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Specialties:

Modern Military History
Modern European History
Jewish History
World Civilizations

Education:

2006: City University of New York-Graduate School and University Center
Ph.D. Program in Late Modern European History
Ph.D. in History received February 2006
Dissertation: *Between France and Germany: The Formation of Belgian Defense Policy, 1932-1940*
Dissertation advisor: Professor David Gordon
Dissertation committee: Kathleen Broome Williams, Dennis Showalter, Robert M. Seltzer, Richard G. Powers
M. Phil. degree in History received in October 2001
1992: Teachers College of Columbia University
M.A. Program in Teaching Social Studies
M.A. received in May 1992
1990: Columbia College of Columbia University
A.B. in History received in May 1990

Academic Honor:

Summer 2006: United States Military Academy
West Point Summer Seminar in Military History

Teaching:

John Jay College of Criminal Justice of the City University of New York, Adjunct Lecturer 2006; Adjunct Assistant Professor 2007, 2009-2015; Substitute Assistant Professor 2007-2009, Adjunct Associate Professor 2016-2017
“History 352: ‘Military History and Justice’”
“History 340: Modern Military History”
300-Level Independent Study on World War II, special reference to the American military
“History 290: The History of Firearms”
“History 205: 1650 to the Present”
“History 204: 500-1650”
“History 232: Contemporary History of Civilization”
“History 231: Origins of the Contemporary World”
“History 127: Microhistories (World War II)”
“History 127: Microhistories (World War II)”—online course
“History 127: Microhistories (World War I)”
Saint Peter’s College, Jersey City, New Jersey, Adjunct Lecturer 2003, 2006, 2007
“History 325.5: The Second World War”
“History 339.50: History of Germany 1815-1945”

“History 122.72: World Perspectives in History”
Queens College of the City University of New York, Adjunct Lecturer 2003, 2004
“History 313: Second World War”
“History 102: European History 1815 to the Present”

Service at John Jay College:

May 2017: Elected “Officer at Large” in the Executive Committee of the John Jay chapter of the PSC-CUNY
December 2015: Certified to teach writing-intensive courses
September 2015-present: Faculty co-advisor for Hillel
January 2015: Certified to teach online courses
November 2011: Developed and led a pedagogy workshop on “Using Humor in the History Classroom” for the Center for the Advancement of Teaching

Publications:

Book:

Belgium's Dilemma: The Formation of Belgian Defense Policy, 1932-1940. Leiden: Brill, 2014

Book Reviews:

October 2014: “Review of Henri Pirenne, *Belgium and the First World War.*” *Journal of Military History* 78, no. 4 (October 2014): 1451-1452.

January 2010: “Review of Geirr H. Harr, *The German Invasion of Norway, April 1940.*” *Journal of Military History* 74, no.1 (January 2010): 282-283.

September 2006: “Review of Larry Zuckerman, *The Rape of Belgium: The Untold Story of World War I.*”
H-Net Reviews: <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=12441>

Papers Presented:

September 2016: “The 1928 Mixed Commission and the Beginning of Belgian Rearmament” to the Northern Great Plains History Conference
March 2013: “*Poilu* and Jew: Jewish Soldiers in the French Army from Dreyfus to Versailles” to the Missouri Valley History Conference
November 2008: “Belgian Defense Policy, 1920-1940” to “Small Powers in the Age of Total War 1900-1940” at the Netherlands Defense Academy
April 2008: “‘They Keep a Good Watch’: *Couverture, Défense à la Frontière*, and Belgian Plans for Defense against Germany” to the Society for Military History Annual Conference
March 2008: “May 1940: A Belgian Perspective” to the Missouri Valley History Conference
January 2008: “Rarely Told Tales of May-June 1940” to the New York Military Affairs Symposium
May 2006: “1936: Belgium and the Increasing German Threat” to the Society for Military History Annual Conference
March 2005: “‘Better than that, Madame, we have been motorized!’: The Motorization of the Belgian *Corps de Cavalerie* 1934-1940” to the Missouri Valley History Conference
April 2004: “‘. . . And that goes for all you damned Flemings, too!’: The Language Issue in the Belgian Army, 1914-1940” to the New York Military Affairs Symposium
March 2004: “‘Equality of Rights’ or ‘Linguistic Revenge’: The Flemish Question, the 1938 Belgian Army Language Law, and 1940” to the Missouri Valley History Conference
May 2003: “Between France and Germany: The Formation of Belgian Defense Policy, 1932-1940” to the New York Military Affairs Symposium
March 2003: “Covering all the Bases: Belgian Defenses against France, 1936-1940” to the Missouri Valley History Conference
December 2001: “British and German Propaganda aimed at Americans during World War I” to the New York Military Affairs Symposium
November 1999: “Massacre at Fort Pillow, Tennessee” to History, the Military and Society VI, The Annual Graduate Student Conference on Military History, The Ohio State University

Languages:

French: reading and speaking knowledge; Dutch and Finnish: some facility; German: some reading knowledge

Memberships:

American Historical Association, Society for French Historical Studies, Society for Military History

Community Activities:

2003-Present: Veteran Corps of Artillery-State of New York (governor's military honor guard)

2002-2009: Volunteer, Ed Randall's Bat for the Cure (fighting prostate cancer)

2001-2008: Volunteer, USO of Metropolitan New York