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### CURRENT ACADEMIC POSITION

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Assistant Professor of American History at  
Texas A&M University- Central Texas

2017- Present

### RESEARCH and TEACHING INTERESTS

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American Military History, Revolutionary America, Early Republic, American Borderlands  
Environmental History, American Identity, Historic Preservation, and Native American History.

### EDUCATION

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- Ph.D.** History, The University of Southern Mississippi **2015**  
Dissertation: "Trading Identities: National Identity, Loyalty, and Backcountry Merchants in  
Revolutionary America, 1740–1816"
- M.A.** Social Sciences: History, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania **2008**  
Thesis: "Obstacle to Progress: The Legacy of Pontiac's Rebellion"
- B.A.** History, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania **2006**  
*Cum Laude*

### Publications

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#### Peer Reviewed Articles

"Under The Banner of War: Frontier Militia and Uncontrolled Violence" in the *Journal of the American Revolution*, March 2022.

"Learning "The Dreadful Trade of Death: "Training the U.S. Army at Legionville, 1792-1793" in *Military Review*, May-June, 2021.

"United States Foreign Policy in the Federalist Era" in the *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of American History*, 2019

"A Scandalous Frontier: Political Corruption and Greed in the Illinois Country, 1765-1775," *Journal of Illinois History*, 2019

"Deconstructing Hagiography: The Reexamination of the Image of Thomas Jefferson," *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, 2018.

## **Book Chapter/Article Projects**

“A Conversation of Conspiracy: Regionalism and the Unstable Politics of the Early Republic, 1787-1807,” in *Where East Meets (Mid)West: Exploring an American Regional Divide*, Edited by Jon Lauck and Gleave Whitney, Kent State University Press, Publication Pending.

“Smallpox: A Real or Imagined Weapon against Native Americans along the American Borderlands, 1758-1781” in *War and Disease: When Pathogens and Humanity come into Conflict* Edited by Michael Doidge, Brill Academic Publishing, Publication Pending.

## **Book Length Projects / Monographs and Edited Collections**

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*Scoundrels of the Republic* co-edited with David Head of The University of Central Florida. Under contract with Pegasus Publishing. Summer 2023

*Trading Identities: National Identity, Loyalty, and Backcountry Merchants in Revolutionary America, 1740–1816*, proposal has been sent to The University of Pennsylvania Press.

*A Man Caught In Between: Mapping, Espionage, and the Life of the Geographer of the United States, Thomas Hutchins, 1730-1790*, in the writing and research phase of this project. I have been in contact with several publishers including Oklahoma University Press and University of North Carolina Press.

## **Textbook Contribution**

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“The Article of Confederation” in *The American Yawp: A Free and Online, Collaboratively Built American History Textbook*, 2014 and published by Stanford University Press, 2019.

## **Op-Ed Article**

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“The Founders Drew a Line between Peaceful Protest and Armed Insurrection” in *The Washington Post*, April 30, 2020.

## **Invited Talks**

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“Legionville: The Forgotten Training Grounds of the US Army, 1792-1793” at The Army and Navy Club in Washington DC (Virtual Lecture).

July 13, 2021

"The Iberian Infatuation: Identity and Regionalism in the Revolutionary West, 1776-1799" at the Texas A&M University “War, Violence, and Society Working Group” in College Station

November 7, 2019

“The Rebirth of the Army: Lessons Learned from Defeat” for the Leadership Development Program for the Senior Command of III Corps at Fort Hood in Killeen Texas.

November 4, 2020

“Selling the American Wilderness: Thomas Hutchins and his Environmental Writings and Maps” at the Central Texas Planetears in Killeen Texas.

July 11, 2019

“The Business of Espionage: The Untold Story of Captain Thomas Hutchins and the American War for Independence, 1778-1783” at the Heart of Texas Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution in Salado Texas.

January 12, 2019

“A Treasonous Correspondence with the King’s Enemy: The Strange Tale of Captain Thomas Hutchins and the American War for Independence, 1778-1783” at Faculty Lecture Series at Texas A&M University - Central Texas.

September 12, 2018

“For our better ordering and Protection: The Mayflower Compact and the Military History of Plymouth Colony, 1620-1640 at Society of Mayflower Descendants in Alabama Meeting

November 12, 2016

“The Colonel and the Don: George Morgan’s New Madrid” at The University of Southern Mississippi, Phi Alpha Theta Lecture Series.

February 19, 2015

“Overview of the Vietnam War” at The Moving Vietnam Wall Exhibit at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania,

May 2, 2008

## **CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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April-May 2022 presented the paper “The Geographer and Land Speculator: Service, Disgrace, and the Quest for Fortune in Revolutionary America, 1776-1789” at the 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Society for Military History Conference in Fort Worth, Texas.

April-May 2022 participated in the roundtable “Reaching a New Generation: Teaching Military History to a New Audience” at the 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Society for Military History Conference in Fort Worth, Texas.

April 2021 participated in the roundtable entitled “Whose Anthropocene is it Anyway? A View

From the Humanities and Social Sciences” at the SUSTEX 2021 Summit at TAMUCT in Killeen Texas.

May, 2021 participant on the roundtable "Blood Talk": Military Operations as Instruments of Policy in the Gray Zone between War and Peace," discussing the role Colonel George Morgan played in creating a Delaware-American alliance during the American Revolution at the 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Society for Military History in Crystal City, VA. COVID-19 cancelled the conference. Rescheduled for May 2021 in Norfolk VA.

May 9-12, 2019 presented the paper “An American Informant: Captain Thomas Hutchins and American Spy Ring in London during the War for Independence, 1778-1783” at the 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Society for Military History in Columbus OH.

September 19, 2018 presented the paper “Caught in Between: The Story of Captain Thomas Hutchins and the War for American Independence, 1775-1782” at the Many Faces of War Symposium at South Dakota State University.

April 5-8, 2018 presented the paper “Mapping the Landscape of War and Peace: Reexamining the Work of Captain Thomas Hutchins, 1766-1789” at the 85th Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History in Louisville, KY.

March 1-3, 2018 presented the paper, “Hard Times and Hard Luck: Merchants and the Economics of Revolutionary Resistance, 1765-1776” at the 61<sup>st</sup> Missouri Valley History Conference in Omaha NE.

Oct 13–25, 2016 presented the paper “Agents of Empire: The Politics of Land Speculation in the American Borderlands, 1780–1790” at the Gulf South History and Humanities Conference in Mobile, Al.

July 16–29, 2015 presented the paper “The Mercenary Merchant: George Morgan and the failed New Madrid Colony, 1786–1789” at the 37th annual meeting of the Society for Historians for the Early American Republic in Raleigh, North Carolina.

June 30-July 2, 2015 presented the paper, “The Commercial Condottiere: George Morgan on America’s International Borderlands, 1789–1807,” at the 24th annual World History Association Conference in Savannah, Georgia.

May 15–28, 2014 presented the paper “Mercantile Waterways: George Morgan’s Adventure into the Illinois Country 1766–1771” at the 40<sup>th</sup> Conference of the North American Society of Oceanic History (NASOH) at the Erie Maritime Museum in Erie, Pennsylvania. Won the Chad Smith Travel Grant.

March 29, 2014 presented the paper “Conflicted Identities: Patriotism and Merchants during the War of Independence” at 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate History Conference at Florida State University in Tallahassee Florida.

March 21, 2013, presented the paper “American Metamorphosis: Conflict, Identity, Loyalty in Revolutionary America” at The University of Southern Mississippi Graduate Research Symposium. Won top paper in discipline award.

March 14–26, 2013, presented the paper “Invisible Boundaries: Conflict, Identity and National Loyalty in Revolutionary America” at the 80th Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History, “War, Society, and Remembrance” in New Orleans, Louisiana.”

October 14–25, 2010, presented the paper “‘Sprung From Hell:’ The Military Origins of Pittsburgh, 1758–1776 at the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Ohio Valley History Conference at Tennessee Technical College in Cookeville, Tennessee.

February 21–22, 2009, presented the paper “The Caesar and the Maverick: The Two Expeditions of Pontiac’s Rebellion” at the 2009 Regional International Security/Internal Safety Conference at The University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

March 6, 2008, presented the paper “Pontiac to Tecumseh: Native American Uprisings 1763–2813” at the 51<sup>st</sup> Missouri Valley History Conference in Omaha, Nebraska.

April 20, 2007, presented the paper “Native American Military Alliances with Economic Underpinnings in Colonial America at the 74<sup>th</sup> annual Society for Military History Conference in Frederick, Maryland.

March 31, 2007, presented the paper “Native American Tactics in the Seven Years War” at the Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference at Thiel University in Greensville, Pennsylvania.

March 1, 2007, presented the paper “Terrorism in Colonial America: The Native American Factor during the Seven Years War” at the 50<sup>th</sup> Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha Nebraska.

## **ACADEMIC POSITIONS and TEACHING EXPERINCE**

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### **Assistant Professor of History**

**Texas A&M University - Central Texas, Killeen TX**

**2017- Present**

- Age of Jackson
- United States Military History
- American Civil War and Reconstruction
- American Beginnings
- Historian’s Craft
- Historiography and Methodology
- History and Film: Early America on Film
- History and Film: War on Film
- History and Film: The American Frontier on Film
- Hollywood Westerns and the American West: Reconstruction on Film.
- American Environmental History

- History of the American West
  - Topics in Women's History: History of Witchcraft
  - Graduate Seminar: History of American Borderlands
  - Graduate Seminar: War and Society in Early America
  - Graduate Seminar: History of Witchcraft
  - Graduate Seminar: Colonial America
  - Graduate Seminar: Antebellum America
  - Graduate Seminar: Revolutionary America
  - Graduate Seminar Readings in United States History to 1877
  - Graduate Seminar Readings in United States History from 1877
  - Graduate Seminar: Native America
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- Faculty Lead for the Fort Hood History Internship in conjunction with the Academic Internship Placement Program

Theses Directed:

- Jarrod Weaver: "A Time for Reform: The Monrovia Reforms that Radically Changed the U.S. Army" Defended Summer 2021.
- James Stanley: "Amerikanische Weißheit: German Texans And Effectual Americanization" Defended Summer 2021.
- Curtis Keltner: "'We-Ta-Se: The Warrior Spirit of the Potawatomi Tribe and the American Identity" Defended Spring 2021.
- Bearington Curtis: "A Sisyphean Task: Reevaluating Reconstruction In Texas Under The Command Of Major General Charles Griffin" Defended Summer 2020 Attending the University of Southern Mississippi Phd Program.
- Kathryn Staton- Driver: "Corruption And Lawlessness: The Tenure Of Marshal Crawley P. Dake And The Arizona Territory Between 1862-1890" Defended Spring 2018

**Visiting Assistant Professor of History**

**Spring Hill College, Mobile, AL**

2016–2017

- Introduction to United States History since 1877
- Introduction to Western Civilization since 1492
- Undergraduate Seminar Colonial American History
- Graduate Seminar in Colonial American History
- Introduction to Research History of Witchcraft
- Undergraduate Seminar in the Age of Jefferson and Jackson
- Graduate Seminar in the Age of Jefferson and Jackson

Graduate Student Capstone Projects Directed:

- Virgil Christian: “The Origins of the French and Indian war in North America to include the Battle of Monongahela”
- Luke Zitzman: "Chained Monsters: Tracing America's Maturity Through its Defensive Fortifications”
- Michael Flint: “War in Society: The Integration of America’s Armed Forces”

**Adjunct Instructor**

**The University of Southern Mississippi, Gulf Park,** 2015-2016

- Undergraduate Seminar on the American Revolution
- Undergraduate Seminar in Colonial American History

**Graduate Instructor**

**The University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg** 2010-2013

- Introduction to World History to 1500
- Introduction to World History from 1500
- Introduction to United States History to 1865

**Adjunct Instructor**

**Mississippi College, Online** 2015–2017

- Introduction to United States History to 1865
- Introduction United States History since 1865
- Introduction to Western Civilization to 1500
- Introduction to Western Civilization since 1500

**Adjunct Instructor**

**Pearl River Community College, Online** 2014- 2017

- Introduction to World Civilization since 1492

**Adjunct Instructor**

**Holmes Community College, Online** 2016- 2017

- Introduction to Western Civilization to 1500

**TAMUCT UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

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Faculty Senate Representative for the College of Arts and Sciences 2020-2022

Senate Parliamentarian and Bylaw Committee Chair

Lead Faculty for the BA History Program 2018- Present

The Scholarship Selection Committee 2019-2021

Space and Land Allotment Committee 2018-2020

Lone Faculty Representative

Educator Preparation Council (EPC) 2018-2020

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| AD HOC Faculty Senate Committee                              |           |
| Student Evaluation Report Committee                          | 2018-2019 |
| Chaired: Tenure and Promotion E-Portfolio Software Committed | 2021      |

**COMMUNITY AND PROGRAM SERVICE**

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| Lead Organizer of the Central Texas Military History Symposium | 2018-Present |
| Lead Organizer for Campus Clean Up Events at TAMUCT            | 2018-Present |

**AWARDS AND HONORS**

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| Texas A&M University-Central Texas, CASA Faculty Scholarship Enhancement Grant<br>\$3,000   | 2019      |
| Texas A&M University - Central Texas, CASA Faculty Scholarship Enhancement Grant<br>\$5,000 | 2017-2018 |
| The McCain Dissertation Fellowship. USM   | 2013-2014 |
| Chad Smith Travel Grant, North American Society for Oceanic History                         | 2014      |
| The Pennypacker Fellowship at the Pennsylvania Archives in Harrisburg,<br>Pennsylvania.     | 2012-2013 |
| The Jay Washam Memorial Dissertation Award, USM   | 2011-2012 |
| Graduate Student Travel Grant, USM: Multiple Awards   | 2010-2015 |
| Phi Alpha Theta Outstanding Graduate Student Award, USM                                     | 2009-2010 |
| Outstanding Graduate Student, Edinboro University   | 2007-2008 |

**NON-TEACHING POSITIONS**

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- Historical Consulting,
  - Tall Tree Publishing, Ltd. UK, *The US President Book.* 2015
- AP World History Reader/Grader 2012-Present
- Assistant to the Director of the Fort LeBoeuf Museum 2008
- Assistant Archivist at the Edinboro Historical Society 2008

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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Society for Military History

- Regional Coordinator of the Southwest United States
  - Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, and Mexico.

Society for Historians of the Early American Republic

Southern Historical Association

North American Society for Oceanic History

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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Society for Military History

- Regional Coordinator of the Southwest United States
  - Including Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, and Mexico.

2021-Present

- Deputy Regional Coordinator of the Southwest United States and Mexico

2019-2021

### Editorial Board

*Presidential Studies Quarterly*, History Book Review Editor,

2020-Present

### Editorial Board

*Visions and Revisions: New Scholars and New Interpretations*, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania,

2013–Present

### Book Reviews

Review for *The Journal of Military History* of *Surviving the Winters: Housing Washington's Army during the American Revolution* by Steven Elliott, 2021.

Review for *The Alabama Review*, A *Quarterly Journal of Alabama History* of *Fourteenth Colony: The Forgotten Story of the Gulf South During America's Revolutionary Era* by Mike Bunn, 2021.

Review for *Presidential Studies Quarterly* of *The Coming of Democracy: Presidential Campaigning in the Age of Jackson* by Mark R. Cheatham, 2020

Review for *Essays in History* of *Pulpit and Nation: Clergymen and the Politics of Revolutionary America* by Spencer W. McBride, 2017.

Review for *Louisiana History Journal* of *The Battle of New Orleans: A Bicentennial Tribute* edited by Gary Joiner, 2017.

Review for H-War of *Christian Imperialism: Converting the World in the Early American Republic* by Emily Conroy-Krutz, 2017.

Review for H-War of *A Slaves' Gamble: Choosing Sides in the War of 1812* by Gene Allen Smith, 2014.

Review for H-War of *Missionaries of Republicanism: Religious History of the Mexican-American War* by John C Pinheiro, 2014. Pending Publication

Review for H-War of *The Jeffersonian Vision, 1801–1815: The Art of American Power During the Early Republic* by William Nester, 2013.

Review for H-War of *Dunmore's New World* by James Corbett David, 2013.

Review for H-War of *Theatres of Opposition: Empire, Revolution, & Richard Brinsley Sheridan* by David Francis Taylor, 2013. Pending Publication

Review for H-War of *Peacekeepers and Conquerors: The Army Officer Cops on the American Frontier, 1821–2846* by Samuel J. Watson, 2013.

Review for H-War of *The True History of the Conquest of New Spain* by Bernal Diaz Del Castillo translated by Janet Burke and Ted Humphrey, 2013.

Review for *South Carolina Historical Magazine* of *Cavalry of the American Revolution* edited by Jim Piecuch, 2012.

Review for H-War of *For Virginia and for Independence: Twenty-Eight Revolutionary War Soldiers from the Old Dominion* by Harry Ward, 2012.

Review for H-War of *Mercenaries in British and American Literature, 1790–1830: Writing, Fighting, and Marrying for Money* by Erik Simpson, 2012.

#### Encyclopedia Articles

“Presque Isle.” In *The War of 1812: Bicentennial Encyclopedia*, ed. Paul Pierpaoli. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO Publishing, 2010.

“Pennsylvania.” In *The War of 1812: Bicentennial Encyclopedia*, ed. Paul Pierpaoli. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO Publishing, 2010.

“The Mohawk-Mahican War, 1624–1628.” In *The Encyclopedia of War*, ed. Gordon Martel. Oxford: Blackwell Publishing Ltd., 2010.

"1974–1975: World Football League’s Challenge to the National Football League Fails." In *Great Events from History: The Twentieth Century, 1971–2000*, ed. Chris Moose: Salem Press Inc., 2007.

“Stealth Bomber.” In *The Eighties in America*, ed. Tracy Irons-Georges: Salem Press Inc., 2007.

“USS Stark Incident.” In *The Eighties in America*, ed. Tracy Irons-Georges: Salem Press Inc., 2007.