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Education

Ph.D., History, University of Texas at Austin, 2014, Dissertation: “Extracting the Eagle’s Talons: The Soviet Union and Cold War Latin America”

M.A., History, California State University Northridge, 2007, With Distinction, Thesis: “Reagan’s Wars: Drugs, the Contras, and the Crossfire”

B.A., History, University of California at Santa Cruz, 2003, College Honors and Honors in the Major

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

2016-2017	Postdoctoral Fellow in Strategy and Policy, US Naval War College
2016	William Appleman Williams Junior Faculty Research Grant, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR)
2015	Kennan Institute Short-Term Grant, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington D.C.
2014-2015	Dickey Center & Dean of the Faculty Postdoctoral Fellowship in International Security and U.S. Foreign Policy, Dartmouth College
2014	Clements Center Grant in History, Strategy, and Statecraft
2014	Departmental Professional Development Award
2013-2014	Dissertation Completion Fellowship, SHAFR
2013-2014	Graduate Dean’s Prestigious External Fellowship Award
2011-2012	Title VIII Combined Research and Language Training Fellowship
2011-2012	Graduate Dean’s Prestigious External Fellowship Award
2011	Summer Departmental Fellowship
2010-2011	Academic Year Departmental Fellowship
2009-2010	Academic Year FLAS (Russian)
2008	Summer FLAS (Russian)
2008	Study Abroad Scholarship (University of Texas Austin)
2007	Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Fellowship (California State University system)
2006	Baur Scholarship (California State University Northridge)

Publications

Books

Reagan’s War on Drugs: From the Cold War to the War on Terror (current book project).

The Cuban Missile Crisis and the Cold War: A Short History with Documents (Indianapolis/Cambridge: Hackett, 2018) [H-Net review: <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=53509>]

Book chapters

“Two, Three, Many Vietnams’: Che Guevara’s Tricontinental Revolutionary Vision,” in Mark Lawrence and Joe Parrott, eds., *The Tricontinental Revolution: Third World Radicalism and the Cold War* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2022), 276-303.

“Negotiating Non-Alignment: Cuba, the Soviet Union, and the Non-Aligned Movement,” in Thomas C. Field, Jr., Stella Krepp, and Vanni Pettinà, eds., *Latin America and the Global Cold War* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2020), 148-73.

“The Cuban Junta in Exile and the Origins of the Spanish-American War,” in Marc Genest, Sally Paine, and Andrea Dew, eds., *Communicating War from Quills to Tweets: The Evolution of American Wartime Communication Strategies* (Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2019), 62-77.

“The Evolution of ‘Narcoterrorism’: From the Cold War to the War on Drugs,” in Virginia Garrard-Burnett, Mark A. Lawrence, and Julio E. Moreno, eds., *Beyond the Eagle’s Shadow: New Histories of Latin America’s Cold War* (Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 2013), 281-306.

Peer-reviewed journal articles

“The USSR, Cuba, and the UN in the 1965 Dominican Crisis,” *Diplomatic History* 49:1 (Jan. 2025), 52-79.

“Anticolonialism Versus Self-Determination: International Alliance Dynamics in the 1982 Falklands/Malvinas War,” *International Journal of Military History and Historiography*, 43:1 (2023), 108-139.

“From Détente to Revolution: Soviet Solidarity with Chile after Allende, 1973-79,” *The International History Review*, 44:1 (2022), 161-181. [H-Diplo review: <https://issforum.org/reviews/PDF/AR1220.pdf>]

“Revisiting the 1954 Coup in Guatemala: The Soviet Union, the United Nations, and ‘Hemispheric Solidarity,’” *Journal of Cold War Studies*, 17:2 (Spring 2015), 73-102. [H-Diplo review: <http://tiny.cc/AR569>]

“‘Obey the Rules or Get Out’: Ronald Reagan’s 1966 Gubernatorial Campaign and the ‘Trouble in Berkeley,’” *Southern California Quarterly* 92:3 (Fall 2010), 275-305.

Non-peer-reviewed articles and book chapters

“Latin America and the Non-Aligned Movement during the Cold War,” in Darwis Khudori, ed., *Bandung-Belgrade-Havana in Global History and Perspective: The Deployment of Bandung Constellation towards a Global Future* (Surabaya, Indonesia: Universitas Airlangga Press, 2022), 128-135.

“Toward a more global Cold War,” *Academia Letters*, Article 381: <https://doi.org/10.20935/AL381>

“Rethinking Tenure: Serve the Public, not the Profession,” *Passport: The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Review* 52:1 (April 2021), 45-7.

“Reagan’s War on Drugs and Latin America,” *Texas National Security Review*, “Policy Roundtable: Reagan and Latin America,” December 18, 2018: <https://tnsr.org/roundtable/policy-roundtable-reagan-and-latin-america/>

“The United States and the United Nations,” *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of American History* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2017) 1-17: doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780199329175.013.497

“Endeavors to Make Global Connections: Latin American Contacts and Strategies with Mediterranean Non-Alignment in the Early Cold War,” with Rinna Kullaa, *Südosteuropäische Hefte* 4:2 (2015), 25-35.

“Narcoterrorism: How Real is the Threat?” in Frank Shanty, ed., *Counterterrorism: From the Cold War to the War on Terror, Volume One: Combating Modern Terrorism, 1968-2011* (Santa Barbara: Praeger, 2012).

Book and article reviews

H-Diplo Roundtable Review 15-44, Alessandro Iandolo, *Arrested Development: The Soviet Union in Ghana, Guinea, and Mali, 1955-1968* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2022) 3 June 2024 [<https://issforum.org/ISSF/PDF/RJISSF-Roundtable-15-44.pdf>]

Review of Aaron Donaghy, *The Second Cold War: Carter, Reagan, and the Politics of Foreign Policy* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2021), *American Historical Review* 129:1 (March 2024), pp. 266-7 [<https://doi.org/10.1093/ahr/rhad280>]

Roundtable review of Kristina Shull, *Detention Empire: Reagan's War on Immigrants and the Seeds of Resistance* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2022), *Passport: The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Review* 54:3 (Jan. 2024), 27-29.

Review of Vanni Pettinà, *A Compact History of Latin America’s Cold War* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2022), *International Journal of Military History and Historiography*, 43(2023), 650-1.

H-Diplo Review Essay 535, Kal Raustiala, *The Absolutely Indispensable Man: Ralph Bunche, the United Nations, and the Fight to End Empire* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2023), 9 November 2023 [<https://issforum.org/essays/PDF/E535.pdf>]

H-Diplo Article Review 1168, “Forum: U.S. Foreign Relations and the New Drug History,” *Diplomatic History* 45:5 (November 2021), 885-953; 14 March 2023 [<https://hdiplo.org/to/AR1168>]

H-Diplo Roundtable XXIV-6, Jonathan R. Hunt and Simon Miles, eds., *The Reagan Moment: America and the World in the 1980s* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2021), 3 October 2022 [<https://hdiplo.org/to/RT24-6>]

H-Diplo Roundtable XXIII-46, Joseph Stieb, *The Regime Change Consensus: Iraq in American Politics, 1990-2003* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2021), 11 July 2022 [<https://hdiplo.org/to/RT23-46>]

H-Diplo Roundtable XXII-46, Stephen G. Rabe, *Kissinger and Latin America: Intervention, Human Rights, and Diplomacy* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2020), 21 June 2021 [<https://issforum.org/roundtables/PDF/Roundtable-XXII-46.pdf>]

H-Diplo Roundtable XXII-22, Simon Reid-Henry, *Empire of Democracy: The Remaking of the West since the Cold War, 1971-2017* (New York: Simon and Schuster, 2019), 25 January 2021 [<https://issforum.org/roundtables/PDF/Roundtable-XXII-22.pdf>]

Review of Hal Brands and Charles Edel, *The Lessons of Tragedy: Statecraft and World Order* (New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 2019), in *History: Reviews of New Books* 48:6, 163-65, 22 November 22, 2020 [<https://doi.org/10.1080/03612759.2020.1828739>]

H-Diplo Article Review 952, Rafael Pedemonte, “A Case of ‘New Soviet Internationalism’: Relations between the USSR and Chile’s Christian Democratic Government, 1964-1970,” *Journal of Cold War Studies* 21:3 (Summer 2019), 4-25, 21 May 2020 [<https://hdiplo.org/to/AR952>]

H-Diplo Article Review 826, Brian D’Haeseleer, “‘Drawing the Line’ in El Salvador: Washington Confronts Insurgency in El Salvador, 1979-92,” *Cold War History* 18:2 (May 2018), 131-148, 24 January 2019 [<http://tiny.cc/AR826>]

H-Diplo Review of Bernhard Blumenau, Jussi M. Hanhimäki, and Barbara Zanchetta, eds., *New Perspectives on the End of the Cold War: Unexpected Transformations?* (New York: Routledge, 2018), August 2018 [<http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=52147>]

H-Diplo Roundtable XIX-35, Russell Crandall, *The Salvador Option: The United States in El Salvador, 1977-1992* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2016), 14 May 2018 [<http://www.tiny.cc/Roundtable-XIX-35>]

H-Diplo Roundtable XIX-29, Chris Miller, *The Struggle to Save the Soviet Economy: Mikhail Gorbachev and the Collapse of the USSR* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2016), 9 April 2018, [<http://www.tiny.cc/Roundtable-XIX-29>]

Review of Hal Brands, *What Good is Grand Strategy? Power and Purpose in American Statecraft from Harry S. Truman to George W. Bush* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2014), *War in History* Vol. 24, Issue 2 (2017). [<https://doi.org/10.1177/0968344516686518h>]

H-Diplo Roundtable XVIII-5, Jeremy Friedman, *Shadow Cold War: The Sino-Soviet Competition for the Third World* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2015), 10 October 2016 [<http://www.tiny.cc/Roundtable-XVIII-5>]

H-Diplo Article Review 604, Robert P. Hager, Jr. and Robert S. Snyder, “The United States and Nicaragua: Understanding the Breakdown in Relations,” *Journal of Cold War Studies* 17:2 (Spring 2015), 3-35, 29 March 2016 [<http://tiny.cc/AR604>]

H-Diplo Forum on “Special Issue: The Cold War in Retrospect: 25 Years after its End,” *Cold War History* 14:4 (November 2014), 9 September 2015 [<http://tiny.cc/AR548>]

H-Diplo Roundtable XVI-24 Oscar Sanchez-Sibony, *Red Globalization: The Political Economy of the Soviet Cold War from Stalin to Khrushchev* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014), 27 April 2015 [<http://www.tiny.cc/Roundtable-XVI-24>]

Review of Thomas W. Devine, *Henry Wallace's 1948 Presidential Campaign and the Future of Postwar Liberalism* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2013), 6 October 2013, *Not Even Past* [<https://notevenpast.org/henry-wallaces-1948-presidential-campaign-and-future-postwar-liberalism-2013/>]

Review of Ilya Gaiduk, *Divided Together: The United States and the Soviet Union in the United Nations, 1945-1965* (Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 2013), 10 September 2013, *Not Even Past* [<https://notevenpast.org/divided-together-united-states-and-soviet-union-united-nations-1945-1965-2013/>]

H-Diplo Review of Susan K. Holly and William B. McAllister, eds. *Foreign Relations of the United States, 1969-1976, Volume E-1, Documents on Global Issues, 1969-1972* (Washington, DC: US Government Printing Office, 2005), 21 November 2011 [<http://h-diplo.org/FRUS/PDF/FRUS3.pdf>]

Review of Melvyn P. Leffler, *For the Soul of Mankind: The United States, the Soviet Union, and the Cold War* (New York: Hill and Wang, 2008), 21 April 2011, *Not Even Past* [<https://notevenpast.org/soul-mankind-united-states-soviet-union-and-cold-war-2008/>]

Review of Hal Brands, *Latin America's Cold War* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2010), 25 January 2011, *Not Even Past* [<https://notevenpast.org/latin-americas-cold-war>]

Digital/Public History

Articles

“Why 1984’s *Red Dawn* Still Matters,” *Time: Made By History*, August 9, 2024, <https://time.com/6997003/1984-red-dawn/>

“The Cuban Missile Crisis offers lessons for diplomacy today — if we listen,” with Renata Keller, *Washington Post: Made By History*, October 22, 2022, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/made-by-history/2022/10/22/cuban-missile-crisis-offers-lessons-diplomacy-today-if-we-listen/>

“Latin America in the Russian Archives,” *Sources and Methods*, History and Public Policy Program, Cold War International History Project, Wilson Center, August 25, 2020, <https://www.wilsoncenter.org/blog-post/latin-america-russian-archives>

“The Enduring Legacy of Reagan’s Drug War in Latin America,” *War on the Rocks*, December 20, 2018, <https://warontherocks.com/2018/12/the-enduring-legacy-of-reagans-drug-war-in-latin-america/>

Podcasts

Interviewed and featured in “The Global War on Drugs,” *Prologued*, a podcast from *Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective*, published by the History Departments at the Ohio State University and the Miami University of Ohio, November 2021, <https://open.spotify.com/episode/4SI61gcxg48DA47UQNhjXv?si=3336176056794eb9>

“Latin America in the Russian Archives,” October 21, 2020, International History Declassified Podcast, History and Public Policy Program, Cold War International History Project, Wilson

Center, <https://www.wilsoncenter.org/audio/international-history-declassified-latin-america-russian-archives-michelle-paranzino>

Radio

Interviewed by Jay LaSeure on October 26, 2022, 60th anniversary of the Cuban Missile Crisis, WCMY Radio Ottawa.

Interviewed by Rick Dayton on October 27, 2022, the Cuban Missile Crisis and the Bay of Pigs invasion, KDKA Radio Pittsburgh.

News media interviews

Scott Neuman, “60 years after the Cuban missile crisis, Russia’s threats reignite Cold War fears,” *National Public Radio*, October 16, 2022, <https://www.npr.org/2022/10/16/1124680429/cuban-missile-crisis-60th-anniversary>

Papers, Presentations, and Panels

June 14, 2024, presented paper “Operation Eradication: US Counternarcotics Policy in the 1980s,” and chaired panel “Intersections of Diplomacy, Culture, and Conflict: External Influences in Latin America’s Past Century,” at the annual congress of the Latin American Studies Association in Bogotá, Colombia.

August 5, 2023, Age of Reagan Conference, Reagan Library, Simi Valley, CA, presented “Anticommunism, (Counter)insurgency, and the Drug Wars in 1980s Latin America.”

June 15, 2023, Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, Arlington, VA, chaired and provided commentary for a panel on the Tricontinental Revolution and Third World radicalism in the 1960s, and presented “The Dystopian World of ‘Red Dawn’” for a panel on war and pop culture in the Reagan era.

November 2022, Bandung-Belgrade-Havana Commemorative Conference and G20 Summit, Jakarta-Bandung-Blitar-Surabaya-Bali, Indonesia, presented “Latin America and the Non-Aligned Movement.”

June 16, 2022, Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, New Orleans, LA, chaired and provided commentary for a panel on informal channels of diplomacy and influence in US foreign relations.

June 18, 2021, Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (virtual), presented “Reagan’s War on Drugs.”

April 16, 2021, Military Frontiers Graduate Student Symposium, Ohio State University virtual conference, provided commentary on Brionna Mendoza, “Domestic Considerations, International Ramifications: What a Global Approach Tells Us About the War on Drugs in the Western Hemisphere.”

September 2019, International Workshop: “Communist Europe and the Caribbean during the Cold War: Diplomacy, Espionage, Migrations, and Other Forms of Mutual Engagement,” Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic, presented “‘Binding the Hands of the United States’: The Soviet Union and the United Nations in the Dominican Crisis of 1965.”

June 2019, Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, presented "Strange Bedfellows: Alliance Politics in the 1982 Falklands/Malvinas Crisis," Arlington, Virginia.

May 24, 2019, U.S. Foreign Policy and International Security Postdoctoral Fellow Alumni Conference, Dickey Center, Dartmouth College, presented "Moscow and the Fall of Allende."

May 20, 2019, Las Relaciones Internacionales de América Latina en 2019, El Colegio de México, Mexico City, presented "The Soviet Union and Latin America."

June 2018, Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, presented "The Politics of Normalization: The United States and Castro's Cuba in and after the Cold War."

September 11, 2017, Seminario de Historia Internacional, Centro de Estudios Internacionales, El Colegio de México, Mexico City, presented "The Cuban Missile Crisis: A State of the Field and New Historical Perspectives."

January 2017, 131st Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association (AHA), Denver, Colorado, participated in the roundtable "Beyond Pan-Americanism: Internationalizing the History of the Cold War in Latin America."

May 2016, JSOMA Strategic Studies Symposium, College of International Security Affairs, National Defense University, Fort Bragg, NC, presented "Internationalizing the Dominican Crisis of 1965: The Cold War and the Politics of Regional Security."

June 2015, Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations: "Competing Conceptions of Non-Alignment, presented Cuba, the United States, and the Soviet Union."

February 2015, International Security Studies Brady-Johnson Colloquium in Grand Strategy and International History, Yale University, presented "Conflict and Cooperation in the Caribbean: The Soviet Union and the Nicaraguan Revolution."

June 2014, Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, presented "Negotiating Non-Alignment: Cuba, the USSR, and the Non-Aligned Movement."

April 2014, Twelfth Annual GWU/UCSB/LSE International Graduate Student Conference on the Cold War, presented "Cashing in on a Coup: The Soviet Union and the Chilean Solidarity Campaign."

October 2009, Latin America in the Cold War, Institute for Historical Studies, University of Texas at Austin, presented "Coca, Communism, and Cold War: Reagan, Bush, and 'Narco-Terrorism' in the Andes."

June 2008, Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, presented "Reagan's Wars: Drugs, the Contras, and the Cross-Fire."

April 2006, 86th Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, presented "The International Narcotic Crop Eradication Strategy of Reagan's War on Drugs: Analysis of a Policy Failure."

March 2006, First Annual Whitsett Seminar in California History, California State University Northridge, presented “Obey the Rules or Get Out: Ronald Reagan’s 1966 Gubernatorial Campaign and the Free Speech Movement.”

Seminars

Triangle Institute for Security Studies (TISS) New Faces Program, 2015, a joint consortium of University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Duke University, and North Carolina State University

Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) Summer Seminar 2014, Williams College, Massachusetts: Wilsonianism and the Legacies of the First World War

Program on Conducting Archival Research (POCAR) 2011, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

Summer Intensive on Conducting Archival Research (SICAR) 2009, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

Archival Research

United States

John F. Kennedy Presidential Library, Boston, MA

Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library, Austin, TX

Richard Nixon Presidential Library, Yorba Linda, CA

Jimmy Carter Presidential Library, Atlanta, GA

Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, Simi Valley, CA

George H.W. Bush Presidential Library, College Station, TX

Benson Latin American Collection, University of Texas at Austin

The National Archives II, College Park, MD

The National Security Archive, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

The Library of Congress, Manuscript Division, Washington, D.C.

Columbus Memorial Library, Organization of American States, Washington, D.C.

Manuscripts and Archives Repository, Yale University, New Haven, CT

United Nations Archives and Records Management Section, New York, NY

International

Archivo Histórico Genaro Estrada, Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores, Mexico City, Mexico

Archivo General de la Nación, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

National Archives of the Czech Republic, Prague, Czech Republic

The National Archives, Kew Gardens, London, United Kingdom

Foreign Policy Archive of the Russian Federation, Moscow, Russian Federation

Russian State Archive of Contemporary History, Moscow, Russian Federation

State Archive of the Russian Federation, Moscow, Russian Federation