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EDUCATION

2024: [Expected] Ph.D. in History, The Ohio State University.
Major Field: Military History; Minor Fields: Modern US History; Diplomatic History
Dissertation Title: *The Airborne Mafia: Organizational Culture and Institutional Change in the U.S. Army, 1940-1994*

2020: [Expected] M.A. in History, The Ohio State University

2018: B.A. In History and Peace, War, and Defense, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Highest Distinction

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters & Journal Articles

2019: "Focus on Failure: The Failure of Che Guevara's Foquismo." *The Internationalist: Undergraduate Journal of Foreign Affairs*. Volume III (April 2019), 44-55.

Book Reviews

2020: Review of Patrick K. O'Donnell, *First SEALS: The Untold Story of the Forging of America's Most Elite Unit* (Boston: De Capo Press, 2014), H-War, H-Net Reviews.
[Accepted Pending Publication]

2020: Review of Giles Milton, *Soldier, Sailor, Frogman, Spy, Airman, Gangster, Kill or Die* (New York: Henry Holt and Company, 2018). *Journal of Military History*, Vol. 84, No. 2, 639–640.

2019: Review of Joel Bius, *Smoke 'Em If You Got 'Em: The Rise and Fall of the Military Cigarette Ration* (Annapolis, MD: Naval Institute Press, 2018). *On Point: The Journal of Army History*. Fall 2019.

Other Publications

2020: "[Using Grief to Bridge The Civilian-Military Divide](#)." *VFW Magazine*, May 2020, 20–21.

2020: "[Camas Coach's Lessons Help Soldier Face Adversity in Combat Zone, Life](#)." *Camas-Washougal Post Record*, January 30, 2020.

2019: "[Presidential Pardons Send Wrong Message to Our Military](#)." *The Columbus Dispatch*, December 31, 2019.

HONORS, GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

Grants & Fellowships

2020: Mershon Center for International Security Studies Research Grant, The Ohio State University

2020: Bradley Foundation Fellowship, Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation.

2020: History Department Conference Travel Grant, The Ohio State University

2020: Bradley Foundation Fellowship Grant, Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation.

2019: Arts and Humanities Graduate Research Small Grant, College of Arts and Sciences, The Ohio State University

2019: Ohio State University Fellowship, Graduate School, The Ohio State University

2018: Research and Travel Grant, Department of History, UNC Chapel Hill

Honors

2018: Phi Beta Kappa Society

2018: Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, INVITED TALKS & PANELS

Conference Presentations

2020: "Getting the Bayonet There on Time: The Airborne and Strategic Mobility in the Eisenhower Era," 25th Annual James A. Barnes Graduate History Conference. Temple University, Philadelphia, PA. March 21, 2020.

2020: "Maintaining Relevance in the New Look Army: The Development of the Strategic Army Corps," Fifteenth Annual Ohio University History Graduate Conference. Ohio University, Athens, OH. March 28, 2020. [Cancelled due to COVID-19 Pandemic]

Invited Talks

2018: "Grief is Grief: Relating Combat Experience to Students," *English 161: Literature and War*, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. November 2018.

Panels

2018: "Green Zone Training" with Veronica O'Kelly and Frankie Burgos. *Carolina Veterans Resource Center*, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. May, June, July 2018

TEACHING

University Of North Carolina At Chapel Hill

Coach

2017–2019: Assistant Coach, Men's Club Rugby

United States Army

Instructor

2010–2017: Airborne Operations

2005–2017: Infantry Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures

PROFESSIONAL & ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2020-Pres: Graduate Teaching Associate, Department of History, The Ohio State University

2018: Student Veterans Liaison, Office of Undergraduate Retention, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

2000-2017: Infantry, United States Army

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

2020: Inject Writer, The Ohio State University National Security Simulation.

2020: Judge, Ohio History Day, Columbus, Ohio

2019: Outreach Coordinator, Veterans Writing Workshop, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

2019: Co-Facilitator, NC Vets for Words Reading Group, Chapel Hill Veteran's Book Group

2017–2019: Undergraduate Ambassador, Service to School

2017–2018: Community Outreach Coordinator, Carolina Veterans Organization, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2020–Pres: Ohio History Connection
2018–Pres: American Historical Association
2018–Pres: Organization of American Historians
2018–Pres: Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations
2017–Pres: Society for Military History
2009–Pres: National Infantry Association
2008–Pres: Veterans of Foreign Wars

LANGUAGES

German: Intermediate speaking, writing, reading
Italian: Elementary speaking
French: Elementary reading