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## Education

- PhD UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, History, received May 2011  
BA CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY, KING'S COLLEGE, History, received June 2004  
BA COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, History and Philosophy, received May 2002
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## Employment

- 2012–present NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, Associate Professor, Department of History  
Assistant Professor, 2012–2017  
2011–12 COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, Postdoctoral Fellow, Committee on Global Thought
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## Books, Chapters, and Articles

*How to Hide an Empire: Geography and Power in the Greater United States* (New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, forthcoming).

Foreign rights: UK: The Bodley Head; German: S. Fischer Verlag; Dutch: Atlas Contact;  
Korean: Munhakdongne; Chinese (Taiwan): Faces; Chinese (mainland): ThinKingdom

“American Lives’: Pearl Harbor and the U.S. Empire,” in *Pearl Harbor and the Attacks of December 8, 1941: A Pacific History*, ed. Beth Bailey and David Farber (Lawrence: University of Kansas Press, forthcoming).

“The Ugly American,” *Journal of American–East Asian Relations*, forthcoming.

“The Overseas Empire,” in Mark P. Bradley, ed., *Cambridge History of America and the World*, vol. 3, 1900–1945, ed. Brooke L. Blower and Andrew Preston (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming).

“The Moon Landing: Twilight of Empire,” *Modern American History* 1 forthcoming.

“The Greater United States: Territory and Empire in U.S. History,” *Diplomatic History* 40 (2016): 373–391.

*Thinking Small: The United States and the Lure of Community Development* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2015).

2016 Merle Curti Award, Intellectual History, Organization of American Historians.

2016 Annual Book Award, Society for U.S. Intellectual History (co-winner).

- “Polanyi in the United States: Peter Drucker, Karl Polanyi, and the Midcentury Critique of Economic Society,” *Journal of the History of Ideas* 70 (2009): 445–466.
- Translated into Japanese and published as “Shijo to kokka, soshite kabushiki gaisha,” trans. Yoshida Masayuki, *Gendai shiso* 28 (2010): 141–159.
- “The Fact/Narrative Distinction and Student Examinations in History,” *The History Teacher* 41 (2008): 199–206.
- “Caste or Colony?: Indianizing Race in the United States,” *Modern Intellectual History* 4 (2007): 275–301.
- Reprinted in serial in *Bheem Patrika*, 2012.
- Selected as one of *Modern Intellectual History*’s ten “Highlights of a Decade,” 2014.
- “The Politics of Architecture and Urbanism in Postcolonial Lagos, 1960–1986,” *Journal of African Cultural Studies* 19 (2007): 165–186.
- “History and the Sciences,” with Philip Kitcher, in Daniel Herwitz and Michael Kelly, eds., *Action, Art, History: Engagements with Arthur Danto* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2007), 198–226.
- Reprinted in *Explanation in the Special Sciences: The Case of Biology and History*, ed. Andreas Hutterman, Oliver Scholz, and Marie I. Kaiser (New York: Springer, 2014).
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## Reviews and Essays

- “Development Meets the Environment,” foreword to *Transplanting Modernity*, ed. Jennifer Smith and Thomas Robertson (Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, forthcoming).
- Review of *Once within Borders: Territories of Wealth, Power, and Belonging since 1500*, by Charles S. Maier, H-Diplo, H-Net Reviews, forthcoming.
- Review of *Legitimizing Empire: Filipino Americans and U.S. Puerto Rican Cultural Critique*, by Faye Caronan, *Canadian Journal of History* 51 (2016): 694–696.
- Response in Roundtable on *Thinking Small*, H-Diplo, H-Net Reviews, June 2016.
- Review of *Planning Democracy: Agrarian Intellectuals and the Intended New Deal*, by Jess Gilbert, *Agricultural History* 90 (2016): 152–153.
- “The Thirty Years’ Crisis: Anxiety and Fear in the Midcentury United States,” *Modern Intellectual History* 13 (2016): 287–298.
- Review of *A Superpower Transformed: The Remaking of American Foreign Relations in the 1970s*, by Daniel J. Sargent, H-Diplo, H-Net Reviews, January 2016.
- “Thinking Small Won’t End Poverty,” *Jacobin*, Fall 2015, 75–79.
- “Growth vs. The Climate,” *Dissent*, Spring 2015, 110–118.
- Reprinted in Kurt Finsterbusch, ed., *Taking Sides: Clashing Views on Social Issues*, 19th ed. (New York: McGraw-Hill, 2016).

“What Did You Do in the War, Doctor?: On Social Scientists and Social Change,” *n+1* (online), March 2015.

Review of *The Empire Trap: The Rise and Fall of U.S. Intervention to Protect American Property Overseas, 1898–2013*, by Noel Maurer, *Journal of American Studies* 49 (2015): 201–203.

“Dissertation Abstract: Quests for Community: The United States, Community Development, and the World, 1935–1965,” *Journal of Economic History* 73 (2013): 548–551.

Review of *Colored Cosmopolitanism: The Shared Struggle for Freedom in the United States and India*, by Nico Slate, *Journal of Social History* 47 (2013): 547–549.

“Charting the Road to Davos: The Rise and Fall of Internationalism,” *Dissent*, Spring 2013, 89–94.

“Modernization and Development in U.S. Foreign Relations,” *Passport: The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Review*, September 2012, 22–25.

“The Foundation Statesmen,” *n+1* (online), August 2012.

Joint review of *The Great American Mission: Modernization and the Construction of an American World Order*, by David Ekbladh and *The Hungry World: America's Cold War Battle against Poverty in Cold War Asia*, by Nick Cullather, *Agricultural History* 86 (2012): 106–108.

“On B. R. Ambedkar and Black-Dalit Connections,” translated into Telugu and published in *Bahujana Keratalu*, April 2012, 31–32.

Review of *Thelonious Monk: The Life and Times of An American Original*, by Robin D. G. Kelley, *The Sixties* 3 (2010): 247–249.

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## Fellowships and Honors

ANDREW CARNEGIE FELLOW, Carnegie Corporation, 2017–2018

ANNUAL BOOK AWARD, Society for U.S. Intellectual History, 2016 (co-winner)

MERLE CURTI AWARD, Organization of American Historians, given yearly to the best book in intellectual history, 2016

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES FELLOW, Huntington Library, 2015–2016

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP, Humanities Center, University of Pittsburgh, 2015–2016 (declined)

STUART L. BERNATH LECTURE PRIZE, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, annual award for “excellence in teaching and research in the field of foreign relations” by a younger scholar, 2015

DECOLONIZATION SEMINAR FELLOW, National History Center, Summer 2014

HONORABLE MENTION, BETTY M. UNTERBERGER DISSERTATION PRIZE, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, award for best dissertation on any subject in U.S. foreign relations, awarded biannually, 2013

WEINBERG COLLEGE AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING FRESHMAN ADVISING, Northwestern University, 2013

ALLAN NEVINS PRIZE IN AMERICAN ECONOMIC HISTORY, Economic History Association, award for best dissertation in U.S. or Canadian History, 2012

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOW, Committee on Global Thought, Columbia University, 2011-2012

MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIP, 2002-2004

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### Teaching

I have taught undergraduate and graduate courses at Northwestern University; the University of California, Berkeley; Columbia University; and San Quentin State Prison. My current undergraduate offerings include:

GLOBAL HISTORY, 1750–THE PRESENT: THE AGE OF CARBON, introductory lecture

U.S. INTELLECTUAL HISTORY SINCE THE CIVIL WAR, advanced lecture

U.S. FOREIGN RELATIONS, advanced lecture

CAPITALISM AND ITS OPPONENTS IN HISTORY, freshman seminar

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### Dissertation Committees

#### COMPLETED DISSERTATIONS

Kyle Burke (2015)

Tom Meaney (Columbia, 2017)

Taka Daitoku (2016)

Wen-Qing Ngoei (2015)

Yanqiu Zheng (2017)

#### DISSERTATIONS IN PROGRESS

Alvita Akiboh (chair)

Melanie Hall

Kevin Baker

Alex Hobson

Michael Falcone (chair)

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### Papers, Presentations, and Panels

“Warfare State in the Pacific: Hawai‘i and Martial Law during the Second World War,” American Historical Association conference, January 2018.

Chair and commentator, “Sex, Gender, Intimacy, Race, and Lingering Questions of Justice in World War II’s Southwest Pacific Theater,” American Historical Association conference, January 2018.

- “Nobody Knows in America, Puerto Rico’s in America: Colonial Medicine, Militant Nationalism, and the U.S. Empire,” University of Connecticut–Storrs, Foreign Policy Seminar, September 2017.
- “A War of Transportation: The Second World War and Globalization,” Society for the Historians of American Foreign Relations conference, Arlington, VA, June 2017.
- “From Us to U.S.: Global History and the Future of SHAFR,” Society for the Historians of American Foreign Relations conference, Arlington, VA, June 2017.
- “Nobody Knows in America, Puerto Rico’s in America,” Racing the International series, University of Chicago, Center for the Study of Race, Politics and Culture, May 2017.
- “Fireball Express: How the United States Military Laid the Foundations for Globalization,” Dartmouth University, April 2017.
- “Fireball Express: How the United States Military Laid the Foundations for Globalization,” Cornell University, April 2017.
- “Synthetica: A Technological Explanation for Decolonization,” Conflict and International Change Seminar, Hall Center for the Humanities, University of Kansas, April 2017.
- “Writing the Great American Dissertation,” Newberry Library Writing History Seminar, February 2017.
- “‘American Lives’: Pearl Harbor and the U.S. Empire,” Pearl Harbor: A Pacific History conference, Center for the Study of the U.S. Military, University of Kansas, December 2016.
- “Plastic versus Empire: Synthetic Materials and Decolonization,” Economic History Seminar, Yale University, December 2016.
- Commentator, Jon Levy’s *Ages of American Capitalism*, Newberry History of Capitalism Seminar, September 2016.
- “Global English in the Postwar World,” International Seminar of Global History, Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos, Peru (via Skype), September 2016.
- “Language is a Virus: English as a Pillar of U.S. Postwar Hegemony,” Society for the Historians of American Foreign Relations conference, San Diego, CA, June 2016.
- “Everything You Always Wanted to Know about Guano But Were Afraid to Ask,” Presentation to Huntington Library Board of Trustees and Board of Overseers, March 2016.
- Filmed and available on the Huntington’s YouTube channel.
- “Empire State of Mind,” Harvard International and Global History Seminar, March 2016.
- “Fertilizer Empire: The Quest for Guano and U.S. Overseas Possessions,” Society of Fellows Seminar, Huntington Library, January 2016.
- “Lighting Out for the Territories: The Greater United States in Historical Perspective,” Bernath Lecture, American Historical Association, January 2016.

- Chair, AHA Book Club: William Sewell's *Logics of History*, American Historical Association, January 2016.
- "The Empire-Killers: Planes, Radio, and Plastic," American Historical Association, January 2016.
- "Everything You Always Wanted to Know about Guano But Were Afraid to Ask," Huntington Library, Brown Bag Seminar, October 2015.
- "The Imperial Republic: The United States before 1898," Caltech Social Science History Seminar, October 2015.
- "Thinking Outside Modernization: New Work in Midcentury Social Thought," U.S. Intellectual History conference, Washington, DC, October 2015.
- "Power is Sovereignty, Mister Bond: On the Use of Islands," U.S. Bases and the Construction of Hegemony conference, October 2015.
- "Thinking Small," American Political History Seminar, University of California, Berkeley, October 2015.
- Author Meets Critics Session, *Thinking Small*, Rural Sociological Society conference, Madison, August 2015.
- "Letting Go of Empire: The Independence of the Philippines," Society for the Historians of American Foreign Relations conference, Arlington, VA, June 2015.
- Commentator, "Empire and Nationalism in Cold War Asia," Society for the Historians of American Foreign Relations conference, Arlington, VA, June 2015.
- Chair, "Cold War Urbanism," Society for the Historians of American Foreign Relations conference, Arlington, VA, June 2015.
- "Grassroots Development: A Surprisingly Long and Checkered History," Center for Global Development, Washington, D.C., June 2015.
- "Development and the Environment: A Caricature, a Caution, and a Hope," keynote lecture, Transplanting Modernity Workshop, Georgetown University, June 2015.
- "Development without Modernization," University of Wisconsin-Madison, April 2015.
- Chair, "Insurgencies," Conference on Insurgencies, Chabreja Center for Historical Studies, Northwestern University, April 2015.
- "Bringing Development Back Home: The United States and the Global War on Poverty," American Historical Association conference, New York, January 2015.
- "Thinking Small," University of Michigan, December 2014.
- "The Decolonization of the United States," Social Science History Association conference, Toronto, November 2014.
- "The U.S. Empire," History Channel Seminar Series, Newberry Library, October 2014.
- Chair, "Rule of Experts?: U.S. Foreign Policy and the Politics of Knowledge," Society for the Historians of American Foreign Relations conference, Lexington, KY, June 2014.

Panelist, roundtable discussion, "Human Rights and the Cold War," Society of the Historians of American Foreign Relations conference, Lexington, KY, June 2014.

"The U.S. Empire," Conference on American Empire, Lexington, KY, 2014.

"Agriculture and the Outward State," Conference on Policy History, Columbus, OH, June 2014

"The Exceptionalist Empire," Empire and States conference, Center for Historical Enquiry and Social Sciences, Yale University, May 2014.

"Modernization Comes to Town: Narrative Strategy and Twentieth-Century Agricultural History," Organization of American Historians conference, Atlanta, GA, April 2014.

"The Paradox of Empire," American Empire conference, University of Notre Dame, March 2014.

Commentator, "Knowledge, Activism, and the Liberal State in the Golden Age of the Expert," American Historical Association conference, Washington, DC, January 2014.

Chair, "Training Graduate Students to Teach: Berkeley's 'Teaching at the University' Course," American Historical Association conference, Washington, DC, January 2014.

"A World of Squantos: How the United States Achieved Global Hegemony without Colonies," Social Science History Association Conference, Chicago, November 2013.

Commentator, "Interwar Rural Reconstruction in Global Perspective," Social Science History Association Conference, Chicago, November 2013.

"Exceptionalist Anti-Imperialism: The Bizarre Failure of Anti-Imperialists in the United States to Engage with the United States' Actual Empire," Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association conference, Denver, CO, August 2013.

Commentator, "U.S. Subjects at Home and Abroad," Society of the Historians of American Foreign Relations conference, Arlington, VA, June 2013.

"Screwing In: The Second World War and the United States' Imperial Infrastructure," Society of the Historians of American Foreign Relations conference, Arlington, VA, June 2013.

Commentator, "Developing Alternatives: New Perspectives on Development Thought and Practice during the Early Cold War," Society of the Historians of American Foreign Relations conference, Arlington, VA, June 2013.

"How to Hide an Empire: The United States and its Overseas Territories, 1867-1946," joint session of the International History and Social History Workshops, University of Chicago, May 2013.

Chair and commentator, "Geographies of Violence: Spatial Politics and the Carceral State," History of Violence symposium, Northwestern University, May 2013.

Commentator, "Tourism and New Cosmopolitanism in Hawaii," Refiguring the 1970s conference, University of Chicago, April 2013.

"How to Hide an Empire: The U.S. Overseas Territorial System," Organization of American Historians conference, San Francisco, April 2013.

- “How to Hide an Empire: The U.S. Overseas Territorial System,” Buffett Center, Northwestern University, March 2013.
- “Low Modernism in Development History,” Yale Agrarian Studies Group, February 2013.
- “Grassroots Democracy as Counterinsurgency: Community Development in the Philippines, 1950–1970,” United States and the Cold War Seminar, Tamiment Library, New York University, February 2013
- “The Decolonization of the United States, 1945–1952,” New Faculty Lunchtime Colloquium, Alice Kaplan Institute for the Humanities, Northwestern University, January 2013.
- “The Decolonization of the United States, 1945–1952,” American Historical Association conference, New Orleans, January 2013.
- “Quests for Community: The United States, Community Development, and the World, 1935–65,” Economic History Association conference, Vancouver, November 2012.
- “Before Social Capital: The Forgotten History of Cold-War Era Community Development,” World Bank Research Conference, Washington, D.C., October 2012.
- “Lighting out for the Territories: Transnational History and the U.S. Overseas Empire,” SHAFR annual conference, June 2012.
- “How to Grow a Civilization: Robert Redfield and Overseas Development,” Civilization, the Curriculum, and the University, 1914–1950, workshop at Columbia University, April 2012
- “Mountain Climbing and Pebble Collecting: Two Modes of Intellectual History,” Consciousness and Society workshop, Columbia University, April 2012.
- “Quests for Community,” Columbia–LSE Conference on the Global 1950s, Columbia University, March 2012.
- “The Consensus School of Development History,” Development and Its Evangelists in the Cold War conference, Columbia University, February 2012.
- “The Pivot of the World: U.S. Power in the Pacific in the 1940s,” Columbia University Seminar on Twentieth-Century Politics and Society, January 2012.
- “The Long Career of Low Modernism: Agrarian Intellectuals in International Development after the Second World War,” Agricultural History Society annual meeting, Springfield, Ill., June 2011.
- “Facts and Narratives in Teaching History,” History–Social Science Project, teacher training workshop, University of California, Berkeley, June 2011.
- Commentator, “States of Emergency: A Conference in Honor of Peter Evans,” University of California, Berkeley, May 2011.
- “Quests for Community: The International and Domestic Origins of the War on Poverty,” Organization of American Historians convention, Houston, March 2011.
- “Caste, Class, and Race,” teacher training workshop, New Trier High School, IL, February 2011.

- “The United States and Community Development: A ‘Low-Modernist’ Approach to Foreign Aid in the Years of Modernization Theory,” American Historical Association convention, Boston, January 2011.
- “The Small Group: A Focal Concept in Midcentury Social Science,” Workshop on the History of Postwar Social Sciences, London School of Economics, November 2010.
- “Agrarian Intellectuals at Home and Abroad: Decentralism in U.S. Thought and Policy, 1935–55,” U.S. Intellectual History annual conference, CUNY, October 2010.
- “The United States and the Global Economy, 1875–the present,” History–Social Science Project, teacher training workshop, University of California, Berkeley, October 2010.
- “The United States in the Philippines: A Benevolent Empire?” History–Social Science Project, teacher training workshop, University of California, Berkeley, October 2010.
- “Caste, Class, and Race,” Teaching American History teacher training program, University of Texas, Austin, June 2010.
- “The Sunbelt, the Suburbs, and the Rise of the Reagan Right,” History–Social Science Project, teacher training workshop, University of California, Berkeley, May 2010.
- “Community Development as a Transnational Development Strategy,” “Beyond Boundaries and Nations” conference, UC Berkeley, November 2008.
- “Architecture and Urban Space in Postcolonial Lagos,” presented at “Townlife in Modern Africa” conference, Trinity College, Cambridge University, March 2004.

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### Manuscript Reviews

Bloomsbury Press	<i>Journal of Policy History</i>
CQ Press	<i>Modern American History</i>
<i>Canadian Journal of Development Studies</i>	<i>Modern Intellectual History</i>
<i>Diplomatic History</i>	McGill-Queens University Press
<i>Humanity</i>	Oxford University Press
<i>International Social Science Review</i>	University of Chicago Press
<i>Journal of American Studies</i>	Wiley Blackwell
<i>Journal of Global History</i>	

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### Pedagogy

#### FACULTY ADVISOR

Teagle Program for Graduate Training in Teaching, History Department, 2013–2015

#### AMERICAN HISTORY ADVISOR

History–Social Science Project, University of California, Berkeley, 2006–2011

#### ACADEMIC LITERACY ADVISOR

History–Social Science Project, University of California, Berkeley, 2008–2011

CONSULTANT  
Stanford History and Education Group, 2009–2012

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**Service**

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Professional Development Officer, 2016–2017

Graduate Prize Committee, 2015

Security Studies Search Committee, Political Science Department, 2014

Teagle Program for Graduate Training in Teaching, faculty advisor, 2013–2015

Chabraja Center for Historical Studies, Faculty Work in Progress Seminar, convener, 2013–2015

ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN HISTORIANS

Merle Curti Intellectual History Prize Committee, 2018–2019

MODERN INTELLECTUAL HISTORY

Editorial Board, 2017–2019

SOCIETY FOR HISTORIANS OF AMERICAN FOREIGN RELATIONS

Dissertation Completion Fellowship Committee, 2013–2016 (chair, 2015–16)

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, COMMITTEE ON GLOBAL THOUGHT

Postdoctoral Fellowship Search Committee, 2012