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The Arkansas Historical Association presented him a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2015 and the Civil War Trust awarded him the 2013 State Preservation Leadership Award. He is president of the board of trustees of the Arkansas Historical Association, a member of the Arkansas World War I Centennial Commemoration Committee, a former member of the Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission, and former chairman of the board of directors of the Arkansas Humanities Council.

He has written, edited and co-edited several books including "Rugged and Sublime The Civil War in Arkansas," "Sentinels of History: Reflections on Arkansas Properties Listed on the National Register of Historic Places," which won an Award of Merit from the American Association for State and Local History, "Getting Used To Being Shot At: The Spence Family Civil War Letters," "All Cut to Pieces and Gone to Hell: The Civil War, Race Relations and the Battle of Poison Spring," "The Earth Shook and Trees Trembled: Civil War Arkansas 1863-1864," "The Die is Cast: Arkansas Goes to War, 1861," "Civil War Arkansas, 1863: The Battle for a State," which won the Military Order of the Stars and Bars' 2010 Douglas Southall Freeman Award and the Central Arkansas Library System's 2013 Booker Worthen Literary Prize, "This Day We Marched Again: A Union Soldier's Account of War in Arkansas and the Trans-Mississippi Region," "I Do Wish This Cruel War Was Over: First Person Accounts of Civil War Arkansas from the Arkansas Historical Quarterly" and "Competing Memories: The Legacy of Arkansas's Civil War."

He has also written many articles for such publications as *Civil War News*, *North and South*, *Blue and Gray*, *Arkansas Historical Quarterly* and *Pulaski County Historical Review*. The Pulaski County Historical Society awarded him its Peg Smith-Mary Worthen Award for his article "An Abolition Hole': Life in Union Little Rock, 1863-1865."