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Education

- B.A. Washington University, St. Louis, MO
Department of History, 1973, *Summa cum laude*
- M.A. University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
Department of American Civilization, 1974
- Ph.D. University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
Department of American Civilization, 1979

Academic Experience

Department of History, UNC-Charlotte

Assistant Professor, 1979-1985
Associate Professor, 1985-1992
Full Professor, 1992-1998

Administrative Experience

Coordinator of American Studies, 1985-1992

Assistant to the Chair, Dept. of History, 1991-1992
Graduate Coordinator, 1992-1993

Chair, Dept. of History, 1993-1998

Department of History, University of Delaware

Full Professor, 1998-

Administrative Experience

Chair, Department of History, 1998-

Publications and Research

A. Books

Beyond Sixty-Five: The Dilemma of Old Age in America's Past. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1983; paperback, 1985.

with Brian Gratton, Old Age and the Search for Security: An American Social History. (Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 1994 (hardback and paper). nominated for Beveridge Award, AHA, and Kalish Award, GSA.

with W. Andrew Achenbaum and Steven Weiland, Key Words in Sociocultural Gerontology (NY: Springer Publishing Co., 1996).

B. Refereed Articles and Book Chapters

"The Old Folks at Home: The Development of Institutional Care in Nineteenth-Century Philadelphia," The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography, Vol. CI, no. 2 (April 1977), 240-57.

"Mandatory Retirement in Nineteenth-Century America: The Conceptual Basis for a New Work Cycle," The Journal of Social History, Vol 12, no. 1 (Fall 1978), 77-97.

"Mandatory Retirement in Nineteenth-Century America: The Conceptual Basis for a New Work Cycle," in Family Life in America, 1600-2000. Edited by Mel Labin and Dominick Cavallo (New York: Revisionary Press, 1981), pp. 86-103.

"Geriatric: ei Spezial fach auf der Suche nach Spezialisten," Zeitschrift for Gerontologie , Vol. 17, no. 1 (January, February 1984), 26-31.

"From Senescence to Senility: The Transformation of Senile Old Age in the Nineteenth Century," International Journal of Aging and Human Development, Vol. 19, no. 1 (1984), 41-45.

"Geriatrics: A Specialty in Search of Specialists" in The Elderly in a Bureaucratic World. Edited by David D. Van Tassel & Peter N. Stearns. (Connecticut: Greenwood Press, 1986, 66-84.

Who's Looney Now?: The Insanity Case of John Armstrong Chaloner," Bulletin of the History of Medicine, Vol. 60

(June, 1986), 177-93.

with Brian Gratton, "Old Age, Public Welfare and Race: The Case of Charleston, South Carolina, 1800-1949," Journal of Social History, Vol. 21 (June, 1986), 263-79.

"Old Age in Colonial America," in American People, American Lives (New York: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, Inc. 1988), 31-46.

with Brian Gratton, "Aging in America: The Perspective of History," The Handbook of Aging and the Humanities. Edited by Thomas Cole, David Van Tassel, and Robert Kastenbaum (N.Y.: Springer, 1992), pp. 352-370.

with Brian Gratton, "Rethinking Industrialization: Old Age and the Family Economy," Voices and Visions of Aging: Toward a Critical Gerontology. Edited by Thomas Cole, W. Andrew Achenbaum, Patricia Jakobi, and Robert Kastenbaum (NY: Springer, 1993), pp. 134-159.

"`Over the Hill to the Poorhouse': Rhetoric and Reality in the Institutional History of the Elderly," Societal Impact on Aging: Historical Perspectives. Edited by K. Warner Schaie and W. Andrew Achenbaum (New York: Springer Publishing Company, 1993), pp. 90-113.

with Brian Gratton "In Search of `Intimacy at a Distance:' Family History from the Perspective of Elderly Women," Journal of Aging Studies, Vol. 7, No. 2 (Summer, 1993), 183-194.

"`And the Fear of the Poorhouse:' Perceptions of Old-Age Poverty in Turn-of-the-Century America," Generations, Vol. 17, No. 2 (Spring, Summer, 1993), 183-194.

"`And the Fear of the Poorhouse': in W. Andrew Achenbaum and Dena Shenk, Changing Perceptions of Aging and the Aged (NY: Springer, 1994), 46-50.

with Brian Gratton, "The Families of the Old," in Jill Quadagno and Debra Street, Aging for the Twenty-First Century (New York: St. Martin's Press, 1995), 64-93.
with Brian Gratton, "Authority, Burden, Compassion: Three Phases in the History of American Grandparents," in Generations Vol. 20, no. 1 (Spring 1996), pp. 7-12.

"Frequently Asked Questions about the Aged in America's Past," The Public Policy and Aging Report, Vol. 7, no. 5

(June, 1996).

"Widows, Witches, Wives and Workers: The Historiography of Elderly Women in America," in Handbook on Women and Aging edited by Jean M. Coyle, (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1997) 29-40.

with Brian Gratton, "Authority, Burden, Compassion: Three Phases in the History of American Grandparents" in Annual Editions, (Guilford, Ct: McGraw-Hill, 1998), 100-105.

"Historians' Approach to Aging in America," in Handbook of the Humanities and Aging, second edition, edited by Thomas R. Cole, Robert Kastenbaum, and Ruth Ray (New York: Springer Publishing Co., 2000), pp. 25-41.

"Old Age as a Time of Decay," in Intersections of Aging, edited by Elizabeth Markson and Lisa Hollis-Sawyer (California: Roxbury Publishing Co., 2000), pp. 39-51.

"Anti-Age Movement: Why Now?: A Historical Framework for Understanding the Contemporary Enthusiasm," Generations Vol. 25, no. 4 (Winter, 2002), pp. 9-15.

C. Encyclopedia Entries

"Lydia Maria Child," Dictionary of Peace Leaders. (Connecticut: Greenwood Press, 1985), pp. 163-64.

"John Humphrey Noyes," Dictionary of Peace Leaders. (Connecticut: Greenwood Press, 1985), pp. 707-08.

"Old Age in the South," in Encyclopedia of Southern Culture. Edited by Charles Reagan Wilson and William Ferris (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1989), 1539-40.

"Prolongevity," The Macmillan Encyclopedia of Aging, edited by David Eckerdt, (New York: Macmillan Press, in press).

"Old Age Homes - History" Macmillan Encyclopedia of Aging, edited by David Eckerdt, (New York: Macmillan Press, in press).

"Childhood and Adolescence" in Encyclopedia of the United States in the Nineteenth Century (New York, Charles Scribner's Sons, in press).

"Adulthood," in Encyclopedia of the United States in the Nineteenth Century (New York, Charles Scribner's Sons, in press).

D. Reviews

"Aging and the Elderly: Humanistic Perspectives in Gerontology. Edited by Stuart F. Spicker, Kathleen M. Woodward, and David Van Tassel, Journal of Social History, Vol. 12, no. 4 (Summer, 1980), pp. 658-60.

A History of Retirement: The Meaning and Function of an American Institution, by William Graebner, Journal of American History Vol. 68, no. 1 (June, 1981), p. 172.

Inventing the American Way of Death, 1830-1920, by James J. Farrell, Journal of Social History, Vol. 15, no. 2 (Spring, 1982), pp. 554-56.

What Does it Mean to Grow Old? Reflections from the Humanities, edited by Thomas Cole and Sally Gadow, Bulletin of the History of Medicine, Vol. 61, no. 1 (Spring, 1987), pp. 141-42.

The Insanity File: The Case of Mary Todd Lincoln, by Mark E. Neely, Jr. and Gerald McMurty, Bulletin of the History of Medicine Vol. 62, no. 3 (Fall, 1988), pp. 327-28.

The Transformation of Old Age Security, by Jill Quadagno, Journal of Social History, Vol. 23, no. 2 (Winter, 1989), pp. 393-95.

Self-Destruction in the Promised Land by Howard I. Kushner. The American Historical Review, December, 1990, pp. 979-980.

How Old Are You?: Age Consciousness in American Culture, by Howard P. Chudacoff, The Journal of American History, December, 1990, pp. 1611 - 1612.

Winter Friends: Women Growing Old in the New Republic, 1785-1835, by Terri L. Premo, Journal of Social History Vol. 24, no. 4 (summer, 1991), pp. 907-909.

When Ladies Go A-Thieving: Middle-Class Shoplifters in the Victorian Department Store, by Elaine S. Abelson, Criminal Justice History Vol. 12 (1991), pp. 250--253.

Benevolence among Slaveholders: Assisting the Poor in Charleston 1670-1860, by Barbara L. Bellows, Journal of Social History, Spring, 1995, Vol. 23, no. 3, (Spring, 1995), pp. 666-668.

Old-Age Security in Comparative Perspective, by John B. Williamson and Fred C. Pampel American Historical Review (1995), pp. 486-487.

Moonlight, Magnolias, and Madness, by Peter McCandless North Carolina Historical Review Vol. 74, no 1 (January 1997), pp. 84-85.

The Sacred Remains, by Gary Laderman, The American Historical Review (October, 1998), pp. 1321-22.

The Gospel of Germs: Men, Women and the Microbe in American Life, by Nancy Tomes, Winterthur Portfolio Vol. 34, no. 1 (Spring, 1999), pp. 80-83

Old Age from Antiquity to Post-Modernity, edited by Paul Johnson and Pat Thane. American Historical Review (December, 2000), pp.1699-1700).

Clean Living Movements, by Ruth Clifford Engs. Second Opinion, no. 7 (July, 2001).

E. Presentations

Old Age and Modernization, Social Science History Association, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1977.

Mandatory Retirement in Nineteenth-Century America," Carnegie-Mellon University seminar series: The Historical Roots of Current Social Policy, 1977.

"Geriatrics: A Specialty in Search of Specialists," Conference on the Elderly in the Bureaucratic World, Case Western Reserve, 1983.

"The Medical Model of Aging: A Basis for Social Inequality," Symposium of the Public Interest Law Center, Philadelphia, 1984.

"Old Age as Disease," Gerontological Society of America, San Antonio, 1984.

"Who's Looney Now?" North Carolina Medical Historians Meeting, Duke University, 1985.

"An Historian's Approach to the Study of Old Age,"
Association for Gerontology in Higher Education,
Washington, 1985.

"The Medical Model of Aging in Nineteenth-Century
America," Conference on Humanistic Perspectives on the
Aging Enterprise in America," Kansas City, 1985.
"History of Mental Health and Aging," Conference on
Mental Health Issues and Aging, UNCG, 1986.

"Southern Care for the Elderly: The Case of
Charleston, S.C., 1800-1935," Gerontological Society of
America, Chicago, 1986.

"Aging in America: The Perspective of History,"
Gerontological Society of America, November 1988.

"Long-Term Care for the Elderly: The Lessons of
History," Gerontological Society of America, November,
1988.

"One Hundred Years at Bannister House," Bannister
Centennial Conference, Providence, 1989.

"The Discourses of Gerontology: Senility,"
Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco, 1989.

"Prevailing Models of Gerontology: The Assumptions of
the Earliest Gerontologists," Gerontological Society
of America, San Francisco, 1989.

with Brian Gratton, "Work and Wealth among the
Elderly," American Sociological Association, San
Francisco, 1989.

with Brian Gratton, "The 'Family Fund':
Intergenerational Strategy and Structure before the
Welfare State," Gerontological Society of
America, November, 1990.

with Brian Gratton, "Family, Class and
Industrialization," Conference on Critical
Gerontology, January, 1991.

"'Over the Hill to the Poorhouse': Rhetoric and
Reality in the Institutional History of the Elderly,"
Pennsylvania State Conference, Social Structure and
Aging: Historical Perspectives, October 1991.

"The Threat of the Almshouse," Gerontological Society
of America, November, 1991

"Family History from the Perspective of Elderly Women," Gerontological Society of America, November 1991.

"Jewish Immigration and Gerontology: The World of Abraham Epstein and Isaac Rubinow," Gerontological Society of America, November, 1992.

"Take My Mother-in-Law, Please: Old Age and the Changing Family Economy," Gerontology Center, Virginia Polytechnic University, April, 1993.

"Old Age and Industrialization: A Reassessment," International Colloquium on Aging and Old Age: The United States and Germany, Brown University, October, 1993.

"Over the Hill to the Poorhouse," Wake Forest Social Science Seminar, February, 1994.

"The Medicalization of Old Age," The Hastings Center, April, 1994.

"The View from the Past," AGHE, February, 2000

F. Current Research

The Medicalization of Death: This study looks at the transformation of death as it moves out of the home into the hospital in the period 1860-1930. It traces the impact of such factors as drugs, specialization, secularization, and physicians' education on their attitudes toward the death of patients.

The changing status, roles and image of grandparents throughout American history.

Service

A. Professional

Humanities and Arts Committee, Gerontological Society of America, 1987-1991; Chair, 1990-91; Past Chair 1991-92.

Gerontology Society of America, Executive Board, Member-At-Large, BSS Section, 1997-99.

Gerontology Society of America, Baltes Award Committee,
2001-02

Editorial Board, Journal of Aging Studies

Editorial Board, Age in Humanities and Social Science
(University of Virginia Press).

Editorial Board, Journal of Applied Gerontology

Judge, Gustave O. Arlt Award Committee for Outstanding
Book in History.

Radio Broadcast: NPR, Equality and the Elderly,
1985.

Radio Broadcast: NPR, medical news, "Who's Looney
Now," 1986.

Consultant:

NBC News, "Everybody's Doing It," Stuart Derser
producer, 1988.

BBC Television, "Medicine and Aging," Henry Singer
producer, 1991.

Consultant, NEH grant, video on Maggie Kuhn. Janet
Goldwater, producer

Manuscripts read:

American Quarterly
The Gerontologist
Journal of Family History
Journal of Social History
Journal of Aging Studies
Journal of American History
Social Science History
Journal of Applied Gerontology
Cambridge University Press
Harper & Row
SUNY Press
Indiana University Press
Johns Hopkins Press
Milbank Memorial Fund
Delaware History

B. Community

Workshop: "Myths and Stereotypes in Aging,"
Montreat Center, October 1985

Teleconference: "Challenging the Myths of Aging:
The Insights of History" Southeast Community
College conference on the Myths of Aging, October,
1991.

C. University of Delaware:

Paul Jones Committee
Arts Committee
Gerontology Chair Committee
Chairs' Caucus Steering Committee
Chairs Budgetary Advisory Committee

Research Grants

National Institutes of Health, 1976-77
UNCC Foundation, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1985, 1989, 1990.
Southern Regional Education Boards, 1985
University of North Carolina, 1986, 1994

Honors and Awards

B.A. summa cum laude, Washington University, 1973.
Phi Beta Kappa, Washington University, 1973.
Teaching Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, 1974-
75; 1978-1979
Valley Forge Certificate of Excellence for Beyond
Sixty-Five
Named an "Outstanding Young Woman of America, 1986
Named Fellow of the Gerontological Society of America,
1996
Biography in Profiles in Gerontology, (New York:
Greenwood Press, 1995). Gives extensive biographies
of 300 past and present scholars who "have shaped
gerontology."
Associate Fellow, Institute on Aging, University of
Pennsylvania

Professional Affiliations

Phi Beta Kappa
American Studies Association
American Historical Association
Organization of American Historians
American Association for the History of Medicine
Gerontological Society of America

University of Pennsylvania is the oldest university in the United States, today considered to be one of the most prestigious educational institutions of the country and the world. It is part of the legendary Ivy League - a community of eight most elite and prestigious universities in the United States. Native American & Indigenous Studies Minor, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations The nearest universities are the Drexel University and the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia. On the campus of the University of Pennsylvania, the Wistar Cancer Research Institute is located, with which productive links have been established in the field of research and oncological diseases. Popular among students the Institute of Contemporary Art, which is a fairly large museum. Penn State is a major, public, research-I university serving Pennsylvania and the global community. Learn more about our undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral degree programs. This includes a truck driving through farmland, Philadelphia's City Hall, Pittsburgh neighborhoods, an Amish horse and buggy, factory workers, runners, bikers, skateboarders at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, and a family on top of the Philadelphia Museum of Art steps. Interspersed with these scenes is the following message: "Dear Pennsylvania, wherever you are, we are with you. Always. We are Penn State." Previous (University of Paris). Next (University of Rome La Sapienza). The University of Pennsylvania (also known as Penn) is a private, coeducational research university located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Penn is the fourth-oldest institution of higher education in the United States and the oldest university. Penn is also a member of the Ivy League and is one of the Colonial Colleges. University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia United States - information about programs, tuition, ranking, admission process, deadlines - {name_local} UPenn founded in {established} United States. University of Pennsylvania - Official Description. The Penn Graduate School of Education offers programs leading to the Ph.D., Ed.D., M.S.Ed., M.S. and M.Phil.Ed degrees. GSE seeks students who are interested in promoting a deeper understanding of educational issues and contributing to societal change. The curriculum places a strong emphasis on the interactive relationship of theory, research, and practice, often focusing on urban education. University of Pennsylvania. This article is about the private Philadelphia-based Ivy League university, colloquially referred to as "Penn". For the public university located in State College, Pennsylvania, and colloquially known as "Penn State", see Pennsylvania State University. University of Pennsylvania. Arms of the University of Pennsylvania. Penn offers a broad range of academic departments, an extensive research enterprise and a number of community outreach and public service programs. It is particularly well known for its medical school, dental school, school of business, law school, communications school, nursing school, veterinary school, its social sciences and humanities programs, as well as its biomedical teaching and research capabilities.