

Curriculum Vitae
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Fields

U.S. Diplomatic History; Modern American Studies; Aviation History; International Relations; 20th Century Science and Technology; Soviet Foreign Policy; World History; 20th Century African American History

Academic Appointments

- 2020-Present Teaching Professor, History
Interdisciplinary and Humanities & Communications
College of Integrative Sciences & Arts
Arizona State University
Affiliated Faculty, Office of Veterans & Military Academic Engagement
- 2016-2020 Senior Lecturer, History
Interdisciplinary and Humanities & Communications
College of Integrative Sciences & Arts
Arizona State University
- 2009-2015 Lecturer, History
Interdisciplinary and Humanities & Communications
College of Letters and Sciences
Arizona State University
- 2008-2009 Faculty Associate, History
Interdisciplinary and Humanities & Communications
School of Letters and Sciences
Arizona State University
- 2006-2013 Adjunct, History
Worldwide Campus
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- 2001-2006 Assistant Professor, History
Global Security and Intelligence Studies
College of Arts and Sciences
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Prescott, Arizona Residential Campus

1996-2001 Graduate and Teaching Assistant, History
Department of History
University of New Hampshire

Education

2001 Ph.D., History, University of New Hampshire
1996 M.A., History, University of New Hampshire
1992 B.A., History, University of Arizona
Study Abroad, University of London, England, Fall Semester 1990
Freshman Year completed at New York University 1988-1989

Publications

Books

- *Eisenhower's Fine Group of Fellows: Crafting National Security Policy to Uphold the "Great Equation."* (Lexington Books, August 2006).
- *Give Me Liberty! An American History* by Eric Foner. Instructor's Manual, Test Bank and end of chapter materials. (W.W. Norton, August 2004; 2nd edition, August 2007).

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

- "Ensuring the Ivory Tower Did Not Fall Behind an Ivory Curtain: James Killian and the Advancement of Science & Engineering in the 1950s." *Essays in Arts & Sciences* Summer 2004.

Chapters in Edited Works

- *The Uniting States: The Story of Statehood*. Authored Chapter on Arizona. (Greenwood Publishing, 2004).
- *The Red Scare after 1945*. Contributing author. (Manley Press Inc., 2004).

Encyclopedia Entries

- *The Encyclopedia of the Cold War*. (Rutledge, 2008). Two essays: Civil Defense, U2 Incident.
- *Home Front Heroes: A Biographical Dictionary of Americans during Wartime*. (Greenwood Publishing, October 2006). Twenty-two entries: Anderson, Bethe, Cessna, Conant, Curtiss, Douglas, Ely, Grumman, Horing, Hughes, Johnson, Killian, Lindbergh, Loughhead, Mahan, Martin, McDonnell, Rabi, Sikorsky, Szilard, Wiesner, Wright Brothers.
- *Encyclopedia of the Cold War: A Political, Social, and Military History*. (ABC-Clio, 2006). Eight entries: Richard Bissell, Edward Teller, Polaris Missile, Fallout Shelters, McCarthy Hearings, McCarthyism, Military Industrial Complex, and Race as a Cold War Issue.
- *Encyclopedia of Public Opinion*. (ABC-Clio, Fall 2004). One essay: National Elections 1960-1976.
- *The Scribner Encyclopedia of American Lives: The 1960s*. (Simon & Schuster, 2002). Two entries: Kevin Phillips & Jerome Weisner.
- *The Scribner Encyclopedia of American Lives*. (Simon & Schuster, 1999). Four entries: Erastus Corning III, Donald Douglas, Bryce Harlow, & Robert Welch.

Book Review

- Book Reviewed for H-Diplo (June 2003): Sang-Dawn Lee, *Big Brother, Little Brother: The American Influence on Korean Culture in the Lyndon B. Johnson Years*, (Boston: Lexington Books, 2002).

Research Assistant as Graduate Student:

- *Postwar America: A Student Companion* by Harvard Sitkoff. (New York: Oxford University Press, 2000). Contributing researcher.
- *Deep Souths: Delta, Piedmont, and Sea Island Society in the Age of Segregation* by J. William Harris, (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins Press, 2001). Collected census data.

Conference Presentations

- 2022 Society for the History of Technology annual conference, New Orleans, November 10-13, 2022. “Intuitive Engineering: The Visionary Career of Igor Sikorsky.”
- 2006 Cognitive Engineering Research Institute, ASU, Mesa, Arizona, April 2006: “A New Tool in the Arsenal against Bioterrorism Attacks: Integration of Community Shielding into Arizona Emergency Planning Efforts.” Co-authored with Robin Sobotta, Ph.D.
- 2004 Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations annual conference, Austin, Texas, June 2004: “From Duck and Cover to Duct Tape: Civil Defense in an Age of Weapons of Mass Destruction.”
- 2000 Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations annual conference, Toronto, Ontario, June 22-24, 2000: “Preparing a Defense against the Indefensible: Civilian Experts, Eisenhower and National Security Planning.”
- 1999 Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations annual conference, Princeton, NJ, June 24-26, 1999: “Mr. Killian Goes to Washington: Ensuring the Ivory Tower Did Not Fall behind an Ivory Curtain.”

Leadership Positions

- 2020- 2021 Chair, College of Letters & Sciences Personnel Committee for Non-Tenure Eligible Faculty, ASU. Led Workshop for NTE faculty seeking promotion.
- 2021 Established a Student Internship Program at the Commemorative Air Force Museum.
- 2019 Co-Chair, Committee on History and Secondary Concentration for Fulton Engineer Majors
- 2019 Co-coordinator of “Coffee and Conversation” campus discussions. February: “Rise of Nationalism Today.”
- 2018 - 2020 Faculty Advisor for the ASU Polytechnic History Club.
- 2018- 2021 History Program Coordinator
- 2018- 2019 Co-Chair, College of Letters & Sciences Personnel Committee for Non-Tenure Eligible Faculty, ASU. Led Workshop for NTE faculty seeking promotion.

- 2017 - present Founder and Coordinator of CSIA's "Aviation Speaker Series," whose speakers over the years included a WWII P-47 Pilot, Charles Poston; Don Gray, Air Force Museum docent; Rear Admiral Denny Wisley, Blue Angels Lead Pilot; Mark Larson, retired Boeing engineer. Retired Jet Blue Captain Billy Walker, Recreational and Race Pilot Mike Pflieger.
- 2017-2019 Chair of the Faculty Annual Review Committee for Contract Faculty in IHC, ASU
- 2017 Co-coordinator of "Coffee and Conversation" campus discussions. October: "Deceptive Histories."
- 2016- 2020 Coordinator for the History Pop-Up Museum held every semester on the Poly Campus
- 2016 Coordinator for College of Integrative Science and Arts' Guest Speaker Steve Hoza: "Airfield Arizona: Flight Training in Arizona during WWII." Commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7th.
- 2016 Coordinator for College of Letters and Sciences' Guest Speaker Sergei Sikorsky: "Recollections of a Pioneer." March.
- 2015-16 Co-coordinator of "Coffee and Conversation" campus discussions. October: "Europe's Refugee Crisis;" April: "Politics of Fear: Rise of a New Wave of Nationalism."
- 2014-2020 Facilitator of numerous guest speakers to campus through the HST 456: Vietnam War, HST 306: World War II and HST 319: Aviation History classes.
- 2013- 2015 Chair of the Faculty Annual Review Committee for Contract Faculty in IHC, ASU
- 2006 Speaker of the Faculty Senate, ERAU
- 2006 Faculty-at-large on President's Council, ERAU
- 2006 Founder and President, ERAU-Prescott chapter of the American Aviation Historical Society
- 2004- 2006 Faculty Member on Board of Trustees, Prescott Campus, ERAU
- 2004- 2005 Women's and Diversity Center Task Force Board Member ERAU
- 2003 Moderator of an Academic Panel Honoring Senior Air & Space Historian, Tom Crouch, ERAU campus, November
- 2003- 2004 Faculty Senator, College of Arts & Sciences, ERAU
- 2003- 2006 Faculty Advisor for the 99s and Women in Aviation Club ERAU
- 2002- 2003 Coordinator for Faculty Seminar Series, ERAU
- 2002- 2006 McNair Scholars Program Faculty Mentor ERAU
- 2002- 2004 Senior Researcher & Writer for Prescott's Campus on Embry-Riddle's Heritage Project
- 2002 Chair of Search Committee for Social Science faculty, ERAU
- 2001- 2006 Faculty Mentor, Supervisor, and Schedule Coordinator of Social Science Adjuncts, ERAU

Committee Work

- 2025-2026 Barrett Thesis Advisor for Jacob Fox, *The Rise and Fall of Boeing*
- 2024-2026 CISA Personnel (Promotion) Committee for Contract Faculty, ASU
- 2025 Hiring Committee for MVS/HST Assistant Teaching Professor (Benjamin Goff)
- 2023 Hiring Committee for IHC Assistant Teaching Professor (Kathryn Lankford)
- 2018- 2021 Faculty Senator for CISA, Interdisciplinary Humanities & Communications
- 2021 Promotion Review Committee for Interdisciplinary Humanities & Communication Department
- 2015- 2021 College of Letters & Sciences Personnel Committee for Non-Tenure Eligible Faculty, ASU
- 2019 Chair of Loagyn Guill's Senior Capstone Thesis (BIS 410): "Pilot shortage: Why it is Happening and What can be Done."
- 2017 Ad-hoc College Grade Appeal Committee

- 2017- 2019 Faculty Annual Review Committee for Contract Faculty in IHC
 2015- 2022 IHC “History of Engineering” Course Steering Committee, ASU
 2015- 2016 Development Committee for history concentration in War and Diplomacy, IHC, ASU
 2015- 2016 Transfer Matters ASU Taskforce to address the needs of transfer students
 2014- 2016 College Representative on the Academic Senate Curriculum and Academic Programs Committee (CAPC), ASU
 2014-15 Search Committee Member for Asst. Professor in Engineering History, IHC, ASU
 2013 Chair for Aaron Matteson’s thesis for the Barrett Honors College, “Analyzing the Production of Great Minds during the Renaissance: *Applying Computational Mathematics to the Development of Renaissance Innovators.*”
 2012-15 Member of the Faculty Annual Review Committee for Contract Faculty in IHC
 2011 Reader for Jillian Furbish’s thesis for the Barrett Honors College, “The Long Road to Peace: Vietnamese Women and the People’s Revolution.”
 2011 ASU Polytechnic Representative for the Humanities ATF Meeting held in Prescott, Arizona.
 2009 Participated in the proposal to establish a history degree at the School of Letters and Sciences
 2004 Member of search committee for Global Security & Intelligence Studies Assistant Professor, ERAU
 2001- 2002 Library Advisory Committee, ERAU
 2001 Member of search committee for Economics Assistant Professor, ERAU
 1999-2000 Graduate Student Representative to UNH History Department
 1997-1998 Graduate Student Representative to UNH History Department

Professional Development

- 2023 Reviewer for *Dangerous Waters: Dwight Eisenhower, Empire, and East Asian Crises (1945-1955)* by Zachary Matusheski for the University of Kansas Press.
 2022 Attended the 5th Veterans in Society Conference, hosted by the Office for Veteran and Military Academic Engagement in Phoenix, Arizona, Oct. 20-21.
 2022 Completed the Continuing Education course presented by ASU and The National World War II Museum. “Origins of the Holocaust.”
 2022 Reviewer for *The Forgotten Debate* by Dane Cash for the University of Kansas Press.
 2022 Attended The National World War II Museum’s “Memory Wars: World War II at 75 and Beyond” Conference in March 24-26.
 2021 Attended the 14th Annual International Conference on World War II. New Orleans (via zoom). November 2021.
 2021 Completed the Continuing Education course presented by ASU and The National World War II Museum. “Resistance in Nazi Occupied Europe.” Fall.
 2019 Attendee at “Writing for Public Audiences” workshop, Tempe, AZ, May 3-4.
 2017 Reviewer for Oxford University Press book proposal titled *Technology & Society*
 2017 Society for the History of Technology member
 2016 Attended annual conference of the Society for Historians of Foreign Relations, University of California at San Diego, June 23-25.
 2016 Attended Center for Race and Democracy film and discussion series.
 2015 Reviewer for Houghton-Mifflin *Major Problems in the Vietnam War* revised edition

- 2015 Reviewer for Rowman-Littlefield book proposal *A Twice Told Tale: Reimagining Columbus and His First Voyage*
- 2015-present Member of the Phoenix Wing of the American Aviation Historical Society
- 2014 Attendee of the Pacific Coast branch of the American Historical Association's Annual Conference in Portland, Oregon
- 2014 Research trip to the M.I.T. archives
- 2014 Attended Zócalo/ASU event "Is Goldwater Libertarianism Dead?"
- 2014 Attended ASU John Frank Memorial Lecture, "A Conversation with Ruth Bader Ginsburg."
- 2014-present Active participant in the local Naval Order of the United States' monthly speaker series and special events
- 2013 Attendee of the Western History Association 53rd Annual Conference in Tucson, AZ.
- 2011 Asked to serve as the committee chair for a panel on Eisenhower's foreign policy at SHAFR's (Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations) annual conference in June 2012.
- 2010 Attended the conference "Workshop Conference on Morality, Public Policy, and Partisan Politics in Recent American History," sponsored by the Barry M. Goldwater Chair of American Institutions Donald Critchlow and by the School of Historical Philosophical and Religious Studies.

Other University Service

- 2018 Led a class for the campus summer AVID program. June.
- 2015/2018 Volunteer for Sparky's Welcome Fall Move-in "Ask Me" Team
- 2014- 2015 Obama Scholar Mentor, ASU
- 2010-present Oversee several Honor students' course contracts yearly, ASU
- 2003 Instructor for Upward Bound, Summer at ERAU Prescott
- 2004- 2006 Faculty Judicial Member on Student Judicial Board ERAU

Awards/Honors/Grants

- 2026 CISA Impact Award
- 2019 CISA Service Award runner-up.
- 2019 Sun Award for Fostering Cooperation and Promoting ASU
- 2019 Commemorative Air Force Museum, Arizona Chapter, "Exhibit of the Year."
- 2018 Grant Writer for Stowe Endowment Public History Grant awarded to the Poly History Club
- 2017 Sun Award for Excellent Performance and Fostering Cooperation
- 2006 Faculty Distinguished Service Award, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- 2005 College of Arts and Sciences, Service Excellence Award, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- 2004 Mortar Board Faculty Recipient
- 2000 University of New Hampshire Writing Grant
- 1999 Recipient of Eisenhower Library Research Grant

Special Lectures/Presentations/Panel Discussions

- 2025 Panelist on "" event in November.
- 2025 Guest Speaker at Sun Lakes Aero Club, "The Rise and Fall of Pan Am." December.
- 2025 Guest Speaker at American Legion, "The WASP," February.
- 2024 Guest Speaker at Commemorative Air Force Museum, "The Military Aircraft of Igor Sikorsky," November.
- 2024 Guest Speaker at Sun Lakes Aero Club, "The WASP." December.
- 2022 Guest Speaker at Commemorative Air Force Museum, "Crafting the 'New Look:' National Security Strategy during the Eisenhower Years." January 2022.
- 2021 Guest Speaker at Phoenix Naval Order: "A Day to Live in Infamy: The 80th Anniversary of the Attack on Pearl Harbor," December 3.
- 2020 Guest Speaker at American Aviation Historical Society, Phoenix Wing: "The Mercury 13." January.
- 2019 Guest Speaker at Phoenix Naval Order: "America's Dilemma: Japan's Decision to Attack Pearl Harbor in an International Context," December.
- 2018 Panelist on "War of the Worlds at 80: The Social Value of Healthy Media Skepticism" event in October.
- 2018 AVID Summer Program, *History: Its Relevance and Opportunities*
- 2018 Guest Speaker at Phoenix Naval Order and also at the Phoenix Women's Federal Employee Association: "The Mercury 13: Forgotten Female Pioneers," March
- 2013 CSPAN interview. <http://www.c-span.org/video/?311753-1/book-discussion-eisenhowers-fine-group-fellows>
- 2012 Guest Lecturer at ASU Polytechnic Charter School, "Arizona History & State Government."
- 2011 Guest Lecturer at ASU Polytechnic Charter School, "World War II"
- 2006 Mortar Board's "Last Lecture," April
- 2001 "Why do they hate Us?" Lecture to ERAU campus on Middle East after 9-11

Community Leadership Positions & Memberships

- 2023- present Member of the USS Phoenix Cold War Monument Advisory Group.
- 2018 - present Commemorative Air Force Museum, Airbase Arizona
Volunteer in Archives and contributor to several museum exhibits
- 2018 Co-coordinator of Educational Outreach for the Cactus Fly-In, Casa Grande
- 2016 - 2020 Knights of the Round Engine Table
- 2016 - 2021 Board Member, Central Arizona Chapter of the Arizona Historical Society
- 2015 - 2020 Phoenix Wing of the American Aviation Historical Society

Society for Historians of Foreign Relations
Society for the History of Technology

Teaching

Arizona State University, Polytechnic Campus, Mesa, AZ
Senior Lecturer, Interdisciplinary Humanities & Communications Department

HON 172: The Human Event
HST 101: Global History Since 1500
HST 109: U.S. History to 1865
HST 110: U.S. History Since 1865
HST 204: Themes in U.S. History: War and American Society
HST 204: Themes in U.S. History: American Aviation History
HST 300: Historical Inquiry
HST 306: World War II
HST 306: War-ganization (cross listed with BIS)
HTY 310: History of Technology
HST 312: Women in Science and Medicine
HST 314: U.S. Cultural History since 1850
HST 316: 20th Century U.S. Foreign Policy
HST 318: History of Engineering
HST 319: Aviation History
HST 345: Environmental History
HTY 350: Environmental History
HST 413: Contemporary America
HTY 450: History of Ecology and Conservation
HST 456: Vietnam War
HST 484: Internship
HST 495: Capstone
IDS 301: Becoming Interdisciplinary
IDS 313: Science, Technology, and Innovation
STS 101: Introduction to Science, Technology, and Society
MVS 301: Experience of America's Modern Wars

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, World-Wide Campus
Adjunct Professor

HST 130: American Aviation History

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Prescott, AZ
Assistant Professor, Global Security and Intelligence Studies Department

SS 110: World History Since 1500
SS 120: American History Since 1865
SS 130: History of American Aviation
SS 195H: War, Science and Society in the 20th Century (Honors Course)
SS 204: Introduction to Geography
SS 326: Russian-American Relations
SS 333: U.S.-Asian Relations
SS 340: U.S. Foreign Policy
SS 395U: The Atomic Age

University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH
Graduate and Teaching Assistant

History 406: U.S. Survey, 1865-to present.

History 410: Historic Survey of American Civilization, "The American Encounter with the World, 1776-1999."

History 595: Explorations in History, "Into the Big Muddy: America and Vietnam."

History 595: Explorations in History, "Elvis, Ike, and Marilyn: The 50's in America."

History 595: Explorations in History, "Controlling the Atom: America's Anxiety in the Nuclear Age."

History 595: Explorations in History, "Rosie the Riveter and GI Joe: WWII at Home and Abroad."