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About

I am originally from Milwaukee, Wisconsin and came to Birmingham after teaching in the History Department at West Point. My intellectual interests center on European war and society in the modern era, global insurgency and counterinsurgency, America as a world power in the 20th century, as well as international law and the regulation of war.

Qualifications

- PhD, University of Chicago, 2006

Biography

I joined the University of Birmingham in autumn of 2012, after teaching at the History Department at West Point. At West Point, I taught extensively on modern European international and military history as well as modern Central Europe and 20th Century America. I received my PhD from the University of Chicago in 2006.

Teaching

Undergraduate

- Second Year Core: The Rise of Modern War
- Second Year Option: Occupation and Counterinsurgency in the Modern Era
- Third Year Special Subject: America and Its Wars in the 20th Century
- Third Year Special Subject: The History of Grand Strategy

Postgraduate

- Convenor: **MA British First World War Studies (/students/courses/postgraduate/taught/history/british-ww1-studies.aspx)**

Postgraduate supervision

- Contemporary insurgency
- The era of the World Wars
- International law
- War and society in 20th century America
- War and society in modern Europe
- Modern central Europe
- Contemporary War and Occupation in Iraq and Afghanistan

Research

My current research has several areas of focus. First, I am interested in the history of modern military occupation as a concept and practice in the international arena. Second, I continue to work on the First World War in the Habsburg Empire with an emphasis on the Army's war against internal enemies and the transformation of the Habsburg state. Third, I am working on a transnational history of the American Army in the second half of the 20th century.

Other activities

I am the University of Birmingham Principal Investigator (PI) for the European Union CENDARI (Collaborative European Digital Archive Infrastructure) Project. This project is creating a digital research infrastructure for the history of the First World War and medieval European culture.

Publications

Books

- *The Resurrection and Collapse of Empire in Habsburg Serbia, 1914-1918* (Cambridge University Press, 2009)

Selected Articles

- "Losing Control: The Norm of Occupation in Eastern Europe in the First World War," in: *Legacies of Violence. Eastern Europe's First World War*, ed. by Jochen Boehler, Wlodzimierz Borodziej and Joachim von Puttkamer [Europas Osten im 20. Jahrhundert. Schriften des Imre Kertesz Kollegs Jena, vol. 4] (München: Oldenbourg Verlag, 2013).
- "Occupation, International Law, and the Habsburg Empire, 1914-1918," *First World War Studies* (February 2013): 97-110.
- "Reframing the Historical Problematic of Insurgency: How the Professional Military Literature Created a New History and Missed the Past," *Journal of Strategic Studies* 32, no. 4 (August 2009): 553-588.
- "*Wehrmacht* Perceptions of Mass Violence in Croatia, 1941-1942." *Historical Journal* 44, no. 4 (2001): 1015-1038.

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