

DEGREES:

1968-71	Michigan State University East Lansing, MI 48824	B.A., History Member, Honors College
Jan. 1972- Dec. 1974	University of Dublin, Trinity College Dublin 2 Ireland	Ph.D., Modern History

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

July 2008-Present: **Provost and Vice President, Academic Affairs and Professor of History, Metropolitan State University, 700 East Seventh Street, St. Paul, MN 55106-5000.**

Chief academic and operating officer for the comprehensive state university for the Twin Cities metropolitan area, the most diverse university in Minnesota that in Fall Semester 2008 enrolled 6,940 students (6,350 undergraduates and 590 graduate students) on three principal campuses, with responsibility for five colleges (Arts & Sciences, Management, Professional Studies [including the School of Law Enforcement & Criminal Justice], Nursing & Health Sciences, First College), Graduate Studies, the Library and Learning Center (housing a branch of the Saint Paul Public Library), the Center for Community-Based Learning, the Center for Online Learning, Institutional Research, Minnesota Center of Excellence for Strategic Information Technology & Security; leadership of the University's participation in the Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP, the continuing improvement accreditation track of the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association).

November 2007-June 2008: **Interim President and Professor of History, Metropolitan State University, 700 East Seventh Street, St. Paul, MN 55106-5000.**

Interim chief executive officer, with responsibility for academic and administrative leadership, engagement with external and community-based constituencies (the Minnesota State Colleges & Universities System [Leadership Council Academic & Student Affairs Committee], University Foundation, legislature, donors, foundations) and facilitating the presidential transition. Selected leadership initiatives:

- Implementation of the University Plan (2007-2010) and strategic investment process, including integration of marketing research data to support University image and enrollment positioning.
- Leading University administration in financial and contingency planning for fiscal years 2009-2011.
- Leadership and enhanced, successful engagement in 2008 legislative session, including approval of new law enforcement building (@ \$14M) and active leadership in refinement of its design; statutory recognition of innovative oral health practitioner role (preliminary to scope of practice legislation) to support new degree programs; statutory recognition and appropriation for college-access program (pays for first two years of college for Minneapolis and Saint Paul Public Schools graduates at Metropolitan State University, Minneapolis Community & Technical College or Saint Paul College).

Metropolitan State University (continued)

- Active support for successful Deliberative Polling exercise in the Twin Cities (part of a national civic engagement initiative of the American Association of State Colleges & Universities and the American Democracy Project).
- Strengthened role in Minnesota State Colleges & Universities System planning for the Twin Cities.
- Leadership and resource allocation for successful completion of System-sponsored Degree Audit Record System project (in excess of expectations or requirements).
- University commitments at national level to Voluntary System of Accountability and Presidents Climate Commitment.
- Consolidation and dissemination of web-based campus emergency readiness information.

July 2003-November 2007: **Provost and Vice President, Academic Affairs and Professor of History, Metropolitan State University, 700 East Seventh Street, St. Paul, MN 55106-5000.**

Selected leadership initiatives:

- Successful implementation of the Academic Quality Improvement Program, including submission of an innovative Systems Portfolio and embedding improvement principles.
- Governance leadership for planning (chair, University Planning & Budget Council), including community priority-setting, co-chairing President's Task Force on the University Mission, design and approval of a new planning process.
- Rededication to the University's "unwavering commitment to civic engagement", including active participation in the American Democracy Project (joint national project of the American Association of State Colleges & Universities and *The New York Times*).
- Leadership in recruitment of a diverse faculty, academic administration and staff.
- Nationally-recognized leadership in online course, program and enrollment growth.
- Graduate study initiatives, including the first applied doctoral program (Fall 2007).
- Successful selection for \$5 Million Center of Excellence appropriation (Minnesota Center for Strategic Information Technology and Security).
- Active leader in development of accountability frameworks at University (assessment), state system and national levels, including Voluntary System of Accountability project.
- Design and vendor selection for market/donor/alumni research study.
- Advancement and fund-raising planning with the Metropolitan State University Foundation Board; supervision of University Advancement during vice president transition.

July 1997-July 2003: **Vice President for Academic Affairs and Professor of History, The College of Saint Rose, 432 Western Avenue, Albany, New York 12203.**

Chief academic officer for an independent, comprehensive college of more than 4,600 students (2,925 full- and part-time undergraduate; 1,700 graduate), with responsibility for four schools (Arts and Humanities, Mathematics and Science, Education, Business), Academic Advisement, Educational Technology Services, Graduate and Continuing Education, Institutional Research, Library and Registrar. Selected leadership initiatives:

- Effective planning and advocacy for new academic resources, including more than thirty new faculty positions (an increase of more than 20%), consistent with the College's growth in enrollment and academic stature.
- Successful strategic planning processes, including academic vision to connect the College mission and academic priorities.

The College of Saint Rose (continued)

- Sustained, systematic approach to faculty salary improvement and equity.
- Collaborative negotiation of new *Faculty Manual* (the faculty contractual document).
- Design, approval, implementation and continuing refinement of new undergraduate general education curriculum and assessment program.
- Design, approval and implementation of the diversity degree requirement.
- Implementation of assessment of student academic achievement for all undergraduate and graduate degree programs.
- Establishment of peer-reviewed reassigned time program for faculty scholarly, creative and grant-writing activity and significant increase in professional publications.
- Planning and decisions to support and finance rapid faculty adoption of instructional technology.
- Co-chair, steering committees for Middle States Association periodic review report and self-study.
- Member, Capital Campaign Steering Committee; involvement in \$3 Million in successful fund-raising projects.
- Increased study abroad activity among students and faculty, with legislative sponsorship.

August 1991-June 1997: **Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Professor of History, University of Detroit Mercy, 4001 West McNichols Road, Detroit, MI 48221-3038.**

Academic, administrative and fiscal leadership within a consolidated university for College of 100 faculty and staff, 1,400 full- and part-time undergraduate and graduate students; principal responsibility for the University Core Curriculum and provision of University academic support services. Selected leadership initiatives:

- Building a sense of community among faculty on two previously-independent campuses, based on collegial commitments to liberal learning, the teaching priority and scholarship.
- Implementation of a College academic vision and strategic plan.
- Securing \$1.5 Million appropriation to renovate the Briggs Liberal Arts Building.
- Reorganization of the University's academic support programs in the College.
- Establishment of inaugural alumni council and advancement program, including raising \$.5 Million to build a theatre arts center and a 13% increase in annual fund giving.
- Implementation of assessment in Core and undergraduate and graduate degree programs.
- Expansion of information technology to faculty desk-tops.
- Participation in Kellogg-Foundation-funded Service Learning Center.

November 1984-June 1991: **Dean of Graduate Studies and Professor of History, Chicago State University, Ninety-Fifth Street at King Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60628.**

Academic and administrative leadership for a graduate program of more than 2,000 students; chairing Graduate Faculty and Graduate Council; assisting Provost with curriculum, program development and review, faculty affairs, grant writing and state system/government relations. Selected leadership initiatives:

- Increase in graduate enrollments.
- Implementation of assessment of academic achievement for all graduate programs.
- **Fulbright Scholar**, April-June 1990: Dept. of Modern History, Trinity College, Dublin.
- Founder and chair, Chicago Academic Alliance.

Chicago State University (continued)

- **Project Director**, 1989-1991: National Endowment for the Humanities-funded seminar program “Extending the Great Conversation: Mesopotamia, Egypt, Ancient Greece and the Origins of the Western Tradition” (Sponsored by Chicago Academic Alliance for Chicago Public Schools teachers in collaboration with Chicago State University, The University of Chicago and Northeastern Illinois University).

September 1979-November 1984: **Director, Continuing and Graduate Education, State University of New York College at Cortland, Cortland, New York 13045.**

Academic and administrative leadership for graduate study; Summer Session programming; development of partnerships with local business and industry; development and supervision of off-campus graduate centers. **Teaching:** Modern Irish History; English Composition. Selected leadership initiatives:

- Increase in graduate enrollments.
- Development and supervision of Mohawk Valley Graduate Center.
- Expansion of Summer Session programs, enrollments and revenue.
- Responsive programming for adults and business and industrial community.

July 1977-August 1979: **Assistant Director, Alternative and Continuing Education, Lake Erie College, Painesville, Ohio 44077.**

Program development and implementation; supervision of extension centers, Weekend College and Summer Session, prior learning assessment.

July 1977-August 1979: **Assistant Professor of History, Lake Erie College.**

Teaching courses in Modern British history since 1484, urban society and modern Irish history; academic advisor to liberal arts students.

August 1976-May 1977: **Assistant Director of Admissions, Lake Erie College.**

Supervision of an extension of the business administration program in Columbus, Ohio.

AWARDS:

Fulbright Scholar, 1990: Department of Modern History, Trinity College, Dublin

Phi Delta Kappa, Educator of the Year, Chicago 1991

Proclamation, William J. Lowe Day in the City of Saint Paul, MN, 26 June 2008

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & ACTIVITIES:

Member, Core Educational Outcomes Task Force of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) & National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges (NASULGC) Voluntary System of Accountability (VSA) Project, 2007

Member, Accreditation Review Council, Higher Learning Commission, 2007-2011

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities-Inter-Faculty Organization Salary Competitiveness Task Force, 2004-2005

Peer Reviewer, Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association, 2003-

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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & ACTIVITIES (continued)

Middle States Association Commission of Higher Education: Evaluation Team Member, 2001-2003; Committee on Substantive Change, 2002-2003

National University of Ireland – Galway Fellowship Adjudicating Committee, Irish American Cultural Institute, 2002

Consultant-Evaluator and Assessment Reviewer, North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, 1993-1997

Adjunct Member of the Graduate Faculty, Department of History, Wayne State University, 1995-98.

Reader/Panelist, National Endowment for the Humanities

Team Leader, American Commitments: Diversity and Liberal Learning (Curriculum and Faculty Development Network), Association of American Colleges & Universities, 1993-1997

Chair, Chicago Academic Alliance, 1986-1991 (Chicago State University, Chicago Public Schools, The University of Chicago, Northeastern Illinois University)

Consultant, American Association for Higher Education – MacArthur Foundation National Project in Support of Academic Alliances (1988-1991)

COMMUNITY SERVICE AFFILIATIONS AND OFFICES:

Member, Board of Directors, Minnesota Sinfonia, 2003-

Member, Ramsey County Workforce Investment Board Education Committee, 2008-

Member, Ramsey County (MN) Workforce Investment Board (WIB), representing the City of Saint Paul, 2003-2008; Member, Executive Committee

Board of Directors, Friends of the Ramsey County Workforce Investment Board, 2004- (WIB fiscal agent, employer of record and fund-raising body)

Election Judge, Washington County, MN, 2004-

Volunteer broadcast reader, WMHT-FM, RISE (Radio Information Service for the Print Disabled), 2000-2003

Treasurer, American Conference for Irish Studies, 1989-91

Board of Directors, Michigan State University Arts and Letters Alumni Association, 1982-92

Board of Directors, Michigan State University Illinois Alumni Club, 1987-92

Oak Park, IL, School District No. 97 (Personnel Committee and Community Council, 1985-88)

Judge, Chicago Metro History Fair, 1985-96

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PUBLICATIONS:

Lowe, W.J., "Irish Constabulary Officers, 1837–1922: Profile of a Professional Elite" in *Irish Economic and Social History*, xxxii (2005) pp. 19-46.

Lowe, W.J., "Who were the Black & Tans?" in *History Ireland*, vol. 12, no. 3 (Autumn 2004), pp. 47-51.

Lowe, W.J., "The War Against the R.I.C., 1919-21" in *Éire-Ireland*, xxxvii, 3-4 (Fall/Winter 2002) pp. 79-117.

Lowe, W.J., "The Constabulary Agitation of 1882" in *Irish Historical Studies*, vol. xxxi, no.121 (May 1998), pp. 37-59.

Lowe, W.J., "The Irish Constabulary in the Great Famine" in *History Ireland*, vol. 5, no. 4 (Winter 1997), pp. 32-37.

Lowe, W.J., "Policing Famine Ireland" in *Éire-Ireland*, xxix, 4 (Winter 1994), pp. 47-67. Reprinted in Ian O'Donnell & Finbarr McAuley (ed.), *Criminal Justice History: Themes and Controversies from Pre-Independence Ireland* (Dublin, 2003), pp. 156-74.

Lowe, W.J., & Malcolm, E.L., "The Domestication of the Royal Irish Constabulary, 1837-1922", in *Irish Economic and Social History*, xix (1992), pp. 27-48.

Lowe, W.J., *The Irish in Mid-Victorian Lancashire: The Shaping of a Working-Class Community* (New York & Bern, 1989).

Lowe, W.J., "The Men in the Middle: A Social and Occupational Profile of English and Irish Policemen in 1848" in *The Consortium on Revolutionary Europe: Proceedings*, 1989, vol. 1 (Athens, GA, 1990), pp. 290-302.

Lowe, W.J., "Irish Confederates and Fenians: Radical mobilization among the Irish in Britain, 1848-71" in *The Consortium on Revolutionary Europe: Proceedings*, 1984 (Athens, GA, 1986), pp. 434-41.

Lowe, W.J., "The Chartists and the Irish Confederates: Lancashire, 1848" in *Irish Historical Studies*, xxiv, no.94 (November 1984) pp. 172-96.

Lowe, W.J., "The Lancashire Constabulary, 1845-70: The social and occupational function of a Victorian police force" in *Criminal Justice History*, iv (1983), pp. 41-62.

Lowe, W.J., "Lancashire Fenianism, 1864-71" in *Transactions of the Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire*, cxxvi (1977), pp. 156-85.

Haslett, J. & Lowe, W.J., "Household structure and overcrowding among the Lancashire Irish during the mid-nineteenth century" in *Histoire Sociale-Social History* (Canada), ix, no.19 (May 1977), pp. 45-58.

Lowe, W.J., "Social agencies among the Irish in Lancashire during the mid-Nineteenth Century" in *Saothar: Journal of the Irish Labour History Society*, iii (1977), pp. 15-20.

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PUBLICATIONS (continued)

Lowe, W.J., "The Lancashire Irish and the catholic church, 1846-71: The social dimension" in *Irish Historical Studies*, xx, no.78 (Sept. 1976), pp. 129-55.

Lowe, W.J., "Landlord and tenant on the estate of Trinity College, Dublin, 1850-1903" in *Hermathena: A Dublin University Review*, cxx, (Summer 1976), pp. 5-24.

PAPERS PRESENTED:

"Irish Police Careers and Historical Anomalies, 1837-1922: The Case of the Black and Tans", presented to the Irish Genealogical Society International, Minnesota Genealogical Center, August 2005.

"Irish Constabulary Officers, 1837-1922: Profile of a Professional Elite", presented at the American Conference for Irish Studies annual meeting, University of Liverpool, UK, July 2004

"Royal Irish Constabulary Officers, 1879-1922: Respectable Professionals or Establishment Elite?" presented at the American Conference for Irish Studies annual meeting, Fordham University, June 2001.

"The War Against the R.I.C., 1919-21" presented at the American Conference for Irish Studies annual meeting, University at Limerick, Ireland, June 2000.

"The RIC Agitation of 1882" presented at the American Conference for Irish Studies annual meeting, Southern Illinois University, April 1996.

"The Old RIC in the New Free State: Disbandment and After" presented at the American Conference for Irish Studies annual meeting, Queen's University, Belfast, June 1995.

"Policing Famine Ireland" presented at the American Conference for Irish Studies annual meeting, Villanova University, April 1993.

"The Occupational and Social Profile of the Irish Constabulary, 1837-1922" presented at the American Conference for Irish Studies annual meeting, University of Wisconsin-Madison, April 1991.

The O'Donnell Lecture: "'Employment of a very desirable and much-needed character': The Irish Constabulary, 1837-1922", May 1990, Trinity College, Dublin.

"Improving Historical Understanding: The Case of Modern Ireland", workshop presented for Chicago Public Schools Central High School District, January 1988 & March 1989.

"The Men in the Middle: A Social and Occupational Profile of English and Irish Policemen in 1848" presented at the Nineteenth Consortium on Revolutionary Europe, February 1989, Charleston, South Carolina.

Panelist, "Post-Famine Politics and Economy", 23rd Annual Meeting of the American Committee for Irish Studies, April 1985, Tacoma, Washington.

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PAPERS PRESENTED (continued)

Irish Confederates and Fenians: Radical mobilization among the Irish in Britain, 1848-71” presented at the Fourteenth Consortium on Revolutionary Europe, Duke University, February 1984.

“The Chartists and the Irish Confederates: Lancashire, 1848” presented as part of panel on Working-class Radicalism and the Irish: England, 1815-48, American Historical Association Annual Meeting, December 1982, Washington, D.C.

Colloquium panelist on “Ireland under Peel and Grant, 1812-21” by Stanley H. Palmer, Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., June 1981.

“Irish community life in Lancashire during the mid-nineteenth century” presented at the 17th Annual Meeting of the American Committee for Irish Studies, April 1979, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Va.

“The Lancashire Constabulary, 1845-70: The social and occupational function of a Victorian police force” presented at the Great Lakes History Conference, April 1978, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

“The Irish and Nationalism during the 1860s” presented at Boston College, February 1977.

“The Irish in Lancashire: Aspects of working-class social history” presented to the Irish Labour History Society, June 1975, University College, Dublin, Ireland.

“The Lancashire Irish and the catholic church, 1846-71” presented to the Irish Historical Society, April 1975, University College, Dublin, Ireland.

MEMBERSHIPS:

American Association of State Colleges and Universities
American Association of University Professors
American Conference for Irish Studies
British Association for Irish Studies
Economic and Social History Society of Ireland
Irish Historical Society
Irish American Cultural Institute
Saint Paul Area and Minneapolis Area Chambers of Commerce