

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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## EDUCATION

1975: Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Albert Einstein College, Yeshiva University, Bronx, N.Y. (Public Policy)

1973: Ph.D., The University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois. (Social Sciences)

1964: A.B., Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut. (History)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **September 2010 - Present:**

\*\* Professor Emeritus, John Jay College, The City University of New York (CUNY). Currently doing research on the financial history of transit and transportation in the United States and France.

\*\* Director, Program in Transportation Management, John Jay College/CUNY. A program of research and education focused on the post-World War II financing of high speed in the United States and Europe.

\*\* Consultant on operations and capital budgeting, cost analysis, cost-benefit analysis, and finance, to NGO's, particularly transit and transportation organizations.

**1985-2010:** Associate Professor, Department of Public Management. Disciplinary and research specializations in financial history; public finance; political economy. Taught at both Undergraduate and Masters Levels.

**1983-85:** Associate Director, Urban Mass Transportation Administration. Applied research on the reorganization of work in urban transit. The New School for Social Research, New York, N.Y.

## PUBLICATIONS (\*\* = juried)

“Divergent Paths, United States and France: Capital Markets, the State, and Differentiation in Transportation Systems, 1840-1940,” Enterprise and Society (v. 10, no. 3, September, 2009: 449-497) \*\*

« Le financement comparé des systèmes de transport, en France et aux Etats-Unis, de 1830 à la Grande Dépression, » book chapter in Financer les Entreprises face aux Mutations Économiques du XX Siècle, ed. Corre, L. and A. Straus (Paris, France: Ministère du Finance, 2009).

“Public credit, private capital and the decline of American railways in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century,” Journal of Transport History (Volume 31, No. 1, June, 2011). \*\*

“How financial institutions affect economic change: evidence from the transportation sector, 1900-1939,” Business and Economic History on line, (v. 3, 1-13: 2005).

“Les investissements dans le transport collectif,” Trames: Revue de L’Amenagement” (v. 6: 33-40, 1995)

"Structural versus functional determinants of New York's fiscal policies towards metropolitan transportation, 1924-1985," Social Science History (v. 15, 2: 177-198, Summer, 1991). \*\*

"The successful uses of decentralized program budgeting in the New York City Transit Authority," in Guess, G., ed., Public Policy and Transit System Management (Westport, Ct: Greenwood, 1990).

"Capital investment and the decline of mass transit in New York City, 1945-1981," Urban Affairs Quarterly, v. 23,3: 369-388, 1988). \*\*

### **CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS (Past 5 Years)**

January, 2011: American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Boston, Mass. Panel organizer and presenter at Roundtable on methodologies of transnational research

June, 2009: Triennial Joint European Business History Association (EBHA)-U.S. Business History Conference (BHC), Milan, Italy. Organizer and presenter: Panel on American and European Transportation Development, 1850-1970. “The mystery of missing data: Neymarck and cultural relativism.”

November, 2008: French Economic and Social History Association (FRESH), Strasbourg, France. “Relationships between ownership of railway stock and nationalization of railways in France in the 1930’s.”

April, 2008: Economic and Business Historical Society, Montgomery, Alabama. “Financial institutions and structural change in the U.S. transport sector, 1850-1939.”

November, 2007: Social Science History Association, Chicago, Illinois. Organizer and presenter: Panel on Financial History. “How U.S. and French capital markets influenced transport development, 1840-1940.”

June, 2007: Invited Paper. Laboratoire d’Économie d’Orléans, Faculté de Droit, d’Economie et de Gestion (Economics, Law and Management Department), University of Orléans, Orléans, France. “Divergent Paths, U.S. and France: capital markets, the state and transport system development, 1840-1940.”

March, 2007: Invited Paper. Ministry of Finance, Committee for the Economic and Financial History of France. “Comparative financing of systems of transport in the United States and France, from 1830 to the Great Depression” (Paris, France).

### **RECENT GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, CONTRACTS**

2009-10, 2008-08, 2006-07: Recipient of John Jay College Research Assistance Awards

2009-10, 2008-2009, 2006-2007: Recipient of PSC-CUNY Research Awards

2005: \$10,000 Award from U.S. Region 2 Transportation Research Center to write “White Paper” on infrastructure finance.

1996 - present: Awarded a series three five-year Contracts by Metropolitan Transportation Authority/New York City Transit to provide credit-bearing courses for employees of New York City Transit who aspire to move into management positions.

### **BOARD MEMBERSHIPS**

\*\* Editorial Board, Journal of Urban Technology

\*\* Board of Directors, Institute for Transportation Systems, The City University of New York

\*\* Board of Directors, City University Institute for Urban Systems

### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

\*\* Business History Conference

\*\* European Business History Association

\*\* Association pour l’Histoire des Chemins de Fer Francais

\*\* Social Science History Association

\*\* American Historical Association