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A native of Virginia, he received the B.A. degree from Roanoke College and after service in the U.S. Navy earned M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in history from the University of Virginia.

At UK, he taught classes at all levels, from introductory survey courses in U.S. history to graduate seminars. He directed the work of thirty-five doctoral students and more than fifty M.A. students. He is a recipient of the UK Alumni Association Great Teacher Award and the Sturgill Award for Excellence in Graduate Education. He served three terms as history department chair and was acting director of the Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce in the spring of 2005.

A specialist in the history of U.S. foreign relations, his writing has focused on the Vietnam War and includes most importantly, *America's Longest War: The United States and Vietnam, 1950-1975*, now in its fourth edition.

His book *From Colony to Superpower: U.S. Foreign Relations since 1776* was published in October 2008 in Oxford University Press's prestigious History of the United States series. It has been favorably reviewed in the *New York Times*, *Christian Science Monitor*, and *Chronicle of Higher Education*. It was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award in non-fiction. It also received the 2008 Robert Ferrell Award given by the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) for the best book in the field. Herring was recently elected to The Society of American Historians, an honorary organization created to encourage literary distinction in the writing of history.

He served as president of SHAFR in 1989-1990, and was editor of its journal *Diplomatic History* between 1982 and 1986.

He has received National Endowment for the Humanities, Fulbright, and Guggenheim fellowships. In October 2005 he was a resident at the Rockefeller Study Center in Bellagio, Italy. He has been a visiting professor at the University of Otago in New Zealand, the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, and the University of Richmond.

Now retired from teaching, he continues to write and give talks, and enjoys travel with his wife, Dottie, tennis, and time spent with his six grandchildren.