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**VITA**

Polly Welts Kaufman

**POSITIONS:**

University of Southern Maine, Portland, visiting associate professor in history (part-time), 1995-continuing

University of Massachusetts, Boston, lecturer in history (part-time), 1987-1995

Bowdoin College, visiting assistant professor, 1991-92

Boston Public Schools, Program Director, Library/Media Services: 1983-87;  
Coordinator, Library Program: 1968-1982

Pembroke College in Brown University, Editor, *Pembroke Alumna*, 1956-67

**PUBLICATIONS:**

**Books:**

*National Parks and the Woman's Voice: A History*, University of New Mexico Press, 1996

*Boston Women and City School Politics, 1872-1905*, Garland Publishing, 1994

Editor, *Apron Full of Gold, The Letters of Mary Jane Megquier from San Francisco, 1849-1856*, University of New Mexico Press, rev. ed., 1994

Editor, *The Search for Equity: Women at Brown University, 1891-1991*, Brown University and University Press of New England, 1991

*Women Teachers on the Frontier*, Yale University Press, 1984

**Selected Articles and Forewords:**

"Julia Harrington Duff and the Political Awakening of the Irish-American Women in Boston, 1888-1905" in *Women of the Commonwealth: Work, Family, and Social Change in Nineteenth-Century Massachusetts*, Susan Porter, editor, University of Massachusetts Press, 1996 (earlier version published in *Historical Journal of Massachusetts*, Summer, 1990)

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- "Pioneer Women," "Board of National Popular Education," "Girls' Latin School" in *Historical Dictionary of Women's Education*, Linda Eisenmann, editor, Greenwood Press, forthcoming
- "Teachers on the Frontier" and "School Life on the Frontier" in *Encyclopedia of the American West*, Zenda, Inc., 1996
- "Lucretia Crocker" in *Women Educators in the United States*, Maxine Seller, editor, Greenwood Press, 1994
- "Women as National Park Service Superintendents: A History," *Women in Natural Resources*, Spring, 1993
- Foreword to *An Independent Woman: The Autobiography of Edith Guerrier*, Molly Matson, editor, University of Massachusetts Press, 1992
- "Building a Constituency for Desegregating the Boston Public Schools: African-American Women in Boston, 1962-1972," *Teachers College Record*, Summer 1991
- "Challenging Tradition: Pioneer Women Naturalists in the National Park Service," *Forest and Conservation History*, January 1990
- "Women in the National Park Service," *Ranger*, Fall 1985; reprinted in *National Park Service Courier*, March 1986
- "Women and Education," in *Women's Annual, 1981*, G.K. Hall, 1982. Co-authored 1980 chapter with Joan Burstyn
- "A Wider Field of Usefulness: Pioneer Teachers in the West, 1848-1854," *Journal of the West*, April 1982
- "Jennie Loitman Barron," in *Notable American Women, the Modern Period*, Harvard University Press, 1980

### Reviews:

- Earthcare: Women and the Environment* by Carolyn Merchant, *Pacific Historical Review*, forthcoming
- Cultivating Women, Cultivating Science: Flora's Daughters and Botany in England, 1760-1860* by Ann B. Shteir, *Environmental History*, forthcoming
- Free to All: Carnegie Libraries and American Culture, 1890-1920* by Abigail A. Van Slyck, *Winterthur Portfolio*, January 1997

*Winter Quarters: The 1846-1848 Life Writings of Mary Haskin Parker Richards*, ed. by Maurine Carr Ward, *Choice*, December 1996

*Origins of the American High School* by William J. Reese, *Historical Journal of Massachusetts*, Summer 1996

*Kate Furbish and the Flora of Maine* by Ada and Frank Graham, Jr., *Environmental History*, January 1996

*In Adamless Eden: The Community of Women Faculty at Wellesley* by Patricia Palmieri, *Historical Journal of Massachusetts*, Winter 1996

*Cultural Crusaders: Women Librarians in the American West, 1900-1917* by Joanne E. Passet. *Pacific Historical Review*, November 1995

*Ellen S. Woodward: New Deal Advocate for Women* by Martha H. Swain. *Choice*, December 1995

*Early Promise, Late Reward: A Biography of Helen Hooven Santmyer* by Joyce C. Quay, *Choice*, December 1995

*Her Excellency: An Oral History of American Women Ambassadors* by Ann Miller Morrin, *Choice*, May 1995

*Radicals of the Worst Sort: Laboring Women in Lawrence, Massachusetts, 1860-1912* by Ardis Cameron, *Historical Journal of Massachusetts*, Winter 1995

*Strained Sisterhood: Gender and Class in the Boston Female Anti-Slavery Society* by Debra Gold Hansen, *Historical Journal of Massachusetts*, Winter 1995

*Women in Waiting in the Westward Movement: Life on the Home Frontier* by Linda Peavy and Ursula Smith, *Western Historical Quarterly*, Winter 1994

*Breaking into the Current: Boatwomen of the Grand Canyon* by Louise Teal, *Redneck Review of Literature*, Fall 1994

*Schoolwomen of the Prairies and Plains: Personal Narratives from Iowa, Kansas, & Nebraska, 1860s to 1920s* by Mary Hurlbut Cordier, *Redneck Review*, Fall 1994

*Botanizers: Amateur Scientists in Nineteenth-Century America* by Elizabeth B. Keeney and *Made From This Earth: American Women and Nature, Forest and Conservation History*, October 1993

*One for the Earth: Journal of a Sierra Club President* by Susan D. Merrow, *Forest and Conservation History*, April 1993

*Equal to the Occasion: Women Editors of the Nineteenth-Century West* by Sherilyn Cox Bennion, *Western Historical Quarterly*, February 1992

*Gender and Higher Education in the Progressive Era* by Lynn D. Gordon, *Journal of Education*, Vol. 173, No. 1, 1991

*Learning Together: A History of Coeducation in American Public Schools* by David Tyack and Elizabeth Hansot, *Educational Researcher*, December 1991

*Magnificent Mountain Women: Adventures in the Colorado Rockies* by Janet Robertson, *American Historical Review*, June 1991

*Education in Massachusetts; Selected Essays* edited by Michael Konig and Martin Kaufman, *Historical Journal of Massachusetts*, Winter 1991

*No Woman Tenderfoot: Florence Merriam Bailey, Pioneer Naturalist* by Harriet Kofalk, *Forest and Conservation History*, January 1991

*Governing the Young: Teacher Behavior in Popular Primary Schools in Nineteenth Century United States* by Barbara Finkelstein, *History of Education Quarterly*, Summer 1990

*The Rise and Fall of the Peoples Colleges: The Westfield Normal School, 1839 to 1914* by Robert T. Brown, *Historical Journal of Massachusetts*, Winter 1990

*Desert Is No Lady: Southwestern Landscapes in Women's Writing and Art*, edited by Vera Norwood and Janice Monk, *Women's Review of Books*, June 1988

*Jessie Benton Fremont* by Pamela Herr, *Journal of American History*, June 1988

*Teacher Rebellion* by David Selden, *History of Education Quarterly*, Summer 1987

*America's Country Schools* by Andrew Guilford, *Indiana Magazine of History*, March 1986

"The Library in American Culture," *History of Education Quarterly*, Spring 1983 [essay review]

**READER:**

University of Tennessee Press, 1996  
 University of Massachusetts Press, 1996, 1990  
 University of Arizona Press, 1996  
*Western Historical Quarterly*, 1996  
*Frontiers: A Journal of Women's Studies*, 1996  
*Public Historian*, 1995, 1996  
 University of Nebraska Press, 1993  
 University of New Mexico Press, 1991  
 University of Massachusetts/Boston, tenure review, 1988  
 Indiana University Press, 1987  
*Great Plains Quarterly*, 1987  
*Pacific Historical Review*, 1984-85  
*Journal of the Early Republic*, 1984  
 Boston University Dissertation Committee, History, 1984

**PAPERS:**

"Women as Protectors of National Park Landscapes," American Society for Environmental History, Baltimore, March 1997

Comment for "Educating American Men and Women of the Elite," New England Historical Association, October 1996

"School Consolidation Movement on the Coast of Maine: A Fresh Look at an Old Issue," History of Education Society, Cambridge, October 1992

"Women and Difference in the National Park Service," Western Association of Women Historians, Huntington Library, May 1992

"Women as Preservationists of the Landscape," New England American Studies Association, April 1991

Comment for "Women Teachers in the West," History of Education Society, Atlanta, November 1990

Comment for "Women Emerging in the Past," Oral History Association, Cambridge, November 1990

"Search for Equity in Higher Education: Women at Brown University, 1891-1991," panel chair, American Educational Research Association, Boston, April 1990

"Black Women Demand a Responsive School System: Boston Public Schools, 1962-1975," Organization of American Historians, Washington, D.C., March 1990

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"Black Parents Search for Solutions, 1962-1975," History of Education Society, Toronto, November 1988; New England Women's Studies Association, Boston, April 1988; New England American Studies Association, Wellesley, May 1988

"Common Ground: Historians Respond," panel member, History of Education Society, New York, October 1987

"Women in the National Park Service," aspects of ongoing research: Berkshire Conference on Women's History, Wellesley College, June 1987; Lowell National Historical Park, March 1986; Association of National Park Rangers, November 1985; Western Association of Women Historians, Mills college, May 1985

"Angie Debo, A Woman of Power," panel member, Organization of American Historians, Minneapolis, April 1985

"The Library Program, An Approach to Ethnic Cooperation in the Boston Schools", American Educational Research Association, Simmons College, October 1985; Pembroke Center, Brown University, March 1982; National Women's Studies Association, University of Connecticut, June 1981

"Editing Projects," panel: "Preserving Women's History: Archivists and Historians Working Together," Smith College, May 1984

Comment for "Women Teachers in the West," Western History Association, Salt Lake City, October 1983

Comment for "Experience of Women in American Schools," Social Science History Association, Nashville, October 1981

"Pioneer Women Teachers in the Antebellum West," Pembroke Center, March 1983; History of Education Society, New York, October 1982; Seneca Falls Women's History Conference, July 1982; Women Historians of the Midwest, St. Paul, May 1982; Berkshire Conference on Women's History, Vassar College, June 1981

### **PUBLIC HISTORY AND SPECIAL PROJECTS:**

Project Director, Portland Women's History Trail, funded by Maine Humanities Council to Women's Studies Program, University of Southern Maine, 1995 - continuing

Consulting Historian, Boston Women's Heritage Trail, 1989 - continuing

Board member, Pejepscot Historical Society, Brunswick ME, 1994 - continuing

Elderhostel courses: Craftsbury (Vermont) Sports Center: "Speaking for Nature," January 1997, January, August 1996, January, August 1995; "Pioneer Women: Myth and Reality," January 1992, January, August, 1993, August 1994; Bowdoin College: "Maine Women Writers," June 1993, June 1994

Scholar/Lecturer for Maine Humanities Council, "Choices for the 21st Century," Winthrop, ME, October 1996; "Century Project: Modern Times," Kennebunk, ME, January, March 1996

Project Scholar, Belfast, ME, 20th Century History project, 1995-continuing

Workshop presenter, "Editing Diaries and Letters," for Maine Writers and Publishers Alliance, October 1995

Scholar/Lecturer for Massachusetts and New England Foundation for the Humanities  
Public Library book discussion series: Holliston, Spencer, North Easton, Holden, Reading, Spencer, Dudley, and Sudbury, MA Public Libraries, 1986-89; Wayne, ME 1990-95

Curator, *Women's History in National Parks*, traveling exhibit for National Park Service, also shown at Berkshire Conference on Women's History, Douglass College, June 1990

Curator, "Pioneer Teachers in the Western Reserve" for exhibit: *Common Ground: The Migration of Yankee Culture from New England to Ohio's Western Reserve, 1790-1860*, NEH Project, 1987-88

Curation Committee for exhibit: *Boston YWCA: Empowering Women, 1866-Future* for Boston YWCA, 1987-88

Curator, *Women on the Brown Corporation*, Pembroke Center, May 1984

#### TALKS:

"Public History," History Department Colloquium, University of Maine, November 1996

"Who Walked Before Me? Women and National Parks," Ranger Rendezvous, Corpus Christi, Texas, November 1996; NPS Intermountain Field Area, Denver, November 1996; Harpers Ferry Center (NPS), September 1996; Independence National Historical Park, September 1996; NPS National Capital Area, September 1996; Golden Gate National Recreation Area, March 1996; Employee and Alumni Association Annual Meeting (NPS), Cape Cod, September 1995; University of Massachusetts/Boston, March 1995; National Park Service Women's Conference, New Orleans, April 1991

"Downeasters in the Gold Rush," Wells Public Library, November 1996; Norlands Annual Meeting, July 1995; Aucocisco Celebration, Portland, ME, March 1995

"An Introduction to Boston Women's History," Bostonian Society, February 1995

"Speaking for National Parks: Women Advocates," New England Garden History Society, April 1994

"Political Awakening of Teachers and Irish Working Women in Boston, 1888-1905," Strawberry Bank, Portsmouth, NH, March 1992

"Comparable Worth and Pay Equity for Women in Government," Federal Women's Program for Greater Boston, January, 1988; New Hampshire Commission on the Status of Women, December 1987

"Women Teachers on the Frontier," Strawberry Bank, Portsmouth, March 1987; Lewis and Clark College, Portland, OR, April 1985; Delta Kappa Gamma Chapters: Boston, May 1986, October 1984; Baltimore-Washington, February, 1985; Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford, March 1984; University of New Hampshire, March 1984

"Your Great-Grandmother Made a Difference: The Contribution of Genealogy to Women's History," New England Historic Genealogical Society, February 1984

"Evangelical Religion as a Force in Women's Lives," Charlotte Perkins Gilman Lecture, Radcliffe College, February 1984

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE:**

(see also Public History and Special Projects)

Founding chair, Christine Dunlap Farnham Archives for Women at Brown University, 1983-89; Pembroke Center Associates Board, 1983-89; Associated Alumni of Brown University, Board, 1979-1983

Testimony [on status of women employees in the National Park Service], Joint Hearing: U.S. House Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands and U.S. House subcommittee on Civil Service, 5 April 1990

Colloquium chair, Alliance for Independent Scholars, 1988-90

Selection Committee for Honorary Visiting Scholars, Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe College, Spring 1989

Screening Committee for the Search for Director, Boston Public Library, Fall 1984



**EDUCATION:**

Boston University, Ed.D., Educational Leadership and American Studies.

Dissertation: "Boston Women and City School Politics: 1872-1905: Nurturers and Protectors in Public Education"

University of Washington, M.A., History. Thesis: "Richard Bland and the Development of His Political Ideas"

Brown University, A.B., American Civilization