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Degrees: B.A. Social Science, Central Washington University, 1963; M.A. Teaching of History, Teachers College, Columbia University, 1967; Ph.d City University of New York, 1977

Awards: Assoc. for the Study of Afro-American Life & History Award for "Unsung Historian," 1983.

Beyond War Award (former Peace Corps Volunteer) 1987. Marcus Garvey Memorial

Foundation-Carter G. Woodson-William Leo Hansberry Award for contributions in history, 1989.

Lehman College Teacher of the Year, 1991. George N. Shuster Fellowship for academic research,
1991. Central Washington University Outstanding Alumni Award, 2009. Central Washington

University Distinguished Alumni Award, 2012. Garfield (Seattle, Washington) high school Hall of
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Books: Angels of Mercy: White Women and the History of New York's Colored Orphan Asylum, Fordham University Press, 2011 (2013)

Bruce Grit: The Black Nationalist Writings of John Edward Bruce, University of Tennessee Press, 2003 (2011)

New York's Black Regiments During the Civil War, Routledge, 2001

Fire In His Heart: Bishop Benjamin Tucker Tanner and the AME Church, University of Tennessee Press, 1998

Voice of Dissent: Theophilus Gould Steward and Black America, University of Tennessee Press, 1991

Articles: (selected) "The Civil War's Impact on Race Relations in New York State, 1865-1875," Afro-Americans in New York Life & History, 25:1, January, 2001, 57-89

"Saving Souls on the Frontier: A Chaplain's Labor," Montana: The Magazine of Western History, Winter, 1992, 28-41.

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"Susan McKinney-Steward: New York State's First African American Female Physician," Afro-Americans in New York Life & History, 9: 2, July, 1985, 27-44

"The Brief Diplomatic Career of Henry Highland Garnet," Phylon, 46:1, March, 1985, 71-81

"Henrietta Vinton Davis and the Garvey Movement," Afro-Americans in New York Life & History, VII, 2, July, 1983, 7-24

"The United States Constitution and Black Americans," The Schomburg Journal, 2, Winter, 1981-1982, 1, 4-5

"The Assassination of Malcolm X: The View From Home and Abroad," Afro-Americans in New York Life & History, V; 1, January, 1981, 43-58

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"Afro-American Emigration to Haiti During the American Civil War," The Americas, XXXV, 2, October, 1978, 185-200

"The Political Views of Timothy Thomas Fortune: The Father of Black Political Independence," Afro-Americans in New York Life & History, 11;2, July, 1978, 15-28

"The Struggle to Raise Black Regiments in New York State, 1861-1864," New-York Historical Society Quarterly, LVII, 3, July, 1974, 215-233

"David Walker and Malcolm X: Brothers in Radical Thought," Black World, XXII, October, 1973, 68-73

"Black American Missionaries in Africa," The Social Studies, LXII, 5, October, 1972, 198-202

Additionally, Professor Seraile has been a consultant to public schools, historical societies and community groups as well has appeared on cable television and radio programs. He has provided entries for encyclopedias, op-ed pieces and book reviews.

He joined Lehman's faculty in February, 1971 and was one of the nation's pioneers in teaching African American history in an academic department (Black Studies). During his tenure at Lehman Seraile taught many courses as well as developed others (History of African Americans, Harlem Renaissance, the 1960s, Blacks in Politics, Civil Rights Movement and Black Nationalism).