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RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT

Yale University

- Associate Director of the Brady-Johnson Program in Grand Strategy. **2017-Present**
- Lecturer in the History Department.

The University of Texas at Austin

2016-2017

- Postdoctoral Fellow at the Clements Center for National Security.
- Lecturer in the History Department.

Yale University

2015-2016

- Predoctoral Fellow in International Security Studies.

EDUCATION

The Ohio State University, Department of History

2010-2016

- **Ph.D.**, History.
Dissertation: “The Faustian Pact: Secret Soviet-German Cooperation in the Interwar Period.”
Major Field: Military History. Minor Fields: Soviet History and Modern European History, with a focus on technology. Advisor: Jennifer Siegel.
- **M.A.**, History.
Thesis: “The Secret School of War: The Soviet-German Tank Academy at Kama.”

Claremont McKenna College

2005-2009

- **B.A.**, *cum laude*. Majors: History and Government.
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SELECTED ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS

- **General and Mrs. Matthew B. Ridgway Military History Research Grant** **2017-2018**
Fellowship for research at the Army War College’s Army Heritage and Education Center.
- **Stanford US-Russia Forum Fellow** **2016-2017**
Year-long, track-two diplomacy program exploring areas of mutual cooperation between the United States and Russian Federation.
- **Smith-Richardson Predoctoral Fellowship** **2015-2016**
Twelve months of funding provided to complete my dissertation while in residence at Yale.
- **H.F. Guggenheim Dissertation Fellowship** **2015-2016**
An award which provided \$20,000 of supplemental funding towards dissertation completion.
- **The Ohio State University Presidential Award** **2015-2016**
The highest award offered to graduate students at Ohio State, providing up to eighteen months of dissertation writing funds (declined).
- **Smith-Richardson Foundation Research Grant** **2015**
Provided summer funding to continue my dissertation writing and research.
- **Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship** **2014-2015**
Awarded to support eight and a half months of dissertation research in Russia.
- **Russell F. Weigley Award** **2013**
Prize for graduate student research. Supported attendance at national SMH conference.
- **Polish Studies Initiative Award** **2013**
Supported research in London and Warsaw.
- **Lieutenant Colonel Sean Judge Travel Grant** **2013**
Grant from the OSU History department that supported summer research in Germany.

- **Mershon Center Graduate Student Research Grant** **2013**
Awarded by Mershon Center for International Security Studies to support summer research.
- **Bradley Foundation Research Grant** **2011-2015**
Four grants awarded from 2011-2015 to support research in Germany and the United States.
- **Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship Program** **2011-2012**
Supported an academic year of Russian language studies at the Ohio State University, followed by a summer term in Russia at the International University in Moscow.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

MONOGRAPHS

- *The Faustian Bargain: Secret Soviet-German Military Cooperation, 1918-1941*. New York: Oxford University Press. Expected 2019.

EDITED WORKS

- *The White Nights: Pages from a Russian Doctor's Notebook*. Tyler, Texas: Bowen Press Books. April 2018.

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

- "Prophet of Poison Gas: Yakov Fishman and the Soviet Chemical Weapons Program, 1924-1937." *Vulcan: The International Journal of the Social History of Military Technology*. Volume 6, Number 1 (August 2018).
- "Technology's Cutting Edge: Futurism and Research in the Red Army, 1917-1937." *Technology and Culture*. Volume 59, Number 3 (August 2018).
- "The Secret School of War: The Secret Soviet-German Armored Warfare Academy at Kama, 1919-1933." *Journal of Global War Studies*. Volume 13, Number 2 (Summer 2017).
- "The Fire of Revolution: A Counterfactual Analysis of the Polish-Bolshevik War." *Journal of Slavic Military Studies*. Volume 28, Number 1 (March 2015).

ARTICLES CURRENTLY UNDER PEER REVIEW

- "Strategy on the Wintry Sea: The Russo-British Submarine Flotilla in the Baltic, 1914-1918." *Naval War College Review*. Submitted November 2017.

OTHER RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS

- Regular contributor to *War on the Rocks*, *Dissident: The Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation*, and *Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective*.
- "The United States, Turkey, and the Search for Collective Security," *Global Relations Forum - Analysis Paper Series*, Number 3 (September 2018).
- "Book Review: Iain Johnston-White, *The British Commonwealth and Victory in the Second World War*." *Global Military Studies Review*, Volume 1, Number 2 (January 2018).
- Co-author, with Ionut Popescu, "The Missing Element in Trump's National Security Strategy: A Competitive Strategy," January 2, 2018, *The National Interest*.
- Co-author, with Joel Beckner, Heng Qin and Nadezhda Smakhtina. "Cooperation or Competition? Russia, the United States, and the Elusive Promise of Missile Defense." *The Stanford US-Russia Forum Research Journal*. Volume VII (April 2017).
- Co-author, with Joel Beckner, Heng Qin and Nadezhda Smakhtina. "New Life for New START?" May 22, 2017. *The Bulletin of Atomic Scientists*.
- "El Terreno de Pruebas De Kama," [The Kama Testing Ground] in *Panzer: El Triunfo de la Blitzkrieg, 1939-1940* [Panzers: the Triumph of the Blitzkrieg, 1939-1940]. *Desperta Ferro Especiales No. 12*. Madrid: Desperta Ferro Ediciones, 2017.

- “In Review: A Crisis in the European Order?” *Orbis: A Journal of World Affairs*. Volume 61, Issue 2 (Spring 2017).
- “Review: Dorondo, *Riders of the Apocalypse: German Cavalry and Modern Warfare, 1870-1945*.” *H-Net Reviews*, November 2012.

SELECTED ACADEMIC CONFERENCES AND SPEECHES

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

- “The Soviet Union, the UN Military Staff Committee, and the Origins of the Cold War.” The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations. Philadelphia, PA, June 21-23, 2018.
- “The United States, Turkey, and the Search for Collective Security.” Global Relations Forum. Istanbul, May 14, 2018.
- Chair, Panel: “The Role of Political Culture.” Regime Evolution, Institutional Change, and Social Transformation in Russia: Lessons for Political Science Conference. Yale University, April 27-28, 2018.
- Chair, Panel: “Multipolarity in the Interwar Period.” The Yale Naval History Conference. Yale University, April 20-21, 2018.
- “Army of Peace: The Plan to Arm the United Nations and the Origins of NATO.” Society for Military History Conference. Louisville, Kentucky, April 5-8, 2018.
- Keynote Address. War, Technology, and Trauma Conference. The University of York, March 22-23, 2018.
- “Grand Strategy and Russia’s Rise: the Use and Abuse of Multinational Institutions.” Rising Power Grand Strategies Workshop. Yale University, March 9, 2018.
- “Collective Security and the United Nations’ Military, 1944-1947.” The Texas National Security Review Launch Conference. Washington, DC, October 25-27, 2017.
- “Army of Peace? The UN Military Staff Committee and the Origins of NATO.” Global Relations Forum. Istanbul, Turkey, September 28-30, 2017.
- “Cooperation or Competition? Russia, the United States, and the Elusive Promise of Missile Defense.” The Stanford US-Russia Forum Capstone Conference. Stanford, California, April 2-8, 2017.
- “Remaking the European Order: The Strategic Consequences of Soviet-German Military Cooperation in the Interwar Period.” Society for Military History Conference. Institute on World War II and the Human Experience, Jacksonville, Florida, March 30-April 2, 2017.
- “Shooting Down the Critics: A Fresh Take on Missile Defense Cooperation.” The Stanford US-Russian Forum. The National Research University Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia, November 23, 2016.
- “Experimenting with Mass Destruction: The Secret Soviet-German Chemical Weapons Program.” Association for Slavic, Eastern European and Eurasian Studies Conference. Washington DC, November 20, 2016.
- “Men or Machines? Deep Battle and the Soviet Robotic Tank Program, 1929-1941.” International Committee for the History of Technology. Lisbon, Portugal, July 26-30, 2016.
- “The Faustian Pact: Soviet-German Military Cooperation in the Interwar Period.” West Point Summer Seminar. West Point, New York, June 6-21, 2016.
- “Death Rays, Teletanks and Chemical Weapons: The Soviet Military’s Cult of Technology in the Interwar Period.” The Society for the History of Technology Conference. Albuquerque, New Mexico, October 8-11, 2015.
- “The Secret School of War: The Soviet-German Armored Warfare Facility at Kama, 1926-1933.” Global War Studies Conference. The Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst, United Kingdom, April 14-17, 2014.

- “The Birthplace of Blitzkrieg: Kama and Armored Warfare, 1922 to 1933.” Society for Military History Conference. Kansas City, April 4-7, 2014.
- “Sowing the Wind: Soviet-German Military Cooperation in the Interwar Period.” Northern Great Plains History Conference. Hudson, Wisconsin, September 26-28, 2013.
- Co-Organizer, Beyond Battle: Military History Graduate Student Conference. The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, May 10, 2013.
- “Interwar German-Soviet Cooperation at Kama, 1926-1933.” Midwest Slavic Association Conference. Columbus, Ohio, March 30 - April 1, 2012.
- “The Seeds of Destruction: Interwar German-Soviet Military Connections.” Networks, Connections and Exchange Conference. The University of Massachusetts Amherst, Massachusetts. March 10, 2012.
- “Moscow’s Offensive: Soviet Aid to North Vietnam and the 1968 Tet Offensive.” Midwest Slavic Association Conference. Columbus, Ohio, April 14-16, 2011.

SPEECHES AND MEDIA APPEARANCES

- “Soviet Intelligence and American Elections.” Radio Appearance on the Buck Sexton Show. June 14, 2017.
- “Stalinism: Collectivization, the Gulags and the Great Terror.” Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, Nebraska, March 14, 2017.
- TV Interview, “The Stanford US-Russian Forum.” Interviewed by Anna Chekhonskaya, *Tyumenski Sluzhba Novostei*, Tyumen, Russia, November 26, 2016.
- Talk Show Appearance, “The Stanford US-Russian Forum.” Hosted by Artyom Kushner and Danila Fatin, *Hashtag*, Tyumen, Russia, November 25, 2016.
- “Grand Strategy and Economics in Putin’s Russia.” Texas Society for Policy and Enterprise. Austin, Texas, November 7, 2016.
- “Experimenting with Mass Destruction: The Soviet-German Chemical Weapons Laboratory at Tomka, 1927-1933.” International Security Studies Colloquium. Yale University, New Haven, CT, September 22, 2015.
- “The Battle of Warsaw, 1920: A Counterfactual Examination.” Speech delivered at Polish Studies Initiative, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, February 5, 2014.
- “No Divine Intervention: How A Team of Polish Mathematicians won the Battle of Warsaw.” Public Talk, Lakeland College, Cleveland, Ohio, April 11, 2013.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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| ▪ Global Relations Forum Fellow | 2017-Present |
| ▪ Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations | 2017-Present |
| ▪ Stanford US-Russian Forum, Arms Control Working Group | 2016-2017 |
| ▪ Younger Generation Leader Network on Euro-Atlantic Security, | 2016-Present |
| ▪ Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies | 2015-Present |
| ▪ American Historical Association | 2014-Present |
| ▪ Society for the History of Technology | 2013-Present |
| ▪ Society for Military History | 2010-Present |

PROFESSIONAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

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| ▪ Co-Organizer, Rising Power Grand Strategies Workshop, Yale University | March 9, 2018 |
| ▪ Faculty Advisor, Yale Military History Society | 2017-Present |
| ▪ Thesis Supervisor, Yale University Department of History | 2017-Present |
| ▪ Co-Chair, International Security Studies Colloquium Series | 2017-Present |

- Co-Supervisor, Brady-Johnson and International Security Studies Pre- and Postdoctoral Fellowship Program 2017-Present
- Reviewer, Fulbright-Hays DDRA Fellowship Program 2016-Present

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Yale University

- Co-Instructor and Coordinator, Yale-National University of Singapore Summer Institute in Global Strategy and Leadership, Summer 2018.
- Co-Instructor, *History 985/483J/PLSC161: Studies in Grand Strategy*, Fall 2017; Spring 2018; Fall 2018; Spring 2019 (Scheduled).
- Instructor, *History 447J: Global History of the Second World War*, Spring 2018; Spring 2019 (Scheduled).

The University of Texas at Austin

- Instructor, *History 350 L: US Russian Relations Through War and Peace*, Spring 2017.

The Ohio State University

- Instructor, *History 2550: Introduction to Russian History*, Fall 2013; Spring 2014; Summer 2014.
- Teaching Assistant, *History 3550: Military History of World War II*, Spring, 2013.
- Teaching Assistant, *History 2500: Twentieth Century International History*, Fall 2012.

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Russian and German