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EDUCATION

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| The Ohio State University, Department of History | 2010-2016 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 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 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ B.A., <i>cum laude</i>. Majors: History and Government. | |

RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT

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| The University of Notre Dame | 2019-Present |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ P.J. Moran Family Associate Professor of Military History
2024-Present▪ P.J. Moran Family Assistant Professor of Military History
2019-2024 | |
| Yale University | 2017-2019 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Associate Director of the Brady-Johnson Program in Grand Strategy.▪ Lecturer in the History Department. | |
| The University of Texas at Austin | 2016-2017 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Postdoctoral Fellow at the Clements Center for National Security.▪ Lecturer in the History Department | |
| Yale University | 2015-2016 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Predoctoral Fellow in International Security Studies. | |

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, Large Research Grant
Provided \$14,915 in research funding for travel related to a new book project.▪ America in the World Consortium, Research Grant
Provided \$10,000 in research funding for travel related to a new book project.▪ Eisenhower Presidential Library Foundation, Research Grant
Provided funding for research visit to Eisenhower Library, Fall 2022.▪ Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, Large Henkels Grant
Grant totaling \$18,871 from the Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts to host an international conference at the University of Notre Dame.▪ General Ridgway Military History Research Grant
Fellowship for research at the Army War College's Army Heritage and Education Center.▪ Stanford US-Russia Forum Fellow
Year-long, Track II diplomacy program exploring areas of potential cooperation between the United States and Russian Federation.▪ Smith-Richardson Foundation, Predoctoral Fellowship
Twelve months of funding provided for dissertation completion while in residence at Yale.▪ H.F. Guggenheim Foundation, Dissertation Fellowship
An award which provided \$20,000 of supplemental funding towards dissertation completion.▪ Smith-Richardson Foundation, Research Grant
Provided summer funding to continue dissertation writing and research. | 2022
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- **Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship** 2014-2015
Awarded to support eight and a half months of dissertation research in Russia.
- **Polish Studies Initiative Grant** 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, Research Grant** 2013
Awarded by Mershon Center for International Security Studies to support summer research.
- **Russell F. Weigley Grant** 2013
Award providing funding to speak at national SMH conference
- **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** 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.

DISTINCTIONS, HONORS AND AWARDS

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- **John Adams '71 Center's Cold War Essay Contest** 2022
Awarded First Prize in recognition of the article "'Army of Peace: American Military Ambitions for the United Nations and the Origins of the Cold War.'"
 - **Truman Scholar's Award, The Truman Library Institute** 2022
Provided \$30,000 in funding for a book project related to the Truman Administration.
 - **Distinguished Book Award, The Society for Military History** 2022
Awarded to *Faustian Bargain* in the category of best first book.
 - **International Journal of Military History Early Career Prize** 2020
Awarded in recognition of the article "Strategy on the Wintry Sea: The Russo-British Submarine Flotilla in the Baltic, 1914-1918."
 - **The Ohio State University Presidential Award** 2015-2016
Award offered to graduate students at Ohio State, providing up to eighteen months of dissertation writing funds (declined).

BOOKS

MONOGRAPHS

- *Ridgway's Moment: The United Nations, the Korean War, and NATO* (Working Title). Under Contract with Oxford University Press. Expected 2026.
- *Faustian Bargain: The Soviet-German Partnership and the Origins of the Second World War*. New York: Oxford University Press. June 2021.

EDITED WORKS

- Co-Editor with Robert Clemm. *Bloody Years of Peace: A Global Military History of the Interwar Period*. University Press of Kansas. Expected 2025.
- Editor. *The White Nights: Pages from a Russian Doctor's Notebook*. Tyler, Texas: Bowen Press Books. April 2018.

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES IN PRINT

- "Army of Peace: American Military Ambitions for the United Nations and the Origins of the Cold War," *The Journal of Military History*, as part of the John Adams '71 Center's Cold War Essay Contest. Volume 86, Number 3 (July 2023).

- “Ernst Volckheim, Heinz Guderian, and the Origins of German Armor Doctrine,” *The Journal of Military History*. Volume 86, Number 1 (January 2023).
- “Strategy on the Wintry Sea: The Russo-British Submarine Flotilla in the Baltic, 1914-1918.” *International Journal of Military History and Historiography*. Volume 40, Issue 2 (October 2020).
- “Prophet of Poison Gas: Yakov Fishman and the Soviet Chemical Weapons Program, 1924-1937.” *Vulkan: 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).

UNREFEREED ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

BOOK REVIEWS

- “The Spectre of War, by Jonathan Haslam.” *American Historical Review*, Volume 128, Issue 3, September 2023, 1510.
- “Response, H-Net Roundtable on Ian Ona Johnson, Faustian Bargain: The Soviet-German Partnership and the Origins of the Second World War,” XXIII: 43 (June 2022).
- “Book Review: Jonathan House, A Military History of the Cold War, 1962–1991, by Jonathan House.” *The Journal of Military History*. Vol. 85, No. 3 (July 2021).
- “Book Review: Craig W. H. Luther, The First Day on the Eastern Front: Germany Invades the Soviet Union June 22, 1941.” *The Journal of Military History*. Volume 83, Number 2 (April 2019).
- “Blood Soaked Tyrant: A Review of Steven Kotkin’s Stalin Biographies.” *The Claremont Review of Books*. Volume 18, Number 4 (Fall 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).
- “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.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- “Germany’s recommitment to NATO in response to invasion of Ukraine is a remarkable shift.” March 9, 2022. *Chicago Tribune*.
- “The Long Shadow of 1939: The Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact and the Politics of Memory in Eastern Europe.” *Europe in the World*, July 28, 2021.
- “This Month in History: Operation Barbarossa.” *Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective*, June 12, 2021.
- “How an International Order Died: Lessons from the Interwar Era.” *War on the Rocks*, August 5, 2021.
- “Putin’s Myths about the Soviet Union and World War II,” May 8, 2020, *The Wall Street Journal*.
- Co-Author, with Lance Kokonos. “The Forgotten Rocketeers: German Scientists in the Soviet Union, 1945-1959.” *War on the Rocks*. October 28, 2019.
- “The United States, Turkey, and the Search for Collective Security.” *Global Relations Forum - Analysis Paper Series*. Number 3 (Fall 2018).
- Co-author, with Ionut Popescu, “The Missing Element in Trump’s National Security Strategy: A Competitive Strategy,” January 2, 2018, *The National Interest*.

- “The Motherland Calls: The Battle of Stalingrad, 75 Years Later.” *War on the Rocks*, August 30, 2017.
- “Moscow’s Assaults on American Democracy Began 80 Years Ago.” *War on the Rocks*, June 14, 2017.
- Co-author, with Joel Beckner, Heng Qin and Nadezhda Smakhtina. “New Life for New START?” May 22, 2017. *The Bulletin of Atomic Scientists*.
- 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).
- “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.
- “Sowing the Wind: The First Soviet-German Military Pact and the Origins of World War II.” *War on the Rocks*, June 7, 2016.

INVITED LECTURES AND ADDRESSES

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

- “Bloody Years of Peace: Revisiting the Concept of the Interwar Period.” The Society for Military History, Arlington, Virginia, April 20, 2024.
- “Above Great Power Politics? International Military Forces and the Failure of Collective Security, 1919-1949.” Rethinking Great Power Politics: Celebrating Paul Kennedy, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, November 10, 2023.
- “Community of Fate: The Soviet-German Relationship and the Origins of the Second World War.” Seminar Series in Geopolitics, The Clements Center for National Security at the University of Texas, Austin, Texas, October 19, 2023.
- “War on the Wintry Sea: The Russo-British Submarine Flotilla in the Baltic, 1914-1920.” The Society for Military History Conference, Fort Worth, Texas. April 30, 2022.
- “Roundtable: The State of the Art of War.” International Studies Association Conference, Nashville, Tennessee, April 1, 2022.
- “Faustian Bargain; The Soviet-German Partnership and the Origins of the Second World War.” The Fourteenth International Conference on World War II. The National World War II Museum, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 19-22, 2021.
- “Cooperation among Competitors: The Soviet-German Interwar Partnership.” Center for Strategic and International Studies. Washington, D.C. October 18, 2019.
- “The Polish-Soviet War: Last Front of the Great War?” Bloody Years of Peace: A Global Military History of the Interwar Period Conference. South Bend, Indiana. October 8, 2021.
- “The Faustian Bargain: Secret Soviet-German Military Cooperation in the Interwar Period.” The Notre Dame International Security Center. South Bend, Indiana. October 8, 2019.
- Chair, Commentator, Panel: “The Strategic Challenge of Nuclear Weapons, 1949-1964.” The Society for Military History. Columbus, Ohio. May 10, 2019.
- “Ambitious for War: The Interwar Soviet-German Partnership.” Applied History Network Meeting, Harvard University. Cambridge, Massachusetts. May 4, 2019.
- Co-organizer, Russian Grand Strategy in Historical Perspective Conference. Yale University. New Haven, Connecticut. April 11-12, 2019.
- “Lessons from the Second World War at Sea.” Yale University NROTC Leadership Conference. New Haven, Connecticut. April 5, 2019.
- “Back to the Future: The Creation of a Permanent UN Military.” Centre for Grand Strategy, King’s College, London. London, United Kingdom. March 11, 2019.

- “Forecasting and Forging the Future of Warfare: Early Soviet Unmanned Combat Systems.” War Studies in a Changing World Conference. The University of Southern Denmark. Odense, Denmark. October 4-6, 2018.
- “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, Turkey. 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. York, United Kingdom. March 22-23, 2018.
- “The Faustian Bargain: Secret Soviet-German Military Cooperation in the Interwar Period.” The Centre for Grand Strategy, King’s College, London. March 19, 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. Jacksonville, Florida. March 30-April 2, 2017.
- “Shooting Down the Critics: A Fresh Take on Missile Defense Cooperation.” The Stanford US-Russian Forum at 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. 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, Missouri. 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 at Amherst. 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.

OTHER PUBLIC APPEARANCES

- “Faustian Bargain: The Soviet-German Partnership and the Origins of the Second World War.” New York Military Affairs Symposium. New York, April 17, 2023.
- “Faustian Bargain: The Soviet-German Partnership and the Origins of the Second World War.” The World War II Roundtable at the Minnesota Historical Society. St. Paul, Minnesota, January 10, 2023.
- “Address on Military History and Grand Strategy,” Inaugural Conference, Center for Military History and Grand Strategy, Hillsdale College. Hillsdale, Michigan, September 10, 2022.
- “A Historical Approach to Russian-German Relations.” The Fulbright Alumni Association. Virtual, September 7, 2022.
- “Faustian Bargain: The Soviet-German Partnership and the Origins of the Second World War.” The Merzhon Center, The Ohio State University. Columbus, Ohio, November 12, 2021.
- “Faustian Bargain: The Soviet-German Partnership and the Origins of the Second World War.” The Clements Center for National Security, University of Texas at Austin. Austin, Texas. November 4, 2021.
- “Faustian Bargain: The Soviet-German Partnership and the Origins of the Second World War.” International Security Studies, Yale University. New Haven, CT. October 27, 2021.
- “Faustian Bargain: The Soviet-German Partnership and the Origins of the Second World War.” The Athenaeum, Claremont McKenna College. Claremont, California. October 21, 2021.
- “Faustian Bargain: The Soviet-German Partnership and the Origins of the Second World War.” Hillsdale College. Hillsdale, Michigan. September 10, 2021.
- “Faustian Bargain: The Soviet-German Partnership and the Origins of the Second World War.” Indianapolis World War Two Roundtable. Indianapolis, Indiana. July 28, 2021.
- “Stalinism: Collectivization, the Gulags, and the Great Terror.” Nebraska Wesleyan University. Lincoln, Nebraska. March 14, 2017.
- “Grand Strategy and Economics in Putin’s Russia.” Texas Society for Policy and Enterprise, University of Texas at Austin. Austin, Texas, November 7, 2016.
- “Experimenting with Mass Destruction: The Soviet-German Chemical Weapons Laboratory at Tomka, 1927-1933.” International Security Studies, Yale University. September 22, 2015.
- “The Battle of Warsaw, 1920: A Counterfactual Examination.” Polish Studies Initiative, The Ohio State University. Columbus, Ohio. February 5, 2014.
- “No Divine Intervention: How A Team of Polish Mathematicians won the Battle of Warsaw.” Lakeland College. Cleveland, Ohio. April 11, 2013.

MEDIA

- Interviewed or quoted by Newsweek (US), C SPAN (US), CNN (US), ABC (US), VEJA Magazine (Brazil), El Pais (Spain), Superexpress (Poland), Historia Do Rzeczy (Poland), AP News (US), NPR (US), The Hill (US), The Daily Standard (UK), The Christian Science Monitor (US), US News and World Report (US), the Independent (UK).
- Frequent Guest on *HistoryHit's Warfare* with James Rogers.
- Historical Consultant. "Stephen Fry's Secrets of the Roaring Twenties," *Audible Originals Podcast*. November 2022.
- Historical Consultant. "From Yalta to Malta," *Voyage Pictures*. October 2022.
- "How to Write History that Hasn't Ended." Podcast Interview, *War Room*, the US Army War College, September 20, 2022.
- "Faustian Bargain." Podcast Interview, *New Books in Military History*. August 10, 2021.
- "British Submarines in the Baltic." Podcast Interview, *Warfare*. May 14, 2021.
- "Dealing with Stalin." Podcast Interview, *The Historic Present with Jonah Howe and Charlie Gordon*. January 22, 2021.
- "Interwar Germany's Secret Ally: The USSR." Podcast Interview, *History Hit with Dan Snow*. January 6, 2020.
- "Soviet Intelligence and American Elections." Radio Appearance, *The Buck Sexton Show*. June 14, 2017.
- TV Interview, "The Stanford US-Russian Forum." Interviewed by Anna Chekhonskaya, *Tyumenski Sluzhba Novostei*. Tyumen, Russia. November 26, 2016.
- *Hashtag*, Hosted by Artyom Kushner and Danila Fatin. Talk Show Appearance, Tyumen, Russia, November 25, 2016.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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| ▪ Co-Director, International Security Studies Minor | 2022-Present |
| ▪ Thesis Supervisor, Department of History | 2019-Present |
| ▪ Notre Dame Forum Faculty Advisory Committee | 2022-2023 |
| ▪ Highbarger Prize Committee for Best History Dissertation | 2020-2021 |
| ▪ Reviewer, Laura Shannon Book Prize | 2019-Present |

YALE

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| ▪ Faculty Advisor, Military History Society | 2017-2019 |
| ▪ Thesis Supervisor, Department of History | 2017-2019 |
| ▪ Co-Chair, International Security Studies Colloquium Series | 2017-2019 |
| ▪ Co-Supervisor, Brady-Johnson and International Security Studies Pre- and Postdoctoral Fellowship Program | 2017-2019 |

OTHER PROFESSIONAL

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| ▪ Editorial Advisory Board, The Journal for Military History | 2023-Present |
| ▪ Coffman Dissertation Prize Committee, Society for Military History | 2019-2022 |
| ▪ Reviewer, <i>Routledge Academic</i> | 2023-Present |
| ▪ Reviewer, <i>Polity Press</i> | 2020-Present |
| ▪ Reviewer, <i>The International Journal</i> | 2020-Present |
| ▪ Reviewer, <i>Anthem Press</i> | 2019-Present |
| ▪ Reviewer, Fulbright-Hays DDRA Fellowship Program | 2016-2017 |

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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| ▪ Notre Dame International Security Center, Faculty Fellow | 2019-Present |
| ▪ Nanovic Institute for European Studies, Faculty Fellow | 2019-Present |
| ▪ Global Relations Forum Fellow | 2017-2018 |
| ▪ Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations | 2017-Present |
| ▪ Stanford US-Russian Forum, Arms Control Working Group | 2016-2017 |
| ▪ Society for Military History | 2010-Present |

OTHER SERVICE

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE MEMBER

- Sean Raming.. Dissertation in Progress. Dissertation Proposal Defense Passed Spring 2023.
- Raymond “J.R.” Drause, “In Word and Deed: Exiled Siberian Decembrists as Servants of the Russian State. Successfully Defended, Spring 2022.

GRADUATE COMMITTEE MEMBER

- Nicholas Herrud
- Juan Vargas Hernandez
- Kerby Davis (Political Science)
- Sean Raming. Written and Oral Examinations Passed, Spring 2022.

SENIOR THESES DIRECTED

- Jack Manning, “A Meeting of Two Slavs” : Pope John Paul II, Mikhail Gorbachev, and the End of the Cold War, expected 2024.
- Quentin Fairchild, “Britain’s Global Strategy and the Lessons of the Russo-Japanese War, 1904-1914,” expected 2024.
- Eoghan Fay, “Espionage, Counterintelligence, and Neutrality in Ireland during the Second World War, 1939-1945,” completed 2023. Winner, O'Hagan Award for the Best Thesis or Essay in Irish History.
- Christine Schulman, “Women’s Participation and Portrayal in the Political Warfare Executive’s Black Propaganda During World War II, completed 2022.
- Nicholas Holmes, “Unity in Desperation: The Origins of the Franco-British Union Proposal of June 1940,” completed 2021.
- Matthew Twargoski, “The Crash of Allied Hopes: The Mechelen Incident of 1940 and the Fall of France,” completed 2021.
- Jake Ables, “Social History of the Blitz and Battle of Britain,” withdrew from thesis course in spring 2020 due to the pandemic.