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**Education**

**Ph.D. in History** (2012)

*Georgetown University*

* Dissertation title: “Oil and Grand Strategy: Great Britain and Germany, 1918-1941.”
* Defended dissertation in August 2012 with Distinction.
* Passed comprehensive examinations in April 2009 with Distinction.
* Dissertation Committee: Prof. David Painter (Supervisor); Prof. Michael Dennis; Prof. Richard Kuisel; and Prof. Aviel Roshwald.

**M.Phil. in Modern European History** (2006)

*University of Oxford (University College)*

* M.Phil. Dissertation title: “Extraordinary Diplomacy: Edward M. House and Harry L. Hopkins as Presidential Foreign Policy Advisors and Special Envoys to Europe.”

**B.A. in History with Distinction in all Subjects** (2003)

*Cornell University*

* Attended the University of Oxford (St. Edmund Hall) as a Visiting Student in 2002.
* Participated in a academic/political internship program administered by the Hansard Society at the London School of Economics in 2001.

**Fellowships & Awards**

* Applied History Course Development Program Grant, Stanton Foundation (2018-2019).
* Ernest May Post-doctoral Fellowship in History and Policy, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (2012-2013).
* Post-doctoral Fellowship, Institute for Historical Studies, University of Texas at Austin (2012-2013 – declined).
* Smith Richardson Foundation Pre-doctoral Fellowship in Security Studies, International Security Studies, Yale University (2011-2012).
* World Politics & Statecraft Fellowship, Smith Richardson Foundation (2010).
* George C. Marshall/Baruch Fellowship, George C. Marshall Foundation (2010).
* Young Scholars Award, Cosmos Club Foundation (2010).
* Research Grant, Herbert Hoover Presidential Library Association (2010).
* History Department Fellowship/Teaching Assistantship, Georgetown University (2006-2011).

**Affiliations**

* Council on Foreign Relations, Term Member (2018-2023).
* Applied History Working Group, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.
* Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations.

**Foreign Language Skills**

* Proficient in German with a reading knowledge of French.

**Scholarly Publications**

Single-Authored (Peer-Reviewed):

* *Oil and the Great Powers: Britain and Germany, 1914-1945* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019).
	+ Winner of the 2020 Richard W. Leopold Prize for best book on foreign policy or military affairs from the Organization of American Historians.
	+ H-Diplo Roundtable: Forthcoming.
* “Austerity and Defense: A Way Forward or a Dead End,” *Foreign Policy Research Institute* (06 May 2020): <https://www.fpri.org/article/2020/05/austerity-and-defense-a-way-forward-or-dead-end/>.
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* “An Anglo-American ‘Petroleum Entente’? The First Attempt to Reach an Anglo-American Oil Agreement, 1921,” *The Historian* 79: 1 (2017): 56-79.
* “The First War for Oil: The Caucasus, German Strategy, and the Turning Point of the War on the Eastern Front, 1942,” *Journal of Military History* 80: 3 (2016): 815-854.
* “‘The navy’s success speaks for itself’? The German Navy’s Independent Energy Security Strategy, 1932-1940,” *Naval War College Review* 68: 3 (2015): 91-118.
* “Germany’s Answer to Standard Oil: The Continental Oil Company and Nazi Grand Strategy, 1940-1942,” *Journal of Strategic Studies* 37: 6-7 (2014): 949-973.
* “The French Connection: A New Perspective on the End of the Red Line Agreement, 1945-1948,” *Diplomatic History* 36: 2 (2012): 261-299.
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Peer, Article, and Book Reviewer for:

* *Business History Review*, *H-Diplo*, *H-Energy*, *H-Soz-u-Kult*, *Joint Force Quarterly, Michigan War Studies Review*, *Middle East Journal*, *Naval War College Review*, and *Zeitschrift für Geschichtswissenschaft*.

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**Selected Work Experience**

**U.S. Naval War College** (Newport, RI)

*Assistant/Associate Professor of Strategy & Policy*

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*Visiting Assistant/Associate Professor of International and Public Affairs*

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