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**Education:**

Ph. D. Temple University, American Military/Diplomatic History, January 2006.  
“The Joint United States Public Affairs Office in Vietnam: The Truth and Consequences of American Psychological Operations.” Dr. Richard H. Immerman, Advisor.  
M. A. Villanova University, World History, May 1994.  
B. S. Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Social Studies/Education, May 1989.

**Professional Experience:**

Associate Professor, United States diplomatic and military history, social studies education, Department of History, West Chester University, West Chester, PA, present.  
Adjunct Professor, Department of History, West Chester University, West Chester, PA, 2002 – 2009.  
Board of Trustees, American Helicopter Museum and Education Center, 2014-present.  
Eastern Pennsylvania Coordinator, Phi Alpha Theta, history honors, 2013-present.  
Student Veterans Group Faculty Advisor, West Chester University, 2014-present.  
Reader, ETS Advanced Placement Exams for American History, 2007 - 2012.  
Adjunct Professor, College of Life Long Learning, Immaculata University, Immaculata, PA, 2001 – 2005.  
Social Studies Teacher, Rittenhouse Academy, Philadelphia, PA, 1989 – 2001.

**Undergraduate Courses:**

World War I  
Baseball and America: A History  
The Vietnam War  
The Cold War  
American Diplomatic History  
United States Military History  
Student Teaching Supervisor  
Varieties of History (Historiography)  
The American Experience, Pre-Columbus – Present.  
History of the United States I, Pre-Columbus – Reconstruction.  
History of the United States II. Reconstruction – Present.  
World Civilizations I, To 1650.  
World Civilizations II, 1650 – Present.

**Graduate Courses:**

History of the Cold War  
America Goes to War

### **Forthcoming Publications:**

“What’s In A Name? Waging War to Win Hearts and Minds,” *American Intelligence Journal* (Summer 2015).

“Intelligence Matters,” review essay, *American Intelligence Journal* (Fall/Winter 2015).

Review of *The Good War: Why We Couldn’t Win the War or the Peace in Afghanistan*, by Jack Fairweather, in *Michigan War Studies Review*, [www.miwsr.com](http://www.miwsr.com), Summer 2015.

### **Publications:**

“Psychological Warfare” in G. Kurt Piehler, ed., *The Encyclopedia of Military Science* (Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publishing), August 2013.

“Musical Melee: Twentieth Century America’s Contested Wartime Soundtrack,” in Jonathan Friedman, editor, *The Routledge History of Social Protest in Popular Music*, June 2013.

Review of *War Time: An Idea, Its History, Its Consequences*, by Mary L. Dudziak, in *Humanities & Social Sciences Online*, [www.h-net.org](http://www.h-net.org), October 2012.

“Holy Tet Westy!: Graphic Novels and the Vietnam War” in the *Journal of Popular Culture* 44:5 (October 2011).

Co-author, with Charlene Mires and Seth Bruggeman, “Building a Public History Community in Philadelphia,” *Public History News* 31:4 (September/October 2011).

Review of *The Civilian and the Military: A History of the American Antimilitarist Tradition*, by Arthur A. Ekirch, Jr., for *History: Reviews of New Books* 39:4 (Fall 2011): 109.

Review of *America’s Cold War: The Politics of Insecurity* by Campbell Craig and Fredrik Logevall for *History: Reviews of New Books* 39:1 (Winter 2010): 12.

Review of *War Stories: False Atrocity Tales, Swift Boaters and Winter Soldiers – What Really Happened in Vietnam* by Gary Kulik for *History: Reviews of New Books* 39:1 (Winter 2010): 15.

“Veterans Share Stories that Really Matter – Just Listen,” *Philadelphia Inquirer*, 7 November 2010.

Review of *The 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry: Combat in an Age of Terror* by John C. McManus in *History: Reviews of New Books* 36:4 (Summer 2008): 137-8.

Review of *A Faustian Foreign Policy from Woodrow Wilson to George W. Bush* by Joan Hoff in *History: Reviews of New Books* 36:4 (Summer 2008): 139-40.

Review of *Victory in War: Foundations of Modern Military Policy* by William C. Martel, in *History: Reviews of New Books* 36:2 (Winter 2008): 60-1.

Review of *The Big Red One: America's Legendary 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division from World War I to Desert Storm* by James Scott Wheeler, in *History: Reviews of New Books* 36:2 (Winter 2008): 60.

*Psychological Operations American Style: The Joint United States Public Affairs Office, Vietnam and Beyond* (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, a division of Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 2007).

Review of *Depression, War, and Cold War: Studies in Political Economy* by Robert Higgs, in *History: Review of New Books*, 35:3 (Spring 2007): 113.

Review of *Harry S. Truman and the Cold War Revisionists* by Robert H. Ferrell, in *History: Review of New Books*, 34:3 (Spring 2006): 80.

Review of *Total Cold War: Eisenhower's Secret Propaganda Battle at Home and Abroad* by Kenneth Osgood, in *History: Review of New Books*, 34:3 (Spring 2006): 99.

Review of "Cornplanter and the Fate of His Land," lesson plan, ExplorePAhistory Project, [www.explorepahistory.com](http://www.explorepahistory.com), September 2006.

Review of "Pennsylvania Steel," lesson plan, ExplorePAhistory Project, [www.explorepahistory.com](http://www.explorepahistory.com), September 2006.

Review of "Indians in Pennsylvania," lesson plan, ExplorePAhistory Project, [www.explorepahistory.com](http://www.explorepahistory.com), September 2006.

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

### **Public History Projects:**

"The Art of War," exhibited essay/production advisor, *Biloxi Blues*, directed by Samantha Bellomo, May 2015, Peoples Light Theater, Malvern, PA.

Helicopter History exhibit, Francis H. Greene Library, West Chester University, November 2014, see: [http://articles.philly.com/2014-11-16/news/56395380\\_1\\_gyroplane-rotor-aircraft](http://articles.philly.com/2014-11-16/news/56395380_1_gyroplane-rotor-aircraft)

Delaware County Veterans Memorial Project, September 2014-present, see: <http://www.delconewsnetwork.com/articles/2015/05/21/entertainment/doc555e4443e5d60815330692.txt>

Soldiers to Scholars, West Chester University, [www.soldierstoscholars.com](http://www.soldierstoscholars.com), 2010-present.

American Helicopter Museum and Education Center, audio tour scripts, featured in *Public History Year in Review*, December 2012 at <https://phyearbook.wordpress.com/2012/12/12/military-history-goes-public/>

### **Presentations/Conferences:**

Presenter, “Unarmed, Alone and Unafraid: Psychological Operations in the Skies of Southeast Asia,” *Violent Skies: The Air War in Vietnam*, a symposium jointly convened by the Air Force Historical Foundation, the Army Historical Foundation, the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation, and the Naval Historical Foundation, National Defense University, Washington, D.C., 15-16 October 2015.

Organizer, Young Veterans Educational Forum, Student Veterans Group, West Chester University, Philips Autograph Library, 25 April 2015.

Organizer, *The Helicopter War: A 50<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of the Vietnam War*, 10 November 2014, West Chester University and the American Helicopter Museum and Education Center, Philips Autograph Library, West Chester University, 10 November 2014. Archived at: <http://wcumediastite.passhe.edu/Mediasite/Catalog/Full/95a3b98b184a474ca9dcfda361cfe9221>

Presenter, “With Faith in His Heart and Hope on His Lips: America’s Unknown Soldiers On,” *The Great War, a Hundred Years On: Origins, Lessons and Legacies of the First World War*, Gwinnett College, Lawrenceville, GA, 7 November 2014.

Guest speaker, “A Battle for Hearts and Minds Along the Brandywine,” On Hallowed Ground, Brandywine 2014, Birmingham Township, PA, 17 May 2014.

Panel chair, Experience and Stories about War, presented “War Stories: Where’s the Moral?,” Popular Culture Association, Chicago, Illinois, 18 April 2014.

Panel chair, The Use and Abuse of Public Media in United States History, Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, Shippensburg University, Shippensburg, PA, 5 April 2014.

Presenter, “Lessons Learned?: The Vietnam War and the Things that Its Veterans Carried Home,” Faculty Panel, Phi Alpha Theta Biennial Convention, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 4 January 2014.

Panel chair, Vietnam War II, Phi Alpha Theta Biennial Convention, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 4 January 2014.

Panel chair, Vietnam War I, Phi Alpha Theta Biennial Convention, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 4 January 2014.

Guest speaker, "COIN and PSYOP: A Necessary Pairing," U.S. Air Force ROTC, Detachment 750, Annual Dine In, Villanova University, 6 December 2013.

Presentation, "Restrepo: The War Remains The Same," Big Read event, Sykes Auditorium, West Chester University, 7 November 2013.

Presentation, "Combat Medicine and Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome: From Vietnam to The Global War on Terror," Chester County Historical Society, 12 September 2013.

Organizer, *Agent Orange Town Meeting*, Vietnam Veterans of America and West Chester University, Philips Autograph Library, West Chester University, 2 October 2013.

Archived at:

<http://wcumediastite.passhe.edu/Mediasite/Catalog/Full/3b6181bd060341ee824aba25926aa3f621>

Co-organizer, "The American Civil War: Year Two in Review, 1862-1863," West Chester University, West Chester, PA, 26 April 2013.

Panel chair, "Representations of War in Popular Culture," presented "The Unknown Soldier: A Comic Book's Reflection of the American Face of Battle," Popular Culture Association, Washington, DC, 30 March 2013.

Discussant, "Social Science Perspectives on Global Issues, Mid-Atlantic Region Association for Asian Studies Conference," West Chester University, West Chester, PA 3 November 2012.

Co-organizer, "The American Civil War: The First Year in Review, 1861-1862," West Chester University, West Chester, PA, 27 April 2012.

Presenter, "East of Underground, Left of the Front: Anti War Army Bands," Patriotism Revisited Panel, Popular Culture Association, Boston, MA, 12 April 2012.

Co-presenter, with Tara Wink, Special Collections Librarian, West Chester University. "Special Collections: Where History Happens," State System of Higher Education Libraries Council Annual Meeting, Harrisburg, PA, 27 March 2012.

Faculty Consultant, Public History Community Forum, sponsored by the Middle Atlantic Regional Council for the Humanities, Woodlands Historic Mansion, Philadelphia, PA, 23 March 2012.

Contributing member (invited), Consortium on Grand Strategy, The Hertog Program on Grand Strategy, Temple University's Center for the Study of Force and Diplomacy in

collaboration with the Foreign Policy Research Institute, Philadelphia, PA, 19 September 2011 – 23 April 2012 (7 meetings).

Co-founder/organizer, Public History Community Forum, sponsored by the Middle Atlantic Regional Council for the Humanities, Temple University center city, Philadelphia, PA, 29 April 2011.

Moderator, Panel C, Military History: Europe, Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, Villanova University, 9 April 2011.

Co-organizer, Genocide Conference, sponsored by Contemporary Issues, 4 April 2011, Sykes Student Union, West Chester University. 4 April 2011.

Contributing member (invited), Consortium on Grand Strategy, The Hertog Program on Grand Strategy, Temple University's Center for the Study of Force and Diplomacy in collaboration with the Foreign Policy Research Institute, Philadelphia, PA, 25 October 2010 – 12 May 2012 (6 meetings).

Presenter, "Soldiers to Scholars," Reporting for Duty program, West Chester University, 8 November 2010.

Paper, "To Forgive and Forget: The Forgotten Lessons of *Dai Doan Ket*, A Program for National Reconciliation in Vietnam, 1967-1972," The American Experience in Southeast Asia, 1946-1975, George C. Marshall Conference Center, Department of State, Washington, D.C., 29-30 September 2010. Video available from C-Span at: <http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/ProgramsinV&showFullAbstract=1>

Presenter, "Hot Dogs and Marijuana Cigarettes: War Made Simple for Present Day Purposes," Policy and Propaganda panel, Popular Culture Association, St. Louis, Missouri, April 2010.

Moderator, "Darfur in Crisis," Sykes Theater, West Chester University, 28 October 2009.

Address, "Apocalypse Then, History Now: The Vietnam War," Tel Hai Community Center, Honeybrook, PA, August 2009.

Address, "War is Hell, Home is Hardly Heavenly: A History of America's Military Veterans," Home from War, Contemporary Issues Program, West Chester University, November 2008.

Panel member, *Trumbo*, American Cold War Culture, Contemporary Issues Program, West Chester University, November 2008

Panel chair, Critical Scholarly Issues, presented "Easy Does It Again and Again: Sgt. Frank Rock, America's Super Soldier," The Comic Book in Popular Culture, Bowling Green University, October 2008.

Moderator, *Across the Universe* panel, Contemporary Issues Program, West Chester University, February 2008.

Panel chair, Fictional Representations of the Vietnam War, presented “Holy Tet Westy: Graphic Novels and the Vietnam War,” ACA/PCA Conference, April 2007.

Panel member, *Fog of War* interdisciplinary film discussion, Contemporary Issues Program, West Chester University, January 2007.

Panel member, *Daughter From Danang* and *Woman is the Future of Man*, Contemporary Issues Program, West Chester University, November 2006.

“Lost in Translation: American PSYOP and Intelligence in Vietnam.” Luncheon keynote address at the Intelligence and the Vietnam War Conference in Lubbock, TX, Center for Intelligence Studies of the Central Intelligence Agency and the Vietnam Center, Texas Tech University, 21 October 2006. (Video online at: <http://www.vietnam.ttu.edu/vietnamcenter/events/past.htm>)

“PSYOP: Then and Now.” Vietnam War seminar, Temple University, April 2006 [invited].

“Sorry About That!: American PSYOP in Vietnam and Iraq.” ACA/PCA Conference, April 2006.

“The American Way of War?: Heroes and Kings go for the Gold.” War in Film, Television and History Conference, *Film & History*, Dallas, Texas, November 2004.

Moderator, “American Have No Class – Or Do They?” West Chester University, March 2002.

“The Joint United States Public Affairs Office: Tuning in American Propaganda During the Vietnam War.” Joseph A. Barnes club Conference, Temple University, February 2001.

### **Honors, Awards and Grants:**

2015 Student Veteran Group Medal

2014 Student Research Initiative (student: Adam Farence).

2014 Legion of Honor, Chapel of Four Chaplains, Vietnam Veterans of America.

2013 Collaborative History Program Award, American Helicopter Museum and Education Center Project, History Affiliates Award, Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, 24 October 2013.

2013 Outstanding Faculty, Honors College, West Chester University.

2012 Outstanding Faculty, Honors College, West Chester University.

2010 Joseph McLaughlin award, College of Arts and Sciences, West Chester University.

2010 Outstanding Faculty, Honors College, West Chester University.

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.

### **Professional:**

Thesis committee, Alexandra Kramen, master's thesis directed by Jonathan Friedman, July 2015.  
Search committee, Associate Dean of Humanities and Liberal Arts, fall 2014.  
Independent study, Daniel Mahler, August 2014.  
Thesis committee, Rick Salvi, master's thesis, directed by Jonathan Friedman, fall 2013.  
Faculty guide, "Band of Brothers" study abroad, led by Dr. Brenda Gaydosh, 21 May-5 June 2013.  
Chair, Search Committee, Assistant Professor of Social Studies Education and History, Department of History, West Chester University.  
Blind reviewer, "Terrorism and New Media: The Case of the Graphic Novel," *Critical Studies on Terrorism*, anonymous author, forthcoming.  
Contributing faculty, Dean's Retreat, College of Arts and Sciences, West Chester University.  
Intern supervision, Lawrence R. Davidson (Spring 2011) and Ruth Almy (Summer 2011), Soldiers to Scholars project.  
Thesis committee, Samantha Shannon, graduate student, West Chester University, "Memory of Katyn Forest Massacre," master's thesis, directed by Dr. Lisa Kirschenbaum, Spring 2011.  
Comprehensive exam, modern American history, graduate program, West Chester University, Fall 2010 - present.  
Reader, David B. Nieborg, "Training Recruits and Conditioning Youth: The Soft Power of Military Games," in Nina B. Huntemann and Matthew Thomas Payne, editors, *Joystick Soldiers: The Politics of Play in Military Video Games* (New York: Routledge, 2010), 53-66.  
Reader, Dieu Nguyen, assistant Professor of history, Temple University, "Myth and Nation-Making: Pursuing Vietnamese National Origins through Time and Texts," August 2008.  
Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, member.  
Popular Culture Association, member.

### **Campus/Community Service/Media:**

Webcast, guest, *Live From the Herron's Nest*, 24 February 2015. Archived at: <http://www.delcotimes.com/media/20150225/missed-live-from-the-newsroom-talking-history-behind-delcos-war-memorial-here-is-the-replay>  
Television, guest, *Comcast Newsmakers*, Vietnam War 50 Year Commemoration, 14 October 2014. Archived at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eaEXowJk5Dc>  
Radio, guest, "Vietnam War: 50<sup>th</sup> Commemoration," WCHE radio, West Chester, PA 9 July 2014.  
Interview, "Video Project Works to Preserve vets' stories," *USA Today*, 8 August 2013.

Dean's Retreat, member, College of Arts and Sciences, West Chester University, 25 July 2012. Archived at: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2013/08/08/vietnam-vets-stories-video/2631947/>

Radio, guest, "West Chester and the Civil War," WCHE radio, West Chester, PA, 26 April 2012.

Colloquium, invited guest, "Creating the September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial Museum at Ground Zero," with Jan Ramirez, Chief Curator and Director of Collections, National September 11 Memorial Museum, The Pew Center for Arts and Heritage, Philadelphia, PA, 20 October 2011.

Radio, guest, "PSYOP," ABC News Radio broadcast, Sydney Australia (on air via phone), 24 February 2011.

Television, panelist, "The Battle for Hearts and Minds: Counterinsurgency and Reconstruction Programs in Vietnam," C-Span, 25 December 2010.

Member, Steering Committee, "Reporting for Duty: Community Responses to Our Returning Military Personnel and Their Families," 8 November 2010, West Chester University.

Television, guest, Good Day West Chester, West Chester University television, April 2010.

Faculty advisor, Phi Alpha Theta, 2010-present.

Fall Preview Day, History department representative, November 2009.

Department representative, Association of Pennsylvania State Colleges and University Faculties, 2009-present.

Member, West Chester University Technology Task Force, 2009-12.

Faculty advisor, Military History Club

Faculty advisor, Contemporary Issues Club

Faculty liaison, Wings for Success, 2008.

Guest, *Book Chat*, television program, February 2008.

Member, Executive Committee for Conference on the Peace Corps and VISTA, West Chester University, April 2008.

Member, West Chester University Task Force to Promote Undergraduate Research (2007 - 2009).

Food drive organizer for student contributions to PhilAbundance food bank, 1991-2001, 2007 – present (Chester County Food Bank).

Participant in over 100 races (running) for various charities, 1994-present.

Homecoming Judge, West Chester University (2008).

Local election volunteer, 2005.

Chester County Historical Society Scavenger Hunt volunteer, 2004.

Guest commentator on WCUR talk radio program, 2004, 2006.