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Education

PhD UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, History, received May 2011
BA CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY, KING'S COLLEGE, History, received June 2004
BA COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, History and Philosophy, received May 2002

Employment

2012–present NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, Department of History
Associate Professor, 2017–present
Assistant Professor, 2012–2017
2011–12 COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, Postdoctoral Fellow, Committee on Global Thought

Books

People of the Flame: Growth, Wood, Fire, and the End of the World, in progress.

How to Hide an Empire: A History of the Greater United States (New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2019). Paperback: Picador, 2020.

New York Times Editors' Choice title.

New York Times, Critics' Top Books of 2019 title.

Chicago Tribune, Ten Best Books of 2019 title.

New York Times bestseller, audio nonfiction, September 2019.

Los Angeles Times bestseller, nonfiction, February 2019.

Top 10 Amazon Charts bestseller, nonfiction, August 2019.

Top 10 Audible.com bestseller, nonfiction, August 2019.

Semifinalist, Goodreads Choice Award, Best History and Biography, 2019.

Shortlist, Historical Writers' Association Sharpe Books Non-Fiction Crown, 2019.

Publishers Weekly, Best Books of 2019 title.

National Public Radio, Best Books of 2019 title.

Barnes & Noble, Best Books of 2019 title.

Daily Telegraph, History Books of the Year 2019 title.

Smithsonian Magazine, Ten Best History Books of 2019 title.

The Paris Review, Contributors' Favorite Books of 2019 title.

Paste, Best Nonfiction Books of 2019 title.

The Sunday Times, London, Best Recent Paperbacks title, January 2019.

The Telegraph, Summer Best Holiday Beach Reads title, 2019.

The Telegraph, Best History Books for Christmas title, 2019.

BBC History Magazine, Choice title.

Public Books, Public Pick, 2019.

Longreads 2019 Holiday Gift Book Guide title.

Washington Post, selected as one of best three audiobook titles, May 2019.

Starred review, *Kirkus Reviews*.

Starred review, *Publishers Weekly*.

Audio: *How to Hide an Empire: A History of the Greater United States*, narrated by Luis Moreno (Recorded Books, 2019).

UK: *How to Hide an Empire: A Short History of the Greater United States* (London: The Bodley Head, 2019). Paperback: Vintage, 2020.

German: *Das Heimliche Imperium: Die USA als Moderne Kolonialmacht*, trans. Laura Su Bischoff and Michael Bischoff (Berlin: S. Fischer Verlag, 2019).

Italian: *L'Impero nascosto: Breve storia dei Grandi Stati Uniti d'America* (Rome: Einaudi, 2020).

Dutch: *Amerika buiten de Verenigde Staten: Een koloniale geschiedenis*, trans. Robert Vernooij (Amsterdam: Atlas Contact, 2020)

Foreign rights purchased: Korean: Munhakdongne; Chinese (complex): Faces; Chinese (simple): ThinKingdom; Vietnamese: Nha Nam.

Thinking Small: The United States and the Lure of Community Development (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2015). Paperback: 2018.

2016 Merle Curti Award, Intellectual History, Organization of American Historians.

2016 Annual Book Award, Society for U.S. Intellectual History (co-winner).

Chapters and Articles

- “The Galactic Vietnam: Technology, Modernization, and Empire in George Lucas’s *Star Wars*,” in *Ideologies and U.S. Foreign Policy*, ed. Danielle Holtz, David Milne, and Christopher Nichols, book under review at Columbia University Press.
- “Philippine Independence in U.S. History: A Car, Not a Train,” *Pacific Historical Review*, forthcoming.
- “The Territorial Empire,” in Mark P. Bradley, ed., *Cambridge History of America and the World*, vol. 3, 1900–1945, ed. Brooke L. Blower and Andrew Preston (New York: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming).
- “Ten-Cent Ideology: Donald Duck Comic Books and U.S. Global Hegemony,” *Modern American History* 3 (2020): forthcoming.
- “‘American Lives’: Pearl Harbor and the U.S. Empire,” in *Beyond Pearl Harbor: A Pacific History*, ed. Beth Bailey and David Farber (Lawrence: University of Kansas Press, 2019), 39–57.
- “*The Ugly American*: Peeling the Onion of an Iconic Cold War Text,” *Journal of American–East Asian Relations* 26 (2019): 7–20.
- “The Moon Landing: Twilight of Empire,” *Modern American History* 1 (2018): 129–133.
- “The Greater United States: Territory and Empire in U.S. History,” *Diplomatic History* 40 (2016): 373–391.
- “Polanyi in the United States: Peter Drucker, Karl Polanyi, and the Midcentury Critique of Economic Society,” *Journal of the History of Ideas* 70 (2009): 445–466.
- Japanese: “Shijo to kokka, soshite kabushiki gaisha,” trans. Yoshida Masayuki, *Gendai shiso* 28 (2010): 141–159.
- Featured article on *JSTOR Daily*, 7 December 2017.
- “The Fact/Narrative Distinction and Student Examinations in History,” *The History Teacher* 41 (2008): 199–206.
- “Caste or Colony?: Indianizing Race in the United States,” *Modern Intellectual History* 4 (2007): 275–301.
- Reprinted in serial in *Bheem Patrika*, 2012.
- Selected as one of *Modern Intellectual History*’s ten “Highlights of a Decade,” 2014.
- “The Politics of Architecture and Urbanism in Postcolonial Lagos, 1960–1986,” *Journal of African Cultural Studies* 19 (2007): 165–186.
- “History and the Sciences,” with Philip Kitcher, in Daniel Herwitz and Michael Kelly, eds., *Action, Art, History: Engagements with Arthur Danto* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2007), 198–226.
- Reprinted in *Explanation in the Special Sciences: The Case of Biology and History*, ed. Andreas Hutterman, Oliver Scholz, and Marie I. Kaiser (New York: Springer, 2014).

Essays and Reviews

- Introduction to roundtable on *The End of the Myth*, by Greg Grandin, H-Diplo, H-Net Reviews, forthcoming.
- Response to roundtable on *How to Hide an Empire, Il mestiere di storico*, forthcoming.
- “Development Meets the Environment,” foreword to *Transplanting Modernity*, ed. Jennifer Smith and Thomas Robertson (Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, forthcoming).
- Review of *Empires of the Senses*, by Andrew J. Rotter, *Journal of Social History*, forthcoming.
- “Empire of Shit,” *Allora & Calzadilla: Specters of Noon* (New York: Menil Collection, forthcoming).
- Review of *Toxic Exposures* by Susan L. Smith, *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences*, forthcoming.
- “A World to Win: Decolonization and the Pursuit of a More Egalitarian World Order,” *The Nation*, 13/20 January 2020.
- “What *How to Hide an Empire* Hides,” *Passport*, January 2020, 14–16.
- “Como si nasconde un imperio,” *Limes*, December 2019.
- “The Map that Remade an Empire,” *Mother Jones*, November/December 2019.
- Response to roundtable on *How to Hide an Empire*, H-Diplo, H-Net Reviews, November 2019.
- “The Center Does Not Hold: Jill Lepore’s Awkward Embrace of the Nation,” *The Nation*, 11/18 November 2019.
- “Trump’s Greenland Plan Shows He Has No Idea How American Power Works,” *New York Times*, 23 August 2019.
- “When Did the United States Start Calling Itself ‘America,’ Anyway?” *Mother Jones*, online, 4 July 2019.
- Spanish: “¿Cuándo empezó EE UU a llamarse a sí mismo ‘América?’” trans. Eduardo Pérez, *El Salto*, 4 August 2019.
- “All Over the Map: Jared Diamond Struggles to Understand a Connected World,” *The New Republic*, July/August 2019.
- “Development Politics: Seeing Past Ideas,” *Diplomatic History* 43 (2019): 580–582.
- Introduction to roundtable on *American Empire*, by A. G. Hopkins, H-Diplo, H-Net Reviews, April 2019.
- “Power is Sovereignty, Mister Bond: The U.S. Empire of Islands and Bases,” *Dissent*, Spring 2019.
- “Writing the History of the Greater United States: A Reply to Paul Kramer,” *Diplomatic History* 43 (2019): 397–403.
- “America’s Hidden Empire,” *BBC World Histories*, March 2019, 24–32.

- “Trump Neglects and Demeans U.S. Territories. It’s an American Tradition,” *Washington Post*, 28 February 2019.
- “How the US Has Hidden Its Empire,” *The Guardian*, 15 February 2019.
- One of *The Guardian*’s 15 most-read pieces of 2019.
- Adapted as a *Guardian* Long Reads podcast, February 2019.
- Review of *American Imperial Pastoral*, by Rebecca Tinio McKenna, *Planning Perspectives* 34 (2019): 188–189.
- “The Lethal Crescent: Where the Cold War Was Hot,” *The Nation*, 14 January 2019, 27–32.
- Review of Daniel Sargent, “Pax Americana: Sketches for an Undiplomatic History,” H-Diplo, H-Net Reviews, January 2019.
- Review of Daniel Bessner, *Democracy in Exile*, H-Diplo, H-Net Reviews, November 2018.
- “Privacy Settings,” *Dissent*, October 2018, 6–10.
- “We’re the Good Guys, Right?: On Marvel Movies,” *n+1* (online), April 2018.
- Review of *Once within Borders: Territories of Wealth, Power, and Belonging since 1500*, by Charles S. Maier, H-Diplo, H-Net Reviews, September 2017.
- “How General John Pershing Actually Dealt with Filipino Muslims,” *Slate*, 18 August 2017.
- Review of *Legitimizing Empire: Filipino Americans and U.S. Puerto Rican Cultural Critique*, by Faye Caronan, *Canadian Journal of History* 51 (2016): 694–696.
- Response in Roundtable on *Thinking Small*, H-Diplo, H-Net Reviews, June 2016.
- Review of *Planning Democracy: Agrarian Intellectuals and the Intended New Deal*, by Jess Gilbert, *Agricultural History* 90 (2016): 152–153.
- “The Thirty Years’ Crisis: Anxiety and Fear in the Midcentury United States,” *Modern Intellectual History* 13 (2016): 287–298.
- Review of *A Superpower Transformed: The Remaking of American Foreign Relations in the 1970s*, by Daniel J. Sargent, H-Diplo, H-Net Reviews, January 2016.
- “Thinking Small Won’t End Poverty,” *Jacobin*, Fall 2015, 75–79.
- “Growth vs. The Climate,” *Dissent*, Spring 2015, 110–118.
- Reprinted in Kurt Finsterbusch, ed., *Taking Sides: Clashing Views on Social Issues*, 19th ed. (New York: McGraw-Hill, 2016).
- “What Did You Do in the War, Doctor?: On Social Scientists and Social Change,” *n+1* (online), March 2015.
- Review of *The Empire Trap: The Rise and Fall of U.S. Intervention to Protect American Property Overseas, 1898–2013*, by Noel Maurer, *Journal of American Studies* 49 (2015): 201–203.

- “Dissertation Abstract: Quests for Community: The United States, Community Development, and the World, 1935–1965,” *Journal of Economic History* 73 (2013): 548–551.
- Review of *Colored Cosmopolitanism: The Shared Struggle for Freedom in the United States and India*, by Nico Slate, *Journal of Social History* 47 (2013): 547–549.
- “Charting the Road to Davos: The Rise and Fall of Internationalism,” *Dissent*, Spring 2013, 89–94.
- “Modernization and Development in U.S. Foreign Relations,” *Passport: The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Review*, September 2012, 22–25.
- “The Foundation Statesmen,” *n+1* (online), August 2012.
- Joint review of *The Great American Mission: Modernization and the Construction of an American World Order*, by David Ekbladh and *The Hungry World: America's Cold War Battle against Poverty in Cold War Asia*, by Nick Cullather, *Agricultural History* 86 (2012): 106–108.
- “On B. R. Ambedkar and Black-Dalit Connections,” translated into Telugu and published in *Bahujana Keratalu*, April 2012, 31–32.
- Review of *Thelonious Monk: The Life and Times of An American Original*, by Robin D. G. Kelley, *The Sixties* 3 (2010): 247–249.
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Fellowships and Honors

- SHORTLIST, SHARPE BOOKS NON-FICTION CROWN, Historical Writers' Association, 2019
- LAST LECTURE, Northwestern University Class of 2019
- ANDREW CARNEGIE FELLOW, Carnegie Corporation, 2017–2018
- ANNUAL BOOK AWARD, Society for U.S. Intellectual History, 2016 (co-winner)
- MERLE CURTI AWARD, Organization of American Historians, given yearly to the best book in intellectual history, 2016
- NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES FELLOW, Huntington Library, 2015–2016
- RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP, Humanities Center, University of Pittsburgh, 2015–2016 (declined)
- STUART L. BERNATH LECTURE PRIZE, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, annual award for “excellence in teaching and research in the field of foreign relations” by a younger scholar, 2015
- DECOLONIZATION SEMINAR FELLOW, National History Center, Summer 2014
- HONORABLE MENTION, BETTY M. UNTERBERGER DISSERTATION PRIZE, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, award for best dissertation on any subject in U.S. foreign relations, awarded biannually, 2013
- WEINBERG COLLEGE AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING FRESHMAN ADVISING, Northwestern University, 2013

ALLAN NEVINS PRIZE IN AMERICAN ECONOMIC HISTORY, Economic History Association, award for best dissertation in U.S. or Canadian History, 2012

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOW, Committee on Global Thought, Columbia University, 2011–2012

MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIP, 2002–2004

Teaching

I have taught undergraduate and graduate courses at Northwestern University; the University of California, Berkeley; Columbia University; and San Quentin State Prison. My current undergraduate offerings include:

GLOBAL HISTORY, 1750–THE PRESENT: THE AGE OF CARBON, introductory lecture

U.S. FOREIGN RELATIONS, advanced lecture

CAPITALISM AND ITS OPPONENTS IN HISTORY, freshman seminar

Dissertation Committees

COMPLETED DISSERTATIONS

Alvita Akiboh (2019, chair)

Kevin Baker (2019)

Kyle Burke (2015)

Taka Daitoku (2016)

Michael Falcone (2019, chair)

Alex Hobson (2017)

Tom Meaney (Columbia, 2017)

Wen-Qing Ngoei (2015)

Yanqiu Zheng (2017)

DISSERTATIONS IN PROGRESS

Melanie Hall

Michael Hill (University of Kansas)

Jonathan Ng

Papers, Presentations, and Panels

Presidential plenary session on Erasing History, American Historical Association, Seattle, January 2021.

“How to Hide an Empire: Telling the Story of the Greater United States,” Parker School, May 2020.

“How to Hide an Empire: Telling the Story of the Greater United States,” Harvey Goldberg Memorial Lecture, University of Wisconsin, Madison, April 2020.

“How to Hide an Empire: Telling the Story of the Greater United States,” John C. Kenefick Lecture, Creighton University, April 2020.

- “How to Hide an Empire: Telling the Story of the Greater United States,” David Kennedy Lecture, Stanford University, April 2020.
- “*Dune* and Empire: On Frank Herbert,” Intellectual History Workshop, Stanford University, April 2020.
- “How to Hide an Empire: Telling the Story of the Greater United States,” History Department Colloquium, University of California, Berkeley, April 2020.
- “The Limits of My Standards Are the Limits of My World: World War II and the Birth of a Global Material Culture,” Organization of American Historians conference, Washington, DC, April 2020
- “How to Hide an Empire: Telling the Story of the Greater United States,” Northwestern Emeriti Organization, April 2020.
- “How to Hide an Empire: Telling the Story of the Greater United States,” Colonialism and Imperialism Workshop, Princeton University, April 2020.
- “How to Hide an Empire: Telling the Story of the Greater United States,” Lowell Lecture Series, Boston Public Library, March 2020.
- “Ten-Cent Ideology: Donald Duck Comic Books and U.S. Hegemony,” Jack Diggins Memorial Lecture, CUNY Graduate Center, March 2020.
- “How to Hide an Empire: Telling the Story of the Greater United States,” Temple University, March 2020.
- “Talking about Empire in Public,” Haverford College, March 2020.
- “How to Hide an Empire: Telling the Story of the Greater United States,” Distinguished Visiting Humanities Lecture, Friends Central School, Wynnewood, PA, March 2020.
- Commentator, “Volunteering, Internationalism, and Development: Non-Elite International Relations at the Intersection of Decolonization and the Cold War,” American Historical Association conference, New York, January 2020.
- Global Antiquities Lunchtime Colloquium, Northwestern University, November 2019.
- “Everything You Always Wanted to Know about Guano But Were Afraid to Ask,” Willard Residential College, Northwestern University, November 2019.
- Roundtable, “How to Hide an Empire,” Society for U.S. Intellectual History conference, November 2019.
- “How to Hide an Empire: Telling the Story of the Greater United States,” Kellogg Business School, Northwestern University, October 2019.
- “Counting, Scale, and the U.S. Empire,” Northern Illinois University Graduate Student Conference, October 2019.
- “Telling the Story of the Greater United States,” Alfred Young keynote address, Northern Illinois University Graduate Student Conference, October 2019.

- “How to Hide an Empire: Telling the Story of the Greater United States,” Chicago Humanities Festival, October 2019.
- “How to Hide an Empire: Telling the Story of the Greater United States,” Society of Fellows Seminar, Huntington Library, Pasadena, October 2019.
- “How to Hide an Empire: Telling the Story of the Greater United States,” Current Events Class, Evanston, October 2019.
- “How to Hide an Empire: Telling the Story of the Greater United States,” Caxton Club, Chicago, October 2019.
- “Hot Off the Press” panel with Kate Wahl and Nitasha Sharma, Kaplan Humanities Center, Northwestern University, October 2019.
- “How to Hide an Empire: Telling the Story of the Greater United States,” Passport Series, Oakton Community College, September 2019.
- “How to Hide an Empire: Telling the Story of the Greater United States,” Humanities Center, University of Pittsburgh, September 2019.
- “Ten-Cent Ideology: Donald Duck Comics and U.S. Global Power,” Humanities Center, University of Pittsburgh, September 2019.
- “How to Hide an Empire: Telling the Story of the Greater United States,” Charles O. Jackson Lecture, University of Tennessee, September 2019.
- “How to Hide an Empire: Telling the Story of the Greater United States,” Minnesota Historical Society, Fort Snelling at Bdote, August 2019.
- “Writing about Empire in Public,” Minnesota Historical Society, Fort Snelling at Bdote, August 2019.
- “How to Hide an Empire: Telling the Story of the Greater United States,” Evanston Rotary Club, August 2019.
- “How to Hide an Empire: Telling the Story of the Greater United States,” Occupy Evanston, Evanston Civic Center, June 2019.
- “Mapping Indian Country,” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations conference, June 2019.
- “How to Hide an Empire,” conversation with Deborah Cohen, Printers Row Literary Festival, Chicago, IL, June 2019.
- “Last Lecture,” Northwestern Graduating Class of 2019, June 2019.
- “The *Insular Cases* and Their Shadow on U.S. History,” Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Chicago office, June 2019.
- “Ten-Cent Ideology: Donald Duck Comic Books and U.S. Global Hegemony,” Ideologies and Foreign Policy conference, Oregon State University, June 2019.
- “*Ishtar* and the Late Cold War,” Block Museum, Northwestern University, May 2019.

- “How to Hide an Empire,” Centuries and Sleuths Bookstore, Forest Park, IL, May 2019.
- “How to Hide an Empire: Telling the Story of the Greater United States,” Kinder Institute, University of Missouri, April 2019.
- “How to Hide an Empire: Telling the Story of the Greater United States,” University of Washington, April 2019.
- “How to Hide an Empire,” Revolution Books, New York City, April 2019.
- “How to Hide an Empire: Telling the Story of the Greater United States,” Columbia University, April 2019.
- “How to Hide an Empire,” Politics & Prose, Washington, DC, April 2019.
- “How to Hide an Empire: Telling the Story of the Greater United States,” Wilson Center, Washington, DC, April 2019.
- “The Trouble with Empires,” Menconi + Schoelkopf Art Gallery, New York, April 2019.
- “How to Hide an Empire: Telling the Story of the Greater United States,” Yale International History Workshop, April 2019.
- “How to Hide an Empire: Telling the Story of the Greater United States,” Chicago Global Affairs Council, April 2019.
- “How to Hide an Empire: Telling the Story of the Greater United States,” University of Texas, Austin, March 2019.
- “How to Hide an Empire: Telling the Story of the Greater United States,” Southern Methodist University, March 2019.
- “How to Hide an Empire: Telling the Story of the Greater United States,” Texas A&M, March 2019.
- “How to Hide an Empire,” discussion with Jonathan Levy, Seminary Co-op, Chicago, IL, March 2019.
- “How to Hide an Empire,” discussion with Geraldo Cadava, Bookends & Beginnings, Evanston, IL, March 2019.
- “How to Hide an Empire: Telling the Story of the Greater United States,” University of Illinois, Chicago, March 2019.
- “Everything You Always Wanted to Know about Guano but Were Afraid to Ask,” Notre Dame, March 2019.
- “Everything You Always Wanted to Know about Guano but Were Afraid to Ask,” Willard Residential College Fireside Chat, Northwestern University, February 2019.
- “Screwing In: Screw Threads, Standards, and the Making of U.S.-Centric Globalization,” American Historical Association conference, January 2019.

- “Empire of the Red Octagon: Stop Signs, Screw Threads, and the Making of U.S.-Centric Globalization,” Comparative Historical Social Science Workshop, Northwestern University, November 2018.
- “Ten-Cent Ideology: Donald Duck Comic Books and U.S. Global Hegemony,” Writing History through Children conference, Northwestern University, October 2018.
- “Everything You Always Wanted to Know about Guano but Were Afraid to Ask,” Conway Farms Golf Club, Lake Forest, October 2018.
- “Bases as Borderlands: Sony, the Beatles, and Osama bin Laden as Products of the U.S. Basing System,” War and Society Workshop, Northwestern University, September 2018.
- Chair and commentator, “Partners or Foes?: The Nation-State, Corporations, and Global Capitalism” panel, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations conference, June 2018.
- “The United States *Is* the Third World: The U.S. Empire in the Age of Decolonization,” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations conference, June 2018.
- “The Globalization of Things: Standardization, World-Proofing, and Indigenization,” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations conference, June 2018.
- “The Overseas Territories: An Offstage Empire,” *Cambridge History of America and the World* Conference, Philadelphia, June 2018.
- “Ten-Cent Ideology: Donald Duck Comic Books and U.S. Global Hegemony,” University of Chicago, Intellectual History Seminar, May 2018.
- “Fireball Express: How the United States Military Laid the Foundations for Globalization,” Fordham University, April 2018.
- “Power is Sovereignty, Mr. Bond: On the Use of Islands,” Northwestern Alumni Association, April 2018.
- “Everything You Always Wanted to Know about Guano But Were Afraid to Ask,” Northwestern Alumni Association, April 2018.
- “Ten-Cent Ideology: Donald Duck Comic Books and U.S. Global Hegemony,” Duke History Colloquium, January 2018.
- “Warfare State in the Pacific: Hawai‘i and Martial Law during the Second World War,” American Historical Association conference, January 2018.
- Chair and commentator, “Sex, Gender, Intimacy, Race, and Lingering Questions of Justice in World War II’s Southwest Pacific Theater,” American Historical Association conference, January 2018.
- “Nobody Knows in America, Puerto Rico’s in America: Colonial Medicine, Militant Nationalism, and the U.S. Empire,” University of Connecticut–Storrs, Foreign Policy Seminar, September 2017.
- “A War of Transportation: The Second World War and Globalization,” Society for the Historians of American Foreign Relations conference, Arlington, VA, June 2017.

- “From Us to U.S.: Global History and the Future of SHAFR,” Society for the Historians of American Foreign Relations conference, Arlington, VA, June 2017.
- “Nobody Knows in America, Puerto Rico’s in America,” Racing the International series, University of Chicago, Center for the Study of Race, Politics and Culture, May 2017.
- “Fireball Express: How the United States Military Laid the Foundations for Globalization,” Dartmouth University, April 2017.
- “Fireball Express: How the United States Military Laid the Foundations for Globalization,” Cornell University, April 2017.
- “Synthetica: A Technological Explanation for Decolonization,” Conflict and International Change Seminar, Hall Center for the Humanities, University of Kansas, April 2017.
- “Writing the Great American Dissertation,” Newberry Library Writing History Seminar, February 2017.
- “‘American Lives’: Pearl Harbor and the U.S. Empire,” Pearl Harbor: A Pacific History conference, Center for the Study of the U.S. Military, University of Kansas, December 2016.
- “Plastic versus Empire: Synthetic Materials and Decolonization,” Economic History Seminar, Yale University, December 2016.
- Commentator, Jon Levy’s *Ages of American Capitalism*, Newberry History of Capitalism Seminar, September 2016.
- “Global English in the Postwar World,” International Seminar of Global History, Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos, Peru (via Skype), September 2016.
- “Language is a Virus: English as a Pillar of U.S. Postwar Hegemony,” Society for the Historians of American Foreign Relations conference, San Diego, CA, June 2016.
- “Everything You Always Wanted to Know about Guano But Were Afraid to Ask,” Presentation to Huntington Library Board of Trustees and Board of Overseers, March 2016.
- “Empire State of Mind,” Harvard International and Global History Seminar, March 2016.
- “Fertilizer Empire: The Quest for Guano and U.S. Overseas Possessions,” Society of Fellows Seminar, Huntington Library, January 2016.
- “The Greater United States,” Bernath Lecture, American Historical Association, January 2016.
- Chair, AHA Book Club: William Sewell’s *Logics of History*, American Historical Association, January 2016.
- “The Empire-Killers: Planes, Radio, and Plastic,” American Historical Association, January 2016.
- “Everything You Always Wanted to Know about Guano But Were Afraid to Ask,” Huntington Library, Brown Bag Seminar, October 2015.
- “The Imperial Republic: The United States before 1898,” Caltech Social Science History Seminar, October 2015.

“Thinking Outside Modernization: New Work in Midcentury Social Thought,” U.S. Intellectual History conference, Washington, DC, October 2015.

“Power is Sovereignty, Mister Bond: On the Use of Islands,” U.S. Bases and the Construction of Hegemony conference, October 2015.

“Thinking Small,” American Political History Seminar, University of California, Berkeley, October 2015.

Author Meets Critics Session, *Thinking Small*, Rural Sociological Society conference, Madison, August 2015.

“Letting Go of Empire: The Independence of the Philippines,” Society for the Historians of American Foreign Relations conference, Arlington, VA, June 2015.

Commentator, “Empire and Nationalism in Cold War Asia,” Society for the Historians of American Foreign Relations conference, Arlington, VA, June 2015.

Chair, “Cold War Urbanism,” Society for the Historians of American Foreign Relations conference, Arlington, VA, June 2015.

“Grassroots Development: A Surprisingly Long and Checkered History,” Center for Global Development, Washington, D.C., June 2015.

“Development and the Environment: A Caricature, a Caution, and a Hope,” keynote lecture, Transplanting Modernity Workshop, Georgetown University, June 2015.

“Development without Modernization,” University of Wisconsin–Madison, April 2015.

Chair, “Insurgencies,” Conference on Insurgencies, Chabraja Center for Historical Studies, Northwestern University, April 2015.

“Bringing Development Back Home: The United States and the Global War on Poverty,” American Historical Association conference, New York, January 2015.

“Thinking Small,” University of Michigan, December 2014.

“The Decolonization of the United States,” Social Science History Association conference, Toronto, November 2014.

“The U.S. Empire,” History Channel Seminar Series, Newberry Library, October 2014.

Chair, “Rule of Experts?: U.S. Foreign Policy and the Politics of Knowledge,” Society for the Historians of American Foreign Relations conference, Lexington, KY, June 2014.

Panelist, roundtable discussion, “Human Rights and the Cold War,” Society of the Historians of American Foreign Relations conference, Lexington, KY, June 2014.

“The U.S. Empire,” Conference on American Empire, Lexington, KY, 2014.

“Agriculture and the Outward State,” Conference on Policy History, Columbus, OH, June 2014

“The Exceptionalist Empire,” Empire and States conference, Center for Historical Enquiry and Social Sciences, Yale University, May 2014.

- “Modernization Comes to Town: Narrative Strategy and Twentieth-Century Agricultural History,” Organization of American Historians conference, Atlanta, GA, April 2014.
- “The Paradox of Empire,” American Empire conference, University of Notre Dame, March 2014.
- Commentator, “Knowledge, Activism, and the Liberal State in the Golden Age of the Expert,” American Historical Association conference, Washington, DC, January 2014.
- Chair, “Training Graduate Students to Teach: Berkeley’s ‘Teaching at the University’ Course,” American Historical Association conference, Washington, DC, January 2014.
- “A World of Squantos: How the United States Achieved Global Hegemony without Colonies,” Social Science History Association Conference, Chicago, November 2013.
- Commentator, “Interwar Rural Reconstruction in Global Perspective,” Social Science History Association Conference, Chicago, November 2013.
- “Exceptionalist Anti-Imperialism: The Bizarre Failure of Anti-Imperialists in the United States to Engage with the United States’ Actual Empire,” Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association conference, Denver, CO, August 2013.
- Commentator, “U.S. Subjects at Home and Abroad,” Society of the Historians of American Foreign Relations conference, Arlington, VA, June 2013.
- “Screwing In: The Second World War and the United States’ Imperial Infrastructure,” Society of the Historians of American Foreign Relations conference, Arlington, VA, June 2013.
- Commentator, “Developing Alternatives: New Perspectives on Development Thought and Practice during the Early Cold War,” Society of the Historians of American Foreign Relations conference, Arlington, VA, June 2013.
- “How to Hide an Empire: The United States and its Overseas Territories, 1867-1946,” joint session of the International History and Social History Workshops, University of Chicago, May 2013.
- Chair and commentator, “Geographies of Violence: Spatial Politics and the Carceral State,” History of Violence symposium, Northwestern University, May 2013.
- Commentator, “Tourism and New Cosmopolitanism in Hawaii,” Refiguring the 1970s conference, University of Chicago, April 2013.
- “How to Hide an Empire: The U.S. Overseas Territorial System,” Organization of American Historians conference, San Francisco, April 2013.
- “How to Hide an Empire: The U.S. Overseas Territorial System,” Buffett Center, Northwestern University, March 2013.
- “Low Modernism in Development History,” Yale Agrarian Studies Group, February 2013.
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- “Quests for Community: The United States, Community Development, and the World, 1935–65,” Economic History Association conference, Vancouver, November 2012.
- “Before Social Capital: The Forgotten History of Cold-War Era Community Development,” World Bank Research Conference, Washington, D.C., October 2012.
- “Lighting out for the Territories: Transnational History and the U.S. Overseas Empire,” SHAFR annual conference, June 2012.
- “How to Grow a Civilization: Robert Redfield and Overseas Development,” Civilization, the Curriculum, and the University, 1914–1950, workshop at Columbia University, April 2012
- “Mountain Climbing and Pebble Collecting: Two Modes of Intellectual History,” Consciousness and Society workshop, Columbia University, April 2012.
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- “The Consensus School of Development History,” Development and Its Evangelists in the Cold War conference, Columbia University, February 2012.
- “The Pivot of the World: U.S. Power in the Pacific in the 1940s,” Columbia University Seminar on Twentieth-Century Politics and Society, January 2012.
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- “Agrarian Intellectuals at Home and Abroad: Decentralism in U.S. Thought and Policy, 1935–55,” U.S. Intellectual History annual conference, CUNY, October 2010.

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