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Education

- Ph.D. American Studies, University of Kansas, 1983
Dissertation: *Planning for Abundance: Capitalism and American Ideas of National Planning, 1880-1920*
- M.A. American Studies, University of Kansas, 1974
- B.D. Andover Newton Theological School, Newton Centre, Massachusetts, 1968
- B.A. Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota, 1963

Honors

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society (inducted in 1980).

Professional Experience

- Adjunct Researcher, Department of Special Education, University of Kansas, 2015-present
- Adjunct Research Associate, American Studies, University of Kansas, 1999-present
- Lecturer, Department of Special Education, School of Education, University of Kansas, 2002-2005
- Adjunct Professor, Department of Special Education, School of Education, University of Kansas, 1994-2005
- Post-Doctoral Fellow, Interdisciplinary Policy Studies, Department of Special Education, University of Kansas, 1994-2002
- Visiting Assistant Professor, American Studies, University of Kansas, 1990-1991
- Firefighter, Lawrence-Douglas County Fire and Medical, Lawrence, Kansas, 1984-2004

Publications

- Kent, J. R. (2000). John Dewey and the project of critical social theory. *Social Thought and Research* 23(1/2), 1-43.
- Kent, J. R. (2000). A global challenge: Reframing democracy and education. *American Studies* 41(2/3), 375-91
- Kent, J. R. (2007). Is American liberalism singular or plural? *American Studies* 48(4), 129-45.
- Skrtic, T. M., & Kent, J. R. (2013). Rights, needs, and capabilities: Institutional and political barriers to justice for disabled people. In A. Kanter & B. Ferri, *Righting Educational Wrongs: Disability Studies in Law and Education* (pp. 58-101). Syracuse: Syracuse University Press.

Teaching Experience

- Democracy in America*, graduate seminar in American Studies, University of Kansas, 1990-1991

Professionalization and the Origins of the American Welfare State, graduate seminar in Special Education, University of Kansas, 1994-1995, 1996-1997, 2000-2001, 2003

Public Policy and Civic Professionalism, graduate seminar in Special Education, University of Kansas, 1995-1996, 2000-2001, 2004

Democracy and Education in America, graduate seminar in Special Education, University of Kansas, 1998-1999, 2001-2002

Democracy and the Prospects of Learning Organizations, graduate seminar in Special Education, University of Kansas, 2001-2002

Service

Editorial Board, *American Studies*, 2000-2013

Negotiator, International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local 1596, 1986-1997

Member, Advisory Board, IAFF Hazardous Materials Training Project, 1992, 1993

Member, Review Committee, Department of Energy Worker Training Grants, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, 1990, 1992, 1993