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EDUCATION

A.B., Johns Hopkins University, 1964  
M.A., Yale University, 1966  
Ph.D., Yale University, 1967

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Professor of History of International Relations, Elliott School of International Affairs, The George Washington University, 1990-present.  
Visiting Professor of History, Princeton University, 1991.  
Professor of History, University of Alabama, 1986-1990.  
Director of Naval History and Curator for the Navy Department 1986-1989.  
Associate Professor of History, University of Alabama, 1984-86.  
Historian, Southeast Asia Branch, U.S. Army Center of Military History, 1971-1984. Acting Chief, Southeast Asia Branch, 1979-1980, 1982-1983.  
Assistant Professor of History, Louisiana State University, 1969-1971.  
Assistant in Instruction, Yale University, 1966-1967.

CONCURRENT POSITIONS

Fulbright Visiting Professor, National University of Singapore, 2007  
  
Harold K. Johnson Visiting Professor of Military History, U.S. Army War College, 2005-2006  
  
Distinguished Guest Professor, Faculty of Law, Keio University, Tokyo 2000.  
  
APSIA Visiting Professor, School of International Affairs, Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto, Japan 1998.  
  
Fulbright Senior Lecturer in History, Haifa University, Israel, 1993-1994.  
  
Distinguished Visiting Professor of Strategy, National War College, 1995-1996.  
  
Member, Center for Strategic and International Studies Panel on Professional Military Education, 1995-1997.  
  
Editorial Board, The D-Day Encyclopedia. (New York: Simon and Schuster 1994).

Consultant, Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff, 1991-1992.

Guest Scholar, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, 1990.

Vice President, Society for Military History, 1988-1991.

Contributing Editor, *Military History Quarterly*, 1987-present.

U.S. Department of State, Advisory Committee on Diplomatic Documentation 1989-1991.

USIA Visiting Lecturer, Taiwan, New Zealand, Fiji, 1985. China, Australia 2005

Fulbright-Hays Senior Lecturer in International Relations, New Delhi, India, 1977-1978.

USIA Visiting Lecturer, Philippines, Thailand, 1977.

## PUBLICATIONS

### BOOKS:

*In the Ruins Of Empire: The Japanese Surrender and the Battle for Postwar Asia* (New York: Random House 2007)

“Editor’s Choice” *New York Times Book Review*

History Book Club Main selection

*At War At Sea: Sailors and Naval Combat in the Twentieth Century*, (New York: Viking/Penguin 2001)

British edition, (Penguin U.K. 2001)

Hungarian Edition (Budapest 2003)

Turkish Edition (Istanbul 2006)

History Book Club Main Selection

Society For Military History Distinguished Book Award 2002

*Washington Post* “Best Books of 2001”

*The Oxford Companion to American Military History* [ed. with Fred Anderson, John W.

Chambers, Lynn Eden and Joseph Glathaar] (New York: Oxford University Press: 1999)

Society for Military History “Distinguished Reference Book Award”, 2001

*After Tet: The Bloodiest Year in Vietnam*, (NY: Free Press, 1993).

Paperback edition (Random House/Vintage 1994).  
Book-of-the-Month Club featured alternate  
History Book Club main selection

*Listening to the Enemy: Key Documents on the Role of Communications Intelligence in the War with Japan*, (Wilmington, DE: Scholarly Resources, 1977).

*Eagle Against the Sun: The American War with Japan*, (NY: Free Press/Macmillan, 1984).

Paperback edition (Random House/Vintage, 1985)  
British edition (Viking Penguin Books, 1985)  
Japanese edition (TBS/Britannica, 1985)  
French edition (Editions Albin Michel, 1987)

Theodore and Franklin Roosevelt Prize For Naval History  
Book-of-the-Month Club Main Selection  
History Book Club Main Selection  
American Library Association, Best Books of 1984  
“Editor’s Choice” New York Times Book Review

*Advice and Support: The Early Years, 1941-1960 (The U.S. Army in Vietnam)*, (Washington: GPO, 1983).

Paperback edition (MacMillan/Free Press, 1985)  
New Republic Notable Books of 1984

*Professors of War: The Naval War College and the Development of the Naval Profession*, (Washington: GPO, 1977).

*Admiral of the New Empire: The Life and Career of George Dewey*, (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1974).

Second printing with new preface, University of South Carolina Press, 1988.

PAMPHLET:

Researching the Vietnam Experience, (Washington: U.S. Army Center of Military History, 1984).

#### ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS:

“Teetering On the Brink Of Respectability” [Roundtable on Cultural Analysis in American Military History], *Journal of American History*, March 2007

“After Hiroshima: Allied Military Occupations and the Fate of Japan’s Asian Empire 1945-1947,” *The Journal of Military History*, October 2005

“Patterns of U.S. Involvement in East Asia” in Kobo Fumiaka and Akagi Kenji (eds) *America and East Asia* (Tokyo:Keio University Press 2004) [in Japanese]

“A Gay-Loving Pot-Smoking Commander-in-Chief’: Bill Clinton, the Military and the Ghosts of Vietnam” *Keio Journal of Politics*, 12, 2003

“The First Battle of the Falklands” in Robert Cowley (ed) *The Great War: Perspectives on the First World War*: (New York: Random House 2003)

“Josephus Daniels, Franklin Roosevelt and The Reinvention the Naval Enlisted Man” in Edward J. Marolda (ed.) FDR and the U.S. Navy (New York: St. Martin’s Press 1998).

“Strategy: Causes Conduct and Termination in the War” [with Eliot Cohen] in Richard Shultz (ed.) Security Studies for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (New York: Brassey’s 1997).

“The Pacific War and the Fourth Dimension of Strategy” in Gunther Bischof and Robert L. Dupont (eds.) The Pacific War Revisited (Baton Rouge LSU Press 1997).

“American Seizure of Japan’s Strategic Points 1942-44,” in Saki Dockrill (ed.) From Pearl Harbor to Hiroshima: The Second World War in Asia and the Pacific (London: Macmillan 1994).

“La Musee De La Marine” Military History Quarterly, 6, winter 1994.

“Korea in the Mirror of Vietnam” in Donald Goldstein (ed.) Security in Korea: War, Stalemate and Negotiation (Boulder Colo: Westview Press 1994).

“The Evacuation of Kham Duc” Military History Quarterly 5, Spring 1993.

“Strategy: Causes, Conduct and Termination of War [with Eliot A Cohen, and W. Bradley Stock] in Richard Shultz Security Studies for the 1990s (New York: Brassey’s 1993).

- “The First Battle of the Falklands” Military History Quarterly 3, Winter 1991.
- “An Improbable Success Story: Official Military Historians in the Twentieth Century,” The Public Historian, 12, Winter 1990.
- “John Paul Vann and the End of ‘Informal Empire’, Diplomatic History, 13, Fall 1989.
- “In the ‘Nam and “Back in the World’: American and Vietnamese Sources on the Vietnam War,” Journal of American History, 75, 1, June 1988.
- “The Military Effectiveness of the U.S. Armed Forces, 1919-1941,” in Allen R. Millet and Williamson Murray (eds.), Military Effectiveness, (London: Allen & Unwin, 1988).
- “U.S. Army Strategy in the Vietnam War,” International Security, II, Spring 1987.
- “What Did You Do in the War Professor? Reflections on Teaching About Vietnam,” American Heritage, December 1986.
- “The Vietnam War and the Army’s Self-Image,” in John Schlight (ed.), The Second Indochina War, (Washington: GPO, 1986).
- “Does Intelligence Make Any Difference,?” Reviews in American History, September 1986.
- “Sources for Understanding the Vietnam Conflict: Military Records,” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, Newsletter, March 1985.
- “The Abortive Alliance: France and the United States, 1950-1954,” Histoire Militaire Comparee, No. 1, 1984.
- “The United States and Southeast Asia,” in Richard Dean Burns (ed.), Guide to American Foreign Relations Since 1900, (Santa Barbara, 1983).
- “Allied Intelligence and Indochina,” Pacific Historical Review, February 1982.
- “Becoming Engaged with Contemporary Reality, Or: Confessions of a Military Historian,” American Historical Association Newsletter, January 1981.
- “The Royal Indian Navy ‘Strike’ of 1945: a Study of Cohesion and Disintegration in Colonial Armed Forces,” Armed Forces and Society, February 1981.
- “The Vermont Education of Taraknath Das: An Episode in American-British-Indian Relations,” Vermont History, Spring 1980.

“Military History and the Academic World,” in John E. Jessup and Robert W. Coakley (eds.), Guide to the Study and Use of Military History, (Washington: Center of Military History, 1979).

“European Imperialism and the American Attitude’s Toward Southeast Asia, 1919-1941,” Proceedings of the Seventh Conference, International Association of Historians of Asia, (Bangkok, 1979).

“The Triumph of Professional Ideology: The U.S. Navy in the 1890s,” in Kenneth Hagan (Ed.), In Peace and War, (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1978).

“What the Local Annamites Are Thinking: American and Vietnamese in South China, 1942-1945,” Southeast Asia International Quarterly, Spring 1974.

“Getting Down to the Nitty Gritty: Official History and the American Experience in Vietnam,” Military Affairs, February 1974.

“Roosevelt, the Navy, and the Venezuelan Crisis,” American Neptune, October 1972.

“The American Image of Southeast Asia, 1790-1865,” Journal of Southeast Asian Studies, September 1972.

“The American Search for an Alternative to the Western Front, 1916-1917,” Military Affairs, February 1972.

“Who Planned the Attack on Manila Bay?” Mid-American, April 1971.

#### PRODUCTION CREDITS:

Consultant and script advisor, Pearl Harbor: Surprise and Remembrance, “The American Experience,” November 1991.

Consultant and script advisor, Road to Infamy, Lou Reda Productions, Arts and Entertainment Network, October 1991.

Consultant, Sunk By the Bismarck, ITN Productions, August 1992.

Consultant, “Macarthur” Lou Reda Productions for A&E Network, June 1995.

Consultant and script advisor, Douglas MacArthur, WGBH Boston 1999

