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EMPLOYMENT

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, Evanston, IL
Associate Professor of 20th-century US history, 2011-
Assistant Professor of 20th-century US history, 2008-11

NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY, Raleigh, NC
Assistant Professor of 20th-century US history, 2003-08

EDUCATION

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, Evanston, IL
Degrees: Ph.D., 2003; M.A., 1998

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, Chicago, IL
Degree: B.A. in History with honors, 1996

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

The Center Ring: The Making and Breaking of the Liberal Presidency, book manuscript in progress; research completed, seven of twelve chapters written.

Until the Last Man Comes Home: POWs, MIAs, and the Unending Vietnam War, University of North Carolina Press, 2009, paperback July 2012.

ARTICLES

"The POW Experience and American Veterans and the War," *Cambridge History of the Vietnam War*, Vol. 3, Pierre Asselin, ed., Cambridge University Press, forthcoming (7750 words).

"'Sacrilege of a Strange, Contemporary Kind': The Unknown Soldier and the Imagined Community After the Vietnam War," *History & Memory*, Vol. 23, no. 2 (Fall/Winter 2011): 90-131.

"'Help Us Tell the Truth About Vietnam': POW/MIA Politics and the End of the American War," in *Making Sense of the Vietnam Wars: Local, National, and Transnational Perspectives*, Mark Philip Bradley and Marilyn B. Young, eds., 251-75, Oxford University Press, 2008.

REVIEW ESSAYS

Review of Mark Philip Bradley and Mary L. Dudziak, eds., *Making the Forever War: Marilyn B. Young on the Culture and Politics of American Militarism* for *American Historical Review*, Vol. 128, no. 1 (March 2023): 482-484 (1800 words).

Review of Amanda Demmer, *After Saigon's Fall: Refugees and US-Vietnamese Relations, 1975-2000* in *H-Diplo Roundtable*, Vol. 23, no. 40 (June 2022): 5-12 (3800 words).

"The Pain Was Unbelievably Deep," *Diplomatic History*, Vol. 42, no. 2 (June 2018): 423-27 (2200 words).

"From Humiliation to Human Rights," *Reviews in American History*, Vol. 45, no. 1 (March 2017): 159-66 (3500 words).

"The Disposition of the War Dead," *Encyclopedia of Military Science*, Sage Publications, 2013, 1589-93 (2000 words).

Review of *Foreign Relations of the United States: 1969-1976, Volume VII: Vietnam, July 1970-January 1972*, in *Passport*, Vol. 43, no. 3 (Jan. 2013): 10-13 (4200 words).

Introduction to H-Diplo Roundtable for Meredith Lair, *Armed With Abundance: Consumerism and Soldiering in the Vietnam War* for *H-Diplo Roundtable*, Vol. 14, no. 12 (Dec. 2012): 2-6 (2900 words).

"The Limits and Fears of Flesh and Blood," *Reviews in American History*, Vol. 37, no. 3 (Sept. 2010): 539-47 (3800 words).

Author's response to reviews of *Until The Last Man Comes Home: POWs, MLAs, and the Unending Vietnam War*, in *H-Diplo Roundtable*, Vol. 11, no. 50 (Sept. 2010): 24-30 (3300 words).

Review of Edwin Martini, *Invisible Enemies: The American War on Vietnam, 1975-2000*, in *H-Diplo Roundtable*, Vol. 9, no. 12 (June 2008): 6-12 (3000 words).

SHORT REVIEWS AND OTHER WRITING

Review of Yen Le Espiritu, *Body Counts: The Vietnam War and Militarized Refuge(es)* for *Pacific Historical Review*, Vol. 85, no. 4 (November 2016): 625-26.

Review of Rebecca Thorpe, *The American Warfare State: The Domestic Politics of Military Spending* for *Journal of American Studies*, Vol. 50 no. 2 (May 2016): E32.

Review of Roger Peace, *A Call to Conscience: The Anti-Contra War Campaign* for *American Historical Review*, Vol. 118, no. 3 (June 2013): 890-91.

Review of Jerry Lembcke, *Hanoi Jane: War, Sex, & Fantasies of Betrayal* for *Pacific Historical Review*, Vol. 81, no. 1 (February 2012): 145-46.

Review of Scott Laderman, *Tours of Vietnam: War, Travel Guides, and Memory*, for *Journal of American History*, Vol. 96, no. 4 (March 2010): 1248-49.

"Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission," *Encyclopedia of Prisoners of War and Internment*, Jonathan F. Vance, ed., ABC-CLIO, 2000, 204-05.

"Liberation," co-authored with Jonathan F. Vance, *Encyclopedia of Prisoners of War and Internment*, Jonathan F. Vance, ed., ABC-CLIO, 2000, 169-73.

"Leave No Soldier Behind: Plenty of Precedent for Prisoner Exchange," *Chicago Tribune*, June 10, 2014.

"'Stolen Honor' Skews Its View of Vietnam," *Raleigh News & Observer*, October 27, 2004, 19A.

HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS

Charles Deering McCormick Professor of Teaching Excellence, 2021

Kaplan Institute for the Humanities Fellowship, 2015-16

Dirksen Congressional Center Research Award, 2012, 2000

Associated Student Government Faculty Honor Roll, 2012-13

Friends of the Princeton University Library Research Grant, 2011

Gerald R. Ford Foundation Research Grant, 2010, 2000

CHASS Scholarly Project Award, North Carolina State University, 2006

CHASS Summer Research Grant, North Carolina State University, 2004

Dissertation Year Fellowship, Northwestern University, 2002-03

Kaplan Center for the Humanities Graduate Teaching Fellow, Northwestern University, 2001-02

Graduate Research Grant, Northwestern University, 2000

Richter Grant for Summer Research, The University of Chicago, 1996

Marshall Wais Scholarship, The University of Chicago, 1994-95

PRESENTATIONS

SELECT ACADEMIC PAPERS

"The Deep State v. Democracy: The Establishment, The Deep State, and the Anxieties of Imperial Democracy," Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, June 2019.

"Biting the Hand That Feeds: The Liberal Establishment and the Imperial Presidency; or, the End of the Cold War Consensus," Invited Talk to LSE-SciencesPo International History Seminar, Paris, France, April 2016.

"Goodbye to all That: The Transnational Nuclear Disarmament Movement and the End of the Cold War Consensus," Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, June 2015.

"The Imperial Presidency and the Cold War Consensus, 1941-1992," Osaka University Symposium on the Legacies of World War II, Osaka, Japan, December 2014

"The Persistence of Peace Politics in the Age of Reagan: Looking Beyond U.S. Borders," Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, April 2014

"The Imperial Presidency and Its Critics: The Domestic Politics of American Empire," Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Meeting, Storrs, CT, June 2012

"The Rise and Fall of Congressional Antiwar Activism," Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Milwaukee, WI, April 2012

"The Least We Can Do': Child Abandonment and Rescue at the End of the Vietnam War," American Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, 2010

"The Missing, In Action: Accounting for the Missing Dead in U.S.-Vietnam Relations, 1973-2001," Keynote Address, Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference on Peace and War, Institute for the Humanities, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL, 2010

"Fostering Interdisciplinary Learning and Teaching Across the University: A Top-Down Approach for a Bottom-Up Solution," Council on Undergraduate Education Interdisciplinarity in General Education Symposium, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC, 2008

"The Domestication of War," American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, 2008

"Help Us Tell the Truth about Vietnam': POW/MIA Politics and the End of the American War," Making Sense of the Vietnam Wars Conference, University of Kentucky, Lexington KY, 2007

"Memory, Mourning, and the Missing Dead in American Military History," American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, 2006

"Artifacts of Loss: Lost Bodies and Lost Wars in American Mourning," American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, 2005

"Flip-Flop: John Kerry And Public Memory Of The Vietnam War," Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Meeting, College Park, MD, 2005

"Once We Met As Adversaries; Today We Work As Partners': Body Recovery in U.S.-Vietnam Relations, 1973-2000," Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA, 2005

"The Never-Ending Search: The Memorial Politics of Body Recovery After the Vietnam War," American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, 2004

OTHER TALKS AND INTERVIEWS

"The Punitive Turn in American History: Reflections on the Career of Michael Sherry," Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, June 2022.

Conversation with Andrew Yang, NU College Democrats, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, October 2021.

Conversation with Rep. Adam Schiff, Leopold Lecture, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, October 2019.

"The Vietnam War: What It Meant to Students in the '70s and What it Means Today," Presentation to the Class of 1973, Northwestern University, October 2018.

Participant in "Ken Burns and Lynn Novick's The Vietnam War: A Discussion with Two Historians and a Filmmaker," Chabreja Center for Historical Studies, Evanston, IL, Spring 2018.

"War: What Is It Good For? A Conversation to Honor Marilyn B. Young," Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, June 2017.

"Militarization and American Society," Workshop on the Military and Society in the United States, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, March 2013.

"The Confidence of Crisis: Confronting The Imperial Presidency, 1968-1992," Report on Research at the Mudd Library, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, 2012.

"Go Public: A Glimpse Into The Complexities of POW/MIA Politics," Wisconsin Veterans Museum, Madison, WI, 2009

"Bringing the Bodies Home," *Chronicle of Higher Education*, 17 May 2002, B4.

Interviews on Chicago Tonight WTTW11; Morning Shift WBEZ91.5; Curious City WBEZ91.5; WGN Morning News; Deutsche Welle; WILL AM580; WVON AM1690; WUSB 90.1FM; KERA 90.1FM; POW/MIA radio; Talking History radio.

Presentations to the Newberry Library Teachers' Consortium (2023); UW-Madison History Department (2021); Northwestern Class of 1973 (2018); Northwestern University Alumni Regents (2015); A Day With Northwestern (2015); Winnetka Public Library (2014) Casino Club Monday Lecture Series (2013, 2011); TimeLine Theater Sunday Scholar Series (2012, 2009); Theater Seven (2012); New Trier High School (2011); Alumnae of Northwestern University Continuing Education Program (2011); Sigma Chi Fraternity (2014, 2011); Willard Residential College (2011); Public Affairs Residential College (2013, 2011, 2010); Slivka Residential College (2010).

SERVICE

PROFESSIONAL

Chair and member of Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Nominating Committee, 2011-14

Chair and member of Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Graduate Student and Grants Committee, 2009-13

Co-Organizer of Global America, a year-long collaboration between Northwestern University and the University of Chicago on new approaches to America and the world, 2010-11

Referee for the National Endowment for the Humanities Division of Preservation and Access
Humanities Collections and Reference Resources Grants, 2010

Consultant to Chicago Public Radio production "After the Wars: Stories and Images of America's
Veterans," 2010

Co-Organizer of the Triangle History of the Military, War, and Society Seminar Series, co-sponsored
by Duke University, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and North Carolina State
University, Durham, NC, 2006-08

Manuscript/Proposal reviewer for Stanford University Press, Columbia University Press, University
of Wisconsin Press, Routledge, *Journal of American History*, *The Sixties*, *Pacific Historical Review*,
International History Review, *Radical History Review*, Israel Science Foundation.

DEPARTMENTAL

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of History, Northwestern University, 2013-15

COLLEGE

Chair of the Richard W. Leopold Lectureship Committee, 2018-

Member of the Richard W. Leopold Lectureship Committee, 2011-

Member of the Advisory Council for the Chabraja Center for Historical Studies, 2011-14

UNIVERSITY

Member of The Graduate School Administrative Board, Northwestern University, 2021-

Member of the Reimagining CTEC Committee, Northwestern University 2018-2019

TEACHING AND ADVISING

COURSES

American Studies 301: "Peoples, Nations, Worlds," Undergraduate seminar (2021)

American Studies 301: "Global 1968 and Its Afterlives," Undergraduate seminar (2018, 2012)

General Liberal Arts 280-04 "Scandal: The Scandalization of American Politics," Residential College
seminar (2015)

History 102-6-20: "1970s Now: The Long National Nightmare Lives On," First-year seminar (2023)

History 102-5-20: "Extreme Makeover: The End of Consensus and the Rise of Polarized Politics,"
First-year seminar (2018)

History 102-6-22: "Consumerism and Social Change in 'Mad Men' America, 1960-63," First-year
seminar (2013, 2010)

History 102-6-22: "Ronald Reagan and the Rise of the Political Right," First-year seminar (2009)

History 210-2: "History of the United States: Reconstruction to the Present," Undergraduate lecture
(2021, 2019, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2008, 2006, 2005, 2004, 2003)

History 211: "American Wars," Undergraduate lecture (2024)

History 300-20: The US and Japan in World War II, Undergraduate lecture co-taught with Laura
Hein (2018)

History 300-01/02: "Sophomore Seminar on Historical Research and Writing," Undergraduate
seminar, North Carolina State University (2007)

History 315-3: "The United States: Late 20th-century to Present," Undergraduate lecture (2023,
2020, 2019, 2016, 2014, 2013, 2011, 2010)

History 321-0: "The Vietnam Wars," Undergraduate lecture (2023, 2022, 2018, 2015, 2014, 2012, 2010, 2009)

History 392-32: "Extreme Makeover: The End of Consensus and the Rise of Extreme Politics in 1970s Washington," Undergraduate seminar (2016)

History 392-26: "Ronald Reagan and the Rewriting of American History," Undergraduate seminar (2002)

History 392/395: "The War Dead in American Life," Undergraduate seminar (2010)

History 393-22: "American Militarism," Undergraduate seminar (2018)

History 393-40: "War and the State in the American Century," Undergraduate seminar (2013)

History 395-20: "The Establishment," Undergraduate research seminar (2022, 2020)

History 395-51: "Why We Fight: A Century of American Wars, 1914-2014," Undergraduate research seminar (2014)

History 395-29: "The Sixties as History," Undergraduate research seminar (2000)

History 398-1,2,3: "Senior Thesis Seminar," Undergraduate research seminar (2014-15)

History 410-3: "General Field Seminar: Twentieth-Century United States," Graduate seminar, (2012, 2008)

History 492-20: "US State and Society Since 1933," Graduate seminar (2022)

History 492-23: "Cultural Encounters of American Empire," Graduate seminar (2010)

History 492-23: "The New Political History of the United States," Graduate seminar (2017)

History 492-26: "The History and Historiography of the United States Since 1940," Graduate seminar (2018)

History 563: "History and Memory," Graduate seminar, North Carolina State University (2008)

Humanities 391-1,2,3: "Media on the American Landscape," Undergraduate interdisciplinary seminar and lecture series (2001-2002)

DOCTORAL STUDENTS ADVISED

Cole Carter, Second-year Ph.D. Student.

John Pollard, Fourth-year Ph.D. Student.

Jonathan Ng, "Accumulating Crises: The Arms Trade and Reproduction of the US Empire, 1960-1988," 2021, Post-doctoral Fellow, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX.

Matt June, "Users and Abusers: Policing Prescriptions, Protecting Consumers, and the Modern 'War On Drugs,'" 2017, Teacher, Latin School of Chicago, Chicago, IL.

Wen-Qing Ngoei, "The Arc of Containment: Britain, Malaya, Singapore, and American Hegemony in Southeast Asia, 1941-1976," 2015. Associate Professor of History at Singapore Management University, Singapore.

Ashley Johnson Bavery, "Deported From Detroit: Illegal Europeans, Nativism, and the Rise of Immigration Restrictions in Interwar America," 2015. Associate Professor of History at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI.

DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

Flavia Canestrini, SciencesPo, 2022

Joy Sales, Northwestern University, 2019

Alex Hobson, Northwestern University, 2017

Matt Kahn, Northwestern University, 2016

Kyle Burke, Northwestern University, 2015

Rebecca Marchiel, Northwestern University, 2014

Theresa Keeley, Northwestern University, 2013

Andrew Warne, Northwestern University, 2012

UNDERGRADUATE ADVISEES

Eva Herscowitz, American Studies Senior Honors Thesis, Northwestern University, 2022-23
Anthony Inhorn, History Senior Honors Thesis, Northwestern University, 2021-22
Thea Showalter, American Studies Senior Honors Thesis, Northwestern University, 2021-22
Vivien Hough, American Studies Senior Honors Thesis, Northwestern University, 2020-21
Claire Fahey, American Studies Senior Honors Thesis, Northwestern University, 2018-19
Sarah Muller, History Senior Honors Thesis, Northwestern University, 2017-18
William Kirkland, History Senior Honors Thesis, Johnston Prize, Northwestern University, 2015-16
Zaynab Qadri, History Senior Honors Thesis, Northwestern University, 2014-15
Emily Vernon, American Studies Senior Honors Thesis, Smith Prize, Northwestern University, 2014-15
Nora Gannon, American Studies Senior Honors Thesis, Northwestern University, 2011-12
Zachary Ratner, American Studies Senior Honors Thesis, Northwestern University, 2011-12
Jillian Foley, History Senior Honors Thesis, Northwestern University, 2009-10

OTHER ADVISING

Leopold Fellows Faculty Adviser, 2009-13, 2019-
Associate Chair of Public Affairs Residential College, 2016-19
Faculty Fellow of Public Affairs Residential College, 2009-19
Director of Undergraduate Studies, 2013-15
History Club Adviser, North Carolina State University, 2004-06

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Historical Association
Organization of American Historians
Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant editor, Northwestern University Press, 2000
Archival intern, Chicago Historical Society, 1995
Archival intern, Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library, 1994