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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- Preston Hotchkis Chair in the History of the United States, UC Berkeley: 2016-Present
- Associate Professor of History, University of California, Berkeley: Fall 2010 - Present
- Assistant Professor of History, University of California, Berkeley: Fall 2009 – Spring 2010
- Assistant Professor of History, University of Colorado, Boulder: Fall 2004 – Spring 2009
- Lecturer in History, Harvard University: Spring 2004

EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Harvard University, Cambridge, MA: March, 2004
- MA, Harvard University: June, 1998
- B.A., University of Colorado, Boulder, *summa cum laude*: December, 1994

WORK IN PROGRESS:

- “Aim at Empire: American Revolutions through the Barrel of a Gun, 1750-1825,” book project under contract with W.W. Norton. 167k words drafted as of 6/22.
- “Means of Destruction: Guns, Freedom, and Domination in the Americas before World War II,” book manuscript under contract with W.W. Norton. Research nearly complete.
- “PATH: The Project on Arms Trade History.” Since 2008, I have been working with student research assistants to quantify the global arms trade, from the Napoleonic Wars to WWI. We have been extracting detailed import and export data from manuscript sources and, especially, from annual customs reports published by the main arms-exporting states: The United Kingdom, the United States, Belgium, and France (Germany and Spain still underway). We are nearly finished locating sources and doing the laborious work of data entry. Our relational database now has nearly 112,000 entries capturing the global movement of all kinds of war material, from percussion caps to artillery, from 1815-1915. We will soon shift to data analysis and begin applying for external funding to turn the dataset into an online tool freely available to researchers around the world.

PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH

Refereed Publications

- [“The Arms Trade & American Revolutions,”](#) *The American Historical Review* 128:3 (Sept. 2023), 1144-1181.
- “Foreign Relations between Indigenous Polities, 1820-1900,” in Kristin Hoganson and Jay Sexton, eds., [The Cambridge History of America and the World, Vol 2: 1812-1900](#) (Cambridge University Press, 2022), 387-411.
- [“Indian Polities, Empire, and Nineteenth-Century American Foreign Relations”](#) *Diplomatic History* 39:5 (December 2015), 927-42.

Refereed Publications (cont.)

- “Watson and the Shark,” chapter in Brooke Blower and Mark Philip Bradley, eds., [*The Familiar Made Strange: American Icons and Artifacts after the Transnational Turn*](#) (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2015).
- “Blood Talk: Violence and Belonging in the Navajo-New Mexican Borderland,” in Juliana Barr and Edward Countryman, eds., [*Contested Spaces of Early America*](#), University of Pennsylvania Press, 2014, pp. 229-256.
- Editor, [*North American Borderlands*](#). Routledge, 2012.
- [*War of a Thousand Deserts: Indian Raids and the U.S.-Mexican War*](#). New Haven: Yale University Press, 2008 [paperback, 2009].
- “[The Wider World of the Handsome Man: Southern Plains Indians Invade Mexico, 1830-1846](#),” *Journal of the Early Republic* 27 (March, 2007), 83-113
- “[Independent Indians and the U.S.-Mexican War](#),” *American Historical Review* 112 (Feb., 2007), 35-68.

Other Publications:

- “The Myth of Continuity in American Gun Culture,” 35k-word article forthcoming in the *California Law Review* 113:1 (Feb., 2025).
- “American Guns, Mexico’s Trials,” [*Bulletin of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences*](#), Spring, 2020
- “[A Misfire on the Second Amendment](#),” extended review of Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz, *Loaded: A Disarming History of the Second Amendment* for *Reviews in American History* 47:3, Sept. 2019
- Co-author with James West Davidson, William E. Gienapp, Christine Leigh Heyrman, Mark H. Lytle, and Michael B. Stoff, [*Experience History: Interpreting America’s Past*](#) [Formerly *Nation of Nations: A Narrative History of the American Republic*], McGraw-Hill (9th ed., 2019). *Concise version: [*US/A History*](#) (9th ed., 2022).
- “[How the U.S. Government Created and Coddled the Arms Industry](#),” *The Conversation*, October 2017
- “[How Not to Arm a State: American Guns and the Crisis Of Governance In Mexico, Nineteenth and Twenty-First Centuries](#)” [24th Annual W.P. Whitsett Lecture], *Southern California Quarterly* 95:1 (Spring 2013), pp. 5-23.
- “Oportunismo, ansiedad, idealismo: los impulsos Estadunidenses durante la intervención Francesa en México,” in Jean Meyer, ed., *Memorias del Simposio Internacional 5 de Mayo*, El Colegio de Puebla, 2013, pp 269-288.
- “Comanches in the Cast: Remembering Mexico’s ‘Eminently National War,’” in Charles Faulhaber, ed., *The Bancroft Library at 150: A Sesquicentennial Symposium*, Berkeley: University of California Press, 2011.
- “How Indians Shaped the Era of the U.S.-Mexican War,” abbreviated version of Independent Indians and the U.S.-Mexican War,” in Pekka Hämäläinen and Benjamin H. Johnson, eds., *Major Problems in the History of North American Borderlands*, Wadsworth, 2011.
- [Response](#) to Daniel Walker Howe, Andrés Reséndez, Ned Blackhawk, and Leonard Sadosky’s essays in H-SHEAR roundtable on *War of a Thousand Deserts*, Nov. 2010.

Other Publications (cont.)

- [Top Young Historian essay](#), Historians News Network, October 2010.
- [“Forgotten Foes,”](#) *Berkeley Review of Latin American Studies* (Fall 2010), 14-19.
- [“James Madison and the Scolds,”](#) Review of J. C. A. Stagg, *Borderlines in the Borderlands: James Madison and the Spanish American Frontier, 1776-1821*, *Passport* 40:3 (January 2010).
- [“Why Mexico Fought,”](#) review of Timothy J. Henderson, *A Glorious Defeat: Mexico and its War with the United States*, *Diplomatic History* 33:1 (January 2010).
- [“19th Century Lessons for Today’s Drug War Policies,”](#) *The Chronicle Review*, Tuesday, July 28, 2009,
- [“It’s Time We Remembered the Role of Indians in the U.S.-Mexican War,”](#) *History News Network*, 3/9/2009
- [“War of a Thousand Deserts,”](#) on *The Page 99 Test*,
- “Navajo,” “Popé,” and “Pueblo Indians,” in Billy G. Smith, ed. *Colonization and Settlement (1585-1763)*, Volume 2 in the 10-volume *Facts on File Encyclopedia of American History* (2003)
- [“Narrative Style and Indian Actors in the Seven Years’ War,”](#) *Common-Place: The Interactive Journal of Early American History*, 1 (1), September 2000.

PRIZES, HONORS, & AWARDS

- Vandervort Prize for Outstanding Article in Military History, Society for Military History, 2024
- Visiting Scholar, University of Melbourne, October 2017
- Fulbright Distinguished Lecturer, Doshisha American Studies Seminar (Kyoto), 2014
- Bryce Wood Book Award for the outstanding book on Latin America in the social sciences and humanities published in English, Latin American Studies Association, 2010
- HNN “Top Young Historian,” November 2010
- W. Turrentine Jackson (biennial) Award for best first book on any aspect of the history of the American West, Western History Association, 2009
- Robert M. Utley Award for best book published on the military history of the frontier and western North America, Western History Association, 2009
- Southwest Book Award, sponsored by the Border Regional Library Association, 2009
- James Broussard Best 1st book prize, Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, 2008
- Norris and Carol Hundley Best Book Award, Pacific Coast Branch of the AHA, 2008
- The Sons of the Republic of Texas Summerfield G. Roberts Best Book Award, 2008
- Finalist, Francis Parkman Prize from the Society of American Historians, 2008
- Finalist for the Clements Prize for the Best Nonfiction Book on Southwestern Americana, 2008
- Honorable Mention, TSHA Kate Brooks Bates Award for Historical Research, 2008

PRIZES, HONORS, & AWARDS (cont.)

- Finalist for the PROSE Award in the U.S. History and Biography/Autobiography category, sponsored by the Association of American Publishers, 2008
- Organization of American Historians Distinguished Lecturer, 2008-2011
- Bolton-Cutter Award for best borderlands article, Western History Association, 2008
- Robert F. Heizer Prize for the best article in the field of ethnohistory, 2008
- CLAH Article Prize, Conference on Latin American History, 2008
- Stuart Bernath Article Prize, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, 2008
- Phi Alpha Theta/Westerners International Prize for Best Dissertation, 2005
- Harold K. Gross Prize from Harvard University for the dissertation “demonstrating the greatest promise of a distinguished career in historical research,” 2004
- University of Colorado Residence Life Academic Teaching Award, 2005
- Derek Bok Center Awards for Excellence in Teaching, Spring 1999 and Fall 1999

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- John Simon Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship, 2019-2020
- Marta Sutton Weeks Fellow, Stanford Humanities Center, 2019-2020
- Center for Advanced Studies in Behavioral Sciences Fellowship, 2019-2020 (declined)
- American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship, 2017-2018
- Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship, 2013-14'
- UC Humanities Research Fellowship Grant, 2013-14'
- UC Berkeley CORE Research Bridging Grant, 2012-14'
- Charles A. Ryskamp Research Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies, 2010-2011
- Donald T. Harrington Fellowship, UT Austin, 2009-2010 (Declined).
- University of Colorado Graduate Committee on the Arts and Humanities Research Grant, 2008.
- American Philosophical Society / British Academy Fellowship, 2008.
- Junior Faculty Development Award, University of Colorado, 2007.
- Bill and Rita Clements Research Fellowship for the Study of Southwestern Americana, Full Year, Clements Center, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, 2005-2006.
- Postdoctoral Fellowship, Full Year, Huntington Library, San Marino, CA, 2005-2006 (Declined)
- Postdoctoral Fellowship, Full Year, Newberry Library, Chicago, IL, 2005-2006 (Declined)
- Packard Foundation Dissertation Finishing Grant, 2002-2003
- American Philosophical Society, Philips Fund Grant for Native American Research, 2001
- David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies Summer Grant 2001
- Department of Education Foreign Language Area Studies Grant, 2000-01
- Mellon Summer Field Research Travel Grants, 1999, 2000, 2001
- Harvard History Department Summer Travel Grant, 2000, 2001
- Graduate Society Term Time Research Fellowship, Spring 2000
- Harvard Graduate Student Council Summer Travel Grant, 1999

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS (cont.)

- The Charles Warren Center Fellowships for Summer Research, 1998, 1999
- The Graduate Society's Summer Fellowship, Harvard University, 1998
- General Artemas Ward Fellowship, Harvard University, 1996-97, 1997-98

BOOK REVIEWS

- Review of Jonathan Grant, *Between Depression and Disarmament: The International Armaments Business, 1919-1939*, in the *American Historical Review* 25:3, June 2020
- Review of David J. Silverman, *Thundersticks: Firearms and the Violent Transformation of Native America*, in the *American Historical Review*, Oct. 2017
- Review of Rachel St. John, *Line in the Sand: A History of the Western U.S.-Mexico Border*, in the *Pacific Historical Review*, Aug. 2012.
- Review of *Bridging National Borders in North America: Transnational and Comparative Histories*, Edited by Benjamin H. Johnson and Andrew R. Graybill, *Hispanic American Historical Review*, Feb. 2012.
- Review of *Fiasco: George Clinton Gardner's Correspondence from the U.S.-Mexico Boundary Survey, 1849-1854*. Edited David J. Weber and Jane Lenz Elder, *New Mexico Historical Review* 86:3, Summer 2011, 526-28.
- Review of Juliana Barr's *Peace Came in the Form of a Woman: Indians and Spaniards in the Texas Borderlands*, for the *American Historical Review* 113 (June 2008), 878-79.
- Review of Samuel Truett's *Fugitive Landscapes: The Forgotten History of the U.S.-Mexican Borderlands*, for *Labor: Studies of Working-Class History of the Americas* 4:4 (2007), 130-32.
- Review of Gary Clayton Anderson's *The Conquest of Texas: Ethnic Cleansing in the Promised Land, 1820-1875*, for the *Journal of American History* 93:2 (2006), 530-31.
- Review of Samuel Truett and Elliott Young, eds., *Continental Crossroads: Remapping U.S.-Mexican Borderlands History*, for the *Hispanic American Historical Review* 86:4 (2006), 864-65.
- Review of Rosemary King's *Border Confluences: Borderland Narratives from the Mexican War to the Present*, for *New Mexico Historical Review*, Fall 2005.
- Review of Edward A. Goodall, *Sketches of Amerindian Tribes, 1841-1843*, for *Itinerario: The European Journal of Overseas History*, Fall 2004 (28:3).
- Combined review of Alex D. Krieger's *We Came Naked and Barefoot: The Journey of Cabeza de Vaca Across North America* and Rolena Adorno's and Patrick Charles Pautz's *The Narrative of Cabeza de Vaca* for the *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, April 2004.
- Review of Richard Flint's "Great Cruelties Have Been Reported:" *The 1544 Investigation of the Coronado Expedition*, for the *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, October 2003.
- Review of Allen G. Hatley's *The Indian Wars in Stephen F. Austin's Texas Colony, 1822-1835*, for the *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, October 2001.

PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS

- "What a Junk-Shop Musket has to say about the American Revolution," presentation at Approaching American Revolutions Symposium, USC, May 2023

PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS (cont.)

- “Why Dragging Canoe Sold Kentucky,” paper presentation at the Western History Association Conference, San Antonio, TX Oct. 2022
- Roundtable participant for “After 1800: Rethinking Revolution and Counter-Revolution in the Atlantic World,” USC/Écoles des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, June 2022
- Roundtable participant for “Empire and U.S. Foreign Relations,” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, June 2022
- “Tribe and Nation in North America,” comment for [roundtable](#) on Sumit Guha’s *Tribe and State in Asia through Twenty-Five Centuries*, Institute for Historical Studies, UT Austin, November 2021.
- “What is History Now,” Roundtable participant at UC Berkeley History Colloquium, October 2021
- “Tsiyu Gansini’s Predicament: Guns, Ammunition, & Cherokee Choices before the Revolution,” Rocky Mountain Seminar in Early American History, Oct., 2021
- “Aim at Empire,” talk at the UC Berkeley Institute for International Studies, Sept. 2021
- Roundtable participant in “the U.S.-Mexican Borderlands” for Janet Napolitano and Daniel Sargent’s class “Intro to Security Policy,” GSP, Berkeley, Sept. 2021
- “Arms Trading and American Revolutions,” paper for roundtable on Transnational Revolutionary History, Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, July 2021
- Roundtable on Armed Conflict and Military History, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations annual conference, June 2021.
- “[Guns Across Borders](#),” presentation at Revolutions Across Borders symposium, Newberry Library, June, 2021.
- “[Indigenous Agency, Whiggish History, and ‘the Conquest of Mexico](#),” American Historical Association, Jan. 2021
- “Arms Trading and the Fates of American Revolutions,” invited paper given in the Cambridge University American History Seminar, March 1, 2021
- “Indigenous Agency, Whiggish History, and ‘the Conquest of Mexico,’” Conference on Latin American History, Jan. 2021
- “Aim at Empire,” presentation at the Stanford Humanities Center, December 2019
- “America’s Guns, Mexico’s Trials,” Morton Mandel Public Lecture given at the invitation of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Berkeley, CA, Nov. 20, 2019
- “Arms Trading & New World Decolonization,” paper presented at University College, London, May 2019.
- “The Texas Gun Frontier & the Travails of Mexican History,” keynote at the 1st Biennial Symposium on Borderlands & Borders, Texas A&M University, San Antonio, April 2019
- “Guns and Revolution: The Arms Trade and the First Global Wave of Decolonization,” Boston College, September 2018
- “Migration and the History of Immigration Enforcement on the U.S.-Mexican Border,” at conference on Borders, Borderlands, and Migration, Institute of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies and the Central European University, UC Berkeley, Sept. 2018
- “Shoot the State,” roundtable presentation at the Western History Association, Nov. 2017

PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS (cont.)

- “The Texas Gun Frontier and the Travails of Mexican History,” Gary L. Nall Lecture, West Texas A&M, October 2017
- “Guns and Revolution: The Arms Trade and the Making of American Revolutions, 1774-1825,” University of Melbourne, October 2017
- “Dam-Breaking: How the Arms Trade Enabled the First Global Wave of Decolonization, 1775-1825,” New York University, September 2017
- “The Most Dangerous Man You’ve Never Heard Of,” invited presentation at symposium “Small Arms, Big Business: Trading Arms - Political, Cultural and Ethical Dimensions in Historical and Global Perspectives,” Zentrum für Interdisziplinäre Forschung (ZIF), Bielefeld, Germany, June 2017.
- Organizer/chair and presenter for roundtable “Arsenal to the World: The Missing History of the American Arms Trade,” OAH April 2017
- “The Ungovernable Rio Grande,” Cal History Homecoming talk, February 2017
- “The Texas Gun Frontier and the Travails of Mexican History, or, No More Weapons! (Unless they’re for Us),” CENFAD Colloquium, Temple University, January 2017
- “The Texas Gun Frontier and the Travails of Mexican History, or, No More Weapons! (Unless they’re for Us),” University of Connecticut, October, 2016
- “Dambreaking: Guns, Capitalism, and the Independence of the Americas,” Harvard University, October 2016
- “How Transimperial Arms Bazaars Stabilized Instability in the Greater Caribbean,” Rothermere Institute, Oxford University, May 2016
- “The International Arms Trade and the Brittle State in Mexico, 1810-1920,” University of Chicago Latin American Seminar, December 2015
- “Dambreaking: Guns, Capitalism, and the Independence of the Americas,” Northwestern University, December 2015
- “Guns and the Making of the Modern Americas,” Stanford University, November 2015
- “The Texas Gun Frontier and the Travails of Mexican History,” UT Austin, November 2015
- “Dambreaking: Guns, Capitalism, and the Independence of the Americas,” University of Cincinnati, September 2015
- “Dambreaking: Guns, Capitalism, and the Independence of the Americas,” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, Conference Keynote, June 2015
- “War of a Thousand Deserts,” San Jacinto Symposium, Houston, TX, April 2015
- “Dambreaking: Guns, Mercantilism, and the Demolition of Europe’s America,” the James P. Jones endowed lecture, Florida State University, March 2015
- “Dambreaking: Mercantilism, Armaments, and the Demolition of Europe’s America,” Indiana University, October 10, 2014
- “Gotham’s Gun Barons: New York City Arms the Americas, 1865-1934,” Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan, July 25, 2014
- “How Borderland Indians Shaped the Era of the U.S.-Mexican War,” Keynote address for the 2014 Doshisha American Studies Seminar, Kyoto, July 26, 2014
- “War and Trade,” Roundtable on new histories of trade, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, Lexington, June 2014

PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS (cont.)

- “Gotham’s Gun Barons: New York City Arms the Americas, 1865-1934,” Cambridge University, November 25, 2013
- “A Protest of Arms: Guns and the Brittle State in Mexico, 1810-1920,” Cambridge University Borderlands Workshop, November 11, 2013
- “Gotham’s Gun Barons: New York City Arms the Americas,” Oxford University, Oct 2013
- “Marcellus Hartley: The Most Dangerous Man You've Never Heard Of," OAH April 2013
- “A Good Story,” invited presentation to admitted students at Cal Day, April 20, 2013
- “Beware the Metanarrative; or, How I Acquired My Resistance to Resistance,” Kaplan Lecture, University of Pennsylvania, March 2013
- “Domestic Dependent Notions: American Indians and the First Few Pages of American Empire,” American Studies Association meeting, San Juan, Nov. 2013
- “Indian History and the History of American Foreign Relations,” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations annual conference, June 2012
- “How Not to Arm a State: American Guns and the Mexican National Project, 1810-1920,” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations annual conference, June 2012
- “Opportunism, Anxiety, and Idealism: U.S. Impulses during the French Intervention in Mexico,” invited paper at el Simposio Internacional 5 de Mayo de Mexico, Biblioteca Palafoxiana, Puebla, Mexico, May 2012.
- “How Not to Arm a State: American Guns and the Mexican National Project, 1810-1920,” Organization of American Historians annual conference, April 2012
- Chair, roundtable on the state of the field in U.S.-Mexico Borderlands History, Organization of American Historians annual conference, April 2012
- “So Far From God, So Close to the Gun Store: Borderlands Arms Trading and the Travails of Mexican History,” 26th Annual W.P. Whitsett Lecture, CSU Northridge, March 2012
- “War of a Thousand Deserts,” at the Tattered Cover Bookstore, Denver, CO, March 2012
- [“Frontiers, Borderlands, and Transnational History.”](#) Huntington Library symposium on the Significance of the Frontier in an Age of Transnational History, Feb. 2012 [Audio in file#2]
- “Sailing Backwards on Mexico’s ‘Iron River of Guns’: The Political Economy of the Arms Trade in the 19th and 21st Century’s, Harvard Kennedy School, Feb. 2012
- “The Drug War and Borderlands History,” Cal Alumni Day, Oct. 2011.
- “Blood Talk: Violence and Belonging in the Navajo-New Mexican Borderland,” invited presentation at Stanford University’s Comparative Wests Seminar, April 2011
- “Blood Talk: Violence and Belonging in the Navajo-New Mexican Borderland,” invited talk for round two of Contested Spaces in Early America symposium, Clements Center for Southwest Studies, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, April, 2011
- “Blood Talk: People and Peoples in the Navajo-New Mexican Borderland,” invited talk at UCLA’s American Indian Studies Center, March 2011
- “Blood Talk: People and Peoples in the Navajo-New Mexican Borderland,” invited talk presentation the USC-Huntington Early Modern Studies Institute and the Autry Museum of Western Heritage, March 2011

PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS (cont.)

- “People and Peoples in Borderland Relations: Blood Talk in New Mexico,” invited talk for Contested Spaces in Early America symposium, McNeil Center for Early American Studies, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA October 2010
- “How Indians Shaped the U.S.-Mexican War,” invited talk for the Bay Area Latin America Forum, Berkeley, CA September 2010
- “Indians and the U.S.-Mexican War,” invited talk at University of North Texas, Sept. 2010
- “Patterns of Violence in Navajo-New Mexican Relations,” Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association annual meeting, Santa Clara CA, August 2010
- “States and Stateless Peoples in George Herring’s *From Colony to Superpower*,” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations annual meeting, Madison, WI, June 2010
- “Indians, Politics, and 19th-Century American Empire,” UC Berkeley-Stanford-UC Davis faculty dinner, April 2010
- “War of a Thousand Deserts,” invited Keynote Address to the James Rawley Conference in the Humanities, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, April 2010
- “19th Century Lessons for Today’s Drug War Policies,” History as a Resource for Decision Making, UC Berkeley, March 2010
- "Comanches in the Cast: Recovering Mexico's 'Eminently National War, 1830-1846,'" Bancroft Sesquicentennial Symposium, Berkeley, CA, March 2010.
- “Mexico, Native Politics, and the Continuous 19th Century American Empire,” invited talk for the Harvard Symposium on 19th Century Empire, Cambridge, MA April 2009
- “War of a Thousand Deserts: How Indians Shaped the Era of the U.S.-Mexican War,” paper presented to the El Paso History Museum, February 2009
- “War of a Thousand Deserts: How Indians Shaped the Era of the U.S.-Mexican War,” paper presented at the Texas Community College Teachers Association Conference, Austin, Feb. 2009
- “Putting Indians into the U.S.-Mexican War,” paper presented at the Organization of American Historians annual meeting, New York, March 2008.
- “Military History and Non-State Peoples,” roundtable paper presented at the American Historical Association conference, Washington D.C., Jan. 2008.
- “The French and Indian War,” public talk for the High Plains Chautauqua, Greeley, CO, Aug. 8, 2007
- “The Comanche Lens: Seeing Nation States through Tribes on the U.S.-Mexican Borderlands,” invited talk at the University of San Diego Trans-Border Institute, April. 2007.
- “The Comanche Lens: Seeing Nation States through Tribes on the U.S.-Mexican Borderlands,” invited talk at the George and Anne Richards Civil War Era Center, Penn State University, Jan. 2007.
- “Independent Indians, the U.S.-Mexican War, and the Reshaping of North America,” paper presented at the American Historical Association conference, Atlanta, GA, Jan. 2007 (*Panel organizer*)
- “Opportunity Costs: Southern Comanches between Mexico and Texas, 1836-1846,” paper presented at the Filson Institute’s Comparative Borderlands Conference, Louisville, KY, Oct. 2006.

PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS (cont.)

- “The War of a Thousand Deserts: Indians, the U.S.-Mexican War, and the Reshaping of North America,” Clements Center Brown Bag series, Southern Methodist University, Feb. 2006.
- “Independent Indians and Borderlands Scholarship in the Americas” roundtable presentation at the Conference on Latin American History, Philadelphia, PA, Jan. 2006.
- “Comanches in the Cast: Remembering Mexico’s ‘Eminently National War,’ 1830-1846,” paper at the Latin American Studies Association Conference, Las Vegas, NV Oct. 2004
- Invited comment on Marie Duggan’s “Franciscan Missions as Institutions of Economic Development: The Case of California, 1769-1832,” at the Boston Area Latin American Seminar, Dec. 2003
- Invited comment on David J. Weber’s “Spaniards and their Savages in the Age of Enlightenment,” at the Boston Area Latin American Seminar, Oct. 2002.
- “Mexicans, Indians, and Anglo-Americans: Ethnic Conflict and Territorial Expansion, 1776-1854,” paper presented at the Harvard Ethnic Studies Conference, Cambridge, MA, Feb. 2002.
- “Americans Watching: Savage Indians, Suffering Mexicans, and Manifest Failures, 1835-1854,” paper presented at the American Historical Association conference, San Francisco, Jan. 2002.
- “The War of a Thousand Deserts: Indian Power & the Contest for Mexico, 1835-1854,” paper presented at the Conference on Latin American History, San Francisco, Jan. 2002
- “Indian Power and the Fragmentation of Northern Mexico, 1835-1846,” paper presented at the Western History Association Conference, San Diego, CA, Oct. 2001. (*Panel organizer*).
- “Americans Watching: Savage Indians, Suffering Mexicans, and Manifest Failures, 1835-1854,” paper presented at Global America: The New International History Conference, Harvard, April 2001.
- Commentator at roundtable discussion of Fred Anderson’s *Crucible of War* at the Charles Warren Center for Studies in American History, Harvard University, Feb. 2000.

CONSULTING

- Washington D.C.
 - Submitted declaration for the Attorney General’s Office of Washington D.C. in defense of district law limiting high-capacity gun magazines in *Hanson et al., v. District of Columbia*, Case No. 22-cv-02256 (D.D.C.), Nov. 2022.
- Oregon
 - Submitted declaration as expert witness for the Attorney General’s Office of the State of Oregon in defense of state law limiting high-capacity gun magazines in *Joseph Arnold et al., v. Tina Kotek, et al.*, No. 22CV41008 (Harney Cnty. Cir. Ct.), Dec. 2022. Testified remotely in preliminary injunction trial, Dec. 2022. Testified in person at the case trial, Sept. 2023.

CONSULTING, cont.

- Oregon, cont.
 - Submitted declaration for Attorney General’s Office of the State of Oregon in defense of state law limiting high-capacity gun magazines in *Oregon Firearms Federation et al. v. Tina Kotek et al.*, 2:22-cv-01815-IM (D. Ore.) (lead case); Mark Fitz, et al., v. Ellen F. Rosenblum, et al., 3:22-cv-01859-IM (D. Ore.) (trailing case); Katerina B. Eyre, et al., v. Ellen F. Rosenblum et al., 3:22-cv-01862-IM (D. Ore.) (trailing case); and Daniel Azzopardi, et al., v. Ellen F. Rosenblum, et al., 3:22-cv-01869-IM (D. Ore.) (trailing case). Feb. 2023. Deposed March 14, 2023. Testified in Fed Dist. Court trial in Portland, June 2013.
- Illinois
 - Submitted declaration for Attorney General’s Office of the State of Illinois in defense of its law limiting assault weapons and high-capacity magazines in Harrel v. Raoul, Case No. 23-cv-141-SPM (S.D. Ill.); Langley v. Kelly, Case No. 23-cv-192-NJR (S.D. Ill.); Barnett v. Raoul, 23-cv-209-RJD (S.D. Ill.); Federal Firearms Licensees of Illinois v. Pritzker, 23-cv-215-NJR (S.D. Ill.); Herrera v. Raoul, 23-cv-532 (N.D. Ill.); and *Kenneally v. Raoul, et al.*, 23-cv-50039 (N.D. Ill.). March, 2023.
- California
 - Submitted declaration for Attorney General’s Office of the State of California in defense of its law limiting high-capacity magazines in William Wiese, et al., v. Rob Bonta, et al., 2:17-cv-00903-WBA-KJN (E.D. Cal.), May 2023.
- Washington (state)
 - Submitted declaration for Attorney General’s Office of the State of Washington in defense of its law limiting high-capacity magazines in Gabriella Sullivan, et al., v. Bob Ferguson, et al., (W.D. Wash.), 3:22-cv-05403, May 2023; and in *Brumback, et al., v. Bob Ferguson, et al.*, (E.D. Wash.), 1:22-cv-03093-MKD, Jan. 2024.
 - Submitted report in defense of WA assault weapons law, for Intervenor-Defendant Alliance for Gun Responsibility in *Hartford et al. v. Ferguson, et al.*, No. 3:23-cv-05364-RJB; *Banta, et al. v. Ferguson and Batiste*, No. 2:23-cv-00112-MKD; and *Guardian Arms, et al., v. State of Washington, et al.*, No. 23-2-01761-34, Jan. 2024.
- Colorado
 - Submitted expert report for the Town of Superior, Cities of Superior and Boulder, and Board of County Commissioners of Boulder County in defense of their laws limiting certain firearms and high-capacity magazines in *Rocky Mountain Gun Owners et al., v. the Town of Superior et al.*, (D. Colo.), 22-cv-2680, May 2023.
- New Jersey
 - Submitted expert report for Attorney General’s office of the State of New Jersey in defense of its laws regulating assault weapons and high-capacity magazines in *Association Of New Jersey Rifle & Pistol Clubs, Inc. et al. v. Platkin et al.*, 3:18-cv-10507; *Cheeseman et al. v. Platkin et al.*, 1:22-cv-04360; *Ellman et al. v. Platkin et al.*, 3:22-cv-04397, July 2023.

CONSULTING, cont.

- Delaware
 - Submitted declaration for Attorney General's office of the state of Delaware in defense of its law regulating ghost guns in *John Rigby et al. v. Kathy Jennings et al.* 1:21-cv-01523-MN, Sept. 2023.
- Supreme Court
 - Contributor and signatory to [Brief for Amici Curiae Professors of History and Law in Support of Petitioner](#), *United States of America v. Zackey Rahimi*, 2023.

TEACHING

Classes Offered at UC Berkeley

- HIST 7a: Lower-division lecture – *North America through Reconstruction*, 2011, 2012, 2015, 2018, 2020, 2021 (always in fall)
- HIST 100: Upper-Division Lecture - *American Encounters*, Fall 2009
- HIST 101: Undergraduate Research Seminar - *Senior Thesis Seminar* Spring 2010; Spring 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2014, Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024

Classes Offered at UC Berkeley, cont.

- HIST 103: Undergraduate Reading Seminars:
 - *Borderlands in North America*, Fall 2009
 - *The U.S. and Latin America in the 19th C.*, Spring 2012
 - *The Border* (reading seminar), Fall 2016
 - *The Radicalism of American Revolutions*, Fall 2022
- HIST 104: Undergrad lecture/seminar- *The Craft of History*, Spring 2015, Spring 2017
- HIST 135B: Upper-division lecture - *Encounter and Conquest in Indigenous America*, Spring 2019, Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023
- HIST 280: Graduate Reading Seminars:
 - *Borderlands in World History*, Fall 2011
 - *The Making of the Modern World, through the Age of Revolutions* (Sem.), Fall 2014 (co-taught with Daniel Sargent)
 - *The Making of the Modern World, since the Age of Revolutions* (Sem.) Spring 2015 (co-taught with Daniel Sargent)
 - *Borderlands in North America* (reading seminar), Spring 2015
 - *Native North American History* (reading seminar), Spring 2021
- HIST 285: Graduate Research Seminars:
 - *American History before 1900*, Spring 2013, Fall 2015
 - *Topics in American History*, Fall 2018, Spring 2024
- HIST 375: Graduate Sem: *Teaching History at the University* (pedagogy), Spring 2021

Classes Offered at the University of Colorado

- HIST 1015: Lower-Division lecture - *U.S. History to 1865*, Fall 07', Fall 08'
- HIST 1035: Lower-Division lecture - *Honors: United States History to 1865*, Fall 04'
- HIST 2015: Lower-Division lecture - *Early America*, Fall 06'
- HIST 3050: Undergraduate seminar - *The Arms Trade in World History*, Spring 09'
- HIST 3317: UG sem. - *Interethnic Borderlands in the American West*, Fall 04', Fall 07'

TEACHING, cont.

- HIST 4115: Upper-Div. lec – *Natives & Newcomers in the Americas*, Fall 06’, Spring 08’
- HIST 4327: Upper-Division lecture - *Novelty, Conflict, and Adaptation in the American Southwest*, Spring 05’, Spring 08’
- HIST 4617: Upper-Division lecture - *Native North American History: Origins to 1815*, Spring 05’, Spring 07’, Spring 09’
- HIST 5106: Graduate Reading seminar - *Colloquium: U.S. History to 1865*, Fall 08’
- HIST 6030: Grad. Reading sem - *Frontiers and Borderlands in the Americas*, Spring 07’

PhD Students (1) = advisor/co-advisor; (2) 2nd reader

- **Current Students:**
 - Russ Weber
 - Dissertation: Emotions and the political history of the early republic.
 - Kyle Jackson (1)
 - Dissertation: New Orleans and Pan-Americanism before WWI
 - Noah Ramage (1)
 - Dissertation: The Cherokee Nation in the late 19th Century
 - Annabel LaBrecque (1)
 - “Deep Histories of Salt in North America”
 - Julia Frankenbach (1)
 - Livestock Production, Gender, and Power in the Greater Indigenous Bay Area
 - Lissett Bastidas (1)
 - Colonialism and Resistance in Mexican-Ear California
- **Former PhD Students:**
 - Ariel Ron (2), Glenn M. Linden Associate Professor of the U.S. Civil War Era, Southern Methodist University
 - Dissertation: “Developing the Country: ‘Scientific Agriculture’ and the Roots of the Republican Party” (2012)
 - Mattie Harper, Grantmaking Officer, Bush Foundation
 - Dissertation (Ethnic Studies): “French Africans in Ojibwe Country: Negotiating Marriage, Identity, and Race, 1780-1890” (2012)
 - Melisa Galván (2), Associate Professor, California State University, Northridge
 - Dissertation: “From Contraband Capital to Border City: Matamoros, 1746-1848,” (2013)
 - Allie McLafferty, History Instructor, St. Stephens Episcopal School, Austin, TX
 - Dissertation: “‘A Plumb Craving for the Other Color’: White Men, Non-White Women, and the Sexual Crisis in Antebellum America,” (2013)
 - Jennifer Carlson, Associate Professor of Sociology and Government & Public Policy, University of Arizona
 - Dissertation (Sociology): “Clinging to their Guns?: The New Politics of Gun Carry in Everyday Life,” 2013
 - Delia Hagen (1), Founding Director Hagen Historical Consulting, Missoula, Montana
 - Diss: “Northern Plains Borders and the People In Between, 1860-1940” 2015

Former PhD Students, cont.

- Bathsheba Demuth (2), Dean's Associate Professor of History and Environment & Society, Brown University
 - Dissertation: "The Power of Place: Ideology and Ecology in the Bering Strait, 1848-1988" (2016)
- Alberto Garcia (2), Assistant Professor, San José State University
 - Dissertation: "The Politics of Bracero Migration" (2016)
- Robert Lee (2), University Lecturer, Cambridge University
 - Dissertation: "Louisiana Purchases: The U.S.-Indian Treaty System in the Missouri River Valley" (2017)
- Erica Lee (1), Analyst in Emergency Management and Disaster Recovery, Congressional Research Service, Washington, D.C.
 - Dissertation: "Sanctuaries into Fortresses: Refugees and the Limits of Obligation in Progressive-Era America" (2017)
- Javier Cikota (2), Assistant Professor, Bowdoin College
 - Dissertation: "Frontier Justice: State, Law, and Society in Patagonia, 1880-1940" (2017)
- David Tamayo (2), Assistant Professor, University of Michigan
 - Dissertation: "Serving the Nation: Rotary and Lions Clubs, the Mexican Middle Classes, and the Post-Revolutionary State, 1920s-1960s" (2018)
- Julia Lewandowski (1), Assistant Professor, University of California, San Diego
 - Dissertation: "Small Victories: Indigenous Proprietors Across Empires in North America" (2019)
- Franklin Sammons (1), Assistant Professor, Washington & Lee
 - Dissertation: "Yazoo's Settlement: Finance, Law, and Dispossession in the Southeastern Borderlands, 1789-1820"
- Sophie FitzMaurice (1) Postdoctoral Fellow, Joint Center for History and Economics, Magdalene College and King's College, University of Cambridge
 - Dissertation: "The Material Telegraph: An Environmental History of the Technology that Wired America, c. 1848-1920."
- J.T. Jamieson (2)
 - Dissertation: "'A Mere Change of Location': Migration and Reform in America, 1787-1861."

SERVICE

University of California, Berkeley History Department

- Search Committees:
 - Native North American History Search Committee, 2021-22'
 - US West Search Committee, 2018-19'
 - 20th Century Latin America Search Committee, 2014-15'
 - U.S. History Search Committee (Chair), 2012-13'
 - Latin America Search Committee, 2011-12'
- Endowed Chairs Committee, 2021-22'
- AC-5 Grad Admissions Committee, 2020-21', 2022-23', 2023-24' (chair)

SERVICE, cont.

- Governance Task Force Committee, 2014-15'
- Committee on the History Undergraduate Major,
 - 2011-12' (chair, spring 2012); 2015-16'; 2016-17' (chair)
- Honors Committee, 2009-10'
- Admissions Committee, US Field, 2009-10'
- Reentry and Disabled Student Advisor, 2009-10'
- Faculty co-sponsor, with Daniel Sargent, of the Berkeley International and Global History Conference (BIG-H), 2011-2017
- Co-founder (with Daniel Sargent) and co-organizer (since 2021 with Rebecca Herman) of the [Berkeley Global History Seminar](#), 2010-Present.

University of California, Berkeley, Campus Service

- Senate Liaison for external review of UC Berkeley Department of Ethnic Studies, 2021
- Letters & Sciences Executive Committee, 2020-2023
 - L&S Executive Committee Liaison for the external review of UC Berkeley Department of Slavic Languages & Literatures, 2022
- Berkeley Institute for International Studies (IIS)
 - IIS Directorship Search Committee, 2021
 - IIS Faculty Board, 2020-present
 - IIS Simpson Award Committee, 2012; 2013; 2015 (chair); 2016-2019.
- Bancroft Library
 - Friends of the Bancroft Library Council, 2021-present
 - Bancroft Library Prize Committee, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019, 2020
- Academic Senate Committee on Committees, 2015 – 2017
- American Cultures Senate Subcommittee, 2011-12'

University of Colorado History Department

- Departmental Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2007-08'
- Departmental Executive Committee, 2006-07'
- Robert G. Athearn Lecture organizer, 2006
- Judge for Colorado History Day, Spring 2005
- History Department Graduate Studies Committee, 2004-05', 2008-09'
- Phi Alpha Theta/History Club Advisor, Fall 2004

Professional Service, Memberships, K-12 and Public Outreach

- Professional Service:
 - Series Editor with Steven Hahn and Amy Dru Stanley for University of Pennsylvania Press book series, "[America in the Nineteenth Century](#)", 2014-present. Within the series, I have had served as faculty editor for the following books, working closely with their authors throughout the process:
 - William Kiser, *Borderlands of Slavery: The Struggle Over Captivity and Peonage in the American Southwest* (2017)

Professional Service, cont.

- Noelani Arista, *The Kingdom and the Republic: Sovereign Hawai'i and the Early United States* (2019)
- Katherine Bjork, *Prairie Imperialists: The Indian Country Origins of American Empire* (2019)
- Alaina Roberts, *I've been Here All the While: Black Freedom on Native Land* (2021)
- Paul Conrad, *The Apache Diaspora: Four Centuries of Displacement and Survival* (2021)
- William Kiser, *Illusions of Empire: The Civil War and Reconstruction in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands* (2021)
- Sarah Keyes, *American Burial Ground: A New History of the Overland Trail* (2023)
- Editorial Board Service:
 - *Reviews in American History*, 2019-2022
 - *Journal of the Early Republic*, 2020-2022
 - *Journal of the Civil War Era*, 2016-2018
 - *Pacific Historical Review*, 2012-2015
 - *Ethnohistory*, 2009-2012
- Prize Committees:
 - Robert M. Utley Award Com., Western History Association, 2022-2025
 - Ray Allen Billington Prize Committee, Organization of American Historians, 2017-2019.
 - David J. Weber-Clements Center Prize Committee, Western History Association, 2016-2018.
 - Bernath Lecture Prize Committee, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, 2015-2018.
 - Louis Knott Koontz Memorial Award committee, Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association, 2012-15
 - CLAH Article Prize Committee (Chair), Conference on Latin American History, 2012
 - John Ewers Book Prize Committee, Western History Association, 2012
 - Sons of the Republic of Texas, Summerfield G. Roberts Book Award Committee, 2010-2012
 - Western History Association's Huntington-WHA Ridge Prize Committee, 2009-2011.
- Conference Committees:
 - Conference Planning Committee, Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, 2021, 2025
 - Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, Conference Planning Committee, 2012 and 2013
 - Organization of American Historians, Conference Planning Com., 2012
 - Society for Historians of the Early Republic, Conference Planning Committee, 2012
 - Local Arrangements Committee, Western History Association Annual

Professional Service, Cont.

- Conference, Denver, 2009
 - American Society for Ethnohistory, Conference Planning Com., 2005
- Manuscript Reviewer for *American Historical Review*, *Ethnohistory*, *Western Historical Quarterly*, the *Journal of American History*, *Modern American History*, *Law and History Review*, *Economics and Human Biology*, *History: the Journal of the Historical Association*, *Journal of the Early Republic*; *Enterprise & Society*; *William & Mary Quarterly*; the *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*; Oxford University Press, Harvard University Press, Princeton University Press, University of Pennsylvania Press, University of California Press, University of Arizona Press, Basic Books, Yale University Press, University of Colorado Press, University of Kansas Press, Cornell University Press, Palgrave & Macmillan; University of North Carolina Press, Duke University Press, University of Virginia Press, University of Tennessee Press, Texas A&M University Press; University of Nebraska Press, Blackwell Publishing, and Rourke Publishing.
- Other Professional Service:
 - Co-Chair, Taskforce on Conference Conduct and Sexual Harassment, 2019, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations
 - Nominating Committee, Western History Association, 2019-2021
 - External Reviewer for UC Davis Undergraduate Program Review, 2017
 - Secretary and then Chair, Borderlands & Frontiers Studies Committee, Conference on Latin American History, 2011-2012
 - Grant/Fellowship reviews for: National Science Foundation; Comisión Nacional de Investigación científica y tecnológica (Chile)
 - Evaluations and nominations for the MacArthur Fellowship Program
- Member: American Historical Association; Org. of American Historians; Conference on Latin American History; Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations; Society for Historians of the Early American Republic; Western History Association.
- K-12 and Public Outreach:
 - Academic Advisor, Teaching American History Grant “American Democracy in Word and Deed,” Mt. Diablo School District, CA, 2009-2013.
 - Presenter at Teaching American History Grant workshops in Oakland, CA, Dec. 2009, May 2010, and Oct. 2010.
 - Lead Presenter at Teaching American History or Gilder-Lehrman workshops for primary-school teachers in:
 - Hartford, Delaware, June 2012
 - New Orleans / San Antonio, June 2012
 - Chicago, IL (June 2011)
 - Deer Valley, AZ (Feb., 2010)
 - Crescent City, CA (Jan., 2009 and April, 2010);
 - Eureka, CA (Jan., 2009);
 - Huntsville, Alabama (June 2008 and June 2009)

- Media:
 - Interviewed about the Arms Trade & American Revolutions for the American Historical Review’s podcast [History in Focus](#), October 2023.
 - Interviewed for episodes 1 & 2 of [The Gun Machine](#) podcast, by WBUR and The Trace, October 2023.
 - Hour-long interview with the [History of California Podcast](#), Oct. 2020
 - On-air interview for BBC News World Service on gun law following the massacres in Gilroy, El Paso, and Dayton, August 10, 2019
 - On-air interview for extended program “[The American Gun Industry: A Billion Dollar Business.](#)” Australian Broadcasting Corp., March, 2018
 - On-air interview for BBC Newsday on Remington’s bankruptcy, March 27, 2018
 - On-air interview for “City Visions,” KALW San Francisco, on [youth protests against gun violence](#), March 26, 2018
 - On-air interview, BBC Radio 5 on America’s gun business, Feb. 26, 2018
 - On-air interview for “The Attitude,” Pacifica Network, on America’s gun business, February 20, 2018
 - “[Gotham’s Gun Baron](#),” Spoken essay for BBC Radio Three program *The Essay*, January 2017
 - On-screen consultant for German documentary on the U.S. presidency, “Die US-Präsidenten und der Krieg,” produced by Westdeutscher Rundfunk and aired nationally in Germany in November 2016.
 - “[Guns, Capitalism, and Revolution in the Americas](#),” 2015 SHAFR keynote address filmed and broadcast on CSPAN’s American History TV, (first aired August 1, 2015).
 - Interview with Deborah Lawrence and Jon Lawrence for [Contesting the Borderlands: Interviews on the Early Southwest](#) (University of Oklahoma Press, 2016), 182-200.
 - Guest of NPR’s [Backstory, with the American History Guys](#), January 17, 2014
 - Invited essay for the *New York Times*’ [Room for Debate](#) feature, July 2, 2013
 - Guest on NPR’s “[On Point with Tom Ashbrook](#),” Nov. 7, 2012.
 - Guest on PRI’s “[The World](#),” April 12, 2011
 - On-screen consultant for “[The Mexican-American War](#),” Oct. 29, 2006, History Channel
 - KERA “Think” radio interview on *War of a Thousand Deserts*, 2008.