

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### Education:

- 1959-63: Columbia College. B. A., summa cum laude, 1963
- 1963-65: Oriel College, Oxford University. B. A., first class, 1965
- 1965-69: Graduate Faculties, Columbia University. Ph. D., 1969

### Employment:

- DeWitt Clinton Professor Emeritus of History, Columbia University, 2018--
- DeWitt Clinton Professor of History, Columbia University, 1988-2018
- Professor, Department of History, Columbia University, 1982-88
- Professor, Department of History, City College and Graduate Center, City University of New York, 1973-82
- Pitt Professor of American History and Institutions, Cambridge University, 1980-81
- Fulbright Professor of American History, Moscow State University, Spring 1990
- Harmsworth Professor of American History, Oxford University, 1993-94
- Leverhulme Visiting Scholar, Queen Mary, University of London, 2008

### Awards, Fellowships, Honors:

- American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship, 1972-73
- Guggenheim Fellowship, 1975-76
- National Endowment for the Humanities Senior Fellowships, 1982-83, 1996-97
- Awards for Reconstruction, 1989: Los Angeles Times Book Prize for History; Bancroft Prize; Parkman Prize; Lionel Trilling Award; Owsley Prize. Finalist, National Book Award; Finalist, National Book Critics' Circle Award; Finalist, Pulitzer Prize
- Elected member, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 1989
- Great Teacher Award, Society of Columbia Graduates, 1991
- President, Organization of American Historians, 1993-94

Scholar of the Year, N. Y. Council for the Humanities,  
1995  
Elected Corresponding Fellow, British Academy, 1996  
President, American Historical Association, 2000  
Featured in History Today, January 2000  
Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, Iona College, 2002  
First Place, Electronic Product of 2003, for Columbia  
American History Online, Association of American  
Publishers  
Class of 2006 Distinguished Professor Award, April 2004  
Silver Gavel Award, American Bar Association, 2005, for  
Brown at Fifty, special issue, The Nation, ed.  
Eric Foner and Randall Kennedy  
President, Society of American Historians, 2006  
Kidger Award for Teaching and Scholarly Excellence, New  
England History Teachers Association, 2006  
Presidential Award for Outstanding Teaching, Columbia  
University, 2006  
John Jay Award for Distinguished Professional  
Achievement, Columbia College Alumni Association,  
2007  
Contested Democracy: Freedom, Race, and Power in  
American History, ed. Manisha Sinha and Penny Von  
Eschen (Columbia University Press, 2007):  
Festschrift in honor of Eric Foner  
Order of Lincoln, Lincoln Academy of Illinois, 2009  
Awards for The Fiery Trial, 2011: Pulitzer Prize for  
History; Bancroft Prize; The Lincoln Prize;  
Lincoln Group of New York Award of Achievement;  
Lincoln Society in Peekskill Lincoln Legacy Award;  
Abraham Lincoln Institute Book Award; New York  
Military Affairs Symposium Eugene Feit Award in  
Civil War Studies  
Dean's Award for Distinguished Achievement, Graduate  
School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University,  
2012  
Honorary Doctor of Science (Social Sciences), Queen  
Mary, University of London, 2012  
American History Colloquium to Celebrate the Work of  
Eric Foner, Queen Mary, University of London,  
2012, 2014  
Ruth Ratner Miller Memorial Award for Excellence in  
American History, Concord Free Public Library,  
2012  
Richard Nelson Current Award of Achievement, The  
Lincoln Forum, 2012  
Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, State University of  
New York, 2013  
John Commerford Labor Education Award, New York State  
Labor History Association, 2013  
Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, Dartmouth College,  
2014  
Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, Lehigh University,  
2015

Everyday Freedom Hero Award, Underground Railroad  
Freedom Center, Cincinnati, 2015  
Award for Gateway to Freedom, 2016: New-York Historical  
Society American History Book Prize/ American  
Historian Laureate; Outstanding Book Award,  
Victorian Society of New York  
Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, Princeton  
University, 2016  
Global Fellow, Beijing University, 2017  
Elected member, American Philosophical Society, 2018  
Elected Fellow, American Academy of Political and  
Social Science, 2020

Books:

Free Soil, Free Labor, Free Men: The Ideology of the  
Republican Party Before the Civil War (Oxford  
University Press, 1970; rep. with new preface,  
1995)  
America's Black Past: A Reader in Afro-American History  
(Harper and Row, 1971)  
Nat Turner (Prentice-Hall, 1971)  
Tom Paine and Revolutionary America (Oxford University  
Press, 1976; rep with new preface, 2004)  
Politics and Ideology in the Age of the Civil War  
(Oxford University Press, 1980)  
Nothing But Freedom: Emancipation and Its Legacy  
(Louisiana State University Press, 1983)  
Reconstruction: America's Unfinished Revolution 1863-  
1877(New American Nation series, Harper and Row,  
1988; rep with new introduction, 2014)  
A Short History of Reconstruction (Harper and Row,  
1990; rep. with new introduction 2014)  
A House Divided: America in the Age of Lincoln  
(Norton, 1990) (with Olivia Mahoney)  
The New American History (editor) (Temple University  
Press, 1990; revised and expanded edition, 1997)  
Reader's Companion to American History (editor, with  
John A. Garraty) (Houghton-Mifflin, 1991)  
Freedom's Lawmakers: A Directory of Black Officeholders  
During Reconstruction (Oxford University Press,  
1993; revised edition, LSU Press, 1996)  
Thomas Paine (Library of America, 1995)  
America's Reconstruction: People and Politics after the  
Civil War (HarperCollins, 1995) (with Olivia  
Mahoney)  
The Story of American Freedom (Norton, 1998)  
Dance for a City: Fifty Years of the New York City  
Ballet (editor, with Lynn Garafola) (Columbia U.  
Press, 1999)  
Who Owns History? Rethinking the Past in a Changing  
World (Hill and Wang, 2002)  
Give Me Liberty An American History (Norton, 2004)  
Voices of Freedom: A Documentary History (Norton, 2004)

Forever Free: The Story of Emancipation and Reconstruction (Knopf, 2005)  
Herbert Aptheker on Race and Democracy: A Reader(editor, with Manning Marable) (U.of Illinois Press, 2006)  
Our Lincoln: New Perspectives on Lincoln and His World (editor) (Norton, 2008)  
The Fiery Trial: Abraham Lincoln and American Slavery (Norton, 2010)  
American History Now (editor, with Lisa McGirr) (Temple University Press, 2011)  
Gateway to Freedom: The Hidden History of the Underground Railroad (Norton, 2015)  
Thomas Paine: Common Sense, The Crisis and Other Writings from the American Revolution (editor) (Library of America, 2015)  
Battles for Freedom: The Use and Abuse of American History. Essays from The Nation (I. B. Tauris, 2017)  
The Second Founding: How the Civil War and Reconstruction Remade the Constitution (Norton, 2019)

Other Activities:

Articles, essays, op-eds, and book reviews in numerous academic and popular journals, magazines, newspapers  
Co-curator, A House Divided exhibit, Chicago Historical Society, and America's Reconstruction, traveling exhibition, originating Virginia Historical Society,  
Rewrote Hall of Presidents presentation, Disney World  
Appeared on The News Hour, the Daily Show, Crossfire, Charlie Rose, the Donohue Show, Bill Moyers Journal, Fresh Air, The Colbert Report, Democracy Now, All Things Considered  
Chief historical advisor for PBS documentary series on Reconstruction, 2019  
Director, Columbia and Slavery Project  
Books translated into Chinese, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish