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CURRICULUM VITAE

I. **Current Address**

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II. **Education**

Ph.D., History, University of California, Berkeley, December 1982
B.A., Rhetoric, University of California, Berkeley, June 1976 (with
highest honors)
B.F.A., (Painting), San Francisco Art Institute, December 1972

III. **Fields of Specialization**

Legal History (Early American, England, Maryland, Comparative)
Legal Studies (legal argumentation, legal procedure and legal reform; the
history of the profession)
Early Modern Europe (Old Regime France, Intellectual and Political,
History of the Press)
Rhetorical Theory (Argumentation)
History of Christianity

IV. **Academic Appointments**

1986-present: University of Baltimore, Division of Legal, Ethical and
Historical Studies; Associate Professor (1992); Professor (2004)
1983-1986: University of Richmond, Assistant Professor, Department of
History
1978-1983: University of California, Part-time Faculty, Departments of
Rhetoric and History

V. **Publications**

A. ***Books:***

(Historical monograph): *Printed Poison: Pamphlets, Faction Politics, and the Public Sphere in Early Seventeenth-Century France* (Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press, 1990).

(Textbook self-published, used in graduate and undergraduate courses): *Common Law: A Maryland Perspective*, (Baltimore: University of Baltimore Print Shop, 1996, 1997).

B. Refereed Articles:

“Women, Law, and The Pursuit of Happiness in Early Harford County.” *Harford Historical Bulletin* 81 (Summer 1999): 3- 41.

“Distrust of the Legal Establishment in Perspective: Maryland During the Early National Years.” *The Georgia Journal of Southern Legal History* 2/1&2 (1993): 1-40.

“Pamphleteers Construct Concini,” *Cahiers du Six-Septième: An Interdisciplinary Journal* 3/1 (1990): 261-277.

“Benefit of Clergy’ in Maryland and Virginia,” *American Journal of Legal History* 33/1 (1990): 49-68.

“Judicial Corruption and Legal Reform in Early Seventeenth-Century France,” *Law and History Review* 6/1 (1988): 95-117.

“Jacques Bon-Homme and National Politics: Ethos and Audience in 17th-Century Political Pamphlets,” in *Proceedings of the Western Society for French History* 12 (1985): 23-39.

C. Book Reviews:

Andrew R. Murphy, *Conscience and Community: Revisiting Toleration and Religious Dissent in Early Modern England and America* (University Park: The Pennsylvania State University Press, 2001) will appear in *Pennsylvania History: A Journal of Mid-Atlantic Studies*, (forthcoming, spring or summer 2004).

Henri-Jean Martin, *The French Book: Religion, Absolutism, and Readership, 1585-1715*, trans. Paul Saenger and Nadine Saenger, (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1996) in the *American Historical Review* (April, 1998): 525-526.

Lloyd Kramer, *Lafayette in Two Worlds: Public Cultures and Personal Identities in an Age of Revolutions* (Chapel Hill and London, 1996), in *Pennsylvania History* 64/4 (1997): 651-2.

Thomas Munck, *Seventeenth Century Europe 1598-1700* (New York: St. Martin's Press, 1990) and John Miller, ed. *Absolutism in Seventeenth Century Europe* (London: Macmillan, 1990), in *The Journal of Modern History* 65/3 (1993): 587-589.

Christian Jouhaud, *Mazarinades: La Fronde des mots* (Paris: Aubier, 1985), *The Journal of Modern History* 58/4 (1986): 93-95.

D. ***Conference Papers:***

“Distrust of the Legal Establishment In Comparative Perspective.” Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, Atlanta, Ga., October 1992.

“Defining Public Authority in Old Regime France,” Annual Meeting of the Society for French Historical Studies, El Paso, Tex., March 20, 1992.

“Comparing Legal Cultures: Towards a New Method?” Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History, Chicago, Ill., Oct. 27, 1990.

“The Logic of the Public Sphere” Western Society for French Historical Studies, Santa Barbara, Calif., Nov. 10, 1990.

“Interpreting Protestant and Catholic Polemic in the Age of Religious Wars” Annual Meeting of the Society for French Historical Studies, Columbus, Ohio, March 30, 1990.

“Pamphlets, Press, and Politics: From Old Regime to Revolution,” Annual Meeting of the Society for French Historical Studies, Columbia, S.C., March 19, 1988.

“The Rhetoric of Absolutism,” Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, San Francisco Calif., Dec. 27, 1983.

E. ***Invited Scholarly Addresses:***

“Early Maryland Law,” Aberdeen Historic Trust Lecture Series, Aberdeen, Md., Jan. 15, 2004.

“Early Maryland Law,” Maryland Judicial Institute, Seminar for Judges, Annapolis, Md., April 19, 2001.

“The History of Criminal Law in Early Maryland,” Maryland Judicial Institute, Seminar for Judges, Annapolis, Md., Oct. 19, 2000.

“Women and the Law in Early Harford County.” Address to the Historical Society of Harford County, St. Mary’s Episcopal Church Hall, Emmorton, Md., Feb. 27, 2000.

“English Law and Colonial Disorder in Early Maryland,” Maryland Club, Baltimore, Md., Nov. 20, 1997.

“The Authority of English Common Law in Maryland,” Maryland Judicial Institute, Seminar for Judges, Annapolis, Md., Sept. 17, 1997.

“Criminal Procedure and the First Criminal Code in Colonial Maryland.” Maryland Judicial Institute, Seminar for Judges, Annapolis, Md., April 18, 1996.

“Civil Procedure in Early Maryland.” Maryland Judicial Institute, Seminar for Judges, Annapolis, Md., Sept. 15, 1995.

“Law and Society: The Historical Origins of Legal Complexity,” Maryland Judicial Institute, seminar for new Orphan’ Court judges, Glen Burnie, Md., Dec. 1, 1994.

A review of Mortimer Sellers’ *American Republicanism*, University of Baltimore School of Law, Faculty Development Seminar, Baltimore, Md., March 8, 1994.

“English Legal History” Maryland Judicial Institute, seminar for judges, Crownsville, Md., Sept. 18, 1992.

Scholarly Workshop on Reading Seventeenth-Century Political Tracts, Folger Shakespeare Library, May 14, 1991.

“The Law and Its Place in Society: The Historical Origins of Legal Complexity,” Maryland Judicial Institute, seminar for newly appointed judges, Baltimore, Md., Dec. 5, 1990.

“The Historical Foundations for the Authority of British Common and Statute Law in Maryland,” Maryland Judicial Institute, seminar, Towson, Md., Sept. 6, 1990.

“Huguenot Political Theory in Colonial Maryland?” for the Huguenot Society of Maryland, at Johns Hopkins University Faculty Club, May 16, 1987, Baltimore, Md.

“Textes et images: la représentation du pouvoir dans les placards politiques au début du dix-septième siècle,” École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, France, March 5, 1985.

F. ***Work in Progress:***

(Text and reference book): *‘By the Book?’ Early Modern Law in Maryland, 1632-1833* (in progress)

(Journal or law review article:) “Angry White Men and the Rule of Law: Maryland, 1676-1732”

VI. **Archival Research**

Maryland (1997-2002): Maryland State Archives, Annapolis (wills, inventories after death, estate records, Orphan’s Court proceedings); Maryland Historical Society Library and Archives, Baltimore; Harford County Historical Society Archives, Bel Air (Maps, Manuscripts, Land Records, Court Records, Genealogical Collection).

Maryland (1989-1996): Hall of Records, Annapolis; Maryland Historical Society, Baltimore; State Law Library, Annapolis; Brune Room, University of Maryland School of Law; Harford County, Historical Society

France (1981,1984): Bibliothèques: Nationale, Mazarine and de l’Institute de France in Paris; Archives Nationales; Archives Départementales and/or Communales in Dijon, Angers, Poitiers, Bordeaux, Agen, Bergerac; Condé family papers, Chantilly

Other: Dept. of Manuscripts and Rare Books, Johns Hopkins University; Rare Book Room, Harvard University School of Law (1991); State Library, Richmond, Va.; Newberry Library, Chicago, Ill. (1980); Center for the Study of Roman, Medieval, and Canon Law, Berkeley, Calif. (1980)

VII. **Fellowships and Grants Received:**

University of Baltimore Faculty Research Grant (2001, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1995).

Sabbatical Leave, supported by University of Baltimore (2001-2002, spring 1994).

Bicentennial Educational Grant (co-author), 1990. “The Constitution and the Federal Judiciary in Historical Context” (Workshops for Secondary Teachers).

University of Baltimore Professional Development Grant [for Legal Studies] (1987, 1989, 1990, 1991).

University of Richmond Faculty Research Grants (1984, 1985).

Mabelle McLeod Lewis Memorial Fund: Grant in Aid of Scholarly Work (1982).

Henry Morse Stephens Memorial Traveling Fellowship, and Heller Fund Grants in Aid of Graduate Research (1981).

Newberry Library Research Fellowship (1980).

VIII. Courses Taught:

A. Graduate (Master's-Level) Courses at the University of Baltimore

1. "Legal and Ethical Foundations"
2. "Legal and Ethical Studies in Historical Perspective"
3. "The Western Legal Tradition"
4. "Legal Research, Writing, and Persuasion"
5. "Legal and Ethical Arguments"
6. "U. S. Constitutional History"
7. "Maryland Legal History"
8. "Legal Meanings" (Special Topics Seminar on legal reasoning and its ethical dimensions.)
9. "Lawyers as Villains (and Heroes) in Literature and Film"

B. Undergraduate Courses at the University of Baltimore

1. "English Law and Society to 1689"
2. "English Law and Society since 1689"
3. "American Constitutional History"
4. "American Legal History"
5. "History of the Common Law"
6. "Interpretation in Law and Literature" (Honors Seminar)
7. "Political Philosophy" (Special Topics Seminar)
8. "The Enlightenment" (Senior History Seminar)
9. "History (and Philosophy) of Christianity"
10. "History (and Philosophy) of Toleration"

IX. Teaching Workshop for Secondary Teachers:

"The Constitution and the Federal Judiciary in Historical Context" Six Workshops for Secondary Teachers in Baltimore and Annapolis, Md., October-November 1990 (funded by a Bicentennial Educational Grant)

X. University of Baltimore Service:

- A. Chair, University Council (2005-2006)

- B. Member, Divisional Executive Committee (1992-present) (participant in all searches, progress towards tenure reviews, tenure reviews, and post tenure reviews)
- C. Program Director, Graduate Program in Legal and Ethical Studies (1992-1995, 2002-present) (currently includes advising approximately 120 graduate students; responsibility for hiring adjunct faculty chairing LEST program review committee; chairing LEST assessment committee; and chairing LEST curriculum revision committee)
- D. Member, Dean's Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Diversity (2003-2004)
- E. Divisional Chair (1995-1998)
- F. Program Director, Jurisprudence (1997-2000)
- G. University of Baltimore Faculty Senate, College of Liberal Arts Faculty Senate Executive Committee (1997-1998)
- H. Co-Chair, Middle-States Self-Study Steering Committee (1995-1997). (Also one of three principal editors of *Self-Study Report* and *Strategic Action Planning Recommendations*.)
- I. President, University of Baltimore Faculty Senate, College of Liberal Arts Faculty Senate Executive Committee (AY '95)
- J. Member, Provost's Council (1995-1998)
- K. Member, Dean's Steering Committee (1994-1998)
- L. Advisor, Legal and Ethical Studies Club, (1991-2000)
- M. Advisor, Iota Chapter, Alpha Epsilon Lambda (Interdisciplinary Student Honor Society) (1994-2000)

XI. **Service to Education and in the Community:**

- A. Harford Community College Board of Trustees member (since 1996); Chair (2000-2002); Vice-Chair (1999-2000)
 - 1. Immediate Past President and member of the Executive Committee, Maryland Association of Community Colleges, President (2002-2003); Treasurer (2001- 2002); Trustee at Large on the Executive Committee (2000-2001); Member, Legislative Liaison Group (2000-2004)
 - 2. Board of Directors, from the Northeast Region, Association of Community College Trustees (a national organization devoted to improving community college governance and student access to higher education)
- B. Second Vice-President: Historical Society of Harford County; Chair, Administration Committee; Chair, Technology Committee; Member, Strategic Planning Committee
- C. Harford County Public Library Foundation Board (charter member), Treasurer (2001-2002); Member, Finance Committee and Marketing Committee
- D. Member, Executive Committee, Baltimore Bicentennial History of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City (1996-1997)

- E. Member, Steering Committee for Baltimore History Conference at UB “Making Diversity Work” (1996)
- F. Assisted in organization of History Day in Maryland, served as judge for “senior paper category” (1997) and “junior paper category” (1998).