

EDUCATION

Ph.D., History, Mississippi State University, May 2024

- Dissertation: “The Transnational Beat: Paramilitary Policing and the American Associational Defense State”
- Advisor: Dr. Mary Kathryn Barbier
- Primary Fields of Study: United States History; Cold War History; War, Power, and International Affairs; Cultural History

MA, History, Requirements Fulfilled, Mississippi State University, 2021

BA, History, Baylor University, 2019

AA, Business Administration, Central Texas College, 2015

PUBLICATIONS

Book Manuscript

The Transnational Beat: Paramilitary Policing and the American Associational Defense State. Forthcoming 2026, Cornell University Press, Battlegrounds: Cornell Studies in Military History.

Peer Reviewed Articles

“Shaking the Dungeon: James Baldwin and the Strategies of Subversion and Surveillance,” *The Strategy Bridge*, Special Edition Issue, (August 2022).

“American Kolkhoz: Christian Socialism, Communal Farms, and the American South,” *Southern Historian*, Volume 42 (Fall 2021): 22-38.

“Pearl of the Orient Seas: America’s Targeted Civilian Pacification Efforts in the Philippine War,” *Journal of America’s Military Past*, Volume XLIV, no. 1 (Winter 2019): 48-68.

Book Reviews

Gregg L. Michel, *Spying on Students: The FBI, Red Squads, and Student Activists in the 1960s South* (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2024), in *The Mississippi Journal of History*, Winter 2025.

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PANELS

“Building the Blue Wall: Paramilitary Policing and American Associational Defense,” Society for Military History’s Vice-Presidential Panel, Arlington, VA (April 2024).

“ ‘Preventative Medicine’ Flexible Response and the American Paramilitary Police Force,” Military Frontiers Symposium, The Ohio State University, OH (April 2023).

“Constructing the Unpopular: Street Art, Meaning, and Military Memory,” Society for Military History, San Diego, CA (March 2023).

“ ‘My Dungeon Shook’: James Baldwin, Literature, and American Insurgency,” Society for Military History, Fort Worth, TX (April 2022).

“Authors & Rebels: Revolutions and the Political Power of Literature,” Mississippi State Research Symposium, Starkville, MS (March 2022).

PROFESSIONAL ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor of History The University of Alabama in Huntsville Department of History	August 2025 – Current
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Lecturer Mississippi State University Department of History	May 2024 – May 2025
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Publishing and Research

Copyeditor, <i>Environmental History</i>	June 2021– June 2022
Archival Research Assistant, Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library	Fall 2021 – Spring 2022

Instructor of Record

The University of Alabama in Huntsville

HY 104: World History since 1500	Fall, 2025
HY 498/598: American Military History	Fall, 2025

Mississippi State University

HI 1063: Early U.S. History	Fall, 2024
HI 1063: Early U.S. History	Summer, 2024
HI 1073: Modern U.S. History	Summer, 2024; Spring 2025
HI 4133: Civil War America, 1850-1877	Summer, 2020
HI 4233: American Military History	Spring 2025
HI 4313: The New South	Summer, 2022
HI 4683/6683 Europe: WWI to Hitler	Summer, 2023

Teaching Assistant/Discussion Section Leader

HI 1063: Early U.S. History	Fall 2020, 2022; Spring 2021
HI 1073: Modern U.S. History	Fall 2019
HI 1223: Modern Western World	Spring 2020

Guest Instructor

HI 8803: Twentieth Century Conflict, Graduate Colloquium
HI 8803: Grand Strategy, Graduate Colloquium

Fall 2024
Fall 2023

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Military History*
Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, VA

March 2022 – March 2024

Director, History Resource and Writing Center
Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS

August 2023 – May 2024

Co-Chair, Military Memorial Digital History Project
Baylor University, Waco, TX

January 2018 – May 2019

ORAL & DIGITAL HISTORY

“ ‘What I’m Meant to Be’: Post 9/11 Veteran Identity and Marvel’s *The Punisher*. ” Oral history project. Currently transcribing.

“Ramblin’ Man: An Oral History of America’s Buskers.” Oral history project. Interviews still in progress.

Co-Host of “Archives on the Airwaves.” AOTA was a biweekly educational history talk show running on KNCT Central Texas Radio in 2020.

“Atlas of Influence: Mapping American Police Legacy in 1950s-1960s Latin America.” A geo-mapping digital history project plotting American-sponsored police programs in Latin America during the 1950s and 1960s.

AWARDS & HONORS

2024 Marszalek Graduate Student Award awarded by the Mississippi State University Libraries.

2024 Fellow and Virtual Programs Coordinator with the Society for Intelligence History.

2023 Moody Research Grant awarded by the Lyndon B. Johnson Foundation and the Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library.

2023 Arthur M. Schlesinger Research Fellowship awarded by the John F. Kennedy Foundation and the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library.

2022-2023 Graduate Fellow in War, Power, and International Affairs at Mississippi State University.

2022 Fellow in “The Summer Seminar in Military History” in association with the National World War II Museum’s Institute for the Study of War and Democracy and the Society for Military History.

2022 Winner in the annual *Strategy Bridge* writing competition.

2022 Russell F. Weigley Grant awarded by the Society for Military History.

2022 John Douglas and Elizabeth Forrest Research Grant in War, Power, and International Affairs awarded by Mississippi State University.

2021 Thomas and Terri Nusz Research Award granted by The G.V. “Sonny” Montgomery Center for America’s Veterans.

2021 James W. Garner Grant in American History awarded by Mississippi State University.

INVITED TALKS

Invited Speaker

“The Transnational Beat: America’s Paramilitary Turn in Policing,” 2024 Annual Marszalek Lecture given at invitation from the Mississippi State University Libraries (March 2024).

“Metamorphosis Through Violence,” a keynote presentation at the 2022 19th Annual Taoist Gathering held in Oakland, CA.

“Veteran Identity in Higher Education,” a keynote presentation given at the 2019 McNair Scholars Banquet hosted at Baylor University.

Guest Lectures

“18th Century Colonial America: The Growth of Colonial America & The Origins of the American Revolution,” HI 1063: Early U.S History, Mississippi State University, Summer 2023.

“The Nature of Warfare in the Early Twentieth Century,” HI 4683: European History, WWI-Hitler, Mississippi State University, Fall 2022.

“America in Vietnam: The War in a Cold War Context,” HI 1073: U.S History from 1877 to Present, Mississippi State University, Spring 2021.