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Michael H. Ebner retired in 2007 after thirty-three years of teaching American history at Lake Forest College as the James D. Vail III Professor. He served four non-consecutive terms as chair of the department of history and also served on search committees for department chairs in biology, chemistry, and economics. Professor Ebner is the author of *Creating Chicago's North Shore, A Suburban History* (University of Chicago Press, 1988) and is now completing a book entitled *Extremely Suburban America: Narratives from the Dual Metropolis*. He has received awards, recognizing him as teacher and mentor, from the American Historical Association, the *Chicago Tribune*, The City College of New York, and Lake Forest College. Since 1995 he has served as an external reviewer for Carleton College, DePauw University, Elon College, Hamline University, and the office of the Executive Director of The Organization of American Historians.

**PERSONAL**

Born: April 22, 1942  
Paterson, New Jersey

Residence: 666 Greenview Place, Lake Forest, IL 60045

**EDUCATION**

1964: B.A. University of Toledo (History)  
1966: M.A. University of Virginia (American History)  
1974: Ph.D. University of Virginia (American History)

**Dissertation:** "Passaic, New Jersey, 1855-1912: City Building in Post-Civil War America"

**TEACHING FIELDS**

American History Survey I & II  
American Urban History  
American Social History  
History of Sport  
Theory & Methods

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS** (all in departments of history)

1967-1968: University of Virginia, Graduate Instructor  
1969-1972: Herbert H. Lehman College, C.U.N.Y., Lecturer

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1972-1974: The City College, C.U.N.Y., Lecturer  
1974- : Lake Forest College

Assistant Professor (1974-80)  
Associate Professor (1980-87)  
Department Chair (1984-89, 1998-2004)  
Professor (1987-94)  
A.B. Dick Professor (1994-2005)  
James D. Vail III Professor (2005-2007)  
James D. Vail III Professor Emeritus (2007 +)  
Senior Advisor on Public Affairs (2007-2010)

1990 : University of Chicago Visiting Professor (spring quarter)

**PUBLICATIONS**

**BOOK**

*Creating Chicago's North Shore, A Suburban History* (University of Chicago Press, 1988).

Award of Superior Achievement, Illinois State Historical Society (April 29, 1989); Matson Memorial Award for Non-Fiction, [Chicago] Friends of Literature (May 6, 1989); Certificate of Commendation, American Association for State and Local History (1990); designated as an Outstanding Academic Book for 1988 by *Choice*.

**EDITED COLLECTION**

(with Eugene M. Tobin) *The Age of Urban Reform: New Perspectives on the Progressive Era* (Interdisciplinary Urban Studies Series), Kennikat Press, 1977.

**SERIES EDITOR**

"Classics in Urban History" [a paperback reprint series, University of California Press, launched in 1993, that has published 5 volumes to date]

**ARTICLES IN SCHOLARLY JOURNALS**

"The Passaic Textile Strike of 1912 and The Two I.W.W.'s," *Labor History*, 11:4 (Fall, 1970), 452-466. [Reprinted in a 25th Anniversary Collection of articles from *Labor History* in *Labor History Reader*, Daniel Leab, (Ed.) University of Illinois Press, 1985.]

"The Future of River City: Passaic, New Jersey's Contemporary Political History," *Urbanism Past and Present*, No. 3 (Winter, 1976-1977), 16-20.

"Strikes & Society: Civil Behavior in Passaic, 1875-1926," *New Jersey History*, 97:1 (May, 1979), 7-24.

"Urban History: Retrospect and Prospect," *Journal of American History*, 68:1 (June, 1981), 69-84.

"In the Suburbs of Toun': Chicago's North Shore to 1871," *Chicago History*, 11:2, (Summer, 1982), 66-77.

"The Result of Honest Hard Work: Creating a Suburban Ethos for Evanston," *Chicago History*, 13:2 (Summer, 1984), 48-65. [Reprinted in Rosemary K. Adams (Ed.), *A Wild Kind of Boldness: A Chicago History Reader* (Wm.B. Erdmann Publisher, 1998), 176-189]

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"Re-reading Suburban America: Urban Population Deconcentration, 1810-1980," *American Quarterly*, 37:3 (Bibliography 1985), 366-81. [Reprinted in Howard Gillette, Jr. & Zane Miller, (eds.), *American Urbanism: A Historiographical Review* (Greenwood Press, 1987).]

"Henry Demarest Lloyd's Winnetka," *Chicago History*, 15:3 (Fall, 1986), 20-29.

"North Shore: Patron of Ravinia Park," *Chicago History* 16:2 (Summer, 1987), 48-63.

"Technoburb," *Inland Architect*, 37:1 (January-February, 1993), 54-59.

"Experiencing Megalopolis in Princeton," *Journal of Urban History*, 19:2 (February, 1993), 11-55. [Reprinted in *Princeton History*, #12 (1994), 19-43.

**ARTICLES IN SCHOLARLY JOURNALS (continued)**

(with Stuart M. Blumin, Lynn Hollen Lees, Bruce M. Stave, and Samuel P. Hays) "Samuel P. Hays and the Social Analysis of the City: A Symposium," *Journal of Urban History*, 19:3 (August, 1993), 85-109.

"Prospects for the Dual Metropolis in the USA," *Planning History. Bulletin of the International Planning History Society* (U.K.), 15:3 (1993), 13-21. [excerpted on Op-Ed Page, *Chicago Tribune*, December 6, 1993]

(with Brooke Ebner) "Harold Moser's Naperville," *Illinois History Teacher*, 7:1 (1999), 37-47.

"Nurturing Romance between *Then* and *Now* in American Cities," *Common-Place, The Interactive Journal of Early American Life*, 3:4 (July, 2003). (published by the American Antiquarian Society and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History). <http://www.common-place.org/vol-03/no-04/school/>

(with Rachel G. Ragland), "Increasing Teacher Efficacy in High-Need High Schools: Lessons from American History Teachers," *Journal of Success*, 2:3 (December, 2006). <http://www.successinhighneedschools.org/journal/issue/current>

"Narratives of Town and Gown: Lake Forest as Cultural Landscape," *Chicago History*, 35:1-2 (Summer, 2007), 4-29.

**CHAPTERS CONTRIBUTED TO EDITED COLLECTIONS**

"The Historian's Passaic, 1855-1912: A Research Model for New Jersey's Urban Past," in *New Jersey Since 1860, New Findings and Interpretations*, (Ed.) William C. Wright. New Jersey Historical Commission, 1972, 10-35.

"Socialism and Progressive Political Reform: The 1911 Change of Government in Passaic," in *Socialism and the Cities*, (Ed.) Bruce M. Stave (Interdisciplinary Urban Studies Series), Kennikat Press, 1975, 116-140.

"Redefining the Success Ethic for Urban Reform Mayors: Fred R. Low of Passaic, 1908-1909," in *The Age of Urban Reform: New Perspectives on the Progressive Era*, (Eds.) Michael H. Ebner & Eugene M. Tobin (Interdisciplinary Urban Studies Series), Kennikat Press, 1977, 81-101.

"The Late Nineteenth-Century Suburb: Creating a Suburban Ethos for Chicago's North Shore, 1855-1900," in Daniel Schaffer, (Ed.) *Two Centuries of American Planning* [Studies in History, Planning, and the Environment, Eds., Gordon E. Cherry & Anthony Sutcliffe]. London: Mansell Publishing Ltd., 1988, 61-86. [American edition issued by Johns Hopkins University Press]

(with Kathleen Neils Conzen), "Modern Urban History in the United States," in Christian Englei & Horst Matzerath, (Eds.) *Modern Urban History in Europe, USA and Japan: A Handbook*. Stuttgart: German Institut fur Urbanistik, 1989, 197-218. (The English translation published by Berg Publishers Ltd. and distributed in US and

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Canada by St. Martin's Press.)

"Suburbanization," in Neil Larry Shumsky (Ed.), *American Cities and Suburbs: An Encyclopedia*, 2 vols. (Santa Bararba: ABC-Clio Publishers, 1998), 2: 1117-1121.

"City and Suburbs: The Dual Metropolis," [interpretive essay] in James R. Grossman, Ann Durkin Keating, and Janice Reiff (Eds.), *The Encyclopedia of Chicago* (University of Chicago Press, 2004), 798-802.

Brief entries (5) on Chicago Historical Society (136), Lake Bluff, IL (452-53), Lake County, IL (453-54), Lake Forest, IL (455-56), and Ravinia (679) in in James R. Grossman, Ann Durkin Keating, and Janice Reiff (Eds.), *The Encyclopedia of Chicago* (University of Chicago Press, 2004).

"Imagining Chicago as a Geographically Extended Classroom," in Barbara Burgess (Ed.), *For as Long as We Read: Essays in Honor of Ivan Dee* (Chicago: The Festschrift for Ivan Dee, 2005), 61-72.

**CHAPTERS CONTRIBUTED TO EDITED COLLECTIONS (continued)**

"The Megapolitan Transformation: Princeton, The 'Brains Town'" in Maxine N. Lurie & Peter Wacker (Eds.), *Mapping New Jersey: An Evolving Landscape* (New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, forthcoming in 2008).

"Suburbs and Cities in the Dual Metropolis in Ann Durkin Keating (Ed), *Chicago Neighborhoods and Suburbs: A Historical Guide* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, forthcoming in 2008).

**REVIEW ESSAYS**

"'I Never Died': The Case of Joe Hill v. The Historians," *Labor History*, 12:1 (Winter, 1971), 139-43.

"'Winning...It's The Only Thing': F.D.R. versus Boston," *Reviews in American History*, 6:1 (March, 1978), 123-25.

"Urban Government in America, 1776-1876," *Journal of Urban History*, 5:4 (August, 1979), 511-20.

"City Scholar," *Reviews in American History*, 8:1 (March, 1980), 34-40.

"Suburban Biography as Urban History," *Reviews in American History*, September, 1983), 442-46.

"The Comparative Tradition in American Urban History," *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, 17:3 (Winter, 1987), 639-43.

"Martha's Vineyard and the Vacation Tradition," *Reviews in American History*, 16:2 (June, 1988), 251-54.

"Suburban Landscapes and the Political Economy," *Reviews in American History*, 17:3 (September, 1989), 412-16.

"Anthropology in a University Village," *Virginia Quarterly Review* 66:2 (Spring, 1990), 348-55.

"Jersey Story: Encyclopedias and Historical Imagination," *Reviews in American History*, 33:3 (September, 2005), 455-63.

**POPULAR ARTICLES**

"A Little Night Music" [Ravinia Park's First Season], *Chicago*, 33:6 (June, 1984), 118-22. [Reprinted in *First & Finest* (Shore Line Interurban Historical Society), 2:2 (Summer, 1985), 19-21.]

"The Cubs and Jewish History," Op-Ed Page, *Chicago Tribune*, October 3, 1984.

"The Job is More than a Classroom," Op-Ed Page, *Chicago Tribune*, March 31, 1989 [reprinted in *Newsletter of The American Council of Learned Societies*, 2:2 (Summer, 1989), 8].

"WFMT's Glory is Fading Fast," Op-Ed Page, *Chicago Sun-Times*, August 8, 1990.

**POPULAR ARTICLES (continued)**

"Scourge of the Dual Metropolis," Op-Ed Page, *Chicago Tribune*, December 6, 1993.

"My History Teacher is With Me Every Day," *History Matters!*, 10:8 (April, 1998), 1+.

"Bringing Democracy to Television" [interview with C-SPAN's Brian Lamb], *OAH Newsletter*, 27(August, 1999), 1+ <<http://www.indiana.edu/~oah/nl/99aug/lamb.html>>

"Connections: Rethinking our Audience," [preview of the annual meeting of the Organization of American Historians, April 26-29, 2001], *OAH Newsletter*, 28:4 (November, 2000), 1+.

(with Rachel G. Ragland and Dawn Abt-Perkins) "Teaching American History: A Report from the Lake County, IL," *OAH Newsletter*, 31:1 (February 2003), 5-6.

"Applying for a Teaching American History Grant: An Unofficial Guide," *Perspectives, The Newsmagazine of the American Historical Association*, 41:6 (November, 2003), 28-34.

**BOOK REVIEWS**

*American Historical Review* (4), *American Jewish Historical Quarterly*(2), *American Quarterly*(3), *American Studies* (3), *Chicago Tribune* (2), *City & Community*, *Illinois Historical Journal*, *Journal of American History* (8), *Journal of the American Planning Association*, *Journal of the Early Republic* (2), *Journal of Economic History*(2), *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society*, *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*(4), *Journal of Social History*, *Labor History*(2), *Journal of Southern History*, *Mid-America*, *New Jersey History* (2), *New York History*, *Newsletter of the New Jersey Historical Commission*, *Oral History Review*, *Pacific Historical Review*, *Pennsylvania History*, *Philadelphia Inquirer*(2), *Planning Perspectives*, and *Urban History Review*

**LECTURES & PAPERS**

Adlai E. Stevenson High School, Lincolnshire, IL (2005), American Association for State and Local History (1987); American

Association of Museums (1990); American Historical Association (1984,1991, & 1999); Australian National University (1998); Business History Conference (1998); Chicago Architectural Foundation (2001); Chicago Historical Society's Urban History Seminar (1985);University of Cincinnati Seminar On the City (1997); Columbia University Seminar on the City (1975, 1986, 1991, and 1998); Columbia University Summer Training Program for College Teachers (1972); DuPage County Historical Society (1999);DePaul University Center for Economic Education (1989); Florida Atlantic University (1995); Franklin & Marshall College (1998); George Washington University (1991); Gettysburg College (1998); Governor's State University (1984); Great Lakes Regional History Conference (1975); Hagley Museum and Library (1994); Hobart & William Smith Colleges (1995); Illinois History Symposium (1987); University of Iowa (1992); Kutztown State College (1975); Loyola University of Chicago (1992); James Madison College of Michigan State University (1978); Lawrence University (1979); New Jersey Historical Commission (1971); New Jersey Historical Society (1970); Northwestern University (1985); New Trier Township High School (1985); North Central College (1992); Organization of American Historians (1976 & 1994); Oxford Polytechnic Institute, U.K. (1991); Princeton University (1992); Roosevelt University (1994); Ruskin Memorial Lecture, University of Maryland at Baltimore (1988); Social Science History (1992); Society of American Archivists (1979); St. Louis Urban and Local History Seminar (1990); U.C.L.A. (1995); University of Illinois at Chicago (1982 & 1999); University of New South Wales (1998); University of Virginia (1988); Virginia Commonwealth University (1976 and 1993); and William Paterson College of New Jersey (1979 & 2005).

#### **PANELIST AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS AND SCHOLARLY CONFERENCES**

American Historical Association (1977, 1986, 1997, 2000, and 2003); American Jewish Historical Society (1974); Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (1986); Berkshire Conference on the History of Women (1976); Chicago Architecture Foundation (symposium on legacy of Jane Jacobs, 2007); Lowell Conference on Industrial History (1983; 1984); Hofstra University conference on suburban history (2001); Missouri Valley Historical Conference (1975); Marquette University (1996); National Council on Public History (1981, 1982); Oral History Association (1995); Organization of American Historians (1981, 1982, 1985, 1987, 1989, 1990, 1992, 1998, 1999, 2002, and 2004); Social Science History Association (1977, 1986, 1988, and 1998); Society for American City and Regional Planning History (1993); Southern Historical Association (1986); University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa (1983); University of Guelph, Ontario (1982); and Urban History Association (2002 and 2004).

#### **PUBLIC AND INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS (selected)**

PRINCIPAL AUTHOR: grant proposal funded by the New Jersey Committee on the Humanities for "Fiftieth Anniversary Symposium on the Passaic Textile Strike of 1926, "William Paterson College of New Jersey, October 14, 1976 (Michael H. Ebner, "The Fiftieth Anniversary Symposium...", *International Labor and Working Class History*, No 11, Winter, 1977,9f).

PRINCIPAL AUTHOR: grant proposal funded by the New Jersey Committee on the Humanities for "A Public History Experiment: A Field Experience in Passaic, New Jersey," Organization of American Historians, New York City, April 14, 1978 (*Urbanism Past & Present* Winter, 1978-79, 42f).

CONSULTANT: Project development grant to Elmhurst Historical Museum from the National Endowment for the Humanities to mount a permanent local history exhibition, January-March, 1985. Advised on how to interpret the suburban dimension of the community's history.

CURATOR: "Creating Chicago's North Shore" (public exhibition of 68 historic maps and photographs, Sonnenschein Gallery, Lake Forest College, September 19-November 4, 1988 and November 21, 1988-September 13, 1989 at Public and Interpretive Program Evanston Historical Society; funded by Harris Bank of Glencoe, McMasters' Pharmacy & Photo Shop, NBD Bank of Highland Park, Skokie Federal Savings & Loan Association, and The Winnetka Bank).

CONSULTANT: Naper Settlement, Naperville, IL Heritage Society (supported by a grant from American Association for State & Local History, advised curatorial staff at a living museum about devising a strategy for utilizing its archival resources to

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strengthen its interpretive programs, February 24, 1989).

CONSULTANT: Geneva History Center, Geneva IL (supported by a planning grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, advised curatorial staff on strategies for planning its new facilities scheduled for completion in 2004, June 2003).

2001-04: UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S TEACHING AMERICAN HISTORY INITIATIVE Academic Director for McRAH (A Model Collaboration: Rethinking American History) [grant for \$921,966 to Community Unit School District 60, Waukegan, IL, and Lake Forest College] <<http://www.lfc.edu/mcrah>>

**AWARDS & HONORS**

Phi Alpha Theta National History Honorary, 1963

Outstanding Teaching Contribution Award, The History Society, The City College, CUNY, 1973

Award of Recognition for Contribution to New Jersey History, New Jersey Historical Commission, 1978

Nancy Lyman Roelker Mentorship Award, American Historical Association, 1994

*Chicago Tribune* all-star team of college professors, 1994

Charlotte Simmons Prize for Public Service, Lake Forest College, 1998 and 2007

Trustee Award for Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership, Lake Forest College, 1998

Senior Class Award as the Great Teacher, Lake Forest College, 2000

<<http://www.lfc.edu/news/eventsarchive/commencement00/convo/ebnerspeech.html>>

Bird Award for Campus Intellectual Leadership, Lake Forest College, 2004

**RESEARCH GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS**

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR STATE & LOCAL HISTORY

1983: Research grant

1988-89: Research grant

AMERICAN COUNCIL OF LEARNED SOCIETIES

1994: Grant for Travel to International Meeting (declined)

AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

1983: Albert J. Beveridge Memorial Fund Research Grant

AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

1978: Research grant

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES, DIVISION OF FELLOWSHIPS

1982: Summer Stipend for Research & Writing

1983-1984: Fellowship for College Teachers for Research & Writing

1989: Travel-to-Collections grant

1993: Summer Stipend for Research & Writing

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NEW JERSEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION GRANT-IN-AID PROGRAM

1970: Research grant

1975: Research grant

1989: Research grant

**AFFILIATIONS**

American Historical Association

Illinois State Historical Society

Lake Forest-Lake Bluff Historical Society (life member)

Organization of American Historians

Society of Midland Authors (by invitation)

Urban History Association (charter member)

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS**

**CHAPTER**

Chair, Chapter Committee on Salaries & Benefits, 1976-1977, 1985-86, and 1991-92

Chapter President, 1978-79 & 1997-98

Chapter Secretary-Treasurer, 1977-79 and 1996-97

Chair, Chapter Membership Committee, 1980-81

Chair, Committee on Local Arrangements, Regional A.A.U.P. Conference on Liberal Arts College Faculty Governance, September, 1978

Member, Committee to Study Sexual Harassment Policy, 1984-1985

Chair, Committee on Institutional Support for Faculty Research, 1986-87

Chair, Committee on TIAA Benefits, 1992-93

**NATIONAL**

Member of Fact-Finding Panel, Alverno College, Milwaukee, appointed by General Secretary, June 1979

Participant in invitational conference on faculty governance sponsored by Carnegie Foundation, Wingspread, Racine, Wisconsin, October 1981

Keynote Speaker, Symposium on Small College Chapters, Ann Arbor, MI, 1983

Member, Committee on Resolutions for 1984 Annual Meeting

Member, Committee R, 1984-87 [government relations]

Member, Committee H, 1985-94 [history]

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Co-founder & co-chair, Urban History Seminar of The Chicago History Museum 1983-  
Search committee, Director of Family & Community History Center, The Newberry Library, 1988-89  
J. Franklin Jameson Fellowship Committee, American Historical Association, 1988-91 (Chair, 1989-91)  
Academic Review Committee, Fry Guest Curator Competition, Chicago History Museum, 1988-90  
Executive Secretary & Treasurer, The Urban History Association, 1989-1999  
Co-chair (with Kathleen Neils Conzen & Russell Lewis), Scholarly Conference ('Modes of Inquiry for American City History') funded by the Research Division of The National Endowment for the Humanities, Helen M. Harrison Foundation, Lucius N. Littauer Foundation, and United Airlines Foundation, co-sponsored by Chicago History Museum and *Journal of Urban History*, October 25-27, 1990  
Chair, OAH Chicago-area Foreign Scholar Sponsor Committee, 1990-92  
Trustee, Chicago History Museum, 1990-2006  
Life Trustee, Chicago History Museum, 2006-  
External Evaluations: Department of History/Carleton College (1995); office of executive director/Organization of American Historians (1997); Department of History/DePauw University (1999); Department of History/Elon College (2000); Department of History/Hamline University (2004).  
Nominating Board of Organization of American Historians (1998-2000)  
Chair, Program Committee for annual meeting of Organization of American Historians in Los Angeles (2001)

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE** (continued)

Distinguished Lecturer program, Organization of American Historians (2001+)  
Board of Directors, Urban History Association (2005-08)  
President, Urban History Association (2009)

**EDITORIAL BOARDS**

*The History Teacher*, 1977-84  
*Reviews in American History*, 1985-1997  
*Journal of Urban History*, since 1986-2003  
*Planning Perspectives* (U.K.), 1990 +  
*Planning History* (U.K.), 1993-2000  
*Encyclopedia of Chicago*, 1994-2004  
Advisory editor for *American History* to Ivan R. Dee, Publisher (1997+ )

**INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE** (Lake Forest College)

Prelaw advisor, 1975-83  
Academic Appeals Board, 1975-78 (chair, 1977-78)  
Search committee, Dean of the Faculty, 1977-78  
Academic Policies Committee, 1978-80 (chair, 1979-80)  
Secretary of the Faculty, 1978-81

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Faculty representative to Academic Affairs Committee of Board of Trustees, 1979-80 and 1996-97  
Library Management Self-Study, 1980-81  
College Council, 1982-83, 1986-89, & 1995-96  
Faculty Parliamentarian, 1982-83 & 2004-05  
Search committee, Johnson Professor of Economics & Business and department chair, 1982-83  
Long-Range Planning Committee on Academic Goals, 1984-1987 (chair, 1986-87)  
Faculty seminar on Asian Studies funded by Hewlett-Mellon Presidential Discretionary Grant, 1986-87 (chair)  
Faculty field study in Japan and The Peoples Republic of China funded by Hewlett Mellon Presidential Discretionary Grant, May-June, 1987 (coordinator)  
Faculty representative to Board of Trustees, 1987-89 & 1993-94  
Search committee, Foster McGaw Professor of Biology and department chair, 1988  
Library Committee, 1990-92 (chair), 1995, 2003-2004 (chair), and 2005-2006  
Faculty Personnel Policy Committee (+ subcommittee on promotion and tenure [chair, 1993-94 & 1996-97], 1992-94, 1996-97, 1998-99, and 2001-02  
Sexual Harassment Hearing Board, 1993-94 & 1995-98  
Search committee, Provost/Dean of Faculty, 1993-94 (chair)

## **INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE (continued)**

Search committee, College Librarian, 1995  
Trustee committee, Budget and Audit, 1995-96  
Strategic Planning Subcommittee on Academic Technology, 1995-96  
Academic Technology Oversight Committee, 1996  
Academic Resources and Review Committee, 1997-98  
Academic Innovations Group, 1997-2000 (covener, 1997-98)  
Grievance Committee, 1997-98 & 1999-2000  
Chemistry department search committee for position of chair, 1998-99 (chair)  
Health Insurance Advisory Committee, 1998-2001  
Faculty representative to Trustee Executive Committee on the Campaign for Lake Forest College, 1999-2000  
Trustee Task force on the Future of Donnelley Library, 1999-2004  
Chicago Working Group, chair, 2001  
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Planning Grant Group, chair, 2002  
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation grant, 2002-2005 (project director)  
Faculty Representative to Trustee Committee on Property and Operations, 2003-2005  
Enrollment Committee, chair, 2004-2005  
ACM Urban Studies Program campus liaison, 2003-2006.  
Sesquicentennial Steering Committee, chair, 2005-2007

## **PUBLIC SERVICE**

**DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

Lake County, Illinois Central Democratic Committee, 1978-94

13th Illinois Congressional District Citizens for Kennedy, Presidential Primary Election of 1980 (chair)

**CONGREGATION SOLEL (Highland Park, IL)**

Search committee, Director of Education 500 youngsters enrolled in after-school education program, 1981-82 (chair)

Rabbinic search committee to engage a rabbi for congregation of 525 families), 1983-84

Celebration marking ten years of rabbinic service, 1994 (chair)

Fortieth Anniversary Celebration (chair), 1997

Fiftieth Anniversary Committee, 2007

Vice-president, 2006-2008

Co-chair, rabbinic search committee, 2008-2009

**CITY OF LAKE FOREST, IL**

Committee on Candidates, 2nd Ward, Lake Forest Caucus, 1982-86 (Ward chair 1983-84)

Building Review Board, 1994-2000 (chair, 1998-2000)

Lake Forest Heritage Museum, steering committee, 1995-96

Historic Preservation Commission (chair, 1998-2000)

Mayor's Task Force on Central Business District, city of Lake Forest, 1999

Committee administering the Lawrence R. Temple Memorial Award for distinguished public service, city of Lake Forest, (chair, 2000-2004)

City Council's Ad Hoc Committee on Street Light (2005)