

Edward L. Ayers

In July 2007, Edward Ayers assumed the presidency of the University of Richmond. Previously Dean of Arts and Sciences at the University of Virginia, where he began teaching in 1980, Ayers was named the National Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching in 2003.

A historian of the American South, Ayers has written and edited ten books. *The Promise of the New South: Life After Reconstruction* was a finalist for both the National Book Award and the Pulitzer Prize. *In the Presence of Mine Enemies: Civil War in the Heart of America* won the Bancroft Prize for distinguished writing in American history and the Beveridge Prize for the best book in English on the history of the Americas since 1492. A pioneer in digital history, Ayers created *The Valley of the Shadow: Two Communities in the American Civil War*, a Web site that has attracted millions of users and won major prizes in the teaching of history.

Ayers has received a presidential appointment to the National Council on the Humanities, served as a Fulbright professor in the Netherlands, and been elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Books:

The Crucible of the Civil War: Virginia from Secession to Commemoration, edited with Gary Gallagher and Andrew Torget (University of Virginia Press, 2006)

What Caused the Civil War? Reflections on the South and Southern History, (W.W. Norton, 2005)

In the Presence of Mine Enemies: War in the Heart of America, 1859–1863, (W.W. Norton, 2003)

The Valley of the Shadow: Two Communities in the American Civil War—The Eve of War, CD-ROM and book, co-authored with Anne S. Rubin (W. W. Norton and Company, 2000)

American Passages: A History of the United States, co-author (Harcourt, 2000); second edition (Thomson Wadsworth, 2003); third edition (Thomson Wadsworth, 2006)

The Oxford Book of the American South: Testimony, Memory, and Fiction, edited with Bradley Mittendorf (Oxford University Press, 1997)

All Over the Map: Rethinking American Regions, co-editor and co-author, (Johns Hopkins University Press, 1996)

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The Promise of the New South: Life After Reconstruction (Oxford University Press, 1992; paperback edition, 1993; abridged edition, 1995; 15th Anniversary Edition, 2007)

The Edge of the South: Life in Nineteenth-Century Virginia, co-edited with John C. Willis (University Press of Virginia, 1991)

Vengeance and Justice: Crime and Punishment in the Nineteenth-Century American South (Oxford University Press, 1984; paperback edition, 1986)

Awards for Scholarship:

Albert J. Beveridge Award, American Historical Association, for the best English-language book on the history of the United States, Canada, or Latin America from 1492 to the present, December 2004.

Bancroft Prize for Distinguished Book in American History, Columbia University, March 2004.

Wilbur Lucius Cross Medal, School of Graduate Studies Award for Outstanding Achievement, Yale University, May 2003.

American Academy of Arts and Sciences, elected as member in 2001.

E-Lincoln Prize for Best Digital Project on the Era of the American Civil War, given by the Gilder-Lehrman Institute and Gettysburg College, 2001 (\$40,000).

Elected to Society of American Historians, 1994.

Frank L. and Harriet C. Owsley Award, given by the Southern Historical Association for the best book in Southern history, 1993.

James Rawley Prize, given by the Organization of American Historians, for best book on the history of race relations in the United States, 1992.

National Book Award, Finalist for Nonfiction, 1992.

Pulitzer Prize, Finalist for History, 1992.

Phi Beta Kappa Prize for best book by University of Virginia faculty member, 1992.

J. Willard Hurst Award for Best Book in American Legal History, co-winner for 1984-1985, Law and Society Association.

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Selected Awards for Teaching and Service:

U.S. Professor of the Year for Research and Doctoral Universities, Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, and Council for Support and Advancement of Education, (CASE Award), 2003

James Harvey Robinson Prize for Outstanding Aid to Teaching History, American Historical Association (AHA), 2002

Virginia Social Science Educator of the Year by the Virginia Social Studies Association, 2001.

David A. Harrison III Award for Distinguished Service to the University of Virginia, 1997.

State Council of Higher Education in Virginia Outstanding Faculty Award, 1991 (a \$5,000 award and statue presented by Virginia's Governor).

Grants and Fellowships:

National Endowment for the Humanities for "Building Digital Communities," 1998

National Endowment for the Humanities, Teaching with Technology Initiative, 1997-1999, for the Valley of the Shadow Project

University of Virginia Institute for Advanced Study Sesquicentennial Associateship, 1990, 1984-1985

Virginia Foundation for the Humanities Fellowship, 1987

Carter G. Woodson Institute for Afro-American and African Studies, Research grants, 1986 and 1981

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, 1984-1985

Digital Humanities:

"The Differences Slavery Made: A Close Analysis of Two American Communities," with William G. Thomas III, *American Historical Review* (December 2003) and at <http://www.vcdh.virginia.edu/AHR>

Director: "The Valley of the Shadow: Two Communities in the American Civil War," an electronic archive (<http://valley.vcdh.virginia.edu>)

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Virginia Center for Digital History, 1998-2001, Founding Executive Director

Institute for Advanced Technology in the Humanities, 1991, co-founder and one of first two fellows

National Service:

National Council for the Humanities, 2000-2004, appointed by the President of the United States to advise the National Endowment for the Humanities.

National Council for History Education (NCHE), Executive Board, 2003-present.

Council for Library and Information Resources (CLIR), Executive Board, 2002- 2006.

David Hackett Fischer

David Hackett Fischer is University Professor and Earl Warren Professor of History at Brandeis University. Fischer's major works have tackled everything from large macroeconomic and cultural trends to narrative histories of significant events to explorations of historiography.

He is best known for his major study *Albion's Seed*, which argued that core aspects of American culture stem from four British folkways and regional cultures, and the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Washington's Crossing* (Pivotal Moments in American History), a narrative of George Washington's leadership of the Continental Army during the winter of 1776-1777 during the American Revolutionary War.

In 2008, he published *Champlain's Dream*, an exploration of Samuel de Champlain, the French explorer and founder of Quebec City.

Fischer received his Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University and his B.A. from Princeton University. He joined the faculty at Brandeis in 1962.

Books:

Champlain's Dream. Simon and Schuster (USA); Knopf (Canada). A French translation is in progress by Boreal (Paris and Montreal). 2009.

Liberty and Freedom. Oxford University Press, 2005.

Washington's Crossing. Oxford University Press, 2004.

With James Kelly. *Bound Away*. University Press of Virginia, 2000.

The Great Wave: Price Revolution and the Rhythm of History. Oxford University Press, 1996.

Paul Revere's Ride. Oxford University Press, 1994.

Albion's Seed: Four British Folkways in America. Oxford University Press, 1989.

Growing Old In America. New York: Oxford University Press, 1977.

Historian's Fallacies. New York: Harper & Row, 1970.

The Revolution of American Conservatism. New York: Harper & Row, 1965.

David Hackett Fischer

Awards and Honors:

Member of the "L'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres" with the rank of "Commandeur", by decree of the "Minister de la culture et communication", Christine Albanel, dated 31 March 2009. (2009)

Honorary life member, Society of the Cincinnati (2006)

Irving Kristol Prize, American Enterprise Institute (2006)

Liberty and Freedom was the History book club's main selection (2005)

History Book Club main selection (*Paul Revere's Ride*) (2005)

Pulitzer prize in History for *Washington's Crossing* (2005)

Fenn Foundation Award "for teaching and research on Lexington Alarm Research Project" (1998)

Massachusetts Teachers Association Kidger Prize for Teaching (1997)

American Association of University Presses prize for overall excellence (*Albion's Seed*) (1996)

Awards for *Paul Revere's Ride*: Award, Irving Medal for Literary Distinction, Old North Church Lantern Award, Boston Public Library Literary Light (1996), Book of the Year Awards for *Paul Revere's Ride* (1995), Book of the Month Club Alternate Selection (*Paul Revere's Ride*) (1993)

Ingersoll Foundation Prize for Scholarship (1996)

Richard M. Weaver Award for Scholarly Letters to "recognize an author of abiding importance" (1996)

Fellow, American Academy of Arts and Sciences (1995)

Fulbright Fellowship (1993)

Life Member, Bodleian Library (1993)

Louis Dembitz Brandeis Prize for Excellence in Teaching (1990)

David Hackett Fischer

Massachusetts CASE (Council for Advancement and Support of Education) and Carnegie Foundation Professor of the Year (1990)

Awards for *Albion's Seed*: Colonial Dames of America (1989); Immigration History Society (1989); Theodore Saloutos Book Award for best work published in American immigration history (1989)

Harold Vyvyan Harmsworth Professor of American History, Oxford University (1985)

Director, National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar (1979)

National Endowment for the Humanities Grant (1978)

Earl Warren Chair in American Constitutional (1971)

Mary Beth Norton

Mary Beth Norton, the Mary Donlon Alger Professor of American History, has taught at Cornell since 1971. Her major research and teaching interests are Early American History (before 1815) and American Women's/Gender History. In 2008 she was named Stephen H. Weiss Presidential Fellow to honor her record as an outstanding undergraduate teacher.

She was educated at the University of Michigan (B.A., 1964) and Harvard University (M.A., 1965; Ph.D., 1969). Her dissertation won the 1970 Allan Nevins Prize from the Society of American Historians as the best-written dissertation in U.S. history. She has written *The British-Americans* (1972); *Liberty's Daughters* (1980, 1996); *Founding Mothers & Fathers* (1996), which was one of three finalists for the 1997 Pulitzer Prize in History; and *In the Devil's Snare* (2002), which was one of five finalists for the 2003 *LA Times* Book Prize in History and won the English-Speaking Union's Ambassador Book Award in American Studies for 2003. With five others, she has written *A People and A Nation*, (a ninth edition is forthcoming in 2011), which has been one of the leading U.S. history textbooks since its initial publication in 1982. She has also co-edited three collections of articles on American women's history, and she was general editor of the *American Historical Association's Guide to Historical Literature* (1995). She has served as vice president for research of the American Historical Association and as a Presidential appointee to the National Council on the Humanities. She was the president of the Society of American Historians for 2008-2009. She was Pitt Professor of American History and Institutions at the University of Cambridge (U.K.), in 2005-2006. She has received four honorary degrees and in 1999 was elected a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. In 2010 Dr. Norton was elected to membership in the American Philosophical Society.

She has held fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Guggenheim, Rockefeller, and Starr Foundations, and the Henry E. Huntington Library, where she was the L.A. Times Distinguished Fellow for the 2008-2009 academic year.

Books:

In the Devil's Snare: The Salem Witchcraft Crisis of 1692 (Alfred A. Knopf, 2002; Vintage paperback, 2003).

Founding Mothers & Fathers: Gendered Power and the Forming of American Society (Alfred A. Knopf, 1996; Vintage paperback, 1997).

Editor, *The American Historical Association's Guide to Historical Literature*, 3d ed. (Oxford University Press, 1995).

Mary Beth Norton

Editor, *Major Problems in American Women's History* (1st ed. D.C. Heath, 1989; 2d ed. [with Ruth Alexander], Houghton Mifflin, 1995; 3d ed. [with Ruth Alexander], Houghton Mifflin, 2003; 4th ed. [with Ruth Alexander], Houghton Mifflin, 2007).

Editor, (with Carol Groneman), *To Toil the Livelong Day: America's Women at Work, 1790-1980* (Cornell University Press, 1987).

Co-author, (with 5 others) *A People and a Nation* (Houghton Mifflin, 1st ed., 1982; 2nd ed., 1986; 3rd ed., 1990; 4th ed., 1994; 5th ed., 1998; 6th ed., 2001; 7th ed., 2005; 8th ed., 2008); Japanese translation, 1996. A 9th edition will appear in 2011 from Cengage Press.

Liberty's Daughters: The Revolutionary Experience of American Women, 1750-1800 (Boston: Little, Brown, 1980; Cornell University Press, 1996).

Editor (with Carol Berkin), *Women of America: A History* (Houghton Mifflin, 1979).

The British-Americans: The Loyalist Exiles in England, 1774-1789 (Little, Brown, 1972; London: Constable and Co., 1974).

Awards:

L.A. Times Distinguished Fellowship, Huntington Library, 2008-2009.

2008 Stephen H. Weiss Presidential Fellowship

Mellon Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Huntington Library, spring 2001.

Starr Foundation Fellowship, Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, Fall 2000.

Ambassador Book Award in American Studies, 2003, English-Speaking Union.

Finalist, LA Times book prize in History, 2003.

Finalist, Pulitzer Prize in History, 1997.

Best Book by a Woman Historian, Berkshire Conference of Women Historians, 1981.

Allan Nevis Prize, Society of American Historians, 1970