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Education

Reed College, Portland, Oregon
B.A., Economics, 1959
University of Washington, Seattle, Washington
Ph.D., Economics, 1963

Academic Appointments

1963-1968: Assistant Professor of Economics
Department of Economics, University of Virginia, Charlottesville
1968-1984: Professor of Economics
Department of Economics, University of California, Riverside
1984-2005: Professor of History and Economics
Department of History, University of California, Riverside
2005-2008: Distinguished Professor of History and Economics
Department of History, University of California, Riverside
2005-06: Interim Director
California/UCR Museum of Photography, University of California, Riverside
2008-Present: Distinguished Professor of History and Economics, Emeritus

Honors and Awards

One Kind of Freedom selected as "Outstanding Academic Book of 1977"
in North American History by the editors of *Choice*

Arthur H. Cole Prize

"The Labor of Older Americans: Retirement On and Off the Job, 1870-1937," chosen by
the Economic History Association as the outstanding article published in the *Journal*
of Economic History, 1985-86

John Simon Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship

July 1987 through June 1988

Clio Can Award

For "Exceptional Support to the Field of Cliometrics," Awarded by the Cliometrics Society,
May 1988

Distinguished Teacher Award

University of California, Riverside, June 2003

Economic History Association

President Elect, 2003-04
President, 2004-05

Distinguished Humanist Achievement Lecturer

University of California, Riverside, 2006

In recognition of *The Confederate States of America: What Might Have Been*

Fellow of the Cliometric Society

Elected Fellow of the Society, 2015

Edward A. Dickson Emeritus Professor

University of California, Riverside, 2015-16

Fellow of the Economic History Association

Elected Fellow of the Association, 2019

II. Selected Bibliography

Books

The Academic Scribblers: American Economists in Collision, with William Breit. First Edition, New York: Holt, Rinehart & Winston, 1971: x, 275.

Revised Edition, New York: Dryden Press, 1982: xiii, 274.

Third Edition, with a foreword by Robert Solow, and a postscript by the authors, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1998: xvii, 282

One Kind of Freedom: The Economic Consequences of Emancipation, with Richard Sutch. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1977: xx, 409.

Second Edition, New York: Cambridge University Press, 2000

Coping with Capitalism: The Economic Transformation of the United States, 1776-1980. New York: Prentice Hall, 1981: vi, 186.

Explorations in the New Economic History: Essays in Honor of Douglass C. North, edited with Richard Sutch and Gary M. Walton. New York: Academic Press, 1982: xvi, 308.

Conflict and Compromise: The Political Economy of Slavery, Emancipation, and the American Civil War. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1989: xv, 317

The Confederate States of America: What Might Have Been. New York: W.W. Norton, 2005: xv, 352.

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Articles and Contributions to Edited Books

"Canals and Economic Development: A Discussion of the Issues." *The American Economic Review* 54 (May 1964): 365-376.

"Interregional Canals and Economic Specialization in the Antebellum United States." *Explorations in Entrepreneurial History* 5 (Fall 1967):12-35.

"British Policy and Colonial Growth: Some Implications from the Navigation Acts." *Journal of Economic History* 28 (September 1968): 427-435.

"Social Returns from Public Transport Investment: A Case Study of the Ohio Canal." *Journal of Political Economy* 78 (September/October 1970): 1041- 1060.

"Debt Peonage in the Cotton South After the Civil War," with Richard Sutch. *Journal of Economic History* 32 (September 1972): 641-669.

"Public Canals and the Opening of the Old Northwest," In David C' Klingaman and Richard Vedder, Editors, *Essays in Nineteenth History: The Old Northwest*. (Athens: Ohio State University Press): 246-258.

- "The Impact of the Civil War and of Emancipation on Southern Agriculture," with Richard Sutch. *Explorations in Economic History* 12 (January 1975): 1-28.
- "The 'Lock-in' Mechanism and Overproduction of Cotton in the Post-Bellum South," with Richard Sutch. *Agricultural History* 49 (April 1975): 405- 425.
- "Sharecropping: Market Response or Mechanism of Race Control?" with Richard Sutch. Chapter 3 in David Sansing, editor, *What Was Freedom's Price?* (Jackson: University of Mississippi Press 1978): 51-69
- "Growth and Welfare in the American South of the Nineteenth Century," with Richard Sutch. *Explorations in Economic History* 16 (April 1979): 207-236.
- "In Search of Security: The Growth of Government Spending in the United States, 1902-1970". In Roger Ransom, Richard Sutch and Gary Walton, Editors, *Explorations in Economic History*, (New York: Academic Press, 1982): 125-48
- "Land and Credit: Some Historical Parallels Between Mexico and the American South," with Kerry Ann Odell. *Agricultural History* 60 (Winter 1986): 4-31.
- "The Labor of Older Americans: Retirement of Men On and Off the Job, 1870-1937," with Richard Sutch. *Journal of Economic History* 46 (March 1986): 1-30.
- "The Tontine Revolution and the Armstrong Investigation: A Case of Stifled Innovation in the American Insurance Industry, 1868-1906," with Richard Sutch. *Journal of Economic History* (June 1987): 379-390
- "The Decline of Retirement in the Years Before Social Security: U.S. Retirement Patterns, 1870-1940. with Richard Sutch. In Edward Lazear and Rita Rocardo-Campbell, Editors. *Issues in Contemporary Retirement* (Stanford: Hoover Institute Press, 1988): 3-37.
- "Capitalists Without Capital: The Burden of Slavery and the Impact of Emancipation," with Richard Sutch. *Agricultural History* (Fall 1988): 133-160.
- "Who Pays for Emancipation?: The Burden of Slavery Revisited," With Richard Sutch. In Richard F. America, Editor. *Race, Restitution, and Redistribution: The Present Value and Distribution of the Benefits of Slavery and Discrimination*. Greenwood Press, 1990: 31-54
- "Retirement: Past and Present," with Richard Sutch and Samuel H. Williamson. Chapter 1 in Alicia H. Munnell, editor. *Retirement and Public Policy: Proceedings of the Second Conference of the National Academy of Social Insurance*. Dubuque: Kendall Hunt Publishing, 1991: 23-57.
- "Inventing Pensions: The Origins of the Company-Provided Pension in the United States, 1900-1940," With Richard Sutch and Samuel Williamson. In K. Warner Shaie and Andrew W. Achenbaum. *Societal Impact on Aging: Historical Perspectives*. Springer Publishing Company, 1993: 1-38.
- "The Economic Consequences of the American Civil War." Chapter 3 in Murray Wolfson, editor. *The Political Economy of War and Peace*. (New York: Kluwer Academic Press, 1998): 47-74.
- "Fact and Counterfact: The 'Second American Revolution' Revisited". *Civil War History* 45 (March 1999): 28-60.
- "One Kind of Freedom: Reconsidered (and Turbo Charged)", with Richard Sutch. *Explorations in Economic History* 38 (January 2001): 6-40.
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- "Conflicting Visions: The American Civil War as a Revolutionary Event," With Richard Sutch. *Research in Economic History* 30 (2001): 249-301.

- "What Economic History Means – Then and Now". In Pat Hudson, ed., *Living Economic and Social History*. (Glasgow: Economic History Society, 2001): 293-297.
- "Family Matters: The Life-Cycle Transition and the Antebellum American Fertility Decline," with Susan Carter and Richard Sutch. In Timothy Guinnane, William Sundstrum and Warren Whatley, *History Matters: Essays on Economic Growth, Technology, and Demographic Change*. (Stanford, California: Stanford University Press, 2004): 271-327.
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- "Too Many 'Smoking Guns': How a Conflict in the Baltics Became a World War". URL: <https://voxeu.org/WWI> November 2018.
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