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### EDUCATION

- Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley 2016 - 2022  
History  
Dissertation: "A Reagan Revolution: The Iran-Contra Affair and the Resurgent Presidency."  
Advisor: Daniel Sargent
- M.A. Tufts University 2014 - 2016  
History  
Thesis: "The Iran-Contra Affair and the Cold War: A 'Neat Idea' and the Reagan Doctrine."  
Advisor: David Ekbladh
- B.A. Georgia State University 2011 - 2014  
History, *magna cum laude*

### AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

- 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
- 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

- 2018 "A Reagan Revolution: The Iran-Contra Affair and American Statecraft, 1981-1993," LSE International History Research Seminar (HY509), 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.
- 2015 “The Iran-Contra Affair and the Cold War: A ‘Neat Idea’ and the Reagan Doctrine,” 2015 Presentations of the Tisch Library Graduate Humanities Fellows, Tisch Library, Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts, September 25.

## **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

### **Readerships**

- Spring 2019 International and Global History since 1945  
Department of History, University of California, Berkeley  
Instructor: Matthew G. Spector

## **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

- 2018-2019 Founder and Organizer: 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.
- 2017 Co-Organizer: "Anxious Democracy: The First Hundred Days of Donald Trump's Presidency," University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, California, April 21.
- 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.
- 2015 Volunteer: New England Council of Latin American Studies Annual Meeting, Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts, November 7.

## **LANGUAGES**

Spanish – Read, Speak, and Write Intermediately

## **REFERENCES**

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