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### **EDUCATION**

- 1988 New York University, New York NY  
Degree: Ph.D., American History.  
Concentration in nineteenth century  
social history. Dissertation: "Bibles, Benevolence and Emerging  
Bureaucracy: The Persistence of the American Bible  
Society, 1816-1890."
- 1976-1979 New York University, New York NY.  
Degree: M.A., History, with certificate in Archival Management
- 1972-1976 Rutgers University, New Brunswick NJ.  
Degree: B.A., with Highest Distinction  
in History.

### **ARCHIVES/LIBRARY EXPERIENCE**

- 1989-1994 Director, Archives/Library Services  
American Bible Society, New York NY.  
Responsibilities include: administering  
all aspects of the American Bible  
Society's corporate library, rare book  
collection, exhibit gallery, and  
archival program.
- 1984-1989 Archivist/Records Manager  
American Bible Society, New York NY.  
Responsibilities include: administering  
archival program of the American Bible  
Society, developing and implementing a  
records management program, supervising  
micrographics department.
- 1978-1984 University Archivist  
Seton Hall University, South Orange NJ.  
Responsibilities include: administering  
archives of the Roman Catholic  
Archdiocese of Newark, Seton Hall  
University, and other archival and  
manuscript collections acquired by the New Jersey Catholic  
Historical Records Commission.

### **ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

1994 - Director, Archives Program  
New York University, New York NY.  
Responsibilities include: administering all aspects of New York University's graduate program in archival management. Includes teaching courses in archives, historical research methods, and American religion, staffing, curriculum development, student recruitment, supervising internships, and student placement.

1993-1994 Adjunct Professor  
New York University and College of Saint Elizabeth. Taught courses on archival management and American economic history.

### BOOKS

*Covenant House: A History* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2005);

*Privacy and Confidentiality Perspectives: Archivists and Archival Records* (Chicago: Society of American Archivists, 2005);

*Spreading the Word: The Bible Business in Nineteenth Century America* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1994);

with Joseph Mahoney, *The Diocesan Journal of Michael Augustine Corrigan, Bishop of Newark, New Jersey, 1872-1880* (Newark: New Jersey Historical Society, 1987);

comp., *Guide to Northern New Jersey Catholic Parish and Institutional Records* (South Orange: New Jersey Catholic Historical Records Commission, 1984)

### ARTICLES

authored series of articles and served on Editorial Board for *Encyclopedia of New York State History* (Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, 2005) including a major article concerning Roman Catholicism in New York State;

authored major articles concerning "Scofield Reference Bible," "Bible Societies," "American Bible Society," "American Bible Union," and "Voluntary Societies," *Routledge Encyclopedia of Protestantism* (New York: Routledge Press, 2004);

authored series of articles and served on Editorial Board for *Encyclopedia of New Jersey* (New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 2004);

guest editor, with Nancy Cricco, of special issue of *RBMS: A Journal of Rare Books, Manuscripts, and Cultural Heritage* (2002) devoted to presidential records and President George W. Bush's Executive Order 13233;

authored exhibition review essay, "Not Your Daddy's New-York Historical Society," concerning the controversy surrounding the "Without Sanctuary" exhibition of lynching photography in New York City, *Archivaria* (Volume 50: 2001);

“Research and Reality Checks: New York University’s Program in Archival Management and Historical Editing,” *American Archivist* (Fall 2000);

“Going Postal,” *American Archivist* (Spring 1998), pp. 220-239;

“Turning Pro: Reflections on the Career of J. Franklin Jameson,” *Provenance XV* (1997), pp. 87-102;

"A 'Special Collection' in Nineteenth-Century New York: The American Bible Society and Its Library," *Libraries & Culture* (Summer 1997), pp. 324-336;

authored several articles concerning religious institutions in Kenneth Jackson, ed., *Encyclopedia of New York City History* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1995);

"From 'Colored Mission' To Community Institution: St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Plainfield, 1903-1991," *New Jersey History* (Fall/Winter 1994), pp. 17-38;

"American Bible Society Record," in Mark Fackler and Charles H. Lippy, eds., *Popular Religious Magazines of the United States* (Westport: Greenwood Press, 1994);

with Elizabeth Yakel, "Smaller Archives and Professional Development: Some New York Stories," *American Archivist* (Summer 1992);

Reviews Editor, *American Archivist* (1991-1994);

Editor, *Scriptures of the World* (New York: United Bible Societies, 1991);

*Portraits: An American Bible Society Catalog* (New York: American Bible Society, 1990);

"Bibles, Benevolence and Bureaucracy: The Changing Nature of Nineteenth Century Religious Records," *American Archivist* (Spring 1989);

"Keeping the Faith? Bishops, Historians, and Catholic Diocesan Archivists, 1790-1980," *The Midwestern Archivist* (July 1984);

"Creating A Semi-Professional Profession: Archivists View Themselves," *Georgia Archive* (Fall 1982);

"Sound Minds and Unsound Bodies: Massachusetts Schools and Mandatory Physical Training," *New England Quarterly* (March 1982);

Book Reviews in a variety of journals including: *American Historical Review*, *Journal of American History*, *Business History Review*, *Church History*, *Labor History*, *Journal of the Early Republic*, *American Archivist*, *Archival Issues*, *The Watermark*, *American Catholic Studies* and others.

## PAPERS PRESENTED

Presented paper on “M.A. Programs in Archival Studies: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives,” American Historical Association Conference concerning the History M.A. Degree, Racine WI, May 2005;

Chaired session, "Can You Keep A Secret? Managing and Accessing Confidential Records," Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference, Albany NY, April 2005;

Presented paper, "Covenant House: Writing Controversial History," Archivists Round Table of Metropolitan New York, New York NY, April 2005;

"Privacy Issues in Historical Research and Health Care Today," Conference on Health and Medicine in the Age of Lewis and Clark, Philadelphia PA, November 2004;

Chaired session, "Mergers, Acquisitions, and Scandals: Religious Archivists Today," Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference, Pittsburgh PA, October 2004;

Chaired session, "Trans-Cultural Identities," Conference on New York State History, Saratoga Springs NY, June 2004;

Chaired panel discussion, "Changing Nature of Religious Record Keeping," International Conference of the History of Archives and Record Keeping, Toronto CA, October 2003;

Chaired panel discussion, "Double Fold, Triple Trouble," at New York Archivists Round Table Meeting, June 2001;

"Archival Employment: Perspectives from Employers and Employment Seekers," (session chair) joint meeting of the Midwest Archivists Conference and the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference, Cleveland OH, October 2000;

"Internships: Practical Experiences on the Road to Becoming an Archivist," (session chair) Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference, Hauppauge, Long Island, November 1999;

"Confidentiality, Privacy, and 'the Public's Right to Know'," Society of American Archivists, Orlando FL, September 1998;

"What Qualifications Do Today's Archivists Need and How Should They Be Educated?" Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference, Saratoga Springs NY, May 1998;

"Hard Cases: Confidentiality, Privacy and Access to Records," Society of American Archivists, Chicago IL, August 1997;

"Working Beyond the Classroom: Historians in an Age of Professional Competition," American Historical Association, New York NY, January 1997;

Chair/Comment, "Archives of Women Religious Communities," Society of American Archivists, San Diego CA, August 1996;

Chair/Comment, "Archivists As Historians," Society of American Archivists, Indianapolis IN, August 1994;

"American Bible Society Archival Resources for Asian Studies Scholars," Mid-Atlantic Regional Association for Asian Studies, Mahwah NJ, October 1993;

"Researching New Jersey Catholic History," New Jersey Catholic Historical Records Commission, Convent Station NJ, April 1993;

"Archives, History, and Jobs: New Tricks For Old Dogmas," American Historical Association - Pacific Coast Branch, Kona HI, August 1991;

"A Bible House in the City," Institute for the Study of American Evangelicalism, Wheaton IL, June 1991;

"New Jersey CAPES Program - A Consultant's Perspective," Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference, New Brunswick NJ, May 1990;

Chair/Comment, "New York's Religious Archives Technical Assistance Project," Society of American Archivists, Atlanta GA, September 1989;

Chair/Comment, "SAA's Religious Archives Section: Past, Present, and Future Directions," Society of American Archivists, Saint Louis MO, September 1988;

"Bibles, Benevolence, and Bureaucracy: The Changing Nature of Nineteenth Century Religious Records," Society of American Archivists, New York, September 1987;

"Selling Yourself Without Selling Your Soul," Archivists of Religious Institutions, Garrison NY, April 1987;

Chair/Comment, "The University Archives -- Its Place in the Hierarchy," Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference, Princeton NJ, May 1986;

"Religious Archivists and Social Historians," Archivists Round Table of New York, New York NY, March 1986;

"Developing A Collection Policy," American Theological Library Association, Madison NJ, June 1985;

"Surveying New Jersey's Catholic Records: Problems and Pitfalls," Archivists of Religious Institutions, New York NY, January 1984;

"Records Management in Religious Repositories," New Jersey State Conference on Records Management, Jamesburg NJ, March 1983;

"Keeping the Faith? American Catholic Archival Heresies, 1790-1980," Society of American Archivists, Boston MA, October 1982;

"Arranging and Describing Church Records," New Jersey Catholic Historical Records Commission, South Orange NJ, March 1982.

### **GRANTS, AWARDS, HONORS**

Elected Fellow, Society of American Archivists, 2001;

Recipient, Fellows' Posner Award, for best article appearing in *American Archivist*, Society of American Archivists, 2000;

Recipient, \$9000 grant from Louisville Institute for the Study of Protestantism and American Culture to research history of religious resorts in modern America, 1994;

Recipient, Sister M. Claude Lane Award for distinguished contributions to religious archives, Society of American Archivists, 1993;

Recipient, \$7000 grant from New York Metropolitan Reference and Research Libraries for

retrospective cataloguing project, 1993;

Recipient, \$10,000 grant from New York State Library Conservation and Preservation Program to administer "China Research Resources Project," to preserve Chinese language Scripture items, 1990;

Recipient, \$2500 grant to participate in project concerning "Evangelicals, Voluntary Associations, and American Public Life," Institute for the Study of American Evangelicalism, 1989;

Recipient, \$74,000 grant from National Historical Publications and Records Commission to co-direct Religious Archives Technical Assistance Project, 1987;

Winner, Arline Custer Award for Guide to Northern New Jersey Catholic Parish and Institutional Records from Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference, 1985;

Recipient, \$10,000 grant from the New Jersey Committee for the Humanities to edit episcopal register of Michael A. Corrigan, Roman Catholic bishop of Newark, 1983;

Recipient, \$63,000 grant from National Endowment for the Humanities to conduct Catholic archival records survey in New Jersey, 1982.

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Society of American Archivists

Council Member, 2003-2006

Committee on Education and Professional Development, 1999-2000

Editorial Board, 1994-1995

Program Committee, 1994-1995

Nominating Committee, 1991

Co-Chair, Archival Educators Roundtable, 1997-1999

Chair, Religious Archives Section, 1987-1989

Vice-Chair, Religious Archives Section, 1985-1987

Mid-Atlantic Regional Archive Conference

Steering Committee, 1984-1986, 1991-1993

Local Arrangements Committee, Spring 2000

Program Committee, Fall 1997 (Chair), Fall 1995, Spring

1994, Spring 1993, Fall 1993, Fall 1987, Spring 1986

Education Committee, 1996-

Arline Custer Committee, 1998-

National Coordinating Committee for the Promotion of History

Board of Directors (1998-2000)

New York Metropolitan Reference and Research Librarians

Board of Trustees (1998-2005)

Archival Advisory Board, 1993-2005

New Jersey Catholic Historical Records Commission

New York Theological Librarians Association

Chair, 1991-1992

New Jersey State Historical Records Advisory Board

(1987-1997)

Union Theological Seminary

Archives Advisory Board, 1994-

City of New York

Archives Advisory Board, 1997-

Center for Jewish History

NHPRC Advisory Board, 1999-

Diocese of Brooklyn

Archives Advisory Board, 1997-

Organization of American Historians

Committee on Research and Access to Historical Records, 1998-  
American Historical Association  
Association for Research on Nonprofit and Voluntary Associations

## **WORKSHOPS AND CONSULTING**

Archival consulting for the following institutions: Manhattan College, Covenant House, Roman Catholic Diocese of Richmond; College of Insurance; Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia; American Bible Society; Riverside Church in New York; Warren County Cultural and Heritage Commission; Meadowlands Museum; Washington Public Library; Seton Hall University; Madison Public Library; Cranford Historical Society; Community Methodist Church in Roselle Park; Metuchen-Edison Historical Society; Christ Episcopal Church in Shrewsbury; Temple Beth Tikvah in Wayne; Princeton Baptist Church; Unitarian Society in Ridgewood; Hillside Historical Society; Passionist Historical Archives in Union City; First Presbyterian Church in Boonton.

Presented archival workshops for the following: Archivists Round Table of Metropolitan New York, New York Metropolitan Reference and Research Libraries, Archivists of Religious Institutions, Unitarian and Universalist Society of New York State, Western New York Region of the Documentary Heritage Program, and Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey.