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## EDUCATION

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Ph.D., History, 2004  
M.A., History, 1998

Dartmouth College  
A.B., History (with Honors) and English, 1995

## EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor, Department of History and Art History, George Mason University  
Fall 2011-present (on leave, 2014-2016)

Visiting Professor, Department of Military Strategy, Planning, and Operations, U.S. Army War College  
Fall 2014-present

Assistant Professor, Department of History and Art History, George Mason University  
Fall 2005-Fall 2011

Editor-in-Chief, *Papers of the War Department 1784-1800*, Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media, George Mason University  
Spring 2006-present

Lead Historian, American Battle Monuments Commission “Understanding Sacrifice” program  
Summer 2014-present

Lead Historian, Loudoun County (Virginia) Teaching American History Grant  
Spring 2007-Spring 2009; Fall 2010-Summer 2014

Lecturer, Appalachian State University, Department of History  
Fall 2004-Spring 2005

Visiting Instructor, Duke University, Department of History  
Fall 2003

## PUBLICATIONS

*Enduring Battle: American Infantrymen in Battle in Three Wars, 1776-1945*. University Press of Kansas, 2011.

*The Weight of War: American Soldiers in Postindustrial Combat from Vietnam to Iraq*. In progress.

*The Shoals of Defeat: Abraham Lincoln, Union War Strategy, and the 1864 Overland Campaign*. In progress.

“Why Soldiers Fight,” *Historically Speaking*, vol. 13, no. 1 (2012), 10-12.

Review of John Babcock, *Taught to Kill: An American Boy's War from the Ardennes to Berlin*, in *The Journal of Military History*, vol. 72, no. 2 (2008), 546-547.

Review of Christopher Coker, *The Warrior Ethos: Military Culture and the War on Terror*, in *The Journal of Military History*, vol. 72, no. 1 (2008), 304-305.

Review of "Military Campaign Maps" website, in *The Journal of American History*, vol. 94, no. 4 (2008), 1331-1332.

## *PRESENTATIONS*

"'Treason, Stupidity, or Cowardice': The Union Defeat at Ball's Bluff and the Formation of the Joint Committee on the Conduct of the War." Virginia Civil War Sesquicentennial Conference, Spring 2014.

"'Of Course You'll Be Scared': Changing Attitudes toward Combat Fear in the U.S. Army from the Civil War to World War II." Society for Military History Annual Meeting, Spring 2012.

"'An Act of Charity': Benefits for Widows and Orphans in the Files of the Early War Department, 1784-1800." Society for Military History Annual Meeting, Spring 2010.

"Teaching the 'New' Military History: New Subjects, New Techniques." National History Education Clearinghouse, American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Winter 2010.

"Taking Documentary Editing Online: Launching the Papers of the War Department Website," Association for Documentary Editing Annual Meeting, Fall 2009.

"Combat Experience and Response in American Infantrymen: The War for Independence, the Civil War, and the Second World War," Triangle Institute for Security Studies New Faces Conference, Fall 2002

"Small-Unit Leadership and Combat Motivation: The American Experience in Linear and Dispersed Tactical Systems, the Civil War and World War II," United States Military Academy Bicentennial Symposium, Spring 2002

"An Army of One?: Combat Motivation, Unit Cohesion, and Technological Change in Infantry Combat," National Security Seminar Series, John M. Olin Institute for Security Studies, Harvard University, Fall 2001

## *TEACHING*

### Courses taught:

*at George Mason University*

War and American Society

The Civil War Era

The Study and Writing of History

Graduate Readings Seminar in Military History

Graduate Readings Seminar in the American Civil War Era

Graduate Readings Seminar in Civil-Military Relations

Graduate Research Seminar in the American Civil War Era

*at the U.S. Army War College*

Theater Strategy and Campaigning

Strategic Leadership in the Civil War

Combat Motivation

Strategic Writing and Research (course designer)

Dissertations advised:

John Lillard, *Playing War: Wargaming and U.S. Navy Preparations for World War II*. 2013.

William Andrews, *To Fly and Fight: The Experience of U.S. Air Force Aviators in Southeast Asia*. 2011.

Awards:

George Mason University Teaching Excellence Award, 2013.

*FELLOWSHIPS*

U.S. Army Center for Military History, Dissertation Fellowship, 2002-2003.

Harvard University, John M. Olin Institute for Strategic Studies, Predoctoral Fellow, 2001-2002.