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CURRENT POSITION

Professor of Labor Studies and History

School of Labor and Employment Relations

Pennsylvania State University

EDUCATION

University of California, San Francisco, Ph.D., history of health sciences, 1986

University of California, Berkeley, M.P.H., public health, 1978

University of Rochester, M.A., history, 1973

University of Wisconsin, Madison, B.A., history, 1971

HONORS

C. L. R. James Award, Working Class Studies Association, 2009

for “Asleep and Awake at the Same Time: Sleep Denial among Pullman Porters”

(best article in field for 2007-2008)

Philip Taft Labor History Award, 1989

for *Workers’ Health, Workers’ Democracy* (best book in field in 1988)

Pew Health Policy Research Fellowship, 1983-85

at the Institute for Health Policy Studies, UCSF

Chancellor’s Research Fellowship, UCSF, 1985

Study Award, Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley, 1984

Phi Beta Kappa, 1971

EMPLOYMENT

Pennsylvania State University, University Park, School of Labor and Employment Relations, assistant professor, 1987-90, associate professor, 1990-99, professor, 1999-2004; joint appointment with Department of History, 1996-2004; professor, 2012-

Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Department of History, professor, 2004-12; affiliate professor, 2012-

University of California, Berkeley, Health Arts and Sciences Program, teaching associate, 1982-83

BOOKS

*Dangerously Sleepy: Overworked Americans and the Cult of Manly Wakefulness* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2013)

*Health Security for All: Dreams of Universal Health Care in America* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2005)

*Black Lung: Anatomy of a Public Health Disaster* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1998)

*Workers’ Health, Workers’ Democracy: The Western Miners’ Struggle, 1891-1925* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1988)

JOURNAL ARTICLES

“Naphtha Drunks, Lead Colic, and the Smelter Shakes: The Inordinate Exposure of Immigrant Workers to Occupational Health Hazards at the Turn of the Twentieth Century,” *Journal of American Ethnic History*, forthcoming

“’Gateway to Hell’: African American Coking Workers, Racial Discrimination, and the Struggle against Occupational Cancer,” *Journal of African American History* 101: 1-2 (Winter-Spring 2016): 126-49

“Inventing the Right to Know: Herbert Abrams's Efforts to Democratize Access to Workplace Health Hazard Information in the 1950s,” *American Journal of Public Health* 106: 2 (February 2016): 237-45

“Surviving a ‘Carcinogen Rich Environment’: Steelworkers’ Democratic Intrusion into the Regulation of Coke-Oven Emissions,” *Journal of Policy History* 27: 4 (October 2015): 561-91

“’No Such Thing as a Night’s Sleep’: The Embattled Sleep of American Fighting Men from World War II to the Present,” *Journal of Social History* 47: 1 (Fall 2013): 1-26

“’Nuisance Dust’: Unprotective Limits for Exposure to Coal Mine Dust in the United States, 1934-1969,” *American Journal of Public Health* 103: 2 (February 2013): 238-49

“’Asleep and Awake at the Same Time’: Sleep Denial among Pullman Porters,” *Labor: Studies in Working-Class History of the Americas* 5: 3 (Fall 2008): 13-44

“’Health for Three-Thirds of the Nation’: Public Health Advocacy of Universal Access to Medical Care in the United States,” *American Journal of Public Health* 92: 2 (February 2002): 180-90

“’Take Health from the List of Luxuries’: Labor and the Right to Health Care, 1915-1949,” *Labor History* 41: 2 (May 2000): 171-87

“The House of Falk: The Paranoid Style in American Health Politics,” *American Journal of Public Health* 87: 11 (November 1997): 1836-43

“Physiological Science and Scientific Management in the Progressive Era: Frederic S. Lee and the Committee on Industrial Fatigue,” *Business History Review* 68: 4 (Winter 1994): 483-514

“Health Security for All? Social Unionism and Universal Health Insurance, 1935-1958,” *Journal of American History* 80: 4 (March 1994): 1333-56

“Participative Regulation of Hazardous Working Conditions: Safety Committees of the United Mine Workers of America, 1941-1969,” *Labor Studies Journal* 18: 2 (Summer 1993): 25-38

“Occupational Disease and Career Trajectory in Hard Coal, 1870-1930,” *Industrial Relations* 32: 1 (Winter 1993): 94-110

“Making Human Junk: Child Labor as a Health Issue in the Progressive Era,” *American Journal of Public Health* 82: 9 (September 1992): 1280-90

“From Company Doctors to Union Hospitals: The First Democratic Health-Care Experiments of the United Mine Workers of America,” *Labor History* 33: 3 (Summer 1992): 325-42

“The United Mine Workers of America and the Recognition of Occupational Respiratory Diseases, 1902-1968,”*American Journal of Public Health* 81: 6 (June 1991): 782-90

“Part of the Yellow Dog: U.S. Coal Miners’ Opposition to the Company Doctor System, 1936-1946,” *International Journal of Health Services* 19: 4 (1989): 709-20

“Federal Intervention in the Joplin Silicosis Epidemic, 1911-1916,” *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* 62: 2 (Summer 1988): 236-51

“’On the Dump Heap’: Employee Medical Screening in the Tri-State Zinc-Lead Industry, 1924-1932,” *Business History Review* 62: 4 (Winter 1988): 656-77

“Industrial Refugees: The Migration of Silicotics from the Mines of North America and South Africa in the Early Twentieth Century,” *Labor History* 29: 1 (Winter 1988): 66-89

“Down Solid: The Origins and Development of the Black Lung Insurgency,” *Journal of Public Health Policy* 4: 1 (March 1983): 25-44

BOOK CHAPTERS

“’Many Have Died and Others Must’: The Silicosis Epidemic in Western Hardrock Mining, 1900-1925,” in *Disease and Medical Care in the Mountain West: Essays on Region, History, and Practice*, ed. Martha L. Hildreth and Bruce T. Moran (Reno: University of Nevada Press, 1998), pp. 72-81, 129-34

“The Role of the United Mine Workers in the Prevention of Work-Related Respiratory Disease, 1890-1968,” in *The United Mine Workers of America: A Model of Industrial Solidarity?* ed. John H. M. Laslett (University Park: Pennsylvania State University Press, 1996), pp. 224-38

“The United Steelworkers of America and Health Insurance, 1937-1962,” in *American Labor in the Era of World War II*, ed. Sally M. Miller and Daniel A. Cornford (Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 1995), pp. 69-85

“’To Be His Own Benefactor’: The Founding of the Coeur d’Alene Miners’ Union Hospital, 1891,” in *Dying for Work: Workers’ Safety and Health in Twentieth-Century America*, ed. David Rosner and Gerald Markowitz (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1987), pp. 3-18

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“Occupational Diseases” in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the History of American Science, Medicine, and Technology*, ed. Hugh Slotten, 2 vols. (New York: Oxford University Press, 2014), 2: 189-92

“Real Men Go to Sleep,” *Harvard Business Review*, November 11, 2013, (online only) <http://blogs.hbr.org/2013/11/real-men-go-to-sleep/>

“Surviving the ‘Long Turn’: Overwork and Sleep Deprivation in the Early-Twentieth-Century American Steel Industry,” in *At Work in the World: Proceedings of the Fourth International Conference on the History of Occupational and Environmental Health*, ed. Paul Blanc and Brian Dolan (San Francisco: University of California Medical Humanities Press, 2012), pp. 204-5, (online only) [http://www.escholarship.org/uc/item/421335gr#](http://www.escholarship.org/uc/item/421335gr)

“Extractive Labor in the United States,” in National Park Service, *American Labor History Theme Study* (Washington: National Park Service, 2004), pp. 21-40, (online only) <http://www.cr.nps.gov/nhl/themes/Labor%20TS.pdf>

“Industrial Diseases and Hazards,” in *The Oxford Companion to United States History*, ed. Paul S. Boyer et al. (New York: Oxford University Press, 2001), pp. 380-81; reprinted as “Occupational Diseases and Hazards” in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of American Business, Labor, and Economic History*, ed. Melvyn Dubofsky, 2 vols. (New York: Oxford University Press, 2013), 2: 53-55

“Butte, Montana, Miners’ Strike of 1917,” “Coeur d’Alene, Idaho, Miners’ Strike of 1892,” “Coeur d’Alene, Idaho, Miners’ Strike of 1899,” “Cripple Creek, Colorado, Strike of 1894,” “Cripple Creek, Colorado, Strike of 1903-1904,” “Goldfield, Nevada, Strike of 1907-1908,” “Leadville, Colorado, Strike of 1896-1897,” “Telluride, Colorado, Miners’ Strike of 1903-1904,” in *Labor Conflict in the United States: An Encyclopedia*, ed. Ronald L. Filippelli (New York: Garland Publishing, 1990), pp. 75-77, 123-25, 125-27, 140-42, 142-45, 218-20, 281-83, 524-26

PRESENTATIONS

“The Right to Know versus the Perpetuation of Ignorance, New York versus Connecticut: Policy Conflict over Workers' Access to Health Hazard Information from the Progressive Era to the New Deal,” Labor and Working-Class History Association, Annual Conference, Seattle, scheduled for June 2017

“The United Steelworkers’ Multi-Faceted Strategy for Controlling the Hazard of Coke-Oven Emissions,” Working-Class Studies Association, Annual Conference, Stony Brook, NY, June 2016

“Race-Blind Science and Lethal Working Conditions: Underrecognition of Occupational Lung Cancer in African American Chromate Workers,” Social Science History Association, 40th Annual Meeting, Baltimore, November 2015

“Fraternalism versus Paternalism: Early Health-Care Initiatives of American Unions,” Pennsylvania Labor History Society, Annual Conference, Wilkes-Barre, October 2015

“Inventing the Right to Know: Herbert Abrams's Efforts to Democratize Access to Workplace Health Hazard Information in the 1950s,” Fighting Inequality: Joint Conference of the Labor and Working-Class History Association and the Working-Class Studies Association, Washington, May 2015

“’Don’t Be Scared of Dying. You Been to Hell Already on the Ovens’: Hazardous Working Conditions and Resistance to Victimization in American Coking,” Working-Class Studies Association, Annual Conference, Stony Brook, NY, June 2014

“An Attack on a ‘Carcinogen Rich Environment’: Steelworkers’ Democratic Intrusion into the Regulation of Coke Oven Emissions,” Pennsylvania Labor History Workshop, Harrisburg, December 2014

“Early Demands for a Right to Know about Workplace Health Hazards: Steelworkers’ Activism over Coke Oven Emissions, 1966-1976,” Labor and Working-Class History Association, Annual Conference, New York, June 2013

“Race and Cancer in the Steel Industry: The Battle over the OSHA Coke Oven Emissions Standard, and Its Curious Conclusion,” Business History Conference, 58th Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, March 2012

“The Long Turn,” Pennsylvania Labor History Workshop, Harrisburg, April 2011

“Surviving the Long Turn: Overwork and Sleep Deprivation in the American Steel Industry,” 4th International Conference on the History of Occupational and Environmental Health, San Francisco, June 2010

“Taking Little White Pills and My Eyes Are Open Wide: Overwork and Sleep Disruption in Long-Haul Trucking,” Organization of American Historians, 101st Annual Meeting, New York, March 2008

“The Appearance, Disappearance, and Reappearance of Health Criticisms of Overwork,” Working-Class Studies Association, Annual Conference, St. Paul, Minn., June 2007

“’Asleep and Awake at the Same Time’: Overwork and Sleep Denial among Sleeping-Car Porters,” Working-Class Studies Association, Annual Conference, Stony Brook, NY, June 2006

“Trading Old Impossibilities for New Improbabilities in the Pursuit of Universal Health Care,” American Public Health Association, 132d Annual Meeting, Washington, November 2004

“The Working Poor and Health Reform: Ending a Century of Silence?” 26th Annual North American Labor History Conference, Detroit, October 2004

“American Health-Care Reform: Historical Overview,” American Medical Student Association, Leadership Institute, Reston, Va., September 2004

“’A Safe Level of Exposure’: Misunderstanding Coal Mine Dust in the United States,” Dust at Work: Historical and International Perspectives, Glasgow, Scotland, May 2004

“The Living Wage as Health Reform,” Justice at Work: A Conference Honoring David Brody, Santa Barbara, Calif., August 2002

“Recognition of Black Lung: Some Missed Opportunities,” Pennsylvania Labor History Society, 27th Annual Conference, Scottdale, Pa., September 2000

“’You Are an Anarchist’: Federal Investigation of Respiratory Disease in the Southern Coalfields in the 1920s” (keynote address), National Coalition of Black Lung and Respiratory Disease Clinics, Annual Conference, Chicago, October 1999

“From Workers’ Compensation to State Health Insurance, and Back: Some Complications of Social Policy in the 1910s,” American Public Health Association, 126th Annual Meeting, Washington, November 1998

“Extreme Solidarity: The Black Lung Movement of 1968-1969,” 19th Annual North American Labor History Conference, October 1997

“Just a Nuisance? Governmental Assessments of the Health Risk of Coal Mine Dust, 1933-1969,” American Society for Environmental History, Biennial Meeting, Baltimore, March 1997

“Human Rights or Human Resources: Another Problem for Health Reform in the United States,” George Meany Memorial Archives, 9th Symposium, Silver Spring, Md., November 1996

“Social Security or National Security: The Campaign for National Health Insurance and the Onset of the Cold War,” Organization of American Historians, 88th Annual Meeting, Washington, April 1995

“Health Security for All? Labor and Universal Health Insurance, 1935-1958,” U.S. Public Health Service, Lecture, Rockville, Md., September 1994

“Social Security or National Security: The Campaign for National Health Insurance and the Onset of the Cold War,” Department of the History and Sociology of Science, University of Pennsylvania, Colloquium, April 1994

“The Silicosis Epidemic in Western Hardrock Mining, 1900-1925,” Conference on Place and Practice in the Health and Health Care of the Intermountain West, Reno, Nev., October 1993

“Digging Up Black Lung: The Politics of Epidemiology in the Coal Industry,” 15th Annual North American Labor History Conference, Detroit, October 1993

“Coal Workers’ Pneumoconiosis in Alabama, 1945-1960,” American Public Health Association, 120th Annual Meeting, Washington, November 1992

“The Steelworkers and Health Insurance, 1938-1960,” Wayne State University, 14th Annual North American Labor History Conference, October 1992

“Twice a Boy: Occupational Disease and Career Trajectory in the Coal Industry, 1870-1940,” Yale Medical School, George Rosen Memorial Lecture, February 1992

“Union Health and Safety Committees: The Policy and Practice of the United Mine Workers of America, 1900-1969,” George Meany Memorial Archives, 3d Symposium, Silver Spring, Md., October 1991

“The Health Policy of Organized Labor, 1938-1960,” Southwest Labor Studies Association, 17th Annual Conference, Stockton, Calif., March 1991

“The United Mine Workers of America and the Recognition of Work-Related Respiratory Disease, 1902-1968,” United Mine Workers of America, Centennial Conference, University Park, Pa., October 1990

“Miners’ Asthma versus Anthracosis: The Debate over Coal Workers’ Respiratory Disease, 1902-1920,” American Public Health Association, 117th Annual Meeting, Chicago, October 1989

“Breaker Boys and Black Lung: The Exposure of Children to Coal Mine Dust in Industrializing Pennsylvania,” Institute of the History of Medicine, Johns Hopkins University, Colloquium, October 1988

“Recognition and Control of Miners’ Silicosis in the United States, 1900-1917,” American Public Health Association, 112th Annual Meeting, Anaheim, Calif., November 1984

“Public Health Progressives and Metal Miners’ Diseases: The Federal Investigations of Silicosis in the 1910s,” American Association for the History of Medicine, 57th Annual Meeting, San Francisco, May 1984

“The Founding Mothers of the American Occupational Health and Safety Movement,” Occupational Health Section, American Public Health Association, Western Regional Meeting, Berkeley, March 1982

“The Coeur d’Alene Miners’ Strike of 1891,” American Public Health Association, 109th Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, November 1981

CONSULTING

Labor National Historic Landmark Theme Study, National Park Service, 1994-95, 2000-04

*Working Safely: Joint Health and Safety Committees*, video, Charles McCollester, producer (University Park: Department of Labor Studies and Industrial Relations, Pennsylvania State University, 1990)

*Those Who Know Don’t Tell: The Ongoing Battle for Workers’ Health*, video, Abigail Ginzberg, producer (San Francisco: New Directions Productions, 1989)

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Pennsylvania State University, College of the Liberal Arts, “Sleep and Sleeplessness in Modern America,” 2008-09

Pennsylvania State University, College of the Liberal Arts, “Universal Access to Health Care in the United States,” 2000

Pennsylvania State University, College of the Liberal Arts, “Oral History of Coal Workers’ Respiratory Disease,” 1994

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Division of Respiratory Disease Studies, “Recognition of Coal Workers’ Pneumoconiosis, 1943-1969,” 1991-92

Pennsylvania State University, Research Initiation Grant Program, “Coal Workers’ Pneumoconiosis in Industrializing Pennsylvania,” 1988-89

MEMBERSHIPS

Immigration and Ethnic History Society

Labor and Working-Class History Association

Organization of American Historians

Pennsylvania Labor History Society

Working-Class Studies Association

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

Member, Ad-Hoc Committee on Labor Landmarks, Labor and Working-Class History Association, 2003-present

Contributing Editor, *Labor: Studies in Working-Class History of the Americas*, 2003-04, 2006-09

Contributing Editor, *Labor History*, 2002-03

Co-director, Symposium on Labor and the Welfare State, George Meany Memorial Archives, 1996 (with Stuart Kaufman and Robert Asher)

Member, Planning Committee, Medicare-Medicaid History Center, U.S. Health Care Financing Administration, 1994-95