and the Future of Catholic History,” U. S. Catholic Historian 3 (1983): 87-102.
- “Catholic Diocesan Archives: A Renaissance in Progress,” American Archivist 43 (1980): 284-293.
- “Up From the Basement: Archives, History, and Public Administration,” Georgia Archive 6, #2 (1978): 18-21; with Andrew Raymond.
- “Catholic Church Records: A Genealogical and Historical Resource,” New England Historical and Genealogical Register 132 (1978): 251-263.

“Archives and the Flow of Records: Massachusetts as a Case Study,” Georgia Archive 4/2 (1976): 141-146; with Richard W. Hale, Jr.

“The Historical Interpretations of Samuel Adams,” New England Quarterly 49 (1976): 82-96.

“New England Reactions to the English Civil Wars,” New England Historical and Genealogical Register 129 (1975): 1-17 and 238-249.

Encyclopedia Entries:

The Papacy: An Encyclopedia, ed. by Philippe Levillain (New York: Routledge, 2002).
Entry on Americanism (1: 39-41).

American National Biography (New York: Oxford University Press, 1999).
Entries on Richard J. Cushing (5: 916-917), Benedict J. Fenwick (7: 823-824),
William H. O’Connell (16: 603-604), and Theodore R. Schellenberg (19: 364-365).

Encyclopedia of the Irish in America, ed. by Michael Glazier (Notre Dame, Indiana:
University of Notre Dame Press, 1999).
Entries on Boston (pp. 56-62) and Michael Morris Healy (pp. 383-384).

Encyclopedia of American Catholic History, ed. by Michael Glazier and Thomas J.
Shelley (Collegeville, Minnesota: Liturgical Press, 1997).
Entries on American Catholics, 1908-1965 (pp. 78-83), Richard Cardinal Cushing (pp.
403-404), James Augustine Healy (p. 624), and William Cardinal O’Connell (pp. 1069-
1070).

Review Essays:

“Democracy -- and Documents --in America,” American Archivist 65 (Spring/Summer
2002): 107-115.
Winner, Fellows-Posner Prize, Society of American Archivists, 2003.

“Do Not Fold, Spindle, or Mutilate: Double Fold and the Assault on Libraries,”
American Archivist 62 (2001): 385-393.

“Toward a Usable Archival Past: Recent Studies in the History of Literacy,” American Archivist 58 (1995): 86-99.

Book Reviews:

James Aho, Confession and Bookkeeping: The Religious, Moral, and Rhetorical Roots of Modern Accounting (2005), in American Archivist (Fall/Winter 2006): 540-542.

Louis L. Renner, Alaskana Catholica, A History of the Catholic Church in Alaska: A Reference Work in the Format of an Encyclopedia (2005), in Pacific Northwest Quarterly 97 (Summer 2006): 151-152.

Louise Fuller, "Irish Catholicism Since 1950: The Undoing of a Culture" (2004), in Irish Literary Supplement 25 #2 (Spring 2006): 8-9.

Maria Brosius, ed., Ancient Archives and Archival Traditions: Concepts of Record Keeping in the Ancient World (2003), in Journal of the Society of Archivists 25 (2004): 90-91.

David T. Gleeson, The Irish in the South, 1815-1877 (2001), in Catholic Historical Review 89 (April 2003): 339.

Janet Duitsman Cornelius, Slave Missions and the Black Church in the Antebellum South (1999), in South Carolina Historical Magazine 103 (April 2002): 175-177.

Peter Burke, A Social History of Knowledge: From Gutenberg to Diderot (2000) and Daniel R. Headrick, When Information Came of Age: Technologies of Knowledge in the Age of Reason and Revolution, 1700-1850 (2000) in Archival Science: International Journal on Recorded Information 1 (2002): 387-391.

Nancy Lusignan Schultz, Fire and Roses: The Burning of the Charlestown Convent, 1834 (2000) in Catholic Historical Review, 87 (October 2001): 767-768.

Authenticity in a Digital Environment, ed. Abby Smith (2000) in Portal: Libraries and the Academy 1 (October 2001): 537-539.

Gerald Gamm, Urban Exodus: Why the Jews Left Boston and the Catholics Stayed (1999) in Catholic Historical Review 86 (October 2000): 711-712.

A. G. Evans, Fanatic Heart: A Life of John Boyle O'Reilly, 1844-1890 (1997) in New England Quarterly 73 (June 2000): 332-335.

Kenneth J. Heineman, A Catholic New Deal: Religion and Reform in Depression Pittsburgh (1999) in Pennsylvania History 67 (Spring 2000): 448-449.

- Francis X. Blouin, Jr., ed., Vatican Archives: An Inventory and Guide to the Historical Records of the Holy See (1998) in American Archivist 62 (Spring 1999): 181-184.
- Frank Burke, Research and the Manuscript Tradition (1997) in The Public Historian 21 (Spring 1999): 120-122.
- Jaroslav Pelikan, Mary Through the Centuries: Her Place in the History of Culture (1996) in Cross Currents 47 (Winter 1997-1998): 572-574.
- Jacques Derrida, Archive Fever (1996) in Archival Issues 22 (Spring 1997): 87-90.
- Dorothy Ann Blatnica, "At the Altar of Their God": African American Catholics in Cleveland, 1922-1961 (1995), in Records of the American Catholic Historical Society of Philadelphia 108 (Spring/Summer 1997): 87-89.
- Charles R. Morris, American Catholic: The Saints and Sinners Who Built America's Most Powerful Church (1997) in Boston Sunday Globe, June 15, 1997, p. N19.
- Paula M. Kane, Separatism and Subculture: Boston Catholics, 1900-1920 (1994) in New England Quarterly 68 (1995):159-161.
- Elizabeth Shepherd, ed., Electronic Records in the New Millennium: Managing Documents for Business and Government (1994) in American Archivist 59 (Spring 1996): 356-358.
- Rosalind Thomas, Literacy and Orality in Ancient Greece (1992), in American Archivist 57 (1994): 572-574.
- R. Scott Appleby, "Church and Age Unite": The Modernist Impulse in American Catholicism 6 (1992), in Critical Review of Books in Religion (1993): 341-343.
- Jack Beatty, The Rascal King: The Life and Times of James Michael Curley, 1874-1958 (1992), in New England Quarterly 66 (1993): 500-502.
- Timothy A. Byrnes, Catholic Bishops in American Politics (1992), in Records of the American Catholic Historical Society of Philadelphia 103 (1992): 64-65.
- National Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators, Guide and Resources for Archival Strategic Preservation Planning (1990), in Midwestern Archivist 16 (1992): 128-131.
- Richard J. Cox, American Archival Analysis: The Recent Professional Development of Archivists in the United States (1989), in Archivaria 32 (1991): 157-158.
- William V. Harris, Ancient Literacy (1989), in American Archivist 53 (1990): 676-677.
- Marvin R. O'Connell, John Ireland and the American Catholic Church (1988), in New

England Quarterly 62 (1989): 461-464.

Jay P. Dolan, The American Catholic Experience: A History from Colonial Times to the Present (1985), in New England Quarterly 59 (1986): 585-588.

Mark J. Duffy, The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, 1784-1984 (1984), in New England Quarterly 58 (1985): 616-619.

Perry R. Duis, The Saloon: Public Drinking in Chicago and Boston, 1880-1920 (1983), in New England Quarterly 57 (1984): 301-303.

Andrew Oliver and James B. Peabody, eds., The Records of Trinity Church, Boston, 1728-1830 (1982), in New England Quarterly 56 (1983): 293-295.

David J. Russo, Families and Communities: A New View of American History (1974), in New England Historical and Genealogical Register 131 (1977): 304-305.

Louise K. Brown, A Revolutionary Town (1975), in New England Historical and Genealogical Register 129 (1975): 303-305.

Donna Merwick, Boston Priests, 1848-1910: A Study of Social and Intellectual Change (1973), in New England Historical and Genealogical Register 129 (1975): 71-73.