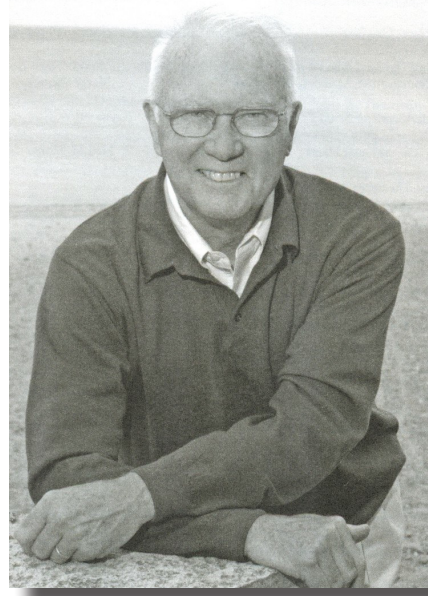


## Walter Nugent (1935- )

Walter Nugent, a recognized and accomplished scholar of both the Gilded Age/Progressive Era and the American West, served as the forty-fifth President of the Western History Association in 2005-2006. He had a forty-year career in higher education; after a brief appointment at Kansas State University (1961-1963), the remainder of his academic life was at Indiana University-Bloomington between 1963 and 1984, and the University of Notre Dame where he held the Andrew V. Tackes Chair in History from 1984 to 2000. In addition to teaching and serving in university administration, he held visiting professorships overseas at Warsaw University, Hamburg University, Hebrew University, and University College Dublin. He directed sixteen doctoral dissertations at Indiana and Notre Dame.



Born in Watertown, New York, on January 11, 1935, Nugent received his A.B. from Saint Benedict's College in Atchison, Kansas in 1954, his M.A. from Georgetown University in 1956, and his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago in 1961. His first major scholarly publication, *The Tolerant Populists: Kansas Populism and Nativism*, was published in 1963 by the University of Chicago Press. Several reviewers of this early work presciently noted scholarly attributes that would characterize Nugent's entire career, graceful and eloquent prose; meticulous criticism; methodical methodology; and scrupulous attention to sources.

The author of nine major monographs and over seventy journal articles on the Gilded Age/Progressive Era and the American West including *Money and American Society, 1865-1880* (Free Press, 1968); *Crossings: The Great Transatlantic Migrations, 1870-1914* (Indiana University Press, 1992); *Into the West: The Story of Its People* (Knopf, 1999); and *Habits of Empire: A History of American Expansion* (Vintage, 2009), he set a very high standard for scholarly discourse.

Walter Nugent has served on Fulbright selection panels, the editorial board of the *Western Historical Quarterly*, president of the Society of Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era, and the Board of Directors of History News Network. He is an elected fellow of the Society of American Historians. He was granted emeritus status at Notre Dame in 2000 and resides in Highland Park, Illinois, with his wife and fellow-historian Suellen Hoy.

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