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CURRENT POSITIONS

Associate Professor of History
Director, Pell Honors Program
Faculty Fellow, Pell Center for International Relations and Public Policy
Salve Regina University

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”
Committee: Professor Nina Silber (Boston University)
Professor Jill Lepore (Harvard University)
Professor William Fowler (Northeastern University)
Professor Andrew Bacevich (Boston University)
Professor Julian Zelizer (Princeton University)

M.A., Boston University, History, 2001

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

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Director, Pell Honors Program, Salve Regina University, 2020-present
Associate Professor of History, Salve Regina University, 2015-present
Interim Director of Academic Advising, Salve Regina University, Summer/Fall 2015
Faculty Fellow, Pell Center for International Relations and Public Policy, Salve Regina University, 2012-present
Assistant Professor of History, Salve Regina University, 2011-2015
Assistant Professor of History, United States Military Academy at West Point, 2009-2011
Adjunct Instructor in History, University of Rhode Island, Fall 2008
Special Lecturer in History, Providence College, 2006-2009
Adjunct Instructor in History, Providence College, 2004-2005

Lecturer in History, Boston University, Summer 2002 and Summer 2003
Research Assistant for Professor Nina Silber, Boston University, 2001-2002

HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Faculty Sabbatical Award, Salve Regina University, 2019
Selected Participant, Seminar on the 20th-Century Presidency, Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History and the Council of Independent Colleges, 2017
Student Collaborative and Integrated Grant for Research, Artistic, or Creative Projects (with Madeleine Esch), Salve Regina University, 2016, 2017
Presidential Faculty Award, Salve Regina University, 2014
Achievement Medal for Civilian Service, Department of the Army, 2011
Scholastic Achievement Award, West Point Chapter of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, 2011
Finalist, Excellence in Teaching Award, Department of History, United States 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, United States 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 the Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society, 1999
Inducted into the Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society, 1998
Dean's Scholarship, Providence College, 1995-1999

TEACHING AND RESEARCH FIELDS

The American Presidency
U.S. Military and Naval History
The American Revolution and Early Republic
The Civil War
Anglo-American Relations
Rhode Island History

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Forging the Trident: Theodore Roosevelt and the United States Navy, co-editor with John B. Hattendorf (Annapolis: Naval Institute Press, forthcoming November 2020).

The Long Road to Annapolis: The Founding of the Naval Academy and the Emerging American Republic (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2010; paperback edition, 2014).

Articles and Book Chapters:

“From Knowledge, Sea Power: Theodore Roosevelt, Naval Education, and the New Navy,” in *Forging the Trident: Theodore Roosevelt and the United States Navy*, ed. John B. Hattendorf and William P. Leeman (Annapolis: Naval Institute Press, forthcoming November 2020).

“One Giant Leap: John F. Kennedy, the Apollo Program, and the Political Culture of the New Frontier,” *New England Journal of History* 76 (Spring/Fall 2019): 101-128.

“Rising Stars: The Cadet Years of the West Point Class of 1915,” *The Hudson River Valley Review* 31 (Spring 2015): 16-41.

“War Without Declaration: The Barbary Wars,” in *The Routledge Handbook of American Military and Diplomatic History: The Colonial Period to 1877*, ed. Antonio S. Thompson and Christos G. Frenzos (New York: Routledge, 2014), 164-171.

“The Origins of the Presidency,” in *The Encyclopedia of the U.S. Presidency*, ed. Nancy Beck Young (New York: Facts on File, 2013), 1:3-13.

“Scientific Warfare vs. Partisan Politics: Thomas Jefferson and American Naval Education,” *International Journal of Naval History* 8 (August 2009), http://www.ijnhonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/article_leeman.pdf.

“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.

Short Essays and Encyclopedia Entries:

“From Pen to Sword: *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*, Abolition, and the American Civil War,” *Story in the Public Square*, Pell Center for International Relations and Public Policy (2013), <http://pellcenter.org/what-is-story-what-is-the-public-square/>.

“Alabama Claims Controversy,” in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of American Military and Diplomatic History*, ed. Timothy J. Lynch (New York: Oxford University Press, 2013), 1:29-31.

“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, 2012), 1:47.

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

“Fireside Chats,” in *The Great Depression and the New Deal: A Thematic Encyclopedia*, ed. Daniel Leab, Kenneth J. Bindas, Alan Harris Stein, Justin Corfield, and Steven L. Danver (Santa Barbara, Calif.: ABC-CLIO, 2010), 1:168-170.

“Sylvanus Thayer,” in *The United States at War: Understanding Conflict and Society*, ed. Spencer C. Tucker (Santa Barbara, Calif.: ABC-CLIO, 2007). Reprinted in *World at War: Understanding Conflict and Society* (2010), <http://worldatwar2.abc-clio.com>, and *The Encyclopedia of the War of 1812: A Political, Social, and Military History*, ed. Spencer C. Tucker (2012), 2:705-706.

“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), 2:382. Reprinted in *World at War: Understanding Conflict and Society* (2010), <http://worldatwar2.abc-clio.com>.

“Raid on Bristol, Rhode Island,” 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. Reprinted in *World at War: Understanding Conflict and Society* (2010), <http://worldatwar2.abc-clio.com>.

“United States Military Academy, West Point,” in *The United States at War: Understanding Conflict and Society*, ed. Spencer C. Tucker (Santa Barbara, Calif.: ABC-CLIO, 2005). Reprinted in *World at War: Understanding Conflict and Society* (2010), <http://worldatwar2.abc-clio.com>, and *The Encyclopedia of the War of 1812: A Political, Social, and Military History*, ed. Spencer C. Tucker (2012), 2:731-732.

Reviews:

Review of *The Presidents and the Pastime: The History of Baseball and the White House* by Curt Smith, in *New England Journal of History* (forthcoming).

Review of *In Command: Theodore Roosevelt and the American Military* by Matthew Oyos, in *New England Journal of History* 76 (Spring/Fall 2019): 176-179.

Review of *Boy Soldiers of the American Revolution* by Caroline Cox, in *The Historian* 80 (Spring 2018): 97-99.

Review of *Naval History and Heritage Command*, <http://www.history.navy.mil>, in *Journal of American History* 102 (September 2015): 638.

Review of *Lincoln's Citadel: The Civil War in Washington, DC* by Kenneth J. Winkle, in *The Historian* 77 (Summer 2015): 365-366.

Review of *The Wilderness Warrior: Theodore Roosevelt and the Crusade for America* by Douglas Brinkley, in *Parameters: U.S. Army War College Quarterly* 42 (Summer 2012): 137-139.

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

Review of *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.

Review of *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.

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

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

Conference Papers and Invited Lectures:

“Hero Worship: Reinterpreting John Paul Jones in the Age of Theodore Roosevelt,” McKillop Library Faculty Lecture Series, Salve Regina University, October 2019.

“The New Navy and the Old at Annapolis: Building the Modern U.S. Naval Academy, 1898-1913,” McMullen Naval History Symposium, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, September 2019. Organized the panel “The U.S. Navy and Public Memory in the Nineteenth Century and Beyond.”

“In the Spotlight: Theodore Roosevelt and the Modern American Presidency,” *Theodore Roosevelt and the Start of the American Century*, Pell Center for International Relations and Public Policy, Salve Regina University, February 2019.

“From Knowledge, Sea Power: Theodore Roosevelt, Naval Education, and the New Navy,” *Forging the Trident: Theodore Roosevelt and the United States Navy Conference*, Salve Regina University and the United States Naval War College, January 2019.

“Educating Warrior-Patriots: The Naval Academy Debate during the Presidency of John Quincy Adams,” Adams National Historical Park, Quincy, Mass., October 2017.

“Preserve, Protect, and Defend: Abraham Lincoln and the Rise of the Modern Presidency,” *The Civil War and the Making of Modern America*, Pell Center for International Relations and Public Policy, Salve Regina University, April 2015.

“The Rhetoric of the First World War and the Rise of the American Century,” *The First World War at 100: Understanding the Cost, Legacy, and Meaning of the Great War*, Pell Center for International Relations and Public Policy, Salve Regina University, October 2014.

“Educating Officers and Gentlemen: The Naval Academy Debate and American Nationalism in the Early Republic,” McKillop Library Faculty Lecture Series, Salve Regina University, September 2014.

“Thomas Jefferson’s War: Presidential War Powers, Partisanship, and the First Barbary War,” McMullen Naval History Symposium, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, September 2013.

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

“The Naval Academy Debate: Changing Concepts of Naval Officership in the 19th Century,” Faculty Development Seminar, Department of History, United States Military Academy at West Point, 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 at West Point, March 2010.

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

“The Naval Academy Debate: Politics, Military Professionalism, and Character Development,” Department of History, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, September 2007.

“George Bancroft’s Civil War: Abraham Lincoln and the Union through the Eyes of America’s Historian,” New England Historical Association Fall 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 Fall Conference, University of Rhode Island, October 2005. Organized the panel “Becoming American Aristocrats in the Early Nineteenth Century.”

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

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

Commentary and Roundtables:

Comment, Post-Screening Discussion of the Film *Midway*, Pell Center for International Relations and Public Policy, Salve Regina University, January 2020.

Moderator, Roundtable Discussion, “A New Space Race?” Pell Center for International Relations and Public Policy, Salve Regina University, November 2018.

Comment, Post-Premiere Discussion of *Survivors of Malmedy: December 1944*, documentary film produced by the World War II Foundation/Tim Gray Media, Jane Pickens Theater, May 2018.

Moderator, Roundtable Discussion, “Evaluating Presidential Effectiveness,” Pell Center for International Relations and Public Policy, Salve Regina University, March 2018.

Moderator, Roundtable Discussion, “The Battle Over Confederate Monuments,” Pell Center for International Relations and Public Policy, Salve Regina University, September 2017.

Moderator, Roundtable Discussion, “An Informed Citizenry: From the Founders to the Election of 2016,” Pell Center for International Relations and Public Policy, Salve Regina University, December 2016.

Moderator, Roundtable Discussion, “The Presidential Election of 2016,” Pell Center for International Relations and Public Policy, Salve Regina University, November 2016.

Comment, Panel on “Race, Class, and Ethnicity through the Prism of War,” *Americans and War: 7th Annual Boston University Graduate Student American Political History Conference*, American Political History Institute, Boston University, March 2015.

Moderator, Roundtable Discussion, “Should College Athletes Be Paid?” Pell Center for International Relations and Public Policy, Salve Regina University, May 2014.

Moderator, Roundtable Discussion, “The Crisis in Syria,” Pell Center for International Relations and Public Policy, Salve Regina University, October 2013.

Moderator, Roundtable Discussion, “Women in Combat,” Pell Center for International Relations and Public Policy, Salve Regina University, April 2013.

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

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

COURSES TAUGHT

Salve Regina University:

New Student Seminar
First Year Transitions
University Seminar I: From the Earth to the Moon
Survey of American History
Interpretations of American History to 1877
Interpretations of American History, 1877 to Present
History of the United States to 1877
History of the United States since 1877
The Historian’s Craft
The American Revolution
Anglo-American Relations, 1776-2001 (study abroad course taught in Oxford, England)
Thomas Jefferson’s America
Abraham Lincoln in History and Memory
America’s Civil War
The Gilded Age (American Studies course; directed study)
America in Depression and War, 1929-1945
The Great American Road Trip (American Studies course; team taught)
History of Warfare
The American Presidency
Historical Research Methods
Senior Thesis Capstone

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: Nineteenth-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:

Committees

Member, Undergraduate Council, 2020-present
Member, Distinguished Fellowships Committee, 2020-present
Chair, Promotion and Tenure Task Force, 2019-present
Elected Member, Sabbaticals Committee, 2019-present
Chair, Search Committee for Dean of Undergraduate Studies, 2016-2017
Member, Professional Knowledge Committee, Department of Education, 2016-2018
Member, Academic Advising Council, 2016-2018
Member, Search Committee for Director of Counseling Services, 2016
Member, Academic Standing Committee, 2016-2018
Member, Search Committee for Assistant Professor of Secondary Education, 2015-2016
Elected Member, Faculty Rank and Tenure Committee, 2015-2017 (alternate, 2017-2018)
Secretary, Executive Committee of the Faculty Assembly, 2014-2015
Elected Member, Executive Committee of the Faculty Assembly, 2013-2016
Elected Member, Core Curriculum Advisory Committee, 2013-2014
Member, Search Committee for John E. McGinty Chair in History, 2013-2014
Member, New Student Seminar Steering Committee, 2013

Member, Antone Endowed Fund for Academic Excellence Awards Committee, 2012-2014
Member, University Retention Committee, 2011-2012
Member, American Studies Advisory Council, 2011-present

Departmental Service

Acting Coordinator, American Studies Program, Spring 2017
First Year Student Advisor, 2015-2016, 2018-2019
Faculty Advisor, History Club, 2015-present
Created and maintain the History Department Facebook Page, 2014-present

International Programs

Guest Lecturer, Chilean Teachers Program, 2018-2019
Guest Lecturer, Sakae Institute of Study Abroad Program, 2018
Faculty Advisor (with Stephen Trainor), Oxford Study Abroad Program, 2017
Study Abroad Blog: <http://oxfordstudyabroad2017.wordpress.com>
Guest Lecturer, Continuing Education Program for Swiss Teachers, 2012-2015

Faculty and Student Development

Mental Health First Aid Certification, 2020
Facilitator (with Elaine Silva Mangiante), “Establishing a Doable Research Agenda and...Getting it Done!” Workshop, 2019
Facilitator, “Delivering Dynamic Lectures in the Classroom” Workshop, 2017
Facilitator, “Applying for Tenure and Promotion” Workshop, 2017, 2018, 2020
Faculty Mentor, Mentorship Program for New Faculty, 2017-present
Green Dot Faculty Training, 2017
Poster Presentation, University Seminar Exposition, 2016
Guest Speaker, Nuala Pell Leadership Program in Public Service, 2015, 2018
First Year Transitions Instructor, Center for Student Development, 2014-2015
Faculty Sponsor, SRYou Student Exposition, 2013-2015, 2018
New Student Seminar Instructor and First Year Advisor, Office of First Year and Exploratory Programs/Center for Student Development, 2012-2014
Faculty Mentor, Men’s Ice Hockey Team, 2011-present

Doctoral Program in the Humanities

Doctoral Subject Field Examiner, 2014, 2016
Doctoral Student First-Year Advisor, 2013-2014
Dissertation Reader (4 Dissertations), 2013-2018

Mission Integration

Contributor, *The Catholic Intellectual Tradition* Publication, 2014
Participant, Faculty Discussion Series on the Catholic Intellectual Tradition, 2011-2013
Participant, Collegium 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, Academic Excellence Committee of the Faculty Council, 2010-2011
Elected Member, 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, Department of History, 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

MEDIA INTERVIEWS

Interview on the Trump Administration's U.S. Space Force Proposal, "Steve Klamkin and the WPRO Saturday Morning News" (WPRO Radio, Providence), December 1, 2018
Interviewed for "Our Egos, Our Illusions," *Newport Life Magazine*, October 29, 2018
Book Interview on *The Long Road to Annapolis*, C-SPAN BookTV, October 23, 2017 (aired on television, January 21, 2018)
Interviewed for "Trump's Catholic Warriors," *National Catholic Register*, January 31, 2017
Interviewed for "Nastiest Campaign Season Ever? Maybe Not," *The Providence Journal*, November 5, 2016
Interviewed for "When the Sound Turns to Fury," *The Newport Daily News*, August 3, 2016
Book Interview on *The Long Road to Annapolis*, "Maryland Morning" (WYPR Radio, Baltimore-Annapolis), September 6, 2010
Book Interview on *The Long Road to Annapolis*, "Naval Academy Founded Over Public Opposition," *The Capital* (Annapolis, Md.), September 3, 2010

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICE

Volunteer, Job Shadowing Program, Portsmouth High School, 2020
Principal Organizer, *Forging the Trident: Theodore Roosevelt and the United States Navy* Conference, Salve Regina University and the United States Naval War College, 2019
Participant, Seminar on the 20th-Century Presidency, sponsored by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History and the Council of Independent Colleges, Stanford University Anne T. and Robert M. Bass Center, Washington, D.C., 2017
Consultant, Middletown Historical Society/Salve Regina University National Park Service American Battlefield Protection Program Grant, 2015-2016
Appointed by the Governor of Rhode Island to the Newport World Heritage Commission, 2014-2016

Judge, PEGASUS 7/8 History Day, LaSalle Academy, 2012, 2015
Participant, West Point Summer Seminar in Military History, United States Military Academy, 2004
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

Manuscript Reviewer:

Clio: A Journal of Literature, History, and the Philosophy of History
University of Chicago Press
Journal of the Early Republic
Pearson Higher Education/Longman

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Historical Association
Organization of American Historians
Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society
Society for Military History
Newport Historical Society