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#### EDUCATION:

- \*Vanderbilt University, 1969-71, History
- \*Virginia Commonwealth University, 1974-76, B.A., History
- \*University of Pennsylvania, 1976-82, M.A., Ph.D., History

### **EMPLOYMENT:**

1982-1994: Department of History, Georgetown University 1994-present: Department of History, University of Pittsburgh

## THEATRE:

The Return of Benjamin Lay (stage play), co-author with Naomi Wallace, 2023-2025.

- -Workshops: London (director: Raz Shaw), New York (director: Mark Brokaw), and Paris (director: René Loyon).
- -World Premiere (Ron Daniels, director; Mark Povinelli, actor), Finborough Theater, London, June 13-July 8, 2023.
- -Winner of the London Pub Theatres Award for best play of 2023.
- -Staged by Quantum Theatre (Pittsburgh), the Sheen Center for Thought and Culture (New York), and Quintessence Theatre (Philadelphia) in 2025.

## **DOCUMENTARY FILMS:**

Producer of Ghosts of Amistad: In the Footsteps of the Rebels, directed by Tony Buba, 2014.

- -Winner of American Historical Association's John E. O'Connor Film Award.
- -Official selection of ten film festivals.

Producer of *Remembering Benjamin Lay*, about the making of *The Return of Benjamin Lay*, directed by Tony Buba, forthcoming 2026.

# BOOKS:

- \*Freedom Ship: The Uncharted History of Escaping Slavery by Sea (Viking-Penguin, 2025). Translations (3): German, Italian, Spanish. Audiobook: Viking-Penguin.
- \*The Black Schooner: Rebellion on the AmistadA Graphic Novel, forthcoming from Beacon Press, June 2026, with David Lester and Paul Buhle.
- \*Fearless Benjamin: The Quaker Dwarf who Fought Slavery, children's book forthcoming from PM Press, October 2025; co-author with Michelle Markel and artist Sarah Bachman.
- \*Revolution by Fire: New York's Afro-Irish Uprising of 1741, A Graphic Novel (Beacon Press, 2024, with David Lester and Paul Buhle. Translations (1): Thai.
- \*The Return of Benjamin Lay (Faber and Faber, 2023; Broadway Plays Publishing, 2025). Co-author with Naomi Wallace. Translations (1): Thai.

- \*Under the Banner of King Death: Pirates of the Atlantic, A Graphic Novel (Beacon Press, 2023), with David Lester and Paul Buhle. Translations (6): Catalan, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Thai.
- \*Prophet against Slavery: Benjamin Lay, a Graphic Novel (Beacon Press, 2021), with David Lester and Paul Buhle. Translations (5); Catalan, Italian, Korean, Spanish, Thai.
- \*The Fearless Benjamin Lay: The Quaker Dwarf who became the First Revolutionary Abolitionist (Beacon Press, 2017). Translations (4): French, Italian, Korean, Spanish. Audiobook: Brilliance Audio.
- \*Outlaws of the Atlantic: Sailors, Pirates, and Motley Crews in the Age of Sail (Beacon Press, 2014). Translations (5): Chinese, French, German, Korean, Spanish.
- \*The Amistad Rebellion: An Atlantic Odyssey of Slavery and Freedom (Viking-Penguin, 2012). Translations (4): French, Italian, Spanish, Swedish. Audiobook: Recorded Books.
  - -Winner of the Homer D. Babbidge, Jr., Book Award, Association for the Study of Connecticut History (2013).
- \*The Slave Ship: A Human History (Viking-Penguin, 2007). Translations (14): Chinese, Dutch, French, Italian, German, Hebrew, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese (Brazil), Portuguese (Portugal), Russian, Spanish, Swedish, and Turkish. Audiobook: Viking-Penguin. Film option: CTB Inc.
  - -Winner of the George Washington Book Prize, Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, C.V. Starr Center at Washington College, and Mount Vernon (2008).
  - -Winner of the Merle Curti Award, Organization of American Historians (2008).
  - -Winner of the James A. Rawley Prize, American Historical Association (2008).
- \*Villains of All Nations: Atlantic Pirates in the Golden Age (Beacon Press, 2004).
- Translations (10): Chinese, French, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish. Audiobook: Beacon Press. Film option: Lions Gate Entertainment.
- Swedish, Turkish. Audiobook: Beacon Press. Film option: Lions Gate Entertainment.
- \*The Many-Headed Hydra: Sailors, Slaves, Commoners, and The Hidden History of the Revolutionary Atlantic (Beacon Press, 2000), with Peter Linebaugh. Translations (11): Arabic, Catalan, French, German, Greek, Japanese, Italian, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, and Spanish.
  - -Winner of the International Labor History Book Prize, International Labor History Association (2001).
- \*Who Built America? Working People and the Nation's Economy, Politics, Culture, and Society, Volume 1: From Conquest and Colonization through Reconstruction and the Great Uprising of 1877 (Pantheon Books, 1989; republished 2008, St. Martin's/Bedford.) Contributing author with Herbert G. Gutman and others.
- \*Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea: Merchant Seamen, Pirates, and the Anglo-American Maritime World, 1700-1750 (Cambridge University Press, 1987). Translations (8): Chinese, French, Greek, Italian, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish, Turkish.
  - -Co-winner of the Merle Curti Award, Organization of American Historians (1988).
  - -Winner of the John Hope Franklin Prize, American Studies Association (1988).
- \*Many Middle Passages: Forced Migration and the Making of the Modern World, edited with Cassandra Pybus and Emma Christopher (University of California Press, 2007).
- \*Mutiny and Maritime Radicalism in the Age of Revolution: A Global Survey, ed. with Niklas Frykman, Clare Anderson, Lex Heerma Van Voss (Cambridge University Press, 2013).
- \*A Global History of Runaways: Workers, Mobility, and Capitalism, 1600-1850, edited with Titas Chakraborty and Matthias van Rossum (University of California Press, 2019).