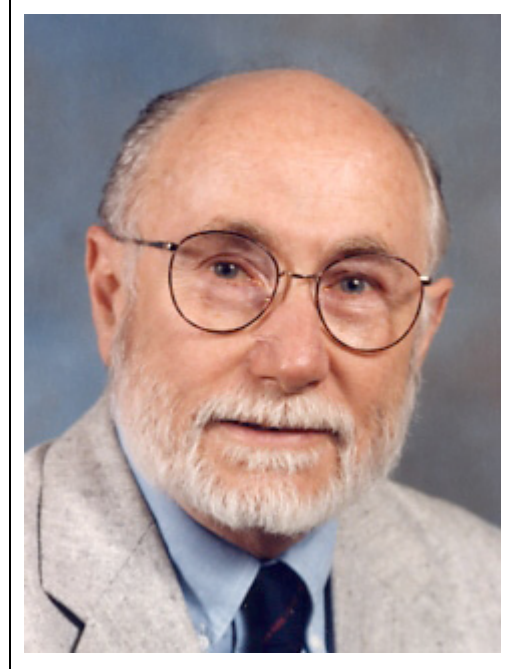


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Earlham College	1951-52	
University of Denver	1959	BA; MA

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San José State New College Humanities Team	1969	1980

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John Steinbeck Research Center Director (SJSU): 1981-83

Head, Library Special Collections and Archives (SJSU): 1984-96

President, San Jose Historic Landmarks Commission: 1981-84; Member: 1981-90

Santa Clara County Historical Heritage Commission: 1992-98

Sourisseau Academy for State and Local History (SJSU): 1980-

Selected Publications:

Historic San Jose, Tales of Naglee Park; 1998

Historical Footnotes of Santa Clara Valley; 1993

Historical Highlights of Santa Clara Valley: 2005

World Directory of Musicians and Composer Societies; 1977

Articles in the following journals: Notes; Library Journal; British Music;
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Personal Commentary (please limit comments to one page):

My first college experience at a friendly Quaker school inspired me to choose education as a profession. It also taught me that social events and extracurricular activities could be an important adjunct to the classroom experience. I brought this philosophy to SJSU, where I helped to start a foreign film series, the University book talks, recreational reading areas in the library, and other outreach efforts.

Being a member of the interdisciplinary New College program was the most fulfilling and enjoyable experience of my years as SJSU. It allowed me to help build and be one of a close community of students and faculty, where creativity and innovation were part of the academic experience.

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