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EDUCATION:

2011: Ph.D. in History, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX
Dissertation Title: "'The Fourth Dimension of Naval Tactics': The U.S. Navy and Public Relations, 1919-1939"

2008: Certificate in Advanced International Affairs, George Bush School of Government and Public Service, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX

2005: Master of Arts in History, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX

2002: Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science, Iowa State University, Ames, IA

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

2021-present: Associate Professor, John B. Hattendorf Center for Maritime Historical Research, U.S. Naval War College, Newport, RI

2019-2021: Course Director, Associate Professor of Warfare Studies, eSchool of Graduate Professional Military Education, Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL

2016-2019: Director of Research, Associate Professor of Comparative Military Studies, eSchool of Graduate Professional Military Education, Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL

2012-2016: Course Director, Assistant Professor of Comparative Military Studies, Department of Distance Learning, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL

2012: Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Military History, US Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS

2011-2012: Historian, Afghanistan Study Team, US Army Combat Studies Institute, Fort Leavenworth, KS

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS:

Selling Sea Power: Public Relations and the U.S. Navy, 1917-1941. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2019.

HAMMER DOWN: The Battle for the Watapur Valley, 2011. Fort Leavenworth, KS: Combat Studies Institute Press, 2014.

Pacific Sentinel: The Life and Career of Admiral Harry Ervin Yarnell, 1875-1959. (Under contract with Naval Institute Press)

EDITED VOLUMES:

Afghanistan War: A Documentary and Reference Guide. Santa Barbara, CA: Greenwood Press, 2018.

The Afghanistan War Encyclopedia. (Under contract with Greenwood Press)

ACADEMIC ARTICLES:

"Failing to Speak the Same Language: The Roots of 'Jointness' in the United States, 1919-1941," *Journal of Military History* 84, no. 4 (October 2020): 1097-1126.

OTHER ARTICLES:

"Sea Power goes Celluloid: Lessons from Interwar-Era Navy Publicity," *Naval History* 32, no. 1 (February 2018): 28-34.

"First Rate Ideas: The Hidden History of Navy Day," *Naval History* 31, no. 5 (October 2017): 34-7.

BOOK CHAPTERS:

"Afghanistan and the War on Terror," in *Daily Life of U.S. Soldiers: From the American Revolution to the Afghanistan War*, eds. Paul J. Springer and Christopher Mortenson (Santa Barbara, CA: Greenwood Press, 2019), 979-1032.

"Partnership in Paktika Province, 2010-2011," in *Vanguard of Valor: Small Unit Actions in Afghanistan*, Vol. II, ed. Donald P. Wright (Fort Leavenworth, KS: Combat Studies Institute Press, 2012), 55-78.

"Objective LEXINGTON: Cougar Company Under Fire in the Ganjgal Valley, Afghanistan, March 2011," in *Vanguard of Valor: Small Unit Actions in Afghanistan*, ed. Donald P. Wright (Fort Leavenworth, KS: Combat Studies Institute Press, 2012), 179-201.

"Airpower in the Pacific War," in *Untitled Airpower Anthology*, eds. Sterling M. Pavelec and John G. Terino (under contract with Naval Institute Press)

ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES:

Springer, Paul J., ed. *Encyclopedia of Cyber Warfare*. Santa Monica, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2017.

Entries: Black Hat (250 words), Arthur K. Cebrowski (250 words), Internet Protocol Address (250 words), *Live Free or Die Hard* (250 words), Low Orbit Ion Cannon (500 words), Microsoft Windows (1000 words), *The Matrix* (250 words), The Sony Hack (750 words), Tenth Fleet (500 words), *The Terminator* (250 words).

"The Naval Order of the United States," in *The Encyclopedia of the Veteran in America*, ed. William Pencak (Santa Barbara, CA: Greenwood Press, 2009), 299-303.

BOOK REVIEWS:

Review of O'Brien, Phillips Payson, *The Second Most Powerful Man in the World: The Life of Admiral William D. Leahy, Roosevelt's Chief of Staff*. H-War, H-Net Reviews (forthcoming)

Review of Kehn, Donald M., Jr., *In the Highest Degree Tragic: The Sacrifice of the U.S. Asiatic Fleet in the East Indies during World War II*. *Global War Studies* (forthcoming).

Review of Cerretti, Josh, *Abuses of the Erotic: Militarizing Sexuality in the Post-Cold War United States*. *Journal of Military History*, 85, no. 1 (January 2021): 288-9.

Review of Oyos, Matthew, *In Command: Theodore Roosevelt and the American Military*. H-War, H-Net Reviews, November 2020.

Review of Lambert, Andrew, *Seapower States: Maritime Culture, Continental Empires, and the Conflict That Made the Modern World*. H-War, H-Net Reviews, April 2020.

Review of Schake, Kori, *Safe Passage: The Transition from British to American Hegemony*. H-War, H-Net Reviews, November 2018.

- Review of O'Donnell, Patrick K., *The Unknowns: The Untold Story of America's Unknown Soldier and WW I's Most Decorated Heroes Who Brought Him Home*. U.S. Naval Institute *Proceedings* 144, no. 9 (September 2018): 83.
- Review of Laslie, Brian D., *Architect of Airpower: General Laurence S. Kuter and the Birth of the U.S. Air Force*. *Parameters* 48, no. 2 (Summer 2018): 88-9.
- Review of Kaminski, Theresa, *Angels of the Underground: The American Women who Resisted the Japanese in the Philippines in World War II*. H-War, H-Net Reviews, March 2018.
- Review of Black, Jeremy, *Naval Warfare: A Global History since 1860*. *Journal of Military History*, 82, no. 1 (January 2018): 253-4.
- Review of Zenko, Micah, *Red Team: How to Succeed by Thinking Like the Enemy*. H-War, H-Net Reviews, June 2017.
- Review of Kohnen, David C., *21st Century Knox: Influence, Sea Power, and History for the Modern Era*. H-War, H-Net Reviews, May 2017.
- Review of Haynes, Peter D., *Toward a New Maritime Strategy: American Naval Thinking in the Post-Cold War Era*. *Journal of Military History* 81, no. 1 (January 2017): 304-6.
- Review of McFate, Montgomery, and Janet Laurence, eds., *Social Science Goes to War: The Human Terrain System in Iraq and Afghanistan*. *Parameters* 46, no. 2 (Summer 2016): 128-9.
- Review of Neiberg, Michael, *Potsdam: The End of World War II and the Remaking of Europe*. H-War, H-Net Reviews. December, 2015.
- Review of Wildenberg, Thomas, *Billy Mitchell's War with the Navy: The Interwar Rivalry Over Air Power*. H-War, H-Net Reviews. October 2015.
- Review of Farley, Robert, *Grounded: The Case for Abolishing the United States Air Force*. *Parameters* 44, no. 3 (Autumn 2014): 150-1.
- Review of Roberts, Mary Louise, *What Soldiers Do: Sex and the American GI in World War II France*. H-War, H-Net Reviews. May 2014.
- Review of Sbardellati, John, *J. Edgar Hoover Goes to the Movies: The FBI and the Origins of Hollywood's Cold War*. H-War, H-Net Reviews. October 2013.
- Review of Sears, David, *Pacific Air*. *Military Review* 92, no. 1 (January-February 2012): 88.
- Review of Phister, Jeff with Thomas Hone and Jeff Goodyear, *Battleship Oklahoma, BB-37*. *Chronicle of Historical Studies* 6 (2009): 251-4.

OTHER:

- With Anthony Carlson and Michael Doidge, "History on the Frontlines: The U.S. Army's Combat Studies Institute," *The Federalist: Newsletter of the Society for History in the Federal Government* 2, no. 34 (Summer 2012): 7-9.
- Research Information Guides, "Naval History and Heritage Command – Washington, DC" "Naval Historical Collection – Newport, RI" and "Film Archives (Los Angeles)." Society for Military History. <http://smh-hq.org/grad/researchinfo.html> (accessed 10 October 2011).
- Finding Aid(s), "Records and Papers of the Naval Order of the United States, 1890-2005," Parts I, II, and III.

AWARDS:

2021: Vandervort Prize, Society for Military History for "Failing to Speak the Same Language"
2019: Honorable Mention, Lyman Award for United States Naval History by the North American Society for Oceanic History for *Selling Sea Power*
2017: Third Prize, Chief of Naval Operations History Essay Competition
2015: Air Command and Staff College Distance Learning Civilian Educator of the Year
2015: Finalist, Army Historical Foundation Distinguished Writing Award, Operational/Battle History for *HAMMER DOWN*
2014: Carl A. Spaatz Center for Officer Education Second Quarter Category III Civilian Award
2013: Air Command and Staff College's Civilian Educator of the Third Quarter
2012: Department of the Army Achievement Medal for Civilian Service

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS:

2009-2010: John D. Hayes Pre-Doctoral Fellowship in Naval History
Awarded by the Naval History and Heritage Command
2009-2010: Melbern G. Glasscock Center for Humanities Research Matching Grant
2009-2010: Melbern G. Glasscock Center for Humanities Research Graduate Stipendiary Fellow
2008-2009: Edward S. Miller Research Fellowship in Naval History
Awarded by the Naval War College Foundation
2008: Fellow, West Point Summer Seminar in Military History
2008: Chad Smith Student Travel Grant
Awarded by the North American Society for Oceanic History
2008 and 2010: Graduate Student Travel to Conference Grant
Awarded by the Texas A&M History Department
2006: Melbern G. Glasscock Center for Humanities Research Graduate Travel to Conference Grant Visual Perspectives of War and the Military Experience

INVITED TALKS:

2020: "Selling Sea Power: Public Relations and the U.S. Navy, 1917-1941," Invited Lecture at United States Navy Public Affairs Worldwide Symposium, San Diego, California, 19 May 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19)
2019: "Selling Sea Power: Public Relations and the U.S. Navy, 1917-1941," Invited Lecture at United States Navy Museum, Washington Navy Yard, 18 September 2019
2010: "Explaining American Sea Power: The Navy and External Support for Public Relations, 1919-1939," Invited Lecture at United States Navy Museum, Washington Navy Yard, 25 May 2010

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION:

PANELS ORGANIZED:

2021: "New Perspectives on the Anglo-American Naval Relationship, 1898-1945," Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History, Norfolk, Virginia, 21 May 2021
2020: "Diplomats in Uniform: American Hegemony, the Military, and Peacetime Foreign Policy," Annual Meeting of the Society for the History of American Foreign Relations, New Orleans, Louisiana, 19 June 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19)

- 2020: "New Perspectives on the Anglo-American Naval Relationship, 1898-1945," Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History, Arlington, Virginia, 2 May 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19)
- 2017: "Visual Perspectives of War and the Military Experience," Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History, Jacksonville, Florida, 1 April 2017
- 2012: "Frontiers of Migrants, Military Service, Democracy, and Identity in Twentieth-Century U.S. History," Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 22 April 2012
- 2011: "Institutional Identities and Aviation Roles and Missions, 1910-1941," Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History, Lisle, Illinois, 11 June 2011
- 2010: "The Public Image of the American Sea Services in the Early Twentieth Century," Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History, Lexington, Virginia, 21 May 2010
- 2008: "Rethinking Interwar Military Transformation in the United States," Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History, Ogden, Utah, 18 April 2008

PAPERS PRESENTED:

- 2020: "Sailor, Diplomat, Strategist: Admiral Harry Yarnell During the Sino-Japanese War, 1937-1939," Annual Meeting of the Society for the History of American Foreign Relations, New Orleans, Louisiana, 19 June 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19)
- 2019: "Education for (Interwar) Seapower: Lessons from the Pratt-Era Naval War College, 1925-1927," McMullen Naval History Symposium, Annapolis, Maryland, 19 September 2019
- 2019: "Establishing the Navy's Way of War Planning: Captain Harry Yarnell, the Planning Section, and the War Plans Division, 1917-1920," Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History, Columbus, Ohio, 10 May 2019
- 2018: "Naval Officers First: Generalists versus Specialists in the Interwar US Navy," Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History, Louisville, Kentucky, 7 April 2018
- 2017: "A 'Notorious' Undertaking?: Admiral (Ret.) Harry Yarnell and the 1943 Naval Aviation Survey," McMullen Naval History Symposium, Annapolis, Maryland, 14 September 2017
- 2017: "'An Epic of the Naval Air Service': *Hell Divers*, the U.S. Navy, and Hollywood," Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History, Jacksonville, Florida, 1 April 2017
- 2016: "'They Only Take Men in the Navy': The U.S. Navy, Hollywood, and the Construction of Masculinity, 1919-1939," Maritime Masculinities, 1815-1940, Oxford, United Kingdom, 19 December 2016
- 2015: "Derelictions and Virtues: Sex, Morality, and the U.S. Navy's Public Relations, 1919-1939," McMullen Naval History Symposium, Annapolis, Maryland, 18 September 2015
- 2013: "Ancestors of 'Jointness': Joint Army/Navy Culture, 1919-1939," McMullen Naval History Symposium, Annapolis, Maryland, 19 September 2013
- 2013: "Oral Histories in Government History Programs," Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History, New Orleans, Louisiana, 16 March 2013
- 2012: "Investing Liberally in Young Manhood: The U.S. Navy and the Transformation of Enlisted Service in Public Discourse, 1919-1939," Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 22 April 2012

- 2011: "Damage Control: The U.S. Navy and Public Relations Crisis Management, 1923-1939," McMullen Naval History Symposium, Annapolis, Maryland, 15 September 2011
- 2011: "Carried Away by Dreams': U.S. Naval Aviation and the Ship Attack Mission, 1919-1941," Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History, Lisle, Illinois, 11 June 2011
- 2010: "Finest Examples of American Manhood': The Ideal Sailor and the Construction of Masculinity in the Interwar Navy," Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History, Lexington, Virginia, 21 May 2010
- 2008: "The Naval Order of the United States and Naval Public Image," Annual Conference of the North American Society for Oceanic History, Pensacola, Florida, 7 May 2008
- 2008: "Missed Opportunities: Joint Military Exercises in the Interwar Period," Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History, Ogden, Utah, 18 April 2008
- 2006: "The Naval Order of the United States: Research and Opportunities," Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History, Manhattan, Kansas, 20 May 2006

ROUNDTABLE PARTICIPANT:

- 2012: "History on the Frontlines: A Roundtable Discussion of the Challenges Faced in Writing Official Contemporary Army History by the Combat Studies Institute," Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History, Arlington, Virginia, 11 May 2012

COMMENTATOR AND CHAIR:

- 2021 Panel Commentator, "New Perspectives on the Anglo-American Naval Relationship, 1898-1945," Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History, Norfolk, Virginia, 21 May 2021
- 2020: Panel Commentator, "New Perspectives on the Anglo-American Naval Relationship, 1898-1945," Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History, Arlington, Virginia, 1 May 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19)
- 2016: Panel Commentator, "Human Terrain and Contemporary Conflict," Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History, Ottawa, Ontario, 16 April 2016
- 2015: Panel Commentator, "Perspectives on Warfare: Cultural and Gender Studies," Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History, Montgomery, Alabama, 12 April 2015
- 2015: Panel Chair, "Women and War, 1859-1962," Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History, Montgomery, Alabama, 10 April 2015
- 2014: Panel Chair, "Cinema Stars and Paperback Heroes: The Intersection of Fiction and Historical Interpretation and Utility," Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History, Kansas City, Missouri, 5 April 2014
- 2011: Panel Chair, "Military Methods: Recruitment, Machines, and Guerilla Warfare," Texas A&M Graduate History Conference, In Honor of Frank Vandiver, 25 February 2011

TEACHING AND COURSE DESIGN EXPERIENCE:

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION:

Online Master's Program Courses:

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| Airpower Studies | (Course Director, 2013-2014, 2019-2021) |
| Research Electives I and II | (Course Director, 2013-2019) |

Non-Master's Program Courses:

Graduate Skills	(Course Director, 2016-2019)
Writing for Effect	(Course Director, 2017-2019)
Problem Solving in National Security	(Co-Course Designer, 2015)

AIR COMMAND AND STAFF COLLEGE:

Core Courses:

Airpower 1	(Fall 2019, Fall 2020)
Airpower Studies	(Spring 2014)

Electives:

Modern Sea Power	(Spring 2021)
Fiction and the Future of War	(Fall 2020)
History and Theory of Sea Power since 1815	(Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2018)
History and Theory of Sea Power	(Fall 2013, Spring 2015)

NAVAL WAR COLLEGE (FLEET SEMINAR PROGRAM):

Lecturer, Strategy and Policy Course	(2013-2019)
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TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY:

United States History since 1877	(Fall 2010, Spring 2011)
United States History to 1877	(Fall 2010)
History of American Sea Power	(Spring 2010)
American Military History	(Fall 2007)

BLINN COLLEGE:

United States History since 1877	(Fall 2010, Spring 2011)
United States History to 1877	(Fall 2009)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

2021-present: Chair, Graduate Student and Early Career Award Committee, Society for Military History

2020: Member, Graduate Student and Early Career Award Committee, Society for Military History

2014-present: Manuscript Reviewer, Naval Institute Press

2013-2019: Judge, Secretary of Defense and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Essay Competitions sponsored by National Defense University Press.

2015: Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History Local Host Committee

2010: Judge for Paper Prizes, Texas A&M Graduate History Conference, In Honor of Betty Unterberger, February 2010.

2009: Oral History Workshop sponsored by Texas State Historical Commission

2008-2009: President, History Graduate Students Organization

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

2017-2019: Volunteer, Wetumpka Depot Players, Wetumpka, Alabama
2013-2019: Volunteer, Prattville-Autauga Humane Society, Prattville, Alabama
2009-2010: Volunteer, Animal Friends Connie Clinic, Brenham, Texas

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

North American Society for Oceanic History
Society for Military History
United States Naval Institute

LANGUAGE SKILLS:

German (proficient)
French (reading knowledge)

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS:

Naval and Military History
19th and 20th Century American History
National Security Studies
Modern Britain/Europe
Film Studies
History of Technology