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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Boston University, History, 2006

Major Field: United States

Minor Field: Modern Britain

Dissertation: “The Long Road to Annapolis: The Naval Academy Debate and
Emerging Nationalism in the United States, 1775-1845”

Committee: Professor Nina Silber (Boston University)

Professor Jill Lepore (Harvard University)

Professor William Fowler (Northeastern University)

Professor Andrew Bacevich (Boston University)

Professor Julian Zelizer (Princeton University)

M.A., Boston University, History, 2001

B.A., Providence College, History and Secondary Education, *summa cum laude*, 1999

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor of History, Salve Regina University, 2015-present

Interim Director of Academic Advising, Salve Regina University, Summer/Fall 2015

Faculty Fellow, Pell Center for International Relations and Public Policy, Salve Regina
University, 2012-present

Assistant Professor of History, Salve Regina University, 2011-2015

Assistant Professor of History, United States Military Academy at West Point, 2009-2011

Adjunct Instructor in History, University of Rhode Island, Fall 2008

Adjunct Instructor/Special Lecturer in History, Providence College, 2004-2009

Lecturer in History, Boston University, Summer 2002 and Summer 2003

Research Assistant for Professor Nina Silber, Boston University, 2001-2002

HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Student Collaborative and Integrated Grant for Research, Artistic, or Creative Projects (with
Madeleine Esch), Salve Regina University, 2016

Presidential Faculty Award, Salve Regina University, 2014

Achievement Medal for Civilian Service, Department of the Army, 2011
Scholastic Achievement Award, West Point Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, 2011
Finalist, Excellence in Teaching Award, Department of History, U.S. Military Academy, 2011
George Pendleton Prize, Society for History in the Federal Government, for *The Long Road to Annapolis*, 2011
Edwin S. and Ruth M. White Prize, Boston University Humanities Foundation, 2005
Fellow, West Point Summer Seminar in Military History, U.S. Military Academy, 2004
Rear Admiral John D. Hayes Fellowship, Naval Historical Center, 2003-2004
Engelbourg Travel Fellowship, Department of History, Boston University, 2002
Jacob K. Javits Fellowship, U.S. Department of Education, 1999-2003
Highest in Academic Rank, Providence College Class of 1999
Highest Academic Record in History Award, Providence College, 1999
Highest Academic Record in Secondary Education Award, Providence College, 1999
Inducted into Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society, 1999
Inducted into Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society, 1998
Dean's Scholarship, Providence College, 1995-1999

TEACHING AND RESEARCH FIELDS

American Presidency
American Military and Naval History
The American Revolution and Early Republic
The Civil War
Rhode Island History

PUBLICATIONS

Book:

The Long Road to Annapolis: The Founding of the Naval Academy and the Emerging American Republic (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2010; paperback edition, 2014).

Articles and Chapters:

“Rising Stars: The Cadet Years of the West Point Class of 1915,” *The Hudson River Valley Review* 31 (Spring 2015): 16-41.

“War Without Declaration: The Barbary Wars,” in *The Routledge Handbook of American Military and Diplomatic History: The Colonial Period to 1877*, ed. Antonio S. Thompson and Christos G. Frenzos (New York: Routledge, 2014), 164-171.

“From Pen to Sword: *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*, Abolition, and the American Civil War,” *Story in the Public Square* Project, Pell Center for International Relations and Public Policy (2013), <http://pellcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/From-Pen-to-Sword-Uncle-Tom’s-Cabin-Abolition-and-the-American-Civil-War.pdf>.

“The Origins of the Presidency,” in *The Encyclopedia of the U.S. Presidency*, ed. Nancy Beck Young (New York: Facts on File, 2013), 1:3-13.

Blog essay on George Washington and West Point, Mount Vernon Historian Series, *George Washington Wired* (June 2011), <http://www.georgewashingtonwired.org>.

“Scientific Warfare vs. Partisan Politics: Thomas Jefferson and American Naval Education,” *International Journal of Naval History* 8 (August 2009), <http://www.ijnhonline.org>.

“George Bancroft’s Civil War: Slavery, Abraham Lincoln, and the Course of History,” *New England Quarterly* 81 (September 2008): 462-488.

“America’s Admiral: George Dewey and American Culture in the Gilded Age,” *The Historian* 65 (Spring 2003): 587-614.

“George Bancroft’s Great Legacy,” *Naval History* 15 (October 2001): 48-52.

“Rhode Island’s Controversial General: Nathanael Greene and the Continental Congress, 1776-1780,” *Rhode Island History* 59 (August 2001): 84-100.

“American History Websites for Use in Secondary Schools,” *Social Education: The Journal of the National Council for the Social Studies* 63 (April 1999): 144-151.

Encyclopedia Entries:

“Alabama Claims Controversy,” in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of American Military and Diplomatic History*, ed. Timothy J. Lynch (New York: Oxford University Press, 2013), 1:29-31.

“George Bancroft,” in *The Encyclopedia of the Mexican-American War: A Political, Social, and Military History*, ed. Spencer C. Tucker (Santa Barbara, Calif.: ABC-CLIO, 2012), 1:47.

“Fireside Chats,” in *The Great Depression and the New Deal: A Thematic Encyclopedia*, ed. Daniel Leab et al. (Santa Barbara, Calif.: ABC-CLIO, 2010), 1:168-170.

“Sylvanus Thayer,” in *The United States at War: Understanding Conflict and Society*, ed. Spencer C. Tucker (Santa Barbara, Calif.: ABC-CLIO, 2007). Reprinted in *World at War: Understanding Conflict and Society* (Santa Barbara, Calif.: ABC-CLIO, 2010), <http://worldatwar2.abc-clio.com>.

“William Ellery,” in *The Encyclopedia of the American Revolutionary War: A Political, Social, and Military History*, ed. Gregory Fremont-Barnes and Richard A. Ryerson (Santa Barbara, Calif.: ABC-CLIO, 2006), 2:382. Reprinted in *World at War: Understanding*

Conflict and Society (Santa Barbara, Calif.: ABC-CLIO, 2010), <http://worldatwar2.abc-clio.com>.

“Raid on Bristol, Rhode Island,” in *The Encyclopedia of the American Revolutionary War: A Political, Social, and Military History*, ed. Gregory Fremont-Barnes and Richard A. Ryerson (Santa Barbara, Calif.: ABC-CLIO, 2006), 1:135-136. Reprinted in *World at War: Understanding Conflict and Society* (Santa Barbara, Calif.: ABC-CLIO, 2010), <http://worldatwar2.abc-clio.com>.

“U.S. Military Academy, West Point,” in *The United States at War: Understanding Conflict and Society*, ed. Spencer C. Tucker (Santa Barbara, Calif.: ABC-CLIO, 2005). Reprinted in *World at War: Understanding Conflict and Society* (Santa Barbara, Calif.: ABC-CLIO, 2010), <http://worldatwar2.abc-clio.com>.

Reviews:

Review of *Boy Soldiers of the American Revolution* by Caroline Cox, in *The Historian* (forthcoming).

Review of *Naval History and Heritage Command*, <http://www.history.navy.mil>, in *Journal of American History* 102 (September 2015): 638.

Review of *Lincoln's Citadel: The Civil War in Washington, DC* by Kenneth J. Winkle, in *The Historian* 77 (Summer 2015): 365-366.

Review of *The Wilderness Warrior: Theodore Roosevelt and the Crusade for America* by Douglas Brinkley, in *Parameters: U.S. Army War College Quarterly* 42 (Summer 2012): 137-139.

Review of *A Higher Purpose: Profiles in Presidential Courage* by Thomas J. Whalen, in *White House Studies* 8 (No. 3; 2009): 439-441.

Review of *Sea Change at Annapolis: The United States Naval Academy, 1949-2000* by H. Michael Gelfand, in *History of Education Quarterly* 48 (November 2008): 607-611.

Review of *Our Country, Right or Wrong: The Life of Stephen Decatur* by Leonard F. Guttridge, in *U.S. Naval Institute Proceedings* 133 (March 2007): 85-86.

Review of *When Trumpets Call: Theodore Roosevelt after the White House* by Patricia O'Toole, in *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 36 (September 2006): 558-559.

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

Moderator, Roundtable Discussion, “An Informed Citizenry: From the Founders to the Election of 2016,” Pell Center for International Relations and Public Policy, Salve Regina University, Newport, R.I., December 2016.

Moderator, Roundtable Discussion, “The Presidential Election of 2016,” Pell Center for International Relations and Public Policy, Salve Regina University, Newport, R.I., November 2016.

“Preserve, Protect, and Defend: Abraham Lincoln and the Rise of the Modern Presidency,” *The Civil War and the Making of Modern America*, Pell Center for International Relations and Public Policy, Salve Regina University, Newport, R.I., April 2015.

Comment, Panel on “Race, Class, and Ethnicity through the Prism of War,” *Americans and War: 7th Annual Boston University Graduate Student American Political History Conference*, American Political History Institute, Boston University, Boston, Mass., March 2015.

“The Rhetoric of the First World War and the Rise of the American Century,” *The First World War at 100: Understanding the Cost, Legacy, and Meaning of the Great War*, Pell Center for International Relations and Public Policy, Salve Regina University, Newport, R.I., October 2014.

“Educating Officers and Gentlemen: The Naval Academy Debate and American Nationalism in the Early Republic,” McKillop Library, Salve Regina University, Newport, R.I., September 2014.

Moderator, Roundtable Discussion, “Should College Athletes Be Paid?” Pell Center for International Relations and Public Policy, Salve Regina University, Newport, R.I., May 2014.

Moderator, Roundtable Discussion, “The Crisis in Syria,” Pell Center for International Relations and Public Policy, Salve Regina University, Newport, R.I., October 2013.

“Thomas Jefferson’s War: Presidential War Powers, Partisanship, and the First Barbary War,” McMullen Naval History Symposium, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., September 2013.

Moderator, Roundtable Discussion, “Women in Combat,” Pell Center for International Relations and Public Policy, Salve Regina University, Newport, R.I., April 2013.

“The Long Road to Annapolis,” Eight Bells Lecture Series, Naval War College Museum, Newport, R.I., May 2012.

Co-Moderator, Roundtable Discussion, “What Does American ‘Strength’ Mean in the 21st Century?” Pell Center for International Relations and Public Policy, Salve Regina University, Newport, R.I., February 2012.

“The Naval Academy Debate: Changing Concepts of Naval Officership in the 19th Century,” Faculty Development Seminar, Department of History, United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., February 2011.

“A West Point for the Navy? West Point’s Influence on the Naval Academy Debate, 1802-1845,” Faculty Development Seminar, Department of History, United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., March 2010.

Comment, Panel on “Expanding the Civil War: Race, Violence, Women, and Abolition,” *Rethinking American Political History* Conference, Boston University, Boston, Mass., March 2009.

“Scientific Warfare vs. Partisan Politics: Thomas Jefferson and American Naval Education,” Naval History Symposium, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., September 2007.

“The Naval Academy Debate: Politics, Military Professionalism, and Character Development,” Works-in-Progress Seminar, Department of History, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., September 2007.

“George Bancroft’s Civil War: Abraham Lincoln and the Union through the Eyes of America’s Historian,” New England Historical Association Fall Conference, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, October 2006.

“An Aristocracy at Sea: Naval Officers, Education, and American Nationalism in the Early Republic,” New England Historical Association Fall Conference, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, R.I., October 2005.

“The Long Road to Annapolis: Founding the U.S. Naval Academy,” Naval History Seminar Series, Naval Historical Center/National Museum of the U.S. Navy, Washington, D.C., June 2005.

“Teaching and Citizenship: From Thomas Jefferson to the Election of 2004,” Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society, Providence College, Providence, R.I., October 2004.

COURSES TAUGHT

Salve Regina University:

New Student Seminar
First Year Transitions
University Seminar I: From the Earth to the Moon
Survey of American History
Interpretations of American History to 1877
Interpretations of American History, 1877 to Present
History of the United States to 1877

History of the United States since 1877
The Historian's Craft
The American Revolution
Anglo-American Relations, 1776-2001 (crosslisted with Pell Honors Program; study abroad course taught in Oxford, England)
Thomas Jefferson's America (crosslisted with Pell Honors Program)
Abraham Lincoln in History and Memory
America's Civil War
The Gilded Age (American Studies; directed study)
America in Depression and War, 1929-1945 (crosslisted with Pell Honors Program)
The Great American Road Trip (American Studies; team taught)
History of Warfare
The American Presidency (crosslisted with Political Science)
Historical Research Methods
Senior Seminar

U.S. Military Academy:

History of the United States to 1877
History of the United States since 1877

Providence College:

Undergraduate

U.S. History to 1865
U.S. History since 1865
History of the United States: 1815-1900
Colonial and Revolutionary America
The Civil War and Reconstruction
Tutorial: The Progressive Era

Graduate

The Early National Period, 1789-1828
The Civil War
The Age of Roosevelt, 1932-1945
History of the Presidency, 1789-1901
History of the Presidency, 1901-Present
Seminar in American History: Presidential Biography
Directed Readings in American History: Nineteenth-Century America
Thesis Research

University of Rhode Island:

History of the United States since 1877

Boston University:

The Emerging United States to 1865
The Twentieth-Century American Presidency

UNIVERSITY SERVICE**Salve Regina University:***Committees*

Chair, Search Committee for Dean of Undergraduate Studies, 2016-2017
Member, Professional Knowledge Committee, Department of Education, 2016-present
Member, Academic Advising Council, 2016-present
Member, Search Committee for Director of Counseling Services, 2016
Member, Academic Standing Committee, 2016-present
Member, Search Committee for Assistant Professor of Secondary Education, 2015-2016
Elected Member, Faculty Rank and Tenure Committee, 2015-2017
Member, Ph.D. Program in Humanities Advisory Committee, 2014-present
Secretary, Executive Committee of the Faculty Assembly, 2014-2015
Elected Member, Executive Committee of the Faculty Assembly, 2013-2016
Elected Member, Core Curriculum Advisory Committee, 2013-2014
Member, Search Committee for John E. McGinty Chair in History, 2013-2014
Member, New Student Seminar Steering Committee, 2013
Member, Antone Endowed Fund for Academic Excellence Awards Committee, 2012-2014
Member, University Retention Committee, 2011-2012
Member, American Studies Advisory Council, 2011-present

Departmental Service

Acting Coordinator, American Studies Program, Spring 2017
First Year Student Advisor, 2015-2016
Faculty Advisor, History Club, 2015-present
Created and maintain the History Department Facebook Page, 2014-present
Guest Lecturer, Continuing Education Program for Swiss Teachers, 2012-2015

Faculty Development

Co-Moderator, Faculty Development Workshop on Applying for Tenure and Promotion, 2017
Volunteer Mentor, Mentorship Program for New Faculty, 2017-present
Poster Presentation, University Seminar Exposition, 2016

Student Development

Instructor and Second Faculty Advisor, Oxford Study Abroad Program, Office of International Programs, 2017
Guest Speaker, Nuala Pell Leadership Program in Public Service, 2015
First Year Transitions Instructor, Center for Student Development, 2014-2015

Faculty Sponsor, SRYOU Student Exposition, 2013-2015
New Student Seminar Instructor and First Year Advisor, Office of First Year and
Exploratory Programs/Center for Student Development, 2012-2014
Faculty Mentor, Men's Ice Hockey Team, 2011-present

Doctoral Program in the Humanities

Doctoral Subject Field Examiner, 2014, 2016
Doctoral Student First-Year Advisor, 2013-2014
Dissertation Reader (4 Dissertations), 2013-present

Mission Integration

Contributor, *The Catholic Intellectual Tradition* Publication, 2014
Participant, Faculty Discussion Series on the Catholic Intellectual Tradition, 2011-2013
Participant, Collegium Day, Office of Mission Integration, 2011-2012

U.S. Military Academy:

Faculty Advisor, *Report: West Point Undergraduate Historical Review*, 2011
Course Director, History 104: History of the United States since 1877, Spring 2011
Member, Academic Excellence Committee of the Faculty Council, 2010-2011
Elected Member, Faculty Council, 2010-2011
Faculty Facilitator, Professional Military Ethics Education Program, 2010-2011
Organizational Goal Team, Department of History, 2010
Strategic Review Team, Department of History, 2010
Executive Officer, American History Division, Department of History, Summer/Fall 2010
Faculty Volunteer, Patton Challenge, Cadet Basic Training, Summer 2010
Instructor, Summer Term Academic Program, 2010
Judge, Thompson Family Memorial Award for Excellence in Writing, 2010

Providence College:

Served on over 30 comprehensive examination boards for M.A. candidates, 2004-2009
Member, Committee on Studies, 1997-1998

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICE

Selected Participant, Seminar on the 20th-Century Presidency, sponsored by the Gilder
Lehrman Institute of American History and the Council of Independent Colleges,
Stanford University Anne T. and Robert M. Bass Center, Washington, D.C., 2017
Consultant, Middletown Historical Society/Salve Regina University National Park Service
American Battlefield Protection Program Grant, 2015-2016
Appointed by the Governor of Rhode Island to the Newport World Heritage Commission,
2014-2016
Judge, PEGASUS 7/8 History Day, LaSalle Academy, 2012, 2015
Judge, National History Day in Rhode Island, 2002-2008

Staff Member, Local Arrangements Committee, American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Boston, 2001
Policy Intern, Office of U.S. Senator Jack Reed, Summer 2000

Manuscript Reviewer: University of Chicago Press, *Journal of the Early Republic*, Pearson Higher Education/Longman

Media Interviews: *National Catholic Register*, *The Providence Journal*, *The Newport Daily News*, “Maryland Morning” (WYPR Radio, Baltimore-Annapolis), *The Capital* (Annapolis, Md.)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Historical Association
Organization of American Historians
Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society
Society for Military History
Newport Historical Society