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Work Address

Department of History
Western Illinois University
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Education

State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY

Ph.D., History, May 2004

Areas of Specialization: 20th Century United States History, with an emphasis on Diplomatic and Political History. Secondary Fields in 19th century U.S. History and European Diplomatic History

State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY

Bachelor of Arts in History, with honors, 1992

Teaching

Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL

**Professor of History, Fall 2015-present; Associate Professor, Fall 2010-May 2015;
Assistant Professor, Fall 2006-May 2010**

Courses Taught:

HIST 105 U.S. History to 1877
HIST 106 U.S. History Since 1877
HIST 304 United States Military History
HIST 306 Vietnam War
HIST 307 American Foreign Policy since 1898
HIST 329 Great Power Diplomacy
HIST 355 U.S. History Since 1945
HIST 380 The Great War, 1914-1918
HIST 423 Vietnam and its Times
HIST 488 Topics in U.S. History
HIST 491 Capstone Seminar in History
HIST 510 Research Seminar in U.S. History
HIST 511 Readings Seminar in U.S. History
HIST 512 Research Seminar in Diplomatic History

State University of New York at Fredonia, Fredonia, NY,

**Visiting Assistant Professor, Fall 2002-June 2006
Visiting Instructor, Fall 2000- Summer 2002**

Adjunct Instructor, Fall 1997-Summer 2000

State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY

Lecturer, Fall 2004-May 2006; Fall 1996-May 2000

Teaching Assistant, Fall 1993-May 1996

Saint Bonaventure University, Olean, NY

Lecturer, Fall 2002-May 2003; Fall 1997

Buffalo State College, Buffalo, NY

Lecturer, Fall 1998-May 1999

Research

Books

-Published

Dwight Eisenhower and American Foreign Policy during the 1960s: An American Lion in Winter. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2015 (paperback, 2016).

Journal Articles

-Published

“A Necessary Reinterpretation: Using the Kennedy and Johnson Tapes as a Biographical and Historical Source,” *Journal of Historical Biography* 3 (Spring 2008): 87-97.

“‘Force is the Last Method’: Eisenhower, Dulles, and American Intervention in the Suez Crisis,” *Critique* 35:2 (August 2007), 173-188.

Proceedings

-Published

“‘Primarily a Political Problem:’ Constructing the Image of the Kennedy Presidency, 1961-Present,” in *John F. Kennedy History, Memory, Legacy: An Interdisciplinary Inquiry*, John Delane Williams, Robert G. Waite, and Gregory S. Gordon, eds., (University of North Dakota, 2010), 253-264.

Book Reviews

-Published

Eisenhower: Becoming Leader of the Free World by Louis Galambos in *Journal of Military History* 82:4 (October 2018), 1313-1315.

Blood Brothers: The Fatal Friendship Between Muhammad Ali and Malcolm X by Randy Roberts and Johnny Smith in *History* 102:350 (April 2017), 354-355.

Diplomacy at the Brink: Eisenhower, Churchill, and Eden in the Cold War by David M. Watry in *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 46:2 (June 2016), 497-498.

The Patriarch: The Remarkable Life and Turbulent Times of Joseph P. Kennedy by David

Nasaw in *The Historian* 76:1 (Spring 2014), 137-138.

Blind Over Cuba: The Photo Gap and the Missile Crisis by David M. Barrett and Max Holland in *The Historian* 76:1 (Spring 2014), 107-108.

NSC 68 and the Political Economy of the Cold War by Curt Cardwell in *Journal of World History* 24:2 (June 2013), 493-495.

Vietnam's Second Front: Domestic Politics, the Republican Party, and the War by Andrew Johns in *Pacific Historical Review* 81:2 (May 2012), 329-330.

Dean Acheson and the Creation of an American World Order by Robert McMahon in *Reviews in American History* 39:3 (September, 2011), 523-528 (review title: "The Original Cold Warrior, Democratic Party").

Hubris: The Inside Story of Spin, Scandal, and the Selling of the Iraq War by Michael Isikoff and David Corn; *The Fall of the House of Bush: The Untold Story of How a Band of True Believers Seized the Executive Branch, Started the Iraq War, and Still Imperils America Today* by Craig Unger in *Peace and Change* 34:3 (July 2009), 270-275.

Henry Kissinger and the American Century by Jeremi Suri in *The Historian* 71:2 (Summer 2009), 386-387.

America at the Brink of Empire: Rusk, Kissinger, and the Vietnam War by Lawrence Serewicz in *Diplomacy and Statecraft* 20:1 (March 2009), 188-189.

Right Turn: American Life in the Reagan-Bush Era, 1980-1992 by Michael Schaller in *Canadian Journal of History* 42:3 (Winter 2007), 555-557.

Death of a Generation by Howard Jones in *Peace and Change* 30:3 (July 2005), 418-421.

Encyclopedia Articles

-published

America in the World, 1776 to Present, Edward J. Blum, ed., (Scribner, 2016), "Atlantic Charter," 100-101, "Carter, James Earl, Jr.," 182-185, "Lodge, Henry Cabot," 624-625, "Triple Entente," 1019-1020.

Imperialism and Expansionism in American History, Chris J. Magoc, ed., (ABC-Clio, 2015), "McCarthyism," 1124-1125.

Encyclopedia of U.S. Military Interventions in Latin America, Alan McPherson, ed., (ABC-Clio, 2013), volume 1, "Kennedy, Robert," 340-341; volume 2, "McNamara, Robert," 384-385, "Niagara Falls Conference (1914)," 427-428, "Nixon, Richard," 445-447, "Rusk, Dean," 568-571, "Teller Amendment (1898)," 628-629.

Spies, Wiretaps, and Secret Operations: An Encyclopedia of American Espionage, Glenn

Hastedt, ed., (ABC-Clio/Greenwood, 2010), "Cuban Missile Crisis," 213-216, "Dr. James Killian Jr.," 445, "National Security Archive," 557, "President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board," 633-634.

The Military-Industrial Complex and American Society, Sterling Michael Pavelec, ed., (ABC-Clio, 2010), "Lyndon B. Johnson," 160-163.

The Great Depression and the New Deal: A Thematic Encyclopedia, Daniel Leab, Kenneth J. Bindas, Alan Harris Stein, Justin Corfield, and Steven Danvers, eds. (ABC-Clio, 2009), volume 1, "Young Plan," 94-95.

Encyclopedia of the Jazz Age, James Ciment, ed., (M.E. Sharpe, 2008), volume 1, "Clarence Darrow," 160-161, and "General Electric," 260-261.

Encyclopedia of the Cold War, Spencer Tucker, ed., (ABC-Clio, 2007), volume 1, "Tom Connally," 309, and volume 2, "Lyndon Johnson," 684-686.

Encyclopedia of World History (Golson Books, 2007), volume 4, "First and Second Open Door Note, John Hay," 97-98; volume 5, "Isolationism, U.S.," 175-176; volume 6, "Iran-Contra Affair," 216-217, "Montgomery, Alabama, bus boycott," 294, and "Presidential impeachment, U.S.," 394-395.

On-line Article

"Even Presidents Who Consult Congress Can Get Into Trouble," *History News Network*, September 3, 2002.

Professional Presentations/Activities

Presentations while at Western Illinois University

"'It Depends Who Writes the History, Henry': History's Role in the Liberal Arts and Creating an Educated Citizen," Hallwas Lecture, Western Illinois University, September 2019

"Contrasts, Contradictions, and Continuity: Understanding Carter's Cold War," Invited lecture given at "The Seventies: Heavy, Hip, and Happenin'," Symposium at the Albert L. Lorenzo Cultural Center at Macomb Community College, Macomb, MI, March 2019

"Security Trumps Politics: Eisenhower, the U-2, and the Missile Gap," Paper presented at Phi Alpha Theta National Conference, January 2016

"'Playing Poker with Tough Stakes': The Evolution of JFK's Laos Policy," Paper presented at American Historical Association Conference, Washington, D.C., January 2014

"'How We Say it to Eisenhower: Kennedy, Johnson, and the Containment of Dwight Eisenhower,'" Paper accepted for Historians of the Twentieth Century United States Conference, Oxford, U.K., July 2011

“One More Step: Kennedy, Chemical Defoliants, and U.S. Intervention in Vietnam,” Paper presented at Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Conference, Madison, WI, June 2010

Commentator for panel “Origins of the Non-Proliferation Regime in the Cold War” at Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Conference, Madison, WI, June 2010

Commentator for panel “Domestic Affairs Outside, Global Affairs Within, 1947-1953: Toward a Socio-Cultural International History of the Cold War” at Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Conference, Falls Church, VA, June 2009

“Loyalty and Identity: The Evolving Role of John F. Kennedy in the Cuban Missile Crisis,” Invited lecture given at “The Sixties: A Decade that Defined a Generation,” Symposium at the Albert L. Lorenzo Cultural Center at Macomb Community College, Macomb, MI April 2009

Chair for panel “The Presidential Recordings: Problems and Opportunities in Kennedy/Johnson Historiography” at Missouri Valley Historical Conference, Omaha, NE, March 2009

“‘Primarily a Political Problem:’ Constructing the Image of the Kennedy Presidency, 1961-Present,” Paper presented at JFK: History, Memory, and Legacy: An Interdisciplinary Conference and Community Event at the University of North Dakota, September 2008

“‘The Burden of Proof:’ Kennedy and Vietnam, 1963,” Paper presented at Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Conference, Columbus, OH, June 2008

Chair for panel “Ethnicity, Religion, and Transnationalism” at Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Conference, Columbus, OH, June 2008

“‘The Long Twilight Struggle’: Remaking the Memory of John F. Kennedy’s Foreign Policy,” Paper presented at Policy History Conference of the Institute for Political History, St. Louis, MO, June 2008

“‘We Will Not Pull Out of Vietnam Until the War is Won’: A Comparative Discussion of the Evolving History of America in Vietnam from the Kennedy and Johnson Tapes,” Paper presented at Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Conference, Chantilly, VA, June 2007

Presentations Prior to Western Illinois University

“‘The Best General I’ve Ever Known Anything About’: World War II and the Influence of Dwight D. Eisenhower,” Paper presented at The Legacy of World War II: A Sixty Year Perspective Conference at Chestnut Hill College, Philadelphia, PA, November 2005

“Domestic Containment: The Handling of General Eisenhower by the Kennedy and Johnson

Administrations,” Paper presented at Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Conference, College Park, MD, June 2005

“‘How We Say it to Eisenhower:’ Kennedy, Johnson, and the Containment of Dwight Eisenhower, An Overview,” Paper presented at Great Lakes History Conference, Grand Rapids, MI, October 2004

Panelist, “*Brown v. Board of Education: An Assessment After Fifty Years*,” State University of New York at Fredonia Black History Month Roundtable, February 2004

“‘Primarily a Political Problem:’ Constructing the Image of the Kennedy Presidency, 1961-Present,” Paper presented at Kennedy Legacy Conference at Chestnut Hill College, Philadelphia, PA, November 2003

Chair for panel at Kennedy Legacy Conference at Chestnut Hill College, Philadelphia, PA, November 2003

“From ‘Eyeball to Eyeball’ to Explicit Conciliation: Revisioning the Cuban Missile Crisis,” Paper presented at Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Conference, Atlanta, GA, June 2002

“Old Warrior, New President: The Uneasy Relationship of Dwight Eisenhower and John Kennedy,” Paper presented at Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Conference, Washington, D.C., June 2001

Panelist, “A Culture of Peace,” State University of New York at Fredonia Maytum Lecture Academic Convocation, January 2001

“Using History to Shape Policy: Eisenhower’s Advice to Johnson on Vietnam,” Paper presented at Great Lakes History Conference, Grand Rapids, MI October 2000

“Creating a Usable Perspective: The Johnson Administration and Decision Making About Vietnam, 1965,” Paper presented at Great Lakes History Conference, Grand Rapids, MI October 1998

“It Depends Who Writes the History: Vietnam, Watergate, and the Reinterpretation of the Past,” Paper presented at State University of New York at Buffalo Milton Plesur Graduate History Conference, April 1997

“Force is the Last Method: Eisenhower, Dulles, and American Intervention in the Suez Crisis,” Paper presented at Great Lakes History Conference, Grand Rapids, MI, October 1995

Academic Awards and Honors

Summer Stipend, *Western Illinois University*, 2012
Competitive grant for summer research

University Research Council Grant, *Western Illinois University*, 2010
Competitive grant for new research

Summer Stipend, *Western Illinois University*, 2009
Competitive grant for summer research

Honoring Our Professors' Excellence Award, *Western Illinois University*, 2008-2009
Student-nominated award for excellence in teaching

University Research Council Grant, *Western Illinois University*, 2008
Competitive grant for new research

Faculty Mentor Grant, *Western Illinois University*, College of Arts and Sciences, 2007-2008,
2008-2009

Abilene Travel Grant, Dwight D. Eisenhower Foundation, 2006
Competitive grant for research at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library

Kennedy Library Research Grant, John F. Kennedy Foundation, 2004
Competitive grant for research at the John F. Kennedy Library

Moody Grant, Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation, 2004
Competitive grant for research at the Lyndon B. Johnson Library

Faculty Merit Award, *State University of New York at Fredonia*, 2001-2002, 2002-2003, 2003-
2004, 2005-2006
Merit-based salary increase awarded based on faculty development and scholarship

Scholarly Incentive Awards Program, *State University of New York at Fredonia*, 2003
Competitive faculty research grant for developing new scholarship

Marjorie Kovler Fellowship, John F. Kennedy Foundation, 1998
Competitive grant for research on topics in political history at the John F. Kennedy
Library

State/UUP Professional Development & Quality of Working Life Grant, *State University of New
York at Fredonia*, 1998
Competitive faculty research grant for developing new scholarship

Moody Grant, Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation, 1997
Competitive grant for research at the Lyndon B. Johnson Library

Abilene Travel Grant, Eisenhower World Affairs Institute, 1997
Competitive grant for research at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library

Lockwood Dissertation Travel Grant, *State University of New York at Buffalo*, History Department, 1996-1998

Merit-based grant covering travel expenses for dissertation research

Presidential Fellowship, *State University of New York at Buffalo*, 1993-6

School-wide competitive graduate fellowship, three-year maximum

Service

Service to the campus at Western Illinois University

CAGAS, Chair, 2018-2019; vice-chair 2017-2018; member 2016-2017; member 2011-2012; Chair 2009-2010; vice chair 2008-2009; member 2007-2008-University admissions, graduation and academic standards council

Faculty Senate, CAS Senator, 2019-2020

Honorary Degree Committee, member, 2019-2020, 2010-2013

Graduate Council, member 2013

Faculty Council, College of Arts and Sciences, Chair, 2014-2019; vice chair, 2011-2012

Provost's Advisory Council, member, 2011-2012

Provost's Search Committee, member 2010-2011

Service to the History Department at Western Illinois University

Department Coordinator, 2019-2020

Departmental Personnel Committee, member, 2010-2012

Departmental Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, chair, 2012-2016, 2008-2010; member, 2016-2017, 2011-2012

Departmental Graduate Committee, member, 2016-2019, 2008-2010

Chair Review Committee, chair, 2015-2016

Departmental Minors Committee, chair, 2009-2010

Chair's Advisory Committee, member, 2006-2008, 2014-2017

Departmental Library Committee, chair, 2012-2013, member, 2006-2007

TAH Grant, advisor 2008-Traveled to New York City with teachers from Illinois
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Service Prior to Western Illinois University

State University of New York at Fredonia

Co-developer and coordinator of “The American Experience”, 2002-2006-introductory
freshman liberal arts program, in conjunction with the English and Political
Science departments

Academic Advisor, 2000-2005-advising History and Social Studies Education majors

Departmental Awards/Scholarship Committee, Co-chair, 2000-2001, 2004-2005;
member, 2001-2004

Faculty Advisor, History Club, 2004-2006

Faculty Senate, Standing Committee on CCC (General Education), member, 2005-6

Textbook and Monograph reviews

Pearson Publishers, Thompson Press, Routledge Press, Bedford-St. Martin’s Press,
Oxford University Press, McGraw-Hill, Cengage

Professional Affiliations

Phi Alpha Theta

Historians of the Twentieth Century United States