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### **Degrees Earned**

B. A., Brigham Young University, 1967.  
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None

### **Peer-Review Publications and Artistic Performances/Exhibitions**

#### **Articles**

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Olson, J.S. "Radical Surgery in the Treatment of Breast Cancer: An Overview," The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center," October 18, 2013.

Olson, J. S. "Cancer Survivorship." The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center," October 18, 2013.

Olson, J. S. "Breast Cancer Treatment over the Ages," Stephen F. Austin State University, March 23, 2012.

Olson, J. S. "Changing Paradigms in Breast Cancer History," Collegium Aesculapium Fall Conference, Bedford, Massachusetts, October 10, 2007

Olson, J. S. "Writing Cancer History," Writing Conference, The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, December 8, 2006.

Olson, J. S. "Vietnam, Neoconservative Revisionism, and the War in Iraq," Keynote Presentation, Symposium on the Vietnam War, Texas A&M University, Commerce, November 10, 2006.

**Honors and Awards (Research and Writing)**

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Excellence in Research Award, Sam Houston State University, 1988.

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Nominated by The Free Press for Pulitzer Prize in Biography, 1995) for *John Wayne American*.

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Nominated by The Johns Hopkins University Press for the Pulitzer Prize in History, 2002 for *Bathsheba's Breast: Women, Cancer, and History*.

Excellence in Scholar/Academic Publishing Award, History of Science Category, the Association of American Publishers, 2003, for *Bathsheba's Breast: Women, Cancer, and History*.

A *Los Angeles Times*, Best Book of the Year recognition, 2003, for *Bathsheba's Breast: Women, Cancer, and History*

## **Work and Professional Experience**

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Associate Professor of History, Sam Houston State University, 1978-1984.

Professor of History, Sam Houston State University, 1984-1996.

Distinguished Professor of History, Sam Houston State University, 1996-2007.

Texas State University System Regents Professor of History, 2007-2017.

Distinguished Professor Emeritus, 2018 to present.

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Excellence in Teaching Award, Sam Houston State University, 1977

The Carnegie Endowment for Education and the Council for the Advancement of Education Professor of the Year Award, 2004.

Piper Professor Award, Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation, 2006.

## **Honors and Awards (Service)**

Alumni Association Service Award, 2004

Excellence in Service Award, Sam Houston State University, 2007.

Distinguished Alumnus Service Award, Brigham Young University, 2008.