

**JAMES MARTEN**

Professor Emeritus of History  
Marquette University  
Interim Executive Director, Society of Civil War Historians

*President, 2013-2015*  
*Founding Secretary-Treasurer, 2001-2011*  
**Society for the History of Children and Youth**

*President, 2008-2012*  
**Society of Civil War Historians**

**EDUCATION**

PhD, History, University of Texas at Austin, 1986

MA, History, University of South Dakota, 1981

BS, History, With High Honor, South Dakota State University, 1978

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Marquette University

2022-Present, Professor Emeritus

2000-2022, Professor

1992-2000, Associate Professor

1986-1992, Assistant Professor

Acting Director, Marquette Core Curriculum, 2018-2020

Department Chair, 2005-2020

Acting Department Chair, 2004-2005

Founder and Director, Frank L. Klement Lectures, 1991-2004

Director of Graduate Studies, History, 1993-1994, 1999-2005

Northeast Normal University, Changchun, People's Republic of China

J. William Fulbright Lecturer, Institute of American Studies, Spring 1999

**SELECTED BOOKS**

*The Sixth Wisconsin and the Long Civil War: The Biography of a Regiment* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2025).

*Oxford Handbook of the History of Youth Culture*. Editor (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2023).

*Buying and Selling Civil War Memory in Gilded Age America*. Co-editor, with Caroline E. Janney (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2021).

*A Very Short Introduction to the History of Childhood* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2018).

*America's Corporal: James Tanner in War and Peace* (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2014, cloth and paper).

*Sing Not War: The Lives of Union and Confederate Veterans in Gilded Age America* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2011; paper, 2014). Alternate Selection, History Book Club, Military History Book Club.

*Cultural History of Childhood and Family*. Senior Co-General Editor, with Elizabeth Foyster (Oxford: Berg Publishers, 2010; paper, 2014), 6 volumes.

*Childhood and Child Welfare in the Progressive Era: A Brief History with Documents* (New York: Bedford Books, 2004)

*Civil War America: Voices from the Home Front* (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2003; New York: Fordham University Press, rev. paperback, 2007)

*Children and War: A Historical Anthology*. Editor. (New York: New York University Press, 2002, cloth and paper).

*The Children's Civil War* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1998; paper, 2000).

*Chasing Rainbows: A Recollection of the Great Plains, 1921-1975*. Edited reminiscences of Gladys Leffler Gist. (Ames: Iowa State University Press, 1993).

*Texas Divided: Loyalty and Dissent in the Lone Star State, 1856-1874* (Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 1990; paper, 2009).

#### AWARDS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

2020-2021: Way Klingler Fellowship, Marquette University, 2021-2022.

2021: American Philosophical Society, Franklin Grant, \$5000

2010: Lawrence G. Haggerty Faculty Award for Excellence in Research, Marquette University

2004: Award for Enhancing the Quality of Student Life, Division of Student Life, Marquette University

2000-2004: National Endowment for the Humanities, \$176,000 for "Children in Urban America Project"

1999: "Outstanding Academic Book," *Choice Magazine* (for *Children's Civil War*)

1999: Alpha Sigma Nu Jesuit National Book Award for History (for *Children's Civil War*)

#### EDITORIAL POSITIONS

Senior Editor, *Encyclopedia of Milwaukee* (2010-2019)

Editor, *Journal of the History of Childhood and Youth* (2013-2018)

Editor, *Milwaukee History*, Milwaukee County Historical Society (2003-2009)

## NAMED AND PLENARY LECTURES

"To Nurture and Instruct: Foreshadowing Mr. Rogers in Nineteenth Century Children's Magazines," at The Work of Fred Rogers: A Conference on His Context and Legacy, St. Vincent College, Latrobe, Pennsylvania, June 2023.

"It is a new life to us all': Soldiers, Civilians, and the Invention of War," Crozer Lecture, University of Virginia, April 2022.

"Tragedy and Opportunity: The Study of Children and Families in Wartime," Plenary Lecture, Family and War: Experience, Welfare and Ideas from Antiquity to Present Time Conference, Tutzing, Germany, November 2021 (virtual).

"Memorialized and Marginalized: Civil War Soldiers and the Modernization of Veteranhood," Opening Plenary Lecture, Veterans in Society Conference, Roanoke, Va., November 2015.

"Civil War Aftermaths: Union Veterans in Gilded Age Wisconsin," Distinguished Lecture Series, Wisconsin Veterans Museum, Madison, Wisconsin, October 2015.

"Becoming Corporal Tanner: Civil War Veterans, Disability, and Celebrity," William L. Davis, SJ, Lecture, Gonzaga University, February 2014.

"America's Corporal: A Civil War Veteran Makes His Way," Sister Justine Peter Lecture, Cardinal Stritch University, Milwaukee, October 2013.

"The Children's Civil War," Jeans Lecture, Missouri Southern State University, March 2012.

"A Generation Set Apart: Union Civil War Veterans and Northern Society," Herbert S. Schell Lecture, University of South Dakota, November 2011.

"Deserters, Coffee-coolers, Bounty-jumpers and Mendicants: Civil War Veterans and the Public in Gilded Age America," Summersell Lecture in History, University of Alabama, March 2009.

"Coming of Age in the Civil War South," W. Augustus Low Lecture, University of Maryland-Baltimore County, May 2006.

## SELECT ARTICLES, ESSAYS, AND CHAPTERS IN BOOKS

"The battle for which we had so long been yearning': The 6th Wisconsin at Brawner Farm," in *The Second Manassas Campaign*, ed. Caroline E. Janney and Kathryn Shively (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2025).

"Petersburg Besieged and the Shenandoah Valley," in *Oxford Handbook of the Civil War*, ed. Lorien Foote and Earl Hess (New York: Oxford University Press, 2021).

"Vigorous Men with Something to Say: Professional Lecturers in Gilded Age America," in *Buying and Selling Civil War Memory in Gilded Age America*, ed. James Marten and Caroline E. Janney (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2021).

"Families at War," in *Cambridge History of the American Civil War*, ed. Aaron Sheehan-Dean (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2019).

"My Soldiers' Home," in *Civil War Places: Historians Reflect on Where They Visit and What They See*, J. Matthew Gallman and Gary Gallagher, eds. (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2019).

"A Running Fight Against Their Fellow Men: Civil War Veterans in Gilded Age Literature," *Journal of the Civil War Era* 5 (December 2015): 504-527.

"Children's Literature," in *Cambridge History of American Civil War Literature*, ed. Coleman Hutchinson (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2015)

"My Dead Confederate: A Terrible Distinctness," in *Lens of War*, ed. J. Matthew Gallman and Gary Gallagher (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2015), 151-157.

"Union and Confederate Veterans," in Aaron Sheehan-Dean, ed., *Blackwell Companion to the U. S. Civil War* (Malden, MA: Wiley Blackwell, 2014).

"Children and War," in Paula Fass, ed., *The Routledge History of Childhood in the Western World* (New York: Routledge, 2012).

"Not a Veteran in the Poorhouse: Civil War Pensions and Soldiers' Homes," in Gary Gallagher and Joan Waugh, eds., *Wars Within a War: Controversy and Conflict over the American Civil War* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2009), 202-222.

"Bringing Up Yankees: The Civil War and the Moral Education of Northern Children," in Burton Bledstein and Robert Johnston, eds., *Middling Sorts: Explorations in the History of the American Middle Class* (New York: Routledge, 2001), 86-100.

"Exempt from the Ordinary Rules of Life: Sources on Maladjusted Union Civil War Veterans," *Civil War History* 47 (March 2001), 57-71. Reprinted in Larry Logue and Michael Barton, *The Civil War Veteran: A Historical Reader* (New York: New York University Press, 2007).

"Nomads in Blue: Disabled Veterans and Alcohol at the National Home," in David A. Gerber, ed., *Disabled Veterans in History* (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2000), 275-294.

"A Feeling of Restless Anxiety: Loyalty and Race on the Virginia Peninsula," in Gary W. Gallagher, ed., *The Richmond Campaign of 1862: The Peninsula and Seven Days* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2000), 121-152.

"Out at the Soldiers' Home: Union Veterans and Alcohol at the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers," *Prologue* 30 (Winter 1998): 305-313.

"Let Me Edge in to Your Bright Fire," *North & South* 1 (August 1998): 46-56.

"Fatherhood in the Confederacy: Southern Soldiers and Their Children," *Journal of Southern History* 63 (May 1997), 269-292. Abridged version published in Anya Jabour,

ed., *Major Problems in the History of American Families and Children* (Westport: Greenwood, 2003).

"Stern Realities: The Children of Chancellorsville and Beyond," in Gary W. Gallagher, ed., *Chancellorsville: The Battle and Its Aftermath* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1996), 219-240.

"For the Good, the True, and the Beautiful: Northern Children's Magazines and the Civil War," *Civil War History* 41 (March 1995): 57-75. Republished in J. Matthew Gallman, ed., *Citizens and Communities* (Kent: Kent State University Press, 2015).

#### MAJOR ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES

"Memory," "Veterans," and "Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center," *Encyclopedia of Milwaukee* (2019).

"Children and War," in Richard A. Shweder, Thomas R. Bidell, Anne C. Dailey, Suzanne D. Dixon, Peggy J. Miller, and John Modell, eds., *The Child: An Encyclopedic Companion* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2009).

"Civil War Children," in Sally McMillen, et al, eds., *Americans at War: Society, Culture, and the Homefront* (New York: Macmillan Reference, 2004).

"Children as Soldiers," in Paula Fass, ed., *Encyclopedia of Children and Childhood* (New York: Macmillan, 2003).

"Childhood," in Stanley Kutler, ed., *Dictionary of American History* (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 2003).

#### INVITED LECTURES, TALKS, AND PANELS

Invited Panelist, post-viewing Q & A for "Hallowed Home for Heroes: The Milwaukee Soldiers' Home," Museum of Wisconsin Art, West Bend, Wisconsin, November 2023.

"The Long Civil War: Living with Disability in Gilded Age America," Kenosha Civil War Museum, February 2023.

"A Caution for Fun: My Search for Ordinary People in American History," Conference on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the History MA Program at the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD, September 2022.

"The Sixth Wisconsin at Gettysburg," Civil War Institute, Gettysburg College, June 2022.

"Ben Butler, Slavery, and the Soldiers Home," Pre-show talk for *Ben Butler*, Milwaukee Chamber Theater, April 2019.

"Civil War Veterans and the Emergence of Modern America," University of Georgia, March 2018.

"Everything I know about History I Learned from Studying Children," Texas A & M University, March 2017.

"Veterans in Society: Ambiguities & Representations," NEH Workshop, Virginia Tech University, July 2016.

"Soldiers after the Civil War," Landmarks of American History & Culture Workshop for School Teachers, George Mason University, Arlington, VA, June 2016.

Panelist, "The Return of Union Veterans," Civil War Institute, Gettysburg College, June 2016.

"All was not the same as before': Civil War Homecomings in Wisconsin," Great Lakes Civil War Forum, Kenosha (WI) Civil War Museum, September 2015.

"The privilege of standing by the deathbed of the most remarkable man of modern times': James Tanner's First Brush with History," Lincoln Assassination Symposium, Mary Surratt House, Clinton, Maryland, March 2015.

"Everything I Need to Know About the Civil War I Learned from Studying Children," Washington University, St. Louis, October 2014.

"Strategies of Reintegration for 'Those Who Have Borne the Battle': Union Soldiers, the United States Government, and Northern Society in Gilded Age America," at "The Reintegration of Veterans in History: A Comparative Perspective" symposium, Institut for Sozialforschung, Hamburg, Germany, October 2014.

Roundtable, "Why Do They Matter? Children's Voices in War and History," War and Childhood in the Age of the World Wars: Local and Global Perspectives Conference, German Historical Institute, Washington, DC, June 2014.

Invited Panelist, "Round Table Discussion: Understanding Battlefield Trauma from a Long Historical Perspective," The Future of Civil War History: Looking Beyond the 150<sup>th</sup>," Gettysburg College, March 2013.

"The Burden of Being Roosevelt: Roosevelt and the Idea of Family," Theodore Roosevelt: Family Man in the Arena Symposium, Dickinson State University, October 2009.

"Children of Mars: The Intersection of Childhood and War," Children and War Conference, Rutgers University-Camden, April 2009.

"Very Special Children: Childhood, War, and History," University of Massachusetts, Amherst, February 2008.

"The Great Importance of Little Things: Lessons from the Children's Civil War," Monmouth College, October 2005.

"The Experience of Children in the War Between the States," Beauvoir, the Jefferson Davis Home and Presidential Library, Biloxi, Mississippi, November 2004.

"Hearts Burning with Patriotism: Children and the American Civil War," Second Annual Battle of Hampton Roads Weekend, Mariners' Museum, Newport News, Virginia, March 2004.

"Usable Childhoods: Civil War Children as Adults," Crossing Boundaries: New Perspectives on Civil War Military and Cultural History Conference, Huntington Library, San Marino, CA, October 2003.

"The War Spirit at Home: Children and Society during the American Civil War," Under Fire: Childhood in the Shadow of War Conference, Cotsen Children's Library, Princeton University, October 2003.

"Children in History: The American Civil War as a Case Study," Northeast Normal University, Changchun, People's Republic of China, June 1999.

"Rebellions East and West: Legacies of the American Civil War and the Taiping Rebellion" and "Childhood in Crisis: The Civil War and American Children," Nankai University, Tianjin, People's Republic of China, April 1999.

#### BOOK REVIEWS IN:

*Journal of American History, American Historical Review, Journal of Southern History, Reviews in American History, Journal of the Civil War Era, Journal for the History of Childhood and Youth, Civil War Book Review, Civil War History, Western Historical Quarterly, American Nineteenth Century History, Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era, Journal of African American History, American Journal of Play, History of Education Quarterly, Boyhood Studies, The Historian, Pacific Historical Review, Florida Historical Quarterly, Georgia Historical Quarterly, Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography, Indiana Magazine of History, Annals of Iowa, Register of the Kentucky Historical Society, Nebraska History, South Dakota History, Southwestern Historical Quarterly, Tennessee Historical Quarterly, Michigan War Studies Review, Newsletter of the Society of Civil War Historians, Civil War Regiments, Military History of the West, Texas Humanist, History Reviews Online, Lincoln Herald, North & South, Civil War Monitor (on-line), H-CivWar (on-line), H-Childhood (on-line), H-Disability (on-line), and Journal of Multi-Media History (on-line).*

#### MANUSCRIPTS AND PROPOSALS REVIEWED FOR:

Oxford University Press, University of North Carolina Press, Cambridge University Press, Routledge, Indiana University Press, Princeton University Press, New York University Press, Rutgers University Press, University of Georgia Press, Louisiana State University Press, University Press of Kansas, University of Virginia Press, University of Oklahoma Press, Southern Illinois University Press, Fordham University Press, State University of New York Press, University of Massachusetts Press, University Press of Mississippi, University of Missouri Press, Southern Illinois University Press, Houghton Mifflin, Westview Press, Scholarly Resources, *Journal of the History of Childhood and Youth, Civil War History, Journal of Southern History, Journal of the Civil War Era, Journal of Veterans Studies, Western Historical Quarterly, American Journal of Play, American Nineteenth Century History, Journal of Urban History, Great Plains Quarterly, Pennsylvania History, Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, Handbook of Texas, Annals of Iowa, Milwaukee County Historical Society, National Endowment for the Humanities, Southern Cultures, Eras* (Monash University)

#### RECENT MEDIA APPEARANCES

Featured in "Hallowed Home for Heroes: The Milwaukee Soldiers' Home," Milwaukee PBS, November 2023.

Interviewed on the history of Memorial Day, WKRN Television in Nashville, May 30, 2023.

Featured in James Bickerton, "Marjorie Taylor Greene's Confederacy Remark Trashed by Civil War Historians," *Newsweek* Online, October 21, 2022.

<https://www.newsweek.com/marjorie-taylor-greenes-confederacy-remark-trashed-civil-war-historians-1754011>

Featured in "With a pandemic and protests over racial injustice, Independence Day raises the question: Whose America are we celebrating?" *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, July 4, 2020.

Interviewed on origins of Memorial Day for Wisconsin Public Radio, May 25, 2020.

Participant, "Conversation" on youth and politics for online magazine *The Correspondent*, March 2020.

Featured in Politifact Wisconsin article on the KKK and the Democratic Party, October 23, 2017.

Interviewed on *America's Corporal: James Tanner in War and Peace*, on "Lake Effect," WUWM public radio, June 2014.

Interviewed for "Behind the Lines" on Corporal James Tanner, March 2014  
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CPloZfSd7Qo> )

Interviewed on "The Freedom Project," on "Lake Effect," WUWM public radio, September 2012.

#### SELECT PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Society for the History of Children and Youth
  - Past-President/Board Member, 2015-2017
  - President, 2013-2015
  - Vice President/President-Elect, 2011-2013
  - Co-Chair, 2013 Conference Program Committee
  - Founding Secretary-Treasurer, 2001-2011

- Society of Civil War Historians
  - Interim Executive Director, 2021-2023
  - President, 2008-2012
  - Chair, Transition/Executive Director Search Committees, 2021
  - Chair, Outreach and Membership Committee, 2014-2020

- Wisconsin Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, 2008-2009

- Milwaukee County Historical Society
  - Board of Directors, 2000-2009

- Book prize committees
  - Guittard Book Award, Baylor University, 2023



John Nau Book Prize in American Civil War Era History, 2020  
Merle Curti Book Award, 2016  
Tom Watson Brown Book Award, 2016