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### CURRENT POSITION

2014— Professor of History, Boston College

### EDUCATION

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|------|--------|--|
| 2000 | Ph.D.  | U.S. History, Northwestern University      |
| 1996 | M.A.   | U.S. History, Northwestern University      |
| 1994 | M.A.   | Social Science, University of Chicago      |
| 1989 | M.F.A. | Theatre, DePaul University                 |
| 1986 | B.A.   | Philosophy and Psychology, Yale University |

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Books

*Rogue Diplomats: The Proud Tradition of Disobedience in American Foreign Policy.* Cambridge University Press, 2020.

*The Universe Unraveling: American Foreign Policy in Cold War Laos.* Cornell University Press, 2012. Winner, New England Historical Association Hanlan Book Prize.

*Cold War Mandarin: Ngo Dinh Diem and the Origins of the Vietnam War, 1950-1963.* Rowman & Littlefield, 2006.

*America's Miracle Man in Vietnam: Ngo Dinh Diem, Religion, Race, and U.S. Intervention in Southeast Asia, 1950-1957.* Duke University Press, 2004. Winner, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Bernath Book Prize.

#### Articles and Chapters in Books

- “Laos” in *A Companion to John F. Kennedy*, Marc J. Selverstone, ed. Wiley-Blackwell, 2014.
- “‘No Place to Fight a War’: Laos and the Evolution of U.S. Policy toward Vietnam, 1954-1963” in *Making Sense of the Vietnam Wars: Local, National, and Transnational Perspectives*, Mark Philip Bradley and Marilyn B. Young, eds. Oxford University Press, 2008.
- “The Religious Roots of U.S. Support for Ngo Dinh Diem” in *Major Problems in the History of the Vietnam War*, Fourth Edition, Robert McMahan, ed. Houghton Mifflin Company, 2008.
- “Ngo Dinh Diem: The Impossible Ally” in *Light at the End of the Tunnel: A Vietnam War Anthology*, Third Edition, Andrew Rotter, ed. Rowman & Littlefield, 2010.
- “‘Our System Demands the Supreme Being’: The U.S. Religious Revival and the ‘Diem Experiment,’ 1954-1955,” *Diplomatic History* 25 (Fall 2001): 589-624. Winner, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Bernath Article Prize.
- “‘A Monumental Struggle of Good versus Evil’: American Crusaders in Vietnam and Iraq,” *New England Journal of History* 64 (Fall 2007): 214-232.
- “Going Rogue in the Age of Trump,” Policy Series, America and the World—2017 and Beyond, H-Diplo, Member of H-Net: International Security Studies Forum, 15 June 2017 (online).
- “Author’s Response,” Roundtable Review for *America’s Miracle Man in Vietnam*, H-Diplo, Member of H-Net: Humanities & Social Sciences Online, Volume 8, Number 6, June 2007 (online).
- “Author’s Response,” Roundtable Review for *The Universe Unraveling*, H-Diplo, Member of H-Net: Humanities & Social Sciences Online, Volume 14, Number 29, April 2013 (online).
- “Prologue: Hearts and Minds,” *Boston College Magazine*, Volume 74, Number 1, Winter 2014, 1.
- “Our Man Diem,” *Boston College Magazine*, Volume 65, Number 2, Spring 2005, 26-31.
- “Assigned Reading: Teaching the Vietnam War,” *Boston College Magazine*, Volume 72, Number 4, Fall 2012, 14-15.
- “Fighting Words,” *Boston College Magazine*, Volume 62, Number 3, Summer 2002, 23-25.

“Dooley Defended; Professor Jacobs Replies,” *Boston College Magazine*, Volume 62, Number 4, Fall 2002, 2.

## Reviews

Review of Emily S. Rosenberg’s *A Date Which Will Live: Pearl Harbor in American Memory*, *Reviews in American History* 32 (June 2004): 239-246.

Review of Mark Moyar’s *Triumph Forsaken: The Vietnam War, 1954-1965*, *Journal of American History* 94 (June 2007): 332-333.

Review of Patrick McNamara’s *A Catholic Cold War: Edmund A. Walsh, S.J., and the Politics of American Catholic Anticommunism*, *American Catholic Studies* 116 (Winter 2005): 72-74.

Review of Daniel J. Leab’s *I Was a Communist for the FBI: The Unhappy Life and Times of Matt Cvetic*, *Ohio Valley History* 5 (Fall 2005): 104-105.

Review of Robert E. Herzstein’s *Henry Luce, Time, and the American Crusade in Asia*, *Diplomatic History* 30 (November 2006): 923-927.

Review of William Rosenau’s *U.S. Internal Security Assistance to South Vietnam: Insurgency, Subversion, and Public Order*, *Cold War History* 7 (May 2007): 339-341.

Review of Richard Dauer’s *A North-South Mind in an East-West World: Chester Bowles and the Making of United States Cold War Foreign Policy, 1951-1969*, *Pacific Historical Review* 76 (Spring 2007): 146-147.

Review of Ira Chernus’s *Apocalypse Management: Eisenhower and the Discourse of National Insecurity*, *International History Review* 31 (June 2009): 456-458.

Review of William Inboden’s *Religion and American Foreign Policy, 1945-1969: The Soul of Containment*, *Passport* 40 (April 2009): 23-27.

Review of Patricia Appelbaum’s *Kingdom to Commune: Protestant Pacifist Culture between World War I and the Vietnam War*, *Journal of American Studies* 44 (2010): 235-237.

Review of Scott Laderman’s *Tours of Vietnam: War, Travel Guides, and Memory*, H-Diplo Roundtable, Volume 11, Number 22, June 2007 (online).

Review of James Blight, Janet M. Lang, and David A. Welch’s *Vietnam If Kennedy Had Lived: Virtual JFK*, *Diplomatic History* 35 (April 2011): 391-394.

- Review of Dixee R. Bartholomew-Feis's *The OSS and Ho Chi Minh: Unexpected Allies in the War against Japan*, *History: Reviews of New Books* 35 (Spring 2007): 112-113.
- Review of Jeremy Kuzmarov's *Modernizing Repression: Police Training and Nation-Building in the American Century*, *American Historical Review* 118 (June 2013): 889-890.
- Review of Jonathan P. Herzog's *The Spiritual-Industrial Complex: America's Religious Battle against Communism in the Early Cold War*, *Journal of American Studies*, 46 (November 2012): 1110-1111.
- Review of Jessica Chapman's *Cauldron of Resistance: Ngo Dinh Diem, the United States, and 1950s Southern Vietnam*, *Passport* 44 (January 2014): 7-10.
- Review of Fredrik Logevall's *Embers of War: The Fall of an Empire and the Making of America's Vietnam*, *Diplomatic History* 47 (April 2013): 71-73.
- Review of James Waite's *The End of the First Indochina War: A Global History*, H-Diplo Roundtable, Volume 15, Number 27, March 2014 (online).
- Review of the "Sex and Saigon: Gendered Perspectives on the Vietnam War" issue of the *Journal of American-East Asian Relations* 22 (2015): Amanda Boczar's "Uneasy Allies: The Americanization of Sexual Policies in South Vietnam"; Amber Batura's "The *Playboy* Way: *Playboy* Magazine, Soldiers, and the Military in Vietnam"; Jeffrey A. Keith's "Producing *Miss Saigon*: Imaginings, Realities, and the Sensual Geography of Saigon," H-Diplo Roundtable, Volume 19, Number 31, June 2016 (online).
- Review of Joseph Nye's *Do Morals Matter? Presidents and Foreign Policy from FDR to Trump*, *Passport*, forthcoming.
- Review of Ingo Trauschweizer's *Maxwell Taylor's Cold War: From Berlin to Vietnam*, *Diplomatic History* 61 (May 2020): 51-54.

## PRESENTATIONS

- 2006— Lectures: "'Sons of Liberty': Republican Ideology and the American Revolution," "The World Turned Upside Down': Revolution and Independence," "A Not-So-Splendid, Not-So-Little War: America Battles Spain over Cuba," "'The Common Brigandage of Robber Nations': America Acquires Its First Colonies"; "'We'll Just Go on Bleeding Them': Militarization of America's Vietnam Commitment," "The Unwilling, Led

by the Incompetent, Doing the Impossible for the Ungrateful’: The Decline of the American Army in Vietnam,” “‘Killing Weapons Is Bad, Killing People Is Good’: The Mad, Mad World of Nuclear Theory,” “‘Clash of Civilizations’?: Samuel P. Huntington and the New American Crusade,” Perspectives on War, Aggression, and Conflict Resolution (PL 259, SC 250, TH 327), Boston College, Coordinated by Professor Matthew Mullane.

- Fall 2018 Lecture: “John Quincy Adams and American Expansion,” Boston College Stride Program: Preparing Sophomore Leaders.
- Spring 2016 Moderator: “The Churches and the Great War,” Biennial Boston College Conference on the History of Religion, Sponsored by the Institute for Liberal Arts and the Boston College History Department.
- 2016— Lecture: “‘The Unwilling, Led by the Incompetent, Doing the Impossible for the Ungrateful’: The Demoralization of the American Army in Vietnam,” Wounded Warriors in Transition (NS 320), Boston College, Coordinated by Professor Ann Burgess.
- Spring 2016 Workshop: “Teaching the Cold War and the Vietnam War to This Generation of High School Students,” Sponsored by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History and the Education Cooperative in Walpole, Massachusetts.
- Fall 2015 Moderator: “Ending the Cold War and Setting the Terms of the Future World Order,” with Professors James Cronin (Boston College), Mary Elise Sarotte (University of Southern California), Jeremi Suri (University of Texas at Austin), and Odd Arne Westad (Harvard University), Sponsored by the Clough Center for the Study of Constitutional Democracy, Boston College.
- Fall 2014 Moderator: “Experiencing Vietnam: Forty Years after American Withdrawal, Boston College Vietnam Veterans Speak about Their War and Its Effect on Their Lives,” Sponsored by *Boston College Magazine*, the Boston College Veterans Alumni Network, and the Office of the Dean of Arts and Sciences.
- Spring 2014 Chair and Commentator: “The Road to Sino-American Rapprochement Revisited: An International Perspective,” American Historical Association (AHA) in Washington, D.C.
- Spring 2014 Panel: “Bush and Obama: The Age of Terror” with Oliver Stone and Professors Charles Derber and Peter Kuznick, Cosponsored by the

Institute for the Liberal Arts and the Department of Sociology, Boston College.

- Fall 2013 Presentation: "Reflections on the Death of Eloquence," Commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the Gettysburg Address, Boston College.
- Summer 2013 Chair and Commentator: "Evangelical Projections," Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) in Arlington, Virginia.
- Fall 2012 Debate: "Presidential Election Series 2012: Foreign Policy," with Professor Peter Krause, Boston College Political Science Association and Phi Alpha Theta.
- Fall 2012 Paper: "Worlds Transformed: Foreign Policy on the Campaign Trail, 1992 and 2012," the 2012 Election in Comparative and Historical Perspective, Sponsored by the Clough Center for the Study of Constitutional Democracy, Coorganized by the History Department and Cosponsored by the Carroll School of Management, Boston College.
- Fall 2012 Presentation: "What Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Martin Luther King Had in Common," Word of Mouth, Boston College Public Speaking Club.
- Summer 2012 Commentator: "Religion and Cold War Foreign Policy," Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) in Hartford, Connecticut.
- Fall 2011 Keynote: "'The United States and North America Are Identical': John Quincy Adams and the Rise of a Republican Empire," Half-Century Luncheon, Boston College Law School.
- Fall 2011 Lecture: "Yes, We Know It's Interesting to *You*; Can You Make It Interesting for *Them*?" Splash Program at Boston College.
- Summer 2011 Chair: "Sacred Foundations: Religion and U.S. Foreign Policy," Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) in Alexandria, Virginia.
- Summer 2011 Presentation: "The Movements and 'the Movement': Social Justice and Antiwar Protest in Midcentury America," Primary Source, Learning Opportunities and Curriculum Resources for K-12 Educators.
- Spring 2011 Chair and Commentator: "Human Rights, Religion, and United States Foreign Policy," Human Rights and Religion in Historical Perspective, Sponsored by the Clough Center for the Study of Constitutional Democracy, Institute for the Liberal Arts, Center for Human Rights and

International Justice, College of Arts and Sciences, and History Department, Boston College.

- Spring 2011 Keynote: “Faith-Based Foreign Policy: Religion in America’s Cold War,” Conference on Religious Identity and Political Conflict, Nicholas D. Chabraja Center for Historical Studies, Northwestern University.
- Spring 2011 Lecture: “Religion: The Overlooked Dimension in American Statecraft,” Table Talk Series, Sponsored by the Office of Residential Life, Boston College.
- Fall 2010 Presentation: “The Civil Rights Movement and the Vietnam War,” Primary Source, Learning Opportunities and Curriculum Resources for K-12 Educators.
- Summer 2010 Paper: “‘A Buddhist People Who Don’t Want to Fight Back’: Religion and the Evolution of U.S. Policy toward Laos, 1954-1962,” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.
- Spring 2010 Lecture: “‘Pay Any Price, Bear Any Burden’: Foreign Policy in the Kennedy Era,” Boston Public Schools Teaching American History Program, Boston University Center for International Relations.
- Spring 2010 Lecture: “‘A Nationwide Nervous Breakdown’: The Cauldron of the Nixon Years,” Class of 1975 Reception, Boston College Club.
- Fall 2009 Panel: “Academic Experience: Discovery,” with Professors Laurie Shepard and Eric Strauss, Presentations on Teaching and Student Life, Parents’ Weekend, Boston College.
- Fall 2009 Presentation: “Religion and the Cold War in Eisenhower’s America,” Primary Source, Learning Opportunities and Curriculum Resources for K-12 Educators.
- Summer 2009 Lecture: “Patterns in the History of U.S. Foreign Policy,” Suffolk County House of Correction.
- Spring 2009 Lecture: “Why Huntington Was Wrong: The ‘Clash of Civilizations’ Thesis and U.S. Foreign Policy in the Twenty-First Century,” Boston College Presidential Scholars Program.
- Spring 2009 Panel: “What the Obama Administration Means for the United Nations,” with Professors Timothy Crawford, Hiroshi Nakazato, and Patrick Maney, Americans for Informed Democracy, Boston College.

- Spring 2008 Panel: “The New American Grand Strategy,” with Professors Nasser Behnegar, Mark Sheetz, Charles Derber, and Robert Ross, Americans for Informed Democracy, Boston College.
- Spring 2008 Lecture: “New Directions in Vietnam War Scholarship,” Sponsored by the Boston College Vietnamese Students’ Association.
- Spring 2008 Lecture: “War and the Presidency,” SparkLunch, Sponsored by Intersections, Boston College.
- Spring 2008 Lecture: “Is There a Uniquely ‘American’ Foreign Policy?” Table Talk Series, Sponsored by the Office of Residential Life, Boston College.
- Fall 2007 Panel: “U.S. Policy during the French War and Its Aftermath,” Making Sense of the Vietnam Wars Conference, University of Kentucky, Lexington.
- Fall 2007 Commentator: “Are We Rome? An Evening with Cullen Murphy,” Sponsored by the Winston Center for Leadership and Ethics, *Boston College Magazine*, and the Office of the Provost.
- Spring 2007 Presentation: “‘People Who Won’t Fight for Themselves’: United States Policy toward Laos in the Kennedy Era,” Boston College, College of Arts and Sciences, Dean’s Open House.
- Spring 2007 Chair and Commentator: “Ngo Dinh Diem and South Vietnam Reconsidered,” *The New Vietnam War Revisionism: Implications and Lessons*, Williams College.
- Spring 2007 Paper: “The Sacred and the Secular in America’s Longest War,” Northwestern University Vietnam War Seminar, Coordinated by Professors Michael Sherry and Mark Philip Bradley.
- Spring 2007 Panel: “The Strategic Future of Iraq,” with Professors Nasser Behnegar, Benjamin Braude, Donald Hafner, and Marc Landy, Americans for Informed Democracy, Boston College.
- Spring 2007 Lecture: VietLearn: Commemoration of the Fall of Saigon, Sponsored by the Boston College Vietnamese Students’ Association.
- Summer 2006 Chair and Commentator: “Is God in All of This?: Religion and Religious Culture in United States Foreign Relations,” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) in Lawrence, Kansas.



- Spring 2006 Lecture: “The Lessons and Legacy of ‘Democracy’s Children,’” Induction Ceremony for the Order of the Cross and Crown, Boston College, Sponsored by the Dean’s Office, College of Arts and Sciences.
- Spring 2006 Chair: “Diplomatic Implications of Religion,” Boston College Conference of the History of Religion, Sponsored by the Annual Fund of the Boston College Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and the Boston College History Department.
- Fall 2005 Paper: “‘Sink or Swim with Ngo Dinh Diem’: Reexamining Washington’s Most Disastrous Postwar Foreign Policy,” University of Connecticut Foreign Policy Seminar, Coordinated by Professors Frank Costigliola and J. Garry Clifford.
- Fall 2005 Paper: “The Religious Dimension of Geopolitics: From the Cold War to the War on Terror,” Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life at Boston College, Coordinated by Professor Alan Wolfe.
- Summer 2005 Paper: “Combating ‘Evildoers’ in the Developing World: Eisenhower’s Vietnam and Bush’s Iraq,” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) at National Archives II, College Park, Maryland.
- Summer 2005 Paper: “‘Freedom Is Pitted against Slavery; Lightness against the Dark’: America’s Midcentury Religious Revival and the Origins of the Vietnam War,” Lifetime Learning’s World Affairs and Politics Lecture Series, Newton Community Education, Congregation Mishkan Telfia, Chestnut Hill.
- Spring 2005 Paper: “Religion, Race, and Vietnam: The Ngo Dinh Diem Disaster,” Writers Among Us, Boston College Readings, Sponsored by Boston College Magazine and the Boston College Bookstore.
- Spring 2005 Lecture: “Never Was a Foe So Detested”: America’s War in the Pacific, Asian History Lecture Series at Boston College, Sponsored by Asian Studies, College of Arts and Sciences, Office of the Academic Vice President, Departments of History and Sociology, International Partnerships and Programs.
- Spring 2005 Address: “The Complementary Duties of Scholar and Citizen,” Induction Ceremony, Golden Key International Honor Society, Boston College Chapter.
- Spring 2005 Panel: “The War in Iraq and the War against Terrorism: International and Domestic Perspectives,” with Professor Prasanna Parthasarathi, Newton North High School.

- Fall 2004 Debate: "The War on Terror," with Professor Marc Landy, Boston College Political Science Association.
- Spring 2004 Lecture: "'Let Our People Go!': Tom Dooley and the Origins of America's Longest War," Banquet for the Boston College Chapter of the Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Society.
- Summer 2003 Paper: "'Christ Crucified in Indo-China': The Exodus of North Vietnamese Refugees and U.S. Intervention in Southeast Asia, 1954-55," Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) at George Washington University, Washington, D.C.
- Spring 2003 Debate: "Target: Iraq; Threat: North Korea," with Professor Donald Hafner and Professor Mark Twomey, Boston College Political Science Association.
- Fall 2002 Debate: "The Brewing Storm: War against Iraq," with Professors Marc Landy and David Hollenbach, S.J., Boston College Political Science Association.
- Fall 2002 Paper: "America's Miracle Man in Vietnam: Religion and U.S. Intervention in Southeast Asia," New Hampshire Institute of Politics, Research Center for the Study of International Affairs, St. Anselm College.
- Fall 2001 Lecture: "'Our Fight Is Here': The Impact of the Vietnam War on the Modern Civil Rights and Feminist Movements," Fulbright American Studies Institute in Reform in American History and Law at Boston College.
- Fall 2000 Lecture: "Religion and U.S. Foreign Policy," Northwestern University Fireside Series.
- Summer 1999 Paper: "'Our System Demands the Supreme Being': America's Religious Revival and the Creation of South Vietnam," Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) in Princeton, N.J.
- Spring 1998 Paper: "American Ideology and the 'Diem Experiment,'" Northwestern University Brown Bag Seminar.
- Winter 1997 Paper: "'The Inscrutable, Unchristian, Effeminate East': Religion, Orientalism, and Gender in America's Longest War," Northwestern University Brown Bag Seminar.

## **FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS**

- 2002-2003     Research Incentive Grant, Boston College.
- 1999-2000     Dissertation Year Fellowship, Northwestern University.
- 1999            Research Travel Grant, Notre Dame's Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism.
- 1995-96        Graduate Fellowship, Northwestern University.

## **HONORS**

- 2013            James P. Hanlan Book Prize, awarded by the New England Historical Association (NEHA).
- 2007            Boston College Nominee, Professor of the Year, Carnegie Council for Advancement and Support of Education.
- 2006            Phi Beta Kappa Teacher of the Year.
- 2006            Boston College Nominee, Professor of the Year, Carnegie Council for Advancement and Support of Education.
- 2006            Stuart L. Bernath Book Prize, awarded by the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR).
- 2003            Professor of the Year, awarded by the Boston College Chapter of the Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Society.
- 2002            Stuart L. Bernath Article Prize, awarded by the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR).
- 2000            Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Teacher, Judd A. and Marjorie Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences, Northwestern University.

## **DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

- 2020—         Graduate Committee
- 2019            Tenure Committee for Martin Summers
- 2018-2019     Member, Search Committee, Modern Latin American History
- 2017-2018     Graduate Committee

- 2016 Second-Year Tenure Review Committee for Nicole Eaton
- 2015-2016 Tenure Committee for Arissa Oh
- 2015 Fourth-Year Tenure Review Committee for Thomas Dodman
- 2014 Fourth-Year Tenure Review Committee for Charles Gallagher (chair)
- 2013 Second-Year Tenure Review Committee for Sylvia Sellers-Garcia
- 2012-2013 Tenure Committee for Dana Sajdi
- 2005-2008 Graduate Committee
- 2006-2007 Tenure Committee for Franziska Seraphim
- 2005-2006 Electives Committee
- 2002— History Department representative, Boston College Admitted Eagle Day
- 2005 History Department representative, New Academic Year Orientation, Undergraduate Admission Staff
- 2002-2004 History Department representative, Introduction to the International Studies Program
- 2001-2003 Faculty adviser to the Boston College Chapter of the Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Society
- 2001-2004 Honors Committee

### **DISSERTATIONS ADVISED**

- Michael Chapman, "Arguing Americanism: John Eoghan Kelly's Franco Lobby, 1936-1946," December 2006
- Darren McDonald, "Crisis of Faith: Jimmy Carter, Religion, and the Making of United States-Middle Eastern Foreign Policy," November 2012
- Peter Berard, "Managing Revolution: Cold War Counterinsurgency and Liberal Governance," March 2018
- Michael Franczak, "Free Markets, Human Rights, and Global Power: U.S. Foreign Policy and the North-South Dialogue, 1971-1982," April 2018

Alexander Noonan, "Global Anarchist Terrorism and American National Security, 1881-1907," March 2019

### **DISSERTATION COMMITTEES**

Andrew Finstuen, "Hearts of Darkness: American Protestants and the Doctrine of Original Sin, 1945-1965," October 2006

Shawn Lynch, "In Defense of True Americanism: The Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts and Radical Free Speech, 1915-1945," November 2007

Jeffrey Malanson, "Addressing America: Washington's Farewell and the Making of National Culture, Politics, and Diplomacy, 1796-1852," December 2009

David McCowin, "'For Faith and for Freedom': American Catholic Manhood and the Holy Name Society in Boston, 1870-1960," November 2011

James A. Clifton, "A Nuclear Family: Britain, America, and NATO Rearmament during the Late Cold War," March 2017

### **HONORS THESES ADVISED**

Mark DeFrancesco, "'We Were Taught Not to Question Authority': American 'Grunts' and the Korean War, 1950-1953," April 2002

Jonathan Kucskcar, "Succeeding a Legend: The Influence of Franklin D. Roosevelt on Harry S. Truman's First-Term Foreign Policy," April 2003

Paul Schell, "The Peril of Interventionism: Anglo-American Relations during the American Civil War," April 2003

Brandon Barford, "Stormy Trans-Atlantic Alliance: A History of Franco-American Relations under President Charles de Gaulle," April 2004

Christopher Donadio, "The Effect of the Vienna Summit on the Foreign Policy of John F. Kennedy," April 2004

Samantha Massie, "One Country, Two Men, and a Slew of Advisors: Eisenhower's and Johnson's Presidential Advisory Systems during the Vietnam War Era," April 2004

Erin Craig, "American Involvement in European Security: John Foster Dulles and the European Defense Community," April 2005

Elizabeth Pabst, “Cold War Insecurity as Women’s Opportunity: *Sputnik*, the National Defense Education Act of 1958, and Shifting Gender Roles in Eisenhower’s America,” April 2005

Shawna Gallagher Vega, “‘Reporters Here Would Like to See Us Lose the War’: Perceptions of the Media during the Early Years of the Vietnam Conflict, 1954-1963,” April 2006

Christopher Kenyon, “Newfound Nerve: The Resuscitation of Congressional Authority and the Collapse of the Imperial Presidency,” April 2007

Denny Conklin, “From Belligerent Neighbor to Good Neighbor: The Development of Franklin Roosevelt’s Latin American Foreign Policy,” April 2007

Stephanie Pally, “United States Involvement in the Downfall of Salvador Allende: The Nixon Administration’s Policy toward Chile, 1970-1973,” April 2007

Brian Sargenti, “I. F. Stone and the Vietnam Antiwar Movement,” April 2008

Karla Zabłudovsky, “U.S.-Yemeni Relations, 1961-1963: A Break in Camelot’s Foreign Policy,” April 2008

Haessly Frantz, “Policy on a Path to Peace: The Success and Failure of Jimmy Carter’s Middle East Peace Plan,” April 2009

Stephen Wagner, “Taking the Lead: Nongovernmental Actors and the Development of U.S.-Saudi Arabian Relations,” April 2009

Benjamin Dionne, “Preserving the ‘Special Relationship’: John F. Kennedy and the 1962 *Skybolt* Crisis,” April 2010

Justin Kittredge, “Harry S. Truman and the Problem of Palestine: A Moral Solution to a Practical Dilemma,” April 2012

Zachary Zimmermann, “Institutional Constraints: U.S. Relations with South Africa during the Kennedy Administration,” April 2012

Claire Marinello, “The Other Side of the Midway: Human Exhibits at American World Fairs,” April 2013

Erin Barry, “‘It Shows We Still Have Balls in this Country’: The *Mayaguez* Crisis and American Masculinity,” April 2016

Grace Godvin, “Doing the Controversial Thing: Spike Lee and Race Relations in the George H. W. Bush Era,” April 2016

Sean MacDonald, “‘I Never Appreciated the Depth of Their Feelings’: U.S.-Indian Relations under Eisenhower and Kennedy,” April 2017

Madeline Webster, “‘Don’t You Forget Who’s in Charge’: Lyndon Johnson, Hubert Humphrey, and the Vice-Presidency,” April 2017

Davis Goode, “Rethinking Counterinsurgency: A Study of the ‘Hearts and Minds’ Strategies in the Malayan Emergency and the Hukbalahap Rebellion,” May 2019

### **SCHOLAR OF THE COLLEGE PROJECTS ADVISED**

Theresa Wardon, “‘It’s Not a Question of Men or Materiel’: The Dynamics of Successful Anticolonial Rebellions in the American Revolution and Vietnam,” April 2003

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

At Boston College:

HS 692.03, Containment Culture: American Society, 1946-1962 (undergraduate seminar)

HS 111.01, Vietnam: America’s War at Home and Abroad (undergraduate lecture course)

UN 245.04, Apocalypse Then: America’s War in Vietnam (freshman topic seminar)

HS 247.601, America’s Cold War in the Third World (undergraduate lecture course)

HS 300.72, Vietnam: The Limits of American Empire (undergraduate seminar)

HS 300.82, Iron Curtains and Mushroom Clouds: The United States during the Cold War (undergraduate seminar)

HS 300.94, America Torn: The United States in the 1960s (undergraduate seminar)

HS 521.01, American Dream?: The United States in the 1950s (undergraduate lecture course)

HS 571.01, History of U.S. Foreign Relations, Part One: American Revolution through the First World War (undergraduate lecture course)

HS 572.01, History of U.S. Foreign Relations, Part Two: 1920 to the Present Day (undergraduate lecture course)

HS 649.01, U.S.-Asian Wars of the Twentieth Century (undergraduate seminar)

HS 872.01, Colloquium: The United States since 1865 (graduate seminar)

HS 883.01, Colloquium: U.S. Foreign Relations (graduate seminar)

At Northwestern University:

HS 153, Vietnam: America in the War Years (freshman writing seminar)

HS 225, United States History Survey, Part One: Jamestown through the Civil War  
(undergraduate lecture course)

HS 355, From Great Depression to Great Society: The Rise of Modern American  
Liberalism, 1929-1969 (undergraduate lecture course)

HS 402, God's Country: America in the Eisenhower Era (undergraduate seminar)

For 2U's Semester Online Consortium:

The War That Never Ends (undergraduate lecture course and seminar)

### **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

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| 2019      | Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences Awards Committee  |
| 2004—     | Featured Speaker, First Year Experience Orientation  |
| 2010      | Featured Speaker, Reception for New Graduate and Professional Students                                     |
| 2010      | John L. McCarthy Prize Committee   |
| 2008      | Panelist, New Faculty Orientation  |
| 2005-2006 | Mentor, Teachers for a New Era, Lynch School of Education and College of Arts and Sciences                 |
| 2005      | Table Talk, University Issues Department, Undergraduate Government of Boston College                       |
| 2004      | Dean's Scholar Review Committee, College of Arts and Sciences  |
| 2004      | Interviewer, Boston College Fulbright Program  |
| 2004      | Host, College of Arts and Sciences Faculty-Student Dinner Program<br>(covered by the <i>Boston Globe</i> ) |



- 2004 Senior Consilium, Boston College Intersections Program
- 2002-2003 Boston College Read Aloud Program at Garfield Elementary School

### **SERVICE TO PROFESSION**

- 2014— Membership Committee, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR)
- 2014 Tenure Review: evaluated a candidate's scholarship for promotion and tenure at Haverford College
- 2012— Editorial Board, *Passport*, Newsletter of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR)
- 2010 Tenure review: evaluated a candidate's scholarship for promotion and tenure at the University of Minnesota, Duluth
- 2006-2009 Editorial Board, *Diplomatic History*
- 2009 Tenure review: evaluated a candidate's scholarship for promotion and tenure at the College of William and Mary
- 2009 Consultant, Ithaca Strategic Services, WGBH Digital Library
- 2006-2007 Chair, Bernath Article Prize Committee, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR)
- 2005-2007 Bernath Article Prize Committee, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR)
- 2001— Manuscript reviewer

#### Scholarly journals:

*American Catholic Studies*  
*Diplomatic History*  
*International History Review*  
*Journal of American History*  
*Journal of Cold War Studies*  
*The Historian*

#### Academic Presses:

Broadview Press  
 Columbia University Press  
 Cornell University Press

Duke University Press  
 Houghton Mifflin Company  
 Northern Illinois University Press  
 Oxford University Press  
 Routledge  
 Rowman & Littlefield  
 Scholarly Resources  
 University of Massachusetts Press  
 University of North Carolina Press  
 Vanderbilt University Press

2003— Book-cover endorsements for books published by  
 Random House  
 HarperCollins  
 Columbia University Press  
 Rowman & Littlefield

#### **MEDIA APPEARANCES AND INTERVIEWS**

“‘That Bitch of a War’: Lyndon Johnson and Vietnam,” Lectures in History, C-SPAN, 4 January 2020

“Reflections on the Death of Vo Nguyen Giap,” *France 24*, International News TV Channel, 4 October 2013.

Cindy Cantrell, “Award for Author: Seth Jacobs,” *Boston Globe*, 8 December 2013.

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