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Degrees

B.A. in History and French, Kenyon College, 1986.

Magna cum Laude, PBK, Highest Honors in History.

Ph.D. in History, Yale University, 1994.

Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, Kenyon College, 2011.

Employment

University of Virginia:

James Madison Professor of History, 9/2022-

William W. Corcoran Professor of History, 5/2018-9/2022

Randolph Compton Professor, Miller Center, 9/2013-5/2018

Professor of History, 2010-present

Temple University:

Professor of History, 2005-2010

Wellesley College:

Visiting Assistant Professor, History Department, 1999-2004

Yale University:

Assistant Professor, History Department, 1996-1999

Associate Director, International Security Studies, 1996-1999

Lecturer, History Department, 1993-1996

Administrative Positions Held:

- **Director**, GAGE: Governing American in a Global Era (UVa research program).
- **Director of Research and Scholarship**, The Miller Center for Public Affairs, University of Virginia, (2013-16): supervised academic/scholarly research and public programming; led faculty team of 16 faculty; originated numerous public and research initiatives.
- **Chair of the History Department**, Temple University, July 2009- August 2010.
- **Assistant Dean for Faculty Affairs**, College of Liberal Arts, Temple University, 2004-05. Coordinated the hiring of 25 faculty in College of Liberal Arts; oversaw promotion and tenure cases, supervised merit awards.
- **Associate Director**, International Security Studies, Yale University, 1996-1999

Published Work

Books

FDR and the Dictators: Fascism, Democracy and the Awakening of America. (Under contract with Simon and Schuster).

The Age of Eisenhower: America and the World in the 1950s. (New York: Simon and Schuster, 2018).

- *New York Times* bestseller.
- Finalist, Library of Virginia People's Choice Award, 2019.

The Bitter Road to Freedom: A New History of the Liberation of Europe. (New York: The Free Press/Simon and Schuster, 2008; London: Faber and Co., 2008). Translation: Dutch, Swedish, Italian.

- Winner, 2009 George Louis Beer Prize, American Historical Association.
- Finalist for the 2009 Pulitzer Prize for General Non-Fiction.
- Finalist for the 2009 Mark Lynton History Prize.
- Named to "Ten Best Books" List for 2008, *Independent* (UK)
- Bestseller List, *Financial Times* (UK).

The Struggle for Europe: The Turbulent History of a Divided Continent, 1945 to the Present (New York: Doubleday, 2003; London, Profile Books, 2003; Anchor Books paperback, 2004). Now in reprint edition. Translation: Hebrew; Italian.

France Restored: Cold War Diplomacy and the Quest for Stability in Europe, 1945-1954 (Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina Press, 1998).

- A *Choice* Outstanding Academic Title for 1999.

Edited Volumes:

The Dangerous First Year: National Security at the Start of a New Presidency, co-edited with Melvyn Leffler (Charlottesville: U.Va. Press, 2016).

Shaper Nations: Strategies for a Changing World, co-edited with Melvyn Leffler and Jeffrey Legro (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2016).

The Human Rights Revolution: An International History, co-edited with Akira Iriye and Petra Goedde (New York: Oxford University Press, 2012).

From War to Peace: Altered Strategic Landscapes in the Twentieth Century, co-edited with Paul Kennedy (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2000).

Journal Articles:

"One Hundred Years of Russian-American Relations," edited with Melvyn P. Leffler. Special issue of Diplomatic History 42: 4 (Sept. 2018): 513-89.

"America First: The Past and Future of an Idea," edited with Melvyn P. Leffler, special issue of Passport, September 2018: 33-51.

"World War I and the Humanitarian Impulse," The Tocqueville Review, 2015.

"The Rise and Fall of Human Rights? Searching for a Narrative from the Cold War to the 9/11 Era," Human Rights Quarterly 37, 1 (Feb 2015.): 80-106.

"Pierre Boisson, French West Africa, and the Postwar *Spuration*: A Case from the Aix Files." French Historical Studies 24 (2: Spring 2001), 305-41.

"France, the Western Alliance, and the Origins of the Schuman Plan, 1948-1950." Diplomatic History 21 (4: Fall 1997), 603-30.

Media

Co-host, "Democracy in Danger," podcast created by GAGE and UVa's Deliberative Media Lab. Interviews with leading figures on decline of democracy in US and the world. Full content list here: <https://medialab.virginia.edu/democracyindanger>

Book Chapters, Essays, and Shorter Pieces

H-Diplo Roundtable XXIII-20 on Stephen Wertheim. Tomorrow the World: The Birth of U.S. Global Supremacy, Jan. 17, 2022. <https://issforum.org/roundtables/PDF/Roundtable-XXIII-20.pdf>

"Sh*t-hole Countries": Was Trump's Foreign Policy Racist?" ISSF Policy Series: America and the World—The Effects of the Trump Presidency (Sept. 15, 2021), <https://issforum.org/to/ps2021-51>.

"De Gaulle: The Self-Made Man." Diplomatic History 44, 5 (Nov 2020): 914-17.

"Surprise, Shock, and Global Crisis: Reflections on International History during the 2020 Pandemic." H-Diplo Essay Series on "Learning the Scholar's Craft: Reflections of Historians and International Relations Scholars." 29 May 2020 <https://hdiplo.org/to/E237>

"UN Relief and Rehabilitation Administration: 'A New Enterprise Based on Human Brotherhood.'" National World War 2 Museum, September 23, 2020. <https://www.nationalww2museum.org/war/articles/united-nations-relief-and-rehabilitation>

"Introduction," roundtable discussion of Grant Madsen. Sovereign Soldiers: How the U.S. Military Transformed the Global Economy After World War II (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2018). Published 4 May 2020.

<https://issforum.org/roundtables/PDF/Roundtable-XXI-40.pdf>

H-Diplo/H-Net a review of Lawrence J. Nelson, Matthew G. Schoenbachler, "Nikita Khrushchev's Journey into America" (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2019). Published February 16, 2020, <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=54435>

"Reagan, Mitterrand, and the Sense of History," in Bradley Lynn Coleman and Kyle Longley, eds., Reagan and the World: Leadership and National Security, 1918-1989 (Lexington, KY: University of Kentucky Press, 2017).

"'Everywhere in the World': The Strange Career of the Four Freedoms in the Postwar World," in Jeffrey Engel, ed., The Four Freedoms (New York: Oxford University Press, 2015).

"Making National Strategy in a Turbulent World," in William I. Hitchcock, Melvyn Leffler, and Jeffrey Legro, eds., Shaper Nations: Strategies for a Changing World (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2015).

"Ike's World: In Search of Ideology in the Eisenhower Presidency," in Brian Balogh and Bruce Schulman, eds., Recasting the American Presidency (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2015).

"Collaboration, Resistance, and Liberation in Western Europe," in R. Bosworth and J. Maiolo, eds., Cambridge History of the Second World War (New York and London, 2015).

"Human Rights and the Laws of War: The Geneva Conventions of 1949." In The Human Rights Revolution: An International History, Akira Iriye, Petra Goedde, William I. Hitchcock, eds. (New York: Oxford University Press, 2012), 93-112.

"The Marshall Plan and the Creation of the West," in Melvyn P. Leffler and Odd Arne Westad, eds., The Cambridge History of the Cold War (New York and London: Cambridge University Press, 2010).

"The Price of Liberation," Quarterly Journal of Military History 21, 3 (Spring 2009), 20-29.

"The Ghost of Crises Past: The Troubled Alliance in Historical Perspective." In End of the West? Ed. G. John Ikenberry, Thomas Risse, and Jeff Anderson. (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2008).

"Charles de Gaulle" and "Fouchet Plan," in The Encyclopedia of the Cold War (Routledge, 2008).

"Pierre Boisson," in Dictionnaire Charles de Gaulle (Paris: Robert Laffont, 2006), in French.

"Respose to 'France and the German Question, 1945-1955,' by Michael Creswell and Marc Trachtenberg," Journal of Cold War Studies 5, no. 3 (Summer 2003).

"The Greatest Myth," Prospect Magazine, April 2003 (no. 85), 10-11.

“Crisis and Modernization in the Fourth Republic: From Suez to Rome.” In Crisis and Renewal in France, 1918-1962, edited by Martin Alexander and Kenneth Mouré (Oxford: Berghahn Books, 2002), 221-241.

“Reversal of Fortune: France and Britain in the Postwar World, 1945-1956,” in Altered Strategic Landscapes in the Twentieth Century (New Haven: Yale Press, 2000).

“Prospects for Europe and the Atlantic Alliance at Century’s End.” In Future Challenges in European and American Security Policy, edited by Kurt R. Spillmann and Andreas Wegner (Bern: Peter Lang, 1999).

“France.” Encyclopedia of American Foreign Relations (New York: Oxford University Press, 1997), 162-178.

Awards and Honors

Finalist, Library of Virginia People’s Choice Award, 2019.

Fellow, Institute for Humanities and Global Cultures, U.Va., 2017-18.

Sesquicentennial Associateship, U.Va. College of Arts and Sciences, (leave award), Fall 2016.

Appointment to the Henry Kissinger Chair, Kluge Center, Library of Congress, 2013

Nobel Institute fellowship, Oslo, Norway, spring 2013.

Winner, George Louis Beer Prize, American Historical Association, 2010

Finalist, Pulitzer Prize, General Non-Fiction, 2009

Finalist, Mark Lynton Prize, Columbia University, 2009

Fulbright Research Scholar, Belgium, September-December 2006

Temple University Study Leave Award, Fall 2006

Resident Fellow, International Security Studies, Yale, Spring 2004

Visiting Scholar, Center for European Studies, Harvard, 1998-99

Faculty Development Grant, Wellesley College Dean's Office, 2003

Whitney Griswold Faculty Research Grant, Yale, 1998

Yale Center for International and Area Studies Grant, 1998

Smith Richardson Foundation Faculty Summer Grant, 1995

European Community Studies Association Research Grant, 1995

Andrew Mellon Dissertation, 1992-93

John Enders Grant, Yale Graduate School, 1992

Truman Presidential Library Travel Grant, 1992

Yale Council on Western European Studies Grant, 1992

MacArthur Foundation Research Grant, 1990-91

Yale University Fellowship, 1989-90

Columbia University Council on European Studies Fellowship, 1989

MacArthur Foundation Research Grant, 1990-91

Yale University Fellowship, 1989-90

Columbia University Council on European Studies Fellowship, 1989

Teaching Awards

Yale University: 1999 Sarai Ribicoff Award (teaching award for faculty in the humanities)

Ph.D. Dissertation Advisees (newest to oldest)

Emily Needham (U.S.-German Relations)

Zejun Wang (U.S.-China Relations in Cold War)

Audrius Rickus (European integration)

Justin Winokur (US National Security, Cold War)

Vivien Chang: "Creating the Third World." (2022; postdoc at Yale ISS)

Matt Frakes: "Rogue States: Reinventing National Security, 1981-1994." (in progress).

Mina Lee: "Korea, the United States, and Nuclear Culture in the 1960s and 70s." (in progress).

Felix Zuber, "Global Peace Movements of the 1960s." (in progress).

Alexandra Evans: "Reagan's Middle East." (PhD 2018; Senior Researcher, RAND).

Michael De Groot: "Disruption: The Global Economy of the 1970s." (PhD 2017; Asst Prof, Univ Indiana).

Stephanie Freeman: "Nuclear Abolitionism and the End of the Cold War, 1979-1991." (Ph.D. 2017; Asst Prof., Mississippi State).

Mary Barton: "The Early History of Counter-Terrorism, 1898-1937." (PhD 2016; Defense Dept).

Kathleen Berggren: "Forging a Soldier-State Social Contract: Veterans in American Politics, 1919-1980." (PhD 2016).

Timothy Sayle (Temple University): "An International History of NATO, 1956-1968." (PhD 2013; Asst Prof., Univ of Toronto.)

PhD Committee Membership

Meghan Herwig (China, US, trade)

Amy Fedeski (US Jews and Refugee Policy)

Bob Qu (US Policy in Yugoslav Wars, 1990s)

Thomas Geisinger (U.S. Invasion of Iraq)

Invited lectures, Conferences, and public events:

"McCarthyism and the Red Scare," Lecture to One Day University, December 21, 2021.

"The Atlantic Charter", George Washington University Churchill Center, September 24, 2021.

"Eisenhower," Student Leadership Academy, National WW2 Museum, New Orleans, June 22, 2021.

Lecture on Eisenhower to the Washington DC Eisenhower National Memorial/National Parks, April 16, 2021.

History Channel series on "The Presidency with Bill Clinton," March 29, 2021.

"Why Our Democracy is in Trouble," lecture in "Unforgettable Lectures" series at UVA, March 24, 2021.

"The 1950s." Lecture to the Texas Humanities Center, K-12 Teachers, February 19, 2021.

"History, Race, and Politics," panel at University of Illinois-Chicago, Feb. 10, 2021.

"Eisenhower," National Press Club, Washington DC, January 19, 2021.

Webinar with Prof. Daniel Citron, UVA Law School, "Cyber Harassment and the Law," January 23, 2021.

Eisenhower Institute, Gettysburg College, "American Democracy: Past, Present and Future," (zoom), November 11, 2020.

Eisenhower Memorial Inauguration, Washington DC, (zoom), September 15, 2020.

LBJ Library lecture, "The Age of Eisenhower," (zoom), September 29, 2020.

"The Age of Eisenhower," Keynote speaker, 50th Anniversary Gala Dinner, Eisenhower Society, Gettysburg, Pa., December 6, 2019.

"Eisenhower, WWII, and the Making of the Western Alliance." National Defense University, November 13, 2019.

"Eisenhower in Command: How WWII Shaped Ike's Presidency." Swanberg Lecture in Military History, University of Montana, October 2, 2019.

"De Gaulle and Eisenhower," Musée de l'Armée des Invalides, Paris, September 13, 2019.

"Lessons of Leadership from the Age of Eisenhower," Chauncey Lecture, Jefferson Scholars Foundation, Charlottesville, Va., September 5, 2019.

"The Fifites in Focus," Nebraska Humanities, Kearney, Nebraska, August 3, 2019.

"Marshall, Eisenhower, and Joe McCarthy," Marshall Foundation, Lexington, Va., April 19, 2019.

Clements Center, University of Texas, Austin, February 28, 2019.

White House Historical Association, February 19, 2019.

Kansas City Public Library, January 23, 2019.

Filson Historical Society, Louisville, KY, January 10, 2019.

University of Toronto, November 17-19, 2018. Presentation on "The State of the Field in International History."

Georgia Gwinnett College, "Marshall and Eisenhower," Atlanta, GA, Nov 8, 2018.

Virginia Historical Society, The Banner Lecture, "The Age of Eisenhower," Richmond, Sept 27, 2018.

Center for Presidential History, Southern Methodist University, "The Age of Eisenhower," Dallas TX, Sept 20, 2018.

University of Toronto, "The Age of Eisenhower, September 13, 2018.

Bryant Park Summer Book Festival, New York City, August 22, 2018.

Panel, "The Challenge of Presidential Biography," Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations, Philadelphia, June 21, 2018.

Harry Truman Library, "The Age of Eisenhower," Independence, MO, June 6, 2018.

Virginia War Memorial, "Eisenhower in War and Peace," Richmond, June 4, 2018.

Aspen Institute, "The Age of Eisenhower," Washington DC, May 14, 2018.

National World War 2 Museum, "Eisenhower: Soldier and Statesman," New Orleans, May 8, 2018.

German Marshall Fund, roundtable discussion, "Eisenhower and the World," May 4, 2018.

Politics and Prose bookstore, May 5, 2018.

CSPAN "Booknotes with Brian Lamb" May 3, 2018.

Smithsonian, Washington, DC, "The Age of Eisenhower, May 3.

Ohio State University, Mershon Center, "Strategic Patience in the Age of Eisenhower." May 2, 2018.

Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars, "The Age of Eisenhower," March 26, 2018.

Virginia Book Festival, March 23, 2018.

"Strategic Patience: The Real Eisenhower Doctrine." Brady-Johnson Program in Grand Strategy and International Security Studies, Yale University, March 6, 2018.

"Why the First World War Still Matters," Foreign Policy Lecture, Cornell University, March 6, 2015.

"The First World War at 100," Miller Center, University of Virginia November 11, 2014.

"Reagan, Mitterrand, and the Sense of History," Virginia Military Institute, November 4, 2014.

"Culture, Politics and the French Occupation of Germany," Humboldt University, Berlin, July 3, 2014.

"The Age of Eisenhower." The Smithsonian, September 26, 2013.

"The Ike Age: Eisenhower, America and the World of the 1950s." Library of Congress, May 2, 2013.

"Liberation: Reflections on the Human Experience in Europe at the Close of World War II," Frederick B. Artz Lectureship, Oberlin College, April 26, 2013.

"The Rise and Fall of Human Rights? Searching for a Narrative from the Cold War to the Era of 9/11." The Norwegian Nobel Institute, March 14, 2013.

"Myths, Controversies and Surprises of World War II," Marshall Foundation, Lexington, VA, November 16, 2011.

Chair, "Beyond 'Chaps and Maps': A Roundtable on Publishing International History," American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Boston, January 2011.

"A New Look at the End of World War II." Miller Center Forum, University of Virginia, Charlottesville VA, January 2011.

Roundtable on *The Bitter Road to Freedom*, 17th International Conference of Europeanists, Montreal, April 16, 2010.

"The Liberation of Europe: A New Look," Phi Beta Kappa annual lecture, Loyola University, Baltimore, Maryland, March 2010.

"Liberation: The Meaning of Freedom at the Close of World War II Europe – and Beyond." Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University, November 12, 2009.

"Historians and the End of World War II in Europe," Pritzker Military Library, Chicago, April 9, 2009.

"The Liberation of Europe," Foreign Policy Research Institute, Philadelphia, October 30, 2008

"Race, Sex and Power on the Normandy Frontier." Seventh European Social Science History Conference, Lisbon, Portugal, February 29, 2008.

"The Continuing Crisis: NATO in Historical Perspective," paper delivered to NATO Defense College, Rome, Italy, October 11, 2006.

"The Marshall Plan and the Creation of the West," Conference on the Cambridge History of the Cold War, March 30-April 2, 2006, Truman Presidential Library, Independence, MO.

"France's German Dilemma from Schuman to de Gaulle: *Une Certaine Idée de l'Allemagne*," at conference on "Western Integration, German Unification and the Cold War - The Adenauer Era in Perspective," Georgetown University, BMW Center for German and European Studies, in cooperation with the German Historical Institute, March 24, 2006.

"The Ghost of Crises Past: The Paradoxical Strength of the Atlantic Alliance," Georgetown University, June 25, 2004.

"The Atlantic Alliance after Iraq," Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, February 28, 2004.

"Europe and America: The Shattered Alliance," Edinburgh Book Festival, Scotland, August 9, 2003.

"Europe Lost the Iraq War," International Festival of Arts and Ideas, New Haven, June 25, 2003.

"Varieties of Liberation: Europeans at the Close of World War II," Wellesley College Summer Symposium on World War II, June 5, 2003.

"The Continuing Struggle for Europe," Harvard Club of New York, February 25, 2003.

"The United States and Europe: Smooth Sailing or Storm Clouds Ahead?" Geneva Center for Security Policy, Geneva, Switzerland, August 2000.

“Pierre Boisson, French West Africa, and the Post-Vichy Purge Trials: A Case from the Aix Files,” International History Colloquium, Yale University, January 1999.

“Prospects for the Atlantic Alliance in the Twenty-first Century,” Geneva Center for Security Policy, Geneva, Switzerland, August 24, 1998.

“The Lessons of Suez: France, the United States, and the Origins of the Treaty of Rome,” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, Washington, DC, June 1998.

“France and the European Defense Community Debate, 1950-1954,” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, Boulder CO, June 23, 1996.

Teaching Fields

War and Society in the 20th Century

The Cold War

Europe since 1945

Strategy and Diplomacy of the Great Powers, 1750 to the Present

The Second World War

Churchill’s Century

Twentieth Century World (Ph.D. course)

Recent University and Professional Service

Graduate Education Policy Committee (elected and chair), 2019-

Director, GAGE (Governing America in a Global Era), 2019-

Search Committee, positions in Women, Gender, and Sexuality; and U.S. Immigration, 2020.

Promotion committee chair, history department, 2017.

Tenure committee member, History Dept., 2017.

Committee on Mellon Foundation and the Humanities Initiatives, College of Arts and Sciences, U.Va., 2016-17.

Search Committee Chair, “Modern France,” 2017.

Committee on European Studies, College of Arts and Sciences, U.Va., 2014-

Member and Committee Chair, Ferrell Book Prize Committee, Society for the History American Foreign Relations, 2013-16.

Search Committee Chair, History Dept., "Indian Ocean World," 2015-2016.

Search Committee, The Miller Center, for Director position: Fall 2014.

Search Committee Chair, History Department, "Modern British History," Spring 2014.

Steering Committee, History Dept., University of Virginia, 2012-2015

Graduate Committee, History Department, University of Virginia, 2010-2012; 2016-

Tenure Committee member, History Dept., U.Va., 2012.

Tenure and Promotion Committee, History Dept., 2011, Temple Univ.

Chair of the History Department, Temple, 2009-2010.

Chair of the Steering Committee to create the Global Studies Program, Temple University, Spring 2008-Summer 2009

Founded International History Workshop; convened meetings at Temple:

"Border Crossings: New Work in the International History of the 20th Century," June 2-3 2006; "Liberations/Occupations: Intervention in the 20th Century," May 19-20, 2007; "Human Rights and History," December 12-13, 2008.

Served as Director of Undergraduate Studies, History, Temple, 2005-07

Served on University Graduate Board (elected), 2007-10

Served on Departmental Graduate Committee (elected), 2006-09

Served on Departmental Personnel Committee (elected), 2007-09

Served on College of Liberal Arts Executive Committee (elected), 2007-10

Served on British History Search Committee, October 2005-January 2006

Member of the Transatlantic Study Group, Center on Transatlantic Foreign and Security Policy Studies, Free University of Berlin, and BMW Center for German and European Studies, Georgetown University, 2003-2004

Chair, Birdsall Prize Committee for Books in Military and Strategic History, American Historical Association, 1999-2003.

Reviewer of ms. submissions for *French Historical Studies*, *Cold War History*, *Journal of Cold War Studies*, *International Relations*, *European Contemporary History*, *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, *Political Science Quarterly*.

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Reviewer of manuscript and proposals for Oxford University Press, Yale University Press, Harvard University Press, Cornell University Press, among others.

[List of published book reviews available on request]