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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D., History, Indiana University-Bloomington, 1984  
M.A., History, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, 1968  
B.A., History with Distinction and Honors, Indiana University-Bloomington, 1965

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Books:**

Alva Vanderbilt Belmont: Unlikely Champion of Women's Rights (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2012).

Jane Grey Swisshelm: An Unconventional Life, 1815-1884 (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2004).

A History of Gender in America: Essays, Documents, and Articles (Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall, 2003).

When Hens Crow: The Woman's Rights Movement in Antebellum America (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1995).

Private Matters: American Attitudes Toward Childbearing and Infant Nurture in the Urban North, 1800-1860 (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1989).

**Scholarly Articles:**

**"Earnest Efforts to Be Friends: Teacher-Student Relationships in Nineteenth-Century North Carolina,"** *Journal of Southern History*, LXXXIV (November, 2018), 813-44.

**"The Emancipation of Elizabeth Hobbs Keckly: St. Louis, 1847-1860,"** *Missouri Historical Review*, 112 (July, 2018), 243-59.

"Private Secretaries in Early Twentieth-Century America," **Labor: Studies in Working-Class History of the Americas**, 7 (February 2010), 45-65.

"Female Self-making in Mid-Nineteenth-Century America," **Journal of Women's History**, 20 (September 2008), 34-59.

"Who Funded the National Women's Party?" in Kathryn Kish Sklar and Thomas Dublin, eds., **Women and Social Movements in the United States, 1600 -2000**, 11 (December 2007), (text and documents - 126 pages) (accessed through subscribing libraries)

“Jane Grey Swisshelm, Elizabeth Keckley, and the Significance of Race Consciousness in American Women’s History,” **Journal of Women’s History** 13 (Autumn 2001), 8- 33.

“Gender and Vigilantism on the Minnesota Frontier: Jane Grey Swisshelm and the Dakota War of 1862,” **Western Historical Quarterly**, 29 (Autumn 1998), 342-62.

“Jane Grey Swisshelm and the Negotiation of Gender Roles on the Minnesota Frontier,” **Frontiers: A Journal of Women’s Studies**, 18 (Winter 1997), 17-39.

“New York City’s Penny Press and the Issue of Woman’s Rights, 1848-1860,” **Journalism Quarterly**, 70 (Fall 1993), 656-65.

“Childbearing on the Trans-Mississippi Frontier, 1830-1900,” **Western Historical Quarterly**, 22 (August 1991), 272-88.

“‘A Very Peculiar Sorrow’: Attitudes Toward Infant Death in the Urban Northeast, 1800-1860,” **American Quarterly**, 39 (Winter 1987), 601-16.

“The Yankee Schoolmarm and the Domestication of the South,” **Southern Studies**, XXIV (Summer 1985), 188-201. **Reprint** in Nancy F. Cott, ed., **History of Women in the United States**, Vol. 17: **Social and Moral Reform, Part I** (Munich: K. G. Saur, 1994), 176-89.

“Mary Boykin Chesnut: Private Feminist in the Civil War South,” **Southern Studies**, 16 (Spring 1977), 81-89.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Fellow, Center for Presidential History, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, 2014-

Professor of History, Texas A & M University, College Station, TX, 2005-2011

Affiliated Faculty Member, Women’s Studies Program, Texas A & M University,  
College Station, TX, 2005-2011

Distinguished Professor of History and Women’s Studies, University of North Carolina –  
Chapel Hill, 2004-2005

Professor of History and Women’s Studies, University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill,  
1995-2005

Associate Professor of History, Missouri State University, Springfield, 1992-1995

Director, Gender Studies Program, Missouri State University, 1992-1995

Assistant Professor of History, Missouri State University, 1988-1992

Visiting Lecturer, Department of History/Women’s Studies Program, Washington  
University, St. Louis, Missouri, 1983-1988

Chair, Department of History, St. Louis Country Day School, St. Louis, 1984-1988

Instructor, Department of History/Women’s Studies Program, Western Michigan  
University, Kalamazoo, 1969-1976

## **TEACHING INTERESTS**

History of Women in America  
History of Gender in America  
Women's Studies  
U.S. Survey  
Social History of 19<sup>th</sup> Century America

## **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

PBS Documentary on the Gilded Age for **The American Experience**, Sarah Colt Productions, New York, NY, November, 2016

“In Pursuit of Equality for Women, 1965-1975,” **UNC Humanities Program** of the College of Arts and Sciences and the General Alumni Association, UNC-Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC, June, 2016

“Alva Vanderbilt Belmont, Unlikely Champion for Women's Rights,” **Flagler Museum**, Palm Beach, Florida, February, 2016