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APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, Strategy & Policy Department, United States Naval War College, 2022-
Instructor, Department of History, Duquesne University, 2020-22
Affiliated Scholar, Department of History, Boston College, 2020-
Visiting Assistant Professor & Core Renewal Fellow, Department of History, Boston College, 2017-20

BOOK

The Quest for Security: Sovereignty, Race, and the Defense of the British Empire, 1898-1931 ([Cambridge University Press, 2020](#))

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

“‘Grey Dawn’ in the British Pacific: Race, Security, and Colonial Sovereignty on the Eve of World War I,” *Britain and the World* 9, no. 1 (March 2016), 32-54.
“The ‘Durbar Settlement’ and the Union of South Africa: Railways and Infrastructural Power in the British Empire, 1905-1914,” *The Middle Ground Journal*, no. 8 (Spring 2014), 1-23.
Review, *The Royal Navy and the German Threat, 1901-1914: Admiralty Plans to Protect British Trade in a War Against Germany* by Matthew Seligmann, *Journal of History and Cultures* 2 (2013), 67-68.

EDUCATION

PhD (History) Boston College, 2016
Advisor: James Cronin
Fields (distinction): Empire & Colonialism, Modern Britain, Modern Europe, US Foreign Policy
MA (History) Boston College, 2012
BA (History, Linguistics Minor), University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2009
Summa Cum Laude, Chancellor’s Honors Program
Visiting Student, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland – Hilary and Trinity Terms, 2008

SELECTED PRIZES, FELLOWSHIPS, & GRANTS

Smith Richardson Predoctoral Fellowship, International Security Studies, Yale University (2014-15)
Saki Ruth Dockrill Memorial Prize, Best Paper, Institute of Historical Research (IHR) International History Seminar, School of Advanced Study, University of London (2015)
Smith Richardson World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship (2013)
Presidential Fellowship, Boston College – A competitive, five-year fellowship awarded by the university during admissions based on faculty nominations; included research leave (2009-2014)
Fellow, Clough Center for the Study of Constitutional Democracy, Boston College (2013-2015)
Graduate Research Fellowship in Sustainable National Security Strategy, The Tobin Project, Cambridge, MA (2012-2014)
Summer Research Grant, Boston College Department of History (2011, 2013, 2014)

TEACHING

Instructor of Record

Instructor, Department of History, Duquesne University

Shaping of the Modern World: Pandemic, Protest, and Power, Elective (F 2020, S 2021, F 2021)

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History, Boston College

Rule Britannia: The British Empire from Beowulf to Brexit – Elective (Spring 2020)

World War I at 100 – Elective (Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2019, Spring 2020)

World War II and the Crisis of the 20th Century – Elective (Spring 2017)

How Democracies Die: An Historical Postmortem – Interdisciplinary Seminar
(Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2019)

Sic Semper Tyrannis? Empires, War, and Decline – Interdisciplinary Seminar (Spring 2019)

Teaching Fellow, Department of History, Boston College

Democracy, Rights, & Empire – Undergraduate Core (Fall 2015)

World War I at 100 – Elective (Spring 2016)

Research Supervisor (directing semester-long undergraduate research projects)

Interdisciplinary Core Lab, Boston College

The History and Politics of Terrorism – History and Political Science (Spring 2018)

Planet in Peril – Environmental History & Sociology (Fall 2016)

Teaching Assistant

Teaching Assistant, Department of History, Boston College

Atlantic Worlds I & II – University Core (2010-2011)

Islam and Global Modernities I & II – University Core (2011-2012)

Democracy, Rights, & Empire I & II – University Core (2013-2014)

INVITED TALKS

“World War I: A Centenary Reflection on Armistice Day,” Massachusetts Society for Colonial Wars, Boston, 2018.

“Conscription, Empire, and the Crisis of the British Constitution in the First World War,” Institute of Historical Research – International History Seminar, University of London, 2017

“‘A tide in the affairs of men’: Fear, Federation, and the South African War in Australasia,” Brady-Johnson Colloquium in International Security Studies, Yale University, 2014

“Shutting the door after the horses were out’: Empire, Race, and the Problem of Defense in the British Pacific, 1900-1914,” Institute of Historical Research – International History Seminar, University of London, 2014 (*winner of Saki Ruth Dockerill Memorial Prize in International History*)

“World War I at 100: Reflecting on the ‘War that Ended Peace,’” Contemporary History Project Lecture Series, Wilkes University, 2015

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

“How the failure of popular politics triggered the rise of Boris Johnson,” *Washington Post*, Opinion, July 2019 ([link](#))

“How Will Game of Thrones End for Daenerys? Here's What Real Military History Can Tell Us,” Interview with Raisa Bruner, *TIME Magazine*, May 2019 ([link](#))

“A military historian rips apart the plan to defend Winterfell,” Interview with Travis Andrews, *Washington Post*, May 2019 ([link](#))

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “The Singapore Strategy and the British Pacific: the Vulnerable ‘Gibraltar of the East,’” Britain and the World: Annual Conference of the British Scholar Society, Plymouth, UK, 2022
- “A Watery Grave? Dominion Navies and the Washington Naval Conference of 1922,” The McMullen Symposium on Naval History, US Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD, 2021
- “Fisheries Ministries and *Mana* from Heaven: Sovereignty in the British Pacific,” Britain and the World: Annual Conference of the British Scholar Society, Kansas City, 2019
- “Unmixed Asiatic Descent?: Conscription, Colonial Sovereignty, and the Aftermath of the Great War,” Empires, Armistice, and Aftermath: British Empire and the Great War, Singapore, 2018
- “A Vortex of (Liberal) Militarism: Dominion Liberalism and the Defense of the British Empire,” The Southern Conference of British Studies, Birmingham, AL, 2018
- “The Case of Rupert Reuben: Race, Empire, and Military Service Act 1916,” Britain and the World: Annual Conference of the British Scholar Society, Exeter, UK, 2018
- “Canada's Navy: Between the United States and Great Britain in World War I,” Intelligence in Action Symposium: The Zimmermann Telegram and US Naval Strategy in the First World War, US Naval War College, Newport, RI, 2017
- “Conscription, Empire, and the Crisis of the British Constitution in the Great War,” Britain and the World: Annual Conference of the British Scholar Society, Austin, TX, 2017
- “Mistress(es) of the Southern Seas? New Zealand’s Debate on Joining the Australian Commonwealth and the Specter of Asia,” Britain and the World: Annual Conference of the British Scholar Society, London, UK, 2016
- “The Sword of Damocles: Colonial Sovereignty and the Collapse of Central Naval Planning before the First World War,” The First World War at Sea Conference, Greenwich Naval Observatory and National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, UK, 2016
- “A tide in the affairs of men?: Strategic Hope and Fear in the Case of New Zealand-Fijian Federation, 1898-1902,” Britain and the World: Annual Conference of the British Scholar Society, University of Texas, Austin, 2015
- “We are not a Sovereign Power?: The Fleet Unit Plan, the Naval Bills, and Canadian Sovereignty, 1909-1914” British Association of Canadian Studies Annual Conference, London, 2014
- “The Toga of Nationhood: Race, Strategy, and Security in the British Empire, 1907-1914” Britain & the World: Annual Conference of the British Scholar Society, Newcastle, UK, 2014 (Organizer: “Britain in the Pacific: Race, Immigration, and Security at the Turn of the Twentieth Century”)
- “The Fleet Unit Concept: Technology and Naval Nationalism in the British Empire, 1901-1914” The McMullen Symposium on Naval History, US Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD, 2013
- “Sovereignty and Security: Dominion Status and the 1907 Colonial Conference,” The Northeast Conference of British Studies, University of Connecticut, 2013 (Panel Organizer: “Maintaining World Power: Britain’s Changing Global Partnerships in the Twentieth Century”)
- “The Fleet Unit Plan and Problems of Hierarchy and Sovereignty in International Relations,” The Tobin Project Forum on National Security, Cambridge, MA, 2013
- “Defense Planning and Dominion Autonomy in the British Empire,” The Tobin Project Forum on National Security, Cambridge, MA, 2012

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & SERVICE

Researcher, WordFarmers Associates, Education Policy Nonprofit, (2020-)
EdX Harvard University, Data Science: R Certificate Course, (2020)
Organizer and Presenter, “Brexit: A Crisis Past and Present” Symposium Event, Boston College, (2019)
Co-Organizer, Selected Readings in Grand Strategy Seminar, Yale University, (2014-2015)
Co-Organizer (with the Center for Historical Enquiry and the Social Sciences), “War and Its Consequences” – a Graduate Conference at Yale University, February (2015)
Organizer, “The Guns of August” WWI at 100 Reading Group (2014) and Imperial and Colonial History Reading Group, Boston College (2011-14)
Graduate Student Member, Search Committee, Assistant Professor (Tenure Track), Europe in the Long 18th Century, Boston College Department of History (2013)
CONNECT Forum for Scholarship on Canada Workshop, Ottawa, (Summer 2013)
President, Graduate History Alliance; Boston College, (2010-2011)
Archival Researcher, *Dead of the Irish Revolution* project, Centre for Contemporary Irish History; Trinity College, Dublin (2006)

LANGUAGES

Russian (basic reading), Spanish & German (translation proficiency)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Society for Military History, American Historical Association, British Scholar Society, North American Conference on British Studies, British Association of Canadian Studies, American Conference of Irish Studies

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