INTERCOUNTRY LECTURESHIP QUESTIONNAIRE 2008

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PRESENT POSITION US:
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GERMAN HOST INSTITUTION
Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelerg

ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE
History (History of the United States)

AREAS OF RESEARCH

- History of the U.S., 1865-1941, especially Populism, progressivism, politics;
- California and the West, especially West Coast longshore workers and the Communist Party in the three Pacific Coast states.

POSSIBLE LECTURE TOPICS

- Jack London's San Francisco (the city during London's lifetime);
- Willa Cather's Nebraska (Cather's treatments and the historical reality);
- The Transformation of American Politics, 1889-1917;
- Harry Bridges (left-wing Pacific-Coast longshore union leader);
- The Communist Party and Anti-Communism in California in the 1930s;
- Current California Politics (the recall election and the governorship of Arnold Schwarzenegger).

ACADEMIC TRAINING AND DEGREES
Ph.D., Columbia University, 1972; advanced study, University of Michigan, 1968;
M.A., Columbia University, 1967; B.A., University of Nebraska, 1965

PREVIOUS POSITIONS
Visiting Research Scholar, University of Melbourne, 1997
Distinguished Fulbright Lecturer, Moscow State University, 1996

PUBLICATIONS (selected)

Books:

With William Issel and Keiran Taylor, co-editors. *American Labor and the Cold War: Unions, Politics, and Postwar Political Culture* [an anthology]. Piscataway, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2004.

American Politics in the Gilded Age, 1868-1900. Wheeling, IL: Harlan Davidson, Inc., 1997.

With William Issel. *San Francisco, 1865-1932: Politics, Power, and Urban Development*. Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press, 1986.

A Righteous Cause: The Life of William Jennings Bryan. Boston: Little, Brown and Company, 1985. Reprint edn., Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1994.

Populism, Progressivism, and the Transformation of Nebraska Politics, 1885-1915. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press for the Center for Great Plains Studies, 1981.

Textbooks

With Carol Berkin, James Gormly, and Christopher Miller. *Making America: A History of the United States*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, 1995. 2nd edn.,1999. 3rd edn., 2003. 4th edn., 2006. 5th edn., 2008.

With Richard Griswold del Castillo and Gretchen Lemke-Santangelo, *Competing Visions: A History of California*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2005.

Selected Articles and Essays:

"Anti-Communist Networks and Labor: the Pacific Coast in the 1930s." *Labor's Cold War: Local Politics in a Global Context*, ed. by Shelton Stromquist. Champaign: University of Ilinois Press, 2008.

"The California State University and the State's Fiscal Crisis of the Early 1990s." *La Californie: Périphérie ou laboratoire?* [conference proceedings] ed. by Annick Foucrier and Antoine Coppolani. Paris: L'Harmattan, 2004. Pp. 213-226.

"Prelude to the Popular Front: The Communist Party in California, 1931-1935." *American Communist History: Journal of the Historians of American Communism* 1 (2002): 5-37.

"Constructing a Radical Identity: History, Memory, and the Seafaring Stories of Harry Bridges." *Pacific Historical Review* 70 (2001): 571-600.

"Longshoremen of San Francisco Bay, 1849-1960." *Dock Workers: International Explorations in Comparative Labor History, 1790-1970* [conference proceedings], ed. by Sam Davies et al. 2 vols. Aldershot, Hampshire (UK): Ashgate Publishing, Ltd., 2000. I: 102-140.

"William Jennings Bryan and the Historians." *Nebraska History* 77 (1996):184-193.

"The Making of a Labor Radical: Harry Bridges, 1901-1934." *Pacific Historical Review* 64 (1995): 363-388.

"City Commercial, City Beautiful, City Practical: The San Francisco Visions of William C. Ralston, James D. Phelan, and Michael M. O'Shaughnessy." *California History* 73 (1994/95): 296-307.

"The Democratic Party in the Era of William Jennings Bryan." *Democrats and the American Idea: A Bicentennial Appraisal*, ed. by Peter B. Kovler. Washington, D.C.: Center for National Policy Press, 1992. Pp. 171-201.

"Nebraska, 1883-1925: Cather's Version and History's." *Willa Cather: Family, Community, and History* [conference proceedings], ed. by John Murphy. Provo: Brigham Young University Press, 1990. Pp. 229-51.

"Willa Cather's Nebraska." *Approaches to Teaching My Ántonia*, ed. by Susan Rosowski. Approaches to Teaching World Literature series. New York: Modern Language Association, 1989. Pp. 31-36.

"Willa Cather and the Populists." *Great Plains Quarterly* 3 (1983): 206-218.