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Salve Regina University
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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Boston University, History, 2006

Major Field: United States

Minor Field: Modern Britain

Dissertation: "The Long Road to Annapolis: The Naval Academy Debate and Emerging Nationalism in the United States, 1775-1845"

M.A., Boston University, History, 2001

B.A., Providence College, History and Secondary Education, *summa cum laude*, 1999

TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of History, Salve Regina University, 2011-present

Assistant Professor of History, United States Military Academy at West Point, 2009-2011

Adjunct Instructor/Special Lecturer in History, Providence College, 2004-2009

Adjunct Instructor in History, University of Rhode Island, Fall 2008

Lecturer in History, Boston University, Summer 2002 and Summer 2003

Research Assistant for Professor Nina Silber, Boston University, 2001-2002

HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Achievement Medal for Civilian Service, Department of the Army, 2011

Scholastic Achievement Award, West Point Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, 2011

Finalist, Excellence in Teaching Award, Department of History, U.S. Military Academy, 2011

George Pendleton Prize, Society for History in the Federal Government, for *The Long Road to Annapolis*, 2011

Edwin S. and Ruth M. White Prize, Boston University Humanities Foundation, 2005

Fellow, West Point Summer Seminar in Military History, U.S. Military Academy, 2004

Rear Admiral John D. Hayes Fellowship, Naval Historical Center, 2003-2004

Engelbourg Travel Fellowship, Department of History, Boston University, 2002

Jacob K. Javits Fellowship, U.S. Department of Education, 1999-2003

Highest in Academic Rank, Providence College Class of 1999

Highest Academic Record in History Award, Providence College, 1999

Highest Academic Record in Secondary Education Award, Providence College, 1999

Inducted into Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society, 1999

Inducted into Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society, 1998
Dean's Scholarship, Providence College, 1995-1999

PUBLICATIONS

Book:

The Long Road to Annapolis: The Founding of the Naval Academy and the Emerging American Republic (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2010).

Articles and Chapters:

“War Without Declaration: The Barbary Wars,” in *The Routledge Handbook of American Military and Diplomatic History*, ed. Christos Frenzos and Antonio Thompson (New York: Routledge, forthcoming).

“The Origins of the Presidency,” in *The Encyclopedia of the U.S. Presidency*, ed. Nancy Beck Young (New York: Facts on File, forthcoming).

Blog essay on George Washington and West Point, Mount Vernon Historian Series, *George Washington Wired* (June 2011), <http://www.georgewashingtonwired.org>.

“Scientific Warfare vs. Partisan Politics: Thomas Jefferson and American Naval Education,” *International Journal of Naval History* 8 (August 2009), <http://www.ijnhonline.org>.

“George Bancroft’s Civil War: Slavery, Abraham Lincoln, and the Course of History,” *New England Quarterly* 81 (September 2008): 462-488.

“America’s Admiral: George Dewey and American Culture in the Gilded Age,” *The Historian* 65 (Spring 2003): 587-614.

“George Bancroft’s Great Legacy,” *Naval History* 15 (October 2001): 48-52.

“Rhode Island’s Controversial General: Nathanael Greene and the Continental Congress, 1776-1780,” *Rhode Island History* 59 (August 2001): 84-100.

“American History Websites for Use in Secondary Schools,” *Social Education: The Journal of the National Council for the Social Studies* 63 (April 1999): 144-151.

Encyclopedia Entries:

“Alabama Claims Controversy,” in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of American Military and Diplomatic History*, ed. Timothy J. Lynch (New York: Oxford University Press, forthcoming).

“George Bancroft,” in *The Encyclopedia of the Mexican-American War: A Political, Social, and Military History*, ed. Spencer C. Tucker (Santa Barbara, Calif.: ABC-CLIO, forthcoming).

“Fireside Chats,” in *The Great Depression and the New Deal: A Thematic Encyclopedia*, ed. Daniel Leab et al. (Santa Barbara, Calif.: ABC-CLIO, 2010), 1:168-170.

“West Point, U.S. Military Academy” and “Sylvanus Thayer” in *The United States at War: Understanding Conflict and Society*, ed. Spencer C. Tucker (Santa Barbara, Calif.: ABC-CLIO, 2005, 2007), <http://www.usatwar.abc-clio.com>.

“Raid on Bristol, Rhode Island” and “William Ellery” in *The Encyclopedia of the American Revolutionary War: A Political, Social, and Military History*, ed. Gregory Fremont-Barnes and Richard A. Ryerson (Santa Barbara, Calif.: ABC-CLIO, 2006), 1:135-136, 2:382.

Book Reviews:

The Wilderness Warrior: Theodore Roosevelt and the Crusade for America, by Douglas Brinkley, in *Parameters: U.S. Army War College Quarterly* (forthcoming).

A Higher Purpose: Profiles in Presidential Courage, by Thomas J. Whalen, in *White House Studies* 8 (No. 3; 2009): 439-441.

Sea Change at Annapolis: The United States Naval Academy, 1949-2000, by H. Michael Gelfand, in *History of Education Quarterly* 48 (November 2008): 607-611.

Our Country, Right or Wrong: The Life of Stephen Decatur, by Leonard F. Guttridge, in *U.S. Naval Institute Proceedings* 133 (March 2007): 85-86.

When Trumpets Call: Theodore Roosevelt after the White House, by Patricia O’Toole, in *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 36 (September 2006): 558-559.

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Becoming Commander in Chief: The Early Presidents at War, 1789-1865.” A book-length project studying the evolution of the president’s war powers as commander in chief from the Revolutionary period through the Civil War.

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

“The Long Road to Annapolis,” Eight Bells Lecture Series, Naval War College Museum, Newport, R.I., May 2012.

Participant, Roundtable Discussion, “What Does American ‘Strength’ Mean in the 21st Century?” Pell Center for International Relations and Public Policy, Salve Regina University, Newport, R.I., February 2012.

“The Naval Academy Debate: Changing Concepts of Naval Officership in the 19th Century,” Faculty Development Seminar, Department of History, United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., February 2011.

“A West Point for the Navy? West Point’s Influence on the Naval Academy Debate, 1802-1845,” Faculty Development Seminar, Department of History, United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., March 2010.

Comment, Panel on “Expanding the Civil War: Race, Violence, Women, and Abolition,” “Rethinking American Political History” Conference, Boston University, Boston, Mass., March 2009.

“Scientific Warfare vs. Partisan Politics: Thomas Jefferson and American Naval Education,” Naval History Symposium, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., September 2007.

“The Naval Academy Debate: Politics, Military Professionalism, and Character Development,” Works-in-Progress Seminar, Department of History, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., September 2007.

“George Bancroft’s Civil War: Abraham Lincoln and the Union through the Eyes of America’s Historian,” New England Historical Association Conference, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, October 2006.

“An Aristocracy at Sea: Naval Officers, Education, and American Nationalism in the Early Republic,” New England Historical Association Conference, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, R.I., October 2005.

“The Long Road to Annapolis: Founding the U.S. Naval Academy,” Naval History Seminar Series, Naval Historical Center, Washington, D.C., June 2005.

“Teaching and Citizenship: From Thomas Jefferson to the Election of 2004,” Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society, Providence College, Providence, R.I., October 2004.

COURSES TAUGHT

Salve Regina University:

New Student Seminar
Survey of American History
Interpretations of American History to 1877
Interpretations of American History, 1877 to Present
Revolutionary America
America’s Civil War

U.S. Military Academy:

History of the United States to 1877
History of the United States since 1877

Providence College:***Undergraduate***

U.S. History to 1865
U.S. History since 1865
History of the United States: 1815-1900
Colonial and Revolutionary America
The Civil War and Reconstruction
Tutorial: The Progressive Era

Graduate

The Early National Period, 1789-1828
The Civil War
The Age of Roosevelt, 1932-1945
History of the Presidency, 1789-1901
History of the Presidency, 1901-Present
Seminar in American History: Presidential Biography
Directed Readings in American History: 19th-Century America
Thesis Research

University of Rhode Island:

History of the United States since 1877

Boston University:

The Emerging United States to 1865
The Twentieth-Century American Presidency

UNIVERSITY SERVICE**Salve Regina University:**

Faculty Fellow, Pell Center for International Relations and Public Policy, 2012-present
New Student Seminar Instructor and First Year Advisor, Office of First Year and
Exploratory Programs, 2012-present
Member, *Oliver Hazard Perry* Committee, 2012-present
Guest Lecturer, Continuing Education Program for Swiss Teachers, Summer 2012
Participant, Faculty Discussion Series on the Catholic Intellectual Tradition, Office of
Mission Integration, 2011-present
Member, University Retention Committee, 2011-present
Faculty Mentor, Men's Ice Hockey Team, 2011-present
Member, American Studies Faculty Committee, 2011-present
Participant, Collegium Renewal Day, Office of Mission Integration, 2011-2012

U.S. Military Academy:

Faculty Advisor, *Report: West Point Undergraduate Historical Review*, 2011
Course Director, History 104: History of the United States since 1877, Spring 2011
Member, Faculty Council, 2010-2011
Member, Academic Excellence Committee of the Faculty Council, 2010-2011
Faculty Facilitator, Professional Military Ethics Education Program, 2010-2011
Organizational Goal Team, Department of History, 2010
Strategic Review Team, Department of History, 2010
Executive Officer, American History Division, Summer/Fall 2010
Faculty Volunteer, Patton Challenge, Cadet Basic Training, Summer 2010
Instructor, Summer Term Academic Program, 2010
Judge, Thompson Family Memorial Award for Excellence in Writing, 2010

Providence College:

Served on over 30 comprehensive examination boards for M.A. candidates, 2004-2009
Member, Committee on Studies, 1997-1998

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICE

Judge, PEGASUS 7/8 History Day, LaSalle Academy, 2012
Media Interviews: "Maryland Morning" (WYPR Radio, Baltimore-Annapolis), 2010; *The Capital* (Annapolis, Maryland), 2010
Textbook Reviewer, Pearson/Longman, 2008
Judge, National History Day in Rhode Island, 2002-2008
Staff Member, Local Arrangements Committee, American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Boston, 2001
Policy Intern, Office of U.S. Senator Jack Reed, Summer 2000

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Historical Association
Organization of American Historians
Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society
Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture
Society for Military History
U.S. Naval Institute
Newport Historical Society
Preservation Society of Newport County