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EDUCATION

Columbia University, New York, NY, 2003-2010

Ph.D. *with distinction* in American History, October 2010

Dissertation: "Transatlantic Advocates: American International Law and U.S. Foreign Relations, 1898-1919."

Dissertation Committee: Anders Stephanson (supervisor), Alan Brinkley, Samuel Moyn, Christina Burnett, Jack Snyder.

M.Phil. in American History, May 2006

Qualifying Exam Fields: U.S. Colonial, U.S. 19th Century, U.S. 20th Century, Theories of Foreign Relations

M.A. in American History, May 2004

Stanford University, Stanford, CA, 1998-2002

B.A. *with honors and distinction* in History, June 2002

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC

Assistant Professor, Fall 2012 – present.

- HST 108: The Americas and the World since 1500
- HST 256: The United States and the World, 1763-1914
- HST 257: The United States and the World, 1914-2003
- HST 331: The United States in the Age of Empire, 1877-1919
- HST 384: Global Outlaws in History since 1500
- HST 390: The United States and Empire

Columbia University, New York, NY

Lecturer, Summer 2011

- U.S. Foreign Relations, 1890-1990

Lecturer, Spring 2011

- The United States and Empire

Babson College, Wellesley, MA

Lecturer, Spring 2011

- The United States in the World

Columbia University, New York, NY

Teaching Assistant, 2004-2007

- U.S. Foreign Relations, 1890-1970 (Anders Stephanson)
- American Civilization Since the Civil War (Thaddeus Russell)
- History of New York City (Kenneth Jackson)
- Jacksonian America (Eric Foner)
- U.S. Intellectual History (Casey Blake)
- 19th Century Latin American Civilization (Jose Moya)

Co-Chair, Graduate History Association Teaching Committee, 2006-2007

PUBLICATIONS

Current Projects

Legalist Empire: International Law and American Foreign Relations in the Early Twentieth Century.
New York: Oxford University Press, 2016.

Editor, "The United States, Latin America, and the Caribbean, 1815-1900," Chapter 5 in
American Foreign Relations Since 1600: A Guide to the Literature, gen. ed. Alan McPherson.
Forthcoming

Contributing Editor, *Encyclopedia of Diplomacy*, gen. ed. Gordon Martel (Wiley-Blackwell,
forthcoming).

"International Sanctions" (5000 words) (author)

"Norman Angell" (2000 words) (author)

Punishment and Persuasion: International Sanctions and the United States. Research in progress.

Articles & Book Chapters

"Securing Hegemony Through Law: Venezuela, the U.S. Asphalt Trust, and the Uses of
International Law, 1904-1909," *The Journal of American History* 102:2 (2015): 380-405.
(Winner of the 2016 Binkley-Stephenson Award from the Organization of American
Historians)

"The Pan American Lobbyist: William Eleroy Curtis and U.S. Empire, 1884-99," *Diplomatic
History* 38:1 (2014): 22-48.

"Strategists and Rhetoricians: Truman's Foreign Policy Advisers," in *The Blackwell Companion to
Harry S. Truman*, ed. Daniel S. Margolies. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, 2012, 159-187.

"'Upon the Neutral Rests the Trusteeship of International Law': Legal Advisers and American
Unneutrality," in *Caught in the Middle: Neutrals, Neutrality, and the First World War*, ed.

Johan den Hertog and Samuël Kruijzinga. Amsterdam: Aksant / Amsterdam University Press, 2011, 35-51.

Reviews, Encyclopedia Entries & Other Publications

Review of Katherine Unterman, *Uncle Sam's Policemen: The Pursuit of Fugitives across Borders* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2015). *History: Reviews of New Books* 44:6 (2016): 187-88.

"Confronting a Philanthropic Past." Review of Patricia L. Rosenfield, *A World of Giving: Carnegie Corporation of New York A Century of International Philanthropy* (New York: Public Affairs, 2014). *HistPhil*, 21 December 2015. <http://histphil.org/2015/12/21/confronting-a-philanthropic-past-a-review-of-rosenfields-a-world-of-giving/>

Review of Patrick Hagopian, *American Immunity: War Crimes and the Limits of International Law* (Amherst: University of Massachusetts Press, 2013). *Journal of American Studies* 49:3 (2015): e56.

"Synthesizing the Wartime Industrial State." Review of Kathryn Steen, *The American Synthetic Organic Chemicals Industry: War and Politics, 1910-1930* (North Carolina: University of North Carolina Press, 2014). Published by H-DIPLO. March 2015. <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=43133>

"The International as Imagined Community." Review of Glenda Sluga, *Internationalism in the Age of Nationalism* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2013). Published by H-DIPLO. June 2014. <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=40830>

"Exploring the Transnational Origins of International Order." Review of Nicole Phelps, *U.S.-Habsburg Relations from 1815 to the Paris Peace Conference: Sovereignty Transformed*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013. *Passport: The SHAFR Review*, 2014.

"The Rusty and Rancid Origins of the Fulbright Program." Review of Sam Lebovic, "From War Junk to Educational Exchange: The WWII Origins of the Fulbright Program and the Foundations of American Cultural Globalism," *Diplomatic History* 37:2 (April 2013): 280-312. Published by H-DIPLO, September 2013. <http://www.h-net.org/~diplo/reviews/PDF/AR423.pdf>

"Small Place, Big Story?" Review of James C. Knarr, *Uruguay and the United States, 1903-1929: Diplomacy in the Progressive Era*. Kent: Kent State University Press, 2012. Published by H-DIPLO, January 2013.

"John Bassett Moore" and "Richard Olney," in *Oxford Encyclopedia of American Military and Diplomatic History*, ed. Timothy Lynch. New York: Oxford University Press, 2013.

Review of Bonnie M. Miller, *From Liberation to Conquest: The Visual and Popular Cultures of the Spanish-American War of 1898*. Amherst: University of Massachusetts Press, 2011. *The Journal of American Culture* 35:3 (2012): 278-279.

"Reconsidering the Tafts." Review of Lewis L. Gould, *The William Howard Taft Presidency*. Lawrence, KS: University Press of Kansas, 2009; and Lewis L. Gould, *Helen Taft: Our Musical First Lady*. Lawrence, KS: University Press of Kansas, 2010. Published by H-SHGAPE, September 2011.

Review of John Hepp, "James Brown Scott and the Rise of Public International Law," *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era* 7:2 (April 2008): 151-179. Published by H-Diplo, July 2008.

"Not Just for Southerners: Slavery in the Big Apple," *The Liberator Magazine* 5:2 (2006), online at <http://liberatormagazine.com/content/5.2/slavery.htm>.

"Carol Moseley Braun," in *The Buying of the President 2004*, ed. Charles A. Lewis. New York: HarperCollins, 2004, 440-443.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Binkley-Stephenson Award, Organization of American Historians, 2016 (for "Securing Hegemony through Law" as best article published in the *Journal of American History*)
Junior Faculty Research Leave, Wake Forest University, 2014-2015
Jerome Hall Postdoctoral Fellow, Indiana University Maurer School of Law, 2012-2013 (declined)
Visiting Scholar, American Academy of Arts & Sciences, Cambridge, MA, 2011-2012
Betty M. Unterberger Dissertation Prize finalist, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, 2011
Allan Nevins Dissertation Prize nominee, Society of American Historians, 2010
Bancroft Dissertation Prize nominee, Columbia University, 2010
Board of Visitors Postdoctoral Fellow, Columbia University, 2010-2011
Jennings Randolph Peace Scholar, United States Institute of Peace, 2009-2010
Dissertation Fellowship, Doris G. Quinn Foundation, 2008-2009
Richard Hofstadter Fellowship, Columbia University, 2004-2008
Summer Research Fellowship, Columbia University, 2007, 2008
Robert M. Golden Medal for Excellence in the Humanities and Creative Arts, awarded for Undergraduate Honors Thesis, Stanford University, 2002
Phi Beta Kappa, awarded after Junior year, Stanford University, 2001

PRESENTATIONS

Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations annual conference, San Diego, CA (June 2016)

- Roundtable participant, "Global Regimes of Regulation, Governance, and Exclusion."
Presented on "The United States and Sanctions"
- American Society for Legal History annual conference, Denver, CO (November 2014)
Presented "Teaching the Legal History of Foreign Relations"
- Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations annual conference, Lexington, KY (June 2014)
Presented "The Legal Construction of U.S. Hegemony in the Caribbean, 1900-1913"
Commenter, "Pax Americana: Strategies of Pan Americanization in the Twentieth Century"
- History of International Law Workshop, Columbia University, New York, NY (May 2014)
Invited Participant
- American (Inter)Dependencies, New York University, New York, NY (April 2014)
Presented "Investment and Intervention: How International Law Challenged and Reaffirmed U.S. Corporate Hegemony in the Caribbean, 1901-1909"
- "Lay My Burden Down": Freedom & Legacies of the Civil War, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC (October 2013)
Commentator/Moderator
- History Department Colloquium, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC (September 2013)
Presented, "Selling Empire, 1898-1904"
- Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations annual conference, Arlington, VA (June 2013)
Presented, "Law and Hidden Histories of 19th c. American Foreign Relations."
Chair, "Space and Empire."
- Law and Society Association, International Meeting, Boston, MA (May 2013)
Presented, "A Respectable and Legal Discipline: Professionalizing International Law in the United States."
- Society for U.S. Intellectual History annual meeting, New York, NY (November 2012)
To Present "Exceptionalism and Internationalism in the Professionalization of International Law in the United States, 1898-1914." (Conference cancelled due to extreme weather)
- Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations annual conference, Hartford, CT (June 2012)
Presented "Neither Jingoists nor Pacifists: Legitimizing International Law through Professional Manhood, 1905-1917."

- Harvard Law School Institute for Global Law and Policy (June 2012)
Presented, "Seeking Hegemony Through Law."
- American Historical Association annual meeting, Chicago, IL (January 2012).
Presented "'To Internationalize International Law': American Philanthropic Initiatives and Transatlantic Legal Thought, 1906-1921."
- American Society of International Law Research Forum, Los Angeles, CA (November 2011).
Presented "Building an American Legalist Empire, 1898-1919: The Profession and Diplomacy of International Law."
- New England Historical Society Fall Meeting, Boston, MA (October 2011).
Commentator, "Politics & Society."
- "Un-Americans and the Un-American: From 1776 to 9/11," University of Leicester, Leicester, UK (September 2011).
Presented "International Law: From American to Anti-American."
- Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations annual conference, Alexandria, VA (June 2011).
Presented "I took Panama, Now You Justify it: Two Faces of Public Opinion in Early Twentieth Century International Law."
Roundtable Participant, "Bringing the Law Back In: New Approaches to the History of the U.S. in the World."
- Organization of American Historians annual meeting, Houston, TX (March 2011).
Presented "Lady Justice and her Male Interpreters: Professionalizing International Law in an Era of American Peace Advocacy and Empire, 1905-1919."
- American Society for Legal History annual conference, Philadelphia, PA (November 2010).
Presented "Investments, Intervention, and International Law in US Foreign Relations, 1904-1913."
- Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations annual conference, Madison, WI (June 2010).
Presented "The Pan-American Lobbyist and Anglo-Saxon Empire, 1884-98."
- Society for History in the Federal Government annual conference, Washington, DC (March 2010).
Presented "The State Department, International Law, and Informal Imperialism: 1898-1914."
- "International Society and its Discontents," Harvard Graduate Student Conference on International History, Cambridge, MA (March 2010).
Presented "'To Internationalize International Law': The Carnegie Endowment and the *Insitut de Droit International*, 1910-1921."

Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations annual conference, Falls Church, VA (June 2009).

Presented "Between the Society of Nations and American Exceptionalism: Building the Discipline of International Law, 1898-1914."

"The First World War and the End of Neutrality," Netherlands Institute for War Documentation, Amsterdam, Netherlands (March 2009).

Presented "International Law and the End of American Neutrality."

SERVICE

Departmental Responsibilities at Wake Forest

- Speakers' Committee, 2012-2014; 2015-2016 (chair)
- British History Search Committee, 2013-2014
- Southern US History, VAP Search Committee, 2015-2016
- Faculty Seminar Coordinator, 2015-2016

University Responsibilities at Wake Forest

- Lower Division Advising, 2013-14; 2015-16

Presentations at Wake Forest

"Westward Expansion and Manifest Destiny," invited lecture to North Carolina secondary school social science teachers, as part of North Carolina Geographic Alliance, 24 April 2015

"The US Military and the Filipino Elite in the 20th Century," invited class lecture for Comm 370: *The Imagination Project: Filipino Street Art*, 5 February 2014

Additional Activities

Participant, Magnolias Curriculum Project, 2015

External Reviewer

Oxford University Press; Bloomsbury; *Diplomatic History*; Bedford/St. Martin's; Wake Forest University Pilot Research Grant

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Legal History Blog: Scholarship, News, and New Ideas in Legal History
(legalhistoryblog.blogspot.com)

Guest Blogger, March 2013

Harvard Law School Institute for Global Law & Policy

Invited Participant, Workshop on Global Law and Economic Policy, June 2012

Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations

Invited Participant, SHAFR Summer Workshop, Madison, WI, June 2010

Center for Public Integrity, Washington, DC
Senior Researcher, 2002-2003

LANGUAGES

Reading proficiency in Spanish and French.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Organization of American Historians; American Historical Association; Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations.