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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

Associate Professor, Department of History, 2014-present

Associate (Vice) Chair, Department of History, 2018-present

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of History, 2015-18

Assistant Professor, Department of History, 2012-14

Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan

Assistant Professor, Department of History, 2005-12

Instructor, Department of History, 2004

EDUCATION

Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey

Ph.D., History, 2004

Dissertation: "The Evil Necessity: British Naval Impressment in the Eighteenth-Century Atlantic World" (advisor: John M. Murrin)

M.A., History, 2000; Departmental Distinction

St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota

B.A., History, 1997; *summa cum laude* (Valedictorian)

JYA (Junior Year Abroad), Harris Manchester College, Oxford University, 1995-96

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Co-Author (with John M. Murrin, Pekka Hämäläinen, Paul E. Johnson, James M. McPherson, Alice Fahs, Gary Gerstle, Emily S. Rosenberg, and Norman L. Rosenberg), *Liberty, Equality, Power: A History of the American People*, 7th edn. (Boston: Cengage, 2016); enhanced 7th edn. (2020).

Co-Author (with George Goethals), *Leading Change: George Washington and Establishing the Presidency* (Mount Vernon: George Washington Leadership Institute for iTunes and Kindle, 2017).

The Evil Necessity: British Naval Impressment in the Eighteenth-Century Atlantic World (Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2013).

Walker Cowen Memorial Prize, University of Virginia Press, for an outstanding work in eighteenth-century studies in the Americas and Atlantic world.

Honorable Mention, John Lyman Book Award (“U.S. Maritime History”), North American Society for Oceanic History.

Co-Editor (with David J. Silverman), *The American Revolution Reader* (New York: Routledge, 2013).

Co-Editor (with Joel Stone and Douglas D. Fisher), *Border Crossings: The Detroit River Region in the War of 1812* (Detroit: Detroit Historical Society, 2012), author of “Introduction,” 5-21.

State History Book Award, Historical Society of Michigan.

Leadership in History Award, American Association for State and Local History.

Co-Editor (with Stanley N. Katz, John M. Murrin, Douglas Greenberg, and David J. Silverman), *Colonial America: Essays in Politics and Social Development*, 6th edn. (New York: Routledge, 2011).

Co-Editor (with Joel Stone), *Revolutionary Detroit: Portraits in Political and Cultural Change, 1760-1805* (Detroit: Detroit Historical Society, 2009); author of “Introduction,” 3-22.

Refereed Essays and Journal Articles

“Pirates vs. Press Gangs: The Battle for the Atlantic,” *História (São Paulo)*, vol. 38 (Jan. 2019), 1-16.

“‘Executioners of Their Friends and Brethren’: Naval Impressment as an Atlantic Civil War,” in *The American Revolution Reborn*, eds. Patrick K. Spero and Michael W. Zuckerman (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2016), 82-104.

“De-Anglicization: The Jeffersonian Attack on an American Naval Establishment,” in *Anglicizing America: Empire, Revolution, Republic*, eds. Ignacio Gallup-Diaz, Andrew Shankman, and David J. Silverman (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2015), 205-25.

“James Madison and the *National Gazette* Essays: The Birth of a Party Politician,” in *A Companion to James Madison and James Monroe*, ed. Stuart Leibiger (Malden, MA.: Wiley-Blackwell, 2012), 143-58.

“Subjects vs. Citizens: Impressment and Identity in the Anglo-American Atlantic,” *Journal of the Early Republic*, vol. 30 (Winter 2010), 557-86.

“Men of War: British Sailors and the Impressment Paradox,” *Journal of Early Modern History*, vol. 14 (Spring 2010), 9-44.

“The Knowles Atlantic Impressment Riots of the 1740s,” *Early American Studies*, vol. 5 (Fall 2007), 324-66.

Reprinted in Stanley N. Katz et al., eds., *Colonial America: Essays in Politics and Social Development*, 6th ed. (New York: Routledge, 2010).

Book Chapters, Entries, and Popular Writings

“Realizing Independence,” in *Revisiting the Founding Era: Readings from the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History*, ed. Carol Berkin (New York: Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, 2018), 16-29.

Co-Author (with Allison Wickens), “Teaching the Constitution with George Washington’s Mount Vernon,” McGraw-Hill Education, *The Art of Teaching* (online journal), September 15, 2017.

Co-Author (with John Donoghue), “Teaching History in the Age of Trump,” *History News Network*, February 7, 2017.

“Napoleon Bonaparte”; “Naturalization Act of 1790”; “George Washington,” in *America in the World, 1776 to the Present: A Supplement to the Dictionary of American History*, 2 vols., ed. Edward J. Blum (New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 2016), 2:713-15; 2:732-33; 2:1077-79.

Consulting Editor, *Cobblestone* (September 2014, special issue on the American Revolution); author of “Congress Is in Session,” 28-31.

“Impressment,” in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of American Social History*, 2 vols., ed. Lynn Duménil (New York: Oxford University Press, 2012), 1:527-28.

“Desertion, Navy” and “Impressment, Navy,” in *The Encyclopedia of North American Colonial Conflicts to 1775*, ed. Spencer C. Tucker, 3 vols. (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2008), 1:162-63, 388-89.

“History, Revised,” *New York Times Book Review* (Letter to the Editor), June 1, 2008.

“S.A.D. and Sadness,” *Inside Higher Ed*, February 1, 2008.

Reprinted in *CLAS NOTES*, Wayne State University, Spring 2008.

“American Colonies: Virginia Company,” in *The Reader’s Guide to British History*, ed. David Loades, 2 vols. (New York: Routledge, 2003), 1:29-30.

“Everyday Escapes: The Art of Evading the British Press Gang,” International Seminar on the History of the Atlantic World, *Working Papers: Atlantic Networks, 1500-1825* (Cambridge, MA., 2003).

Contributing writer, “Allied Relations and Negotiations with Argentina,” and “Allied Relations and Negotiations with Turkey,” in *U.S. and Allied Wartime and Postwar Relations and Negotiations with Argentina, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, and Turkey on Looted Gold and German External Assets and U.S. Concerns About the Fate of the Wartime Ustasha Treasury*, prepared by William Slany (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Department of State, 1998), 1-22; 113-39.

Reviews

Edward J. Larson, *The Return of George Washington, 1783-1789*, in *Journal of Southern History*, vol. 81 (November 2015), 954-55.

“Atlantic Passengers,” a review essay of Stephen R. Berry, *A Path in the Mighty Waters: Shipboard Life and Atlantic Crossings to the New World*; and Amy Mitchell-Cook, *A Sea of Misadventures: Shipwreck and Survival in Early America*, in *William and Mary Quarterly*, 3d ser., vol. 72 (July 2015), 509-12.

Catherine Cangany, *Frontier Seaport: Detroit’s Transformation into an Atlantic Entrepôt*, in *American Historical Review*, vol. 120 (February 2015), 230-31.

Billy G. Smith, *Ship of Death: A Voyage That Changed the Atlantic World*, in *Journal of American History*, vol. 101 (September 2014), 572-73.

Paul A. Gilje, *Free Trade and Sailors’ Rights in the War of 1812*, in *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, vol. 44 (Spring 2014), 556-57.

“Exhibit Review: The UAW and the Release of Mandela,” *Labor: Studies in Working-Class History of the Americas*, vol. 6 (Winter 2009), 11-17.

“Rule Britannia’s Long Rule,” review of Jeremy Black, *The British Seaborne Empire*, in *H-Net: Humanities and Social Sciences Online* (June 2005).

Richard Brookhiser, *Gentleman Revolutionary: Gouverneur Morris, The Rake Who Wrote the Constitution*, in *New-York Journal of American History* (Fall 2003), 108-09.

FUNDED RESEARCH

External Awards

Faculty Co-Advisor, “Revisiting the Founding Era,” a national library outreach project sponsored by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History and American Library Association to expand public understanding of the founding era; recipient of a three-year Community Conversations Grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, 2017-20

Summer Research Stipend, National Endowment for the Humanities, 2014

Residency Research Fellowship, Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington, Mount Vernon Estate, 2014

Creative Projects Grant, Consulate General of Canada, Detroit, Michigan, 2012

Book Grant, Daughters of the American Revolution, Grosse Pointe, Michigan, 2012

Residency Research Fellowship, Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies, University of Michigan, 2009-2010

Book Grant, Daughters of the American Revolution, Grosse Pointe, Michigan, 2009

Book Grant, Michigan Humanities Council, Lansing, Michigan, 2009

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, Newberry Library, Chicago, 2007-2008

Society of the Cincinnati/MCEAS Barra Dissertation Fellowship, McNeil Center for Early American Studies, University of Pennsylvania, 2003-2004

Student Fellowship, Institute of United States Studies, University of London, 2001-2002

Albert J. Beveridge Grant, American Historical Association, 2001

Society of Colonial Wars of Massachusetts Fellowship, Massachusetts Historical Society, 2001

Alexander O. Viator Memorial Fellowship, John Carter Brown Library, Brown University, 2001

Price Visiting Research Fellowship, William L. Clements Library, University of Michigan, 2000

Internal Awards (George Washington University)

Research Grant, Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, George Washington University, 2018

Dean’s Research Chair, Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, George Washington University, 2015-18

George Washington University Facilitating Fund Award, 2014

George Washington University Facilitating Fund Award, 2013

Internal Awards (Wayne State University)

Book Grant, *CommunityEngagement@Wayne*, Irvin D. Reid Honors College, Wayne State University, 2012

Wayne State University Research Grant, 2009

Book Grant, *CommunityEngagement@Wayne*, Irvin D. Reid Honors College, Wayne State University, 2009

Community-Based Teaching Grant, *CommunityEngagement@Wayne*, Irvin D. Reid Honors College, Wayne State University, 2009

Resident Scholar, Wayne State Humanities Center, 2008-2009

Humanities Center Faculty Fellowship, Wayne State University, 2007 (\$6,000 for *Evil Necessity*)

Internal Awards (Princeton University)

Dissertation Grant, Center of International Studies, Princeton University, 2001

ADDITIONAL HONORS

Scholarship

Visiting Lecturer, Graduate Program in History, São Paulo State University, Campus Franca, Brazil, 2017

Honorable Mention, John Lyman Book Award (“U.S. Maritime History”), North American Society for Oceanic History, 2014 (*Evil Necessity*)

Leadership in History Award, American Association for State and Local History, 2014 (*Border Crossings*)

State History Book Award, Historical Society of Michigan, 2013 (*Border Crossings*)

Walker Cowen Memorial Prize, University of Virginia Press, for an outstanding work in eighteenth-century studies in the Americas and Atlantic world, 2012 (*Evil Necessity*)

Visiting Scholar, Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies, University of Michigan, 2010-12

Invited Participant, International Seminar on the History of the Atlantic World, Harvard University, 2003

Rhodes Scholarship Regional Finalist (State of Utah Nominee), 1998

Teaching and Service

George Washington University Academy of Distinguished Teachers, 2016-present

Oscar and Shoshana Trachtenberg Prize for Teaching Excellence, George Washington University, 2018

Nominee, Professor of the Year, George Washington University Student Athletes, 2016, 2018

Facilitator, Junior Faculty Learning Community (FLC Jr.), University Teaching and Learning Center, George Washington University, 2014-17

Faculty Co-Advisor, Phi-Alfa Theta History Honor Society, Best Chapter Award Honorable Mention, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

Faculty Mentor, George Washington University Undergraduate Research Award, 2013-14, 2016-17

Morton A. Bender Teaching Award, George Washington University, 2016

CCAS Dean's Research Excellence Award for Mentoring (DREAM), 2016

Online Course Development Grant, George Washington University, 2016

Runner-Up, Faculty GEM (Going the Extra Mile) Service Award, George Washington University, November 2014

Student-Nominated Graduation Speaker, Columbian College of Arts and Sciences (Masters and Doctoral Degrees), George Washington University, May 2013

Graduate, Faculty Learning Community Jr., Teaching and Learning Collaborative, George Washington University, Spring 2013

Invited Lecturer, "Global Turning Points in the American Revolutionary War," Smithsonian Teaching American History Workshop, Stanton, MI., October 2011

Faculty Mentor, Wayne State University Undergraduate Research Award, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011

Excellence in Teaching Award, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Wayne State University, 2010

"Favorite Professor," Scholar-Athlete Recognition Luncheon, Wayne State University, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010

President's Award for Excellence in Teaching, Wayne State University, 2007