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A.B. St. Mary’s University, Baltimore, Md., 1954   
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1996-98 Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

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1986-99 Director, University Studies Program

1982- 2001 Professor, Department of Classics, University of Kentucky

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Light House Award for Promotion of Diversity on Campus, 1999

Pace Setter Award, National Academic Advisors Association, 1997

College of Arts and Sciences, Distinguished Professor, 1992

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS:

NEH Grant to organize “A Coordinated Approach to University Studies in Kentucky’s Community Colleges,” 1991-1992

Bicentennial Commission Grant to organize four public forums on “The Courts, The Community, and The Bill of Rights,” 1990-91

NEH Grant to organize and coordinate faculty seminar for curricular innovation in the University Studies Program, 1988-89

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RECENT PUBLICATIONS:

“Early Christian Views on Violence, War and Peace,” in K.A. Raaflaub, editor, *War and Peace in the Ancient World.* Blackwell (Oxford, 2007), 279-296.

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