

# ERIC MICHAEL BURKE

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## CURRICULUM VITAE

### Education

#### **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill - (2016 – Present)**

Ph.D. Candidate in Military History

Advisor: Dr. Joseph T. Glatthaar

Dissertation:

***“Soldiers from Experience: The Evolution of Sherman’s Fifteenth Army Corps, 1862-65”***

#### **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill - (2014 – 2016)**

Master of Arts in History

Advisor: Dr. Harry L. Watson

Thesis: ***“Egyptian Darkness: Antebellum Reconstruction and Southern Illinois in the Republican Imagination, 1854-1861”***

#### **Ohio University - (2010 – 2014)**

Honors Tutorial College

Bachelor of Arts, *Summa Cum Laude*

Major, History

Honors Thesis: ***“Decidedly Unmilitary: The Roots of Social Order in the Union Army”***

**Major GPA:** 3.9/4.0

**Cumulative GPA:** 3.9/4.0

#### **Oak Park High School - (2002 – 2006)**

Kansas City, Missouri

### Military Experience

#### **United States Army, Light Infantry**

**2006-2010**

Assault Team Leader

Fort Carson, Colorado | Ar Ramadi, Al Anbar, Iraq | Zhari, Kandahar Province, Afghanistan

A 1-9 IN, 2 BCT 2 ID / A 1-12 IN, 4 BCT 4 ID

- Established and maintained productive and objective-oriented strategic and tactical focus and continuity throughout a five-man assault team during hundreds of high-risk combat operations, ensuring the safe and successful completion of each mission.
- Communicated complex tactical concepts effectively while utilizing limited foreign language capabilities in order to establish and train lethally-capable foreign local national combatants and law enforcement agents in both Iraq and Afghanistan.
- Utilizing and developing unconventional solutions, assisted in diffusing multiple complex and high-risk security, cultural, and social situations in foreign environments.

## Awards, Fellowships, & Scholarships

Frederick H. Boston Research Fellowship, Ohio University. Awarded April 17, 2013.

Carl Gustavson Scholarship, Ohio University. Awarded April 17, 2013.

Honors Tutorial College Research Apprenticeship, Dr. Brian Schoen. Summer 2013.

George Washington Forum Fellowship, Ohio University. Fall 2013-14.

Randolph Stone Essay Prize, awarded for “*Not Only of Sight and Sound, But of Mind': Rod Serling's Twilight Zone in the Kennedy Era,*” April 2014.

James K. and Georgia C. Kyser Fellowship in History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Awarded May 12, 2015.

Raymond Faherty Award for Research in Military History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Awarded May 17, 2016.

## Book Reviews

Review of Adam Wesley Dean, *An Agrarian Republic: Farming, Antislavery Politics, and Nature Parks in the Civil War Era* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2015). *H-War, H-Net Reviews*, July, 2015.

Review of Denise A. Spellberg, *Thomas Jefferson's Qur'an: Islam and the Founders* (New York: Knopf, 2013). *Traces: The UNC-Chapel Hill Journal of History* 4 (2016): 189-191.

Review of Aaron Astor, *The Civil War Along Tennessee's Cumberland Plateau* (Charleston: The History Press, 2015). *Tennessee Historical Quarterly*, Summer 2016.

Review of Timothy Smith, *Grant Invades Tennessee: The 1862 Battles of Forts Henry and Donelson* (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2016). *Ohio Valley History* 17, no. 3 (2017): 89-91.

Review of Christopher Phillips, *The Rivers Ran Backward: The Civil War and the Remaking of the American Middle Border* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016). *Journal of Military History* 81, no. 4 (2017): 1169-1171.

Review of Thomas W. Cutrer, *Theater of a Separate War: The Civil War West of the Mississippi River, 1861-1865* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2017). *Western Historical Quarterly* 49, no. 1 (2017), 121-122.

Review of Gary Ecelbarger, *Slaughter at the Chapel: The Battle of Ezra Church, 1864*

(University of Oklahoma Press, 2016) and V. J. Dooley and S. A. Thomas, Jr., eds., *The Legion's Fighting Bulldog* (Macon University Press, 2017). *The Georgia Historical Quarterly*, Forthcoming.

Review of Joseph M. Beilein Jr., *Bushwackers: Guerrilla Warfare, Manhood, and the Household in Civil War Missouri* (Kent: Kent State University Press, 2016). *H-War*, *H-Net Reviews*, Forthcoming.

Review of Robert M. Utley, *The Commanders: Civil War Generals Who Shaped the American West* (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2018). *Western Historical Quarterly*, Forthcoming.

### **Conference Papers Delivered and Panels Organized**

*"Honor Enough: The Reconstruction of Identity at the Battle of Shiloh,"* Seventh Annual Ohio University Undergraduate History Conference. April 18, 2013.

*"Not Only of Sight and Sound, But of Mind': Rod Serling's Twilight Zone in the Kennedy Era,"* Eighth Annual Ohio University Undergraduate History Conference. April 17, 2014.

Triangle Institute for Security Studies (TISS) Annual "New Faces" Conference, 2017, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Panelist (US Military History, World War II).

*"The discordant elements which go to make up our armies': Regimental Culture in Sherman's Fifteenth Army Corps, 1862-1863,"* 2018 Society for Military History Annual Meeting, April 6-8, 2018.

*"Charting the Landscape of Military Culture"* Panel, 2018 Society for Military History Annual Meeting, April 6, 2018.

*"Uncle Billy's Boys: The Fifteenth Army Corps and the Evolution of William T. Sherman, 1862-63,"* 2018 Society of Civil War Historians Conference (Accepted and Upcoming).

### **Public Engagement, Lectures, & Presentations**

*"Letters From The Front: A Local Family's Civil War Correspondence,"* *Conversations from Studio B* Radio Interview, WOUB Athens, Ohio. Original Air Date: September 4, 2011.

*"Embryo Heroes: Finding Company H, 111<sup>th</sup> Illinois Volunteer Infantry,"* Athens County Civil War Roundtable, June 13, 2012.

*"Techniques in Tracing [Civil War] Genealogy,"* *Conversations from Studio B* Radio Interview, WOUB Athens, Ohio. Original Air Date: October 7, 2012.

- Transcribed, organized, and digitized archival manuscript collections.
- Developed web-based interactive platforms to engender more dynamic possibilities for collection usage and enjoyment by general readership and archive patrons.
- Thoroughly researched and comprehensively annotated historical data within *antebellum* and Civil War-era manuscript collections so as to add contextual value to the raw archival record.

## Digital Projects

### The Digital Van Vorhees Family Collection

2012

<http://www.ericmichaelburke.com/vv>

- Digital archive of a Northern family's *antebellum* correspondence collection. Aimed at both digital preservation of archival material and experimentation in increasing accessibility of manuscript collections.

## Foreign Language Skills

### Language

German – Reading/Writing: Proficient