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Curriculum Vitae

Education:

PhD Candidate of the Arts in History, George Mason University, expected graduation, Summer 2024

Dissertation Title: “Partisans of the Old Republic: Right-Wing Opposition to U.S. Foreign Policy”

Master of the Arts in History, George Mason University, 2016

Bachelor of the Arts in History, University of Denver, 2009

Peer Reviewed Articles:

“Brokering a Buffer State: Afghan Neutrality and American Diplomacy, 1973–1979”
International History Review, Feb 20, 2018

“‘The Mortar Between the Bricks’: Willis Conover and Global Jazz” *Jazz Perspectives* Dec 13, 2017

Digital Projects and New Media:

GIS consultant and assistant site developer for “Mapping Violence,” RRCHNM (2022, 2023)

Transcriber and GIS consultant “the Bills of Mortality Project,” RRCHNM (2023)

Editor-at-large for Digital Humanities Now, RRCHNM (2020-2021)

GIS consultant for “Virginia’s Lost AT,” RRCHNM, <https://viriniaslostat.org>, (2019 - 2020)

Data management and analysis for “American Religious Ecologies,” RRCHNM
<https://religiousecologies.org/> (2019)

“Q GIS Tutorial,” for “Mapping Early American Elections,” RRCHNM
<http://earlyamericanelections.org/blog/2019/04/30/qgis-tutorial.html> (2019)

“Unrestricted: The Campaign to Sink the Japanese Merchant Fleet During World War II”
[https://unrestricted.omeka.net/with Bat-Erdene Altankhuyag, Matthew DiRisio and John Sheehan](https://unrestricted.omeka.net/with-Bat-Erdene-Altankhuyag-Matthew-DiRisio-and-John-Sheehan) (2018)

Conference Presentations:

“A Fortress America for the Cold War: The Isolationist Right After 1945,” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, Panel Presentation (2023)

“The Other Right: Republican Opposition to U.S. Foreign Policy, 1935-1968,” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, Lightning Presentation (2022)

Book Reviews:

Rachel Maddow. *Prequel: An American Fight Against Fascism*. New York: Crown, 2023. *Reason Magazine* (October 2023)

Craig Whitlock. *The Afghanistan Papers: A Secret History of the War*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2021. *The Strategy Bridge* (October 2021)

C. William Walldorf Jr. *To Shape Our World for Good: Master Narratives and Regime Change in U.S. Foreign Policy*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2019. *H-War* (October 2020)

Michael Fredholm. *Afghanistan Beyond the Fog of War: Persistent Failure of a Rentier State*. Copenhagen: NIAS PRESS, 2018. *H-War* (September 2019)

Awards and Fellowships:

George Mason University’s Doctoral Research Scholars Award (2023-2024)

George Mason University’s Summer Research Fellowship (2023)

Rothbard Graduate Seminar, Ludwig von Mises Institute for Austrian Economics (2022)

George Mason University’s College of Humanities and Social Science’s Dean’s Challenge Award (2020)

George Mason University’s History and Art History Department’s Louise and Rudolf Fishel Graduate Fellowship (2020)

George Mason University’s History and Art History Department’s C. W. Bright Pixel Prize for the Best History and New Media Project (2019)

George Mason University’s History and Art History Department’s Josephine Pacheco Award for Best Graduate Research Paper (2016)

Op-Eds and Non-Peer Reviewed Work:

“Beyond the Noise: NATO Debates, Past and Present” *Responsible Statecraft*,
<https://responsiblestatecraft.org/trump-nato> (2024)

“Enemies Above: The FBI and the Creation of the Brown Scare Myth” *The Libertarian Institute*,
<https://libertarianinstitute.org/articles/enemies-above-the-fbi-and-the-creation-of-the-brown-scare-myth/> / (2023)

“Feeling manipulated? How Uncle Sam perfected the information state” *Responsible Statecraft*,
<https://responsiblestatecraft.org/2023/02/10/feeling-manipulated-how-uncle-sam-perfected-the-information-state/> (2023)

“Brown Scare, Red Scare, Fake Scare, Who’s Scared?” *The Libertarian Institute*,
<https://libertarianinstitute.org/articles/brown-scare-red-scare-fake-scare-whos-scared/> (2022)

“Power Elite Analysis: Lessons from the ‘Conspiracist’ Right and New Left Academics,” *The Libertarian Institute*, <https://libertarianinstitute.org/articles/power-elite-analysis-lessons-from-the-conspiracist-right-and-new-left-academics/> (2022)

“Deja vu: Republicans fracturing over Ukraine, just like Korea,” *Responsible Statecraft*,
<https://responsiblestatecraft.org/2022/09/06/deja-vu-republicans-fracturing-over-ukraine-just-like-korea/> (2022)

“The Loneliness of Ron Paul: By the Numbers, 1975-1985,” *The Libertarian Institute*,
<https://libertarianinstitute.org/articles/the-loneliness-of-ron-paul-by-the-numbers-1975-1985/> (2022)

“Why Can’t We Be Friends? The History of and Prospects for Left and Right Antiwar Collaboration,” *freethepeople.org*, <https://freethepeople.org/why-cant-we-be-friends-the-history-of-and-prospects-for-left-and-right-antiwar-collaboration/> (2022)

“No ‘Putin apologia’ and certainly not new: the Old American Right on war,” *Responsible Statecraft*, <https://responsiblestatecraft.org/2022/03/22/no-putin-apologia-and-certainly-not-new-the-old-american-right-on-war/> (2022)

“Why I Won’t Fight,” *Antiwar.com*,
https://original.antiwar.com/Brandan_Buck/2022/02/27/why-i-wont-fight/ (2022)

“A History of Distrust: How the Right Lost Faith in Institutions,” *freethepeople.org*,
<https://freethepeople.org/a-history-of-distrust-how-the-right-lost-faith-in-institutions/> (2022)

“Bear Any Burden: Military Sacrifice and Rise of American Populism,” *Antiwar.com*,
https://original.antiwar.com/brandan_buck/2021/09/12/bear-any-burden-military-sacrifice-and-rise-of-american-populism/ (2021)

“A Brief History of the "Isolationist" Strawman,” *History News Network*, <https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/181097> (2021)

Service to the Profession:

Contributor and QGIS Instructor for the Institute for Advanced Topics in the Digital Humanities, Digital Methods for Military History, <https://dmmh.rchnm.org/> (2021)

Teaching Assistance:

History 125: World History, (2023)

History 100: History of Western Civilizations, (2022)

Media Appearances:

Quoted in “Foreign aid vote shows stark generational divide in GOP Foreign aid vote shows stark generational divide in GOP,” by Blaise Malley, *Responsible Statecraft*, 19 Feb 2024

Quoted in “Quick Hits,” by Liz Wolfe, *Reason*, 14 Feb 2024

“Old Right, New Right? What History Suggests about the Future of GOP Foreign Policy,” with Dr. Victoria Coates and Justin Logan, the Cato Institute / C-SPAN, 8 Jan 2024

Quoted in “Epilogue to the Old Right: The Andrews-Werdel Campaign of 1956,” by Hunter DeRensis, *The American Conservative*, 16 Oct 2023

Interview with *Kibbe on Liberty*, 23 Aug 2023

Interview with *Vital Dissent w/ Patrick MacFarlane*, 15 Aug 2023

Quoted in “Americans' trust in military hits 'malaise era' territory,” by Kelley Beaucar Vlahos, *Responsible Statecraft*, 1 Aug 2023

Interview with *Radio Rothbard*, 2 Sept 2022

Interview with *Parallax Views w/ J.G. Michael*, 21 Jun 2022

Interview with *Conflicts of Interest*, 11 May 2022

Scholarly Blog Posts:

“Shifting the Burden: Patterns in American Military Fatalities From World War II to the Global War On Terror,” <https://brandanpbuck.com/digital-military-history/shifting-the-burden/>, 10 Dec 2023

“Three Degrees of Extremism: How Adjacency is Manufactured and Used in American Politics,”
<https://brandanpbuck.com/research/three-degrees-of-extremism/>, 26 May 2023

“When ‘Isolationism’ Won: The Other World War and the Ascent of Dissent,”
<https://brandanpbuck.com/noninterventionism/the-other-world-war/>, 20 May 2023

“The Great War and Congressional ‘Isolationism,’”
<https://brandanpbuck.com/noninterventionism/the-great-war-and-isolationism-in-congress/>, 16 Oct 2022

“The Last Call for Midwestern Noninterventionism,”
<https://brandanpbuck.com/noninterventionism/the-last-call-for-midwestern-noninterventionism/>, 13 Jul 2022

“57 Years of Congressional Voting on Foreign Policy in 35 Seconds and 705 Words,”
https://brandanpbuck.com/noninterventionism/quick_cong_for_pol/, 31 Mar 2022

“Fly Over Country, the Gunbelt, and the Nationalization of America Internationalism,”
<https://brandanpbuck.com/noninterventionism/nationalization-of-america-internationalism/>, 13 Feb 2022

“So You Say You Want an Evolution? Generational v. Ideological Decline within Republican Noninterventionism,” https://brandanpbuck.com/noninterventionism/gen_v_id/, 29 Jan 2022

“Noninterventionism, Committees, and Productive Procrastination,”
<https://brandanpbuck.com/noninterventionism/noninterventionism-committees-and-productive-procrastination/>, 22 Jan 2022

“The People’s Pottage: Opus of a Laissez-Faire Anti-Imperialist,”
<https://brandanpbuck.com/noninterventionism/the-peoples-pottage-opus-of-a-laissez-faire-anti-imperialist/>, 16 Jan 2022

Skills:

ArcGIS/QGIS: Advanced

R programming language/R Studio: Intermediate

Professional Affiliations:

Society of Historians for American Foreign Relations (2022-Present)

Heterodox Academy (2021-Present)

Selected Employment History:

Imagery/Geospatial Intelligence Analyst, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency,
July 2008 to December 2014, Buckley Air Force Base, CO & National Capital Region

Infantryman, Virginia Army National Guard, August 2003 to September 2005, Manassas, VA

Cavalry Scout, United States Army, August 2001 to July 2003, Ft. Knox, KY