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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, 2015-2016

## II. Selected 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
- 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.
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- "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
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- "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.
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