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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

RESEARCH MONOGRAPHS

New Politics: The Imperial Presidency, The Pragmatic Left, and the Paradox of Democratic Power, 1933-1981,
book manuscript in progress.

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

RESEARCH ARTICLES

"Sacilege 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*, edited by
Mark Philip Bradley and Marilyn B. Young, 251-75, Oxford University Press, 2008.

REVIEW ARTICLES

"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 Reviews*, 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 Reviews*, 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 Reviews*, 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

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

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

"The Missing, In Action: Accounting for the Missing Dead in U.S.-Vietnam Relations, 1973-2001,"
Buffett Center for International and Comparative Studies, Northwestern University,
Evanston, IL, 2009

"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

"Leave No Man Behind: Body Recovery as Casualty Aversion After the Vietnam War," Triangle
Institute for Security Studies New Faces Conference, Duke University, Durham, NC, 2003

"Naming the Unknown: The Privatization of Memory After the Vietnam War," Society of Military
History Annual Meeting, Madison, WI, 2002

"The Problem Defies Satisfactory Solution': Seeking the Meaning of Korean War POW
Defections," History: Military and Society VI conference, Ohio State University, Columbus,
OH, 1999

"The Problem Defies Satisfactory Solution': Korean War POWs as Symbols of Cold War America,"
Popular Culture Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, 1999

COMMENTS AND CHAIRS

Comment for paper "'We Will All Share in the Fruits of our Labors': Humphrey-Hawkins, the New
International Economic Order and the Battle for Economic Transformation in the 1970s,"
Refiguring the 1970s: New Narratives in U.S. and International History Conference,
University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, 2013.

Chair for panel "Aftermath of War: The Politicization of Family, Society, and Soldiers' Experiences During and After the Korean War," Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Meeting, Alexandria, VA, 2011

Comment for panel "Obligation and Coercion in Twentieth Century America: Gender and the Wartime State," Society for Military History Annual Meeting, Lisle, IL, 2011

Comment for paper "American Expatriates and the WRI Campaign Against the Vietnam War" by Joshua D. Cochran, New Approaches to America and the World, University of Chicago-Northwestern University Graduate Student Conference, Chicago, IL, 2011

Comment for panel "Kennedy's Headaches," Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Meeting, Madison, WI, 2010

Comment for panel "Causes and Effects; Representing Soldiering in the Era of the All-Volunteer Military," Society for Military History Annual Meeting, Lexington, VA, 2010

Comment for workshop "Contested Narratives in a Transatlantic and American Context," Center for Historical Studies International Doctoral Workshop, Munich, Germany, 2009

Comment for panel "Moxie and Might in a Changing Military," Fourth Annual North Carolina Graduate Student History Conference, Raleigh, NC, 2008

Co-comment for panel "Horses and Horse Power: Sports Culture Through History," Third Annual North Carolina Graduate Student History Conference, Raleigh, NC, 2007

Comment for paper "Overcoming the Division: The Korean War Monument and the Politics of Peace" by Sheila Miyoshi Jager, Triangle East Asia Colloquium, Durham, NC, 2006

Comment for panel "Food and Film: Popular Culture in Twentieth Century America," First Annual North Carolina Graduate Student History Conference, Raleigh, NC, 2005

OTHER TALKS AND INTERVIEWS

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," Chabraja 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.

"Inside, Outside, Upside Down: Researching the Politics of War," Alumnae of Northwestern University Continuing Education Program, Evanston, IL, 2011

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

"Back to the Beginning: U.S.-Vietnam Relations Since 1973," Vietnamese Interacting as One conference (VIA-1), Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, 2009

"Prisoners of the Vietnam War: Who They Were, Why We Cared," Raleigh Public Library series on The Sixties, Raleigh, NC, 2006

"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; WILL AM580; WUSB 90.1FM; KERA 90.1FM; POW/MIA radio; Talking History radio.

Presentations to the 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); 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, *The Sixties*, *Pacific Historical Review*, Israel Science Foundation.

DEPARTMENTAL

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

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

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

UNIVERSITY

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

TEACHING AND ADVISING

COURSES

American Studies 301-2: "Global 1968 and Its Afterlives," Undergraduate seminar, Northwestern University (2018, 2012)

General Liberal Arts 280-04 "Scandal: The Scandalization of American Politics," Undergraduate seminar, Northwestern University (2015)

History 102-5-20: "Extreme Makeover: The End of Consensus and the Rise of Polarized Politics," Freshman Seminar, Northwestern University (2018)

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

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

History 210-2: "History of the United States: Reconstruction to the Present," Undergraduate lecture, Northwestern University (2019, 2013, 2012, 2011)

History 252: "Modern American History," Undergraduate lecture, North Carolina State University (2008, 2006, 2005, 2004, 2003)

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

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

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

History 321-0: "The Vietnam Wars," Undergraduate lecture, Northwestern University (2018, 2015, 2014, 2012, 2010)

History 391-0-23: "Lectures in History: The Vietnam Wars," Undergraduate lecture, Northwestern University (2009)

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

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

History 392/395: "The War Dead in American Life," Undergraduate topical seminar/undergraduate research seminar, Northwestern University, (2010)

History 393-0-22: "American Militarism," Undergraduate seminar, Northwestern University (2018)

History 393-0-40: "War and the State in the American Century," Undergraduate seminar, Northwestern University (2013)

History 395-0-51: "Why We Fight: A Century of American Wars, 1914-2014," Undergraduate seminar (2014)

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

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

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

History 451/551: "The Vietnam Wars," Undergraduate and graduate seminar, North Carolina State University (2006, 2005, 2004)

History 452/552: "Recent America," Undergraduate and graduate seminar, North Carolina State University (2007, 2005, 2004, 2003)

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

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

History 492-26: "The History and Historiography of the United States Since 1940," Graduate seminar, Northwestern University (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, Northwestern University (2001-2002)

DOCTORAL STUDENTS ADVISED

Jonathan Ng, Sixth-year Ph.D. student, ABD status. "Accumulating Crises: The Arms Trade and Reproduction of the US Empire, 1960-1988."

Matt June, "Users and Abusers: Policing Prescriptions, Protecting Consumers, and the Modern 'War On Drugs,'" Summer 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," Spring 2015. Assistant Professor of History at Nanyang Technological University, Singapore.

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

DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

Joy Sales, Northwestern University (2016-19)

Matt Kahn, Northwestern University (2012-16)

Kyle Burke, Northwestern University (2012-15)

Theresa Keeley, Northwestern University (2010-13)

Rebecca Marchiel, Northwestern University (2010-14)

Andrew Warne, Northwestern University (2008-12)

UNDERGRADUATE ADVISEES

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
Andrew Bank, Undergraduate Summer Research Grant, Northwestern University, 2009

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, 2013-2015
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
American Studies Association

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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