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-Education-

Ph.D., 2002, modern U.S. History, Brown University.

B.A., 1989, magna cum laude, American History & Urban Studies (dual major), U. Pennsylvania.

-Main Academic Positions-

Master of the Social Sciences Collegiate Division, University of Chicago, January 2015–present.

Associate Professor in History and the College, University of Chicago, July 2011–present.

Assistant Professor in History and the College, University of Chicago, July 2003–June 2011.

-Awards, Honors & Grants-

Distinguished Lecturer, Organization of American Historians, July 2016–.

Visiting Professor, Centre d'Études Nord-Américain (CENA), École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), December 2014 and May 2015.

Co-Principal, Neubauer Collegium, The State as History & Theory (2013-14) and The Problem of the Democratic State (2015-2016).

Honorable mention, 2012 Frederick Jackson Turner Award (OAH), for *Warfare State*.

Residential Fellowship, Franke Institute, U.Chicago, autumn & winter, 2005-6.

NEH Summer Stipend, July-August, 2004.

Joukowsky Dissertation Prize, Brown University, May 27, 2002.

Phi Beta Kappa (1990), University Scholar (1986-1989), University of Pennsylvania.

-Book-

Warfare State: World War II Americans and the Age of Big Government (New York: Oxford UP, 2011).

- Honorable mention, 2012 Frederick Jackson Turner Award, Org. of American Historians.

-Special Issues & Edited Volumes-

Boundaries of the State in US History, ed. James T. Sparrow, William J. Novak, Stephen W. Sawyer (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2015).

“Beyond Stateless Democracy,” co-edited with William J. Novak and Stephen W. Sawyer, *Tocqueville Review* 36.1 (June 2015).

“The History of the French and American States,” co-edited with Stephen W. Sawyer and William J. Novak, *Tocqueville Review* 33.2 (December 2012).

-Articles & Essays-

- 2016 “Democratic States of Un-Exception: Towards a New Genealogy of the American Political,” co-authored with William J. Novak and Stephen W. Sawyer in *Many Hands of the State*, ed. Kimberly Morgan and Ann Orloff (Cambridge UP, in press).
- 2015 “Rumors of Empire: Tracking the Image of Britain at the Dawn of the American Century,” in *Boundaries of the State in US History*, ed. Sparrow, Novak, Sawyer (U. Chicago Press, 2015).
- 2015 “Introduction,” co-authored with William J. Novak and Stephen W. Sawyer, in *Boundaries of the State in US History*, ed. Sparrow, Novak, Sawyer (U.Chicago, 2015).
- 2015 “Morgenthau’s Dilemma: Rethinking the Democratic Leviathan in the Atomic Age,” *Tocqueville Review* XXXVI, no. 1 (summer 2015).
- 2015 “Beyond Stateless Democracy,” co-authored with William J. Novak and Stephen W. Sawyer, *Tocqueville Review* XXXVI, no. 1 (summer 2015).
- 2012 “Behind the Atomic Curtain: School Desegregation and Territoriality in the Early Cold War,” *Tocqueville Review* XXXIII, no. 2 (December 2012): 115-139.
- 2012 “Toward a History of the Democratic State,” co-authored with William J. Novak and Stephen W. Sawyer, *Tocqueville Review* XXXIII, no. 2 (December 2012): 7-18.
- 2012 “Freedom to Want: The Federal Government and Politicized Consumption in World War II,” in *Fog of War: The Second World War and the Civil Rights Movement*, ed. Kevin Kruse and Stephen Tuck (New York: Oxford University Press, 2012).
- 2010 “A Nation in Motion: Norfolk, the Pentagon, and the Nationalization of the Metropolitan South, 1941-1953,” in *The Myth of Southern Exceptionalism*, ed. Matthew Lassiter and Joseph Crespiño (New York: Oxford University Press, 2010).
- 2008 “‘Buying Our Boys Back’: The Mass Foundations of Fiscal Citizenship in World War II,” *Journal of Policy History* 20.2 (April 2008): 263-86.
- 2007 “Hot War, Cold War: The Structures of Sociological Action, 1940-1955,” co-authored with Andrew Abbott, in *Sociology in America: The American Sociological Association Centennial History*, ed. Craig Calhoun (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2007).
- 2004 “Making Public History on the Web: The September 11 Digital Archive,” in *Public History: Essays from the Field*, ed. James B. Gardner and Peter S. LaPaglia, rev. ed. (Malabar, FL.: Krieger, 2004).

-Reviews-

- 2011 Review of Elizabeth Borgwardt, “Commerce and Complicity: Corporate Responsibility for Human Rights Abuses as a Legacy of Nuremberg,” Bernath Lecture, 2010, *Diplomatic History* 34.4 (September 2010): 627-640, in H-Diplo <<http://www.h-net.org/~diplo/>> (posted 4/15/11).
- 2010 Review of Christopher Capozzola, *Uncle Sam Wants You: World War I and the Making of the Modern American Citizen* (NY: Oxford UP, 2008), in *Law & History Rev.* 28.4 (Nov. 2010): 20-22.
- 2008 Roundtable review of Jeremi Suri, *Henry Kissinger and the American Century* (Cambridge: Harvard UP, 2007), in H-Diplo <<http://www.h-net.org/~diplo/>> (posted 4/17/08).
- 2003 Review of the Rutgers University Oral History Archives of World War II website, *Journal of American History* 89.4 (March 2003): 1631-2.

-Interviews-

- 2011 “The American State: Power Obscured: An Interview with James Sparrow and William Novak,” interview with Thomas Grillot and Pauline Peretz, *La Vie des Idées’ Books & Ideas* (November 15, 2011), <<http://www.booksandideas.net/The-American-State-Power-Obscured.html>>.
- 2011 “Book Discussion of *Warfare State*,” interview with Peter Slen, C-SPAN’s *Book TV* <<http://www.c-span.org/video/?299941-11/book-discussion-warfare-state>>.

-Papers and Talks-

- 2015 “Historicizing ‘Shock’: Total War Mobilization and Inequality in the American Century,” Mid-western Faculty Seminar, University of Chicago, February 20, 2016.
- “Morgenthau’s Dilemma,” Bob and Anne Gomer Lecture, University of Chicago Emeriti Association, November 18, 2015.
- “David Lilienthal and the Inversion of Public Utility,” presented at “Seeing Beyond the Partisan Divide” (conference), Miller Center, University of Virginia, October 2, 2015.
- “FDR and the Promise and Perils of Mass Politics,” invited talk for “The Roosevelts, World War II, and the Origins of Big Government,” Center for Presidential History, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, September 16, 2015.
- “Sovereign Debt: Mass Politics at the Birth of Bretton Woods,” paper contributed in abstentia to “The Global Politics of Public Debts, from the Late Eighteenth Century,” conference at the Centre for History and Economics, Cambridge University, June 12, 2015.
- “Cold War Territoriality and the Strange Career of Militarized Desegregation,” Centre d’Études Nord-Américain (CENA), École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), Paris, 5/22/15.
- Roundtable discussion of Weber, Mass Politics, and the State, The State in Trans-Atlantic Perspective, University of Chicago Paris Center, May 20, 2015.
- “The Myth of Stateless Democracy,” The State in Trans-Atlantic Perspective, University of Chicago Paris Center, May 20, 2015.
- “Democratic States of Unexception: Towards a New Genealogy of the American Political,” with William J. Novak and Stephen W. Sawyer, States of Exception in American History, Cambridge University, May 16, 2015.
- “Ralph Bunche as Sovereign Mediator: Decolonization, Self-Determination, and the Problem of Democratic State-Building in the International Sphere,” Centre d’Études Nord-Américain (CENA), École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), Paris, May 11, 2015.
- “Sovereign Mediator: Raph Bunche in the Void between Self-Determination and Human Rights,” Does Human Rights Have a History? (Festschrift for Michael Geyer), University of Chicago, April 11, 2015.
- Keynote address on *Warfare State*, “Postwar” graduate student conference, American Studies, Princeton University, March 28, 2015.
- “Morgenthau’s Dilemma: ‘Realism’ against ‘Planning’ in the American Century,” History and Philosophy of Science Workshop, Fishbein Center, U.Chicago, January 16, 2015.
- 2014 Roundtable on *Warfare State* with Yves Cohen, Nicolas Delalande, and Pauline Peretz, Centre d’Études Nord-Américain (CENA), École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), Paris, Dec. 8, 2014.
- “Boundaries of the Democratic State in US History,” Centre d’Études Nord-Américain (CENA), École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), Paris, December 16, 2014.
- “Problems of the Democratic State,” Windy City Graduate Conference, UIC, October 17, 2014.
- “World War II and the Militarization of American Citizenship,” Swanberg Lecture in Military History, University of Montana, October 9, 2014.
- “Morgenthau’s Dilemma: Thinking the Democratic Leviathan in the American Century,” Many Hands of the State Conference, Neubauer Collegium, University of Chicago, May 15, 2014.
- “Boundaries of the Democratic State in U.S. History,” Conference on the Racial State, University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, April 26, 2014.
- “New Leviathan: Sovereign America and the Foundations of Rule in the Atomic Age,” invited speaker, Contemporary History Institute, Ohio University, April 24, 2014.

- “Atomic Liberty: ‘Realism’ against ‘Planning’ in the American Century,” Tenth Annual Barry D. Riccio Lecture, Eastern Illinois University, April 9, 2014.
- 2013 “Boundaries of the State in U.S. History,” roundtable on The State as History and Theory, Social Science History Association annual meeting, Chicago, November 23, 2013.
- “The Domestic Politics of the External State, 1940-55,” Social Science History Association annual meeting, Chicago, November 21, 2013.
- “Rumors of Empire: Tracking the Image of Britain at the Dawn of the American Century,” Symposium on Empire and the State, American University–Paris, June 17, 2013.
- “The Mixed Economy of the Warfare State, 1940-1952,” Working Group on the Corporation and Democracy, Tobin Group, Cambridge, Massachusetts, May 22, 2013.
- Book discussion of *Warfare State*, Northwestern University, April 18, 2013.
- “Boundaries and Salients: A Conceptual Approach to the History of the American State,” state of the field roundtable on the history of the state, OAH, San Francisco, CA, April 14, 2013.
- “The Strange Career of Militarized Desegregation,” U.S. History Workshop, Emory, 4/8/2013.
- “Desegregation in the External State, 1942-1962,” Seminar in History, Johns Hopkins 3/25/13.
- “Historiographical Opportunities for the ‘New’ Military History,” Workshop on Military History, Center for the Study of Force and Diplomacy, Temple University, March 3, 2013.
- “New Directions for Political History,” invited dual author workshop on the “New Political History,” Metropolitan History Workshop, U. Michigan–Ann Arbor, February 22, 2013.
- 2012 Book discussion of *Warfare State*, American Political History Seminar, Institute for Governmental Studies, University of California, Berkeley, September 7, 2012.
- Book talk for *Warfare State*, Chicago Humanities Forum, Chicago, IL, April 11, 2012.
- Book talk for *Warfare State*, Harper Fellows Seminar, University of Chicago, February 15, 2012.
- 2011 Book panel on *Warfare State* with Robert Lieberman, Gary Gerstle, Desmond King, and Andrea Campbell, Social Science History Association, Boston, MA, Nov. 19, 2011.
- Roundtable discussion panelist, “New Narratives of the Second World War,” U.S. Intellectual History Conference, City University of New York, November 18, 2011.
- “Devil’s Bargain: The FEPC and the Paradox of Rights in the Warfare State.” Paper presented at the annual meeting, Southern Historical Assn., Baltimore, Maryland, October 30, 2011.
- Book talk for *Warfare State*, American University-Paris, September 27, 2011.
- “The Strange Career of Militarization: Federal Terrain and the Unlikely Desegregation of National Security Spaces in the Cold War,” paper for a Symposium on “The New Political History of the French and American State,” American University-Paris, September 26, 2011.
- “Buying Our Boys Back: Fiscal Citizenship and the Public Household in World War II,” paper for the Workshop on American Politics & Society, Columbia University, September 22, 2011.
- “The Future of US Political History,” invited talk for a panel on “Politics, the Law, and the State in U.S. History,” symposium on U.S. History, History Dep’t., Columbia U., 4/22/2011.-

Teaching: *Completed Doctoral Theses*

- Maude Pugilese, "Socio-Economic Disparities in Portfolio Composition: Their Historical Causes and Their Consequences for Inequality" [Sociology], January 26, 2016. {r}
- Susannah Engstrom, "Theater for the City: Professionalism and Cultural Democracy in Minneapolis, 1946-1976," December 3, 2015. {r}
- Marcie Holmes, "Performing Proficiency: Applied Experimental Psychology and the Human Engineering of Air Defense, 1940-1965," September 19, 2014. {r}
- Emily Swafford, "Democracy's Proving Ground: U.S. Military Families in West Germany, 1946-1961," January 31, 2014. {r}
- Rachel Feinmark, "'Look at the Union Label': The AFL and Jewish Labor Committee's Partnership for Economic Justice and International Human Rights, 1933-55," January 24, 2014. {r}
- Sarah Miller-Davenport, "State of the New: Hawai'i Statehood and Global Decolonization in American Culture, 1945-1978," December 4, 2013. {r}
- Jennifer Vanore, "A Call to Care: Religion and the Making of the Los Angeles Hospital Industry, 1885-1975," July 16, 2103. {r}
- Caitjan Gainty, "The Pursuit of 'Happiness Minutes': Medical Efficiency in the United States, 1910-40," July 12, 2012. {r}
- Peter Simons, "Cultivating a New World: Agrarian Internationalism in the Upper Midwest, 1919-1950," June 11, 2012. {r}
- Kelly King-O'Brien, "The Trials of Interracial Advocacy: White-Collar Work, Race, and Inclusion in Post-World War II Chicago," April 2012. {co-c}
- Elizabeth Imhof, "Between Home and Homeland: The Transformation of American Jewish Political Identity, 1945-1973," April 2012. {r}
- Samuel Lebovic, "Fighting for Free Information: American Democracy and the Problem of Press Freedom in a Totalitarian Age, 1920-1950," June 2011. {co-c}
- Katherine Turk, "Equality on Trial: Women and Work in the Age of Title VII," May 2011. {reader}
- Emiliano Corral, "Morality Looms as Large as Legality: The United States Steel Corporation in the Progressive Era," April 2011. {co-c}
- Grant Madsen, "The 'People's' Capitalism: Capitalism & Democracy in the Age of Eisenhower," March 2011. {co-c}
- Michael Czaplicki, "The Corruption of Hope: Political Scandal, Congressional Investigations, and New Deal Moral Authority, 1932-1952," 2010. {r}
- Grace Chae, "Captured Minds: Race, War, and the Education of Korean War POWs in U.S. Custody, 1950-1953," 2010. {r}
- Alison Lefkovitz, "The Politics of Marriage in the Era of Liberation," 2010. {r}
- Molly Hudgens, "Strikes & Spare Time: Labor and Leisure in America's Bowling Alleys," 2010. {r}
- Aaron Shkuda, "From Urban Renewal to Gentrification: Artists, Cultural Capital and the Remaking of New York's Soho Neighborhood, 1950-1980," 2010. {r}
- Thos. Adams, "The Servicing of America: Political Economy and Service Work in Postwar Southern California," 2009. {r}
- Tim Stewart-Winter, "Raids, Rights, & Rainbow Coalitions: Sexuality & Race in Chicago," 2009. {r}
- S. Porter, "Defining Public Responsibility in a Global Age: Refugees, NGOs, & the Am.State," 2009. {r}
- Neil Verma, "Theater of the Mind: The American Radio Play & its Golden Age, 1934-56," 2009. {r}
- Sarah Potter, "Family Matters: Domesticity and the Everyday Life of Race, Class, and National Belonging in Postwar Chicago," 2008. {r}
- Moira Hinderer, "Making African-American Childhood: Chicago, 1915-1945," 2007. {r}
- L. Andersen, "Politics Distilled: Prohibitionists, Moral Reform, & Amer. Party Syst., 1869-1933," 2007. {r}

-Teaching-

Dissertations in Progress

Chair: Trish Kahle, John McCallum (co-chair), Richard del Rio, Adam Rowe, Sloan Speck.

Reader: Larry Bauer, Enrique Davila, Daniel Knorr, Lael Weinberger.

-Teaching-

Recent Courses & Directed Study

- 2015 History 48102, "The American State as History & Theory II," U.Chicago, Spring Q.
History 48101, "The American State as History & Theory I," U.Chicago, Winter Q.
Supervision (2014-15): 3 BA theses, 3 MA theses, 4 oral field exams, 1 dissertation defense.
- 2014 Supervision (2013-14): 2 BA theses, 2 MA theses, 1 orals field exam, 4 dissertation defenses.
- 2013 History 13700 (§04), "America in World Civilizations III," U.Chicago, Spring Q.
History 29630, "American Twilight: The 1940s," U.Chicago, Spring Q.
Human Rights II, "Human Rights: History and Theory," U.Chicago, Winter Q.
History 22906, "Thinking Total War," taught w/ Michael Geyer, U.Chicago WinterQ.
Supervision (2012-2013): 3 BA theses, 1 orals field exam.
- 2012 Human Rights II, "Human Rights: History and Theory," U.Chicago, Winter Q.
History 84502, "Research Seminar in U.S. History: Political History," U.Chicago, WinterQ.
History 62402, "Suspended between World: Displacement and Disorientation around 1948," co-taught with Debbie Nelson, U.Chicago, Winter Q.
Supervision (2011-2012): 4 BA theses, 6 MA theses, 4 dissertation defenses.
- 2011 History 13500 (§04), "America in World Civilizations I: Early America," U. Chicago. Fall Q.
History 84501, "Research Seminar in U.S. History: Political History," U.Chicago, Fall Q.
Social Sciences 12300 (§05), "Self, Culture & Society," U. Chicago, Spring Q.
History 17805, "America in the Twentieth Century," U.Chicago, Spring Q.
History 13600 (§06), "America in World Civilizations II: The 19th C.," U. Chicago, Winter Q.
History 47901, "Command & Control: Social Engineering in U.S. History," U.Chicago, Winter
Supervision (2010-2011): 4 BA theses, 2 MA theses, 1 orals field exam, 6 dissertation defenses.
- 2010 History 63002, "Grad. Colloq.: U.S. Politics and Social Movements in the Twentieth Century," co-taught with Lis Clemens (Sociology), Autumn Q.
History 13700 (§02), "America in World Civ. III: 20th Century," U.Chicago, Spring Q.
History 28603/38603, "The State in U.S. History," U.Chicago, Spring Q.
Supervision (2009-2010): 4 BA theses, 1 orals field exam, 2 dissertation defenses
- 2009 History 62203, "Citizenship in U.S. History," U.Chicago, Spring Q.
History 13700 (§03, §05), "America in World Civilizations III: The 20 C.," U.Chicago, Spring Q.
History 17702, "War in American Society," U.Chicago, Winter Q.
History 29302/39302/Human Rights 20200, "History and Theory of Human Rights," U.Chicago, Winter Q. Co-taught with Michael Geyer.
Supervision (2008-2009): 4 BA theses, 3 orals field exams, 2 MA theses, 4 dissertation defenses.