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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in History, summa cum laude, The University of Texas	May 1992
M.A. in History, magna cum laude, The University of Texas	May 1986
B.A. in Theatre, summa cum laude, The University of Texas	May 1983

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

- *Becoming Elizabeth Arden: The Woman Behind the Global Cosmetics Empire* (Viking, hardback and audiobook, September 2024; large print from Thorndike Press, February 2025).
- *Juliette Gordon Low: The Remarkable Founder of the Girl Scouts* (Viking, 2012; large print from Thorndike Press, 2012; Penguin paperback, 2013).
- *Alice: Alice Roosevelt Longworth, from White House Princess to Washington Power Broker* (Viking, 2007; Penguin paperback, 2008; Penguin audiobook, 2023).
- *Historic Photographs of Theodore Roosevelt* (Turner Publishing, 2007).
- *Theodore Roosevelt: In the Vanguard of the Modern* (Wadsworth/Thompson, 2003).

ARTICLES

- “Princess Alice: The Life and Times of Alice Roosevelt Longworth.” *Theodore Roosevelt Association Journal* 23, no. 4 (2000): 10-14.
- “‘The First Daughter of the Land:’ Alice Roosevelt as Presidential Celebrity, 1902-1905.” *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 19, no. 1 (Winter 1989): 51-70.

CHAPTERS

- “Women in Industrializing America,” in *The Gilded Age: Essays on the Origins of Modern America*, Charles W. Calhoun, ed. (Scholarly Resources, 2003): 111-135.
- “Juliette Gordon Low,” in *Notable American Philanthropists: A Biographical Encyclopedia of Giving and Volunteering*, Robert T. Grimm, ed. (Greenwood, 2002): 187-191.
- “Helen H. Taft,” in *American First Ladies: Their Lives and Their Legacy*, Lewis L. Gould, ed. (Routledge, 2001): 213-225.
- “Edith Kermit Roosevelt,” in *American First Ladies: A Biographical Encyclopedia*, Lewis L. Gould, ed. (Routledge, 2001): 195-212.
- “Theodore Roosevelt’s Private Diplomat: Alice Roosevelt and the 1905 Far Eastern Junket,” in *Theodore Roosevelt: Many-Sided American*, Natalie Naylor, John Allen Gable, and Douglas Brinkley, eds. (Heart of the Lakes Publishing, 1992): 353-367.

BIOGRAPHICAL ARTICLES

- “Alice Roosevelt Longworth,” 318-320, “Elliott Roosevelt,” 446-448, “Theodore Roosevelt,” 467-469, and “Anna Roosevelt Cowles,” 115-116, in *The Eleanor Roosevelt Encyclopedia*, Maurine Beasley and Holly Shulman, eds. (Greenwood, 2001).
- “Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney” and “Juliette Gordon Low” in *Women in World History*, Anne Commire, ed. (Yorkin Publications, 2001).
- “[Theodore Roosevelt](#),” in *Encyclopedia of American Studies*, George T. Kurian and Miles Orvell, eds. (Grolier Press, 2001).
- “Alice Roosevelt Longworth,” 896-898, and “Helen H. Taft,” 253-254, in *American National Biography*, John Garraty, ed. (Oxford University Press, 1999).
- “[Bebe Daniels](#),” 2, 507; “[Anna Pennybacker](#),” 5, 141-142; and “[Ann Sheridan](#),” 5, 1018, in *The Handbook of Texas* (Texas State Historical Association, 1996).
- “Alice Roosevelt Longworth,” in *The Dictionary of American Biography*, Supplement, 10, Kenneth T. Jackson, ed. (Charles Scribners’ Sons, 1995): 464-466.
- “Mildred Dunnock.” In *Notable Women in the American Theatre*, Alice M. Robinson, Very Mowry Roberts, and Milly Barranger, eds. (Westport Press, 1989): 243-246.

WEB RESOURCES

- Web bibliographer, National First Ladies Library, 2001-2018.
- “Juliette Gordon Low,” weekly blog, 2010-2013, <http://www.stacycordery.com/blog/>.
- Instructor’s Manual for *On the Edge: The United States in the Twentieth Century*, 3rd ed., David A. Horowitz and Peter N. Carroll, eds. (Wadsworth, 2004).

BOOK REVIEWS

- *The Camp Fire Girls: Gender, Race, and American Girlhood, 1910-1980*, by Jennifer Helgren, *Women & Social Movements*, Alexander Street (online), 28, no. 2 (2024).
- *Dutton’s Dirty Diggers: Bertha P. Dutton and the Senior Girl Scout Archaeological Camps in the American Southwest, 1947-1957*, by Catherine S. Fowler, *Western Historical Quarterly*, February 2022.
- [Battling Bella](#): *The Protest Politics of Bella Abzug*, by Leandra Ruth Zarnow, *American Historical Review*, 126, no 2 (June 2021): 815-186.
- *Equality at the Ballot Box: Votes for Women on the Northern Great Plains*, Lori Ann Lahlum and Molly R. Rozum, eds., *Annals of Wyoming*, Autumn 2020-Winter 2021: 58-59.
- *Lincoln’s Generals’ Wives: Four Women Who Influenced the Civil War—For Better and for Worse*, by Candice S. Hooper, *Annals of Iowa*, 76, no. 2 (Spring 2017): 232-233.
- *Lady Bird and Lyndon: The Hidden Story of a Marriage that Made a President*, by Betty Boyd Caroli, *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, 43, no. 6 (September 2016): 723-724.
- *Important Voices: North Dakota’s Women Elected State Officials Share Their Stories, 1893-2013*, S. E. Wefald, ed., *North Dakota History*, 80, no. 4 (Winter 2015): 34-35.
- *The Dark Days of Abraham Lincoln’s Widow*, by Myra H. Pritchard with J. Emerson, ed., *Journal of Illinois History*, 14, no. 2 (Summer 2011): 139-140.
- *American Ideal: Theodore Roosevelt’s Search for American Individualism*, by Paul Rego, *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, 42, no. 2 (June 2011): 429-430.
- *Georgia Women: Their Lives and Times*, Vol. 1, Ann Short Chirhard and Betty Woods, eds. *Georgia Historical Quarterly*, 94, no. 4 (Winter 2010): 514-516.
- *Fighting Bob LaFollette: The Righteous Reformer*, by Nancy C. Unger, *Indiana Magazine of History* (December 2001): 321-322.

- *Eleanor Roosevelt, Vols. I and II*, by Blanche Wiesen Cook, *Journal of Policy History*, 12, no. 4 (2000): 531-534.
- *Eleanor Roosevelt: A Personal and Political Life*, by J. William T. Youngs, *H-Women* (December 1999).
- *Elsie Clews Parson: Inventing Modern Life*, by Desley Deacon, *H-Women* (November 1998).
- *An Army of Women: Gender and Politics in Gilded Age Kansas*, by Michael L. Goldberg, *Women Historians of the Midwest Newsletter* (Fall 1998): 6-7.
- *U.S. National Archives Digital Classroom Project: Woman Suffrage & the 19th Amendment*, *Electronic Journal of Australian & New Zealand History*, Summer 1998.
- *Half-Sisters of History: Southern Women and the American Past*, Catherine Clinton, ed., *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, 93, no. 3 (Summer 1995): 374-375.
- *I've Seen the Best of It: Memoirs*, by Joseph Alsop, *Theodore Roosevelt Association Journal*, 20, nos. 1 & 2 (Fall-Winter 1994-1995): 18-20.
- *Still Missing: Amelia Earhart and the Search for Modern Feminism*, by Susan Ware, *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, 92, no. 3 (Summer 1994): 334-335.
- *How Am I To Be Heard? Letters of Lillian Smith*, Margaret R. Gladney, ed., *North Carolina Historical Review*, 71, no. 1 (January 1994): 131-132.
- *Eleanor Roosevelt*, by Blanche Wiesen Cook, *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, 91, no. 2 (Spring 1993): 235-237.
- *Feminists, Pornography and the Law: An Annotated Bibliography of Conflict, 1970-1986*, Betty-Carol Sellin and Patricia A. Young, eds., *American History: A Bibliographic Review*, 3 (1987): 200-203.

INVITED LECTURES

- "It's Complicated: 'Tribal Feelings,' Between Cousins Alice and Eleanor Roosevelt," Theodore Roosevelt Association Annual Meeting, Hyde Park, October 2025.
- "Alice Blue: The President's Daughter and Naval Diplomacy," Theodore Roosevelt Center Symposium, Dickinson, September 2025.
- "Juliette Gordon Low: Savannah's Gift to America," in the Georgia Women of Influence series, Senior Citizens, Inc., Savannah, May 2023.
- "[First Ladies, Women's Rights, and Suffrage](#)" Panel, with Nancy Kegan Smith, Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics, University of Kansas, March 2023.
- "Women's History: Still Seeking an Equitable Past," Dow Visiting Scholar, Saginaw Valley State University, March 2023.
- "Juliette Gordon Low: The Remarkable Founder of the Girl Scouts," Dow Visiting Scholar, St. John's Episcopal Church, Midland, Michigan; sponsored by Saginaw Valley State University, March 2023.
- "[First Ladies Impact and Influence Panel](#)," Presidential Sites Summit, White House Historical Association, Dallas, March 2022.
- "The History and Role of First Ladies," Jefferson Educational Forum's 2020 Global Summit, "The American Presidency," Erie, Pennsylvania, November 2021.
- "[Decisions, Decisions: First Ladies and Communication](#)," The First Ladies Symposium, White House Historical Association & the American University, Zoom, May 2021.
- "Making America: The Society and Culture of the United States," American Institute of Pakistan Studies, U.S. Embassy Public Affairs Section, Islamabad, Zoom lecture because of COVID-19, August 2020.
- "First Daughter, Alice Roosevelt Longworth," Society of Presidential Descendants," Long Island University. Cancelled because of COVID-19, June 2020.

- “The Making of the Modern First Lady,” American University’s First Ladies Initiative—White House Historical Association First Ladies Colloquium. Zoom lecture because of COVID-19, May 2020.
- [“Defining a Woman’s Duty: The Effect of the Roosevelt Women on TR’s Views About Women,”](#) Theodore Roosevelt Center Symposium, Dickinson State University, September 2018.
- Keynote address, [“Bombast and Apocalypse \(And That was 1912\),”](#) Theodore Roosevelt Center Symposium, Dickinson State University, September 2016.
- “First Ladies and Political Power,” Senior Citizens, Inc., Savannah, October 2016.
- “Betty Friedan, *The Feminine Mystique*, and Women’s Liberation in Historical Context,” Bradley University, March 2014.
- “The Precious Moments Before the Crowded Hour: Theodore and Edith Roosevelt in Tampa, 1898,” Theodore Roosevelt Association Annual Meeting, New York, October 2009.
- [“Alice Blues: Revising the First Daughter,”](#) Theodore Roosevelt Center Symposium, Dickinson State University, October 2009.
- “Alice Roosevelt: Diva, Diplomat, First Daughter,” Buffalo & Erie County Historical Society, November 2007.
- “Alice Roosevelt Longworth: Public and Private Lives,” Senior Citizens, Inc., Savannah, July 2007.
- “Federal Censorship of the Federal Theater Project,” DuPage Valley Social Studies Conference, Naperville, March 2007.
- “Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt: The First Presidential ‘Two-fer’?,” Georgia Historical Society, May 2006.
- “The Other Washington Monument: Alice Roosevelt Longworth,” Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site, Buffalo, March 2006.
- “N.O.W. or Never? Betty Friedan vs. Phyllis Schlafly,” DuPage Valley Social Studies Conference, Naperville, March 2006.
- “The Wartime Partnership of Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt,” DuPage Valley Social Studies Conference, Naperville, March 2006.
- “Theodore Roosevelt: The Morals Make the Man,” Georgia Historical Society’s Great Americans Biography Symposium, April 2005.
- “Stuck Between the China Cabinet and the Cabinet Briefing: The Role of Modern First Ladies,” Bradley University, March 2005.
- “The Modern Women’s Liberation Movement: The Documented Truth,” DuPage Valley Social Studies Conference, Naperville, March 2005.
- “Did WWI Really Lead Directly to WWII?,” DuPage Valley Social Studies Conference, Naperville, March 2005.
- “Theodore Roosevelt: In the Vanguard of the Modern,” DuPage Valley Social Studies Conference, Naperville, February 2003.
- “Rethinking the Origins of the American Republic: Catherine Allgor’s *Parlor Politics*,” DuPage Valley Social Studies Conference, Naperville, February 2003.
- “The Plow, The Pedestal, The Stump, The Coffin: Presidents After the Presidency,” DuPage Valley Social Studies Conference, Naperville, March 2002.
- “From Sidelines to Center Court: A Brief History of Women in Sports,” DuPage Valley Social Studies Conference, Naperville, March 2002.
- “Presidential Daughters and Their Histories,” Hutchinson School, Memphis, March 2002.
- “The Echo of the National Divide: Gender and the Coming of the Civil War,” Glenbard North High School, Naperville, February 2002.

- “Partners in Power: First Ladies and U.S. History,” DuPage Valley Social Studies Conference, Naperville, March 2000.
- “Unrecorded Casualties: Women and the Vietnam War,” DuPage Valley Social Studies Conference, Naperville, March 2000.
- “Sagamore Hill to San Juan: Theodore Roosevelt and the Spanish-American War,” DuPage Valley Social Studies Conference, Naperville, February 1999.
- “Reclaiming Biography: Feminist Scholarship in the Age of Social History,” Humanities Research Center, Oxford Brookes University, Oxford, England, May 1997.
- “The Lessons of a Feminist Biography for the Roosevelt Family Women,” Vanderbilt University, March 1997.
- “Women in a Man’s World: Gender, Politics, and the Roosevelt Family,” Tennessee Tech University, March 1997.

LECTURE SERIES

- “First Ladies: Past, Present, and Future,” four-class course for OLLI, Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, upcoming September 2026.
- “Unelected and Unaccountable: Powerful First Ladies in U.S. History,” four-day lecture series for Senior Citizens, Inc., Savannah, Georgia, September 2009.
- “First Ladies & Politics: It’s All About Power,” week-long Scholar-in-Residence, Kislak Adult Center, YMHA, Fairfield, New Jersey, September 2004.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “First Ladies Studies: The State of the Field,” for “In Celebration of Betty Ford’s 50th Anniversary as First Lady Conference, Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library, April 2024.
- “Mamie Eisenhower vs. Drew Pearson: How Public a Figure is the First Lady?,” for the First Ladies’ Influence on Presidential Politics: Soft Power, Hard Outcomes? Roundtable, Southern Political Science Association Conference, St. Pete Beach, January 2023.
- “Diversifying the Gilded Age & the Progressive Era” Roundtable, Organization of American Historians Meeting. Cancelled because of COVID-19, April 2020.
- “Sunshine and Shadow: Theodore Roosevelt’s Life in Boston,” Theodore Roosevelt Association Annual Meeting, Boston, October 2007.
- “Alice Roosevelt Longworth and the 1912 Election: Public Woman, Private Crucible,” American Historical Association Annual Conference, Boston, 2001.
- “Balancing a Teeter-Totter,” for the Coordinating Committee on Women’s History at the American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Boston, 2001.
- “From Sagamore Hill to San Juan: Teaching About TR and the Spanish American War,” Annual Conference on the Teaching of History, Western Illinois University, April 1998.
- “‘We Began to Seem Like Dinosaurs:’ The Demise of the Fortnightly Women’s Club in its Centennial Year,” Women Historians of the Midwest Conference, Madison, July 1997.
- “Alice Roosevelt Longworth and the 1912 Election: An Insider’s Perspective,” Mid-America Conference on History, Topeka, 1996.
- “You Are My Greatest Inspiration: Anna Pennybacker and the Texas Federation of Women’s Clubs,” South Central Women’s Studies Association Conference, Denton, 1990.
- “Anna Pennybacker and the Tradition of Progressive Reform in Texas,” Phi Alpha Theta Conference, University of Arkansas, Spring 1990.

- “Theodore Roosevelt’s Private Diplomat: Alice Roosevelt and the 1905 Far Eastern Junket,” TR and the Birth of Modern America Conference, Hofstra University, 1990.
- “Anna Pennybacker and Eleanor Roosevelt: Feminism Between the Wars,” Southwestern Historical Association Conference, Ft. Worth, 1984.

MODERATOR / COMMENTATOR

- Moderator, Presidential Biographers Panel with Candace Millard, Kathleen Dalton, and Lindsay Chervinsky, 2026 Theodore Roosevelt Convention (TeddyCon), Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Museum, Medora, October 2026.
- Moderator, Conversation with Norah McDonnell regarding her *We the Women*. Sponsored by Dog-Eared Books, at the Ames Civic Auditorium, March 2026.
- Moderator, Author Panel with Michael Cullinane, Ed O’Keefe, Darrin Lunde, Matt Oyos, and David B. Woolner, Theodore Roosevelt Association Annual Meeting, Hyde Park, October 2025.
- Moderator, “SHGAPE Celebrates Its Book Prize Winners,” with Michael Willrich, Matthew Gardner Kelly, Elizabeth Garner Masarik, OAH Annual Meeting, April 2025.
- Commentator, “Politics in the Progressive Era,” papers by John McClymer and Richard Jensen, New England Historical Association Meeting, Boston, April 2000.
- Commentator, “Autobiography and Constructions of the Self,” The Quiet in the Land?: Women of Anabaptist Traditions in Historical Perspective Conference, Millersville, 1995.

TEACHING POSITIONS

- Professor, Iowa State University, August 2016-May 2026. Courses developed and taught: The History of First Ladies; The Gilded Age; The Historian’s Toolbox; Capstone: Theodore Roosevelt & His Era. Courses taught: U.S. Survey II; U.S. History 1945-Present.
- Dennis & Vaune Johnson Endowed Chair in Theodore Roosevelt Studies, Dickinson State University, August 2021-May 2022. Courses developed and taught: U.S. History Survey, 1877-present; 21st Century Leadership; Introduction to the Theodore Roosevelt Honors Leadership Program; Honors Seminar in Leadership Studies.
- Professor (2006), Monmouth College, Fall 1994-Spring 2016. Courses developed: World War II, U.S. Women’s History, African American History, Biography and History, The Vietnam Era, The Trans-Atlantic World, The Historians Craft, Film and History, Archives I, Archives II, Archives III. Courses taught: U.S. Survey, 1901-Present, History of Illinois, Women, Justice, and Equality (capstone course in Women’s Studies).
 - Created, in concert with departmental colleagues, a unique undergraduate History curriculum, “History from the Documents Up,” which debuted in the fall of 2012. Selected courses developed and taught for the new curriculum: The History of AIDS in America; The Manhattan Project; The Era of Theodore Roosevelt; World War II in the Pacific; The 51% Minority; History Through Film: Dating—Holding Hands through Hooking Up; Uppity Women: Seneca Falls; Boom!: A ‘60’s Snapshot, Fragments of the Past; The American Century; 20th-Century African American History; The Great Depression, History Through Holidays; The Vietnam Era.
- Visiting Assistant Professor, East Carolina University, Fall 1992-Spring 1994. Courses taught: U.S. History Survey to 1877, U.S. History Survey since 1877, Women and the Family During the Civil War (Honors Independent Study).

- Assistant Instructor, University of Texas at Austin, Fall 1990-Spring 1991. Course taught: U.S. History Survey since 1877.
- Lecturer, University of Arkansas, Fall 1989-Spring 1990. Course taught: U.S. History Survey since 1877.

SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES

- [“Alice Roosevelt Longworth,”](#) Talk About Teddy:” Theodore Roosevelt Podcast, September 2025.
- [“Becoming Elizabeth Arden,”](#) Relevant or Irrelevant Podcast, KALA FM, Davenport, Illinois March 2025.
- [“Telling Women’s History: Three Questions & an Answer with Stacy Cordery,”](#) *History in the Margins* blog, by Pamela Toler, March 2025.
- “From Kitchen Formulator to Global Icon—The Story of Elizabeth Arden,” [Formula Botanica Podcast](#), hosted by Lorraine Dallmeier, 6 February 2025.
- *Becoming Elizabeth Arden*, [Sighs & Whispers: Fashion, Design, & Cultural History Podcast](#), hosted by Dr. Laura McLaws Helms, 30 October 2024.
- “Author Stacy Cordery Brings Elizabeth Arden to Life in Latest Book,” [WRAM/WMOI Radio](#), Illinois, 20 September 2024.
- “Washington’s Princess: How Former First Daughter Alice Roosevelt Longworth Captivated America,” [CBS 60 Minutes podcast](#), hosted by Seth Doane, 8 October 2024.
- *Becoming Elizabeth Arden*, NPR’s [LAist “Air Talk” with Larry Mantle](#), 10 September 2024.
- [“Elizabeth Arden’s Beauty Empire”](#) I’d Rather Be Reading Podcast with Rachel Burchfield, 2 September 2024.
- [Alice Roosevelt Longworth](#), Yle (Finnish Broadcast Company) Podcast with Nadja Mikkonen, May 2024.
- [“First Ladies 101: An Awakening Decades in the Making,”](#) interview by Jennifer Taylor for *East Wing Magazine*, September 2023.
- [“Alice Roosevelt Longworth,”](#) This American President Podcast, Richard Lim, producer, March 2023.
- [“Theodore Roosevelt,”](#) History Channel two-part miniseries, produced by Doris Kearns Goodwin Leonardo DiCaprio, May 2022.
- “The Machines That Built America” History Channel miniseries, Six West Media, 2021.
- “The Toys That Built America” History Channel miniseries, Six West Media, 2021.
- Live TV interview, WGN News Nation, on the first Black GSUSA CEO, August 2020.
- [“Juliette Gordon Low: Founder of the Girl Scouts,”](#) Relevant or Irrelevant, KALA FM, March 2020.
- [“Juliette Gordon Low: Founder of the Girl Scouts—Bonus,”](#) Relevant or Irrelevant, KALA FM, March 2020.
- Quoted in [“What Will History Say About the Trump Impeachment,”](#) Canadian Broadcast Company interview, 18 December 2019.
- [“Executive Time: Presidential Slackers in History,”](#) Radio New Zealand Sunday Morning, March 2019.
- [“Telling Women’s History: Three Questions & an Answer with Stacy Cordery,”](#) *History in the Margins* blog, by Pamela Toler, March 2019.

- “Mrs. President,” The History Channel, eight short documentaries, February 2019. Examples:
 - [Florence Harding](#)
 - [Lou Henry Hoover](#)
 - [Eleanor Roosevelt](#)
- “[The Attempt to Assassinate Theodore Roosevelt](#),” Power Corrupts Podcast, Brian Klaas, producer, February 2019.
- “[Presidential Time](#),” Julie Rose Interview, BYU Radio, February 2019.
- “[Remembering Barbara Bush](#),” “Air Talk,” NPR 89.3 live radio show, California, April 2018.
- 2018 First Lady and First Family interviews included the *Houston Chronicle*, the *Washington Post*, the AP (Darlene Superville), *USA Today*, Iowa newspaper reporter David Henderson, VICE’s *Broadly*, TZ Health Magazine, Voice of America, *LaCroix* (Paris), the *Times of Israel*, and Circa.com.
- “First Ladies Revealed: Twists of Fate,” Smithsonian Channel TV, 2017.
- 2017 First Lady and First Family interviews included *Washington Post*, *McLeans’s Magazine*, *Pravda* newspaper (Bratislava), *Veja Magazine* (Brazil), and *de Volksrant* (Denmark).
- Channel 13 live TV news, on Melania Trump, Des Moines, January 2017.
- “Mike Slater Show,” live radio interview on Melania Trump, AM 760 San Diego, January 2017.
- “Radio Iowa with Dar Danielson,” interview on Melania Trump, Des Moines, January 2017.
- “WHO Radio News” interview with Sue Danielson on First Ladies, Des Moines, January 2017.
- “The Bridge,” live television interview on First Ladies, WSAV-TV, Savannah, October 2016.
- “Mike Slater Show,” live radio interview on Juliette Gordon Low, AM 760 San Diego, June 2016.
- CNN Commentator for Nancy Reagan’s live televised funeral, 11 March 2016.
- C-SPAN’s American History TV “Lectures in History,” “[The Women’s Liberation Movement](#),” Spring 2014.
- C-SPAN’s “[First Ladies: Influence & Image—Edith Roosevelt](#)” TV series, September 2013.
- “[Interesting People: Stacy Cordery](#),” WTVP/PBS television show, Peoria, November 2009.
- CNN/Anderson Cooper 360, live TV interview on First Lady Michelle Obama, February 2009.
- “Steele Talkin’,” WCCO live radio show, on First Ladies, Twin Cities, September 2007.
- “Midweek with Libby Purvis,” BBC Radio Four, London, live radio show about U.S. First Ladies, November 1992.

SELECTED BOOK TOUR APPEARANCES

- **For *Becoming Elizabeth Arden: The Woman Behind the Global Beauty Empire***
 - Book Talk & Book Signing, The Sulgrave Club, Washington, D.C., 29 April 2025.
 - Book Talk, [Olli, Drake University](#), Des Moines, Iowa, 1 April 2025.
 - Book Talk, Ames History Museum, Ames, Iowa, 11 March 2025
 - Book Talk & Book Signing, [Keeneland](#), Lexington, Kentucky, 19 February 2025.
 - Book Talk & Book Signing, The Learning Center, Savannah, Georgia, 1 October 2024.
 - Book Talk & Book Signing, Buchanan Center for the Arts, Monmouth, Illinois, 18 September 2024.
 - Book Talk & Book Signing, Beaverdale Books, Des Moines, Iowa, 9 September 2024.
- **For *Juliette Gordon Low: The Remarkable Founder of the Girl Scouts***
 - Keynote address: “Archives in Action,” GSUSA National Convention/Girl Scout History Conference, Salt Lake City, 16 October 2014.
 - Book Talk & Book Signing, North Star Museum of Boy Scouting & Girl Scouting, St. Paul, Minnesota, 12 June 2014.

- Book Talk & Book Signing, Galena Public Library, Galena, Illinois, 23 November 2013.
- Book Talk & Book Signing, Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa & Western Illinois, Moline Public Library, 26 October 2013.
- Book Talk & Book Signing, Girl Scouts of Central Texas, Austin, 24 October 2013.
- Book Talk & Book Signing, Watermark Books, Wichita, Kansas, 12 March 2013.
- Book Talk & Book Signing, Girl Scouts of Gulf Coast Florida Council, Sarasota, 5 March 2013.
- Book Talk & Book Signing, Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan, Ypsilanti, 2 March 2013.
- [Great Lives, Mary Washington University](#), Fredericksburg, Virginia, 23 April 2012.
- Twenty-four live coast-to-coast radio appearances on the centennial of the founding of the Girl Scouts, 12 March 2012.
- Interview: “[That ‘Crazy Daisy’ Who Started the Girl Scouts](#),” *Christian Science Monitor*, 12 March 2012.
- [C-SPAN Book TV at the National First Ladies Library](#), Canton, Ohio, 10 March 2012.
- [The Diane Rehm Show](#), live radio interview, NPR, Washington, D.C., 23 February 2012.
- Book Talk & Book Signing, The Mariners’ Museum, Newport News, Virginia, 9 February 2012.
- Book Talk & Book Signing, Vero Beach Book Center, Vero Beach, Florida, 7 February 2012.
- Book Talk & Book Signing, Falmouth Museums on the Green, Falmouth, 6 February 2012.
- Book Talk & Book Signing, Gov. Henry Lippitt House Museum, Providence, 5 February 2012.
- Keynote address: *Juliette Gordon Low*, St. Ambrose University’s CommUniversity, Davenport, Iowa, 3 February 2012.

➤ ***For Alice: Alice Roosevelt Longworth, from White House Princess to Washington Power Broker***

- [“Dialogue with George Liston Seay,”](#) TV program, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, D.C., 8 July 2011.
- KLTC Radio, Dickinson, North Dakota, live interview on Theodore Roosevelt, 21 October 2009.
- Book Talk & Book Signing, Cherry Blossom Festival, Marshfield, Missouri, 23 April 2009.
- Book Talk & Book Signing, Savannah Book Festival, Savannah, Georgia, 4-6 February 2009.
- [“The Stacy Cordery Interview,” Claire Zulkey](#) at zulkey.com, Chicago, 5 December 2008.
- Book Talk & Book Signing, Theodore Roosevelt National Historic Site, Sagamore Hill, New York, 27 October 2008.
- “Conversations with Pam Lange,” Irving Community TV, Irving, Texas, 19 October 2008.
- Book Talk & Book Signing, The Society of the Cincinnati, Washington, D.C., 5 August 2008.
- Book Talk & Book Signing, Edith Wharton’s The Mount Estate, Lenox, Massachusetts, 21 July 2008.
- Book Talk & Book Signing, The Casino Club, Chicago, 30 April 2008.
- Book Talk, [Miller Center of Public Affairs](#), University of Virginia, 17 March 2008.
- “Art Zukerman Travel & Leisure Show,” radio interview, WVOX, New York, 18 February 2008.
- “The John Rothmann Show,” live radio show, KGO-AM 810 Newstalk, San Francisco, 27 January 2008.
- “Extension 720: Milt Rosenberg Show,” live radio interview, WGN Chicago, 21 January 2008.
- “Afternoon Magazine with Celeste Quinn,” radio interview, WILL/NPR, Urbana, Illinois, 10 January 2008.
- “Live with Terry Cavanaugh,” radio interview, WGIL, Galesburg, Illinois, 27 December 2007.
- “Here It Now with Rick Collin,” radio interview, Prairie Public Radio/NPR, 27 November 2007.
- Book Talk & Book Signing, Buffalo & Erie County Historical Society, 15 November 2007.
- Book Talk & Book Signing, Buffalo State University, 15 November 2007.

- [“Weekend Edition with Liane Hansen: New Biography of Roosevelt Daughter,”](#) radio interview, WBUR/NPR, Boston, 4 November 2007.
- Book Talk & Book Signing, Women & Children First Bookstore, Chicago, 2 November 2007.
- Book Talk & Book Signing, Harvard Book Store, Cambridge, 26 October 2007.
- Book Talk & Book Signing, Lincoln Center Barnes & Noble, New York City, 25 October 2007.
- Book Talk & Book Signing, National Constitution Center, Philadelphia, 24 October 2007.
- Book Talk & Book Signing, Treasury Executive Institute, U.S. Mint, Washington, D.C., 23 October 2007.
- [C-SPAN Book TV, Politics & Prose Bookstore,](#) Washington, D.C., 22 October 2007.
- Book Talk & Book Signing, Authors at the Adolphus, Dallas, 19 October 2007.

SELECTED PUBLIC SCHOLAR TALKS

- “Alice Roosevelt Kickstarts the Twentieth Century,” Ames Historical Society, February 2026.
- [“Scouting the Middle Path: Juliette Gordon Low and the Progressive Era,”](#) GSUSA History Institute, Edith Macy Center, Briarcliff Manor, New York, April 2024.
- “The Continuing Importance of Women’s History,” Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways Council Founder’s Weekend Plenary Talk, Binghamton, March 2024.
- [“Taking a New Look at Edith Wilson,”](#) First Ladies Association for Research & Education (FLARE), Zoom talk, March 2022.
- “How Elizabeth Arden Built a Global Cosmetics Empire,” Women’s Voices & the Dickinson Public Library, Dickinson, North Dakota, March 2022.
- “Juliette Gordon Low: Founder of the Girl Scouts,” PEO, Ames, February 2021.
- “First Ladies: An Overview,” PEO, Ames, January 2019.
- Keynote address: “Writing Lives,” 4th Annual Sterling Lord Literary Festival, Burlington, Iowa, November 2018.
- “Alice Roosevelt Longworth: The Other Washington Monument,” for the “Your Historians” series, Ames Public Library, April 2018
- “Juliette Gordon Low: The Remarkable Founder of the Girl Scouts,” U.S. Department of Agriculture, Ames, August 2016.
- Keynote address: “Sterling Lord and Me: The Fairy Tale,” 1st Annual Sterling Lord Literary Festival, Burlington, Iowa, April 2015.
- “The Life of Mary Todd Lincoln,” Lincoln Symposium, Galesburg, Illinois, April 2009.
- “Mary Todd Lincoln,” Pathfinders, Galesburg, February 2007.
- “The Women’s Rights Movement,” Silas Willard School, Galesburg, May 2004.
- “The Roosevelt Family,” YMCA’s Active Older Adults Program, Monmouth, May 2003.
- “The Stronger the Womb, the Stronger the Nation: Theodore Roosevelt and the Construction of Gender,” Monmouth AAUW, March 2003.
- “First Ladies and the Question of Power,” Coldbrook Women’s Club, March 2001.
- “The Post-Presidential Career of Theodore Roosevelt,” Carl Sandburg College for Senior Citizens, March 2001.
- “Eleanor Roosevelt: Leadership Despite the Odds,” presentation before the Student Councils of twelve regional high schools, Warren High School, January 2001.
- “These Ten Months of Strain: Alice Roosevelt Longworth and the 1912 Election,” Monmouth AAUW, November 1996.
- “My Dearest Partner of Greatness: Mary Todd Lincoln as First Lady,” Lincoln Society, Monmouth, April 1996.
- “Come and Sit By Me,” Monmouth Kiwanis Club, April 1996.
- “The First American Female Celebrity,” Monmouth Rotary Club, January 1996.

SELECTED CAMPUS LECTURES

- At Iowa State University
 - “My Volunteer Work in the 1980’s AIDS Crisis,” for Dr. Amy Rutenberg’s American Sexualities class, November 2020 and November 2024.
 - “Elizabeth Arden as a CEO,” for Dr. Jeff Bremer’s Business History class, December 2024.
 - “Juliette Gordon Low’s Unique Leadership,” for Dr. Margaret LaWare’s Women & Leadership class, April 2017 and April 2018.
- At Monmouth College
 - “A Roosevelt for All Seasons—Especially Election Season,” Golden Scots, 2016.
 - “The Long Road to Equal Education,” Pan-Hellenic Council, February 2016.
 - “Alice Roosevelt Longworth,” Alumni Weekend, 2009.
 - “The Feminist Quilt,” The F-Word Series, April 2007.
 - “Alice Roosevelt Longworth: The Other Washington Monument,” promotion talk, November 2005.
 - “Writing Lives, Living Life: Or, A Feminist Biographer Makes Sense of Her Sabbatical,” sabbatical talk, November 2002.
 - “Pillow Politics: America’s First Ladies,” Board of Trustees Meeting, October 2002.
 - “From the Sidelines to Center Court: A Brief History of Women and Sports,” guest lecture, Sports History course, April 2002.
 - “Of Women, Men, Saloons, Good, and Evil,” talk to cast of *What a Good Woman Needs*, November 2000.
 - “Pillow Talk: First Ladies and Political Power,” Monmouth Associates, April 2000.
 - *The Historical Jesus*, Campus Discussion panelist, October 1997.
 - “Alice Roosevelt Longworth,” tenure talk, November 1997.
 - “Meditation on the Magnificat,” Chaplin’s Ecumenical Service, December 1996.
 - “Changing Times, Changing Places,” Fulton Hall Dorm Talk, October 1995.
 - “TR, College Football, & Masculinity,” Sigma Phi Epsilon Education Night, September 1994.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- President, [Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era](#) (SHGAPE), January 2025-December 2026.
- Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of History, Iowa State University, August 2023-August 2025.
- Vice President, Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era (SHGAPE), January 2023-December 2024.
- Nominating Committee, Theodore Roosevelt Association, 2024-2026.
- Chair, FLARE’s Lewis L. Gould Award Committee, 2024.
- Board Member, First Ladies Association for Research and Education (FLARE), January 2023-January 2026.
- Director, Theodore Roosevelt Honors Leadership Program, Dickinson State University August 2021-May 2022.
- Gould Award Committee, First Ladies Association for Research & Education (FLARE), 2022-23.
- Treasurer, Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era (SHGAPE), three-year term, 2015-2017, reelected, 2017-2019 and 2019-2021.

- NEH Public Programs Grant Reviewer, summer 2020.
- “[Bill de Blasio’s Bagel Gaffe and the Fraught Politics of Food](#),” *The Conversation*, 18 January 2020.
- *Theodore Roosevelt Association Journal* editorial board, 2020-present.
- SHGAPE Conference Planning Sub-Committee, 2019-2020.
- SHGAPE Website Redesign Committee, 2018-2019.
- “[A Brief History of Presidential Lethargy](#),” *The Conversation*, 15 February 2019.
- “[In Retirement, Most Presidents Can’t Resist the Urge to Stay Relevant](#),” *The Conversation*, 20 June 2018.
- NEH Professional Development Institute presenter, “The Gilded Age,” SMU, June 2018.
- Book Prize Committee, Theodore Roosevelt Association, 2017-present.
- Senior Historical Consultant, Theodore Roosevelt Center/Theodore Roosevelt Digital Library, Dickinson State University, North Dakota, 2010-present.
- Theodore Roosevelt Association Advisory Board, Sagamore Hill, New York, 2008-2010, 2014-2016, 2017-2019, 2020-2023, 2023-2025, 2025-2028.
- Visiting Distinguished Fellow, Theodore Roosevelt Center/Theodore Roosevelt Digital Library, Dickinson State University, North Dakota, 2010.
- Exhibit consultant, Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site, Buffalo, New York, 2009.
- Best Article Prize Committee, *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era*, 2007-2009.
- Secretary, Women’s and Gender Historians of the Midwest, 2000-2006.
- Contributing Editor, *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era*, 2003.
- Teaching Awards Committee, American Historical Society, 2002-2005. Chair in 2005.
- Guest e-scholar in Dr. Kris Lindenmeyer’s “TR and Modern America” class, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, November 2002.
- “Jenna Has a Role Model,” Scripps Howard News Service guest column, June 2001.
- Book Review Editor, H-Women, 2000-2005.
- Co-founder and faculty advisor for H-HistMajor, H-Net listserv, 1998-2012.
- List Editor, H-Women, 1996-2000.
- Women’s Concerns Committee Representative, Associated Colleges of the Midwest, 1996-1998.
- Planning Committee, Western Illinois Arts and Humanities Council, 1994-1996.
- Membership Committee, Southern Historical Association, 1994-1995.
- Society for Historians of the Gilded Age & Progressive Era (SHGAPE) Council Member 1991-1994.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

- Society of Midland Authors [Honoree](#), for *Becoming Elizabeth Arden*, 2025.
- Iowa State University (university-wide) Award for Impact on Student Success, 2024.
- Roger D. Bridges Distinguished Service Award, SHGAPE, 2022.
- FPDA (competitive sabbatical), Iowa State University, 2019-2020.
- CEAH Research Grant, Iowa State University, fall 2018.
- Nominated, Philip Merrill Award for Outstanding Contributions to Liberal Arts Education, 2016.
- Hatch Distinguished Scholarship Award, Monmouth College, 2012.
- Who’s Who in America, 2011.
- Hatch Teaching Excellence Award, Monmouth College, 2007.
- R. McCormick Tankersley Charitable Trust Grant, 2003.
- Senior Professor of the Year Award, Monmouth College, 2003.
- Faculty Travel Grant, Associated Colleges of the Midwest, 2001.

- Professor of the Year, Monmouth College, 1998.
- Professor of the Year, Monmouth College, 1997.
- Herbert R. Paschal, Jr., Memorial Faculty Development Grant, East Carolina University, 1992.
- Member, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, 1986.

SELECTED UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE SERVICE

➤ At Iowa State University

- CEAH Workshop Presenter: “Writing for a Trade Press,” 2025
- HIST 222 On-line Course Development Team, 2020.
- Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Research on Women & Politics Award Committee, 2019.
- Presentation to the Dean’s Advisory Committee, November 2019.
- Philosophy & Religious Studies Search Committee, 2018-2019.
- Bridging the Divide Review Committee, Office of the VP for Research, April 2018.
- Personnel Committee, History Department 2017-2022, 2024-2025.
- Faculty Review Board, three-year term, 2016-2019; reappointed, 2019-2023.
- Grievance Committee, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, fall 2017-spring 2023.
- NEH Public Scholar Grant Evaluator, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, 2017.
- Curriculum Committee, Women & Gender Studies, fall 2016-spring 2019.
- Advisory Board for the Archives of Women’s Political Communication, 2016-2022.
- Awards Committee, History Department, 2016-2022.
- Faculty Advisor, Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society, 2017-2025.
- Coordinator, Social Media for the History Department, 2016-2025.
- Social Media Committee, History Department 2016-2025.
- Keynote Address, “Learning to Lead: Juliette Gordon Low & the Creation of the Girl Scouts,” 7th Annual Women’s Leadership Retreat, 5 November 2016.

➤ At Monmouth College

- Chair, Department of History, 2013-2016, 2003-2008, Acting Chair, spring 1996.
- Charter Member, Planning and Priorities Committee, 2014-2016.
- Co-chair, Planning and Priorities Committee Working Group, 2015-2016.
- Presidential Inaugural Committee, 2014-2015.
- Faculty Senate, 2014-2016, 2007-2008, 1997-1999. Secretary, 1998-1999 & 2015-2016.
- Hatch Scholarship Award Committee, 2013-2016.
- College Curriculum Committee, 2013-2014.
- Search Committee, Classics Department, 2014.
- College Grievance Committee, 2010-2011.
- Associate Dean Search Committee, 2007.
- Admission and Academic Standards Committee, 2005-2008.
- Program Advisor, Umea University Study Abroad Program, Sweden, 2004-2011.
- Introduction to the Liberal Arts New Theme Committee, 2004-2005.
- Personnel Committee, 2002-2005, 2011-2012.
- Founding Faculty Advisor, PRISM (for LGBTQA+ students), 1999-2008.
- Search Committee, Political Economy and Commerce, 1997-1998.
- Search Committee, Library Director, 1998.
- Director of Women’s Studies, 1995-2001.
- Public Affairs Committee, 1995-1997.
- Search Committee, Math Department, 1995-1996.

- Curator of the Monmouth College Archives, 1995-2016.
- Faculty Advisor, Pi Beta Phi, 1995-1998.
- Co-coordinator of Campus Worship, 1995-1996.
- Co-advisor, Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Society, 1995-2016.
- Faculty Advisor, Coalition for Women's Concerns, 1995-2010.
- Director, Monmouth College President's Oral History Project, 1994-2000.
- Faculty Advisor, Spirit Squad, 1994-1996.
- Affirmative Action Committee, 1994-1995.

➤ At East Carolina University

- Curriculum Committee, 1993-1994.
- Current Events Panel Member, 1993

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- American Historical Association
- FLARE (First Ladies Association for Research and Education)
- Organization of American Historians
- Phi Alpha Theta
- Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and the Progressive Era (SHGAPE)
- Theodore Roosevelt Association

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