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Education

University of Oxford, Oxford, UK

D.Phil in History, 2012

Warr-Goodman Scholar 2010 – 2012

Thesis: ‘British Naval Manpower during the French Revolutionary Wars, 1793 – 1802’

Supervisor: N.A.M. Rodger

University of Exeter, Exeter, UK

M.A. in Naval History, with Distinction, 2008

Dissertation: ‘The Social Impact of Manning the Navy in Devon, 1793 – 1803’

Supervisor: Michael Duffy

Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina, USA

B.A. with Honors in History, Summa Cum Laude, 2006

Wilkes Community College, Wilkesboro, North Carolina, USA

A.A. with Honors in Core Studies, 2005

Publications

Monograph

The Myth of the Press Gang: Volunteers, Impressment and the Naval Manpower Problem in the Late Eighteenth Century. Woodbridge, The Boydell Press, 2015.—Proxime Accessit for the 2016 Society of Nautical Research Anderson Medal

Edited Book

Strategy and the Sea: Essays in Honour of John B. Hattendorf. Edited with N.A.M. Rodger, B. Darnell, and E. Wilson. Woodbridge: The Boydell Press, May 2016.

Book Series Editor

Veterans. Co-Edited with Brian Matthew Jordan. University of Massachusetts Press, 2017-Present
One monograph currently in press.

Articles and Chapters

“British Naval Administration and the Lower Deck Manpower Problem in the Eighteenth Century,” in N.A.M. Rodger, et al., eds., *Strategy and the Sea: Essays in Honour of John B. Hattendorf.* Woodbridge: The Boydell Press, 2016.

“British Naval Administration and the Manpower Problem in the Georgian Navy,” in *New Interpretations in Naval History: Selected Papers from the Eighteenth McMullen Naval History Symposium Held at the United States Naval Academy 19–20 September 2013.* Newport, RI: Naval War College Press, forthcoming 2018.

Book Reviews

Review of *Hornblower's Historical Shipmates: The Young Gentlemen of Pellew's Indefatigable*, by Heather Noel-Smith and Lorna M. Cambell, *H-Net Reviews in the Humanities and Social Sciences* (online), 2017.

Review of *Poseidon's Curse: British Naval Impressment and Atlantic Origins of the American Revolution*, by Christopher P. Magra, *The Mariners Mirror*, 2017.

Review of *British Expeditionary Warfare and the Defeat of Napoleon: 1793-1815*, by Robert K. Sutcliffe, *Journal of Military History*, 2017.

Review of *Letters of Seamen in the Wars with France, 1793-1815*, by Helen Watt with Anne Hawkins, *International Journal of Maritime History*, 2017.

Review of *In Nelson's Wake: The Navy and the Napoleonic Wars*, by J. Davey, *H-Net Reviews in the Humanities and Social Sciences* (online), 2017.

Review of *Modern Naval History: Debates and Prospects*, by R. Harding, *Journal for Maritime Research*, 2016.

Review of *In the Hour of Victory: The Royal Navy at War in the Age of Nelson*, by S. Willis, *Journal for Maritime Research*, 2015.

Teaching Experience

Director of Graduate Studies in History, Sam Houston State University Department of History, August 2017 – Present

Assistant Professor, Sam Houston State University, Department of History, September 2014 – Present

Visiting Assistant Professor, Sam Houston State University, Department of History, September 2013 – August 2014

Classes Taught at SHSU

Freshman Survey: American History, 1492 – 1877

Upper Division Survey: Modern European Military History

Upper Division Survey: The Second World War

Upper Division Survey: French Revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars

Upper Division Survey: The History of Seapower

Upper Division Survey: The Civil War and Film

Graduate Seminar: The British Navy in the Age of Revolution

Graduate Seminar: Naval Battles in the Eighteenth Century

Graduate Seminar: Naval Warfare, 1850-1950

Graduate Seminar: Film and War in America

Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Oxford, 2009 – 2012

Further Subject: Politics, Reform and Imperial Crisis: Britain 1774 – 1784

Service

Graduate Directors Committee, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, SHSU, August 2017–Present

Historian General's Committee, Naval Order of the United States, May 2017–Present

University Student Disciplinary Hearing Committee, SHSU, August 2016–Present

Campus Security Authority, SHSU, August 2016–Present

Advisory Committee Member, 'No Man's Land: East Texas African American Veterans of WWI' Project, East Texas Historical Association, January 2016–Present

Faculty Representative for the University Veterans Alliance Network, SHSU, January 2015–Present

Graduate Studies Committee Member, SHSU Department of History, August 2014–Present

Faculty Advisor for the Bearkat History Club, SHSU Department of History, December 2014–Present

Montgomery County Historic Commission Committee Member, July 2014–Present

Faculty Needs and Planning Committee, SHSU Department of History, December 2016–August 2017

Faculty Hiring Committee Member, SHSU Department of History, September 2015–April 2016

Conferences Organized

"Strategy and the Sea: An International Conference in Honour of Professor John B. Hattendorf," All Souls College, University of Oxford, April 2014

"The Hudson Trust Conference in Naval History," All Souls College, University of Oxford, March 2010

Other Experience

Consultant, The National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, 2011 – 2012

Provided research for the permanent exhibit, "Nelson, Navy, Nation: The Story of the Royal Navy and the British People, 1688 – 1815."

Infantry Assaultman, United States Marine Corps, 2000 – 2004

Completed tours in Afghanistan and Iraq, and served two years as an Assault Squad Leader. Received a Letter of Commendation and a Meritorious Mast for service in Afghanistan, and an Honorable Discharge in 2004.

Professional Memberships

American Historical Association
 International Maritime Economic History Association
 Naval Order of the United States
 Navy Records Society
 North American Society for Oceanic History
 Society for Nautical Research
 Society for Military History

Papers Presented [Select List]

- United States Naval Academy: McMullen Naval History Symposium, 2017
- College of Charleston: Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, 1750-1850, 2017
- Dale Center for the Study of War and Society: Waging Peace Conference, 2016
- Stockholm University: Naval Officers in the Baltic: Careers and Context Conference, 2016
- United States Naval Academy: McMullen Naval History Symposium, 2015
- College of Humanities and Social Sciences, SHSU: Faculty Research Colloquium, 2015
- University of Leeds: War, Society and Culture c. 1688-1830 Conference, 2015
- Houston Maritime Museum: History Lecture Series, 2015
- All Souls College, Oxford: Strategy and the Sea: An International Conference in Honour of Professor John B. Hattendorf, 2014
- United States Naval Academy: McMullen Naval History Symposium, 2013
- National Museum of the Royal Navy: Press Gangs, Conscripts, and Professionals Conference, 2013
- Wolfson College, Oxford: Naval Expertise and the Making of the Modern World Conference, 2013
- National Museum of the Royal Navy: Research Seminar Series, 2013
- University of Oxford: Graduate Seminar in History 1680 – 1850, 2012
- University of Oxford: Opening Presentation, Alan Villiers Memorial Lecture, 2011
- University of Cambridge: New Horizons in Maritime History Conference, 2010
- All Souls College, Oxford: The Hudson Trust Conference in Naval History, 2010
- University of Exeter: New Researchers in Maritime History Conference, 2010
- Institute of Historical Research: British Maritime History Seminar, 2010

Referees

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 All Souls College, Oxford
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 Professor Emeritus
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