

**RESUME**  
**Louis Watson Potts**

**EDUCATION**

**Schools**

Lafayette College 1962-1966 B.A. in History with honors. Recipient of Class of 1910 Prize and W. W. Eddy Scholarship for Graduate Study  
Duke University 1966-1970  
M.A. 1968 in History  
Ph.D. 1970 in History  
Dissertation under Professor John R. Alden  
"Arthur Lee, American Revolutionary"  
University Scholar, 1967 - 1970

**EMPLOYMENT**

Duke University: Visiting Instructor (1970-1971)  
University of Missouri-Kansas City:  
Assistant Professor (1971-1980)  
Associate Professor of History (1980-97)  
Professor (1997-)  
Associate Dean, School of Graduate Studies (1976-1983) Department Chairman, History Department (1975-1976), (1990-1996), (2002-2007)

**STUDENT INSTRUCTION Courses Taught Last Five Years:**

H101	American History to 1877
H302/502	America, The Formative Era, 1000-1763
H303/503	America, The Revolutionary Heritage, 1763-1783
H304/504	America, The National Experience, 1783-1828
H360R/560	Constitutional History of the United States
H582RA	Colloquium in American History I, diverse topics
H587RA	Research Seminar: various topics
H400/500	Material Culture at Watkins Mill (team taught with Linna Place)
H400/500	Regional History at Watkins Mill (team taught with Linna Place)

**THESIS DIRECTION:**

Todd A. Edgington, "Economic and Religious Factors behind Dispersion in Plymouth Colony, 1620-1641: A Reappraisal" (1980)

Bonnie Thompson, "The Revolution Comes Home: Machais in 1775" (1985)

Marlene Hawver, "Robert Campbell: Expectant Capitalist: (1983)

Cliff Henderson, "The Smithy at Watkins Mill" (1992)

Ross Haynes "Gaines V. Canada" (1994)

Samuel Tanner, "George Mason and the American Revolution: Virginia's Evolution **from** an Unwritten to a Written Constitution" (1997)

**Vladimir** Bespalov, "Presidential Politics in Selected Southern States, 1984-1960," (1998)

James **Klobnak**, "Keystone State Republicanism and the Standing Army Controversy" (2001)

Brook **Poston**, "George's Court: Examining the Role of the Supreme Court in the 1790's," (2007)

David Madden, "The Origins of the Eleventh Admendment"

## **DOCTORAL STUDIES:**

Member of Supervisory Committees on Interdisciplinary **Ph.D.** completed:

Mark Scherer (1998)

Mark **Snell** (1998)

Virginia **Ragan** (1996)

Ethan Rafuse (1999)

Robert Willoughby (1997)

Belle **Schultz** (1997)

David **Arendale** (2000)

Sharon Bagg (Chair, 2000)

Michael Taylor (2001)

Dennis Okerstrom (2003)

Dorether Welch (2003)

Christine Luhn (2003)

Phyllis **Edson** (2005)

Currently on: Cynthia Williams, Paul Williams, Marsha **Perkins**, Christine Luhn, Karen Burgard, Stephen Gregson, Charles Coulter, Ken **Mulliken**, Dan Bubb

Dissertations Advisor:

Sharon Bagg, "Border Wars in Curriculum: The Role of History in Prairie School, Shawnee Mission, Kansas, 1830 to 1939" (2000)

Joseph **Baumli**, "Prairie Trails, Iron Rails and Tall Trails: The Settling, Town Building and People of **Nodaway** County Missouri, 1839-191 0 (2004)

## **SERVICE** 1995-Current

Academic

Evaluator for W. W. Norton (pub.), 2<sup>nd</sup> **ed.** Of textbook Inventing America (2005)

Evaluator for **Bedford/St.** Martins (pub.) 2<sup>nd</sup> **ed.** of text reader, Going to the Source (2005)

Evaluator for **Bedford/St. Martins** (pub.), U.S. survey text American History (2004)

Peer Reviewer for Fulbright Senior Specialist Program: U.S. History and American Studies, (2000-2003)

Evaluator for **Longmans**, U.S. Survey Text "Created Equal," 2000

Evaluator for Learning Design Associates (pub.), Missouri: Adventures in Time and Space (1997).

Evaluator for Addison-Wesley **Longman**, T.H. Breen and Timothy Hall text on Colonial America in the Atlantic World.

Evaluator for **D.C.Heath** (pub.) New American survey text 1995

Evaluator for Prentice-Hall (pub.), text Technology and American Society

Evaluator for D.C. Heath (pub.), Skills Workbook for the U.S. Survey Course (1993)

Evaluator for **Houghton-Mifflin** (pub.), text A People and a Nation 1993

Evaluator for Journal of the Early Republic (1999-Current)

Council of Chairs Committee, College of Arts & Sciences, (2002-2007)

Campus Faculty Senate, 2005-Current

University Retirement and Staff Benefits Committee, 2000-2006

Editorial Board of the University of Missouri Press, 1984-89 Chair 1988-89; 1995-2000; Screening Committee for New Editor, 1988-89

Graduate Council (1991-1996); Social Science Subcommittee Chair  
Curriculum Committee (1990-1996) Secretary

SEARCH, 2004-Current

Reviewer for proposals to University of Missouri Research Board grants (1999-Current)

Editorial Board, "Kawsmouth, (1997-2002)

UMKC           Chancellor's Extended Cabinet (2000-2002);  
Ideal Learning Environment Committee (2002-2004);  
Urban Affairs Committee (2002-2004);  
Day of Learning (2002-2004);  
Advisory Committee on Honors and Swards (2001- Current)

### **COMMUNITY, 1995-Current:**

Missouri Humanities Council, Kansas City Roundtable, 2005-Current

Board of Directors, John **Wornall** House Museum, 2001-Current

Host for Stephen Ambrose, "The Opening of the American West," February 21, 1996, with Jackson County Historical Society.

Lectures at Russian Academy of Sciences (Moscow), February 16, 1999; at the International **Affairs** Program of St. Petersburg University, March 12, 1999

Lecturer, Mary Paxton Study Group, "The Revolutionary Heritage," (18 lectures, September 1996-April 1997, Independence, MO)

Lecturer, Mary Paxton Study Group, "Missouri's Social History" (14 lectures, September 1995-April 1996) Independence, MO

United States Information Agency Lecturer on American Society and Values, Moscow and Ulyanousk, Russia, October 28-November 11, 1995

Vice President for Education, Jackson County Historical Society, 1995-97;  
Archives Advisory Committee, 1995-97

### **FINANCIAL SUPPORT GRANTED 1995-2003:**

"Teaching American **History**" U.S. Department of Education \$990,000 for 2008-2011, Main historian for Blue Springs and Kansas City MO. School Districts.

"Teaching American History with **Landmarks**" National Endowment for the Humanities, \$150,000 for 2007-2008 member of instructional team.

Consultant to Union Station – Kansas City Inc. 2007 for proposed regional history exhibit 1870-1941

UMKC, Faculty Research Grant, "Kansas City Bridges," \$4850, 1998-1999

Fulbright Commission, Distinguished Lecturer, \$29,000, 1998-1999

University of Missouri Research Board, 1996 Dialogues subvention, \$2000

Organization of American Historians, 1996 National History Standards \$425

William T. Kemper Foundation: Research Associate, FS<sup>7</sup>91 \$875; 1992-1993, \$25,797; 1993-1994, \$27,250; 1994-1995, \$55,570; 1996-1997, \$55,292

United States Information Agency Lecturer on American Society and Values, 1995, \$4200

National Association of Foreign Student Advisors (NAFSA); Julia Stepanenko, Moscow Exchange Student; \$6750, 1994-1995; \$6750, 1995-1996; **Vladimir** Bernalov: \$20,000, 1996-1998

## PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS 1989-2003:

- “**Albest** Engineer [and] Irreplaceable Leader': Octave **Chanute's** Kansas City Years" Mid-America Conference on History, Lawrence, KS. September 23, 2005
- "First Impressions: John **Ledyard** Among the Russians, 1778-1788" **Fulbright** Anniversary in Moscow, Russia, June 21-22, 2004
- "Looking for America, 1787-88: The Travels of Manasseh **Cutler**," Missouri Valley History Conference, March 9, 2001, Omaha.
- “**Buffeted** Around the World: The Ramblings of John **Ledyard**,” Missouri Valley History Conference, March 10, 2000, Omaha, NE
- “**Recollections** and Reconstruction, Clay County, **Missouri, 1870.**” American Studies Association of Russia, January 27, 1999, Moscow
- "J.A.L. **Waddell** and the **Diffusion** of Civil Engineering Techniques," First National Symposium on Civil Engineering History, November 10-14, 1996, Washington, D.C.
- "Memories of the Old Men of Clay County," Missouri Conference on History, April 15, 1995, Jefferson City, MO
- "Bridging the Chasm," National Association for Humanities Education, March 31, 1995, Cincinnati, Ohio
- "Gauging Industrialism in Western Missouri: Watkins Mill" Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha, NE, March 11, 1994.
- "Bridge **Building** on the Frontier: Kansas City's **Hannibal** Bridge," Center for Great Plains History, Lincoln NE, April 1993.
- "Supplemental **Instruction** in the Social Sciences," Southwestern Social Sciences Convention, New Orleans, March 20, 1993.
- "Aspirations and Dissent in the Mount Vernon Baptist Church at Watkins Mill," Missouri Conference on History, April 5, 1991, Cape Girardeau MO.
- "**Waltus** L. Watkins, Land Speculator, 1839-1884," March 16, 1991, Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha, NE.
- "Reading the Landscape of Bethany Plantation and Watkins Mill," Society for the History of the Early Republic, Toronto, Canada, August, 1990.
- "Bridges: Spanning History and Engineering," co-presenter with **George F.W. Hauck** at Association for Integrative Studies, **Sonoma**, California, October 14, 1989.

"**Watkins** Mill: Industrialism Without Towns," Society for Industrial Archaeology, Quebec City, Quebec, Canada, June 4, 1989 with Ann Matthews.

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

Society for Historians of the Early American Republic  
Society for Industrial Archaeology  
Russian Association for American Studies

## PUBLICATIONS:

### Books:

Watkins Mill: The Factory on the Farm, co-authored with Ann Sligar (Kirksville, MO.: Truman State University Press, 2004)

Arthur Lee: A Virtuous Revolutionary (Baton Rouge, La.: LSU Press, 1981). Nominated for Louis Gottschalk Prize for 1981 (American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies) and for the Friends of American Writers Book Award, 1981

Series Coeditor: Gordon Wood and Louise Wood, (eds.), Russian-American Dialogue on the American Revolution (Columbia: University of Missouri Press, 1995).

Norman E. Saul and Richard D. **McKinzie** (eds.) Russian-American Dialogue on Cultural Relations, 1776-1914 (Columbia: University of Missouri Press, 1996)

Joel N. Silbey (ed.), Russian-American Dialogue on U.S. Political Parties (Columbia: University of Missouri Press, 2000)

### Articles and Chapters:

"Who Was Warren G. **Harding?**," The Historian, 36 (August, 1974), 621-645.

"A Bibliography for Psychohistory," with Faye Sinofsky, Lloyd **deMause**, and John J. **Fitzpatrick**, History of Childhood Quarterly, 2 (January, 1976), 516-562, reprinted as Bibliographies for Psychohistory (New York: Garland, 1977).

"Arthur Lee: A Life History in the American Revolution," Journal of Psychohistory, 4 (Spring, 1977), 513-528.

"Arthur Lee, Autonomy and the Diplomacy of the American Revolution," in W. Robert **Higgins**, ed., The Revolutionary War in the South (Durham, N. C., Duke University Press, 1979), 159-181.

"Charles **Lee**"; "Henry Lee"; "Richard Henry Lee" in James A. **Levernier** and Douglas R. Wilmes (ed.), American Writers Before 1800 (Westport, Ct: Greenwood Press, 1983) 2:882-886.

"A Lucky Moment: The Relationship of the Ordinance of 1787 and the Constitution of 1787," Mid-America 68 (October, 1986), 141-151.

"Manasseh Cutler, Lobbyist," Ohio History 96 (summer-autumn, 1987), 101-123.

"Hugh Williamson: The Poor Man's Franklin and the National Domain," North Carolina Historical Review 64 (October, 1987), 371-393.

"Society and Technology: PACE Block XIII," Science and Technology and Society Newsletter 60 (June, 1987) 9-18.

"The Framers and the Amendment Process," Mid-American, 71 (July, 1989) 65-87.

"**Watkins** Mill: Industrialism Without Towns, 1858-1888", Proceedings of the Society for Industrial Archaeology (Quebec, 1988), 2-12 with Ann **Matthews**.

"Bridges: Spanning History and Engineering," Civil Engineering Education, XII (Spring, 1990), 1-10 with George F.W. Hauck.

"The Franklin Debate Society: Culture on the Missouri Frontier," Missouri Historical Review 86 (Oct. 1991), 1-21.

"From Speculator to Gentleman," Gateway Heritage 13 (Fall, 1992) 46-52.

"Waves of Revivalism in Clay County, 1840-1918," Missouri Historical Review, 88 (April, 1994), 262-278.

"Dialogues in Russian and American History-Retrospect and Prospect," in Eugene **Yazkov** and Alexander **Manykin** (eds.), The Historical Image of America (Moscow, 1994), 36-42.

"Frontier Bridge Building: The **Hannibal** Bridge at Kansas City, 1867-1869," Missouri Historical Review 89 (January, 1995), 139-161, with George F.W. Hauck

"Bridging the Chasm," Interdisciplinary Humanities, 12 (Spring, 1995), 19-24, with George F.W. Hauck.

"The River was Wiser than the Engineer: Adaptation and Innovation in Bridging the Missouri, 1867-1869," IA: The Journal of the Society for Industrial Archaeology 21 (1995), 25-46.

"Bridging Campus and Community: The **McKinzie** Symposium at UMKC," OAH Newsletter, May, 1997, 7.

"J.A.L. **Waddell** and the **Diffusion** of Civil Engineering Techniques," Proceedings of the First National Symposium on Civil Engineering History (1996) 53-65, with George Hauck

"Visions of America, 1787-1788: The Ohio of Reverend Manasseh Cutler," Ohio History 111 (Summer-Autumn, 2003), 101-120

Entries for Arthur Lee, William **Lee**, **Silas** Deane, James Lovell, and Joseph Spencer, in John Garraty, et. al. (eds.), American National Biography (1998)

"Who is to Blame? What can be done?; Joint Ventures with Russian **Americanists** in the 1990's" American Studies International 49 (February 2003), 41-63

## **36 BOOK REVIEWS IN 10 JOURNALS**

### **Creative Scholarship:**

Executive Producer, "**Watkins** Mill: Missouri **Confronts** Industrialism", a 28 minute videotape for Missouri **Dept.** of Natural Resources, in collaboration with Ted **Woodard** of Poppycock, Balderdash and Pshaw, 1989.

"Salem Witchcraft Scare," Video-Lecture for University of Missouri Video Network (36 minutes), 1993.

### **RESEARCH IN PROGRESS:**

Octave Chanute, the early years

### **HONORS:**

Editor's Prize for 1987, "Hugh Williamson: The Poor Man's Franklin and the National Domain" North Carolina Historical Review.

Missouri Humanities Council Speaker-"American Mirrors," March 1987-December, **1989**.

**USIA** Lecturer on American Society and Values, in Moscow and **Ulyanousk**, October 29-November 11, 1996

**Fulbright** Distinguished Lecturer at Moscow State University, Spring 1999.

Mid America Education Hall of Fame inducted November 1, 2008

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