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CIVILIAN EDUCATION:

- 2022 Ph.D., History, University of Kansas
Dissertation: "The Imperial Drawbridge: Alaska and the U.S. Pacific Empire"
Advisors: Andrew Isenberg and Sheyda Jahanbani
- 2013 M.A., United States History, Adams State University
- 2009 M.A., Theology: Church History emphasis, Fuller Theological Seminary
- 2001 B.A., English/Communications (major), History (minor), Adams State University

ACADEMIC CAREER EXPERIENCE:

- 2022-Present University of Kansas, Center for the Study of American History, Associate Director
- 2022-Present Rockhurst University, Department of History, Adjunct Professor
- 2015-Present University of Kansas, Athletic Department, Tutor
- 2015-2022 University of Kansas, Department of History, Graduate Teaching Assistant
- 2020 Western History Association, Executive Office Graduate Assistant
- 2008-2009 James Irwin Charter Middle School, Colorado Springs, CO, English & History
- 2008 District 60 Summer School Program, Pueblo, CO, 9th Grade English
- 2007-2008 GLOBE Charter School, Colorado Springs, CO, 7th Grade - 9th Grade, English & History

PUBLICATIONS:

Books

- Present *The Imperial Drawbridge: Alaska, Empire, and the Pacific World*, manuscript under contract with University of Nebraska Press.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2020 "Imperial Stepping Stone: Bridging Continental and Overseas Empire in Alaska," *Diplomatic History* 44, no. 1 (January 2020): 76-101.
-Honorable Mention, 2021 Stuart L. Bernath Scholarly Article Prize, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations
- 2019 "A Question of Treason? Confederate Generals and U.S. Army Post Names," *The Journal of America's Military Past* 44, no. 1 (Winter 2019): 28-47.
- "The Myth of Seward's Folly," *Western Historical Quarterly* 50, no. 1 (Spring 2019): 43-64.
-Winner, 2019 Bert M. Fireman and Janet Fireman Award, Western History Association

Public Writing

- 2020 “Sports and Citizen Diplomacy,” *The Cold War in the Heartland*,
<https://coldwarheartland.ku.edu/documents/sports-and-citizen-diplomacy>
- “Friends or Foes: The US-Soviet Grain Trade Blurred the Lines in the Heartland,”
The Cold War in the Heartland, <https://coldwarheartland.ku.edu/documents/foes-or-friends>

MEDIA INVOLVEMENT

- 2020 Interview, “KU Expert Advocates Renaming of Confederate Named US Military Posts,” WIBW-13, Topeka, KS; <https://www.wibw.com/2020/07/30/ku-expert-advocates-renaming-of-confederate-named-us-military-posts/>

AWARDS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS:

National/Regional Awards

- 2021 Stuart L. Bernath Scholarly Article Prize, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (Distinguished research and writing by junior scholars in the field of diplomatic relations; Honorable Mention)
- 2019 Bert M. Fireman and Janet Fireman Award, Western History Association (Best student article published in *Western Historical Quarterly*; Winner)
- 2017 Michael J. Hogan Foreign Language Fellowship, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations
- 2016 Best Graduate Student Paper, “The Myth of Seward’s Folly,” Kansas Association of Historians

University of Kansas Awards

- 2021 George L. Anderson Award for Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation, Department of History, University of Kansas
- 2020-2021 Richard and Jeannette Sias Graduate Fellowship in the Humanities, Hall Center for the Humanities, University of Kansas
- 2020 Doctoral Student Research Fund Award, University of Kansas
- 2019 Interdepartmental Excellence Award, University of Kansas
- Ambrose Saricks Family Research Scholarship, University of Kansas History Department
- 2018 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS), University of Kansas Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies
- Mrdjenovic Family Scholarship of Modern Russian History, University of Kansas History Department
- 2017 Norman E. & Mary Ann Saul History Award, University of Kansas History Department

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS:

Professional Presentations and Workshops

- 2022 “The Graphic Nature of Bleeding Kansas,” Western History Association Annual Conference; San Antonio, TX
- 2021 “No Reservations: A Corporate Approach to Alaska Native Land Rights,” Colonialism Seminar, Hall Center for the Humanities; Lawrence, KS
“Alaska and the Veneer of Imperial Statehood,” Resident Fellows Speaker Series, Hall Center for the Humanities; Lawrence, KS
- 2020 “Alaskeros: Filipinos in the U.S. Far North,” Western History Dissertation Workshop; Lawrence, KS
- 2019 “London and Muir: Crafting an Imperial Imaginary,” Nature & Culture Seminar, Hall Center for the Humanities; Lawrence, KS
- 2018 “Rehearsal for Empire: Alaska and the Evolution of American Imperial Imagination,” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Conference; Philadelphia, PA
“Jack London: Narrating the Alaskan Myth,” Kaw Valley History Conference; Lawrence, KS
- 2016 “The Myth of Seward’s Folly,” Kansas Association of Historians; Baldwin City, KS
“Alaska as an Example of Proto-Empire,” Conflict & International Change Seminar, Hall Center for the Humanities; Lawrence, KS

Panels Organized

- 2018 “Beyond Western Expansion: U.S. Empire in the 19th Century,” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Conference; Philadelphia, PA

Panels Chaired

- 2022 “Northern Protocols: Canada and the Pacific Northwest,” Western History Association Annual Conference; San Antonio, TX

Invited Community Presentations

- 2020 “A Question of Treason? Confederate Generals and U.S. Army Post Names,” Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War; Lawrence, KS
“The Failures of Major General Ambrose Burnside,” Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War; Lawrence, KS

SERVICE:

Article Referee

The Russian Review

Sport: Probing the Boundaries

Book Reviews

- 2022 Review of James Bailey Blackshear and Glen Sample Ely, "Confederates and Comancheros: Skullduggery and Double-Dealing on the Texas-New Mexico Borderlands," *Journal of the West* (forthcoming).
- Review of Daniel J. Burge, "A Failed Vision of Empire: The Collapse of Manifest Destiny, 1845-1872," *American Nineteenth Century History* (forthcoming).
- Review of John A. Adams, "Murder and Intrigue on the Mexican Border: Governor Colquitt, President Wilson, and the Vergara Affair;" Maurice Crandall, "These People Have Always Been a Republic: Indigenous Electorates in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands, 1598-1912;" and Sonia Hernández and John Morán González, eds., "Reverberations of Racial Violence: Critical Reflections on the History of the Border," H-Nationalism, H-Net Reviews (September 2022).
- Review of Tony Keddie, "Republican Jesus: How the Right has Rewritten the Gospels," *Journal of the West* (Summer 2022).
- Review of Brian Rouleau, "Empire's Nursery: Children's Literature and the Origins of the American Century," *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era* (April 2022).
- Review of Richard V. Barbuto, "New York's War of 1812: Politics, Society, and Combat," *American Nineteenth Century History* (April 2022).
- Review of Marc C. Johnson, "Tuesday Night Massacre: Four Senate Elections and the Radicalization of the Republican Party," *Journal of the West* (Winter 2022).
- 2021 Review of David L. Nicandri, "Captain Cook Rediscovered: Voyaging to the Icy Latitudes," *Alaska History* (Fall 2021).
- Review of Claire M. Wolnisty, "A Different Manifest Destiny: U.S. Southern Identity and Citizenship in Nineteenth-Century South America," H-Nationalism, H-Net Reviews (October 2021).
- Review of Katrina Jagodinsky and Pablo Mitchell, eds., "Beyond the Borders of the Law: Critical Legal Histories of the North American West," H-Nationalism, H-Net Reviews (September 2021).
- Review of Thomas Richards, Jr., "Breakaway Americas: The Unmanifest Future of the Jacksonian United States," *American Nineteenth Century History* (April 2021).
- Review of A. G. Hopkins, "American Empire: A Global History," H-Nationalism, H-Net Reviews (March 2021).
- 2020 Review of Don H. Doyle, ed., "American Civil Wars: The United States, Latin America, Europe, and the Crisis of the 1860s," H-Nationalism, H-Net Reviews (November 2020).

Review of Stephen Haycox, "Alaska: An American Colony," *Alaska History* (Fall 2020).

Review of Larry E. Morris, "In the Wake of Lewis and Clark: The Expedition and the Making of Antebellum America," *Montana: The Magazine of Western History* (Autumn 2020).

Review of Gregory P. Downs, "The Second American Revolution: The Civil War-Era Struggle over Cuba and the Rebirth of the American Republic," *American Nineteenth Century History* (August 2020).

Review of Amy S. Greenberg, "Lady First: The World of First Lady Sarah Polk," H-Nationalism, H-Net Reviews (July 2020).

Review of Thomas Alton, "Alaska in the Progressive Age: A Political History," *Alaska History* (Spring 2020).

Review of Enrico Dal Lago, "Civil War and Agrarian Unrest: The Confederate South and Southern Italy," H-Nationalism, H-Net Reviews (February 2020).

2019 Review of Sarah E. M. Grossman, "Mining the Borderlands: Industry, Capital, and the Emergence of Engineers in the Southwest Territories, 1855-1910," H-Nationalism, H-Net Reviews (September 2019).

Review of Stève Sainlaude, "France and the American Civil War: A Diplomatic History," *The Journal of America's Military Past* (Spring/Summer 2019).

Review of William S. Kiser, "Coast-to-Coast Empire: Manifest Destiny and the New Mexico Borderlands," H-Nationalism, H-Net Reviews (April 2019).

Review of Tara Kathleen Kelly, "The Hunter Elite: Manly Sport, Hunting Narratives, and American Conservation, 1880-1925," *Kansas History: A Journal of the Central Plains* (Spring 2019).

2016 Review of Warren R. Street, ed., "Twenty-Five Years among the Indians and Buffalo: A Frontier Memoir," *Nebraska History* (Winter 2016).

2015 Review of Tracey Savell Reavis, "The Life and Career of David Beckham: Football Legend, Cultural Icon," *The Journal of Sport History* (Summer 2015).

Review of John Grasso and Eric R. Hartman "Historical Dictionary of Bowling," *The Journal of Sport History* (Summer 2015).

Review of Allen V. Pinkham and Steven R. Evans, "Lewis and Clark Among the Nez Perce: Strangers in the Land of the Nimiipuu," *Nebraska History* (Spring 2015).

University of Kansas, Department of History

2018-2020 History Graduate Student Organization Representative to the History Department

2017-2018 History Graduate Student Organization Representative to the University of Kansas Graduate Teaching Assistants Coalition

- 2017-2018 Graduate Student Representative, Search Committee for the Hall Chair in American History
- 2016-2017 Graduate Student Representative, University of Kansas History Department Undergraduate Committee

GLOBE Charter School

- 2007-2008 Member, Student Intervention Committee

MILITARY SERVICE:

U.S. Army Active Duty (2001-2007)

- 2004-2007 U.S. Army, Criminal Investigation Command (USACIDC), Special Agent, 78th Military Police (MP) Detachment, Fort Riley, KS
- 2005-2006 USACIDC, Special Agent, 21st MP Detachment, Operation Iraqi Freedom
- 2001-2004 U.S. Army, 172nd Separate Infantry Brigade, Fort Wainwright, AK

Military Education

- 2005 Child Abuse Prevention & Investigative Techniques, Fort Leonard Wood, MO
- Combat Life Saver Course, Fort Riley, KS
- Defensive Driving Course, Fort Riley, KS
- 2004 Family Advocacy Staff Training, Fort Sam Houston, TX
- Protective Services, Anti-Terrorism, and Evasive Driving, Fort Leonard Wood, MO
- Apprentice Special Agent Course, Fort Leonard Wood, MO
- Introduction to Computer Search and Seizure, Fort Leonard Wood, MO
- Hazardous Materials Familiarization and Safety in Transportation Course, Fort Wainwright, AK
- 2001 Airborne Course, Fort Benning, GA
- Military Police One Station Unit Training, Fort Leonard Wood, MO

Military Awards

- Army Commendation Medal (x2)
- Army Achievement Medal (x2)
- Army Good Conduct Medal
- National Defense Service Ribbon
- Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
- Iraq Campaign Medal
- Army Service Ribbon
- Overseas Service Ribbon (x2)
- Parachutist Badge

ADDITIONAL CAREER EXPERIENCE:

2013-2015 Security & Law Enforcement Division, Pueblo Chemical Weapons Depot,
Pueblo, CO

2009-2013 Directorate of Emergency Services, Fort Carson, CO

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Organization of American Historians

Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations

Western History Association

American Society for Environmental History

Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era

Society of Civil War Historians

Pi Gamma Mu, International Honor Society in Social Sciences