

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION:

Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley, 1984 (History)  
 M.A. University of California, Berkeley, 1968 (History)  
 B.A. Johns Hopkins University, 1966, Phi Beta Kappa (History and English)

### TEACHING:

Professor (2001-)—History, Boston University  
 Zachary Smith Distinguished Professor (2001-), declined; Professor (2000-2001);  
 Associate Professor (1992-2000); Assistant Professor (1986-1992)—  
 History and American Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
 Visiting Assistant Professor (1984-1986)—History, University of California,  
 Davis  
 Acting Instructor (1983-1984)—History, University of California, Berkeley  
 Lecturer (1976-1982)—History, San Jose State University and San Francisco  
 State University

### PUBLICATIONS:

#### **Books**

*The American Intellectual Tradition*, ed. with David A. Hollinger, 2 vols., Sixth Edition (New York: Oxford University Press, 2011); First Edition, 1989; Second Edition, 1993; Third Edition, 1997; Fourth Edition, 2001; Fifth Edition, 2006; Sixth Edition, 2011

*Margaret Fuller: An American Romantic Life, Vol. 2: The Public Years* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2007); paperback edition, 2010

*Margaret Fuller: Transatlantic Crossings in a Revolutionary Age*, ed. with Cristina Giorcelli (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 2007)

*Transient and Permanent: The Transcendentalist Movement and Its Contexts*, ed. with Conrad E. Wright (Boston: Massachusetts Historical Society and Northeastern University Press, 1999); paperback edition, 2002

*Margaret Fuller: An American Romantic Life*, Vol. 1: *The Private Years* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1992) [won 1993 Bancroft Prize]; paperback edition, 1994

### **Articles, Book Chapters, and Review Essays**

"Margaret Fuller Now," *Journal of Unitarian Universalist History*, 34 (2011), 26-32

"Preface" and "Getting from Here to There: Margaret Fuller's American Transnational Odyssey," in Charles Capper and Cristina Giorcelli, eds., *Margaret Fuller: Transatlantic Crossings in a Revolutionary Age* (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 2007), xi-xviii, 3-26

"Margaret Fuller's American Transnational Odyssey," *Dimensioni e problemi della ricerca storica*, n. 1/ 2001, 9-28

"Margaret Fuller," *Oxford Companion to United States History* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2001), 294-95

"'A Little Beyond': The Problem of the Transcendentalist Movement in American History," in Charles Capper and Conrad Edick Wright, eds., *Transient and Permanent: The Transcendentalist Movement and Its Contexts* (Boston: Massachusetts Historical Society and Northeastern University Press, 1999), 3-45

"'A Little Beyond': The Problem of the Transcendentalist Movement in American History," *Journal of American History*, 85 (September 1998):502-39

"One Step Back, Two Steps Forward," Symposium on "Intellectual History in the Age of Cultural Studies," *Intellectual History Newsletter*, 18 (1996):66-68

"Culture Wars and American Democracy," with Robert A. Ferguson, *Intellectual History Newsletter*, 18 (1996):98-102

"Walt Whitman Historicized," *Reviews in American History*, 24 (June 1996):238-45

"Transcendentalism," in Richard Wightman Fox and James T. Kloppenberg, eds., *A Companion to American Thought* (Cambridge, Mass.: Basil Blackwell, 1995), 683-85

“Featured Review” of *Boats Against the Current: American Culture Between Revolution and Modernity, 1820-1860* by Lewis Perry, *American Historical Review*, 98 (December 1993):1557-59

“Discovering Women’s Intellectual History,” *Intellectual History Newsletter*, 15 (1993):45-47

“Margaret Fuller as Cultural Reformer: The Conversations in Boston,” *American Quarterly*, 39 (Winter 1987):509-28

“Left-Wing Transcendentalism: An Infantile Disorder Cured?” *Intellectual History Newsletter*, 5 (1984):34-45

“History Today: Notes of a Prodigal Graduate Student,” *Perspectives: American Historical Association Newsletter*, 22 (September 1984):12-13

### **Reviews**

Reviews in *American Historical Review*, *Journal of American History*, *Journal of the Early Republic*, and other peer-reviewed journals

### **BOOKS IN PROGRESS:**

*The Transcendental Moment: Liberal Transcendentalism and America’s Democratic Awakening*

### **PRIZES, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS:**

#### **Prizes**

Highly Recommended Book Award from the Boston Authors Club for 2008 for *Margaret Fuller: An American Romantic Life, Vol. 2: The Public Years* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2007)

Binkley-Stephenson Award for 1999 for “‘A Little Beyond’: The Problem of the Transcendentalist Movement in American History,” *Journal of American History*, 85 (September 1998):502-39 [Organization of American Historian’s award for the best scholarly article published in the *Journal of American History* during 1998]

Bancroft Prize for 1993 for *Margaret Fuller: An American Romantic Life, Vol. 1: The Private Years* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1992) [given by Columbia University]

#### **Fellowships**

American Council of Learned Societies, 2008-09

Humanities Foundation of Boston University, Fall 2008

Charles Warren Center Fellowship, Harvard University, 2005-06

National Humanities Center, Lilly Fellowship, 2002-03

Institute for the Arts and Humanities Fellowship, UNC, Spring 1999

John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship, 1995-96

National Humanities Center Fellowship, 1994-95

Institute for the Arts and Humanities Fellowship, UNC, Spring 1990

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, 1987-88

### **Grants**

Summer Term Curriculum Development Award, BU, 2008

Humanities Foundation Grants, BU, 2007-08, 2006-07,

University Research Council Grants, UNC, 1999, 1996, 1994, 1993, 1991, 1988, 1986

College of Arts and Sciences Endowment Committee Grants for Scholarly Publications, UNC, 1996, 1994, 1992 (two), 1988

Arts and Sciences Foundation Research Development Grant, UNC, 1992

IBM Junior Faculty Development Award, UNC, 1987

### **JOURNALS AND PUBLICATION BOARDS**

Coeditor, *Modern Intellectual History* (Cambridge University Press), 2002-

Editorial Advisory Board of American Thought and Culture Series, University of Wisconsin Press, 2002-

Consultant for PBS Film "A Majority of One: Henry David Thoreau," 2007-08

Board of Advisors, *Encyclopedia of the Romantic Era, 1760-1850*, Fitzroy Dearborn Publishers, 1999-2004

Coeditor, *Intellectual History Newsletter*, 2001-02

Editorial Committee, *Intellectual History Newsletter*, 1996-2002

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:**

### **Judgeships**

Merle Curti Prize Committee of the Organization of American Historians, 2011-13

National Endowment for the Humanities, Member of America's Media Makers Development and Production Grants Panel, 2008

Bancroft Prize Selection Committee, 2002-03

National Endowment for the Humanities Selection Committee, Massachusetts Historical Society, 2002

Fellows Finalists Selection Committee, National Humanities Center, 1998

Merle Curti Prize Committee of the Organization of American Historians, 1995-97

### **Reviewer and Referee Reports**

External Reviewer for Promotion and Tenure Committees: Washington University in St. Louis; University of California, Los Angeles; Miami University; University of Notre Dame; Dartmouth College

Referee: *American Historical Review*; *American Quarterly*; *Journal of American History*; *Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society*; *Nineteenth-Century Prose*; Cornell University Press; Duke University Press; Harvard University Press; Oxford University Press; St. Martin's Press; University of North Carolina Press

### **Seminars, Societies, and Committees**

Committee on Women Historians, American Historical Association, 2009-12

Fellow of the Society of American Historians, 2009-

Honorary Member of the Boston Author's Club, 2008-

Cochair, Harvard Colloquium in Intellectual and Cultural History, 2007-

Research Committee, Massachusetts Historical Society, 2006-08

Co-leader of Lilly Seminar on Religion and American Culture, National Humanities Center, 2002-03

Advisory Board of the Margaret Fuller Society of the Modern Language Association, 1996-99

Co-Principal Investigator and Coordinator, Sawyer Seminar, "Liberal Cultures and Their Critics: The Trials of a Transatlantic Tradition," National Humanities Center, Funded by Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, 1999-2001 [\$150,000]

Corresponding Member of the Massachusetts Historical Society, 1998-

Co-founder, Coordinator, and Core Faculty Member of the Triangle Duke-UNC-NC State Graduate Program in Intellectual History, 1996-2001

Faculty Co-leader of the DuPont Fund Summer Seminar for Liberal Arts ("Culture Wars and American Democracy"), National Humanities Center, June 2-21, 1996

Member of the American Historical Association and the Organization of American Historians, 1984-

## **PAPERS, LECTURES, AND INTERVIEWS:**

Interviews about Margaret Fuller for article in the *Boston Globe*, January 12 and February 1, 2012

"A Hut of His Own: Thoreau's Romantic Domesticity," House and Home in American Culture Lecture Series, American Studies Program, Boston University, November 4, 2010

"Margaret Fuller Now," General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association, Minneapolis, MN, June 23-27, 2010

"Margaret Fuller in Time," Keynote Address, Concord Celebrates 200: Margaret Fuller Bicentennial, Concord Free Public Library and Concord First Parish, Concord, MA, May 21-23, 2010

"Interest, Contexts, and Languages: Writing a Biography of Margaret Fuller," Boston University Institute for Philosophy and Religion Conference on Philosophical and Intellectual Biography," March 19, 2010

“The Mystery of Nathaniel Hawthorne and Margaret Fuller,” Trustees of the Old Manse, Colonial Inn, Concord, MA, March 4, 2010

“Margaret Fuller as American Romantic,” Concord Free Public Library, March 19, 2009

“The History Journal Today: An Editor’s View,” Keynote Address, Graduate Research Conference, University of Connecticut, August 27, 2008

“How Anti-Slavery Redefined the Idea of American Democracy,” Lecture, “Key Moments in American Freedom,” The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, Harvard University, July 22, 2008

“Margaret Fuller: Transatlantic Crossings in a Revolutionary Age,” Book Presentation, Italian Cultural Institute, Dublin, June 30, 2008

“Margaret Fuller: The Public Years,” Book Talk, Massachusetts Historical Society, March 6, 2008

“Margaret Fuller: The Public Years,” Book Talk, Barnes and Noble Bookstore, Boston University, October 11, 2007

“Margaret Fuller and American Cosmopolitanism,” 2007 Harvard Square Lecture, Unitarian Universalist Historical Society, Cambridge, April 13, 2007

“Risorgimento: Chapter from Margaret Fuller, *An American Romantic Life*,” Charles Warren Center, Harvard University, March 15, 2006

“Intellectual History and Biography,” Triangle Intellectual History Seminar, National Humanities Center, May 4, 2003

“ ‘Spires of Form’: The Emerson Bicentennial Conference,” Concluding Lecture, “The Future of Emerson Studies,” Massachusetts Historical Society, April 25-26, 2003

“The New American Religious History,” Lecture, Lilly Planning Conference on Religion and the Humanities, National Humanities Center, October 5, 2002

“The Transcendentalist Movement: New Perspectives on Antebellum Intellectual Culture,” Lecture, National Humanities Center, September 12, 2002

“Margaret Fuller’s American Transnational Odyssey,” Keynote Plenary Address, Society for the History of the Early American Republic Annual Meeting, Johns Hopkins University, July 19-22, 2001

“Margaret Fuller’s American Transnational Odyssey,” Keynote Address,  
 “Margaret Fuller: tra Europa e Stati Uniti d’America,” Convegno Internazionale,  
 American Academy in Rome, November 20-22, 2000

“Emerson and Liberal Religion in America,” Lecture, Faith and Scholarship  
 Seminar, UNC, April 6, 2000

“Reforming Communion: Antebellum Romantic Culture and the Liberal  
 Women’s Rights Discourse of Margaret Fuller,” Paper, “Liberal Cultures and  
 Their Critics: The Trials of a Transatlantic Tradition,” Mellon Funded Sawyer  
 Seminar, National Humanities Center, October 24, 1999

“Margaret Fuller and the Trials of Romantic Reform,” Lecture, “Adventures in  
 Ideas” Weekend Seminar on “American Romantics,” Program in the Humanities  
 and Human Values, UNC, November 5-6, 1999

“Between Culture and Ideology: The Romantic Feminism of Margaret Fuller,”  
 Paper, Nathaniel Hawthorne Society, Rome, June 2-5, 1998 [Version given at  
 Department of History, Northwestern University, February 22, 1999]

“Historicizing the Transcendentalists,” Keynote Address and Lowell Lecture,  
 Conference, “Transient and Permanent: The Transcendentalist Movement and Its  
 Contexts,” Massachusetts Historical Society, May 15-17, 1997

“Margaret Fuller: An American Romantic Life,” Paper, American Studies  
 Program and Department of History, Columbia University, November 13, 1997

“Margaret Fuller: Romantic Editor,” Paper, Triangle Intellectual History Seminar,  
 December 8, 1996

“Religion and Historical Scholarship: Profane Text and Sacred Context?”  
 Lecture, Lilly Endowment Conference, “Religion in American Intellectual Life,”  
 National Humanities Center, October 12-14, 1995

“The Project of Margaret Fuller,” Lecture, Fellows Seminar, National Humanities  
 Center, September 26, 1994

“My Margaret Fuller: The Making of an American Romantic Life,” Lecture,  
 Bancroft Prize Dinner, Columbia University, April 7, 1993

Interview about my Margaret Fuller biography for “Soundings,” National  
 Humanities Center, WUNC (Chapel Hill) and National Public Radio, March 1994



Interview about my Margaret Fuller biography for Voice of America (Washington D.C.), March 1994

“The World of the Transcendentalists,” Lecture, “Adventures in Ideas,” Program in the Humanities and Human Values, UNC, April 10-11, 1992 (repeated January 28, 1993)

“Margaret Fuller in Context,” Paper, Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, St. Louis, April 6-9, 1989

“New Perspectives on Margaret Fuller,” Paper, Modern Language Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, December 27-30, 1988

“Margaret Fuller: Cultural Reformer,” Paper, American Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, November 1985

### **SESSIONS, SEMINARS, AND COLLOQUIA:**

“Ante-Bellum Secularisms,” Chair and Commentator, Modern Language Association Annual Meeting, Boston, January 3-6, 2013

“Windows and Walls: The Boundaries Intellectual History,” First Cambridge-Harvard Conference on Atlantic Intellectual History, Radcliffe Institute, May 18-19, 2012

“American Slavery: Reinforcements and Reactions,” Chair and Commentator, Society for U.S. Intellectual History Conference and Annual Meeting, Graduate Center, CUNY, November 17-18, 2011

“State of the Field: Intellectual History,” Chair and Commentator, Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Houston, March 18, 2011

“Diversity and Toleration,” Chair and Commentator, “Toleration and Freedom: The American Experience in Context,” Focal Conference of Boston University’s Institute for Philosophy and Religion’s 2010/2012 Annual Lecture Series  
 “Toleration and Freedom in a Global Age,” Boston University, Mar. 25, 2011

“Generations: The Past, Present, and Future of Histories of Women and Gender,” Chair and Commentator, American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Boston, January 6-9, 2011

Conference on “Margaret Fuller and Her Circles,” Commentator, Massachusetts Historical Society, April 8-10, 2010

“Assessing the Legacy of the 1977 Wingspread Conference,” Final Plenary Panel; Chair and Commentator, and “Science, Salvation, and Rationalism: Innovations in Nineteenth-Century American Thought,” Chair and Commentator, Society for U.S. Intellectual History Conference and Annual Meeting, Graduate Center, CUNY, November 12-13, 2009

“Fuller and Transnationality,” Chair and Commentator, American Literature Association Meeting, Boston, May 21-23, 2009

“Thoreau and Environmentalism,” Boston Colloquium for Philosophy of Science, Moderator and Commentator, Boston University, November 16, 2007

“The Transcendentalist Movement,” Colloquium, Commentator, Harvard University, April 19, 2007

“Liberalism and Conservatism in the Gilded Age,” Commentator, American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, January 6, 2007

“What about the Book of Mormon? Positioning the Work of Joseph Smith,” Commentator, Charles Warren Center, Harvard University, October 7, 2005

“Nature, the Natural, and the Supernatural: American Perspectives on Nature,” Boston University Colloquium for Philosophy of Science, Moderator and Commentator, Boston University, April 15, 2002

“Nineteenth-Century Public Intellectuals,” Commentator, American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington D. C., November 8-11, 2001

“The Self and Autonomy,” Chair and Commentator, Session at Capstone Conference for Sawyer Seminar, “Liberal Cultures and Their Critics: The Trials of a Transatlantic Tradition,” National Humanities Center, October 5-7, 2001

“Literature, Culture, and Ethics,” Commentator, “Liberal Cultures and Their Critics: The Trials of a Transatlantic Tradition,” Mellon Funded Sawyer Seminar, National Humanities Center, Jan. 21, 2001

“Democratic Epistemologies: Religious Narrative in the Early American Republic,” Chair, American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Boston, January 4-7, 2001

“Equality and Authority,” Commentator, “Liberal Cultures and Their Critics: The Trials of a Transatlantic Tradition,” Mellon Funded Sawyer Seminar, National Humanities Center, March 24-25, 2000

“Media and the Public Sphere,” Commentator, “Liberal Cultures and Their Critics: The Trials of a Transatlantic Tradition,” Mellon Funded Sawyer Seminar, National Humanities Center, January 21-22, 2000

“Transcendentalism and Reform,” Chair, Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Toronto, April 22-25, 1999

“The Quest for Transcendence in American Culture,” Panel, Program in the Humanities and Human Values, UNC Faculty Seminar, November 6, 1998

“The Future of Biography,” Commentator, Modern Language Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, December 27-30, 1996

“Intersections: Women’s History/Intellectual History,” Commentator, Conference, Dartmouth College Minery Center, May 3-5, 1996

“James Freeman Clarke, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Henry James and the Specter of Margaret Fuller,” Commentator, Modern Language Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, December 27-30, 1995

“Perspectives on *Telling the Truth about History*,” Chair, American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, January 5-8, 1995

“Writing the Republic,” Chair and Commentator, Society for the History of the Early American Republic Annual Meeting, University of Cincinnati, July 20-23, 1995

“Representing America: Cultural Constructions of an American Self,” Chair and Commentator, Society for the History of the Early American Republic Annual Meeting, Boston College, July 14-17, 1994

“Revisioning the Future,” Chair and Commentator, American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Boston, November 4-7, 1993

“Discovering Women’s Intellectual History,” Chair and Commentator, American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Costa Mesa, Calif., November 5-8, 1992

“Culture and Society in Nineteenth-Century America,” Commentator, American Studies Symposium on Nineteenth-Century American Culture, UNC, February 1988

## **COURSES TAUGHT:**

Graduate Courses: From Romantic to Modern in American Thought; Discourses of Culture in American Intellectual History; Introduction to American

Historiography; Colloquium in U.S. History to 1877; Modernity and Antimodernity in American Thought and Culture

Undergraduate Courses: The American Transcendentalists; American Thought and Culture, 1776-1900; American Thought and Culture, 1900 to the Present; Freshman Honors Seminar on American Intellectual Traditions; Senior Honors History; U.S. History to 1865; American Thought, 1630-1865; American Thought, 1865-present; Seminar on Politics and the American Intellectual; Seminar on Antebellum Reform

### **Ph.D. DISSERTATIONS:**

Jonathan Koefoed, *Cautious Romantics: The Transcendental Trinitarians and the Transatlantic Romantic Discourse*, BU, in progress

Clare Ploucha, "Transcendentalist Travel: Spiritual Cosmos and the Postcolonial Project," BU, in progress

Sam Deese, "Ecologies of Empire: Julian and Aldous Huxley in the American Century," BU, 2007 [tenure track]

Amy Kittelstrom, "The Religion of Democracy: William James and Practical Idealism in Evolutionary America," BU, 2004 [tenure track and book contract]

Ethan Kytle, "'To Be Free Themselves Must Strike the First Blow': The Romantic Liberalism of Antislavery Intellectuals in the 1850s," UNC, 2004 [tenured]

Adam Tuchinsky, "'Horace Greeley's Lost Book': The *New-York Tribune* and the Origins of Social Democratic Liberalism in America," UNC, 2001 [tenured and published book]

### **UNC SERVICE:**

Director of the Honors Program (1996-98); Undergraduate Studies Committee (1996-98); Chair, Speakers Committee (1993-94); Undergraduate Prize Committee (1992-94); Advisory Committee (1988-89); U.S. Field Ph.D. Examination Revision Committee (1988-89); Undergraduate Studies Committee (1988-89)

University: Institute for the Arts and Humanities Advisory Committee (1999-); American Studies Faculty Search Committee (1999-2000); American Studies Advisory Committee (1988-); Cultural Studies Committee (1993-94)

### **BU SERVICE:**

History Department: Member, Promotion Committee (2011-12); Chair, History Honors Program Committee (2010-11); Committee on the Future of the History Department (2009-10); Chair, Early American Search Committee (2003-04); Needs Assessment Committee (2002-03); Chair, History Seminar Committee (2001-02); Jewish History Search Committee (2001-02)

University: Internal Review Committee Member for the Review of the Department of Art and Architecture (2012-13); University Promotion and Tenure Committee (2009-10); Humanities Foundation Director Search Committee (2008); University Promotion and Tenure Committee (2003-04)