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Curriculum vitae

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**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT**

**William P. Clements, Jr. Center for National Security, University of Texas at Austin**  
2021 - 2022      America in the World Consortium Fellow

**EDUCATION**

**University of California, Berkeley**

2022 (Expected)    Ph.D. Candidate  
Department of History  
Dissertation:  
“Restoring the Presidency: A Reagan Revolution and the Iran-Contra Affair”  
Dissertation Chair: Daniel J. Sargent

**Tufts University**

2016                M.A. in History

**Georgia State University, Honors College**

2014                B.A. in History, *magna cum laude*

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Reviews**

Review of *Cowboy Presidents: The Frontier Myth and U.S. Politics since 1900*, by David A. Smith, *South Dakota History* 51, No. 4 (Winter 2021) (forthcoming).

“Sex, Drugs, and Mind Control,” *International Journal of Intelligence and CounterIntelligence*, (forthcoming).

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**

2021-2022    Predoctoral Fellowship, William P. Clements, Jr. Center for National Security, University of Texas at Austin

2021-2022    Fellow, America in the World Consortium

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 at 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

- Spring 2021 The United States from Civil War to Present  
Department of History, University of California, Berkeley  
Instructor: Ronit Stahl

- 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**

- 2018-2021 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

**AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS**

Graduate Student Affiliate, Institute of International Studies, University of California, Berkeley

Member, American Historical Association

Member, North American Society for Intelligence History

Member, Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations

Member, Society for Military History