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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

George Washington University, Washington, DC
Associate Professor, Department of History, 2014-present
Chair, Department of History, 2023-present
Associate (Vice) Chair, Department of History, 2018-23
Assistant Professor, Department of History, 2012-14

Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan
Assistant Professor, Department of History, 2004-12

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

Editor, *George Washington and the Establishment of the Federal Government*, Bedford Document Collections e-book (Boston: Bedford/St. Martin's, 2020).

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).

Co-Editor (with David J. Silverman), *The American Revolution Reader* (New York: Routledge, 2014).

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 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

“Pledging Their Fortunes: The Professions of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence,” *History Now*, no. 64 (“New Light on the Declaration and Its Signers”), Fall 2022.

“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

“GW Reached Pinnacle of Shared Governance in Reviewing Colonials Moniker,” *The GW Hatchet*, September 12, 2022.

“George Washington University’s Name is ‘Off Limits’ for Renaming,” *Wall Street Journal* (Letter to the Editor), July 8, 2022.

“‘The Best Patriots’: George Washington and Strong Women in the Founding Era,” *Proceedings*, The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America (Washington, DC, 2021).

“From Classroom to Gallery: George Washington and His World,” *Museum Magazine* (George Washington University Museum), Winter 2020, 9.

“George Washington Was Never a ‘Colonial,’” *The GW Hatchet*, February 14, 2019.

“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 Dumenil (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, DC: U.S. Department of State, 1998), 1-22; 113-39.

Reviews

John Gilbert McCurdy, *Quarters: The Accommodation of the British Army and the Coming of the American Revolution*, in *Eighteenth-Century Studies*, vol. 54 (Spring 2021), 724-26.

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), 108-9.

FUNDED RESEARCH

Project Director, “The Long Struggle for Equality: The Declaration of Independence at 250,” a national traveling exhibition with accompanying public programs sponsored by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History and American Library Association to recognize the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence; recipient of a Public Humanities Projects Planning Grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, 2023

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 (*Citizens and Subjects*)

Residency Research Fellowship, Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington, Mount Vernon Estate, 2014 (*Citizens and Subjects*)

Creative Projects Grant, Consulate General of Canada, Detroit, Michigan, 2012 (*Border Crossings*)

Book Grant, Daughters of the American Revolution, Grosse Pointe, Michigan, 2012 (*Border Crossings*)

Residency Research Fellowship, Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies, University of Michigan, 2009-2010 (*Evil Necessity*)

Book Grant, Daughters of the American Revolution, Grosse Pointe, Michigan, 2009 (*Revolutionary Detroit*)

Book Grant, Michigan Humanities Council, Lansing, Michigan, 2009 (*Revolutionary Detroit*)

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, Newberry Library, Chicago, 2007-2008 (*Evil Necessity*)

Society of the Cincinnati/MCEAS Barra Dissertation Fellowship, McNeil Center for Early American Studies, University of Pennsylvania, 2003-2004 (“Evil Necessity” diss.)

Student Fellowship, Institute of United States Studies, University of London, 2001-2002 (“Evil Necessity” diss.)

Albert J. Beveridge Grant, American Historical Association, 2001 (“Evil Necessity” diss.)

Society of Colonial Wars of Massachusetts Fellowship, Massachusetts Historical Society, 2001 (“Evil Necessity” diss.)

Alexander O. Viator Memorial Fellowship, John Carter Brown Library, Brown University, 2001 (“Evil Necessity” diss.)

Price Visiting Research Fellowship, William L. Clements Library, University of Michigan, 2000 (“Evil Necessity” diss.)

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

Higher Education Chair, College Board AP U.S. History Development Committee, 2021-present; Higher Education Member, 2018-2020

George Washington University Academy of Distinguished Teachers, 2016-present

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute Project Director, “The Making of America: Colonial Era to Reconstruction” (in partnership with the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History), July 2021, 2023

Nominee, Graduate Mentoring Award, Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, George Washington University, 2022

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

Nominee, Professor of the Year, George Washington University Student Athletes, 2016, 2018, 2020 (runner-up)

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

Faculty Mentor, Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program, Wayne State University, 2007

LEADERSHIP AND TEACHER EDUCATION

Albert H. Small Normandy Institute, George Washington University

Deputy Academic Director, 2018-present

Presentations:

"World War II: The Big Picture" (2018-23)

"Army Structure and Terminology" (2020-22)

George Washington Teacher Institute, George Washington's Mount Vernon

Lead Scholar, Residential Institutes

“Leadership and Legacy: Lessons from George Washington” (June 2016, July 2017, August 2018, November 2018, June 2019, June 2021, August 2022, August 2023)

“The Great Experiment: George Washington and the Founding of the U.S. Government” (October 2016)

Missouri Residential Teacher Institute (October 2013, September 2014, September 2015)

Lead Scholar, Regional Workshops

Montana: Billings Public Schools (March 2023)

Wisconsin: Milwaukee Public Schools (October 2017, March 2018)

Wisconsin: The Center for the Study of the American Constitution, University of Wisconsin, Madison (September 2017)

Alabama: Rosa Parks Museum, Montgomery; Gulf Quest: National Maritime Museum of the Gulf of Mexico, Mobile (October 2016)

Rhode Island: Rhode Island Historical Society, Providence (August 2015)

Arkansas: William J. Clinton Presidential Library and Museum, Little Rock; Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Bentonville (November 2014)

Lead Scholar, One-Day Workshops

Online Institute: “George Washington: Lessons in Leadership” (May 2020)

DC Public Schools Professional Development Day, Eastern High School, Washington, DC (December 2017)

Ammerman Youth Leadership Program (February 2015, February 2016, March 2017, November 2018)

Scholars to Leaders, “Defining Spaces: Constructing Citizenship and Country” (May 2016)

Social Studies Methods in the Elementary Classroom, a joint program with the University of Maryland, College Park (October 2015, April 2016)

Teaching the Founding Documents (June 2015)

Presentations (2013-present):

“The Constitutional Convention”

“The Critical Period and the Constitution”

“George Washington and the American Victory at Yorktown”

“George Washington and the Bill of Rights”

“George Washington as Change Agent—Transformative Leadership”

“George Washington and Character-Based Leadership”

“George Washington: Commander in Chief”

“George Washington and the Constitution”

“George Washington: Education Leader”

“George Washington: Establishing the Presidency”

“George Washington: An Overview”

“George Washington and Strong Women in the Founding Era”

“George Washington’s American Revolution”

“George Washington’s Farewell Address”

“George Washington’s Military Leadership”

“President Washington: Defining the Role of Commander in Chief”

“President Washington and the Federalist Era”

“The Leadership of George Washington”

“The Legacy of George Washington”

“Patron of Learning: The Intellectual George Washington”

“The Radicalization of George Washington”

“The Room Where It Happens: The Compromise of 1790 and Rise of Parties in Washington’s Cabinet”

“Tests of Leadership: Washington and the Revolutionary War”

George Washington Leadership Institute, George Washington's Mount Vernon

Special Programs:

U.S. Army Command Class (October 2014, March 2015, October 2015, March 2016, January 2018)

Sessions with Mount Vernon Leadership Fellows (June 2015, June 2017)

USC George Washington Leadership Lecture: "Citizens to Subjects: George Washington and America's Great Transformation," Los Angeles, CA (January 2015)

Presentations on Washington's Leadership:

American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Fellows (November 2016, November 2017)

Booz Allen Hamilton VP Learning Circle (December 2016)

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Academy (June 2016, June 2017, November 2017)

Federal Judicial Center (March 2017, December 2017, May 2018, January 2020)

FN America (June 2017)

The Heritage Foundation (May 2016)

Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Candidate Development Program (February 2017)

Jo Ann Davidson Ohio Leadership Institute (May 2014)

Munich Young Leaders Program (May 2015)

National Counterterrorism Center (August 2017)

Presidential Leadership Scholars, a joint program of the George W. Bush, George H.W. Bush, William J. Clinton, and Lyndon B. Johnson presidential libraries (February 2015)

Presidential Management Fellows (April 2013, September 2013, September 2014, June 2015, September 2015, April 2018)

Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership, University of Virginia (June 2013)
United Fresh Produce Association (April 2018)

Virginia Bar Association (November 2013)

Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History

Lead Scholar, Residential Summer Seminars

“The Making of America: Colonial America to Reconstruction,” NEH Summer Institute at George Washington University (July 2023); Gettysburg College (July 2022); NEH Summer Online Institute (July 2021); George Washington University (July 2018, July 2019)

“The Era of George Washington,” Mount Vernon (July 2017)

Lead Scholar, Online Graduate Education

Course: “Revolutionary America” (Fall 2016, Spring 2019, Summer 2020, Summer 2022)

Course: “Foundations of American Government” (Spring 2020)

Lecture: “American Revolution Historiography and Research Methods” (April 2017)

Lecture: “Alexander Hamilton and George Washington” (January 2017)

Lead Scholar, One-Day Workshops

“The Electoral College,” Wichita Public Schools, Wichita, KS (online, May 2020)

“The Consequences of the American Revolution,” Wichita Public Schools, Wichita, KS (June 2020)

“George Washington and Establishing the Presidency,” Wichita Public Schools, Wichita, KS (May 2019)

“Western Expansion and the Civil War,” Arlington Independent School District, Arlington, TX (February 2018)

“The War of 1812,” Archdiocese of Newark Catholic Schools, Newark, NJ (February 2018)

“The American Revolution and the Constitution,” Arlington Independent School District, Arlington, TX (October 2017)

“Early America and the Foundations of U.S. Government,” Wichita Public Schools, Wichita, KS (May and June 2017)

“The Early American Republic,” Success Academy Charter Schools, New York, NY (February 2017)

“The New Nation,” The Boston Coalition/Charles Hayden Foundation, Boston, MA (September 2016)

“The Civil War,” Brooklyn Diocese Catholic Schools, Howard Beach, NY (March 2015)

“The Constitution and New Republic,” Archdiocese of Newark Catholic Schools, Newark, NJ (December 2014)

Humanities Texas

Academic Director, State Institutes

“The Constitution and American Governance to 1877” (June 2022)

“Teaching the Founding Documents” (Fall 2021)

“American Society in the Early Republic” (online July 2021)

“Shaping the American Republic” (online Fall 2020 and Spring 2021)

“Founding a New Nation” (online June 2020)

Teacher Lectures and Primary Document Workshops:

“The Declaration of Independence” (September 2021)

“We the People: The Constitution and the Problem of Democracy in the Early Republic” (July 2021)

“The Roots of American Industrialization” (February 2020)

“The Articles of Confederation” (October 2017, October 2020)

“Thomas Jefferson and the Founding of Political Parties” (June 2020)

“Declaring Independence” (October 2016-19)

“Federalists vs. Antifederalists” (October 2018-19, 2022)

“George Washington: Defining the Presidency” (June 2017, June 2019)

“The French and Indian War” (June 2018)

“Growing British Identity in the American Colonies” (June 2018)

“American Foreign Policy from Washington to Monroe” (June 2017)

“Compromises in Adopting the Constitution” (August 2016)

“The Presidency of James Madison” (June 2016)

American Revolution Institute, Society of the Cincinnati

Masters Teachers Seminar Presentations:

“The Revolutionary Generation” (July 2022)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS (2018-2023)

“George Washington’s Talents: Reconsidering Our First President for America Today,” Keynote Address, AP U.S. History Reading, Tampa, FL, June 2023; University of Maryland School of Medicine (Reunion Celebration), Baltimore, MD, May 2023.

“The 1814 Burning of Washington,” Profs and Pints, Washington, DC, March 2023; April 2021(online lecture).

“American History and Christian Nationalism” (conference panel chair), What Is Christian Nationalism?, George Washington University, February 2023.

“George Washington Reconsidered,” Profs and Pints, Washington, DC, February 2023.

“Good George, Bad George: Our First President Reconsidered,” One Day University (online lecture), February 2023.

“Declaring American Independence,” United States-New Zealand Youth Council, U.S. Consulate, Auckland, New Zealand (online lecture), July 2022

“The Intellectual George Washington,” One Day University (online lecture), February 2022.

“The Mind of George Washington,” Profs and Pints, Washington, DC, February 2022.

“Federalists vs. Antifederalists: Why the Battle over the Constitution Still Matters,” One Day University (online lecture), December 2020; November 2021(encore broadcast and Q&A).

“Broadway’s *Hamilton*: Separating Fact from Fiction,” One Day University, June 2020 (online lecture); March 2021 (encore broadcast and Q&A); October 2021 (in person, Charlotte, NC).

“Declaring Independence: The Difficult Decision That Created America,” One Day University (online lecture), July 2021.

“Revisiting Thomas Jefferson,” One Day University (online lecture), April 2021.

“Forced into War: How Impressment Fueled the Royal Navy,” Smithsonian Associates (online lecture), March 2021.

“George Washington’s Legacies,” Profs and Pints Online Lecture, February 2021.

“Electing a U.S. President—Then and Now,” 2020 USC George Washington Leadership Lecture (online), October 2020.

“Declaring Independence,” College Board AP Daily Online Lecture Series (U.S. History), October 2020.

“Crash Course on the Electoral College,” Profs and Pints Online Lecture, September 2020.

“Washington and Hamilton,” Profs and Pints Online Lecture, April 2020.

“The Women Behind George Washington,” Profs and Pints, Washington, DC, February 2020.

“Inventive Founders: George Washington,” New-York Historical Society, December 2019.

“George Washington: Defining the Executive,” Virginia Civics, We the People Training for Educators, George Washington’s Mount Vernon, Mount Vernon, VA, October 2019.

“Fostering Informed Citizenship: The State of Civic Knowledge and Its Impact on the Public’s Understanding of the Constitution and the Legislative Process,” panel discussion sponsored by the U.S. Capitol Historical Society, U.S. Capitol Visitor Center, Washington, DC, September 2019.

“George Washington: Defining Executive Leadership,” The Founding Fathers and Public Leadership Conference, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, September 2019.

“75th Anniversary of D-Day: The Meaning of Sacrifice Then and Now,” panel discussion for U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission Memorial Day Ceremony, Washington, DC, May 2019.

“The Grand Collaboration: George Washington and Alexander Hamilton,” Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, National History Teacher of the Year Presentation, Pittsburgh, PA, February 2019.

“George Washington: Inventor of the Presidency,” Profs and Pints, Bier Baron Tavern, Washington, DC, February 2018.

“‘The Best Patriots’: George Washington and Strong Women in the Founding Era,” keynote address for the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America Biennial Meeting, Washington, DC, October 2018.

“Teaching History with the Musical *Hamilton*,” 2018 Trachtenberg Teaching Award Distinguished Lecture, George Washington University, Washington, DC, October 2018.

“Game Design and the Constitution,” panel discussion hosted by the U.S. National Archives, Washington, DC, September 2018.

“George Washington and Legislative Leadership,” State and Local Government Relations Annual Conference, Alexandria, VA, September 2018.

“U.S. Founding Fathers,” four-part lecture series, Lakeside Chautauqua, Lakeside, OH, August 2018.

“Truth and Lies: Alexander Hamilton,” Society of the Cincinnati National Headquarters, Washington, DC, July 2018.

“Hamilton and Washington,” Profs and Pints, Washington, DC, June 2018.

“Hamilton, Washington, and the Creation of the United States,” Peters Township Public Library, McMurray, PA, June 2018.

“The Radicalization of George Washington,” Profs and Pints, Washington, DC, February 2018.

“Revolutionary Dynamics and the Founding Context,” National War College, Fort McNair, Washington, DC, April 2018.

“Fake News? Hamilton Rumors (and Truths),” George Washington University Museum and The Textile Museum, Washington, DC, April 2018.

“When Washington Burned,” Profs and Pints, Washington, DC, April 2018.

“Setting the Standard: George Washington’s Leadership Lessons for America,” Northern Florida Federal District Court Conference,” Destin, FL, March 2018.

“The Room Where It Happens: The Compromise of 1790 in Historical Perspective,” Smithsonian Associates, Washington, DC, February 2018.

Book Talks

The Evil Necessity: British Naval Impressment in the Eighteenth-Century Atlantic World

Book Breaks, Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History (online), July 2022

Gilder Lehrman Teacher Symposium, Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA, July 2022

Delaware Chapter of the Society of Colonial Wars, Wilmington, DE May 2022

The Smithsonian Associates, Washington, DC (online), March 2021

Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington, Mount Vernon, VA, November 2014

James Monroe Lecture, University of Mary Washington, Fredericksburg, VA, November 2014

Detroit Historical Museum, Detroit, MI, October 2013

Society of the Cincinnati National Headquarters, Washington, DC, September 2013

Mariners' Museum, Newport News, VA, May 2013

Society of Mayflower Descendants in the District of Columbia, Alexandria, VA, May 2013

Border Crossings: The Detroit River Region in the War of 1812

Detroit Historical Museum, Detroit, MI, December 2012

Ford Education Center, Detroit Zoo, Royal Oak, MI, June 2012

Rochester Hills Public Library, Rochester Hills, MI, March 2012

Fort Meigs Military History Roundtable, 2012 Bentley Lecture Series, Perrysburg, OH, January 2012

Revolutionary Detroit: Portraits in Political and Cultural Change, 1760-1805

Lorenzo Cultural Center, Macomb Community College, Clinton Township, MI, March 2012

Fort Meigs Military History Roundtable, 2011 Bentley Lecture Series, Perrysburg, OH, February 2011

Elizabeth Maison Memorial Lecture, St. Clair Shores Public Library, St. Clair Shores, MI, September 2010

Louisa St. Clair Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI, June 2010

French-Canadian Heritage Society of Michigan, Mt. Clemens, MI, April 2010

Michigan in Perspective: The Local History Conference, Dearborn, MI, March 2010
CommunityEngagement@Wayne Brown Bag Series, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI.,
September 2009

SELECTED ACADEMIC SERVICE (2018-2023)

Liaison to Mount Vernon Estate, George Washington University History Dept., 2012-present

Faculty Co-Advisor, Phi Alpha Theta (History Honors Society), George Washington University History Dept., 2013-present

Faculty Advisor, GW Military and Veterans Services, 2013-present

NEH Research Mentor, Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, George Washington University, 2015-present

Academic Advisory Board, Ambassador John L. Loeb Jr. Institute for Religious Freedom, 2016-present

Organizer, History Career Panels and Internship Fairs, George Washington University, 2016-present

Co-Organizer, GW History Dept. Undergraduate Research Symposium, 2017-present

Faculty Review Committee, Education Center (update and remodeling), George Washington's Mount Vernon, 2019-present

Scholarly Advisory Board, Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, 2020-present

Faculty Advisor, Course Design and Teaching, Libraries & Academic Innovation, 2022-present

Higher Education Advisor, UnisosUS Textbook Initiative (effort to better represent Latino history in U.S. textbooks), 2022-2023

Senior Citizen Group Lecture, "The Room Where It Happened: The Compromise of 1790 and Creation of Washington, D.C.," Washington Metropolitan Oasis, Bethesda, MD, March 2023

Faculty Presenter, George Washington University Board of Trustees (George Washington's Birthday), February 2023

Senior Citizen Group Lecture, "George Washington's Talents: Reconsidering Our First President for Today," Washington Metropolitan Oasis, Bethesda, MD, January 2023

Host and Lecture, "College Visit Days: George Washington University," Thurgood Marshall Academy, Washington, DC, October 2022

Senior Citizen Group Lecture, "Reconstruction: The Unfinished Revolution," Washington Metropolitan Oasis, Bethesda, MD, September 2022 (online)

Senior Citizen Group Lecture, "The West, Slavery, and Coming of the Civil War," Washington Metropolitan Oasis, Bethesda, MD, July 2022 (online)

Faculty Judge/Captain, Student Research Showcase, George Washington University, April 2014-22

Senior Citizen Group Lecture, "The Intellectual George Washington," Washington Metropolitan Oasis, Bethesda, MD, January 2022

Organizer/Moderator, George Washington Lecture, George Washington University, February 2013-21

Senior Citizen Seminar Leader, "History Café" (monthly series of discussions on American history), Washington Metropolitan Oasis, Bethesda, MD, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021 (online)

Senior Citizen Group Lecture, "The Jeffersonian Revolution of 1800," Washington Metropolitan Oasis, Bethesda, MD, May 2021 (online)

Keynote Address, Phi Alpha Theta National Honors Society Induction Ceremony, George Washington University, April 2021 (online)

Senior Citizen Group Lecture, “The Burning of Washington in the War of 1812,” Washington Metropolitan Oasis, Bethesda, MD, April 2021 (online)

Guest Curator, *George Washington and His World*, museum exhibit created by students in “George Washington and His World” class, George Washington University Museum and The Textile Museum, Washington, DC, February 2020-April 2021

“George Washington’s Legacies,” George Washington University Alumni Association, March 2021 (online)

Moderator, “A Conversation with Christopher Jackson,” Presidential Distinguished Event Series, George Washington University, February 2021 (online)

Senior Citizen Group Lecture, “Declaring Independence: The Difficult Decision That Created America,” Washington Metropolitan Oasis, Bethesda, MD, January 2021 (online)

Senior Citizen Group Lecture, “The Radicalization of George Washington,” Rusty Blues (IBM retirement group), Potomac, MD, January 2021 (online)

Faculty Presenter, Raise High Virtual Open House, GW Admissions, August 2020

Senior Citizen Group Lecture, “Federalists vs. Antifederalists: The Battle over the Constitution,” Washington Metropolitan Oasis, Bethesda, MD, November 2020 (online)

Senior Citizen Group Lecture, “The Electoral College: An American Story,” Washington Metropolitan Oasis, Bethesda, MD, June 2020 (online)

Senior Citizen Group Lecture, “The Women Behind George Washington,” Washington Metropolitan Oasis, Bethesda, MD, April 2020 (online)

Senior Citizen Group Lecture, “George Washington: Inventor of the Presidency,” Washington Metropolitan Oasis, Bethesda, MD, April 2020 (online)

Moderator, John Avlon, George Washington Birthday Lecture, Presidential Distinguished Event Series, George Washington University, February 2020

Moderator, “Student Research: George Washington and His World,” DC Mondays at the George Washington University Museum and The Textile Museum, Washington, DC, December 2016-19

Senior Citizen Group Lecture, “The Radicalization of George Washington,” Washington Metropolitan Oasis, Bethesda, MD, January 2020; Georgetown Senior Center, Washington, DC, May 2018

Faculty Lecturer/Panelist, Inside GW: Admitted Student Days, George Washington University, April 2015-19

Curator, *Becoming the United States*, Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History Traveling Exhibition, 2019

Organizing Committee, “Divided Societies and Memory,” Colloquium with George Washington University and Queen’s University Belfast, October 2019

Faculty Lecturer, “Classes from GW's Best” (faculty and alumni lectures), Colonials Weekend, George Washington University, September 2019

Faculty Marshal, George Washington University Commencement, May 2019

PUBLIC SERVICE AND RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Sunday Suppers (homeless outreach program), Washington, DC, 2019

Volunteer Youth Sports Coach, Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities (basketball) and Alexandria Little League (baseball), Alexandria, VA., 2012-18

Board of Directors, Alexandria Travel Baseball, Alexandria, VA., 2014-16

Volunteer Youth Sports Coach, Alexandria Soccer Association, 2012-13

Infantry/Instructor (Staff Sergeant), United States Army Reserves, 2005-13 (honorable discharge)

Basic Training Honor Graduate, Fort Benning, GA (2005)

Advanced Leader Course (ALC) Honor Graduate, Fort McCoy, WI (2010)

Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Global War on Terror Service Medal

NCO Professional Development Ribbon

Army Service Ribbon

YMCA Volunteer Youth Sports Coach, Ann Arbor, MI., 2009-12

Rec & Ed Volunteer Youth Sports Coach, Ann Arbor, MI., 2010-12

White House Intern, Office of the Vice President, Washington, DC, 1998

Tour Guide, United States Capitol Building, Washington, DC, 1998

Intern, Office of the Historian, United States Department of State, Washington, DC, 1997

SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES

Nick Anderson, “George Washington University Narrows List to Replace Colonials Moniker,” *Washington Post*, April 6, 2023 (interview subject)

April Rubin, “George Washington University Is Moving on From ‘Colonials,’” *New York Times*, March 26, 2023 (interview subject)

The Think Table, “Immigrant Founding Father” (video interview), March 2023

CCAS Spotlight, “Inside George Washington’s Life and Legacy” (video interview), January 2023
Utterly Moderate, “George Washington: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly,” podcast produced by the Connors Forum for a Healthy Democracy, October 2022 (lead guest)

Dan Abrams Live, “George Washington University to Drop ‘Colonials’ Nickname,” *NewsNation*, June 16, 2022 (interview subject for cable television news program)

Taylor Popielarz, “Biden to Speak at Capitol on First Anniversary of Attack,” *Spectrum Cable News*, January 6, 2022 (interview subject for print and television)

First Light radio program on Westwood One, January 6, 2022 (interview subject for first anniversary of the attack on the Capitol)

Yutong Jiang, “History Professor Discusses George Washington’s Legacy at Alumni Event,” *The GW Hatchet*, April 5, 2021 (profile)

Menachem Walker, “Looking Back at 1821,” *GW Magazine*, Spring 2021 (interview subject)

Kristen Mitchell, “Hamilton Actor Christopher Jackson Reflects on George Washington Role,” *GW Today*, February 24, 2021 (profile)

“CCAS Faculty Support AP Classes with Remote Lectures,” *Columbian College of Arts & Sciences Newsletter*, George Washington University, January 13, 2021 (profile)

Consolation Prize, Episode 2 (“An Impressive Consul in Liverpool”), podcast by the Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media at George Mason University, October 2020 (one of lead interview subjects)

Ruth Steinhardt, “Students Become Curators of ‘George Washington and His World,’” *GW Today*, February 14, 2020 (profile)

Zach Schonfeld, “Building Name Task Force Members Eager to Tackle Issue in ‘Systematic’ Way,” *The GW Hatchet*, November 25, 2019 (interview subject)

Ellen Mauro, “Why Washington Residents Want DC to be the 51st U.S. State,” *Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC)*, September 21, 2019 (interview subject)

C-SPAN “Fostering Civic Knowledge and Engagement,” panelist for town hall meeting at the U.S. Capitol Visitors Center, Washington, DC, September 2019

WisconsinEye public television broadcast of lecture “George Washington: Defining Executive Leadership” for The Founding Fathers and Public Leadership Conference, University of Wisconsin, September 2019

Jessie Romero, “A Capital Compromise: How War Debts, States’ Rights, and a Dinner Table Bargain Created Washington, DC,” *Econ Focus*, July 2019 (interview subject)

More Perfect: Episode 6 (16th and 22nd Amendments), podcast by WNYC Studios Radiolab, November 2018 (one of lead interview subjects)

Kristen Mitchell, “George Washington up Close,” *GW Today*, October 22, 2018 (profile)

Dave Roos “Was George Washington Really Offered a Chance to Be King of the U.S.,” *HowStuffWorks*, July 31, 2018 (interview subject)

Harry Funk, “Professor Tells Story of Alexander Hamilton,” *South Hills Community News*, June 18, 2018 (profile)

Ruth Steinhardt, “University Honors Outstanding Faculty,” *GW Today*, April 26, 2018 (profile)

John Kelly, “A Hearty Toast to Learning for the Sake of Learning” (online title: “Imagine College without the Term Papers, Tests or Grades – and with Beer”), *Washington Post*, April 11, 2018 (interview and profile)

C-SPAN American History TV, moderator of lecture and discussion by Colin Calloway, “The Indian World of George Washington: The First President, the First Americans, and the Birth of the Nation,” April 2018

C-SPAN “Revisiting Founding Era Documents,” panelist for town hall meeting at the Constitution Center, Philadelphia, PA., February 2018

Kristine Phillips, “Historians: No, Mr. President, Washington and Jefferson Are Not the Same as Confederate Generals,” *Washington Post*, August 16, 2017 (interview subject)

“Who Is the President?” Educational Broadcasting System (EBS), South Korea, May 2017 (interview subject for South Korean television program)

“A ‘Fun Challenge’ for Teaching Awardees,” *GW Today*, April 22, 2016 (interview and profile)

C-SPAN “The Presidency” program, “1789 Debate over Chief Executive Title” (moderator for discussion with author Kathleen Bartoloni-Tuazon for 2016 George Washington Lecture), April 2016

“Alumna’s Book Charts Path to ‘Mr. President,’” *GW Today*, February 17, 2016 (interview subject)

“GW Community Ready to Celebrate George Washington’s Birthday,” *GW Today*, February 17, 2015 (interview subject)

“The American Revolution,” AP U.S. History Professional Development, January 2015 (faculty expert narrator of online video for AP U.S. History teachers)

Caitlin Turner, “Party Politics Change the America George Washington Envisioned,” *Scripps Howard Foundation Wire*, April 3, 2014 (interview subject)

“Ask the Author: Denver Brunsman, *The Evil Necessity: British Naval Impressment in the Eighteenth-Century Atlantic World*,” *Common-Place* (Fall 2013), www.common-place.org

C-SPAN “Lectures in History,” filming of class “George Washington as Intellectual,” Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington, September 2013

History Channel, “Turning Point of the Revolution,” August 2013 (interview subject for 10 short web videos on the American Revolution)

Voice of America (China), “This Week in History” on War of 1812, June 2013 (primary interview subject for program translated into Mandarin and broadcast in China)

C-SPAN book lecture, *The Evil Necessity: British Naval Impressment in the Eighteenth-Century Atlantic World*, filmed at the Mariners’ Museum, Newport News, VA., May 2013

C-SPAN Book TV, feature on *The Evil Necessity: British Naval Impressment in the Eighteenth-Century Atlantic World*, March 2013

Korean Broadcasting System, program on the American presidency on South Korea’s national television network, February 2013 (interview subject)

“Happy 281st, George Washington,” *GW Today*, February 20, 2013 (profile and interview)

Rick Hampson, “War of 1812 bicentennial: USA shrugs as Canada goes all out,” *USA Today*, June 14, 2012 (interview subject)

Presenter, “MyHistoryLab,” Pearson Higher Education, July 2012 (featured in twenty short videos on the publisher’s popular companion website for its textbooks)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Historical Association

Organization of American Historians

Society for Historians of the Early American Republic

Associate of the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture

Friends of the McNeil Center for Early American Studies