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Curriculum Vitae

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Education:

1992. Ph.D. American History. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
Advisor: William E. Leuchtenburg.
1988. MA. American History. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
1986. BA. Vanderbilt University. High Honors in History, Magna Cum Laude.

Employment:

1997-. Professor, Department of History, Auburn Montgomery (Assistant Professor 1997-2000, Associate Professor 2000-2004) (Distinguished Research Professor 2000-2003) (Chair, Department of History, 2005-2008).

1996-97. Newcomen Fellow in Business History, Harvard Business School.

1993-96. Assistant Editor, Andrew Jackson Papers, University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

1992-93. Instructor, Department of History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Publications:

Books:

Financial Politics in the United States in the 1890s: The Golden Web. Palgrave/Macmillan (2025).

Permanent Revolution: Reflections on Capitalism. Stanford University Press (2020).

American Capitalism, 1945-2000. Ivan R. Dee (2003).

Antitrust and the Formation of the Postwar World. Columbia University Press (2002).

The Papers of Andrew Jackson, Volume 6, 1825-1828. Harold Moser, Clint Clift, and Wyatt Wells, editors. University of Tennessee Press (2002).

Economist in an Uncertain World: Arthur F. Burns and the Federal Reserve, 1970-1978.
Columbia University Press (1994).

Articles, Essays, Presentations & Software:

“Mr. Morgan’s Grand Design,” presentation at the Business History Conference, March 2024.

Sixty-seven lessons for Pearson’s World History text for high school students (2023). These averaged about 3000 words each and covered a wide variety of topics including the role of women in the Aztec Empire, the Haitian Revolution, the Cultural Revolution in China, Stalinist Russia, and the Industrial Revolution.

“Busses are the Way Forward for Nashville, but More Investment Is Essential,” *Nashville Tennessean*, September 2, 2022.

“America’s Deep South,” *The Salisbury Review*, Summer 2021, pp. 15-19.

“Why ‘Strategic Plans’ are Rarely Strategic—or Effective,” *The Wall Street Journal*, October 26-27, 2019, p. A13.

“Some Articles, a Book, and a Speech,” *Passport* 48 (January 2018): 43-46.

“Donald Trump and the Many Ages of Jackson,” *Al.com* (Alabama News), April 4, 2017.

“Rhetoric of the Standards: The Debate over Gold and Silver in the 1890s,” *Journal of the Gilded Age and the Progressive Era* 14 (2015): 49-68; and “Reply to Walter Nugent,” 77-79.

“Silver and Segregation,” *Historically Speaking* 14 (November 2013): 2-5.

“Research Note: The Appointment of Catholics during the New Deal,” *Journal of the Historical Society* 13 (2013): 361-413.

“Modernist Economics,” *Historically Speaking* 11 (November 2010), pp. 2-6.

Review of Lawrence E. Mitchell, *The Speculation Economy: How Finance Triumphed Over Industry*, *Canadian Business Law Journal* 47 (2009): 320-26.

“Public Power in the Eisenhower Administration.” *Journal of Policy History* 20 (2008): 35-70.

“The Reality of the Self-Made Man.” *Historically Speaking* 8 (May/June 2007): 24-5.

“Counterpoint to Reform: Gilbert H. Montague and the Business of Regulation.” *Business History Review* 78 (Fall 2004): 423-450.

“Certificates and Computers: The Remaking of Wall Street, 1967-1971.” *Business History Review* 74 (Summer 2000): 193-235.

“Stock Market Simulation,” *Simulations and Data Graphing CD-ROM*, part of the *Economics: Principles in Action* series. Boston: Prentice-Hall. 2000. (researcher and writer).

"The Past Beside Us." *Reviews in American History* 28 (1998): 439-444.

Crisis at the Fed: Arthur Burns and the Stagflation of 1973-1975 (teaching case). Cambridge: Harvard Business School Press. 1997.

Note on Money and Monetary Policy (teaching case). Wyatt Wells and David Moss. Cambridge: Harvard Business School Press. 1997.

I have written a total of 36 book reviews for *The American Historical Review*, *The Journal of American History*, *The Journal of Economic History*, the *Business History Review*, the *Canadian Business Law Journal*, *The Journal of Russian-American Studies*, “EH-Net,” “The Antitrust Source,” and *Bookpage*.

I have drafted entries for *The American Economy: A Historical Encyclopedia* (“Currency”), *The Oxford Companion to United States History* (“Federal Reserve Act” and “Federal Reserve System,”), the *American National Biography* (“Arthur F. Burns”), and the *Encyclopedia of American Lives* (“William McChesney Martin”).

I have also reviewed manuscripts for the Columbia University Press, Holt, Rinehart & Winston, the University of Kentucky Press, the Northern Illinois University Press, the *Journal of American History*, the *Business History Review*, *Technology and Culture*, *The Journal of Economic History*, and TCI (Teachers’ Curriculum Institute).

Fiction:

The China Hand (Kindle, 2016).

Twice Orphaned (Kindle, 2023).

Teaching:

Classes Taught:

Survey Courses: “The United States to 1865,” “The United States since 1865.”

Upper Level Courses: “The United States since 1953,” “The History of American Business,” “The American South to 1865,” “The American South since 1865,” “The World Since 1945,” and “The History of Money.”

Seminars: “The History of American Business,” “The Cold War,” “The Progressive Movement.”

Certification & Training:

I have completed Auburn Montgomery's training programs for teaching on line and writing-intensive courses, and I have developed and taught such classes.

Honors and Awards:

2002. Newcomen Award for best article in *Business History Review* in 2000 ("Certificates & Computers").

2001-2002. Fulbright Scholar, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong.

2000-2003. Distinguished Research Professor, Auburn University Montgomery.

1996-97. Newcomen Fellowship in Business History, Harvard Business School.

1990-91, 1986-88. Pogue Fellowship, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

I have also received research grants from the Auburn Montgomery Grant-in-Aid program (3 times), the Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library, the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library, the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library, the American Heritage Center at the University of Wyoming, the Hagley Museum & Library in Wilmington, Delaware, and the Institute for Humane Studies.

Professional Activities:

State Coordinator, Alabama History Day, 2012-2014.

Member, Book Review Board, *Business History Review*, 1999-2007.

Member, Business History Conference, 2008-.

Auburn University Montgomery.

Member, Research Council, 2016-

Chair, Calendar Committee, 2010-15.

Member, Graduate Council, 1999-2011.

Community Activities

Member, Vestry (Board), St. John's Episcopal Church, Montgomery Alabama, 2021-24.

Sunday School teacher, St. John's Episcopal Church, Montgomery Alabama.

4th & 5th grades, 2009-2016; Confirmation Class, 2016-;

Member, Board of Directors, Alabama Humanities Foundation (Alabama arm of the NEH), 2010-2015.

Personal Information

Married, Barbara Gilbert Wells (2001-)

Children:

Charles (Chase) Wells (b. 2003)

Wyatt Wells (b. 2005)
Robert Wells (b. 2006)

References:

Michael Burger. Professor of History, former Dean of Arts & Sciences, Auburn University Montgomery.

Peter Coclanis. Professor of History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Michael Fitzsimmons. Professor of History, emeritus, Auburn University Montgomery.\

O. Arne Westad, Elihu Professor of History and Global Affairs, Yale University