

Vita of Kerry E. Irish

Work

Manager, Bend, Or. A&W Drive Inn 1974-1979.

Manager, Corvallis, Or. A&W Drive Inn, 1979 - January 1980.

Asst. Manager, Gresham, Or. Beef & Brew Restaurant,
March 1980 - July 1980.

Owner, Bend, Or. A&W Drive Inn, July 1980 - September 1982.

I cooked at various Shari's restaurants while attending graduate school.

In the spring of 1993 I taught Pacific Northwest History at George Fox College.

For the academic year 1993\1994, I taught history at George Fox College on a half-time basis.

Assistant Professor of American History, George Fox College, Newberg, Oregon, 1994-2000, Assoc. Professor of American History, 2000-2005, Professor of American History, 2005 to the present.

Faculty leader, Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society, George Fox University, 1996 to 2001.

Chair, Department of History, George Fox University, 1996 to 2000.

Education

Graduated North Thurston High School, Lacey, Wa., 1973.

Attended Oregon State University, fall and winter, 1973\74.

Attended Central Oregon Community College, 1981\82.

Graduated Summa Cum Laude, George Fox College, Newberg Or. 1985.

Accepted directly into the University of Southern California Ph.D. program in 1986 on Haynes Fellowship. I turned the offer down because I did not want my wife to have to start her career over while still putting me through school.

Accepted into the M.A. program at the University of Washington and completed that degree in American history in 1989. Thesis title: *Eternal Vengeance: A History of the Centralia Massacre*. My thesis received the Daughters of the Pioneers award for history in 1989.

Accepted into the Ph.D. program at the University of Washington and completed that program in spring 1994. Dissertation Title: *Clarence C. Dill: The Life of a Western Politician*.

Publications, presentations, and other scholarly work:

Clarence C. Dill: The Life of a Western Politician (Pullman: Washington State University Press), 2000.

"The Water Rises." *Columbia: The Magazine of Northwest History*, Fall 2001.

"Clarence C. Dill's West: Building Dams and Dreams." *Columbia: The Magazine of Northwest History*, fall 2002. This article was featured as the "editorial essay."

Fall 2000, I appeared for an hour on the Washington State Historical Society's history books television program which is broadcast on the Washington state public broadcasting network.

"Hometown Support in the Midst of War: Dwight Eisenhower's Wartime Correspondence with Abilene Friends." *Kansas History: A Journal of the Central Plains* 25 (Spring 2002).

Book review of Matthew Holland's "Eisenhower Between the Wars: The Making of a General and a Statesman" published in *The Journal of Military History*, vol., 67, No. 1, January 2003.

Book review of Jennifer Keene's "Doughboys, The Great War, and the Remaking of America" published in *The Journal of Military History*, Vol., 67, No. 3, July 2003.

Book review of David Peterson Del Mar's *Oregon's Promise: An Interpretive History* published in *Pacific Northwest Quarterly*, Vol., 96 No. 1, Winter 2004, 2005.

My paper *Apt Pupil: Dwight Eisenhower and the 1930 Industrial Mobilization Plan*, was presented at the March 2004 Society For Military History Conference in Omaha, Nebraska.

At the request of the University of Nebraska Press, I have reviewed for publication consideration Marc Johnson's biography of Montana Senator Burton K. Wheeler. Clarence Dill, the subject of my book, was a contemporary of Wheeler's and a fellow western progressive democrat. I recommended that Johnson's book be published.

"Apt Pupil: Dwight Eisenhower and the 1930 Industrial Mobilization Plan." *Journal of Military History* 70 (January 2006).

"Dwight Eisenhower and the Decision to Go." *Armchair General Magazine* (May 2006).

Dwight D. Eisenhower and Cross-Cultural Leadership, The Art of Command: Military Leadership From George Washington to Colin Powell, eds. Harry S. Laver and Jeffrey Matthews. Lexington: University of Kentucky Press, 2008.

"Dwight Eisenhower and Douglas MacArthur in the Philippines: There Must be a Day of Reckoning," *Journal of Military History* 74 (April 2010). This article was selected as the best article in the *Journal of Military History* in 2010; and received the US Army Historical Foundation's Distinguished Writing Award for Academic Journals that same year.

My lecture on the presidency of George Washington appeared on C-Span 3 in December 2013. The lecture may be viewed on C-Span, or at the GFU Digital Commons.

I presented my paper entitled *The United States, the Second World War, and Just War Theory* at the Christians in Political Science annual conference held at Azusa Pacific University in June, 2014.

Awards:

Selected as the George Fox University nominee for the Andrew Carnegie National Teaching Award in 1997, 1998, and 2000.

Awarded the George Fox University Faculty Achievement Award for 2000.

2010 US Army Historical Foundation's Distinguished Writing Award for Academic Journals.

Professional organization memberships:

Phi Alpha Theta

References:

Dr. Robin Baker, President of George Fox University, 503-554-2102

Dr. Mark Weinert, Associate Professor of History, George Fox University, 503-554-2677

Dr. Paul Otto, Chair of the History Department, George Fox University, 503-554-2676

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