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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

US Naval War College, College of Distance Education — Newport, RI
Associate Professor of Strategy and Policy — 2020–present
Course Director, Fundamentals of Strategy — 2026–present
Course Director, Strategy and War, Fleet Seminar Program — 2021–2026
Chair, Faculty Advisory Council — 2023–2024

US Naval War College, College of Distance Education — Whidbey Island, WA / online
Adjunct Professor, Fleet Seminar Program and NC&S Online — 2019–2020

Northwest University — Kirkland, WA
Assistant Professor, Department of History and Political Science — 2016–2020
Founding Director, Honors Program — 2017–2020
Created the university's Honors Program at the invitation of university leadership; supervised 40+ students and coordinated 10+ faculty.

University of South Florida, INTO Pathway Program — Tampa, FL
Bridge Instructor — 2015–2016

Seminole State College, Humanities Department — Oviedo, FL
Adjunct Professor — 2013

Florida State University, Department of History — Tallahassee, FL
Teaching Assistant and Instructor of Record, including a study-abroad semester in London — 2011–2015

EDUCATION

PhD, History, Florida State University — 2015
Dissertation: "Coalitions and Kingdoms: Revolutionary Statecraft in the Western Mediterranean." Advisor: Rafe Blaufarb, Institute on Napoleon and the French Revolution

BA, History (English minor), Florida State University, magna cum laude — 2008

AA, Daytona Beach Community College (now Daytona State College) — 2006

PUBLICATIONS

Books

A Global History of the Napoleonic Era. London: Bloomsbury. Under contract, expected 2027.

Napoleon Bonaparte: A Reference Guide to His Life and Works. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2020.

France, Britain, and the Struggle for the Revolutionary Western Mediterranean. War, Culture and Society, 1750–1850. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2017.

Chapters and Articles

"Towards a Theory of Defeat." In *Getting Them Out: Managing Strategic Withdrawal*. Forthcoming, Spring 2027.

"Designing, Delivering, and Assessing Joint Professional Military Education in Distance Learning." In *The Routledge Handbook of Professional Military Education*. Forthcoming.

"Weapons of the Strong? Neutrality in the Age of Revolutions." *Clio@Thémis*, special issue "Les mondes de la neutralité prémoderne (1400–1800): institutions, normes et pratiques." Forthcoming.

"Atomic Questions," "Kaiserliche Marine," and "Strategic Crossroads: Athens vs. Melos." In *Short Games and Active Learning in Political Science: Beating the Clock*, edited by Derek Glasgow, Mark Harvey, Ryan Gibb, and James Fielder. New York: Routledge, 2026.

"The Savage State: Humans, Nature and Governance in Eighteenth-Century Corsica." In *Entire of Itself? Towards an Environmental History of Islands*, edited by Pavla Šimková and Milica Prokic. Winwick: White Horse Press, 2024. Open access.

Public Scholarship

"Recovering Refugees from 1794 Toulon to Today." *Age of Revolutions*, July 2, 2018.

"Counter-Revolutionary Corsica: Pasquale Paoli and Diplomacy in the British Mediterranean." *Age of Revolutions*, December 14, 2015.

Book Reviews

Ian Germani, *Dying for France*. *Journal of Military History* (January 2024).

Philip Bowring, *Empire of the Winds: The Global Role of Asia's Great Archipelago*. *Naval War College Review* 74, no. 1 (Winter 2021).

Robert Holland, *The Warm South: How the Mediterranean Shaped the British Imagination*. *Journal of British Studies* 58, no. 3 (2019).

James Kolla, *Sovereignty, International Law, and the French Revolution*. H-Diplo (February 2018).

Works in Progress

"Between the Rock and a Hard Place: Spanish Ontological Security during the Age of Revolutions." Article.

"Counting the Nation: Provincial Courts and the Making of the French Civil Code, 1801–1804." Article.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"If You Can't Beat Them, Join Them: Experimenting with AI in the Design and Execution of a Course." AI in Practice, US Naval War College	2026
"Empire at Home: Violence, Administration, and the Making of French Rule in Corsica, 1790–1815." Violence and Empire from the Early 1800s to the End of the Great War	2026
"Weapons of the Strong? Neutrality in the Age of Revolutions." Symposium: The Worlds of Premodern Neutrality	2025
"Gilbert Elliot, Imperfect Agent of Empire." Society for Military History	2024
"The Copenhagen Dilemma." Consortium on the Revolutionary Era	2024
"Blood from Stone: Ontology, History, and the State." Worlds Together? Futures of Global History	2023
"Defining a Theory of Defeat." Rethinking War	2023
"The Campaign Against Tuscan Neutrality during the First Coalition." Consortium on the Revolutionary Era	2023
"From San Ildefonso to Manila: Revolutionary War on the Margins." Consortium on the Revolutionary Era	2020
"Corsica and the Ruins of Empire." Western Society for French History (recorded, H-France)	2019
"Corsica as Colony in Pre-Revolutionary France." French Colonial History Society	2018
"Indemnity and Security: Coalition Building in the Western Mediterranean, 1793." Consortium on the Revolutionary Era	2017

"Resources and Revolution: The Struggle for Corsican Timber." Society for French Historical Studies (webcast, H-France Salon 7, no. 8) 2015

"Consuls, Captives, and Captains: The Mediterranean Roots of the Treaty of San Ildefonso, 1793–1796." Consortium on the Revolutionary Era 2015

"Between Revolution and Counter-Revolution: Corsica and Toulon in 1793." Consortium on the Revolutionary Era 2014

"Refugees in the Revolutionary Mediterranean." Florida Conference of Historians 2014

"Receptivity to Reform: The Napoleonic Code and the Observations of the Courts of Appeal." Western Society for French History 2010

INVITED TALKS AND MEDIA

"Hidden Victories: Cumulative Pressure and the Long Road to Control in the Pacific." Fort Rodman Military Museum Speaker Series 2026

"Britain's Southern Campaign and the Fight for America." *Strategy Matters* podcast, episode 20 2026

Generals and Napoleon podcast: "How the Royal Navy Dominated the Napoleonic Wars"; "The Battle of Trafalgar: How Nelson Defeated Napoleon at Sea"; "Clausewitz vs. Jomini: Two Competing Theories of War"

"The Global and National in the Revolutionary Era." Keynote, Southeast Regional Graduate Conference 2019

"Memory, History, and the Problem of Corsica." Northwest University Board of Directors Invitational Speaker 2019

"The Battle of Paoli and the Rhetoric of Liberty." Keynote, Cascade Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution 2019

"Subaltern Voices and the Phantom of History." Northwest University Alumni Banquet 2018

WARGAMING AND SIMULATION DESIGN

Analyst, red-cell player, and adjudicator in fleet-sponsored wargames 2025–present

Designer of three published classroom simulations: "Atomic Questions," "Kaiserliche Marine," and "Strategic Crossroads: Athens vs. Melos" (Routledge) 2026

Designer of an interactive, AI-driven strategy exercise on the Vietnam War for graduate seminars 2026

HONORS AND AWARDS

Joint Professional Military Education Phase I Certification 2026

Civilian Service Achievement Medal, US Naval War College 2025

Faculty Service Award Nominee, US Naval War College 2024

Leadership Rhode Island Nominee (2025 class) 2024

Funded Faculty Grant, Northwest University 2017; 2020 (declined)

University Graduate Student Leadership Award, Florida State University 2015

Research Fellow, Institute on Napoleon and the French Revolution 2012; 2014

Research Bourse, Fondation Napoléon, Paris 2012

International Programs Research and Teaching Award, Florida State University 2012

University Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award Finalist, Florida State University 2011

Ben Weider Research Fellow, Institute on Napoleon and the French Revolution 2009

EDITORIAL AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Book Review Editor and Editorial Board Member, *International Journal of Naval History* 2026–present

Peer reviewer: *Global Intellectual History*; Naval Institute Press; University of Oklahoma Press; *Age of Revolutions*

Chair, Perry Award, Naval War College Writing Awards 2025–present

Judge, Naval War College Foundation Writing Awards 2020–present

CDE Summer Workshop Planning Committee, US Naval War College 2020–present

Standard 4 Lead, New England Commission of Higher Education Accreditation Committee, US Naval War College

Member, Faculty Advisory Council, US Naval War College 2022–2024

Director, CDE Virtual Graduation, US Naval War College 2020–2024

Member, Regional Accreditation Committee (WASC), Northwest University 2018–2020

Member, Academic Affairs Committee, Northwest University 2019–2020

Chair, Technology in the Classroom Committee, Northwest University 2017–2019

Conference Organizer: "World War I Centennial" (2018) and "The Reformation at 500" (2017), Northwest University; Southeast Regional Graduate Student Conference (2015)

President, History Graduate Student Association, Florida State University 2013–2015

COURSES TAUGHT

Strategy and PME: Strategy and War; Fundamentals of Strategy; Perspectives in Modern Warfare; War and Society

European: Early Modern Europe; 19th-Century Europe; Age of Empires; French Revolution and Napoleon; Modern Germany; World War I; World War II

Asian: History of Asia; Modern China; Modern India; Politics of Modern Asia

Global and thematic: Themes in Global History; Empires in Competition; Global History of Piracy; Refugees, Past and Present; History of Science; Historical Theory and Methods; Women and Gender in the Modern West; Introduction to Geography

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Society for Military History · American Historical Association · Society for French Historical Studies · National Maritime Historical Society · Western Naval Historical Association

LANGUAGES

French (reading, writing, speaking) · Spanish (reading, writing)