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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2020– **Texas A&M, The Bush School of Government & Public Service**
Assistant Professor
- 2018–2020 **Brown University, The Watson Institute for International & Public Affairs**
Postdoctoral Fellow

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- 2021– **Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft**
Non-Resident Fellow
- 2021– **Texas A&M, Mosbacher Institute for Trade, Economics, & Public Policy**
Research Fellow

EDUCATION

- 2018 **Ph.D., Department of History, Vanderbilt University**
- 2013 **M.A., Department of History, Vanderbilt University**
- 2006 **B.A., Department of History, *summa cum laude*, Boston University**

MILITARY SERVICE

- 2006–2010 **U.S. Marine Corps**

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed Articles:

- 2021 “[The War on Drugs in Mexico](#)” in David Farber, ed., *The War on Drugs: A History*, New York University Press.
- 2019 “[The United States, Mexico, and the Mutual Securitization of Drug Enforcement, 1969–1985](#),” *Diplomatic History*, Volume 43, Issue 5.
- 2019 “[Mexico’s Dirty War on Drugs: Source Control and Dissidence in Drug Enforcement](#),” in “U.S. Foreign Relations and the New Drug History,” Special Volume of *The Social History of Alcohol and Drugs: An Interdisciplinary Journal*, Volume 33, Issue 1.

Manuscripts in Preparation:

- “*Dirty War*” on Drugs: *The United States, Mexico, and the Origins of Militarized Policing, 1969-2000*. (Book Project, under contract with Oxford University Press)
- Book Review, *Contracting Freedom: Race, Empire, and U.S. Guestworker Programs* by Maria Quintana in *Passport*. (Forthcoming 2023)
- Book Review, *Histories of Drug Trafficking in Twentieth Century Mexico*, edited by Wil G. Pansters and Benjamin T. Smith in *Latin Americanist*. (Forthcoming 2023).
- “Responsibly Demilitarizing U.S.-Mexico Bilateral Security Relations” (Article)

“A Grand Strategy for Close to Home.” (Article; co-writing with John Schuessler)

Book Reviews, Roundtables, Encyclopedic Entries, Journalism:

- 2022 [Roundtable Participant](#), *The Second Cold War: Carter, Reagan, and the Politics of Foreign Policy*, by Aaron Donaghy in H-Diplo.
- 2022 “[How the US should respond to Russian influence in Latin America](#),” *Responsible Statecraft*.
- 2022 “[The Rising "Pink Tide" in Latin America Shows the Need for US Policy to Adapt](#),” *History News Network*.
- 2022 “[Boycotts threaten to turn Biden’s Summit of the Americas into a political disaster](#),” *Responsible Statecraft*.
- 2021 [Book Review](#) of *Marijuana Boom: The Rise and Fall of Colombia’s First Drug Paradise*, by Lina Britto in *The Social History of Alcohol and Drugs: An Interdisciplinary Journal*.
- 2021 “[‘Plan Mexico’ was militarized drug war policy at its worst](#),” *Responsible Statecraft*.
- 2021 [Book Review](#) of *Tomorrow, the World: The Birth of U.S. Global Supremacy*, by Stephen Wertheim in *The New Rambler*.
- 2021 [Roundtable Participant](#), *The Last Good Neighbor: Mexico in the Global Sixties*, by Eric Zolov in HDiplo.
- 2019 “[Why abruptly abandoning the drug war is a bad idea for Mexico](#),” *Washington Post*.
- 2019 “[When ‘hugs and kisses’ aren’t enough](#),” *Houston Chronicle*.
- 2019 “[Nixon and Reagan tried closing the border to pressure Mexico](#)—here’s what happened,” *The Conversation*.
Reprinted in: *Salon*, *AP News*, *Public Radio International*.
- 2018 [Book Review](#) of *Containing Addiction: The Federal Bureau of Narcotics and the Origins of America’s Global Drug War*, by Matthew R. Pembleton in *Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Books*, Rutgers University.
- 2017 “[Here’s How NAFTA and the Border Look from Mexico’s Perspective](#),” *History News Network*.
- 2017 “[Reckoning with the Addict](#),” *Oxford University Press Blog*.
- 2016 “[The Drug Trade in Mexico](#),” *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Latin American History*. Ed. William Beezley. New York: Oxford University Press, 2016.
Reprinted in: *Oxford Encyclopedia of Mexican History and Culture*.
- 2016 “War on Drugs.” *America in the World, 1776 to the Present: A Supplement to the Dictionary of American History*. Ed. Edward J. Blum. Vol. 2. Farmington Hills, MI: Charles Scribner’s Sons.
- 2015 [Review Essay](#) on “The International Impact of America’s War on Drugs,” HDiplo.
- 2015 “[How Our War on Drugs Undermines Mexico](#),” *History News Network*.
Reprinted in: *Time Magazine*.

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

- 2023 Albert J. Beveridge Grant for Research in the History of the Western Hemisphere, American Historical Association
- 2017–2018 Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations
- 2017–2018 Eisenhower Institute, Gettysburg College, Eisenhower/Roberts Graduate Fellowship

- 2017–2018 Robert Penn Warren Graduate Fellowship, Vanderbilt University (Declined)
- 2016 S. F. Bemis Research Grant, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations
- 2016 Gerald R. Ford Foundation Library Grant
- 2015 James and Sylvia Thayer Short-Term Fellowship, UCLA Library Special Collections
- 2014–2015 Fulbright-García Robles Fellowship (affiliated with the Institute for Historical Research, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México)
- 2014–2015 National Security Education Program, Boren Fellowship (Declined)
- 2014 Moody Research Grant, Lyndon B. Johnson Foundation
- 2013 S. F. Bemis Research Grant, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations
- 2013 Summer Research Award, College of Arts and Science, Vanderbilt University
- 2013 Field Research Award, Center for Latin American Studies, Vanderbilt University
- 2012–2018 Provost Graduate Fellowship, Vanderbilt University

AWARDS & OTHER HONORS

- 2022 American Council on Germany, 42nd American-German Young Leaders Conference
- 2017–2018 Fellows Program, Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, University of California, San Diego
- 2017 Selected Participant. Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Summer Institute, “Security and the State: Cultures of National Security and Insecurity in American Foreign Relations,” Cambridge University, July 3-7.
- 2013 Selected Participant. Oaxaca Summer Institute, Oaxaca City, Oaxaca, Mexico

INVITED TALKS

- 2022 Invited Talk. Foreign Policy Association, “Drug Policy in Latin America,” *Great Decisions Program*, League of Women Voters/Williamsburg VA, February 8.
- 2021 Invited Talk. “Transitioning in Your Academic Career,” Lunch Seminar, Center for U.S. Mexican Studies, University of California, San Diego, May 4.
- 2019 Invited Talk. “Wall Symposium,” Yan Lin Centre, McGill University, Montreal, Canada, November 14.
- 2018 Invited Talk. “Criminal and Political Violence in Mexico and Central America,” Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, University of California, San Diego and Stanford University Center for Latin American Studies, Joint Research Workshop, University of California, San Diego CA, January 24.
- 2017 Invited Talk. “Drugs, Thugs, Immigrants, and Factories: Understanding the U.S.–Mexico Relationship, Past and Present,” Military Officers Association of America, Middle Tennessee Chapter, April 25.
- 2014 Invited Talk. “The ‘War on Drugs’ Deconstructed: Origins of Militarized U.S. Antidrug Policy Mexico (and Enduring Consequences),” World on Wednesday Forum, Vanderbilt University.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2022 Roundtable Presenter. “Race, Security, and U.S. Empire,” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, June 17.
- 2022 Paper Presentation. “Militarized Policing in the Era of Openness, 1990-2000,” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, June 17.

- 2022 Roundtable Participant. "Using Experiential Learning to Understand the Opioid Crisis," Alcohol and Drug History Society Meeting, Mexico City, Mexico, June 15.
- 2021 Roundtable Discussant. "American Diplomacy after Donald Trump," Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Meeting (Virtual), June 20.
- 2021 Roundtable Discussant. "New Perspectives on Global Affairs and Domestic Politics," Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Meeting (Virtual), June 18. Studies, University of California, San Diego, May 2021.
- 2021 Paper Presentation. "The War on Drugs in Mexico," Texas A&M Albritton Center for Grand Strategy, March 26.
- 2021 Roundtable Discussant. "The State of Drug and Alcohol History Pedagogy: Teaching Challenges and Innovations," American Historical Association Annual Meeting (Virtual), January 8.
- 2020 Paper Presentation. "Externalizing American Drug Control, 1969-1974," Yale University ISS Works-in-Progress Seminar, New Haven CT, February 18.
- 2019 Paper Presentation. "Mobilizing the American Imagination: U.S. News Coverage of the Mexican Drug Threat, 1969-1985," Alcohol & Drugs History Society Biannual Conference, Shanghai China, June 13.
- 2019 Roundtable Discussant. "The New Drug History and U.S. Foreign Policy: Perspectives and Methodologies," American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Chicago IL, January 4.
- 2018 Paper Presentation. "Mexico's Condor: Militarization in United States-Mexican Drug Enforcement," Watson Institute for International & Public Affairs, Brown University, November 14.
- 2018 Paper Presentation. "Mexico's Condor: Transnational Dimensions of Militarized Drug Control," Yale University, Brady-Johnson International Security Studies Research Workshop, New Haven CT, September 22.
- 2018 Roundtable Discussant. "Drugs and Nukes: National & International Security as Risk Management," Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Meeting, Philadelphia PA, June 22.
- 2018 Roundtable Discussant. "Writing Contemporary Latin American Drug History: Challenges and Ways Forward," Latin American Studies Association Annual Congress, Barcelona Spain, May 24.
- 2017 Paper Presentation. "U.S. Drug Control Policy, Mexican Counterinsurgency, and the Languages of War, 1969-1985," Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Summer Institute. Cambridge University, July 3-7.
- 2017 Paper Presentation. "U.S. Drug Enforcement, Mexican Counterinsurgency, and the Languages of War, 1969-1985," Americanist Seminar, Vanderbilt University, February 28.
- 2016 Paper Presentation. "Militarizing an Emerging Drug War: U.S. Aid and Mexican Forces in the Long 1970s," Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Meeting, San Diego CA, June 23.
- 2016 Roundtable Discussant, "Cuffed: A Closer Look at Police Brutality, Systemic Racism, and Policymaking," Vanderbilt University.

- 2015 Paper Presentation. "Political Intelligence as a Window onto Bilateral Antidrug Policies in Mexico, 1947–1985," Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Meeting, Washington DC, June 25.
- 2013 Roundtable Discussant. "Narcotics, Society, and the State: Mexico and the U.S., 1930–1950," Vanderbilt University, Spring.
- 2013 Paper Presentation. "Creating a Just Cause: Noriega, the Drug War, and Justifying Intervention in Post-Cold War Latin America," Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Meeting, Washington DC, June 21.
- 2013 Paper Presentation. "Two Wars Converge in Panama," Midwest Latin American History Conference Meeting, Chicago IL, January.

COMMENTARY

- 2022 Commentary. "Colonial Policy and International Control," LSE-Sciences Po Seminar in Contemporary International History, November 9.
- 2022 Commentary. "Drug war, risk of failed states, and regional security," Quincy Institute Latin America Seminar, October 27–28.
- 2022 Commentary. "Humanitarian Intervention," Civil War and Intervention: U.S. Foreign Policy in International Perspective Conference, University of Texas, Austin, Clements Center for National Security, February 19.
- 2019 Commentary. "Student Panel with Mexican Ambassador to the U.S., Gerónimo Gutiérrez Fernández," Brown University, Providence, RI, October 28.
- 2019 Panel Commentary. "Modern Mexico: Zones of Commerce, Comfort, and Confinement," Latin American Studies Association Annual Congress, Boston MA, May 27.

TEACHING

- 2023–Present INTA 670: U.S. Southern Command Capstone
- 2021–Present INTA 689: U.S.-Mexico Relations, Texas A&M University.
- 2020–Present INTA 605: History of American Foreign Policy since 1945, Texas A&M University.
- 2020 Opioid Crisis: Causes, Effects, and Policy Solutions, Brown University.
- 2019 U.S. War on Drugs: From History to Policymaking and Beyond, Brown University.
- 2017 Addiction in the Modern Age, Vanderbilt University Programs for Talented Youth.
- 2017 Origins of the Modern Drug War, Weekend Academy at Vanderbilt University.
- 2016 The Global War on Drugs, Vanderbilt University Programs for Talented Youth.
- 2016 History 2020: U.S. History, 1865–Present, Nashville State Community College.

SERVICE

Selected Service Appointments:

- 2021–Present Speaker Series Organizer, "The Other Side of the Border: Ties that Bind and Issues that Divide" with Texas A&M's Mosbacher Institute for Trade, Economics, and Public Policy, Funded by the Carlos H. Cantu Hispanic Education and Opportunity Endowment at Texas A&M.
- 2021–Present Texas A&M Department of International Affairs Faculty Coordinator, Latin America Regional Concentration

- 2021–Present Texas A&M Department of International Affairs Committee on Assessment.
2020–Present Core Faculty Member, Albritton Center for Grand Strategy, Texas A&M, Bush School of Government and Public Service.
2020–Present Faculty Affiliate, Texas A&M Latino/a and Mexican American Studies Program.

Manuscript Reviewer:

Academic Journals: *Journal of Illicit Economies and Development*,

MEDIA APPEARANCES & NON-ACADEMIC COMMENTARY

Los Angeles Times; Al Jazeera, USA Today, NPR (The Texas Newsroom, Wait Wait Don't Tell Me); Dallas Morning News; Sky News (United Kingdom); KXAN-NBC (Austin, TX); KBTX-CBS (Bryan, TX), Spectrum News, Sputnik News; The Past The Promise The Presidency Podcast (Center for Presidential History, Southern Methodist University), Trending Globally Podcast (Watson Institute, Brown University)

OTHER EXPERIENCE

- 2016–2018 Writing Coach Vanderbilt University Writing Studio (Provided one-on-one assistance to graduate and undergraduate students with diverse writing projects. Facilitated writing workshops in undergraduate classrooms)
2014 Participant. Seminario Permanente de Historia Social y Cultural de la Salud y la Enfermedad en México, Instituto de Investigaciones Históricas, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association
Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations
Alcohol and Drugs History Society
Latin American Studies Association