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David H. Bennett

Professor Emeritus, History

Laura J. and L. Douglas Meredith Professor for Teaching Excellence

Degree

Ph.D., University of Chicago, 1963

Specialties

Political extremism in America, 20th-century American history, modern military history

Publications

The Party of Fear: The American Far Right From Nativism to the Militia Movement (New York: Vintage Books, 1995).

The Party of Fear: From Nativist Movements to the New Right in American History (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1988 and New York: Vintage Books, 1990).

Demagogues in the Depression: American Radicals and the Union Party, 1932-36 (New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 1969).

From Teapot Dome to Watergate (Syracuse, NY: Syracuse University and the Maxwell School, 1974).

"The Year of the Old Folks' Revolt," American Heritage, Vol. XVI, No. 1, (December 1964), pp. 48-51, 91-107 and "The Year of the Old Folks' Revolt," reprinted in The Underside of American History, Vol. II, Thomas R. Frazier (ed.), (New York: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, Inc., 1978), pp. 235-253. Also reprinted in Meanings of History, Barbara Judd and Susan Copley (eds), (New York: American Heritage Publishing Co., 1971), pp. 250-257, and in Historical Viewpoints: Notable Articles From American Heritage, Vol. II, John A. Garraty (ed.), (New York: Harper and Row, 1983, 1991), pp. 298-313.

"The Enigma of American Extremism," The Centennial Review, Vol. XI, No. 7 (Spring, 1967) pp. 198-219.

"Essays in the Politics of Radicalism," Social Education, Vol. XXXI, No. 8, (December, 1967), pp. 733-35.

"The Image of Women in the Nativist Movement", in Remember the Ladies: New Perspectives on Women in American History, Carol George (ed.), (Syracuse, NY: Syracuse University Press, 1976), pp. 71-89.

"Could the New Deal Have Taken America to the Left," in The New Deal: A Historical Assessment, Vol. II, Wilbur J. Cohen (ed.) (Austin, Texas: Lyndon Baines Johnson Library, and the University of Texas, 1985).

Teaching Appointments

Meredith Professor of History, 2001-Present.

Professor of History, Syracuse University, 1975-Present.

Associate Professor of History, Syracuse University, 1969-75.

Assistant Professor of History & American Studies, Syracuse University, 1963-69.

Instructor in American Studies, Syracuse University, 1961-63.

Lecturer in History, University of Chicago, 1958-60.

Research Interests

Modern American History, Modern Military History

Research Grants and Awards

Named Syracuse University Alumni Teacher of the Year for 1992-93.



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Received the Chancellor's Citation for Exceptional Academic Achievement, Syracuse University, Spring 1991.

Winner of the Myers Prize for 1988. (The Gustavus Myers Center for the Study of Human Rights in the United States offers an annual award for the best scholarship on the subject of intolerance in the United States. The Party of Fear shared the award for 1988 with Taylor Branch's Parting the Waters).

Named Outstanding Undergraduate Teacher for 1988-89 by the College of Arts and Sciences (Syracuse University).

Named Syracuse University Scholar-Teacher of the Year for 1987-88.

Named Laura J. and L. Douglas Meredith Professor for Teaching Excellence, Syracuse University (2001).
