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EDUCATION

PhD Johns Hopkins University, History
MA Johns Hopkins University, History
BA The University of Chicago, History
Certificate: "Gender, State and Welfare in a Global Economy," Central European University, Budapest

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor of History, Texas State University [hereafter TXSU] (2018–Present)
Director, Public History Program & Center for Texas Public History, TXSU (2019–2021)
Associate Director, Public History Program, TXSU (2018–2019)
Graduate Advisor, Public History Program, TXSU (2016–2021)
Assistant Professor of History, TXSU (2012-2018)
Academic Affiliation: Non-Resident Fellow, Institute for Applied Economics, Global Health, and the Study of Business Enterprise, Johns Hopkins University (2012-2022)
Instructor, Johns Hopkins University (Spring 1999; Summer 2000)
Adjunct Faculty, Towson University, Maryland (1996-2001)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Chief Editor & Senior Historian (GS-15), and Acting Deputy Historian (2010), Historical Office of the Secretary of Defense, Washington, DC (2004-2011)
Volumes Editor, *Defense Acquisition History Series, 1945-2000*, U.S. Army Center of Military History (Contract) & SUPRA Corp, Washington, DC (2003-2004)
Senior Historian, History Associates Incorporated, Rockville, MD (2001-2003)
Assistant Editor & Postdoctoral Fellow, *The Papers of Dwight David Eisenhower* Project, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD (1999-2001)

SCHOLARLY WORKS

Books

Berlage, Nancy K. *Memory, Modernity, and the Uses of the Past in Rural America*. Nebraska University Press, under contract.
Berlage, Nancy K. *Farmers Helping Farmers: The Rise of the Farm and Home Bureaus, 1914–1935*. Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2016.
Kupfer, Carl and Edward McManus, with Nancy Berlage. *History of the National Eye Institute, 1968–2000*. Bethesda, MD: National Eye Institute-National Institutes of Health, 2009.
Goldberg, Alfred, Sarandis Papadopoulos, Diane Putney, Nancy Berlage, and Rebecca Welch. *Pentagon 9/11*. Defense Studies Series. Washington, DC: Historical Office of the Secretary of Defense, 2007.

Edited Books

Galambos, Louis, Daun van Ee, Chief Eds., Elizabeth S. Hughes, Executive Ed., Janet R. Brugger, Robin D. Coblentz, Jill A. Friedman, Assoc. Eds., and Nancy Berlage, Asst. Ed.

The Papers of Dwight David Eisenhower, vols. 18-21, *The Presidency: Keeping Peace*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2001.

Chapters in Books

Berlage, Nancy K. "Agricultural Organization in the Twentieth Century: Progressives, Radicals, and Social Activists." In *A Companion to American Agricultural History*, edited by R. Douglas Hurt. Wiley-Blackwell, June 2022.

Berlage, Nancy K. "The Establishment of an Applied Social Science: Home Economists, Science and Reform at Cornell University, 1870–1930." In *Gender and American Social Science: The Formative Years*, edited by Helene Silverberg, 185-234. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1998.

Journal Articles

Berlage, Nancy K. "Revising Rural Women's History." In preparation.

Berlage, Nancy K. "Plotting a Better Future for Agriculture, Women and the Empire State: Historical Pageantry in the 1920s." *New York History* (Special Issue on Agricultural and Rural History) 97 (Summer/Fall 2016): 319-44.

Novkov, Julie, Nancy Berlage, and Priscilla Yamin. "Identity and Institutions in Political History: A Cross-Disciplinary Discussion." *Politics, Groups, and Identities - Journal of the Western Political Science Association* 1, no. 2 (May 2013): 221-50.

Berlage, Nancy K. "Organizing the Farm Bureau: Family, Community, and Professionals, 1914–1928." *Agricultural History* 75, no. 4 (Fall 2001): 406-38.

Reports

Berlage, Nancy K., and Marcus Harshaw, "Report of On-Site Assessment of Oklahoma Humanities Council," National Endowment of Humanities, Federal/State Partnership Office, Dec. 2024.

Berlage, Nancy K., and Marica S. Tacconi. "Report of On-Site Assessment of Illinois Humanities Council." National Endowment of Humanities, Federal/State Partnership Office, Nov. 2017.

Applied History Work Products

Series Chief Editor (credited in Preface): Drea, Edward J. *McNamara, Clifford, and the Burdens of Vietnam, 1965–1969*, vol. VI in History of the Office of the Secretary of Defense Series. Washington, DC: Historical Office, Office of the Secretary of Defense, 2011.

Editor (credited in Acknowledgements): Beeman, Edward T. *Robert J. Huebner, MD: A Virologist's Odyssey*. National Institutes of Health History Office. Book, online publication, 2005.

Editor (credited in Acknowledgements): Baker, Carl G., *An Administrative History of the National Cancer Institute's Viruses and Cancer Programs, 1950–1972*. National Institutes of Health History Office. Book, online publication, 2004.

Exhibit Credits

History of DoD Comptroller's Office, credited on exhibit plaque for Editorial, Content, and Design work, exhibit displayed at The Pentagon, Washington, DC.

History of DoD Humanitarian Operations, Content Writer and Editor, exhibit displayed at The Pentagon, Washington, DC.

History of the Pentagon, Content Editor, outdoor public display for 9/11 Memorial Dedication Ceremony at The Pentagon, Washington, DC.

Oral Histories/Interviews

Paul McHale, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense, Oral History Program, Historical Office, Office of the Secretary of Defense.

Carl Kupfer, Director, National Eye Institute–National Institutes of Health.

Edward MacManus, Deputy Director, National Eye Institute–National Institutes of Health.

Various interviews with emergency responders to Pentagon 9/11 attacks, Oral History Program, Historical Office, Office of the Secretary of Defense.

Group Interviews of armed forces representatives; senior defense officials; former congressional staffers; and others for U.S. Army Center of Military History Defense Acquisition History Project.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, & FUNDING

COLA Seed Grant, on Rural Women's History Project, TXSU (May 2026)

National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Fellow, *Changes Across the Land* (May 2025, cancelled due to DOGE funding cuts)

Research Funding, Department of History, Texas State University (Summer 2018)

Common Experience Mini-Grant, TXSU, 2015 and 2017)

National Council on Public History. Funding for Conference on Immigration, Migration, and Memory in Public History (Spring 2015)

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Fellow, *America's East Central European Immigrants & Refugees: Migration and Memory*, East Central European Center, Harriman Institute, Columbia University (June 2014)

Research Enhancement Program Grant, Texas State University (2012)

Race, Gender, and Sexuality in Law and American Political Development, sponsored by Ohio University and the National Science Foundations' Law and Social Sciences Program, Ohio University, Athens (May 2011).

Postdoctoral Fellow, Eisenhower Papers Project, Johns Hopkins University (Fall 2000–2001)

Spencer Foundation Mentor Grant and Dr. Dorothy Ross, Johns Hopkins University (1997)

Research Assistantship to Dr. JoAnne Brown, Johns Hopkins University (1995–1997)

Arthur H. Cole Grants-in-Aid for Research, Economic History Association (1994)

Frederick Jackson Turner Society Travel Research Grants (2), Johns Hopkins University (Summer 1994; Fall 1994)

Ford Foundation and Women's Studies Department Travel Research Grant, Johns Hopkins University (1993)

Fellowship in the History of Home Economics and Nutrition, Cornell University, College of Human Ecology of the State University of New York, and Mann Library, Ithaca, NY (1993).

Rockefeller Archives Center Research Travel Grant, Tarrytown, NY (1993)

EDITORSHIPS & BOARDS

Editorial Review Board, *Agricultural History* journal, Agricultural History Society (June 2017–June 2020)

Editorial Board, *Close Encounters in War* On-line Journal (2017–2019)

Board of Directors, National Collaborative for Women's History Sites (2017–2020)

Book Reviews Editor, *Sound Historian*, Journal of the Texas Oral History Association (2013–2017)

AWARDS & HONORS

Scholarly

Golden Apple Award for Scholarship, Best Scholar in Liberal Arts College at all levels, TXSU (Aug. 2018)

Superior Achievement Award, Illinois State Historical Society (May 2018)

College of Liberal Arts Nominee, Presidential Award for Excellence in Scholarship, TXSU (Feb. 2018)

"Finalist Award" for Jon Gjerde Prize for the Best Book in Midwestern History, Midwestern History Association (June 2017).

"Finalist Award," for Shambaugh Book Prize, Iowa State Historical Society (Apr. 2017)

Vernon Carstensen Memorial Award, Agricultural History Society, for the Best Article published in *Agricultural History* (2002)

Alexander Butler Prize, for the Best First-Year Graduate Student Paper, History Department, Johns Hopkins University (1992)

Teaching

Favorite Professor, Alphi Chi National Honor Society, TXSU Chapter (2017, 2019, & 2020)

College of Liberal Arts Achievement Award for Excellence in Teaching, TXSU (Aug. 2017)

History Department Nominee, Presidential Awards for Excellence in Teaching, Texas State University (Jan. 2018)

Service

Dean's Achievement Award for Service, College of Liberal Arts, TXSU (Aug. 2020)

History Department Nominee, Presidential Awards in Excellence in Service, TXSU (Feb. 2020)

PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

"Diversifying Rural Women's History," Western Association of Women Historians Annual Conference, Sacramento (Apr 2026)

"Updating the History of Rural Women in a World under Threat," Agricultural History Society, Annual Conference, St. Paul, MN (June 2025)

"Participant Roundtable: "Suffrage and Farming," Agricultural History Society, Annual Conference (June 2021)

"Consuming the 'Modern' in American Farm Landscaping, 1920-1938," Agricultural History Society, Annual Conference, Tampa, FL (May 2018)

"Gendering the Global Political Order: American Farm Women and Transnational Rural Women's Organizations, 1929–1960," Rural Women's Studies Association, Triennial Conference, Ohio State University, Athens (May 2018)

"Historians' Perspectives on Monuments and Removal," Central Texas Historical Society, Annual Conference, Round Rock (Feb 2018).

Presenter and Panel Organizer: "Public Memory and Farm Historical Pageantry," Panel: The Uses of Public Memory in the Rural American Midwest, Midwestern History Association, Annual Conference, Grand Rapids, MI (June 2017)

"Farm Historical Pageantry, Gender, and Region, 1910–1930," Agricultural History Society, Annual Conference, Grand Rapids, MI (June 2017)

Respondent: Roundtable Considering Nancy Berlage's "*Farmers Helping Farmers: The Rise of the Farm and Home Bureaus, 1914–1935*," Agricultural History Society, Annual Conference, Grand Rapids, MI (June 2017)

"Teaching Controversy as Activism" for Roundtable Hardball History: Public Historians on the Edge of Politics, Advocacy, and Activism, National Council on Public History, Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN (April 2015)

"From Hungarian Émigré to American Diplomat and Mengele Hunter: Memory, State, and Identity During the Cold War," NEH Summer Seminar: America's East-Central Europeans, Migration and Memory, Columbia University (June 2014)

"Controversy and Public History: Toward a Useful Pedagogy," Poster Session, National Council on Public History, Annual Meeting, Monterey, CA (Mar. 2014)

"Consulting Alliances: Obstacles and Opportunities," Working Group Discussant, National Council on Public History, Annual Meeting, Monterey, CA (Mar. 2014)

"Illinois Farm Bureau Cooperatives, Science, and Gender, 1914-1930," Institute for Applied Economics, Global Health, and the Study of Business Enterprise, Johns Hopkins University (Oct 2012)

"Home Improvement, Agency, Gender, and the State," Social Science History Association, Annual Conference (Nov. 2011)

Presenter and Organizer: "'The Most Important Crop of All': Children, Rural Health Projects, and the Farm Bureau, 1910–1930," Panel *Intersections: Culture, Science, and Constituents in Public Health Movements*, 80th Anglo-American Conference: History in Health, University of London, London, UK (July 2011)

"Historicizing Maternalism and the Welfare State," Central European University, Budapest (June 2011)

"Gender as Strategy: Rural Organization, Knowledge, and Regulation, 1910–1930," National Science Foundation Workshop: Race, Gender, and Sexuality in Law and American Political Development, Ohio State University, Athens (May 2011)

"Illinois Farm Bureaus, Cooperatives, and Gender," Business History Association, Annual Conference, St. Louis (Mar. 2011)

"Local Cooperative Institutions, the State, and Socio-Cultural Formation," European Rural History Organization Triennial Conference, University of Sussex, Brighton, UK (Aug. 2010)

Presenter and Organizer: "Federal History Writing," Roundtable: The Challenge of Public History–Integrating Training, Practice, and Policy, National Council on Public History, Annual Conference, Portland, OR (Apr. 2010)

"'The Beauty of the House is in Order': Science, Beauty, and Tradition in Iowa Farm Home Improvement, 1900–1930," Iowa Forum, Iowa State Historical Society, Des Moines (1999)

"'The Beauty of the House is in Order:' Home Improvement on the Farm," Workshop in Technology, Society, and Culture, University of Delaware, Newark (1998)

"The Farm and Home Bureau: Family, Community, and Professionals, 1914–1928," Social Science History Association Annual Conference, Atlanta (1994)

"The Local Farm Bureau, Organization, Community, and Professionals, 1914–1928," The American Seminar, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore (1993)

Chair/Commentator

Chair, "Gender, Religion, Land, and Reform Panel," Agricultural History Society (May 2018)

Commentator, History and Memory Panel, Sixth Annual Phi Alpha Theta History Graduate Student Conference, Texas State University (Nov. 2017)

Chair, "National Security Panel," The Obama Legacy Conference, Texas State University (Feb. 2017)
Judge, "Poster Session," Fifth Annual Phi Alpha Theta History Graduate Student Conference, Texas State University (Nov. 2016)
Chair, "Feminism/Women's History Panel," Fifth Annual Phi Alpha Theta History Graduate Student Conference, Texas State University (Nov. 2016)
Commentator, "Public History Panel," Fourth Annual Phi Alpha Theta History Graduate Student Conference, Texas State University (Nov. 2015)
Chair & Commentator, "Women and the Agricultural Marketplace Panel," Rural Women's Studies Association Triennial Conference, Texas State University (Mar. 2015)
Workshop Discussant, "Selecting and Surviving your PhD Program," Third Annual Phi Alpha Theta History Graduate Student Conference, Texas State University (Nov. 2014)
Chair, "Oral History as Personal History," Texas Oral History Association, 2nd Annual Conference, Texas State University (Apr. 2013)
Chair & Commentator, "Commercial Culture History Panel," Phi Alpha Theta History Graduate Student Conference, Texas State University (Nov. 2012)
Invited Commentator: "Managing Innovation: Theory," Conference on Organizing for Innovation: A Conference in Honor of Louis Galambos, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore (Oct. 2002)

INVITED TALKS

"Careers in History," TXSU Undergraduate History Club (Mar. 2025)
"Careers in Public History," St. Edwards University, Phi Alpha Theta, Austin, TX (Apr. 2019).
U.S. State Department, U.S. Embassy Iraq, IREX-Visiting American Professional Program. Invited to Iraq to provide expertise on preserving intangible cultural heritage on a three-city, two-week visit. (Sept. 2017) [Declined]
"Building a History Museum from the Ground-Up," Mathews County Historical Society and Museums Board, Mathews, VA (June 2016)
"Teaching Controversy as Civic Engagement," Conference: *From Engagement to Activism: Public History as Civic Responsibility*, North Carolina State University (Apr. 2014).
"Editing Manuscripts: Working with Non-Historians," History Associates Incorporated, Annual Meeting, Rockville, MD (2002)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Western Association of Women Historians, Agricultural History Book Prize Committee (2026-2029)
Tenure Review, unnamed universities (2024, 2025)
Book and Article Manuscript Reviews: Routledge, Oxford, University of South Carolina Press, *Agricultural History*, *Public Historian*, *Historia Agraria* (2014-2026)
National Endowment for the Humanities, Reviewer, Documentary Editing Grants (Spring 2022)
Agricultural History Society, Vernon Carstenson Prize Committee (2021–2023)
Texas State Historical Association, Education Committee (June 2021– 2024)
Rural Women's Studies Association, Finance Committee (June 2019– 2021)
Oral History Association, Publications Committee (2011-2015; Reappointment 2016–2018)

National Endowment for the Humanities, Federal-State Partnership Office, Site Assessment of Illinois Humanities, Chicago, IL (2017); and Site Assessment of Oklahoma Humanities (2024)
National Council on Public History, Membership Committee (2010–2017)
Rural Women' Studies Association Triennial Conference, Local Arrangements Committee (Feb. 2015)
Manuscript Peer Review Panels, U.S. Army Center for Military History: Elliott Converse, III, *Weapons Defense Acquisition History*, vol. 1 (2006), and Walter Poole, *Weapons Defense Acquisition History, 1959–1968*, vol. 2, (2010)
Organization of American Historians, Committee on Research and Access to Historical Documentation (2003–2007)
American Historical Association, Annual Meeting Planning Committee (2004)
Agricultural History Society, Wayne D. Rasmussen Prize Committee (2012–2016, chair 2015)
Hiring Panel for Chief Historian, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Forest Service (nondisclosure of date for privacy)
Scholarship Applications Judge, University of Chicago (2003 & 2004)
Essay Judge, National History Day, College Park, MD (2002 & 2003)

Memberships

Current

Agricultural History Society (2008–Present)
Rural Women's Studies Association (2013–Present)
American Historical Association (2015-Present)
Western Association of Women's Historians (2025-Present)

Past

Association for Documentary Editing (2006–2009)
DoD Senior Women's Professional Association. (2005–2010)
Hungarian Studies Association. (2013–2016)
Illinois State Historical Society (201 –2017)
International Federation for Public History (2017–2021)
National Collaborative for Women's History Sites (2017–2020)
National Council on Public History (2012–2021)
Oral History Association (2011–2020)
Organization of American Historians (2015–2018)
Public History Forum (2015–2020)
Social Science History Association. (1998–2000)
Society for History in the Federal Government (2005–2007)
Society for the History of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era (2016–2018)
Texas Oral History Association (2012–2017)
Western Association of Women Historians (2016–2018)
Women in International Security (2005–2010)

MEDIA MENTIONS

Book prize mention, "The Best Iowa History Books of the Past Year," *USA Today; Des Moines Register*, both 20 Apr 2017.

Interview, see "'Farmers Helping Farmers': Elizabeth Native Nancy Berlage Authors Book on History of Farm and Home Bureaus," *Galena Gazette* (IL) 13 Jul 2016, pg. 5A.

TV Favorable mention of Historical Office of Secretary of Defense on *The Rachel Maddow Show* (MSNBC, 2011) for work personally performed for the Pentagon's Comprehensive Review Working Group that recommended repeal of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy.

Interview with the National Eye Institute Public Affairs Office on release of History of National Eye Institute, 1968-2000; see also for example, Allyson T. Collins, "Book Recounts History of the Eye Institute," *NIH Record*, 13 Nov 2009, and other articles in ophthalmology-related media outlets.

Interview with *Washington Post*, see Steve Vogel, "Call Grows to Save Part of Pentagon Interior," 6 Aug 2009.

Book Signing for Pentagon 9/11, at The Pentagon, Dec. 2007.

Pentagon Press Interview, as co-author of the book Pentagon 9/11, taped and shown by The Pentagon Television Channel; see Samantha L. Quigley, "Defense Historians Document 9/11 Pentagon Attack" *American Armed Forces Press Service*, 7 Sep 2007, and multiple related articles published in various news outlets.