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Education:

Indiana University, Ph.D., 1979

Indiana University, M.A., 1975

University of Nebraska, B.A., 1973

Employment:

Assistant Professor of English, Indiana State University,
1979-1984

Associate Professor of English, Indiana State University,
1984-1989

Professor of English, Indiana State University, 1989-present

Visiting Professor of English, Indiana University, 1990

Features Writer, *Daily Telegraph* of London, 1995-2007

Fiction Critic, *Baltimore Sun*, 1996-2006

Consultant, British Broadcasting Corporation, 1991-1992, BBC 2 film series on the life and art of English novelist Graham Greene

Consultant and Broadcast Commentator, French Television Channel 3 documentary on the life of Graham Greene, 1995

BOOKS (author and contributor):

"Walter Bagehot." *Victorian Prose Writers Before 1867*. Ed. William Thesing. Detroit: Gale Research Press, 1987.

Friends of Promise: Cyril Connolly and the World of Horizon (New York: Harper Collins, 1989; London: Hamish Hamilton, 1989.) Current edition available from Faber & Faber.

Orwell: The Authorized Biography (New York: Harper Collins, 1991; London: Heinemann, 1991). Current edition available from Methuen. Excerpt in *The Arlington Reader*. Ed. Lynn Z. Bloom (Boston and New York; Bedford/St. Martin's Press, 2004.)

Graham Greene: The Man Within (London: Heinemann, 1994).

Graham Greene: The Enemy Within (U.S. Edition; New York: Random House, 1995).

"Postscript: An Exchange of Letters between David Lodge and Michael Shelden." David Lodge, *The Practice of Writing*. New York and London: Penguin Books, 1996.

"Behind the Feminist Mystique." Interview with Betty Friedan. *Betty Friedan*, Ed. Janann Sherman (University Press of Mississippi, 2002).

"Graham Greene." *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* (Oxford Univ. Press, 2004).

Contributor, *Every Intellectual's Big Brother: Orwell's Literary Siblings*. Ed. John Rodden. (Austin: University of Texas Press, 2007).

Mark Twain, Man in White: The Grand Adventure of His Final Years (New York: Random House, 2010).

"Mark Twain and His Biographers." *Resources for American Literary Study*. Ed. Jackson R. Bryer and Richard Kopley. New York: AMS Press, 2012. 353-358.

Young Titan: The Making of Winston Churchill (New York and London: Simon & Schuster, 2013).

AUDIO COURSES:

The Life and Times of Mark Twain. The Modern Scholar Lectures. 7 CDs and Study Guide (Prince Frederick, MD.: Recorded Books, 2010).

The World of George Orwell. The Modern Scholar Lectures. 7 CDs and Study Guide (Prince Frederick, MD: Recorded Books, 2010).

The Lost Generation: American Writers in Paris in the 1920s. The Modern Scholar Lectures. 7 CDs and Study Guide (Prince Frederick, MD: Recorded Books, 2011).

NATIONAL and INTERNATIONAL HONORS:

1983—Best First Essay on Charles Dickens, Dickens Society.

1991--First-Prize Winner, 60th Annual Literature Awards of the Friends of American Writers, Chicago, Illinois.

1991--*New York Times* Notable Book of the Year for *Orwell: The Authorized Biography*. Also, on best non-fiction list for 1991 in *The Times* of London, and the *Seattle Times/Post-Intelligencer*.

1992--Finalist, Pulitzer Prize for Biography

2010—*Library Journal* Best Books of 2010 and *Christian Science Monitor* Best Nonfiction Books of 2010 for *Mark Twain, Man in White*.

2013—*Young Titan: The Making of Winston Churchill* chosen as one of the ten best nonfiction audio books of 2013 by the *Library Journal*.

SELECTED ESSAYS and ARTICLES

"The Imagery of Constraint in Hamlet." *Shakespeare Quarterly* (Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, D.C.), Summer 1978.

"Dickens's *The Chimes*." *Victorian Studies*, Spring 1982.

"Review Essay: Five Recent Books on Charles Dickens." *Victorian Studies*, Summer 1983.

"Orwell and His Publishers: New Letters." *Times Literary Supplement*, (London) January 6, 1984.

"The Last Patron." Article on modern art patron Peter Watson. *Independent Magazine*, London, February 4, 1989.

"Iron George." Article on George Orwell's courage and fortitude. *Sunday Times of London*, October 13, 1991.

"Tales from a Dark Room." Article about the life of the American poet and diarist Arthur Inman. *Harper's and Queen* magazine, London, December 1991.

"Broken Reel: Lys Lubbock and Cyril Connolly." Cover story on Cyril Connolly's love affair with Lys Lubbock. *London Magazine*, June/July 1993.

"Informed Opinions: Biography." Comments on the best biographies of 1994. *Washington Post* "Book World," December 4, 1994.

"After the Revolution . . ." Excerpt from *Graham Greene: The Enemy Within*. *Columbia Journalism Review*, September/October 1995.

"The Further Adventures of Huckleberry Finn." Article on the discovery of Twain's "lost" manuscript of the novel. *Daily Telegraph*, May 18, 1996.

"A Mind in Motion: Greene's Entertainments." *Folio* (The Magazine of the Folio Society, London), Summer 1996.

"Author They Could Not Refuse." Interview with Mario Puzo. *Daily Telegraph*, October 19, 1996. (One of the last interviews with the author of *The Godfather*.)

"The Writer Vanishes: In Search of Harper Lee." *Daily Telegraph*, April 12, 1997. (A report from Monroeville, Alabama, Lee's hometown.)

"A Stranger in Strange Lands." Interview with film director Ang Lee. *TELEGRAPH MAGAZINE*, July 5, 1997.

"Why Everest Still Haunts Me." Interview with adventure writer Jon Krakauer. *Daily Telegraph*, September 22, 1997.

"America's Fascination with Britain's Monarchy." *Baltimore Sun*, September 28, 1997.

"Socialist Icon Who Became an Informer." Front page article about George Orwell. *Daily Telegraph*, June 22, 1998.

"Revealed: George Orwell's Big Brother Dossier." *Daily Telegraph*, June 22, 1998.

"Importance of Ernest: International Hemingway Festival." *Daily Telegraph*, July 11, 1998.

"Brian Moore." Interview with Brian Moore, in German translation. *Tintenfass* literary magazine, Zurich, Number 22, 1998.

"Dad and I Went Hunting U-Boats." Interview with Patrick Hemingway. *Daily Telegraph*, May 14, 1999.

"The Wild Woman of Wyoming." Interview with writer Annie Proulx. *Daily Telegraph*, May 29, 1999.

"Are We Still Living in 1984?" Essay on Orwell's novel. *Daily Telegraph*, June 4, 1999.

"A Big Week for Mr. Motion." Interview with British Poet Laureate Andrew Motion. *Daily Telegraph*, June 14, 1999.

"I've Been Given a Lot—I'm Going to Enjoy It." Interview with Nobel Laureate Archbishop Desmond Tutu. *Daily Telegraph*, October 4, 1999.

"It would be impossible to keep silent." Interview with Nobel Laureate Eli Wiesel. *Daily Telegraph*, July 31, 2000.

"Fighting talk on the front line." Interview with physicist and Nobel Laureate Murray Gell-Mann. *Daily Telegraph*, October 8, 2000.

"I know there's a cure coming." Interview with actor Christopher Reeve. *Daily Telegraph*, September 26, 2001.

"A broken heart was the making of Madeleine Albright's political career." *Daily Telegraph*, October 15, 2003.

"A dead horse rescued me." Interview with Laura Hillenbrand, author of *Seabiscuit*. *Daily Telegraph*, September 3, 2004.

"My life with the Hemingways." Interview with Valerie Hemingway. *Daily Telegraph*, September 11, 2004.

"It was impossible to forget his confidence and flashing smile." Obituary of Christopher Reeve. *Daily Telegraph*, October 12, 2004.

"Peaceful Fighter." Interview with Nobel Laureate Shirin Ebadi. *Daily Telegraph*, April 27, 2006.

"How the World Caught Up with Pynchon." Article on novelist Thomas Pynchon. *Daily Telegraph*, December 7, 2006.

"Melancholy and Menace," Article on the photography of Robert Frank. TELEGRAPH MAGAZINE, May 3, 2008.

SELECTED REVIEWS:

***Washington Post* "Book World":**

"Giving Maugham His Due." Feb. 4, 1990. Rev. of *Willie: The Life of W. Somerset Maugham*, by Robert Calder. Reprinted in *The International Herald-Tribune*.

"My Dear George, My Dear Rupert." April 29, 1990. Rev. of *The Lyttleton/Hart-Davis Letters*, Vols. 5 & 6.

"Bombs and Belles Lettres." July 8, 1990. Rev. of *War Like a Wasp: The Lost Decade of the Forties*, by Andrew Sinclair.

"Idylls of Childhood." May 5, 1991. Rev. of *The Day Gone By: An Autobiography*, by Richard Adams.

"Never Such Innocence Again." September 6, 1992. Rev. of *Song of Love: The Letters of Rupert Brooke and Noel Olivier*.

"The Power That Was." January 17, 1993. Rev. of *Lord Beaverbrook: A Life*, by Anne Chisholm and Michael Davie.

"Dispensing Tea and Sympathy." June 6, 1993. Rev. of *Ottoline Morrell: Life on the Grand Scale*, by Miranda Seymour.

"The Mind/Body Problem." January 2, 1994. Rev. of *Bertrand Russell: A Life*, by Caroline Moorehead.

"Mad, Bad, Delightful to Know." January 23, 1994. Rev. of *Splendours and Miseries: A Life of Sacheverell Sitwell*, by Sarah Bradford.

"A Marriage of Two Minds." November 27, 1994. Rev. of *D.H. Lawrence: The Story of a Marriage*, by Brenda Maddox. Reprinted in *The Houston Post*, December 4, 1994.

"Sins of the Father." July 16, 1995. Rev. of *Efforts at Truth*, by Nicholas Mosley.

". . . And Now the Muse." July 23, 1995. Rev. of *Louis MacNeice*, by Jon Stallworthy.

"Writer of the Purple Sage." December 22, 1996. Rev. of *Wallace Stegner: His Life and Work*, by Jackson J. Benson.

"Superstar of the Romantic Age." April 25, 1999. Rev. of *Byron: Child of Passion, Fool of Fame*, by Benita Eisler.

New York Times Book Review:

"Charming But Unreliable." Feb. 23, 1992. Rev. of *Robert Boothby: A Portrait of Churchill's Ally*, by Sir Robert Rhodes James.

"The Tax Man Falls on Castle Walls." November 8, 1992. Rev. of *Town and Country*, by Mark Girouard.

Times Literary Supplement, London:

"A Loss of Faith." May 26--June 1, 1989. Rev. of *Orwell and the Politics of Despair*, by Alok Rai.

"A Fastidious Tinkle." January 5-11, 1990. Rev. of Logan Pearsall Smith anthology.

"Liberties of a Hungarian Wolf." January 15, 1999. Rev. of *Arthur Koestler: The Homeless Mind*, by David Cesarani.

"Too, Too Amusing." October 1, 1999. Rev. of *Diana Mosley: A Life*, by Jan Dalley.

London Review of Books:

"Art and Men." Dec. 5, 1991. Rev. of *Bachelors of Art*, by David Sox.

San Francisco Chronicle:

"Mark Twain's Autobiography." November 7, 2010.

SELECTED LECTURES and DISCUSSIONS

Featured Speaker, 2nd Blackwell's Literary Festival, Oxford, England, October 16, 1991.

"The Art of Biography," Panel discussion with Ray Monk, biographer of Ludwig Wittgenstein, Manchester, England ("Authors at Waterstones", October 17, 1991).

"Bookshelf", featured guest, BBC Radio Four, broadcast October 18, 1991.

"The Arts Programme", featured guest, BBC Radio Two, recorded 17 October, broadcast November 16, 1991.

"Imprint," featured guest, TV Ontario, Canada, recorded October 24, 1991.

"Prime-time," featured guest, CBC National Radio, Canada, recorded October 24, 1991.

"The Private Life of George Orwell," Lecture, International Festival of Authors, Harbourfront, Toronto, Canada, October 26, 1991.

"Writers & Co.," featured guest, CBC National Radio, Canada, recorded October 26, 1991.

"Orwell: The Face Behind the Page," Lecture, Hirshhorn Museum, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C., November 20, 1991.

"Diane Rehm Show," Featured Guest, National Public Radio station, WAMU, American University, Washington, D. C., broadcast November 20, 1991.

Associated Press Radio Network, Featured guest, "Between the Lines", recorded November 20, 1991, WTOP, Washington, D.C.

Guest Speaker, President's Lecture Series, University of Montana, September 17, 1992.

"Graham Greene's The Heart of the Matter," Cheltenham Festival of Literature, England, October 14, 1993.

"Sky Book Programme," interview with Frank Delaney for Sky Television, Europe. Recorded July 29, 1994.

"Book Browse," recorded interview with John Russell on Classic FM, London, August 3, 1994.

"Meridian," recorded interview for BBC World Service, September 5, 1994.

"Kaleidoscope," live broadcast on BBC Radio 4, with Gill Pyrah, September 6, 1994.

"Graham Greene's Biographers," debate with Norman Sherry, Waterstone's, Hampstead, London, September 6, 1994.

"The Arts Programme," recorded interview with Sheridan Morley, BBC Radio 2, September 8, 1994.

"The Arts Tonight," recorded interview for Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, October 15, 1994.

"The Life of Graham Greene," talk given at the International Writers' Festival, Harbourfront, Toronto, October 15, 1994.

"Imprint," guest on biographers' panel for TV Ontario, recorded October 17, 1994.

Interview with Tilman Jens, ZDF German Television, October 1995.

"The Last Word," live interview on Radio Ireland, October 17, 1997.

"Graham Greene, Kim Philby, and *The Third Man*." Plenary Address, West European Studies Conference on Cold War Culture: Film, Fact, and Fiction. Indiana University, February 20, 1999.

Featured guest, "Talk of the Nation's Book Club of the Air," with host Ray Suarez. Discussion of George Orwell's *Down and Out in Paris and London*. National Public Radio, Washington, DC, May 20, 1999.

"Orwell and Biography," Orwell Centenary Conference, Wellesley College, 2003.

Featured Speaker, Georgia Center for the Book, January 27, 2010.

Featured Guest, full hour discussion of *Mark Twain: Man in White*, "Talk of the Nation," NPR, broadcast nationwide from Washington, DC, February 3, 2010.

Guest Speaker, Arts and Sciences Centennial Speaker Series, University of Nebraska at Omaha, March 25, 2010

"Mark Twain, Imperialism, and Oxford University," American Literature Association, San Francisco, May 27, 2010.

"Mark Twain's Last Great Unpublished Manuscript," The Twain-Tolstoy Conference, Editorial Institute, Boston University, August 21, 2010.

"Mark Twain: Man in White," Center for Mark Twain Studies, Elmira College, New York, September 22, 2010.

"Mark Twain's Last Years," Southern Festival of Books, Nashville, TN., October 8, 2010

"Winston Churchill and Mark Twain," The Commonwealth Club of California, San Francisco, November 1, 2010.

Featured Speaker, Friends of the Mark Twain Project, Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley, November 3, 2010.

Subject of television interview. "Booktalk with Mark D'Arcy," BBC television, London, UK. March 30, 2013.

Subject of radio interview. "Today With Pat Kenny," RTÉ, Irish National Radio, Dublin, Ireland. April 8, 2013.

Subject of an hour-long radio interview. "Profiles." WFIU, Bloomington, IN. May 3, 2013.

Featured Speaker. Commonwealth Club of California, San Francisco. May 13, 2013.

Featured Speaker. The 3rd Annual Winston S. Churchill Symposium. The National World War II Museum, New Orleans. May 18, 2013.

Contributor to radio program. "Our Surveillance Society: What Orwell And Kafka Might Say," NPR, Washington, DC. June 8, 2013.

Contributor to radio program. "Are We Living in 1984." The Current with Anna Maria Tremonti, CBC National Radio, Toronto, Canada, June 14, 2013.

Contributor to radio program on George Orwell. The Sunday Edition with Michael Enright, CBC National Radio, Toronto, Canada. June 30, 2013.

Presenter, "History in Five: Winston Churchill." New York: Simon & Schuster Videos, 2013.