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Education

University of Virginia, Corcoran Department of History, Charlottesville, VA. 8/2002-Present
ABD, May 2004-August 2009 (dissertation defense).
Master of Arts in History, August 2003.
Dissertation: *Salvaging the American Dream: The U.S. Response to Strategic Decline, Defeat in Vietnam, and Ideological Demoralization, 1968-1976*
Dissertation Advisor: Melvyn P. Leffler
Masters Thesis: *From the Shadows of Rapprochement: The United States, China Policy, and the Recognition Debate during the Johnson Administration*
Thesis Advisor: Phillip Zelikow

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. 8/1997-5/2001
Bachelor of Arts in History and Government, *Magna Cum Laude*, May 2001.
Honors Thesis: *The Nanjing Massacre in History and Historiography*
Thesis Advisor: Sherman Cochran

Research and Work Experience

Contract Historian, Office of the Historian, U.S. Department of State. 8/2008 – Present
Contract Historian for the Special Projects Division, Office of the Historian. Principal duty consists of researching and writing a year-long study of State Department relationships with the intelligence community in the fields of terrorism, narcotics, and diplomatic security under a Director of National Intelligence funded “Lessons Learned” Initiative. Member of a joint State Department/Military study of civil-military cooperation in Iraq. Interviewed principals in Baghdad (January, 2008); currently working in conjunction with US Embassy personnel to produce an unclassified study. Primary author of several transition studies. Lecturer on Post-Cold War foreign policy at the Foreign Service Institute. TS/SCI clearance.

Professor Melvyn P. Leffler, University of Virginia. 1/2005 – 7/2008
Research Assistant for Dr. Leffler's academic projects and public talks. Tasks included gathering, analyzing and summarizing primary sources, editing essays, and writing bibliographies. Projects included Dr. Leffler's 2007 book "For the Soul of Mankind," his forthcoming book on the administration of George W. Bush, and other projects on the Cold War, contemporary foreign policy, and the making of national security doctrines.

Presidential Recording Project, Miller Center of Public Affairs. 5/2003 – 12/2007
Research Assistant for the Presidential Recording Project. Duties include transcribing, annotating, and editing the White House recordings of the Kennedy, Johnson, and Nixon Administrations.

Governing America in a Global Age Program, Miller Center of Public Affairs. 9/2006 - 8/2007

Research Assistant for the Miller Center Conference "After the Bush Doctrine" held in June, 2007. Duties consisted of researching and writing the evolution of U.S. National Security Doctrine from George Washington to the present. The research and analysis was used as historical context for the writing of the "Introduction" to the published volume of the conference proceedings (Cambridge Press, 2008).

Visiting Fellow, Miller Center of Public Affairs. 7/2006 - 6/2007

Visiting Fellow in the "Governing America in a Global Era" Program. A competitive national fellowship awarded to doctoral students to conduct research at the intersection of historical scholarship and contemporary policy. The fellowship provided full dissertation support. In addition to research and writing duties included giving public presentations and attending conferences to share research results and policy implications.

Adjunct Professor, Department of History, University of Virginia. 8/2006 - 12/2006

Adjunct Professor in the University of Virginia Department of History. Independently designed and taught an upper-level undergraduate course HIST-401 "Empire or Leadership: America and the World 1945-1975." Duties included directing guided reading, lecturing, and supervising senior theses.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of History, University of Virginia. 8/2003 - 5/2006

Graduate Teaching Assistant in the Corcoran Department of History. Courses included: U.S. Diplomatic History (Dr. Melvyn P. Leffler); The Second World War (Dr. Philip Zelikow); U.S.-Latin American Relations (Dr. Gerald Haines); Espionage and Intelligence in the 20th Century (Dr. Gerald Haines and Dr. Timothy Naftali); and U.S. History: 1865-Present (Dr. Olivier Zunz). Duties included teaching three classes of twenty students per semester, guest lectures, and grading student assignments.

Publications

Center, Seth. "Supranational Public Diplomacy: The Evolution of the UN Department of Public Information and the Rise of Third World Advocacy" in *Washington and Beyond: Public Diplomacy and U.S. Foreign Relations Toward an International History*, edited by K. Osgood and B. Etheridge (Brill, 2009).

Center, Seth. "The United Nations Department of Public Information: Intractable Dilemmas and Fundamental Contradictions" in *The Handbook of Global Public Relations: Theory, Research, and Practice*, edited by K. Sriramesh and D. Vercic (Routledge, 2009).

Conference Papers

"'Objective: Justice': The United Nations Department of Public Information and the Rise of Third World Public Diplomacy." The United States and Public Diplomacy: Toward an International History" Conference hosted by the Mershon Center, Ohio State University, 2007.

"The Vietnam War and the Nixon-Kissinger Conception of National Security: Parity, Patterns of Abuse, and Domestic Divisions." Miller Center Fellowship Conference, 2007.

Awards and Fellowships

Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Summer Institute “Turning Points in the Cold War,” 2009.

Junior Fellow, University of Virginia Society of Fellows, 2006.

Miller Center of Public Affairs Fellowship in American Political Development, 2006.

Seven Society Graduate Fellowship for Superb Teaching Semifinalist, University of Virginia, 2005

DuPont Fellowship, University of Virginia, 2002-2005.

Clyde Duniway Prize, Outstanding Senior History Student, Cornell University, 2001.

Teaching Experience

UVA Adjunct Professor, HIUS 401, *Empire or Leadership? America and the World, 1941-1975*, 2006.

UVA Teaching Assistant, HIST 361, *Espionage and International History*, Fall 2005/Spring 2006.

UVA Teaching Assistant, HIUS 202, *The United States Since Reconstruction*, Spring 2005.

UVA Teaching Assistant, HIST 352, *World War Two*, Fall 2004.

UVA Teaching Assistant, HIUS 352, *U.S. Diplomatic History, 1915-Present*, Spring 2004.

UVA Teaching Assistant, HIST 215, *U.S.-Latin American Relations*, Fall 2003.

UVA Grader, HIUS 352, *U.S. Diplomatic History, 1915-Present*, Spring 2003

Public Service

Invited public commentator on the Ford Legacy and the Ford Presidency on National Public Radio affiliates and Washington Post Radio, 2007.

Contributor to the University of Virginia Multimedia Guide to the Virginia Standards of Learning, Virginia Center for Digital History in 2004-2005. Wrote contextual essays and teaching guides on Cold War subjects as educational resources for students and teachers for the Virginia Standards of Learning.