

NANCY L. COHEN
Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION

- PhD History, Columbia University (1996). (Honors: with distinction)
Dissertation: *The Problem of Democracy in the Age of Capital* (Nominated for the Bancroft Award)
- MA History, Columbia University (1990)
- AB History, Brown University (1985)

BOOKS

- Breakthrough: The Making of America's First Woman President.* (Counterpoint Press, 2016).
- Delirium: The Politics of Sex in America.* (Counterpoint, 2012). Trade paper and e-book, expanded edition of hardcover *Delirium: How the Sexual Counterrevolution is Polarizing America.* (Counterpoint, February 2012).
- The 1990s*, volume 10, *Social History of the United States.* (ABC-Clio Press, 2009.)
- The Reconstruction of American Liberalism, 1865-1914.* (University of North Carolina Press, 2002.)

SELECTED ARTICLES AND POLITICAL COMMENTARY

- ["Why Women Should Vote for Women,"](#) *Los Angeles Times*, Apr. 6, 2016.
- ["The Missing Candidates: Why Are Women Such a Minority in Elected Office?"](#) *Pacific Standard*, Nov/Dec 2016.
- ["How to End California's Political Gender Gap,"](#) *Los Angeles Times* op ed, Aug. 20, 2014.
- ["Step Aside, NYC. Los Angeles's Populism is for Real,"](#) *New Republic*, Jan. 14, 2014.
- ["U.S. Government Shutdown: Our Experts Predict How it Ends,"](#) *The Guardian (US)*, Oct. 7, 2013.
- ["The War on Sex,"](#) *Playboy*, September 2013.
- ["Why America Never Had Universal Child Care,"](#) *New Republic*, Apr. 24, 2013.
- ["N. Dakota Anti-Abortion Activists Attempt to Reopen Roe v. Wade,"](#) *The Guardian (US)*, Mar. 28, 2013.
- ["Christian Right Enforces GOP Senators' Vote Against Disabilities Treaty,"](#) *The Guardian (US)*, Dec. 6, 2012.
- "Screwed," *Playboy*, lead feature article in special election issue, November 2012.
- ["Women Fought the GOP 2012's 'War on Women' and Won,"](#) *The Guardian (US)*, Nov. 7, 2012.
- ["Republican Party on Wrong Side of History over Female Equality,"](#) *The Guardian (US)*, Sep. 23, 2012.
- ["How Obama Can Win With Women,"](#) *Rolling Stone.com*, Apr. 5, 2012.
- ["Blame it on the Pill,"](#) *Los Angeles Times* op ed, Mar. 4, 2012.
- ["Never Mind the Economy, Stupid,"](#) *The Guardian (US)*, Feb. 20, 2012.
- "Nuance Matters in Abortion Debate," *Los Angeles Times* op ed, May 19, 2010.

MEDIA APPEARANCES AND COVERAGE

Interviews by MSNBC, NPR News, *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Guardian*, C-Span, PRI, *Le Figaro*, *London Observer*, and numerous other national and international media outlets. View clips and read interviews: <http://nancycohen.com/media/>

SPEECHES AND PRESENTATIONS

Featured speaker and panelist at universities, conferences, and organizations, including Pacific Council on Foreign Relations, Cal Arts/ West Hollywood series, LAANE Women for a New Los Angeles awards, Southern Historical Association, Planned Parenthood, League of Women Voters, Commonwealth Club San Francisco.

Featured author at book festivals, including the Los Angeles Times Festival of Books, Indiana University Purdue Fort Wayne Women's Studies Annual One Book, the Boston Book Festival, Litquake, Enoch Pratt Free Library Writers Series.

PUBLIC POLICY, COMMISSIONS, & NONPROFIT EXPERIENCE

Treasurer and Commissioner, Los Angeles County Commission for Women March 2015 – present

Appointed to the 15-member commission by LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl. Elected to 2-year term as treasurer by fellow commissioners in June, 2016.

Southern California Representative, Association of California Commissions of Women (ACCW), July 2016 - present.
Elected by ACCW members to executive committee. Spearheading ACCW's family policy initiative.

Senior Policy Analyst, [LAANE](#), Los Angeles, CA (2002-2004)

Co-led negotiations for coalition of 27 labor, environmental, and community organizations that secured a \$500 million Community Benefits Agreement with City of Los Angeles related to the redevelopment of Los Angeles International Airport. Investigative research on California campaign finance, low-wage industries, and public contracts for living wage and union organizing campaigns.

Consultant, Los Angeles, CA (2001-2002, 2005-2010)

Strategic consulting, research, and writing, specializing in environmental, labor, and gender policy. Developed, organized, led, and presented at full-day training seminars held in multiple cities. Researched and authored policy briefs, including "Engaging the Public in the Fight Against Global Warming," submitted to the City of Los Angeles, July, 2008. Consultant on implementation of landmark airport air quality study provided for in LAX community benefits agreement. Clients included: candidates for political office, Partnership for Working Families, Syracuse Minority Contractors Association, Environmental Defense Fund, UCLA Labor Center, United Teachers of Los Angeles, LAANE, Green LA.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

SELECTED PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES AND REVIEWS

"The Progressives' Disappearing Act: Modern Liberalism's Retreat from Class." Forum on Shelton Stromquist's *Re-inventing 'The People': The Progressive Movement, the Class Problem, and the Origins of Modern Liberalism*, in *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era* 6:4 (October 2007): 459-463.

Review of *The Radical Middle Class: Populist Democracy and the Question of Capitalism in Progressive Era Portland, Oregon*, by Robert D. Johnston, *Business History Review* 78:1 (Spring 2004): 131-34.

"A Struggle for Sovereignty: National Consolidation, Emancipation, and Free Labor in Texas, 1865," *Journal of Southern History* 58:1 (Feb. 1992): 57-98.

Review of *Overreached on All Sides: The Freedmen's Bureau Administrators in Texas, 1865-1868*, by William L. Richter, *Journal of Southern History* 59:2 (May 1993): 392-93.

TEACHING AND RESEARCH POSITIONS

2013-2014	Visiting Fellow History Department, Occidental College
2007-2009	Lecturer Political Science Department, CSU Long Beach
2005-2007	Visiting Scholar Institute for Research on Labor and Employment, UCLA
2002	Adjunct Assistant Professor History Department, UCLA
2000-2002	Research Scholar Center for the Study of Women, UCLA
1999-2000	Visiting Assistant Professor, History Department, Claremont McKenna College
1996-1997	Visiting Assistant Professor, History Department, SUNY Binghamton
1995-1996:	Instructor, History and Sociology, City College, Center for Worker Education, New York
1992-1994:	Preceptor, Contemporary Civilization, Columbia College
1989-1992:	Teaching Assistant, History Department, Columbia University
1956-1988:	High School Social Studies teacher, Manhattan Center for Science & Mathematics, New York, NY

COURSES TAUGHT

Women and American Politics – Occidental College

Comparative International Political Movements. (Lecture and practicum for political science majors. Placed, supervised, and mentored 30-70 students per semester in service-learning internships with Los Angeles based organizations) – CSU Long Beach

Introduction to American Government – CSU Long Beach

20th Century U.S. History - UCLA

Politics and Society in the 20th Century U.S. – Claremont McKenna

The Sixties - Claremont McKenna

The New Era: Politics and Culture in the Progressive Era – Claremont McKenna

Civil War and Reconstruction – Claremont McKenna, SUNY

The Emergence of Modern America, 1877-1919 - SUNY

Theory and Practice of Political History - SUNY

Slavery and Freedom in the United States – SUNY

Topics in World History – City College

Contemporary Western Civilization (Columbia College Core, seminar)

FELLOWSHIPS

Whiting Fellowship in the Humanities, 1994-1995

Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship, Massachusetts Historical Society, 1993-1994

Bordin-Gillette Researcher Travel Fellowship, Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, 1993-1994

President's Fellow, Columbia University, 1989-1992