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# EDUCATION

2024: [Expected] Ph.D. in History, The Ohio State University.

Major Field: Military History; Minor Fields: Modern US History; Diplomatic History

Dissertation Title: “The Airborne Mafia: Organizational Culture and Institutional Change in the U.S. Army, 1940-1968”

2020: M.A. in History, The Ohio State University

2018: B.A. In History and Peace, War, and Defense, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Highest Distinction

# PUBLICATIONS

**Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters & Journal Articles**

2019: “Focus on Failure: The Failure of Che Guevara’s Foquismo.” *The Internationalist: Undergraduate Journal of Foreign Affairs.* Volume III (April 2019), 44-55.

# Book Reviews

2020: Review of Patrick K. O'Donnell, *First SEALs: The Untold Story of the Forging of America's Most Elite Unit* (Boston: De Capo Press, 2014), H-War, H-Net Reviews. July 2020.

2020: Review of Giles Milton, *Soldier, Sailor, Frogman, Spy, Airman, Gangster, Kill of Die* (New York: Henry Holt and Company, 2018). *Journal of Military History,* Vol. 84, No. 2, 639­–640.

**Other Publications**

2020: “The "Triple Nickles": Jim Crow Was an Elite Black Airborne Battalion's Toughest Foe.” *History News Network,* September 6, 2020. <https://hnn.us/article/177230>

2020: “Using Grief to Bridge The Civilian-Military Divide.” *VFW Magazine*, May 2020, 20–21. <http://digitaledition.qwinc.com/publication/?m=3914&i=655864&p=22>

2020: “Camas Coach’s Lessons Help Soldier Face Adversity in Combat Zone, Life.” *Camas-Washougal Post Record,* January 30, 2020. <https://www.camaspostrecord.com/news/2020/jan/30/camas-coachs-lessons-help-soldier-face-adversity-in-combat-zone-life/>

2019: “Presidential Pardons Send Wrong Message to Our Military.” *The Columbus Dispatch,* December 31, 2019. <https://www.dispatch.com/opinion/20191231/column-presidential-pardons-send-wrong-message-to-our-military>

# HONORS, GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS Grants & Fellowships

2020: Society for Military History Micro Grant

2020: Combat Infantry Badge Association Scholarship Grand Prize

2020: Mershon Center for International Security Studies Research Grant, The Ohio State University

2020: Bradley Foundation Fellowship, Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation

2020: History Department Conference Travel Grant, The Ohio State University

2020: Bradley Foundation Fellowship Grant, Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation

2019: Arts and Humanities Graduate Research Small Grant, College of Arts and Sciences, The

Ohio State University

2019: Ohio State University Fellowship, Graduate School, The Ohio State University

2018: Research and Travel Grant, Department of History, UNC Chapel Hill

# Honors

2018: Phi Beta Kappa Society

2018: Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society

# CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, INVITED TALKS\_& PANELS

# Conference Presentations

2020: “Getting the Bayonet There on Time: The Airborne and Strategic Mobility in the Eisenhower Era,” 25th Annual James A. Barnes Graduate History Conference. Temple University, Philadelphia, PA. March 21, 2020.

2020: “Maintaining Relevance in the New Look Army: The Development of the Strategic Army Corps,” Fifteenth Annual Ohio University History Graduate Conference. Ohio University, Athens, OH. March 28, 2020. [Cancelled due to COVID-19 Pandemic]

# Invited Talks

2018: “Grief is Grief: Relating Combat Experience to Students,” *English 161: Literature and War*, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. November 2018.

# Panels

2018: “Green Zone Training” with Veronica O’Kelly and Frankie Burgos. *Carolina Veterans Resource Center*, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. May, June, July 2018

# TEACHING

# The Ohio State University

# *Graduate Teaching Assistant*

History of War (Autumn 2020)

# University Of North Carolina At Chapel Hill

# *Coach*

# 2017–2019: Assistant Coach, Men’s Club Rugby

# United States Army

## Instructor

2010–2017: Airborne Operations

2005–2017: Infantry Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures

# PROFESSIONAL & ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2020-Pres: Graduate Teaching Associate, Department of History, The Ohio State University

2019–2020: University Fellow, The Ohio State University

2018: Student Veterans Liaison, Office of Undergraduate Retention, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

2000-2017: Infantry, United States Army

# SERVICE TO PROFESSION

# 2020: Inject Writer, The Ohio State University National Security Simulation

# 2020: Judge, Ohio History Day, Columbus, Ohio

# 2019: Outreach Coordinator, Veterans Writing Workshop, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

# 2019: Co-Facilitator*,* NC Vets for Words Reading Group, Chapel Hill Veteran’s Book Group

# 2017–2019: Undergraduate Ambassador, Service to School

# 2017–2018: Community Outreach Coordinator, Carolina Veterans Organization, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

# PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2020–Pres: Ohio History Connection

2019–Pres: Army Historical Foundation

2018–Pres: American Historical Association

2018–Pres: Organization of American Historians

2018–Pres: Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations

2017–Pres: Society for Military History

# LANGUAGES

German: Intermediate speaking, writing, reading

Italian: Elementary speaking

French: Elementary reading