

## CURRICULUM VITA

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### Education

1966: B.A., American History Honors Program, University of California at Berkeley.  
1970: M.A., European History, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, Woodrow Wilson Fellowship Program.  
Special areas of research: U.S. Family History; Comparative Family History.

### Academic Employment

1975 - Present: Member of the Faculty (History and Family Studies),  
The Evergreen State College, Olympia, WA  
09/11/06- 10/20/06: Visiting Marsico Scholar, University of Denver  
1999 - 2000: Associate Professor of History, University of Hawaii, Hilo.  
1994 - January-May: Visiting Associate Professor of Sociology, University of  
Hawaii at Hilo  
1992 - January-May: Exchange Professor, University of Hawaii at Hilo, Social  
Sciences Division  
1988 (summer): The National Faculty Summer Institute for Teachers,  
The Evergreen State College, Olympia, WA  
1986: Exchange Professor, Kobe University of Commerce, Kobe, Japan  
1976: Visiting Faculty, University of Washington Women's Studies  
Department

### Awards and Honors

May, 2004 - Council on Contemporary Families "Visionary Leadership" Award.  
April, 2002 - Illinois Council on Family Relations, Friend of the Family Award.  
October 15, 1995 - The Dale Richmond Award for "outstanding contributions to the  
well-being of children," American Academy of Pediatrics.

### Fellowships and Special Appointments

September 17-21, 2007, Provost's Distinguished Lecturer, Notre Dame University.  
February 2005 - present: Contributing editor, Ladies Home Journal, focusing on  
marriage coverage.  
May 2004 - present: Director of Research and Public Education, Council on  
Contemporary Families.  
Guest Editor, Urbanite Magazine (Baltimore), September, 2006.  
April 2001 - May 2004: Co-Chair, Council on Contemporary Families.  
October, 2002 - October, 2004: Faculty, Panelist and presenter at Difficult  
Dialogues Program, Institute for Research on Women and Gender, Stanford  
University, Palo Alto, CA.  
April 4-6, 1999: Visiting Fellow, Kahn Institute, Smith College, Northampton, MA  
November 18-19, 1998: Thomas P. Johnson Distinguished Visiting Scholar, Rollins  
College, Winter Park, Florida.  
Advisory Board, Parentmap (Seattle).  
Editorial Board, The Journal of Family History.  
Editorial Board, Frontiers: A Journal of Women's Studies.  
1995 - 1998: Historical Consultant to "American Families," Paradise Productions,  
NYC, NY.

February 1994 - 2000: National Scholar, The National Faculty.  
June 1993 - December 1993: Chair, Provost Search Committee, The Evergreen State College.  
July 23, 1992: Testified on "Historical Perspectives on Government and Families," before the House Select Committee on Children, Youth, and Families," U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.  
1992 - 1996: Family Circle Family Index Advisory Board.  
Fall 1989: The Evergreen State College nominee to National Council for Advancement and Support of Education, Professor of the Year program.  
May 19, 1989: Governor's Writers Award for 1988 presented for The Social Origins of Private Life.  
1989 - 1991 Historical consultant to "American Women," National PBS Pilot Project, Sagebrush Productions, Seattle, WA.  
April 1989 - April 1991: "Inquiring Mind" Lecture Series speaker, Washington Commission for the Humanities.  
Fall/winter 1988-89: Research sabbatical, The Evergreen State College.  
Fall 1986: Sponsored-leave award, The Evergreen State College.  
Fall/winter 1979-1980: Research sabbatical, The Evergreen State College.  
1968 - 1969: Woodrow Wilson Fellow, University of Washington.

### **Selected Publications: Books**

American Families: A Multicultural Reader, (revised and expanded edition, Routledge, 2008)

Marriage, a History: From Obedience to Intimacy, or How Love Conquered Marriage, (New York: Viking, 2005). Translated into German, Spanish, Norwegian, Japanese, and Chinese.

The Way We Never Were: American Families and the Nostalgia Trap (Basic Books, 1992; new edition with new introduction, 2000). Published also in Japanese by Chikumu Shobou, 1997.

American Families: A Multicultural Reader (edited by Stephanie Coontz, with Maya Parson and Gabrielle Raley, Routledge, 1999).

The Way We Really Are: Coming to Terms with America's Changing Families (Basic Books, 1997). (Published also in Japanese by Chikumu Shobu, 2004)

The Social Origins of Private Life: A History of American Families, (Verso, 1988). Translated into German as Die Entstehung Des Privaten (Westfalishes Dampfbboot).

Women's Work, Men's Property: On the Origins of Gender and Class, (with Peta Henderson, Verso, 1986) Translated into French as Travail des Femmes, Pouvoir des Hommes: Aux Origines de l'Oppression des Femmes (la Breche, 1986).

### **Selected Publications: Articles and Book Chapters**

"The Future of Marriage," The Immanent Frame (Social Science Research Council), June 2, 2008.

"The Gender Gap: Looking Beyond the Sound Bite," Columbia, The Magazine of Northwest History, Spring 2008.

"Contemporary Marriage in Historical Perspective," INTAMS Review (International Academy for Marital Spirituality, 14 (Spring 2008)

"When Women and Blacks Fight to Get First in Line They Both Suffer," History News Network, March 31, 2008.

Cato Unbound, "The Future of Marriage," January 14, 2008.

"Taking Marriage Private," Family Mediation Quarterly, 7 (Winter 2008).

"The Validity of Marriage: Who gets to decide? Who gets to choose?," Conscience, Winter 2007-2008.

Review of Gilbert, "Men in the Middle," American Historical Review, October, 2007.

"The Family Revolution," The Greater Good Magazine, Fall, 2007.

"La Rivoluzione Matrimoniale," Prometeo (Italy), September, 2007.

"The Romantic Life of Brainiacs," The Boston Globe Magazine, February 18, 2007.

"The Paradoxical Origins of Modern Divorce," Family Process, March, 2007.

"Having It All," Review of Whelan and Hertz, Washington Post Book World, November 26, 2006.

"The Evolution of Matrimony," Annals of the American Psychotherapy Association, 30 (Winter 2006).

"Romance and Sex in Adolescence and Emerging Adulthood," in Ann Crouter and Alan Booth, eds, Romance and Sex in Adolescence and Emerging Adulthood: Risks and Opportunities (Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, 2006).

"What's Love Got to Do With It?" Psychotherapy Networker, May/June 2005.

"The Historical Transformation of Marriage," Journal of Marriage and Family, November 2004.

"History of Marriage," Family Therapy Magazine, 3 (2004).

"Diversity and Communication Values in Families," Journal of Family Communication, 3 (2003).

"Promoting Marriage," The American Prospect, 13, April 8, 2002.

"Historical Perspectives on Family Studies," Journal of Marriage and the Family, 62 (May 2000).

"Marriage, Then and Now," National Forum, 80 (Summer 2000).

"Parenthood in History" in Jack Westman, ed., Parenthood in America: Undervalued, Underpaid, Under Siege (University of Wisconsin Press, 2001)

Review of Lendol G. Calder, Financing the American Dream in American Historical Review, June 2000.

"Historical Perspectives on Family Diversity" in David Demo, Katherine Allen, and Mark Fine, eds., Handbook of Family Diversity (NY: Oxford Univ. Press, 2000).

"A Mother of a Year," in Camille Peri and Kate Moses, eds., Mothers Who Think (NY: Washington Square Press [Simon and Schuster], 1999).

"Golden Oldies: Barbie in the 1950s" in Yona Zeldis McDonough, ed., The Barbie Chronicles: A Living Doll Turns 40 (Touchstone, 1999).

Review of Sex Seen: The Emergence of Modern Sexuality in America, Pacific Historical Review, February 1999.

Contributor to "Symposium: What Are the Most Pressing Issues Today in Relations Between Men and Women?," The Chronicle of Higher Education, October 2, 1998.

"Debate: Are Single-Parent Families a Major Cause of Social Dysfunction? Patrick Fagin vs. Stephanie Coontz," Insight on the News, V.13, Dec. 8, 1997.

With Maya Parson, "Complicating the Contested Terrain of Work/Family Intersection," Review Essay, Signs, Vol. 22, 1997.

"Where Are The Good Old Days?," Modern Maturity, May-June 1996.

"The Way We Weren't," National Forum Summer 1995.

"The American Family and the Nostalgia Trap," Kappan Special Report, Phi Delta Kappan, March 1995.

"Family History and Theory" in Fraad, Resnick, and Wolff, eds, Bringing it all Back Home: Class, Gender and Power in the Household Today (Pluto Press/Westview 1994).

"Menaces to Society?," Vogue, December 1994.

Review article on Jeanne Boydston, Home and Work, and trends in US social history, International Review of Social History 38 (August 1993).

Review of Carolyn Johnston, Sexual Power: Feminism and the Family in America in the Journal of American History, March 1994.

Review of Merrill Smith, Breaking the Bonds: Marital Discord in Pennsylvania, 1730-1830 in American Historical Review, October 1993.

"Take Two," Elle, March 1993.

"Let Scholars Bring Realism to the Debates on Family Values," The Chronicle of Higher Education, October 21, 1992.

"Fantasy Families," Seattle Weekly, October 7, 1992.

"A Nation of Welfare Families," Harper's, October 1992 (Reprinted with a new article entitled "Stephanie Coontz on Writing" in The Bedford Reader, Fifth Edition, Boston: St. Martin's Press, 1994).

#### **Selected Newspaper Op. Eds and Columns:**

"The Feminine Mystique Revisited," Canada Globe and Mail, Shanghai Daily, and 36 other newspapers around the world, August 21 - September 4, 2008; "Spitzer Scandal Shows Politics Inequality," Newsday, March 14, 2008; "Taking Marriage Private," New York Times, November 26, 2007; "Are women really less happy now?," The First Post (UK), October 8, 2007; "Motherhood Stalls When Women Can't Work," Hartford Courant, May 13, 2007; "How equality meant the end of gender stereotyping," Times of London, April 11, 2007; "'Traditional Marriage' Isn't As Straightforward As All That," Hartford Courant, March 18, 2007 (Also in The Columbian, Vancouver Washington, Stars and Stripes, the San Jose Mercury News, the Youngstown, Ohio, Vindicator, Japan Times); "How Dannielynn can be called lucky," Philadelphia Inquirer, March 11, 2007; "Fall of marriage: Love has a lot to do with it," Atlanta Journal-Constitution, February 25, 2007; "Illegitimate Complaints," The New York Times, February 18, 2007; "Marriage: who needs it?," The New Zealand Herald, January 6, 2007; "How to Stay Married," London Times,

November 30, 2006; "Too Close for Comfort," New York Times, November 7, 2006 (reprinted in London Observer, International Herald Tribune; "Three Rules that Don't Apply: A Historian Upends Conventional Wisdom," Newsweek, June 6, 2006; "The Myth of the Opt Out Mom," Christian Science Monitor, March 30, 2006; "Activism or Facing Reality?" Philadelphia Inquirer, March 15, 2006; "'Traditional' Marriage Has Changed a Lot," Seattle Post-Intelligencer, February 23, 2006; "A Pop Quiz on Marriage," New York Times, February 19, 2006; "The Heterosexual Revolution," New York Times, July 5, 2005; "Why Marriage Today Takes More Love, Work - From Both Partners," Christian Science Monitor, June 28, 2005; "The Family in Upheaval," Philadelphia Inquirer, June 19, 2005; "Great Expectations," Baltimore Sun, June 9, 2005; "Family Values: Action Louder than Words," Seattle Post-Intelligencer, May 13, 2005; "Our Kids Are Not Doomed," Los Angeles Times, May 9, 2005; "For Better, For Worse," Washington Post, May 1, 2005; "Historically Incorrect Canoodling," The New York Times, February 2005; "What Will Last in Families," Washington Post, January 4, 2004; "Not Much Sense in Those Census Stories," Washington Post, July 13, 2001; "Marriage Can't be the Only Accepted Commitment," Newsday, May 27, 2001; "When the Marriage Penalty is Marriage," (with Donna Franklin), New York Times, October 28, 1997; "In Search of Men Who Are in Search of Commitment," [on the Promise Keepers], Washington Post, September 7, 1997; "Families in Flux," Seattle Post-Intelligencer, June 22, 1997; "Having a Father at Home," (with Judith Stacey), Boston Sunday Globe, June 15, 1997; "Bad Advice for Working Mothers," Chicago Tribune, June 13, 1997; "Building a Strong Bridge for Families," Seattle Times, January 29, 1997; "The Welfare Debate We Really Need," Christian Science Monitor, December 29, 1994; "Dan Quayle is Still Wrong," Washington Post, May 9, 1993; "Mothers in Arms," New York Times, May 10, 1992; "Leaving It To The Beaver," Philadelphia Inquirer, October 1, 1992; "Single Parents," Baltimore Evening Sun, October 9, 1992; "Black Family Wrapped in Myth," The Houston Post, March 11, 1990; "Black Family Trends," Atlanta Journal and Constitution, March 22, 1990; "Holding Black Families Together," Seattle Post-Intelligencer, March 25, 1990; "Myth of Our Self-Reliant Parents," Evening Sun, August 15, 1990; "Middle-Class Suburbs Are Product of Massive Government Aid," Hartford Courant, August 26, 1990; "Pro-Family But Divorced From the Facts," Wall Street Journal, August 9, 1989; "Stridency Won Rights for Women Suffragists," Chicago Tribune, October 17, 1989.

**Selected Television Appearances:** The Oprah Winfrey Show, The Today Show, ABC's 20/20, The O'Reilly Factor, The Leeza Show, CNN Talk Back Live, Crossfire, MSNBC with Brian Williams, Fox on the Family, The Gayle King Show, CBS This Morning, ABC & NBC Nightly News. Coontz has also appeared on several national radio shows and television documentaries, including a Walter Cronkite special and a Barbara Walters special.

**Selected Papers, Lectures and Research Activities Since 2000:**

May 1, 2008, Keynote, New York State Council on Divorce Mediation Annual Conference, Suffern, New York

March 7, 2008, Featured Speaker, INTAMS, Center for Spirituality in Marriage, Colloquium, "What Future for Marriage in Postmodern Times?," Leuven, Belgium

March 5, 2008, "The Paradox of Love," Vrije Universiteit, Brussels, Belgium

November 8, 2007: Keynote speech, The Research Life: Work/Family Issues for Scientists and Engineers, Boston University, George Sherman Union 775 Commonwealth Avenue

October 18, 2007: Knight Center for Specialized Journalism: Presentation on Changing Families, National Press Club, Washington, D.C.

September 17-21, 2007: Notre Dame University, Provost's Distinguished Lecture Series Visitor, South Bend, Indiana

September 16, 2007: Featured speaker, First National Family Law Symposium, University of Richmond School of Law

July 2-3, 2007: Chautauqua Institution Keynote for week on "Families: All the same or all different?"

April 18, 2007: Featured Speaker at 12th Annual Cal Poly Ethics Conference, "Marriage and Morals" Pomona, CA

May 24-25, 2007: Participant in Expert Symposium: Integrating Historical and Contemporary Data on Life Courses and Families, International Institute on Social History (IISG) and the Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute (NIDI, The Hague, Netherlands

April 20, 2006: Marriage Debates at UCLA Law School. Stephanie Coontz vs. Lynn Wardle, Brigham Young University, on "The Purpose of Marriage."

April 8, 2006: Keynote Address, Cornell University Evolving Family Conference. "No Turning Back: The International Revolution in Marriage" Ithaca, New York

March 30, 2006: "From The Self-Made Man to the Opt-Out Mom: Changing Historical Myths about Gender and Family Life." Emory Center on Myth and Ritual, Emory University, Atlanta, Alabama

March 18, 2006: Keynote Dinner Address, Psychotherapy Networker Annual Conference, Washington DC. "Courting Disaster? What the Transformation of Marriage Means for Couples and for Therapists"

February 1, 2006: "Courting Disaster? The Historical Transformation of Love and Marriage." Washington University at St. Louis.

December 8, 2005: "Marriage, A History," Miller Center Forum, University of Virginia, Richmond, VA.

November 16, 2005: "Understanding the Marriage Revolution," DSHS Healthy Marriages Community Forum, Seattle Convention Center, Seattle, WA.

November 1, 2005: Kick Off Address for Evolving Family Theme Project, Institute for the Social Sciences, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

September 28, 2005: "Valuing All Families: Marriage and More," Institute for Research on Women and Gender, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

August 18, 2005: Keynote address, "The International Revolution in Marriage," Family Diversity Symposium, American Psychological Association, Washington, DC.

May 13-August 28, 2005: Book tour for Marriage, A History: Boston, Atlanta, Detroit, Chicago, New York, Washington, DC, St. Louis, Houston, Raleigh, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, Portland, and Honolulu.

April 8, 2005: "The History of Love and Marriage," Presidential Session, Pacific Sociological Association, Portland, OR.

March 30, 2005: Yale Political Union Debate: "Resolved: That Women's Liberation is Essential to the Well-Being of Families," New Haven, CN.

November 30, 2004: "Changing All the Rules: The Historical Transformation of Marriage," keynote speech, National Council on Family Relations, Orlando, FL.

November 9, 2004: "Courting Trouble? The Transformation of Love and Marriage," Phi Theta Kappa National Honors Society Satellite Seminar, Jackson, MS.

November 1-2, 2004: Debate with David Popenoe, American Values Symposium, San Angelo State University, San Angelo, TX.

October 16, 2004: "Should Marriage Be Promoted, and For Whom?" Valuing Families Symposium, Institute for Research on Women and Gender, Stanford University, Stanford, CA.

October 13, 2004: "Historical Perspectives on Teen Sex and Love." Romance and Sex in Adolescence Symposium, The Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA.

October 8, 2004: "Marriage in Crisis?" The 2004 Tenneco Community Symposium, University of Houston, Houston, TX.

September 16, 2004: "History, Politics, Religion: The Evolution of Marriage." Syracuse Stage, Syracuse, New York.

May 13, 2004: "Building a Firm Foundation for America's Youth and Communities," American Institute of Architects Annual Conference, Portland, OR.

March 27, 2004: Keynote speaker, Purdue University Center for Families, Tenth Anniversary Gala, Lafayette, IN.

November 22, 2003: Plenary Panel, "The Future of Marriage," National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference, Vancouver, BC, Canada.

September 29, 2003: Trend Spotters Panel, Working Mother Work Life Congress, Sheridan New York Hotel, New York.

April 1, 2003: "Things You Need to Know: International Family Trends," Citigroup Private Bank Conference, "Family and the Quest for Meaning in Uncertain Times," Scottsdale, AZ.

March 19, 2003: "Ozzie and Harriet Don't Live Here Any More: the Historical Transformation of Gender and Family in America," Grand Valley State University, Allentown, PA.

November 22-28, 2002: Five-city speaking tour at Japanese universities and government women's councils, organized by Takai Gender Research Institute, Nagoya, Japan and Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan.

October 24, 2002: "Families: Myths, Metaphors, and Realities," University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA.

October 15, 2002: "'Normal' Families in Theory and in Practice," Cooperative Extension Education Conference, Pullman, WA.

September 19, 2002: "A Briefing on U.S. Families," Better Homes and Garden Editorial Offices, Meredith Corporation, Des Moines, Iowa.

June 1-12, 2001: Speaking tour of seven German cities and meetings with judges and legislatures, sponsored by U.S. Information Agency.

April 11, 2001: Children and Today's Family Diversity," Chapman University and Counseling Center, Tucson, AZ.

March 22, 2001: "Work-Life Issues for the New Century," Austin Area Employers Collaborative, University of Texas, Austin, TX.

February 28, 2001: "The Limits of Communitarian Family Policy," Communitarian International Conference, Washington, DC.

November 15-18, 2001: Visiting Faculty, Kahn Institute, Smith College, Northampton, MA.

November 10, 2000: Opening Plenary Address, NCFR National Conference, "Visions for Families", Minneapolis, MN.

August 24, 2000: "Changing American Families - Myths and Realities," Department of Defense, Family Readiness Conference, Hilton Pointe, Phoenix, AZ.

June 21, 2000: "Inventing Today's Families: An Historical View of the Challenge", Distinguished Guest Lecture, American Family Therapy Academy, San Diego, CA.

June 18, 2000: "Work-Life Issues for the New Century," Keynote Address, UAW Family-Life Conference, Walter Reuther Education Center, MI.