

John Hennen

Adjunct Instructor at Virginia Tech, 2016-2020

Appalachian History, Appalachian Studies, The Cold War

Emeritus Professor of History, 1996-2016

Department of History, Philosophy, Religion, and Legal Studies
Morehead State University, Morehead, KY (MSU)

MSU Initial rank assignment Assistant Professor of History, August 1996

Tenure, promotion to Associate Professor 2002

Promotion to Professor 2008

Emeritus Professor 2016

Fields of specialization History of Appalachia
Introduction to Appalachian Studies
19th and 20th Century U. S. History
Latin American History
Practicing History (methodology and historiography)
U. S. Labor and Working-Class History
U. S. Surveys/General Education

Education Ph.D. in Modern U. S./Appalachian History
West Virginia University, 1993

MA in U. S. History
Marshall University, 1987

BA in U. S. History
West Virginia University, 1975

Doctoral Dissertation *The Americanization of West Virginia: Creating a Modern Industrial State, 1916-1925* (Ronald L. Lewis, advisor) Published by University Press of Kentucky, 1996

MA Thesis *Caught up in Time: Oral History Narratives of Appalachian Vietnam Veterans* (Robert Sawrey, advisor)

Teaching/experience prior to Morehead State Visiting Instructor of History, University of Kentucky
1995-1996

Director of Faculty Development, Appalachian
College Association, Berea, KY
1994-1995

Visiting Assistant Professor of Labor Studies
West Virginia Institute for Labor Studies
1993-1994

Lecturer in West Virginia History
West Virginia University Department of History
1991-1993

Teaching Assistant
West Virginia University Department of History
1988-1991

Oral historian
West Virginia Humanities Council
Matewan, WV
Summer, 1989

Associate Editor, *West Virginia History*
1986-1987

Graduate Assistant
Marshall University Oral History Program
1984-1986

Publications

Books:

A Union for Appalachian Healthcare Workers: The Radical Roots and Hard Fights of Local 1199. Morgantown, West Virginia University Press, 2021

The Americanization of West Virginia: Creating a Modern Industrial State, 1916-1925.
Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 1996. (1995 Appalachian Studies
manuscript award winner)

West Virginia: Critical Essays in the Literature. Editor, with Ronald L. Lewis. Charleston:
West Virginia Humanities Council, 1993.

West Virginia: Documents in the History of a Rural-Industrial State. Editor, with Ronald
L. Lewis. Dubuque: Kendall-Hunt, 1991 & 1996.

Articles, chapters, entries

"Toil, Trouble, Transformation: Workers and Unions in Modern Kentucky." *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* 113:2&3, Spring, 2015, 233-69.

Introduction to new edition of *Harlan Miners Speak: Report on Terrorism in the Kentucky Coalfields*. Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 2009, orig. publ 1932.

"Building an Empire, One Piece of Coal at a Time." In *Coal Country*. Sierra Club, 2009.

"1199 Comes to Appalachia," in *Class, Culture, and Politics in Modern Appalachia* Morgantown: WVU Press 2008, 224-250.

"Inspiration." An invited contribution to essays in honor of Appalachian Studies scholar/activist Stephen Fisher. *Appalachian Journal* 34:3-4 (Spring/Summer 2007), 447-450.

"Labor," introduction to the labor section of the *Encyclopedia of Appalachia*. Co-author of the introduction and co-editor of the labor section with Dr. Ron Lewis (over forty entries). Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 2006, 551-557.

Encyclopedia of Appalachia entries: West Virginia Democratic Primary 1960; Barnette v. WV Board of Education 1943; Weirton Steel Strike of 1933; Local 1199 in Appalachia; Political Symbolism in Appalachia

West Virginia Encyclopedia entries on governors John Cornwell, Ephraim Morgan, and William Conley, and on labor organizer Van A. Bittner, 2006.

"E. T. Weir, Employee Representation, and the Dimensions of Social Control: Weirton Steel, 1933-1937." *Labor Studies Journal* 26:3 (Fall 2001): 26-53.

"Putting the 'You' in Union: The 1975-1976 Highlands Regional Campaign." *Journal of Appalachian Studies* 5:2 (Fall 1999): 227-240.

"Danie Stewart: An Organizer for Social Justice, 1945-1997." *Mountain Messenger*, the journal of the West Virginia Labor History Association. (June 1998): 8-12.

"The Struggle for Recognition: Marshall University Students for a Democratic Society and the 'Red Scare' in Huntington, West Virginia, 1965-1969. *West Virginia History* 52 (1993): 127-147.

“A Lavish but Well-Directed Hand: Modernization Ideology in Porfirian Mexico and Southern Appalachia, 1876-1913.” *Journal of the Appalachian Studies Association* 4 (1992): 4-13.

“Benign Betrayal: Capitalist Intervention in Pocahontas County, West Virginia, 1890-1910.” *West Virginia History* 50 (1991): 46-62.

Book reviews since promotion to professor

Toni Gilpin, *The Long Deep Grudge: A Story of Big Capital, Radical Labor, and Class War in the American Heartland*. (Haymarket, 2020), *Journal of American History* 108:2, September 2021.

William Schuman and Rebecca Adkins Fletcher, eds., *Appalachia Revisited: New Perspectives on Place, Tradition, and Progress*. (University of Kentucky Press, 2016), *The Journal of East Tennessee History* 89:2017.

James Green, ‘*The Devil is Here in These Hills.*’ *West Virginia’s Coal Miners and Their Battle for Freedom*. (Atlantic Monthly Press, 2015), *Appalachian Journal* 43: 1&2, Fall 2015/Winter 2016.

Alessandro Portelli. *They Say in Harlan County: An Oral History* (Oxford, 2011), *Journal of Appalachian Studies* 20:1, Spring 2014.

Harry Caudill’s *Watches of the Night* revisited. *Appalachian Journal*, 38:1, Summer 2011, 442-447. (Review Essay)

Ronald Garay. *Corporate Paternalism in Appalachia: U. S. Steel and Gary, West Virginia* (University of Tennessee Press, 2011), *Journal of Southern History* 78:3, August 2012.

Jonathan Rees. *Representation and Rebellion: The Rockefeller Plan at the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, 1914-1942*. (University of Colorado, 2010), *the Journal of American History* 97:4, March 2011.

Aeron Haynie and Timothy Miller, *A Memoir of the New Left: The Political Autobiography of Charles A. Haynie* (University of Tennessee, 2009), *West Virginia History* 5:1, Spring 2011.

Book reviews 2008 and 2009

William Kashatus, *Money Pitcher: Chief Bender and the Tragedy of Indian Assimilation* (State College: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2005), *Pennsylvania History* 75:2, Spring 2008

Alex P. Schust, *Gary Hollow: A History of the Largest Coal Mining Operation in the World* (Harwood, MD. Two Mule Publishing, 2005); and Alex P. Schust and David Goad, *Coalwood: A History of the West Virginia Mining Communities of Coalwood, Caretta, and Six* (Harwood, MD. Two Mule Publishing, 2006), *Journal of Southern History*.74:4, November 2008.

Selected Pre-2008 reviews

Robert Shogan, *The Battle of Blair Mountain: The Story of America's Largest Labor Uprising*. Westview Press, 2004. *The Journal of American History* 92:4, March 2006.

John Alexander Williams, *Appalachia: A History*. University of North Carolina Press, 2004. *West Virginia History* 60: 2004-2006.

Robert Michael Smith, *From Blackjacks to Briefcases: A History of Commercialized Strikebreaking and Unionbusting in the United States*. Ohio University Press, 2003. *Journal of Appalachian Studies* 11: Spring/Fall 2005.

John A. Salmond, *The General Textile Strike of 1934: From Maine to Alabama*. University of Missouri Press, 2002. *Georgia Historical Quarterly* 2003.

Robert S. Weise, *Grasping at Independence: Debt, Male Authority and Mineral Rights in Appalachian Kentucky, 1850-1915*. University of Tennessee Press, 2001. A review essay in *Appalachian Journal* 30:1: Fall 2002, 76-79.

James R. Barrett, *William Z. Foster and the Tragedy of American Radicalism* (University of Illinois), 1999, *Labor Studies Journal* 27:2, 2002.

G. C. Waldrep, III, *Southern Workers and the Search for Community: Spartanburg County South Carolina*. University of Illinois Press, 2001. *American Historical Review* 106:4, December 2001.

Craig Phelan, *Grand Master Workman: Terence Powderly and the Knights of Labor*. Greenwood Press, 2000. *Pennsylvania History*. 68:2, Spring 2001.

Ruth O'Brien, *Workers' Paradox: The Republican Origins of New Deal Labor Policy, 1886-1935*. University of North Carolina Press, 1998. *Labor Studies Journal*, 25:4, Winter 2001.

Pete Daniel, *Lost Revolutions: The South in the 1950s*. University of North Carolina Press, 2000. *North Carolina Historical Review*, 78:1, Winter 2001.

Zaragoza Vargas, *Proletarians of the North: A History of Mexican Industrial Workers in Detroit and the Midwest, 1917-1933*. (University of California Press, 1999), *Labor Studies Journal* 26:2, 2001.

Ronald L. Lewis, *Transforming the Appalachian Countryside*. University of North Carolina Press, 1998. *Journal of Southern History* 66:1, February 2000.

Jonathan C. Brown, ed. *Workers' Control in Latin America, 1930-1979*. (UNC Press, 1997), *Labor Studies Journal* 25:3, September 2000.

R. Douglas Hurt, ed. *The Rural South since World War II*, (LSU Press, 1998), *American Historical Review* 105:4, 2000.

Chad Berry, *Southern Migrants, Northern Exiles*. University of Illinois Press, 2000. *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* 98:2, 2000.

David L. Stebenne, *Arthur J. Goldberg: New Deal Liberal*. Oxford, 1996, *Labor Studies Journal*, 1999.

Cindy Hahamovitch, *The Fruits of Their Labor: Atlantic Coast Farmworkers and the Making of Migrant Poverty, 1870-1945*. (UNC Press, 1997), *Labor Studies Journal*, 1999

Elizabeth McKillen, *Chicago Labor and the Quest for a Democratic Diplomacy, 1914-1924*. Cornell University Press, 1995. *Labor Studies Journal* 21:4, Winter 1997.

Recent presentations

Why Blair Mountain Matters, UVA-Wise Speakers Series commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Blair Mountain, Wise, VA, September 8, 2021.

Clinch Valley Community Hospital 1973 Strike, Appalachian Studies Conference at Virginia Tech, March 2017

Plenary Panel on Contemporary Social Movements in Appalachia, Appalachian Studies Conference at Virginia Tech, March 2017

Historical and Contemporary Issues around Collective Bargaining, panel at Kentucky Labor Cabinet Conference on Labor-Management Collaboration, September 2014.

Workers and Students: Twentieth-century activist movements in Huntington, West Virginia. Appalachian Studies Association Conference at Marshall University, Huntington, WV, March 29, 2014.

Political Economy and Industrial Transformation in the Tug and Guyandot Valleys in the Feud Era. May 22 2013, Filson Historical Society program observing the 25th anniversary of the publication of Altina Waller's *Feud: Hatfields, McCoys, and Social Change in Appalachia, 1860-1900*. Frankfort, KY

Roads Less Taken in WV and Appalachian Developmental History. Marshall University Department of History Charles Moffat Lecture, March 2013.

When Bosses Organize: Local 1199 against the Wall in New Martinsville. Appalachian Studies Association Conference, Boone, NC, March 2013.

Organizing Parallels: 2011 March on Blair Mountain and the 1934 Minneapolis Strike. Appalachian Studies Association Conference, Indiana, PA, March 2012.

Teaching Appalachia. Kentucky Association of Teachers of History conference, Lexington, KY, September 2010.

Selected professional, university and community service

Morehead State University Faculty Senate, 2009-2016

Williams-Brown 'Service to Appalachian Studies Association Award', member 2013-2017; chair, 2013-2016.

Statewide Steering Committee, Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, 2013-2016
(alternate 2013-2014)

Distinguished Teacher Award, Morehead State, 2011

Board of Directors, Kentucky Labor Institute, 2010-2016

Board of Editors, *West Virginia History: A Journal of Regional Studies*, 2010-2015.

Board of Directors, Haldeman-Hayes Crossing Community Center, 2008-2016.

Consultant with Kris Durocher and Donna Baker on Benham Coal Mine Museum
historical tourism project, 2005-2006

Scholar in Residence, American Legacies project for high school teachers at Benham,
Kentucky, July 2005.

Co-Director, Appalachian Studies program at MSU, 2005-2008

Director, Appalachian Studies program at MSU, 2002-2005

Historical research and writing consultant for Dahlgren, VA African American
Community Oral History Project, with Patricia Ilura Knock and Michael J. Klein.
The project was sponsored by Mary Washington College, 1997-1998

Occasional manuscript reviewer for the University of Illinois Press, West Virginia
University Press, and University Press of Kentucky