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EDUCATION

Cambridge, MA

PhD in the History of American Civilization, June 1998
A.M. in English and American Literature and Languages, June 1992
Doctoral Committee: Alan Heimert, Lawrence Buell, and Werner Sollors
Member of Board of Tutors for the Committee on Degrees in History and Literature, 1994-1996
Non-

Books:

The Backwash of War & War Essays: An Extraordinary American Nurse in World War I – Johns Hopkins University Press, February 2019. Editor of an expanded, scholarly edition of *The Backwash of War*, by Ellen N. La Motte. The volume includes an comprehensive introduction and the first biography of La Motte and is intended to introduce a seminal work of American war writing and its remarkable author to modern readers. For more about the book see: **www.thebackwashofwar.com**

War No More: The Antiwar Impulse in American Literature, 1861-1914 -

"A Writer's Writer: Herman Melville and the Crafting of Pierre

"What Mark Twain and Other Writers Said About War," Letter to the Editor, *New York Times*, July 2010: www.nytimes.com/2010/07/15/opinion/l15twain.html

"Mark Twain's Early Protest Against the Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan," *Tikkun Daily*, July 2010 www.tikkun.org/tikkundaily/tag/mark-twain/

Book Reviews:

Review of David S. Reynolds, *Mightier Than the Sword: Uncle Tom's Cabin and the Battle for America. Journal of the Civil War Era*, Winter 2012, Vol. 2, Issue 4 pp. 600-602.

Review of Randall Fuller, From Battlefields Rising: How the Civil War Transformed American Literature. Civil War Book Review. Spring 2011.

Review of Martin Griffin,

- Nov. 2014 Delivered an invited talk, "Rhymes and Rhapsodies: An Introduction to Civil War Poetry" to the Rockland Civil War Round Table.
- Oct. 2014 Presented a paper, "The Best Antiwar Book from the First World War You've Never Read and Why: Ellen N. La Motte's *The Backwash of War*,"

"No Place for Poetry on My Son's Common Core ELA Test"
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/cynthia-wachtell/no-poetry-on-my-sons-comm_b_5223744.html

"Public School Standardized Testing: Enough Is Enough for New York State Kids"
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/cynthia-wachtell/let-new-york-states-priva_b_1547848.html?

Member of the Community Educational Council District 3 high school admission committee (2014-2015).
 Advocate for equity in the citywide high school system and leader of the "D3 Wants Equity" campaign.

http://www.westsiderag.com/2014/11/20/uws-parents-say-east-siders-get-unfair-advantages-in-school-admission

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