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Education:

Washington University, St. Louis (A.B. summa cum laude, 1967).
Yale University (M.A. 1969; Ph.D. 1975).

Fields of Specialization:

Twentieth century America: war, politics, culture.

Employment:

Northwestern University, Richard W. Leopold Professor of History, 2000-
Northwestern University, 1998 - 2001, Associate Dean, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences
Northwestern University, 1987 - present, Professor of History
Northwestern University, Assistant Dean for Freshmen, College of Arts and Sciences, 1994 - 1997
Northwestern University, 1982-1987, Associate Professor of History
Northwestern University, 1980-1982, Assistant Professor of History
Fellow in Independent Study and Research, National Endowment for the Humanities, 1979-1980
Northwestern University, 1976-79, Assistant Professor of History

Honors:

Lambda Literary Award for best book in LGBT Non-Fiction, 2008 (for Gay Artists in Modern American Culture)
Richard W. Leopold Professor of History, Northwestern University, 2000-
Bancroft Prize for Distinguished Books in American History and Diplomacy, awarded 1988 for books published in
1987, for The Rise of American Air Power: The Creation of Armageddon.
University Research Committee Grants, 1983-84, 1985-86 for preparation of book manuscript.
Humanities Fellowship, Rockefeller Foundation, 1983-84,
Fellowship for Independent Study and Research, National Endowment for the Humanities, 1979-80.
George Washington Egleston Prize for best essay in American history, Yale University, 1975.
Prize Teaching Fellowship, Yale University, 1974-75.
Woodrow Wilson Fellowship, Yale University, 1967-68.
Phi Beta Kappa, Washington University, 1966.

Work in Progress:

Go Directly to Jail: The Punitive Turn in American Life (book project).

Publications: Books

Gay Artists in Modern American Culture: An Imagined Conspiracy (University of North Carolina Press 2007, audio book 2014; paper 2015).

In the Shadow of War: The United States Since the 1930s (Yale University Press, 1995; paper, 1997; Chinese edition by National Institute for Compilation and Translation, Taiwan).

The Rise of American Air Power: The Creation of Armageddon (Yale University Press, 1987; paper, 1989).

Preparing for the Next War: American Plans for Postwar Defense, 1941-1945 (Yale University Press, 1977).

Recent Publications: articles, essays

Article, "War as a Way of Life," the inaugural issue of *Modern American History* 2018), spring 2018 (published online January 22, 2018)..

(With 9 others), "Colloquy: Queering America and the World," *Diplomatic History* 40:1 (January 2016), 19-80.

Commissioned essay, "American Wars, Barely Visible to Americans," La Vie des Idées/Books and Ideas (online French/English publication), Published in English March 30, 2015; in French February 2, 2016.

<http://www.booksandideas.net/American-Wars-Barely-Visible-to-Americans.html>

Review-essay, "Hail to the Chief" (on William Leuchtenburg, *The American President: From Teddy Roosevelt to Bill Clinton* (2015)), *The American Scholar*, Winter 2016, 112-14.

Review-essay, "Unintended Consequences," *Los Angeles Review of Books*, February 13, 2014: Coffey, American Arsenal: A Century of Waging War.

Commissioned essay, "Le Fanatisme Technologique et La Guerre Moderne," in Deux Guerres Totales 1914-1918, 1939-1945: La Mobilisation de la Nation, ed. Dominique Barjot (Paris: Economica, 2012).

Contributor, *H-Diplo Roundtable* on Frank Costigliola, Roosevelt's Lost Alliances: How Personal Politics Helped Start the Cold War, vol. XIV, No. 8 (12 November, 2012).

Commissioned lead essay, "A War 'unlike any other': America and the World since September 11," *OAH Magazine of History*, July 2011 issue for the 10th anniversary of 9/11, pp.1-5.

Review Article, "The Vietnam War: Digging Deeply, If Not Widely," *The International History Review*, 32 (3): September 2010, pp. 533-40.

Contributor, H-Diplo Roundtable on William Hitchcock, Liberation: The Bitter Road to Freedom, Europe 1944-1945, February 11, 2011 (pp.16-19), <http://www.h-net.org/~diplo/roundtables/PDF/Roundtable-XII-5> .

Commissioned essay, "The United States and Strategic Bombing: From Prophecy to Memory," in Marilyn Young and Yuki Tanaka, eds., Bombing Civilians: A Twentieth-Century History (New York, Free Press, 2008).

"Gay Artists in Midcentury America," *The Chronicle Review of The Chronicle of Higher Education*, September 7, 2007 (abridged from Gay Artists in Modern American Culture).

Commissioned peer-reviewed article, "Death, Mourning, and Memorial Culture," Columbia History of Post-World War II America, ed. Mark Carnes (Columbia University Press, 2007).

Commissioned peer-reviewed article, "Dead or Alive: American Vengeance Goes Global," *Review of International Relations* (London), Special Issue on Force and Diplomacy, v. 31 Supplement S1, December 2005 (online March 2006): 245-63. Republished in Force and Legitimacy in World Politics, ed. David Armstrong, Theo Farrell, and Bice Miguashca (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005).

Recent Scholarly and Public Conferences, Invited Lectures, and Seminars:

- Chair, "The Imperial Dynamics of Counterinsurgency Warfare," American Studies Association, November 2017.
- Panelist, "War: What Is IT Good For? A Conversation in Honor of Marilyn B. Young," Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations," June 23, 2017.
- Chair and Comment, "Local, State, Federal: Circling the Bases of U.S. Drug Wars, 1950–1980, Organization of American Historians, April 6, 2017
- Comment, "Queering America and the World, Part II," Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, June 2015.
- Comment, Panel on "Masculine Identities," Parks and Recreation: Histories of Leisure Conference, Chabreja Center for Historical Studies, NU, May 8, 2015.
- Comment, "Refiguring the 1970s: New Narratives in U.S. and International History," University of Chicago, April 27, 2013.
- Chair, "The Roots of Democratic Upheavals in the Middle East," Organization of American Historians Meeting, 4/12.
- Chair and Comment, "Frontiers of Migrants, Military Service, Democracy, and Identity in Twentieth-Century U.S. History," Organization of American Historians meeting, 4/12.
- Chair and Comment, "Everyday Soldiers: Militarization in Postwar American Society," American Historical Association meeting, 1/12.
- Speaker, "What is an Acceptable View of 9/11?" Organization of History Teachers Luncheon, American Historical Association meeting, 1/12.
- Panelist, "A Nation of Suspects: Surveillance and Securitization in the Punitive State," American Anthropological Association meeting, 11/11.
- Panelist, Roundtable, "History and Moral Responsibility," Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Meeting, 6/11.
- Comment, "National Bodies in Print: Transnational Media and the Global Circulation of Identities," University of Chicago-Northwestern University Global America Conference, 4/11.
- Chair and Comment, "Military Culture and U.S. Foreign Relations in the 20th Century," Society for the History of American Foreign Relations Conference, Madison, WI, 6/10.
- The Annual Taft Lectures, "Go Directly to Jail: The Punitive Turn Begins," and "Go Directly to Jail: The Punitive Turn in Our Time," University of Cincinnati, February 24-25, 2010.
- The Charles R. and Elizabeth C. Wilson Endowed Lecture, "Go Directly to Jail: The Punitive Turn in American Life," Miami University, February 22, 2010.
- Organizer and chair, "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Marry," American Historical Association, January 9, 2010.
- Paper, "The Militarization of American Crime," workshop, "Issues in the Critical Study of Armed Forces and Militarization," The Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University, May 29-30, 2009.
- The Oscar Anderson Lecture in American History, "Go Directly to Jail: The Punitive Turn in American Life," Oberlin College, October 6, 2008.
- Invited Lecture, "Gay Artists in Cold War America," Institute for Research on Women and Gender," University of Michigan, September 30, 2008.

Professional Organizations

- Organization of American Historians
American Historical Association
Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations
Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender History