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Education

1966: B.A., American History Honors Program, University of California at Berkeley.
1970: M.A., European History, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, Woodrow
Fellowship Program. Special areas of research: U.S. Family History;
Comparative Family History.

Academic Employment

1975 - Present: Member of the Faculty (History and Family Studies),
The Evergreen State College, Olympia, WA
1999 - 2000: Associate Professor of History, University of Hawaii, Hilo.
1994 - January-May: Visiting Associate Professor of Sociology, University of
Hawaii at Hilo
1992 - January-May: Exchange Professor, University of Hawaii at Hilo, Social
Sciences Division
1988 (summer): The National Faculty Summer Institute for Teachers,
The Evergreen State College, Olympia, WA
1986: Exchange Professor, Kobe University of Commerce, Kobe, Japan
1976: Visiting Faculty, University of Washington Women's Studies
Department

Awards, Honors, Fellowships, and Special Appointments

May, 2004 - Council on Contemporary Families "Visionary Leadership" award, New
York City.
May 2004 - present: Director of Research and Public Education, Council on
Contemporary Families.
April 2001 - May 2004: Co-Chair, Council on Contemporary Families.
Oct., 2002-Oct., 2004: Panelist and presenter at Difficult Dialogues Program,
Institute for Research on Women and Gender, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA.
April 4-6, 1999: Visiting Fellow, Kahn Institute, Smith College, Northampton, MA
November 18-19, 1998: Thomas P. Johnson Distinguished Visiting Scholar, Rollins
College, Winter Park, Florida.
Editorial Board, The Journal of Family History.
Editorial Board, Frontiers: A Journal of Women's Studies.
April 2002: Illinois Council on Family Relations, Friend of the Family Award.
October 15, 1995: The Dale Richmond Award for "outstanding contributions to the
well-being of children," American Academy of Pediatrics.
1995 - 1998: Historical Consultant to "American Families," Paradise Productions,
NYC, NY.
February 1994 - Present: National Scholar, The National Faculty.
June 1993 - December 1993: Chair, Provost Search Committee, The Evergreen State
College.
July 23, 1992: Testified on "Historical Perspectives on Government and
Families," before the House Select Committee on Children, Youth, and
Families," U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.
1992 - 1996: Family Circle Family Index Advisory Board.

Fall 1989: The Evergreen State College nominee to National Council for Advancement and Support of Education, Professor of the Year program.
May 19, 1989: Governor's Writers Award for 1988 presented for The Social Origins of Private Life.
1989 - 1991 Historical consultant to "American Women," National PBS Pilot Project, Sagebrush Productions, Seattle, WA.
April 1989 - April 1991: "Inquiring Mind" Lecture Series speaker, Washington Commission for the Humanities.
Fall/winter 1988-89: Research sabbatical, The Evergreen State College.
Fall 1986: Sponsored-leave award, The Evergreen State College.
Fall/winter 1979-1980: Research sabbatical, The Evergreen State College.
1968 - 1969: Woodrow Wilson Fellow, University of Washington.

Selected Recent Publications

The Way We Never Were: American Families and the Nostalgia Trap (Basic Books, 1992; new edition with new introduction, 2000). Published also in Japanese by Chikumu Shobou, 1997.

American Families: A Multicultural Reader (edited by Stephanie Coontz, with Maya Parson and Gabrielle Raley, Routledge, 1999).

The Way We Really Are: Coming to Terms with America's Changing Families (Basic Books, 1997).

The Social Origins of Private Life: A History of American Families, (Verso, 1988). Translated into German as Die Entstehung Des Privaten (Westfalishes Dumpfboot).

Women's Work, Men's Property: On the Origins of Gender and Class, (with Peta Henderson, Verso, 1986) Translated into French as Travail des Femmes, Pouvoir des Hommes: Aux Origines de l'Oppression des Femmes (la Breche, 1986).

"The Historical Transformation of Marriage," *Journal of Marriage and Family*, forthcoming November 2004.

"History of Marriage," *Family Therapy Magazine*, 3 (2004).

"Diversity and Communication Values in Families," *Journal of Family Communication*, 3 (2003).

"Historical Perspectives on Family Studies," *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 62 (May 2000).

"Marriage, Then and Now", *National Forum*, 80 (Summer 2000).

"Parenthood in History" in Jack Westman, ed., Parenthood in America: Undervalued, Underpaid, Under Siege (University of Wisconsin Press, 2001)
Review of Lendol G. Calder, Financing the American Dream in American Historical Review, June 2000.

"Historical Perspectives on Family Diversity" in David Demo, Katherine Allen, and Mark Fine, eds., Handbook of Family Diversity (NY: Oxford Univ. Press, 2000).

"A Mother of a Year," in Camille Peri and Kate Moses, eds., Mothers Who Think (NY: Washington Square Press [Simon and Schuster], 1999).

"Golden Oldies: Barbie in the 1950s" in Yona Zeldis McDonough, ed., The Barbie Chronicles: A Living Doll Turns 40 (Touchstone, 1999).

Review of Sex Seen: The Emergence of Modern Sexuality in America, Pacific Historical Review, February 1999.

Contributor to "Symposium: What Are the Most Pressing Issues Today in Relations Between Men and Women?," The Chronicle of Higher Education, October 2, 1998.

"Debate: Are Single-Parent Families a Major Cause of Social Dysfunction? Patrick Fagin vs. Stephanie Coontz," Insight on the News, V.13, Dec. 8, 1997.

With Maya Parson, "Complicating the Contested Terrain of Work/Family Intersection," Review Essay, Signs, Vol. 22, 1997.

"Where Are The Good Old Days?" Modern Maturity, May-June 1996.

"The Way We Weren't," National Forum Summer 1995.

"The American Family and the Nostalgia Trap," Kappan Special Report, Phi Delta Kappan, March 1995.

"Family History and Theory" in Fraad, Resnick, and Wolff, eds, Bringing it all Back Home: Class, Gender and Power in the Household Today (Pluto Press/Westview 1994).

"Menaces to Society?" Vogue, December 1994.

Review article on Jeanne Boydston, Home and Work, and trends in US social history, International Review of Social History 38 (August 1993).

Review of Carolyn Johnston, Sexual Power: Feminism and the Family in America in the Journal of American History, March 1994.

Review of Merrill Smith, Breaking the Bonds: Marital Discord in Pennsylvania, 1730-1830 in American Historical Review, October 1993.

"Take Two," Elle, March 1993.

"Let Scholars Bring Realism to the Debates on Family Values," The Chronicle of Higher Education, October 21, 1992.

"Fantasy Families," Seattle Weekly, October 7, 1992.

"A Nation of Welfare Families," Harper's, October 1992 (Reprinted with a new article entitled "Stephanie Coontz on Writing" in The Bedford Reader, Fifth Edition, Boston: St. Martin's Press, 1994).

Selected Newspaper Op. Eds and Columns: "What Will Last in Families," Washington Post, January 4, 2004; "Not Much Sense in Those Census Stories," Washington Post, July 15, 2001; "Marriage Can't be the Only Accepted Commitment," Newsday, May 27, 2001; "When the Marriage Penalty is Marriage," (with Donna Franklin), The New York Times, October 28, 1997; "In Search of Men Who Are in Search of Commitment," [on the Promise Keepers], Washington Post, September 7, 1997; "Families in Flux," Seattle Post-Intelligencer, June 22, 1997; "Having a Father at Home," (with Judith Stacey), The Boston Sunday Globe, June 15, 1997; "Bad Advice for Working Mothers," Chicago Tribune, June 13, 1997; "Building a Strong Bridge for Families," Seattle Times, January 29, 1997; "The Welfare Debate We Really Need," Christian Science Monitor, December 29, 1994; "Dan Quayle is Still Wrong," Washington Post, May 9, 1993; "Mothers in Arms," The New York Times, May 10, 1992; "Leaving It To The Beaver," Philadelphia Inquirer, October 1, 1992; "Single Parents," Baltimore Evening Sun, October 9, 1992; "Black Family Wrapped in Myth," The Houston Post, March 11, 1990; "Black Family Trends," The Atlanta Journal and Constitution, March 22, 1990; "Holding Black Families Together," Seattle Post-Intelligencer, March 25, 1990; "Myth of

Our Self-Reliant Parents," The Evening Sun, August 15, 1990; "Middle-Class Suburbs Are Product of Massive Government Aid," Hartford Courant, August 26, 1990; "Pro-Family But Divorced From the Facts," The Wall Street Journal, August 9, 1989; "Stridency Won Rights for Women Suffragists," Chicago Tribune, October 17, 1989.

Selected Television Appearances: The Oprah Winfrey Show, The Leeza Show, CNN Talk Back Live, Crossfire, MSNBC with Brian Williams, Fox on the Family, The Gayle King Show, CBS This Morning, ABC & NBC Nightly News. Coontz has also appeared on several national radio shows and television documentaries, including a Walter Cronkite special and a Barbara Walters special.

Selected Papers, Lectures and Research Activities Since 2000:

May 13, 2004: "Building a Firm Foundation for America's Youth and Communities," American Institute of Architects Annual Conference, Portland, OR.

March 27, 2004: Keynote speaker, Purdue University Center for Families, Tenth Anniversary Gala, Lafayette, IN.

Nov. 22, 2003: Plenary Panel, "The Future of Marriage," National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference, Vancouver, BC, Canada.

Sept. 29, 2003: Trend Spotters Panel, Working Mother Work Life Congress, Sheridan New York Hotel, New York.

April 1, 2003: "Things You Need to Know: International Family Trends," Citigroup Private Bank Conference, "Family and the Quest for Meaning in Uncertain Times," Scottsdale, AZ.

March 19, 2003: "Ozzie and Harriet Don't Live Here Any More: the Historical Transformation of Gender and Family in America," Grand Valley State University, Allentown, PA.

Nov. 22-28: Five-city speaking tour at Japanese universities and government women's councils, organized by Takai Gender Research Institute, Nagoya, Japan and Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan.

Oct. 24, 2002: "Families: Myths, Metaphors, and Realities," University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA.

Oct. 15, 2002: "'Normal' Families in Theory and in Practice," Cooperative Extension Education Conference, Pullman, WA.

Sept. 19, 2002: "A Briefing on U.S. Families," Better Homes and Garden Editorial Offices, Meredith Corporation, Des Moines, Iowa.

June 1-12, 2001: Speaking tour of seven German cities and meetings with judges and legislatures, sponsored by U.S. Information Agency.

April 11, 2001: Children and Today's Family Diversity," Chapman University and Counseling Center, Tucson, AZ.

March 22, 2001: "Work-Life Issues for the New Century," Austin Area Employers Collaborative, University of Texas, Austin, TX.

February 28, 2001: "The Limits of Communitarian Family Policy," Communitarian International Conference, Washington, DC.

November 15-18, 2001: Visiting Faculty, Kahn Institute, Smith College, Northampton, MA.

Nov. 10, 2000: Opening Plenary Address, NCFR National Conference, "Visions for Families", Minneapolis Hilton and Tavers Hotel, MN.

August 24, 2000: "Changing American Families - Myths and Realities," Department of Defense, Family Readiness Conference, Hilton Pointe, Phoenix, AZ.

June 21, 2000: "Inventing Today's Families: An Historical View of the Challenge", Distinguished Guest Lecture, American Family Therapy Academy, San Diego, CA.

June 18, 2000: "Work-Life Issues for the New Century," Keynote Address, UAW Family-Life Conference, Walter Reuther Education Center, MI.