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Professor Joan Waugh of the UCLA History Department researches and writes about nineteenth-century America, specializing in the Civil War, Reconstruction, and Gilded Age eras. Waugh has published many essays on Civil War topics, and her newest book is entitled U. S. Grant: American Hero, American Myth. (University of North Carolina Press, 2009).

Chosen as main selection by the History Book Club, U. S. Grant: American Hero, American Myth was awarded the Jefferson Davis Book Prize from the Museum of the Confederacy and the William Henry Seward Award for Excellence in Civil War Biography from the Civil War Forum of Metropolitan New York.

Other books include Unsentimental Reformer: The Life of Josephine Shaw Lowell (Harvard University, 1998); The Memory of the Civil War in American Culture (University of North Carolina Press, 2004), and Wars Within A War: Controversy and Conflict Over the American Civil War (University of North Carolina Press, 2009).

Professor Waugh is often invited to give public lectures about the Civil War. She has been interviewed for many documentaries, including the PBS series, "American Experience" on Ulysses S. Grant. Dr. Waugh teaches the "Civil War and Reconstruction," and "Gilded Age America, 1865-1900" lecture courses, and has been honored with three teaching prizes, including UCLA's prestigious Distinguished Teaching Award.