

**Joseph Andrew Ledford**  
Curriculum vitae

University of California, Berkeley  
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**EDUCATION**

- Ph.D. **University of California, Berkeley** 2016 - 2022  
Department of History  
Dissertation: "Primacy of the Presidency: A Reagan Revolution, the Iran-Contra  
Affair, and American Political Order"  
Dissertation Chair: Daniel Sargent
- M.A. **Tufts University** 2014 - 2016  
Department of History
- B.A. **Georgia State University**, Honors College 2011 - 2014  
Department of History, *magna cum laude*

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Book Reviews**

Review of *Why America Loses Wars: Limited War and US Strategy from the Korean War to the Present*, by Donald Stoker, H-War, H-Net Reviews, August 2020.

Review of *The Mayaguez Crisis, Mission Command, and Civil-Military Relations*, by Christopher J. Lamb, *The Journal of Military History* 84, No. 2 (April 2020): 652-653.

**AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS**

- 2020 Townsend Center Working Group Award, Doreen B. Townsend Center for the Humanities, University of California, Berkeley
- 2019 Congressional Research Grant, The Everett M. Dirksen Congressional Center
- 2018 IIS Pre-Dissertation Research Grant, Institute of International Studies, University of California, Berkeley
- 2018 Selected Participant, Summer Seminar in Statecraft and History, William P. Clements Jr. Center for National Security, University of Texas, Austin
- 2018 Townsend Center Working Group Award, Doreen B. Townsend Center for the Humanities, University of California, Berkeley
- 2017 IIS Pre-Dissertation Research Grant, Institute of International Studies, University of California, Berkeley
- 2016 Research Mini-Grant, Berkeley Center for Right-Wing Studies, Institute for the Study of Societal Issues, University of California, Berkeley
- 2016 Peter and Edith O'Donnell Grant, Scowcroft Institute of International Affairs at the Bush School of Government and Public Service, Texas A&M University
- 2016 Department of History Research Award, Tufts University
- 2015 Tisch Library Research Fellowship in the Humanities and the Arts, Tufts University

- 2015 Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Research Award, Tufts University
- 2013 IEF Study Abroad Scholarship, Georgia State University
- 2013 Robert W. Sellen Scholarship, Georgia State University

### **PRESENTATIONS**

- 2020 “Lawyers, Guns, and Money: The Contra War and American Political Order,”  
Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Meeting, New Orleans,  
Louisiana, June 18-20. (Cancelled due to COVID-19)
- 2018 “A Reagan Revolution: The Iran-Contra Affair and American Statecraft, 1981-1993,”  
LSE International History Research Seminar, London School of Economics and  
Political Science, London, United Kingdom, October 17.
- 2018 “Piercing the Teflon-Presidency: The Iran-Contra Affair and Presidential Power,”  
Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Santa  
Clara, California, August 2-4.
- 2018 “‘The Most Important Place in the World’: Central America During the Reagan Era,”  
Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Meeting, Philadelphia,  
Pennsylvania, June 21-23.
- 2017 “The Risky Business of Rollback: Anti-Communist Americans, the Contra War, and the  
Reagan Doctrine,” Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual  
Meeting, Arlington, Virginia, June 22-24.
- 2017 “The Risky Business of Rollback: Anti-Communist Americans, the Contra War, and the  
Reagan Doctrine,” Western Social Science Association 59th Annual Conference, San  
Francisco, California, April 12-15.
- 2015 “The Ills of Democracy: The Ronald Reagan Administration and Chile’s Transition to  
Democracy,” New England Council of Latin American Studies Annual Meeting, Tufts  
University, Medford, Massachusetts, November 7.

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

#### **Graduate Student Instructor**

- Fall 2018 The History and Practice of Human Rights  
Department of History, University of California, Berkeley  
Instructor: Stefan-Ludwig Hoffmann
- Spring 2018 American Foreign Policy  
Department of History, University of California, Berkeley  
Instructor: Daniel Sargent
- Fall 2017 The United States from Settlement to Civil War  
Department of History, University of California, Berkeley  
Instructor: David Henkin
- Spring 2016 Modern Armenia  
Department of History, Tufts University  
Instructor: Ina Baghdiantz McCabe
- Fall 2015 History of Consumption  
Department of History, Tufts University  
Instructor: Ina Baghdiantz McCabe

## **Readership**

- Fall 2020     Legal and Constitutional History of the U.S. Since 1850  
Department of History, University of California, Berkeley  
Instructor: Dylan C. Penningroth
- Spring 2019     International and Global History since 1945  
Department of History, University of California, Berkeley  
Instructor: Matthew G. Spector

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

### **Graduate Student Researcher**

- Summer 2020     Designed curriculum for an undergraduate course on grand strategy at UC Berkeley.

## **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

- 2018-2020     Founder and Director: The Berkeley Working Group on Strategy and Statecraft  
2018     Panel Organizer: "Civil War, Democracy, and Revolution: Central America and the United States during the Late Cold War," Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June 21-23.
- 2018     Organizer: HGA Distinguished Alumni Lecture, Priya Satia, "Empire of Guns: The Violent Making of the Industrial Revolution," University of California, Berkeley, February 12.
- 2018     Organizer: HGA First Annual Graduate Student Research Symposium, University of California, Berkeley, January 26.
- 2017-2018     Chair: University of California, Berkeley, History Graduate Association  
2017     Co-Organizer: "The Contingency of Transmission," Berkeley International and Global History Conference, University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, California, September 22 – 23.
- 2016     Organizer: "Global History: Eroding the Barricades of Historical Interpretation," Tufts University Department of History Global History Conference in Memory of Christopher Schmidt-Nowara, Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts, March 5.

## **LANGUAGES**

Spanish – Intermediate

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Historical Association  
Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations  
Society for Military History