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**1. EDUCATION:**

<i>Degree</i>	<i>Institution</i>	<i>Field</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Ph.D.	Univ. of California-Berkeley	English	1979
B.A. <i>magna cum laude</i>	Amherst College	English, American Studies	1970

**2. FULL-TIME ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE:**

<i>Institution</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Field</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Graduate Center, City University of New York	Distinguished Professor	English, History, Biography/Memoir	9/08-present
Baruch College & CUNY Grad. Center	Distinguished Professor	English	2/96-8/08
Baruch College & CUNY Grad. Center	Professor	English	9/89-2/96
Rutgers Univ.-Camden	Associate Professor	English	7/88-9/89
Rutgers Univ.-Camden	Assistant Professor	English	7/86-7/88
Northwestern University	Assistant Professor	English	7/80-7/83

**3. PART-TIME ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE:**

<i>Institution</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Field</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Univ. of Paris III/Sorbonne	Visiting Exchange Professor	English	9/99-8/00
New York University	Visiting Adjunct Professor	English	1/86-12/87
Barnard College	Visiting Associate Professor	English	7/83- 9/84
Univ. of California-Berkeley	Teaching Associate	English	7/77- 6/79
Univ. of California-Berkeley	Teaching Assistant	English	9/75- 6/77

**4. NONACADEMIC EXPERIENCE:**

<i>Place of Employment</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Providence Country Day School	Teacher	9/71- 6/72
Dun & Bradstreet, Inc.	Business Analyst	8/70- 6/71

## 5. PUBLICATIONS IN FIELD OF EXPERTISE:

### A. Books:

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Winner of the Lincoln Prize of the Gilder Lehrman Society. Winner of the Abraham Lincoln Institute Award. Plutarch Award in Biography: long-listed. One of the 10 Best Books of the Year, *Wall Street Journal*. Best Books of the Year, *Washington Post*. Best Books of the Year, *Christian Science Monitor*. Best Books of the Year, Kirkus. *O Magazine*, Top 10 Books of the Fall—So Far. LitHub Bookmarks—Best Reviewed Books of the Week. National Book Review—Five Hot Books. PWPicks: Books of the Week.

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A *New Yorker* Favorite Book of the Year. A *Kirkus* Best Book of the Year. Selection, "Top Spring Nonfiction Picks," *Publishers Weekly* and *Library Journal*. Selection, "The 20 Smartest Nonfiction Reads for the Summer," *Christian Science Monitor*, 2011. Selection, "15 Hot Books for Dad" by the *Daily Beast*, June 2011. Selection, History Book Club, 2011.

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***"Venus in Boston" and Other Tales of Nineteenth-Century American Life,*** by George Thompson. Edited with introduction and bibliography by D. S. Reynolds and Kimberly Gladman. Amherst, MA: University of Massachusetts Press, 2002. 391 pp.

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Radio Interview about *John Brown, Abolitionist*, “Fresh Air,” National Public Radio, Tuesday, March 29, 2005.

Radio Interview, “Walt Whitman: Song of Myself,” special show on WNYC/AM-FM, November 24, 2005.

Radio Interview, “Celebrating Walt Whitman,” WNYC Radio, November 25, 2005.

National TV Interview about *Walt Whitman's America*, CSPAN (national cable television), with Brian Lamb on *Book Notes*, April 28, 1996.

Radio Interview about *Walt Whitman's America*, "The Mara Tapp Show," WEBZ Chicago, April 15, 1996.

Radio Interview about *Walt Whitman's America*, "Talk of the Nation" with Ray Suarez, National Public Radio, November 1995.

TV Interview, CUNY TV, June 30 and July 2, 1995; Radio Interview on New York Public Radio with Lenny Lopate, May 24, 1995.

Radio Interview, “Democracy's Poet,” WNYC AM radio, New York, March 26, 1992.

## **7. LECTURES, PUBLIC CONVERSATIONS, CONFERENCE PAPERS:**

Lecture and book reading, *Abe: Abraham Lincoln in His Times*, Commonwealth Club (San Francisco, CA) Virtual Event, Friday October 23, 2020.  
<https://www.commonwealthclub.org/events/2020-10-29/abe>

Politics & Prose (Washington DC) Virtual Event, David S. Reynolds in conversation with Harold Holzer about *Abe: Abraham Lincoln in His Times*, October 21, 2020.  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tky6K\\_Ir20Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tky6K_Ir20Q)

Leon Levy Center for Biography (CUNY Graduate Center) Virtual Event, David S. Reynolds in Conversation with Jim Oakes about *Abe: Abraham Lincoln in His Times*, October 13, 2020.  
<https://www.crowdcast.io/e/david-s--reynolds-on-abe>

Keynote Lecture, Walt Whitman Stamp – First Issue Ceremony, September 12, 2019;  
<https://www.facebook.com/USPS/videos/2112727489028930/>

Featured lecturer, “Walt Whitman and His World,” series of three lectures, Bay View Association, July 25, 27, and 29, 2019.

Featured lecturer, “Walt Whitman’s World,” Morgan Library, New York, NY, June 26, 2019.

Keynote Lecture, “Walt and I: A Biographer’s Reflections,” Walt Whitman at 200 Symposium, Walt Whitman Birthplace, May 31, 2019.

Featured lecturer, “Walt Whitman, Race, and American Politics,” Whitman at 200 Series, University of Pennsylvania, April 23, 2019.

Keynote Lecture, “Frederick Douglass and John Brown in Detroit: 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference,” Mercy School of Law, Detroit University, March 12, 2019.

The Malkin Lecture, Park Street Armory, “Walt Whitman, the Civil War, and New York's Seventh Regiment” September 25, 2018.

Featured Respondent, Roundtable on “David S. Reynolds and the Spiritual Imagination in America,” session on the scholarship of David S. Reynolds, American Literature Association Convention, San Francisco, May 26, 2018.

“Emily Dickinson, Amherst, and Popular Culture,” scholarly seminar on Amherst and the World, Amherst College, May 21-22, 2018.

“Saving a Divided Nation: Walt Whitman, Abraham Lincoln, and the American Union,” special lecture, St. Francis College, April 24, 2018.

“The U. S. Civil War and Cultural Remembering,” Symposium on Cultural Memory at the Congress of the International Comparative Literature Association, July 23, 2016.

“Poetry, Physiology, and Politics: Walt Whitman’s “Manly Health” Column and *Leaves of Grass*,” Walt Whitman Birthplace Association, July 10, 2016.

The Centennial Lecture and Keynote Speech, “The American Renaissance Reconsidered: Literature, Politics, and Popular Culture,” for conference on Teaching the American Literary Tradition, University of Texas at El Paso, June 11, 2016.

Keynote Talk, “Hawthorne and Democratic Politics,” Nathaniel Hawthorne Society Conference, Stowe, Vermont, June 3, 2016.

“The Aesthetics of Indulgence: American Still Life Paintings in their Literary and Social Contexts,” Philadelphia Art Museum, Oct. 23, 2015.

“Lincoln Then and Now,” The New York Society Library, October 7, 2015.

“*Lincoln’s Selected Writings*: A Visit with David S. Reynolds, Rogers Memorial Library, Southampton, NY, June 3, 2015.

“Killing John Brown, Killing Lincoln: John Wilkes Booth, and the Lincoln Assassination,” Fort Wayne Lincoln Association, May 6, 2015.

“Why Is Lincoln Still Relevant?” Panel discussion with David S. Reynolds, Richard Brookhiser, and Lucas Morel, The Morgan Library and Museum, April 28, 2015.

“The Lincoln Assassination, 150 Years Later: Literary and Cultural Contexts of the Tragedy, The Century Association, April 14, 2015

“Lincoln’s Relevance for Today,” lead panelist on historians’ session celebrating the Lincoln Sesquicentennial Exhibit, Morgan Library, New York, April 28, 2015.

“Stowe’s *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*,” as panelist on the session “Leading Novelists, Eminent Novels: Exploring the Early American Novel and Its Cultural Influences, MLA Convention, January 2014.

Panelist, “*Beneath the American Renaissance* at 25: The Legacy of an American Studies Classic,” MLA Convention, January 2014.

Respondent, “*Beneath the American Renaissance* at 25: David S. Reynolds and American Cultural Studies,” CUNY Graduate Center, October 18, 2013.

Keynote Lecture, “Mightier than the Sword,” annual meeting of the Connecticut Society of Eye Physicians, Aquaturf Conference Center, Southington, Conn., June 14 2013.

The Teacher Lecture, New-York Historical Society, June 6, 2013.

The Brauer Lecture, University of Chicago, May 2, 2013.

“Writing the American Renaissance,” Leon Levy Center for Biography, CUNY Graduate Center, March 18, 2013.

“Reconsidering Lew Wallace’s *Ben-Hur*,” Rutgers University, March 8, 2013.

The Bel Konitzer Book Awards Lecture, Drew University, January 19, 2013.

The Paul and June Schlueter Lecture in the Art and History of the Book, Lafayette College, September 27, 2012.

Talk, Book Signing, *Mightier than the Sword: Uncle Tom’s Cabin and the Battle for America*, Harvard Club, New York, June 20, 2012, at 7:30 p.m.

Talk, Book Signing, “New York, Abolitionism, and *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*,” Salmagundi Club, New York June 14, 2012, at 6:30 pm.

Talk, Book Signing, *Mightier than the Sword: Uncle Tom’s Cabin and the Battle for America*, 92Y Tribeca, June 12, 2012, at noon.

Talk, Book Signing, *Mightier than the Sword: Uncle Tom’s Cabin and the Battle for America*, New York Society Library, June 7, 2012, at 6:30pm.

“*Uncle Tom’s Cabin* and American Studies,” invited lecture, University of Rochester, April 26, 2012.

The Aronson Memorial Lecture, “John Brown, Harriet Beecher Stowe and the Coming of the Civil War,” St. Paul’s Church National Historic Site, Mount Vernon, NY, April 14, 2012.

The De Graaf Lecture, Hope College, Holland, Michigan, April 10, 2012.

“Mightier than the Sword: *Uncle Tom’s Cabin* and American Cultural History,” special lecture, Bronx Community College, November 22, 2011.

Keynote Lecture, “Harriet Beecher Stowe’s *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*,” Members’ Annual Dinner, The Library Company of Philadelphia, November 15, 2011.

“Harriet Beecher Stowe’s *Uncle Tom’s Cabin* and American Culture,” special lecture, Bronx Community College, November 22, 2011. University Club, November 3, 2011.

“The Roots and Impact of *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*,” invited lecture, The College of William and Mary, October 20, 2011.

“Mightier than the Sword: *Uncle Tom’s Cabin* and American Cultural History,” invited lecture, Hudson Library and Historical Society, October 13, 2011.

“Harriet Beecher Stowe’s *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*,” invited lecture, Port Washington Library, October 2, 2011.

The Carolyn Baldwin-Babcock Lecture, “Mightier than the Sword: *Uncle Tom’s Cabin* and the Battle for America,” Miami University (Ohio), September 29, 2011.

Keynote Lecture, “Harriet Beecher Stowe and Cincinnati,” Stowe Bicentennial Commemorative Conference, Cincinnati University, September 30, 2011.

“Harriet Beecher Stowe and *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*,” public lecture, Fridays at Five, Bridgehampton Library, July 15, 2011.

“The Roots and Impact of *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*,” paper for a conference at Brunswick, Maine, on “Harriet Beecher Stowe: The 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference,” Harriet Beecher Stowe Society, June 23, 2011.

Smithsonian Museum lecture, “The Little Lady’s Dangerous Book: Harriet Beecher Stowe’s *Uncle Tom’s Cabin* and the Origins of the Civil War,” National Museum of American History, June 17, 2011.

Book reading/signing, *Mightier than the Sword: Uncle Tom’s Cabin and the Battle for America*, Barnes and Noble (Upper West Side), June 15, 2011.

Respondent to the session “*Beneath the American Renaissance* at Twenty-Five: David Reynolds and American Cultural Studies,” American Literature Association Convention at Boston,

MA, May 27, 2011.

“Mightier than the Sword: *Uncle Tom’s Cabin* and the Battle for America,” paper for a session on Harriet Beecher Stowe, American Literature Association Convention at Boston, MA, May 27, 2011.

The Twenty-Eighth Annual James Russell Wiggins Lecture, “Igniting the War: *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*, Antislavery Politics, and the Rise of Lincoln,” American Antiquarian Society, May 24, 2011.

“Truth or Dare?” panel, Day of Dialog, a session on new books organized by the *Library Journal*, May 23, 2011.

Featured Speaker, “How and Why I Wrote *Mightier than the Sword*” (taped by Book TV/C-SPAN) Harriet Beecher Stowe House, Hartford, Conn., May 19, 2011.

“John Brown Should Be Pardoned,” Brecht Forum public symposium on John Brown, May 9, 2011.

Lead Historian, “The Kindling and the Torch: The Impact of ‘Uncle Tom’s Cabin’ and John Brown’s Raid,” “Teaching American History” through the Gilder Lehrman Institute. University of Delaware-Newark, April 12, 2011.

“‘I Hear America Singing’: Walt Whitman and the Music of His Time,” lecture and guitar/vocals performance, accompanied by pianist Steve Vitoff, CUNY Graduate Center English Program, February 25, 2011.

Featured Speaker, “John Brown and His Times,” Salesian High School, New Rochelle, NY, Salesian HS, February 4, 2011.

“From Feminism to Transnationalism and Beyond: *Uncle Tom’s Cabin* Among the Critics,” paper for a panel on “Stowe and Critical Memory,” Modern Language Association Convention at Los Angeles, Cal., January 9, 2011.

Featured Speaker, “New Perspectives on the American Renaissance,” Riverdale Country School, April 20, 2010.

Featured Speaker, “Harriet Beecher Stowe and the Civil War,” Lehman College conference on Lincoln and the Civil War, April 12, 2010.

Featured Speaker, “John Brown, Abolitionist,” Kennesaw State University, conference on “Alternative Realities in the Civil War,” March 15, 2010.

Featured Speaker, “John Brown’s Legacy to African Americans,” African American Museum, Cincinnati, Ohio, December 5, 2009.

Keynote Speaker, “John Brown Reconsidered,” Drexel University, Philadelphia, December 4, 2009.

Featured Speaker, "Walt Whitman and American Art," Katonah Museum of Art, November 12, 2009.

Featured Speaker, "Warriors for Freedom: John Brown and Henry David Thoreau," American Antiquarian Society, November 6, 2009.

Plenary Speaker, "Reconsidering John Brown," conference on "The 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Harpers Ferry Raid," Yale University, October 30, 2009.

Keynote Address, two-day conference entitled "Reconsidering the Debt: Scholars Re-visit Shays' Rebellion," Springfield Technical Community College, October 17-18, 2009.

Featured Speaker, "Andrew Jackson and His America," Bridgehampton Library, July 3, 2009.

Featured Speaker, "Andrew Jackson: Villain or Hero?" Rogers Memorial Library, May 27, 2009.

Plenary Speaker, "Year of Foreboding: 1859 and the Backgrounds of Civil War," American Civil War Sesquicentennial at the University of Richmond; Richmond, VA, April 29, 2009.

Featured guest panelist on historical contexts of the current credit crisis, New-York Historical Society's Chairman's Council "Weekend with History," New-York Historical Society, April 4, 2009.

"Poe in his Times," Friends of Poe—Bicentennial Celebration, Edgar Allan Poe National Historical Site, Philadelphia, March 28, 2009.

Keynote Speaker, "Walt Whitman and New York Street Culture," Walt Whitman Conference, Brooklyn, NY, March 6, 2009.

Plenary Speaker, "Andrew Jackson and His Age," John Jay Homestead, Katonah, NY, January 28, 2009.

Appointed as Donald and Judy Smith Scholar in Residence, Florida Atlantic University, January 15-17, 2009. Reynolds's Lectures: "Andrew Jackson: Hero or Villain?" (1/14/09), "The Old South" (1/15/09) "John Brown, Slavery, and the Roots of the Civil War" (1/16/09).

Book presentation and signing for *Waking Giant*, Barnes & Noble, Upper West Side (Broadway and 82<sup>nd</sup> St.), October 2, 2008.

Keynote Address, "The Importance of John Brown," conference on 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Brown's Chatham, Ontario convention, Chatham-Kent Black Historical Society, May 3, 2008.

Keynote Lecture: "'Evil Propels Me and Reform of Evil Propels Me': Literary Treatments of Evil in the American Renaissance," Anglistentag Muenster (Annual English Conference), Muenster, Germany, September 25, 2007.

Lead-Off Lecture: "John Brown and the Coming of the Civil War," opening celebration of American Studies Program, University of Connecticut, September 19, 2007.

Seminar Leader on Walt Whitman, NEH Summer Seminar for the Hall of Fame Exhibition, Bronx community College, CUNY, June 19, 2007.

“Transcendental Terrorism? John Brown, Emerson, and Thoreau,” University of California, Berkeley, March 20, 2007.

“Conversion to Violence: Emerson, Thoreau, and John Brown,” paper for Thoreau Society special session, MLA Convention, December 28, 2006.

“John Brown: His Contexts and His Legacy,” public lecture, Minnesota Historical Society, December 9, 2006.

“Walt Whitman, the City, and American Art,” conference paper, in conference on “Luminist Horizons,” National Academy Museum, New York, October 28, 2006.

Keynote Lecture: “Christian Terrorism?: John Brown and the Making of America,” Conference on Christianity and Literature,” St. Francis College, Brooklyn Heights, October 20, 2006.

“Toward a Cultural Biography of Harriet Jacobs,” conference paper, in conference on “The Life and Word of Harriet Jacobs,” Pace University, October 6, 2006.

Keynote Lecture, “Harriet Jacobs,” Gilder-Lehrman Junior Historians Forum, Pace University, October 5, 2006.

“Transcendental Terrorism? John Brown, Emerson, and Thoreau,” University of Tübingen, Germany, June 6, 2006. Also delivered at the University of Mainz, Germany on June 13, 2006 and the University of Würzburg, Germany on June 18, 2006.

“John Brown, Abolitionist,” CUNY Graduate Center, Association of Extended Learning, March 23, 2006.

Talks and Readings for *John Brown, Abolitionist*:

--The Graduate Center of CUNY, April 4, 2006; The University Club (featured speaker), February 21, 2006.

--Bluestockings Book Store, New York, February 10, 2006.

--New York City Rotary Club (featured speaker), January 29, 2006.

--Roslyn High School, two lectures and two seminar discussions, January 19, 2006.

--New-York Historical Society, speech sponsored by the Gilder-Lehrman Institute, December 8, 2005.

--CUNY Fundraisers' Banquet (featured speaker), New York, NY, November 11, 2005.

--CUNY Graduate Center Board Luncheon (featured speaker), New York, NY, September 13, 2005.

--Graduate Center Talk, Fridays at Five, Bridgehampton Library Series, July 8, 2005.

--Book Reading, Bookrevue, Huntington, NY, June 2, 2005; Book Reading, Concord Bookshop, Concord, MA, May 22, 2005.

--Book Reading, The Atlanta History Center, Atlanta, Georgia May 16, 2005.

--Book Reading, Borders, Vienna, VA May 12, 2005; Book Reading, Chapters Washington,

DC May 12, 2005.

--Talk, Downtown Rotary Club Luncheon Event. Kansas City MO, May 5, 2005.

--Book Reading, Rainy Day Books, Fairway, KS, May 5, 2005.

--Book Reading, Barnes & Noble, Upper West Side branch, New York, NY, May 2, 2005.

--Book Reading, Left Bank Books, St. Louis, MO, May 4.

--Book Reading, Odyssey Bookshop, South Hadley, MA, April 26, 2005; Talk, Massachusetts Historical Society, April 28, 2005.

“New Interdisciplinary Vistas: Criticism, Theory, and History,” Pennsylvania State University, January 23, 2006.

“Was Brown Black? Race, Abolitionism, and the American Renaissance,” lecture, University of California-Davis, January 9, 2006.

“John Brown and Religion,” lecture, Holy Trinity Church, New York, November 2, 2005.

“Three Conversations on Walt Whitman with David S. Reynolds,” seminar series, October 20, October 27, and November 3, 2005.

“A Poet’s Utopia: *Leaves of Grass* and the American 1850s,” conference paper, “New England Remembers Walt Whitman,” Central Connecticut State University, September 28, 2005.

“Celebrating the 1855 *Leaves of Grass*,” South Street Seaport Museum, New York, September 26, 2005.

“Don’t Forget the Spice: George Thompson’s *City Crimes* and the American Renaissance,” American Literature Association Convention, May 27, 2005

Introductory talk, “A Celebration of Walt Whitman’s *Leaves of Grass*,” New-York Historical Society, April 26, 2005.

“Why I Write Cultural Biography: The Backgrounds of *Walt Whitman’s America*,” conference paper, *Leaves of Grass*, the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference, University of Nebraska, March 31, 2005.

“‘The Popular Heart is a Cannon First’: Emily Dickinson and Popular Culture,” CUNY Graduate Center, March 31, 2004.

“Transcendentalism and Abolitionism,” lecture, UCLA, January 11, 2004.

“Emerson, Thoreau, and the Questions of Race and Slavery,” lecture, Stanford University, January 9, 2004.

“Untying the Knot: American Writers and Slavery,” lecture, Boston University, February 23, 2004.

“‘Gallows Glorious’: Emerson, John Brown, and Violent Abolitionism,” lecture, CUNY Graduate Center, May 3, 2003.

“Antebellum Reform, Antinomianism, and the Legacy of Radical Puritanism,” paper given at the



MLA Convention, as part of a session on “American Antinomianisms,” December 28, 2002

“Slavery in ‘This Transcendental Age’: Emerson, Thoreau, and the Causes of the Civil War,” paper given at MLA Convention, as part of special session organized by David S. Reynolds on “Slavery and the American Renaissance, December 28, 2001.

“Politics, Poetry, and Popular Culture: Historical Contexts of Walt Whitman’s *Leaves of Grass*,” lecture, University of Paris 3, Sorbonne-Nouvelle (Paris, France), May 10, 2000.

“What’s American about American Literature? A Discussion of Literary Exceptionalism,” lecture, given at the following German universities: University of Erlangen, University of Wuerzburg, University of Augsburg, and University of Tuebingen. February 2000.

“Philosophical Roots of the Civil War: Transcendentalism and Militant Abolitionism,” lecture, University of Munich (Germany), February 12, 2000.

“Melville’s *Bartleby*,” CUNY Graduate Center, May 9, 2000.

“‘A Chaos-Deep Soil’: Emerson, Thoreau, and Popular Culture,” conference on “Transcendentalism and Its Contexts,” Massachusetts Historical Society, May 16, 1997.

“Cultural History and Literary Criticism,” Reed College, April 25, 1997.

Featured Speaker – “Franklin, Whitman, and the Tradition of American Dissent,” NEMLA Convention, April 4, 1997.

Plenary Speaker – “Harvesting History for Insights into American Literature,” at conference of American Studies Association of Spain, Leon, Spain, March 21, 1997.

“Rescuing the Humanities: The Role of Cultural Studies and Biography,” lecture for the CUNY Center for the Humanities, March 4, 1997.

“Cultural Studies, Historicism, and the Defense of Biography,” MLA Convention, December 28, 1996.

Keynote Speaker – “A Celebration of Walt Whitman” held by the Poetry Society of America, Newberry Library, May 14, 1996.

“How I Wrote *Walt Whitman's America*,” Baruch College, April 24, 1996.

“Reconstructive Criticism,” CUNY Graduate Center, March 19, 1996.

“My Work as a Biographer,” 92nd Street Y, February 4, 1996.

Featured Guest Speaker, Biography Colloquium, New York University, January 14, 1995.

Appearances and Readings for *Walt Whitman's America*:

--Book Reading, Westbury Public Library, October 30, 1996.

- Book Reading, Border's Books, Westbury NY, June 6, 1996.
- Book Reading, The Book Revue, Huntington, NY, May 19, 1995;
- Book Reading, the Walt Whitman Birthplace, June 9, 1995.
- Book Reading, Encore Books, Bridgehampton, June 14, 1995.
- Book Reading, Canio's Books, Sag Harbor, NY, July 23, 1995.
- Book Reading, Borders Books, Bohemia, NY, Sept. 11, 1995.
- Book Reading, Posman Books, Oct. 1, 1995.
- Book Reading, Barnes & Noble, Chelsea Branch, December 6, 1995.
- Book Reading, The Community Bookstore, Park Slope, Brooklyn, April 17, 1996.

“Walt Whitman and Manhattan: High Culture and Popular Culture,” New-York Historical Society, November 19, 1995

“Forging a Common Literary Ground: The 1855 Edition of *Leaves of Grass*,” American Studies Association Convention, Pittsburgh, November 10, 1995

“Writing Cultural Biography,” Butler University, October 11, 1995

“Writing Cultural Biography: In Pursuit of Walt Whitman,” Indiana University, October 10, 1995

“Whitman and Popular Performance,” University of Houston, April 22, 1995

“Whitman and Antebellum Performance Culture,” American Literature Association Convention, May 30, 1994

“American Literature and Canon Revision: A Report from the Trenches,” MLA Convention, December 29, 1994

The Brauer Lecture, “Whitman and Popular Religion,” Univ. of Chicago Am. Studies Colloquium, May 25, 1994

Keynote Lecture, “American Literature and Historical Scholarship,” American Literature Conference, University of Washington, Seattle, April 23, 1994

Chair and Respondent, panel on “American Publishing: Crossing Cultural Boundaries in Antebellum America,” American Studies Association Convention, Nov. 5, 1993

“New Historicism or Literary History? In Search of Walt Whitman,” Long Island University, C. W. Post Center, special lecture, October 26, 1993

“Whitman's Journey through Popular Culture,” American Literature Association Convention, Baltimore, May 28, 1993

Chair, panel on “The American Renaissance and Historical Scholarship,” and talk on “Historicizing Whitman,” MLA Convention, December 29, 1992

“An Audience En Masse? Whitman's Search for the Popular Reader,” lecture, South Street Seaport Museum, New York, May 17, 1992

“The American 1850s and the Genesis of *Leaves of Grass*,” lecture, CUNY Graduate Center, March 27, 1992

Chair, panel on “The History of the Book in America,” MLA Convention, December 1991

“The Aesthetic Factor in Canon Revision,” as part of session on current literary criticism, MLA Convention, December 1991

“Canon Revision and American Literary History,” UCLA, May 16, 1991

“From Whitman to Ginsberg and Back Again,” lecture, Ridgewood Library and Bloomfield Library, New Jersey, April 30 and October 25, 1991.

“Melville and Popular Culture,” NEMLA Convention, April 6, 1991

“American Literature and the Canon Issue,” lecture, SUNY-Stony Brook, March 26, 1991

Co-director with Michael Winship of summer institute on “The American Renaissance: Critical and Bibliographical Perspectives,” American Antiquarian Society, June 1990. With M. Winship.

“Walt Whitman and Horace Traubel: The Camden Conversations Revisited,” lecture at symposium on “Whitman in Camden,” Rutgers University-Camden, April 6, 1990

“Walt Whitman and Popular Culture,” lecture, University of Georgia, March 12, 1990.

“Beyond the New Historicism: Reconstructive Criticism and American Literary History,” as member of panel on “Interactions of Elite and Nonelite in American Renaissance Literary Culture,” MLA Convention, December 1989

“Reconstructive Criticism and Current Trends in Literary Studies,” special lecture, Columbia University Seminars in American Civilization, November 16, 1989.

“Emily Dickinson and Popular Culture,” conference paper, University of Massachusetts conference on “Emily Dickinson in Public,” October 28, 1989.

“The Canon Controversy,” Amherst College, October 27, 1989.

“Integrating Forgotten African-American and Women Writers into the Great Books Syllabus,” faculty seminar paper, Baruch College, November 3, 1989.

“American Literature and the Canon,” Colgate University, April 17, 1989.

“Rewriting American Literary History,” lecture, Ohio State University, March 23, 1989.

“The Problem of Canon Revision in American Literary History,” lecture, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, March 9, 1989.

Faculty-Graduate Workshop on *Beneath the American Renaissance* (invited as workshop leader), University of Chicago, November 14, 1988.

“Rewriting American Literary History,” lecture, University of Idaho, November 8, 1988.

"Hawthorne's Heroines in Their Nineteenth-Century Context," as panelist on the American Literature Division session on "The Idea of Women," 1987 MLA Convention.

“*Leaves of Grass* and Nineteenth-Century Views of Gender and Sexuality,” as leader of special session, 1987 MLA Convention.

“Whitman the Radical Democrat” and Conference Introduction, as organizer of “Whitman and the Foundations of America” (Rutgers-Camden conference, May 1, 1987).

“Whitman's America: A Revaluation of the Cultural Backgrounds of *Leaves of Grass*,” as leader of special session, 1986 MLA Convention.

“Whitman's America Reconsidered” and Conference Introduction, as organizer of "Whitman and the World" (Rutgers-Camden conference, Nov. 1986).

“Revising the American Canon: The Question of Literariness,” 1985 MLA Convention.

“Beneath the American Renaissance,” lecture, Warren Center, Harvard University, May 1983.

#### **8. PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION, PRIZES, FELLOWSHIPS:**

*Abe: Abraham Lincoln in His Times*, Winner of the Lincoln Prize of the Gilder Lehrman Society.

*Abe: Abraham Lincoln in His Times*, Winner of the Abraham Lincoln Institute Award.

*Abe: Abraham Lincoln in His Times*, Plutarch Award in Biography: long-listed.

*Abe: Abraham Lincoln in His Times*, Best 10 Books of the Year, *Wall Street Journal*, 2020.

*Abe: Abraham Lincoln in His Times*, Best Books of the Year, *Washington Post*, 2020.

*Abe: Abraham Lincoln in His Times*, Best Books of the Year, *Christian Science Monitor*, 2020.

*Abe: Abraham Lincoln in His Times*, Best Books of the Year, *Kirkus*, 2020.

*Abe: Abraham Lincoln in His Times*, Best Reviewed Books of the Season, *LitHub Bookmarks*, Fall 2020.

*Abe: Abraham Lincoln in His Times*, Five Hot Books, *National Book Review*, October 2020.

*Abe: Abraham Lincoln in His Times*, *PWPicks*: Books of the Week, September 28, 2020.

*Abe: Abraham Lincoln in His Times*, Top 10 Books of the Fall, *O Magazine*, September-October, 2020.

*Mightier than the Sword: Uncle Tom's Cabin and the Battle for America* selected by the History Book Club and the Military Book Club, 2011.

*Mightier than the Sword: Uncle Tom's Cabin and the Battle for America*, 15 Hot Books for Dad, *The Daily Beast*, June 2011.

*Mightier than the Sword: Uncle Tom's Cabin and the Battle for America*, The 20 Smartest Nonfiction Reads for the Summer, *Christian Science Monitor*, 2011.

*Mightier than the Sword: Uncle Tom's Cabin and the Battle for America*, Top Spring Nonfiction Picks, *Publishers Weekly* and *Library Journal*.

David S. Reynolds selected as Honorary Co-chair of the New-York Historical Society, November 2009-present.

*Waking Giant: America in the Age of Jackson*, Notable Books of the Year, *New York Times*, 2008.

*Waking Giant: America in the Age of Jackson* Best Books of the Year, *Washington Post*, 2008.

*Waking Giant: America in the Age of Jackson*, What Top Execs Are Reading, *Charlotte Observer*, December 2008.

*Waking Giant: America in the Age of Jackson*, Best Books of the Year, *Kirkus*, 2008.

*Waking Giant: America in the Age of Jackson*, Top Picks of 2008, *Shelf Awareness*.

*Waking Giant: America in the Age of Jackson* selected by the History Book Club and the Military Book Club, June 2008.

*Waking Giant: America in the Age of Jackson*, Notable Books of the Year, *Latin American Herald Tribune's*, 2008.

Named one of ten "star professors" among 6,100 CUNY's full-time teaching faculty for CUNY's 2007 ad campaign, "Look Who's Teaching Here," featured in newspapers and on subways and buses.

Gustavus Myers Outstanding Book Award, awarded to *John Brown, Abolitionist*, 2005.

*John Brown, Abolitionist*, Kansas State Notable Book, 2006.

*John Brown, Abolitionist*, Outstanding Books of 2005, the National Book Critics Circle.

*John Brown, Abolitionist*, Notable Books of the Year, American Library Association

*John Brown, Abolitionist* ranked first as “the most- reviewed book in America in major periodicals,” April 19-May 12, 2005-05 (source: the trade magazine *Publishers’ Lunch*)

Listed in *Who’s Who in America*, 2000 edition to the present.

Listed in *Who’s Who in the World*, 2000 edition to the present.

*Leaves of Grass: The 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition*, by Walt Whitman, edited by David S. Reynolds, chosen as a main selection of Bookspan’s Readers’ Subscription Book Club and as an alternate selection of the Book of the Month Club, 2005.

Bancroft Prize, awarded to *Walt Whitman’s America* (awarded annually by Columbia University in recognition of an outstanding book in American cultural history), 1996.

Ambassador Book Award, for *Walt Whitman’s America*--biography category (the Ambassador Book Award is given annually by the English-Speaking Union to books that have made “an exceptional contribution to the interpretation of life and culture in the United States”), 1996.

National Book Critics Circle Award finalist for *Walt Whitman’s America*, 1996.

*Walt Whitman’s America* listed among “Notable Books of the Year,” *New York Times Book Review*, *Publishers Weekly*, *Choice*, and American Library Association, 1995.

*Walt Whitman’s America* selected by Book-of-the-Month Club, History Book Club, Readers Subscription, and Quality Paperback Book Club, 1995-96.

Fellow, Society of American Historians (honorary elected position), 1997- present.

Fellow, American Antiquarian Society (honorary elected position), 1996- present.

Baruch College: nominated for teaching award, 1994-5.

Christian Gauss Award, awarded for *Beneath the American Renaissance* (awarded annually by Phi Beta Kappa "in recognition of an outstanding book of literary scholarship or criticism"), 1988.

*Beneath the American Renaissance* selected by Readers’ Subscription, 1989- 91.

*Beneath the American Renaissance* listed among Notable Books of the Year, *New York Times Book Review*, 1988.

John Hope Franklin Prize, Honorable Mention, American Studies Association, for *Beneath the American Renaissance*, 1989.

National Endowment of the Humanities Fellowship for College Teachers (\$27,500), 1990, to fund research toward *Walt Whitman’s America*.

New Jersey Committee for the Humanities project grant (\$7,500) to fund symposium, “Whitman

and the Visual Arts,” 1988.

New Jersey Committee for the Humanities project grant (\$6,440) to fund symposium, “Whitman: Gender Issues and Sexuality,” 1988.

N.J. State Dept. of Higher Education Fellowship (\$24,500) to fund two Whitman conferences at Rutgers-Camden, 1986-87. With Geoffrey M. Sill.

Henry Rutgers Research Fellowship, Rutgers University (\$5,000 yearly expense account), 1986-88.

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, American Antiquarian Society (\$24,000), 1982-83, to fund research toward *Beneath the American Renaissance*.

Northwestern University: chosen for Associated Student Government Faculty Honor Roll (for teaching excellence), 1982-83.

Kurtz Prize for best graduate essay, U.C. Berkeley, 1975.

### **Works Featuring David S. Reynolds:**

*Above the American Renaissance: David S. Reynolds and the Spiritual Imagination in American Literary Studies*. Edited by Harold K. Bush and Brian Yothers. Amherst, Mass.: University of Massachusetts Press, 2018.

“Why We Chose It” [feature article on David S. Reynolds as book reviewer], by David Lynn, *Kenyon Review*, July 11, 2016.

“Who’s Here: Profile of David S. Reynolds,” *Dan’s Papers*, August 14, 2015.

“History as a Text to Be Read,” [article by Gail Goldberg on Reynolds’s *Waking Giant*], *Folio*, Spring 2009, pp. 2-3.

“Considering John Brown,” *East Hampton Star*, February 8, 2007.

“The Bard of L. I.’s Life as a Window on 19th-Century America” (article on David S. Reynolds upon publication of *Walt Whitman’s America*), *New York Times* (Long Island Section), May 7, 1995.

“Who’s Here: Author David S. Reynolds,” *Dan’s Papers*, July 14, 1995.

“Waltzing with Whitman,” *Hamptons Magazine*, July 25, 1995.

“The Bad Old Days” by Lance Morrow (article on the 1990s as seen through the lens of *Walt Whitman’s America*), *Time Magazine*, May 8, 1995

## **9. INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE:**

### **A. Service to the Department:**

Faculty Membership Committee, CUNY Graduate Center, 2009-2018  
Admissions Committee, English PhD Program, CUNY Graduate Center, 2006-09  
Comprehensive (Portfolio) Exam Committee, English PhD Program, CUNY Graduate Center,  
2011-present, 2007-09, 2003-4, 2001, 1992-94  
Chair of Comprehensive Exam Committee, English PhD Program, CUNY Graduate Center,  
1995-96  
Convener, American Literature Section, English PhD Program, CUNY Graduate Center, 2008-  
09, 1995  
Executive Committee, English PhD Program, CUNY Graduate Center, 1996-98  
American Studies Committee, CUNY Graduate Center, 1989 and several years since  
Faculty Membership Committee, English PhD Program, CUNY Graduate Center, 1990-93  
Dissertation Director, English PhD Program, CUNY Graduate Center, 1990-present –average of  
6 dissertations per semester over past 8 years  
Dissertation Committee Member, English PhD Program, CUNY Graduate Center, 1990- present;  
average of 4 dissertation committees per semester over past 8 years.  
Admissions Committee, English Department, Baruch College, 1998-99, 2003-04, 2007-09  
Curriculum Committee, English Department, Baruch College, 1991-93

**B. Service to the University:**

Distinguished Scholarship, Service, and Teaching Award Committee, Baruch College, 1996 –  
2008  
Harman Writer in Residence Committee, Baruch College, 1998- 2008  
Research and Travel Committee, Baruch College, 1992-95  
PSC-CUNY Research Foundation Awards Committee, 2000-2001  
Chancellor's Committee on Tenure Appeals, CUNY, 2002-3

**10. OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICE:**

**Consultancies and Editorial Boards:**

Editorial Advisory Board, *Studies in American Fiction*, 2010-present.

Scholarly consultant and on-screen commentator, *Walt Whitman: A Documentary*. Funded by NEH and PBS; aired on "American Experience, PBS, spring 2008.

On-screen scholarly commentator, *American Romanticism*, educational film issued by Films for the Humanities, 2006.

Editorial board, *The Longman Anthology of American Literature*, 1998.

Editorial board, *The Walt Whitman Encyclopedia*, 1997.

Editorial board, *Resources for American Literary Study*, 1994-2001.

**Scholarly Events Conceived and Organized:**



Member of Organizing Board, "Walt Whitman: Democracy's Poet" (two-month-long centennial celebration through the Museum of City of New York), spring 1992

"Whitman and the Visual Arts," conference at Rutgers-Camden with eight speakers, April 28, 1989.

"Whitman: Gender Issues and Sexuality," conference at Rutgers-Camden with seven speakers, April 29, 1988.

"Whitman and Gender Issues," special session, 1987 MLA Convention

"Whitman and the Foundations of America," conference at Rutgers-Camden, with seven speakers, May 1, 1987.

"Whitman and the World," special session, 1986 MLA Convention

**Academic Service Outside CUNY:**

Sometime outside reader for scholarly journals including *PMLA*, *ESQ*, *American Quarterly*, *New England Quarterly*, and others. Reader for university presses including Harvard, Oxford, Princeton, Cambridge, Massachusetts, Univ. of California, Columbia, Univ. of North Carolina, Univ. of Illinois, Univ. of Georgia, New England University Press, Univ. of Pennsylvania, and many others.

Regular outside tenure referee for such universities as Harvard, Stanford, Berkeley, UCLA, U. of Chicago, Duke, Bard College, U. of Illinois, Rutgers, U Texas-Austin, and many others.

Outside referee for MacArthur Foundation Fellowship (the so-called Genius Award), 2005-6

Member, Outside Review Committee (with Patricia Meyer Spacks and Donald Gray) evaluating the English Department of the State University of New York, Stony Brook, May 11-12, 1993.

Rutgers University: Faculty Senate (1988-89), Curriculum Committee (1988-89), Honors Committee (1986-89), Advising Committee (1986-89)

Northwestern University: Honors Committee (1981-83), Women's Studies Committee (1981-83)