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## Dr. Robert J. Kodosky

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### Brief Biography:

Robert J. Kodosky taught secondary social studies in Philadelphia for twelve years before becoming an adjunct instructor in the Department of History at West Chester University of Pennsylvania in Spring 2002. He earned a B.S. in social studies education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania (1989) prior to receiving an M.A. from Villanova University in world history (1994). He took his Ph.D. in American history from Temple University (2006) where he specialized in United States diplomatic and military history. In addition to serving as an assistant professor of history, Dr. Kodosky also acts as faculty advisor to the Contemporary Issues program on campus and Phi Alpha Theta (the international history honor society).

### Research:

I am interested in the ways that Americans conceptualize themselves and “others,” and in the manner that they act on those ideas, during times of both war and peace. I am equally drawn to the study of the ways by which war is represented in the American imagination.

## Teaching:

The courses that I offer in United States diplomatic and military history encourage students to consider broadly America’s use of force and diplomacy in a global context that accounts for all actors, state and non-state, individual and collective. Besides the classes that I teach for content, I also enjoy contributing to the department’s effort of facilitating the professional development of its students, as historians and as teachers.

## Publications:

“Holy Tet Westy!: Graphic Novels and the Vietnam War,” *Journal of Popular Culture* (forthcoming).

Book Review of *The 7th Infantry: Combat in an Age of Terror*, by John C. McManus. *History: Review of New Books* 36 (Summer 2008): 137-8.

Book Review of *A Faustian Foreign Policy from Woodrow Wilson to George W. Bush*, by Joan Hoff. *History: Review of New Books* 36 (Summer 2008): 139-40.

Book Review of *Victory in War: Foundations of Modern Military Policy*, by William C. Martel. *History: Review of New Books* 36 (Winter 2008): 60-1.

Book Review of *The Big Red One: America’s Legendary 1st Infantry Division from World War I to Desert Storm*, by James Scott Wheeler. *History: Review of New Books* 36 (Winter 2008): 60.

[\*Psychological Operations American Style: The Joint United States Public Affairs Office, Vietnam and Beyond\*](#). Lanham (MD): Lexington Books, 2007.

Book Review of *Depression, War, and Cold War: Studies in Political Economy*, by Robert Higgs. *History: Review of New Books*, 35 (Spring 2007): 113.

Book Review of *Harry S. Truman and the Cold War Revisionists*, by Robert H. Ferrell. *History: Review of New Books*, 34 (Spring 2006): 80.

Book Review of *Total Cold War: Eisenhower’s Secret Propaganda Battle at Home and Abroad* by Kenneth Osgood, in *History: Review of New Books*, 34 (Spring 2006): 99.

“The American Way of War?: Heroes and Kings go for the Gold.” *Film & History CD-ROM Annual* (2005).

## **Multimedia:**

[“Lost in Translation: American PSYOP and Intelligence in Vietnam.”](#)

Luncheon keynote, “Intelligence and the Vietnam War.” Vietnam Center, Texas Tech University, 21 October 2006.

## **Honors and Awards:**

2009 Outstanding Faculty, Honors College, West Chester University.

2006 Conference Grant, Center for the Study of Intelligence.

2002 Jeffrey Bower Grant, Center for the Study of Force and Diplomacy, Temple University.

2000 Moody Grant, The Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation.

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