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Brief Biography:

Dr. Gedge grew up in Milwaukee, WI, but has lived in Boston, MA, Rochester, NY, Fairfield, CT, Cleveland, OH, and Baltimore, MD before making West Chester her home. She attended Lake Forest College in Lake Forest, IL, for her B.A. in History and Education, SUNY College at Brockport for her M.A. in History, and Yale University for her Ph.D. in American Studies. Her husband, two sons, and three granddaughters live in the area now.

Teaching Interests:

Dr. Gedge regularly teaches the first half of the U.S. survey, HIS 400 Women in America, and the Secondary Social Studies Methods course (SSC 331). She also teaches HIS 474 Religion in America, HIS 455 U.S. Intellectual History, and HIS 553 Rise of the New Nation.

Research Interests:

Dr. Gedge has done research in Women, Religion, Cultural History, Material Culture (quilts), and Religion and Education.

Recent Publications:

Without Benefit of Clergy: Women and the Pastoral Relationship in Nineteenth-Century America. New York: Oxford University Press, 2003.

"Tension and Transition: Quilts as Carriers of Competing American Values," in Catherine Hutchins, ed., *Layers: Unfolding the Stories of Chester County Quilts.* West Chester (PA): Chester County Historical Society, 2009.

"Pastoral and Pedagogical Relationships in Historical Context," in Lene Sjørup and Hilda Romer Christensen, eds. *Pieties and Gender* (Leiden: Brill Academic Publishing, 2009).

Membership:

Dr. Gedge sits on the Board of Directors of Historic Yellow Springs, Chester Springs, PA
