

EDUCATION

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

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

BA, History, Baylor University, 2019

AA, Business Administration, Central Texas College, 2015

PUBLICATIONS

Book

The Paramilitary Turn: Cold War Policing and the American Garrison State. Cornell University Press, Battlegrounds: Cornell Studies in Military History. Forthcoming, December 15, 2026.

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*, Vol. 87, No. 3, Fall 2025.

Works in Progress

Book Project

American Grit (working title). Proposal in preparation. A narrative history examining how “grit” became an ideal of American military leadership and what that ideal reveals about American military culture and society.

Book Chapter

“‘Police in Mission’: Paramilitary Policing and the Civilian Garrison State.” Invited chapter for *Civil-Military Relations in Focus: An American Tradition*. Draft completed. Volume under consideration for the University Press of Kansas, Studies in Civil–Military Relations series.

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> Archival Research Assistant, Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library	June 2021– June 2022 Fall 2021 – Spring 2022
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Courses Taught

The University of Alabama in Huntsville

HY 104: World History since 1500
HY 222: United States History Since 1877
HY 399: The Cold War
HY 498/598: American Military History
HY 440/540: U.S. Foreign Policy and Statecraft Since 1898

Mississippi State University

HI 1063: Early U.S. History
HI 1063: Early U.S. History

HI 1073: Modern U.S. History
HI 4133: Civil War America, 1850-1877
HI 4233: American Military History
HI 4313: The New South
HI 4683/6683 Europe: WWI to Hitler

ACADEMIC SERVICE

SPARK Committee Member, College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences University of Alabama in Huntsville	August 2026 – August 2028
History Club Student Organization Faculty Advisor, Department of History University of Alabama in Huntsville	September 2025 – Present
Digital Programs Intern and Non-Voting Member, Board of Directors, Society for Intelligence History	August 2023 – August 2024
Editorial Board Member, <i>Journal of Military History</i> 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 PRESENTATIONS

Named Lectures & Invited Addresses

“Battlefield Communications.” Invited panelist, America250 Alabama, Alabama Constitution Hall Park, Huntsville, AL. July 2026.

Phi Alpha Theta Banquet Address. Invited speaker, Department of History, Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS. April 2026.

“The Transnational Beat: America's Paramilitary Turn in Policing.” 2024 Annual Marszalek Lecture, Mississippi State University Libraries, Starkville, MS. March 2024.

“Metamorphosis Through Violence.” Keynote presentation, 19th Annual Taoist Gathering, Oakland, CA. 2022.

“Veteran Identity in Higher Education.” Keynote presentation, McNair Scholars Banquet, Baylor University, Waco, TX. 2019.