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Education

Ph.D in Military History, Duke University.

M.A. in History, Duke University.

B.A. in History (*Magna Cum Laude*, Phi Beta Kappa), Cornell University.

Books

David Silbey and Kanisorn Wongsrichanalai, eds., ***Wars Civil and Great: The Civil War and World War I in Conversation***. Lawrence, KS: University of Kansas Press, forthcoming 2023.

Wayne Lee, David Silbey, David Preston, and Tony Carlson, ***The Other Face of Battle: America's Forgotten Wars and the Experience of Combat***. New York: Oxford University Press, 2021.

David Silbey, ***The Boxer Rebellion and the Great Game in China***. New York: Hill & Wang, 2012.

David Silbey, ***A War of Frontier and Empire: The Philippine-American War, 1899-1902***. New York: Hill & Wang, 2007.

David Silbey, ***The British Working Class and Enthusiasm for War, 1914-1916***. London: Frank Cass, 2005.

Editing

Series Editor, Cornell University Press for "Battlegrounds: Cornell Studies in Military History" (2018 - present).
<https://www.cornellpress.cornell.edu/series/battlegrounds-cornell-studies-in-military-history/>

Book Chapters

"Creating Empire, Resisting Empire: The Boxer Rebellion in China, 1899-1901," in *Securing The World: Global Perspectives on Security History in the Nineteenth Century*, ed. by Beatrice de Graaf and Ozan Ozavci (Amsterdam, 2022).

"The Boxer Rebellion," in *The Routledge Handbook of East Asian Military History*, ed. Peter Lorge, (New York: Routledge, forthcoming 2021).

"Communicating the Mission: Narrating The War in the Philippines, 1899-1902," in *Communicating War From Quills to Tweets: The Evolution of American Wartime Communication Strategies*, eds. Marc Genest, Sally Paine and Andrea Dew. (Washington: Georgetown University Press, 2019).

“Culture and the Battlefield: Britain and the Empire Fight the Hundred Days, 1918” in *Warfare and Culture in World History*, ed. Wayne Lee, (New York: New York University Press, 2011).

“Losing the Insurgent 20th Century: The American Army after the Spanish-American War, 1902-1916” in *Victory or Defeat: Armies in the Aftermath of Conflict, Proceedings of the 2010 Chief of Army’s Conference*, ed. Peter Dennis. (Canberra: Australian Army History Unit, 2011).

“It Hurt Too Much to be American: Japanese-Americans and the Experience of World War II” in Timothy Dowling, ed., *Personal Perspectives on World War II* (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio, 2005).

“Over the Dirty Waters: Indian Soldiers in the British Army during World War I” in Timothy Dowling, ed., *Personal Perspectives on World War I* (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio, 2005).

Additional Publications

“I Wish There Was A War’: Alexander Hamilton as Soldier and Veteran, 1775-1804,” *Military History Quarterly*, Winter 2017.

"A Match is Nothing Without a Fuse; A Fuse is Nothing Without a Bomb: Starting Two Wars, 1898-1899" *Foreign Policy Research Institute*, May 2017

“Submit to be Poisoned’: China, the Western Powers, and Fighting the Opium Wars, 1839-42 and 1856-1860,” *Military History Quarterly*. Fall 2016.

(with Jason Rao) **“Global Health Security and Diplomacy: A Whole of Society Approach,”** *BRINKnews*, Feb 2, 2016, <http://www.brinknews.com/global-health-security-and-diplomacy-a-whole-of-society-approach/>

“Hell to the Chief: How Generals Vex Presidents,” in *The Fredericksburg Free-Lance Star*, July 10, 2010, http://www.fredericksburg.com/opinioneditorial/hell-to-the-chief-how-generals-vex-presidents/article_27d55073-4a4c-5689-83ec-d55dcc01c690.html

“Iraq, Afghanistan, and the War in the Philippines,” in *The Fredericksburg Free Lance Star*, February 7, 2010, http://www.fredericksburg.com/opinioncolumn/david-silbey-s-op-ed-on-the-u-s-history/article_998221f5-29ff-55c6-b159-f26eff797803.html

"The Successful Iraq? How the United States defeated an Insurgency in the Philippines" in *Slate*. February 2007, <http://www.slate.com/id/2162163/>

“A Collision of Bodies and Culture: The British Working Class, Elite Attitudes, and the Army’s Medical Exam, 1914-1916,” in *Social History of Medicine* 17 (1), 2004.

"Using a Research Portfolio in a History Survey Course," in *The British Studies Intelligencer*, 2003.

"The Archaeology of Reminiscence: British Memories of War through the 20th Century," in *Proteus: A Journal of Ideas* 20 (2), 2003.

Reviews for the *American Historical Review*, *English Historical Review*, *Journal of Military History*, *Journal of British Studies*, *Albion*, *H-War*, *Military History*, *Michigan War Studies Group*, *New Mexico Journal of History*, *Military History Quarterly*, *Army Times*, and the *Journal of World History*.

Entries in: *The Encyclopedia of War*, Gordon Martel, ed. (New York: Wiley-Blackwell, 2011); *The Encyclopedia of Europe, 1789-1914*, John Merriman and Jay Winter, eds., (New York: Scribner's Sons, 2006); *The Encyclopedia of World Naval History*, ed. Spencer Tucker, (New York: ABC-Clio, 2001); *The Encyclopedia of U.S. Military History*, ed. Spencer

Tucker, (New York: Facts on File, 2001); *Magill's Guide to Military History*, ed. John Powell, (New York: Salem Press, 2000); *Weapons and Warfare*, John Powell, ed., (Los Angeles, CA: Salem Press, 2001).

Teaching Experience

Associate Director, Cornell-in-Washington Program, Adjunct Associate Professor, History Department, and Senior Lecturer, School of Continuing Education, Cornell University. Teach the courses in public policy, recent American history, the American military experience since 1898, and military leadership. Supervise undergraduate theses. Train and supervise graduate tutors (January 2011- present).

Assistant and Associate Professor (with tenure) in Modern Military History, Alvernia University: Taught a range of courses, including the introductory world survey, upper level courses on European military history, the American Civil War, World Wars I & II, the wars in Iraq, the American military history survey, and first year seminars (2001-2010).

Visiting Assistant Professor in Military History, Bowdoin College: Taught a range of courses including a senior seminar on war and peace in the modern era, a first year seminar on the Age of Exploration, and a course on the military history of the Cold War (2000-2001).

Visiting Assistant Professor in Military History, North Carolina State University: (1999-2000).

Instructor in Military History, Duke University. (1997-1999).

Television and Software Activities

Consulting historian and commentator on "War Factories," **Science Channel** (2020)

Consulting historian and commentator on "What on Earth," **Science Channel** (season six, 2019-2020)

Consulting historian and commentator on "World War II's Greatest Raids," **British Broadcasting Company** (BBC), (6 episodes, 2014; 6 episodes 2016).

Consulting historian and commentator, "World War I History" online videos for **A&E Television** (2014-2015).

Consulting historian and commentator on "WWI: The First Modern War," **The History Channel** (4 episodes, 2014).

Consulting historian and commentator on "Dark Matters: Twisted but True," for **The Science Channel** (2011-2012).

Consulting historian and commentator on "Weird Warfare" for **The National Geographic Channel** (2011).

Consulting historian and commentator on "The Adventures of Young Indiana Jones Documentaries," for **Lucas-films** (2007-2008).

Consulting editor for **Historical Software Package (Grades 7-12)**, "The Causes of the American Revolution," SAS inSchool, Durham, N.C., 2000.

Conference Papers & Speaking Events

Faculty in Residence, **Ticonderoga Teacher Institute 2019:** "World Wars: Historical Comparison of the French & Indian War (1754-1763) and World War I (1914-1918)."

“Publishing Military History in the 21st Century: A Roundtable,” **Society for Military History Conference**, 2019.

“Talking about Teaching: A Lunchtime Discussion on Military History,” **Society for Military History Conference**, 2018.

“Creating Empire, Resisting Empire: The Boxer Rebellion in China, 1900,” **Security Symposium, Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences**, 2017.

“A Match is Nothing Without a Fuse: Starting Two American Wars, 1898-1899,” **Foreign Policy Research Institute Teachers’ Institute**, Cantigny Museum, 2017.

“The Tactical Evolution of the British Expeditionary Force, 1916-1918,” **World War I Association Annual Symposium**, Norfolk 2016.

“Losing Imperial Wars: The United States and Irregular Warfare, 1898-2015,” **Dean’s Speaker Series**, State University of New York at Stony Brook, 2016.

Keynote Speaker for **National History Day China**, Concordia International School, Shanghai, 2015.

“Nations and Cultures on the Battlefields of World War I,” in **San Angelo State University’s Speaker Series**, funded by an NEH Grant, 2014.

“A Live and Global Crisis: The Boxer Rebellion, Embedded Reporting, and Watching It (Almost) Live,” **Society for Military History Conference**, 2013.

“A Coalition of Rivals: The Western Powers and the Boxer Rebellion, 1900,” **Society for Military History Conference**, 2012.

“Chinese Military Choices During The Boxer Rebellion, 1900,” **Chinese Military History Society Conference**, 2012.

“Tactical Orientalism: Lessons from the Boxer Rebellion, 1900,” **United States Military Academy, Summer Seminar in Military History**, 2011.

“Formal and Informal Knowledge: The US Army, Conventional War, and Insurgency in the 20th Century,” **United States Military Academy History Department Faculty Development Series**, 2010.

“Losing the Insurgent 20th Century: The US Army after the Spanish-American War, 1898-1916,” **Chief of Army’s Conference on Military History**, Australia, 2010.

“Connecting Culture and the Battlefield: Britain and the Empire Fight the Hundred Days, 1918,” **Society for Military History Conference**, 2009.

“Nation, Identity, and Conflict: British Popular Conceptions of War and Martial Service in the Summer of 1914,” **Society for Military History Conference**, 2008.

“Enlistment in the British Army During the First World War,” **Society for Military History Conference**, 2005.

“‘There Were Yarns in the Air:’ The British Working Class and Public Memory of the Great War in the 20th Century,” **American Historical Association Conference**, 2004.

“An African-American Soldier at War: Korea, Manhood, and War,” **Association for African-American Life and History Conference**, 2004.

"Minorities at War," **Society for Military History Conference**, 2003.

"Tracing the Memories of War: The British and Remembrance in the 20th Century," **Society for Military History Conference**, 2002.

"Recollection and War: Remembering and Remaking," **Southern Historical Association Conference**, 2002.

"Using a Portfolio in a British History Survey Course," Roundtable on Teaching, **North American Conference on British Studies**, 2002.

"A Collision of Bodies and Culture: The British Working Class, Elite Attitudes, and the Army's Medical Exam, 1914-1916," **Mid-Atlantic Conference on British Studies**, 2001.

"Military History, Total War, and the Question of Class: the British Perspective," **Triangle Institute for Security Studies Conference**, 1999.

"Bringing the Social to War: Social History, the Analysis of War, and the British Working Class in the First World War," **Mid-Atlantic Conference on British Studies**, 1999.

"Kitchener and the Belief in a Long War, 1902-1916," **Northern Great Plains Conference**, 1996.

"Pressures to Volunteer: The Male Experience of White Feathers in Britain, 1914-1916," **North American Conference on British Studies**, 1996.

"Their Graves Like Beds: Working-Class Enthusiasm for War in Britain, 1914-1916," **American Historical Association Conference**, 1996.

Professional Activities, Honors, and Awards

Trustee, Society for Military History (2019-2023)

Judge, National History Day (2018 - present)

Chair of the Education Committee of the Society of Military History (2016-2019)

Editor and Book Review Editor H-War Military History Network, H-War is part of the History Net group of electronic discussion networks, and promotes scholarly discourse about military history. [Http://www2.h-net.org/~war](http://www2.h-net.org/~war) (Editor: 2003-present; Book Review Editor: 2003-2006).

Editorial Advisory Board for the series *Warfare and Culture*, New York University Press (2008-2018).

Consulting Scholar in Military History, Rockville Station Middle and High Schools (Spring-Summer 2009-2011).

Cornell Adult University: On-campus program on the Presidential election of 2012. Travel seminars to Antietam, Gettysburg, the Shenandoah Valley, Fredericksburg and Vicksburg, and World War I & II battlefields in France and Belgium, 1999-2006, 2012, 2019.

Society for Military History Social Networking Committee (2011 - 2013).

Ridgway Research Grant, Military History Institute of the Army Heritage and Education Center (2009-2010).

Society for Military History Conference Program Committee.(2009-2010).

Cliopatria Awards for Online History judging committee, member and chair (2009-2010).

Council Member, H-Net Council. h-net.org (2006-2009).

West Point Summer Seminar in Military History (2007).

National Security Fellow at **The Jamestown Project at Harvard University.** (2005-2007).

Philip Merrill Center's Teacher's Workshop, School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University (2006).

Administrative Work

Searched for and hired faculty in **Strategic Thinking, Economics, Global Health, American Political History, China Asia Pacific Studies, Political Theory, Communications,** and **Near Eastern Studies** for the Cornell in Washington program (2011-present).

Searched for and hired **graduate teaching assistants** for the Cornell in Washington program (2011-present).

Designed and implemented **undergraduate internship program** for Cornell in Washington (2011-present).

External Reviewer for History Departments at **Cabrini College** (2007) and **Kutztown University** (2010).

Co-Chair of the Alvernia University **Strategic Planning Council** (2006-2007)

Faculty Member of the Alvernia University **Board of Trustees** (2002-2004, 2006-2008).

Member and Chair of the Alvernia University **Development and Research Committee** (Member 2001-2011, Chair 2003-2006, 2010-2011).

Member of the Alvernia University **Academic Standards Committee** (2001-2006).

Advisor in the Alvernia University **Genesis Program for Undeclared Students** (2001-2006).

Member of **Job search committees** for positions in Environmental History (Bowdoin College), Economics (Alvernia University), Criminal Justice (Alvernia University), Philosophy, (Alvernia University), Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid (Alvernia University, co-chair) and the Director of Library Services (Alvernia University).

References

Available on request.