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### Education:

Ph.D., University of Michigan (English Language and Literature), 1971.  
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### Positions held:

Research Professor of English and linguistics, University of Illinois, 2018–present.  
Professor English, Emeritus, University of Illinois, 2018–present.  
Professor of English and Linguistics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1984–2018.  
Head, Department of English, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1998–2003.  
Acting Head, Department of English, Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1997–98.  
Director of Rhetoric, University of Illinois, 1985–97.  
Director, Writing Outreach Workshop, Univ. of Illinois, 1985–88.  
Professor, Campus Honors Faculty, Univ. of Illinois, 1988–2018.  
Professor, College of Education, UIUC, Summer 1988.  
Associate Professor of English and Linguistics, Univ. of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 1981–84.  
Assistant Professor of English and Linguistics, Univ. of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 1975–81.  
Assistant Professor of English, The City College of CUNY, 1973–74.  
Assistant Professor of English, Eastern Illinois University, 1971–73.

### Fellowships and Grants:

John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellow, 2016–17.  
Faculty Fellow, Program for the Study of Cultural Values and Ethics, Univ. of Illinois, Spring 1992.  
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, calendar year 1989.  
Newberry Library National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, 1988–89 (offered, not held).  
IBM Project Excel Grant C-41, 1986-87: “Computer Analysis of Student Writing.”  
Associate, Center for Advanced Study, University of Illinois 1984–85.  
Fulbright Lecturer, University of Poitiers, France, 1978–79.  
Fellow, Center for Advanced Study, University of Illinois, 1978 (offered, not held).  
University of Illinois Research Board grants, multiple years, 1978–2017.

### Books:

1. *You Can't Always Say What You Want: The Paradox of Free Speech*. Cambridge University Press, 2023. (In press; available Dec., 2022).

2. ***What's Your Pronoun? Beyond He and She.*** Liveright, 2020; paperback, 2021. Reviews: *New York Times Book Review*, *The Times* (London); *The London Review of Books*; *Harpers*; *The Atlantic*; *The Economist*; *Attitude*.
3. ***A Better Pencil: Readers, Writers and the Digital Revolution.*** Oxford University Press, 2009, pp. xviii + 259. Paperback edition, 2012. Chinese translation, 2012. Reviews: *Salon*; *City Journal*; History News Network; *The Scotsman*; *Library Journal*; *internet review of books*; *Montreal Mirror*; Innovation Leadership Network; mantex.com (Manchester, England); *The Star* (Malaysia); *Times Higher Education*; *International Journal of Communication*; *The Guardian*; *Choice*; *American Scientist*; *3quarksdaily*, *The New Yorker*; *Arts Journal*.
4. ***Guide to Home Language Repair*** (questions, answers, and essays on the English language). National Council of Teachers of English (1994), viii + 165. Reviews: *Boston Book Review*; *New York Times Magazine*.
5. ***The English-Only Question: An Official Language for Americans?*** Yale University Press, 1990; paper ed., 1992. Reviews: *Publishers Weekly*; *Washington Post Book World*; *Booklist*; *Library Journal*; *Education Week*; *Hazel New York City Tribune*; *The Bookwatch—Midwest Book Review*; *Change*; *Choice*; *The Jerusalem Post*; *Times Literary Supplement*; *American Political Science Review*; *Book Review Digest*; *American Journal of Sociology*; *Publishers Weekly*; *College English*; *Modern Language Journal*; *Language Problems and Language Planning*; *Language*.
6. ***Declining Grammar and Other Essays on the English Vocabulary*** National Council of Teachers of English. Reviews: *Newsweek* (Dec. 11, 1989), p. 71; William Safire, *New York Times Magazine*; *The State Journal-Register* (Springfield, IL); *The Chicago Tribune*; *The Chicago Sun-Times*; *The Denver Post*; *Library Materials Guide*; *Book Report*; *NATE News*; *Language*; *Young Adult Paperback Book Guide*.
7. ***Grammar and Gender*** Yale University Press, 1986; paper ed., 1987. Reviews: *Kirkus Reviews*; *Publishers Weekly*; *Patriot Ledger* (Quincy, MA); *The Washington Times Magazine*; John Simon, *The New Leader*; *Chronicle of Higher Education*; *Los Angeles Times*; *Library Journal*; *Insight*; *Champaign-Urbana News-Gazette*; *Choice*; *Language Monthly*; *The Times Literary Supplement*; *Psychology Today*; *Virginia Quarterly Review*; *The Toronto Star*; *ETC.*; *Book Review Digest*; *Chicago Tribune*; *Akron (OH) Beacon Journal*; *Clearwater (FL) Sun*; *Corpus Christi (TX) Caller-Times*; *Wilkes-Barre (PA) Times Leader*; *Troy (NY) Record*; *The Editorial Eye*; *Studies in the American Renaissance*; *Lingua*; *Modern Language Review*; *Review 9*; *American Speech*; *Southern Quarterly Review*; *Signs*; *Language*; *JEGP*; *Frontiers*; *Anglia*; *Journal of English Linguistics* Nominated for the Mina P. Shaughnessy Medal of the Modern Language Association.
8. ***Grammar and Good Taste: Reforming the American Language*** Yale University Press, 1982; paper ed., 1984. Reviews: *Library Journal*; *America*; *The New York Times Book Review*; *The Washington Post Book World*; *Chronicle of Higher Education*; *The Times* (London); *The Los Angeles Times Book Review*; *Journal of American History*; *Encounter*; *American Literature*; *Journal of American Studies*; *Amerikastudien*; *Book Review Digest*; *Journal of English and Germanic Philology*; *Technical Communication*; *The Augusta Chronicle, Augusta Herald*; *American Studies*; *South Atlantic Quarterly*; *English Language Notes*; *World Literature Today*; *History of Education Quarterly*; Caroline Bokinsky, *Studies in the American Renaissance*; *Etudes Anglaises*; *Review of English Studies*; *College Composition and Communication*; *American Speech*; *Anglia*; *Book Review Digest*; *ESQ*; *English Journal*. Selected for the "Editor's Choice" section of *The New York Times Book Review*. Selected by the Library of Congress for recording for the blind. Nominated for the 1982 Mina P. Shaughnessy Medal and the 1987 James Russell Lowell award of the Modern Language Association; selected by the Editorial Board of the National Council of Teachers of English for distribution as an affiliate publication of the NCTE.

9. ***Going Native: The Regeneration of Saxon English.*** Publication of *The American Dialect Society*, No. 69, University of Alabama Press, 1982.
10. ***Case Grammar and Diachronic English Syntax.*** Mouton, 1974. Reviews: *Linguistics*; *Indogermanische Forschungen*; *The Year's Work in Old English Studies*; *Revue Belge de Philologie et d'Histoire*.

### Supreme Court Amicus Briefs:

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### Recent Media:

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“The Plain Language Movement.” Part of Stephen Fry’s series “English Delight,” BBC Radio 4, August 2014.

“Latinos in America.” PBS Documentary aired in Oct. 2013. In episode 6 of the 6-part series I discuss official English, bilingualism, and minority language rights.

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3. “Facebook multiplies genders but offers users the same three tired pronouns.” Melissa Goldthwaite, et al., eds. *The Norton Reader*, 14/e New York: W.W. Norton. Forthcoming, January, 2016.
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5. “Who owns global English?” *The Norton Reader*, ed. Linda H. Peterson and John C. Brereton. New York: Norton.
6. “Should Everybody Write?” In Andrea Lunsford, *Everyone’s an author, with readings*. New York, NY: W. W. Norton, 2012
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#### **Recent Invited Lectures, Workshops and Conference Presentations:**

1. "Corpus Linguistics and the Original Meaning of the Second Amendment." University of Chicago Law School, 12 January, 2021.
2. Author interviews, "What's Your Pronoun?" New York Public Library, 4 February, 2020; Politics and Prose Books (Washington, DC), 5 February; Cuyahoga County Public Library. 6 February;

- Kansas City Public Library (MO), 11 February; Town Hall Seattle, 16 February; Powells Books, Portland OR, 17 February; City Lights Books, San Francisco, 18 February.
3. "Guns and Grammar: Big Data and the Meaning of 'bear arms' in the Second Amendment." Conference on Law and Corpus Linguistics, Brigham Young Univ. Law School, Feb. 6-8, 2019.
  4. "Corpus evidence and the meaning of 'bear arms.'" Symposium: *District of Columbia v. Heller* 10 years on, Hastings College of Law, San Francisco, CA, Jan. 18, 2019.
  5. "What's Your Pronoun?" Language Policy Forum, Sheffield Hallam University, UK, June 1, 2018.
  6. "America's War on Language," Invited Lecture, University of Pennsylvania, April 19, 2018.
  7. "Guns and Grammar: The Linguistics of the Second Amendment," Neubauer Symposium on Historical Semantics, University of Chicago, April 13, 2018.
  8. "Speak the Language of Your Flag: Language and Immigration in the US, 1918-2018," Language and Borders Conference, University of Bristol, UK, March 26, 2018.
  9. "Pronoun Showdown," Invited lecture, University of Essex, UK, Nov. 23, 2017.
  10. "Going native: Brexit prompts linguistic cleansing." Conference on UK Language Policy after Brexit. Sheffield Hallam University (Sheffield, UK), Sept. 15, 2016.
  11. "Pronoun Showdown: Are nonbinary pronouns and singular *they* ruining the language or making English great again?" Univ. of Tennessee (Knoxville), April 11, 2016.
  12. "Speak the language of your flag." Present-Day English Discussion Group, Modern Language Association. Jan. 9, 2014.
  13. "#twitterrevolution: Destabilizing the world, 140 characters at a time." Univ. of Sussex (Brighton, UK). March 21, 2013.
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  15. "Official English from the school house to the White House." Englishes in Europe Conference. Univ. of Sheffield. April, 2012.
  16. "#twitterrevolution: Destabilizing the world, 140 characters at a time." Temple Contemporary, Temple University Art Museum. Oct. 11, 2012.
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  18. "Should everybody write? The destabilizing technologies of communication." Univ. of Chicago Semiotics Workshop, March 11, 2010.
  19. "Guns and grammar: The linguistics of the Second Amendment." Law and Society Annual Conference, Denver, CO, June 30, 2009.
  20. "Let's go to the phones." Univ. of Michigan invited lecture. Dec. 5, 2008.
  21. "Policing English in America from the White House to the schoolhouse." Conference on prescriptivism in language. Univ. of Paris VII (Sorbonne), Paris, FR. Nov. 15, 2007.
  22. "It's All Your Fault: Who's Really to Blame for the Literacy Crisis?" Conference on College Composition and Communication. New York City, March 2007.
  23. "No University Student Left Behind: Writing and the Secretary of Education's Commission on Higher Education." Conference on College Composition and Communication. Chicago, March 2006.
  24. "The Perils of the new SAT Writing Test." Conference on College Composition and Communication. San Francisco. March 17, 2005.
  25. "Spanish, English and the New Nativism." Modern Language Association. Philadelphia. Dec. 30, 2004.
  26. "Reading and Writing in the Digital Age." Invited presentation. Illinois Library Association, Chicago, September 30, 2004.
  27. "Language Policies and Language Politics in the United States." "English and Minority Languages in the 2000 Census." Invited lectures, Univ. of Ryukyu, Okinawa, Japan, June, 2004.
  28. "TeknoFear." Invited lecture, Northeastern Illinois University, April 15, 2004.
  29. "Standards: They're Not for Everybody." Conference on College Composition and Communication. San Antonio, TX, March 25, 2004.

30. "The New Technologies of the Word." Plenary lecture. International Association of World Englishes Conference, Univ. of Illinois, October 17, 2002.
31. "Writing Effective Promotion Dossiers," Provost's Seminar, Univ. of Illinois, Sept. 7, 2001.
32. "Promotion and Tenure," a workshop for new executive officers, Association of Departments of English seminar, Monterey, California, June 29, 2001.
33. "From Pencils to Pixels: The New Technologies of Literacy." Invited lecture, UC Davis, March 2, 2001.
34. "The Illinois Professional Learning Partnership." Conference on College Composition and Communication, Denver, CO, March 15, 2001.
35. "Writing Effective Third-Year Faculty Reviews," Provost's Seminar, Univ. of Illinois, Feb. 26, 2001.
36. "Outreach for the Humanities," response to Graham Spanier; Chancellor's Conference, Univ. of Illinois, Jan. 31, 2001.
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### Recent Media Interviews

1. Interviews for *What's Your Pronoun?* 2020-21: CBS Radio (NYC); NPR Weekend All Things Considered; CAP Radio (Sacramento, CA); Wisconsin Public Radio; KPBS San Diego; KWGS, Tulsa, OK; Slate: The Gist; KERA Radio; KATU TV, Portland, OR; KQED, San Francisco Public Radio; KPCC, Los Angeles; Talk the Talk (podcast); The Vocal Fries (podcast); That Word Chat (podcast).
2. "Tapestry," CBC-Radio "The Longing for Belonging," interview on pronouns, June 28, 2018.
3. "Air Talk," Larry Mantle, KPCC-NPR Los Angeles, Pronouns, Mar. 6, 2018.
4. "Do Official English laws work?" interview, KCBS, San Francisco. Aug. 24, 2017.
5. "Latinos in America." PBS documentary, aired October, 2013.
6. Various radio appearances on WILL-AM discussing language issues 1984-present.
7. "Extension 720" with Milt Rosenberg. WGN radio, Oct. 16, 2009. 2-hour interview about *A Better Pencil*.
8. Steve Fast, "The Classroom Connection" Oklahoma Public Radio, interview about *A Better Pencil*. Oct. 1, 2009.
9. Valerie Richardson Show. WPKN, Bridgeport CT, April 21, 2009. Half-hour interview about my work on usage and on technology.
10. Jim Brown, "The Current." CBC-Radio, Canada. July 15, 2008. Interview on Esperanto.
11. "The Peter Laufer Show", Green Radio 960 (San Francisco). 60 min. interview on Broadcast English, Dec. 28, 2008.
12. "Official English in Small Town America," *Eight Forty-Eight*, WBEZ-FM (Chicago public radio), June 13, 2007. Lead interview for the show, also featured on the WBEZ web site: [http://www.wbez.org/Program\\_848\\_Segment.aspx?segmentID=11395](http://www.wbez.org/Program_848_Segment.aspx?segmentID=11395)
13. "The English Language." Focus 580, WILL-AM, multiple appearances each year from 1982-present.
14. "Good English." The Robin and Maynard Show. KQBZ-FM (Seattle), May 3, 2005.
15. "Pronunciation in American English." Interview by Avi Arditti and Roseann Skirble broadcast on "Coast to Coast" by Voice of America (4/24/03); posted on voanews.com/wordmaster.
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### Editorships and Commissions:

Chair, Committee on Public Policy, Conference on College Composition and Communication, National Council of Teachers of English, 2003-06.

Member, Board of Advisors for the television series “Do You Speak American?” with Robert MacNeil.  
Member, *PMLA* Advisory Committee, 1998-2001.  
Member, editorial advisory board, *Liverpool Studies in Language and Discourse*, 1993-present.  
Member, MLA Delegate Assembly, 1998-2003.  
Chair, MLA Division on Language and Society, 2001-02.  
Member, Commission on Language, National Council of Teachers of English, 1984-87; 1999-2002.  
Editor, *Publication of the American Dialect Society* (monograph series) 1984-93.  
Member, Committee on Language and the Schools, Linguistic Society of America, 1992-1997.  
Associate Editor, *Publication of the American Dialect Society*, 1982-84.

### **Memberships in Professional Organizations:**

American Dialect Society (life member; member, Committee on New Words, 1975-82; member, Committee on Usage, 1982-present; member, Centennial Publications Committee; Centennial Publicity Committee; Centennial Documentaries Committee).  
Modern Language Association (member, Delegate Assembly, 1996-99).  
National Council of Teachers of English (member, Commission on the English Language, two terms). Chair, Committee on Public Language, 2009-12.  
Conference on College Composition and Communication.  
Conference of Editors of Learned Journals, 1985-93.  
Linguistic Society of America; member, Committee on Language in the Schools, 1992-94.  
Illinois Association of Teachers of English (member, program committee, 1987-88).

### **Biographical Notices:**

*Who's Who in America*  
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*Who's Where Among Writers*  
*International Authors and Writers Who's Who*  
*International Linguistic Directory*  
*Who's Who in American Education*  
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### **Consulting:**

*Legal consulting and expert witness reports and testimony for a variety of law firms and for the State of California Attorney General..*

*Media consulting for television, radio, and newspapers, including ABC's Nightline, Champaign-Urbana News-Gazette, The Chicago Tribune, Cincinnati Enquirer, Los Angeles Times, The McNeil-Lehrer Report, The New York Times, Newsweek, Orlando Sentinel, Prentice-Hall, Scripps-Howard Newspapers, Scott-Foresman, Inc., Springfield (IL) Register, USA Today, U.S. News and World Report, WICD-TV (Champaign, IL), William Safire.*

*Professional consulting for numerous academic and university presses.*