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*Education*

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

*Academic Appointments*

1963-1968: Assistant Professor of Economics  
Department of Economics, University of Virginia, Charlottesville  
1967-1968: Lecturer in Economics  
1972-1973: Visiting Associate Professor of Economics  
Department of Economics, University of California, Berkeley  
1968-1973: Associate Professor of Economics  
1973-1984: Professor of Economics  
Department of Economics, University of California, Riverside  
1981-1982: Visiting Professor of Economics  
Department of Economics, Claremont McKenna College  
1984-2006: Professor of History and Economics  
Department of History, University of California, Riverside  
2006- 2008: Distinguished Professor of History and Economics  
Department of History, University of California, Riverside  
2008: Retired from the University of California

*Administrative Appointments*

1965-1966: Assistant Chairman  
Department of Economics, University of Virginia  
1966-1967: Assistant Director  
Office of Institutional Analysis, University of Virginia  
2005-06: Interim Director  
UCR/California Museum of Photography, Riverside, California

*Research Grants and Professional Appointments*

- 1969-1970: Principal Investigator  
National Science Foundation Grant GS 2668  
Institute of Business and Economic Research, University of California, Berkeley
- 1970-1973: Principal Investigator  
National Science Foundation Grant GS 3263  
Institute of Business and Economic Research, University of California, Berkeley
- 1974-1977: Principal Investigator  
National Science Foundation Grant SOC 74-09457  
Center for Social and Behavioral Science Research, University of California, Riverside
- 1976-1984: Member
- 1980-1982: President  
Board of Trustees, Riverside Unified School District
- 1978-1980: Board of Editors  
*Journal of Economic Literature*
- 1984-1987: Senior Research Associate  
National Science Foundation Grant SES 8411255  
Institute for Business and Economic Research, University of California, Berkeley  
Department of History, University of California, Riverside
- 1985: Consultant  
National Endowment for the Humanities Grant  
"With Camera and Tripod: The Civil War and Western Photographs of Andrew J. Russell"  
Oakland Museum, Oakland, California
- 1987-1995: Series Editor  
*Research in Economic History*
- 1990: Principal Investigator  
International Research and Relations Board  
Grant for collaborative work on economic history with the Soviet Academy of Sciences
- 1990-1992: Principal Investigator [With Susan Carter and Richard Sutch]  
"Historical Labor Statistics Project at the University of California"  
National Science Foundation
- 1990-93: Principal Investigator [With Richard Sutch and Samuel Williamson]  
"Work and Retirement in the United States: 1900-1940"  
National Institute of Health Grant #NIH/NIA RO1AG08131-02
- 1995: Faculty Fellow [Spring Quarter]  
Center for Ideas and Society  
University of California, Riverside
- 1996: Visiting Scholar  
Lomonosov State University of Moscow, Moscow Russia, June 11-24, 1996.  
Funded by a grant from the USIA and the MacArthur Foundation.

*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 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, 2005-06

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

*Membership in Scholarly and Professional Organizations*

American Historical Association

Economic History Association

Cliometric Society

Organization of American Historians

Social Science History Association

## II. BIBLIOGRAPHY

### Books

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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  
Chinese Translation of the Third Edition, Beijing: Liang Jing Publishing House, 2006.
- 2] *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, xxvii, 2000
- 3] *Coping With Capitalism: The Economic Transformation of the United States, 1776-1980*. New York: Prentice Hall, 1981: vi, 186.
- 4] *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.
- 5] *Conflict and Compromise: The Political Economy of Slavery, Emancipation, and the American Civil War*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1989: xv, 317.
- 6] *The Confederate States of America: What Might Have Been*. New York: W.W. Norton, 2005: xv, 352.

### Contributions to Books

- 1] "Public Canal Investment and the Opening of the Old Northwest." In David Klingaman and Richard Vedder, editors. *Essays in Nineteenth Century Economic History: The Old Northwest*. Athens: Ohio State University Press, 1975: 246-268.
- 2] "Capitalism and Freedom: Milton Friedman," with William Breit. In E. L. Wheelwright and Frank J. B. Stillwell, editors. *Readings in Political Economy*. Sidney: Australia and New Zealand Book Co., 1976: 91-94.
- 3] "Sharecropping: Market Response or Mechanism of Race Control?" with Richard Sutch. Chapter 3 in David G. Sansing, editor, *What was Freedom's Price?* Jackson: University Press of Mississippi, 1978: 51-69.
- 5] "In Search of Security: The Growth of Government Spending in the United States, 1902-1970." Chapter 6 in *Explorations in the New Economic History*: 125-148.
- 6] "The Decline of Retirement in the Years Before Social Security: U.S. Retirement Patterns, 1870-1940," with Richard Sutch. In Edward Lazear and Rita Ricardo-Campbell, editors. *Issues in Contemporary Retirement*. Stanford: Hoover Institution Press, 1988: 3-37.
- 7] "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
- 8] "The Life-Cycle Transition: A Preliminary Report on Wealth-Holding in America," with Richard Sutch. Chapter 10 in *Income and Wealth Distribution in Historical Perspective*, two volumes. Utrecht: Rijksuniversiteit te Utrecht, 1986: volume 1. Russian translation, Valeri Tishkoff, editor, Publications of the Institute of Ethnography, Academy of Sciences of the USSR, Moscow, 1991.
- 9] "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.

- 10] "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.
- 11] "The Impact of Aging on the Employment of Men in American Working-Class Communities at the End of the Nineteenth Century," with Richard Sutch. David Kertzer and Peter Laslett, editors, *Aging in the Past: Demography, Society, and Old Age*. University of California Press, 1995: 303-327.
- 12] "Agricultura ahorro y crecimiento: conjeturas sobre las experiencias mediterranea y californiana," with Susan Carter and Richard Sutch. Jose J Morilla Critz, editor, *California y el Mediterraneo: Estudios de dos agriculturas competidoras*. Ministerio d Agricultura, Pesca y Alimentacion, Madrid: 1995.
- 13] "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.
- 14] "Conflicting Visions: The Economic Origins of Sectional Conflict in the United States," with Richard Sutch. In Leonid Borodkin, editor, *The Economic History of Russia and America in Transition*. Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow: 1999.
- 15] "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.
- 16] "Confederate States of America." In Susan Carter and Richard Sutch, general editors. *Historical Statistics of the United States: Millennial Edition*, Volume 5. (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2005): 773-805.

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- 2] "Interregional Canals and Economic Specialization in the Antebellum United States." *Explorations in Entrepreneurial History Second Series* 5 (Fall 1967): 12-35.
- 3] "British Policy and Colonial Growth: Some Implications of the Burden from the Navigation Acts." *Journal of Economic History* 28 (September 1968): 427-435. Reprinted in Jack Blicksilver, Editor. *Views on U.S. Economic and Business History: Molding the Mixed Economy*. Atlanta: Georgia State University, Business Publishing Division, 1985: 113-123.
- 4] "Social Returns from Public Transport Investment: A Case Study of the Ohio Canal." *Journal of Political Economy* 78 (September/October 1970): 1041- 1060.
- 5] "Debt Peonage in the Cotton South After the Civil War," with Richard Sutch. *Journal of Economic History* 32 (September 1972): 641-669.
- 6] "The Ex-Slave in the Postbellum South: A Study of the Economic Impact of Racism in a Market Environment," with Richard Sutch. *Journal of Economic History* 33 (March 1973): 131-147. Reprinted in Donald G. Neiman, Editor. *From Slavery to Sharecropping: White Land and Black Labor in the rural South, 1865-1900*. Garland Publishing Inc., 1994: 323-340.
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- 8] "The 'Lock-in' Mechanism and Overproduction of Cotton in the Post-Bellum South," with Richard Sutch. *Agricultural History* 49 (April 1975): 405- 425.

- 9] "Credit Merchandising in the Post-Emancipation South: Structure, Conduct, and Performance," with Richard Sutch. *Explorations in Economic History* 16 (January 1979): 64-89. Reprinted in James F. Shepherd and Gary M. Walton, editors. *Market Institutions and Economic Progress in the New South, 1865-1900: Essays Stimulated by One Kind of Freedom*, New York: Academic Press, 1981: 57-81.
- 10] "Growth and Welfare in the American South of the Nineteenth Century," with Richard Sutch. *Explorations in Economic History* 16 (April 1979): 207-236. Reprinted in James F. Shepherd and Gary M. Walton, editors. *Market Institutions and Economic Progress in the New South, 1865-1900: Essays Stimulated by One Kind of Freedom*, New York: Academic Press, 1981: 127-153.
- 11] "Class and Inequality: Measuring the Impact of Industrial Capitalism." *Historical Methods* 16 (Fall 1983): 157-161.
- 12] "Land and Credit: Some Historical Parallels Between Mexico and the American South," with Kerry Ann Odell. *Agricultural History* 60 (Winter 1986): 4-31.
- 13] "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.
- 14] "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. Reprinted in Robert F. Himmelberg, editor, *Growth of the Regulatory State, 1900 – 1917: State and Federal Regulation of Railroads and Other Enterprises*. Volume 3 in *Business and Government in America Since 1870*, New York: Garland Publishing, 1994.
- 15] "Capitalists Without Capital: The Burden of Slavery and the Impact of Emancipation," with Richard Sutch. *Agricultural History* (Fall 1988): 133-160. Reprinted in Morton Rothstein and Daniel Field, editors, *Quantitative Studies in Agrarian History*, Ames: Iowa State University Press, 1993: 130-157. Russian Translation reprinted in Ivan Kovalchenko and Valery A. Tishkov, editors, *Agrarian Evolution in Russia and the United States in the XIX-early XX Century*, Moscow: Nauka, 1991: 173-200.
- 16] "The Historical Labor Statistics Project at the University of California," With Susan B. Carter and Richard Sutch. *Historical Methods* (April 1991): 52-65.
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- 18] "One Kind of Freedom: Reconsidered (and Turbo Charged)", with Richard Sutch. *Explorations in Economic History* 38 (January 2001): 6-40.
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- 3] "The Trend in the Rate of Labor Force Participation of Older Men, 1870-1930: A Reply to Moen," with Richard Sutch. *Journal of Economic History* 49 (March 1989): 170-83.
- 4] "The Great Depression." In Douglas Greenwald, editor. *The Encyclopedia of Economics*. New York: McGraw-Hill, 1981: 461-464. Revised edition, 1993:481-485 .

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Volume 14, (Greenwich: JAI Press, 1993) [Susan Carter and Richard Sutch, associate editors]

Volume 15, (Greenwich: JAI Press, 1995) [Susan Carter and Richard Sutch, associate editors]

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The *Historical Labor Statistics Project* was a research project funded by the All-UC Group in Economic History and NSF to code and put into machine-readable format data from 36 surveys of working-class households taken by state labor Bureaus between the years 1879 and 1901. These surveys include data for 14 states and information on more than 80,000 working-class families. The datasets have been distributed to interested researchers throughout the United States and Europe. The project is described in Susan Carter, Roger Ransom and Richard Sutch, "The Historical Labor Statistics Project at the University of California," *Historical Methods* (April 1991). A *Codebook* with documentation for each dataset has been compiled under the supervision of, Susan Carter, Roger Ransom and Richard Sutch, with the assistance of Hongcheng Zhao:

*Codebooks and User Manuals: The Historical Labor Statistics Project*. Thirty-Six volumes, Institute of Business and Economic Research, University of California, Berkeley, 1993. Cliometrics Society Data Server, EH.NET.