

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### PERSONAL INFORMATION:

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Birth Date: 23 September 1962

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### PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION:

#### Professional Training:

University of Durham, England, U.K., 1981-84 (B.A. Honours, Modern History)

The Ohio State University, 1984-93 (M.A. History, 1986; Ph.D. History, 1993)

#### M.A. Thesis:

“The Making of a Good Neighbor: Sumner Welles and United States Foreign Policy in Central America and the Caribbean, 1920-1925.”

#### Ph.D. Dissertation:

“Scientists and Statesmen: President Eisenhower’s Science Advisers and National Security Policy, 1953-1961”; Professor Michael J. Hogan, adviser

Language Competencies: Spanish, French

#### Teaching Specializations:

Diplomatic History  
Twentieth-Century United States History

Latin American History  
Business History

Professional Experience:

Interim Head, Division of Arts and Sciences, Mississippi State University – Meridian,  
2016

Associate Professor of History, Mississippi State University, 2002-

Assistant Professor of History, Mississippi State University, 1996-2002

Visiting Assistant Professor of History, Mississippi State University, 1995-1996

Instructor in American History, The Ohio State University, 1993-1995

Adjunct Instructor in American History, Lakeland Community College, Mentor, Ohio,  
1991-93

Visiting Instructor in American History, University of Akron, 1990-91

Courses Taught at Mississippi State University:

Seminar, History of International Security and Internal Safety

Colloquium in U.S. History, since 1945

Colloquium in U.S. History, 1877-1945

Diplomatic History of the United States

United States History, 1917-1945

Churchill's Britain, c.1875-1965 (study abroad course)

Historiography and Historical Method

United States and Latin America

United States History, Since 1945

Modern Mexico

Modern Latin America

Colonial Latin America

Modern U.S. History Since 1877

Early U.S. History to 1877

Twentieth-Century World History

SCHOLARLY GRANTS, HONORS, AND AWARDS:

Mississippi State University, Humanities Teacher of the Year, Mississippi Humanities  
Council 2011

Humanities and Arts Research Grant, Institute for the Humanities, Mississippi State

University, 2011

Phi Alpha Theta, Gamma Nu Chapter, William E. Parrish Outstanding Teaching Award, Mississippi State University, Department of History, 2009

Humanities and Arts Research Grant, Institute for the Humanities, Mississippi State University, 2002-3.

Mississippi Humanities Council Grant for 16th Annual Presidential Forum on Turning Points in History, "Rethinking America's Cold War: New Perspectives on the Containment Doctrine," April 1997

Giles Distinguished Professors University Enrichment Grant, Mississippi State University, "Undergraduate Research in Special Collections and Historical Archives," March 1997

Humanities and Arts Research Grant, Mississippi State University, 1996-97

National Science Foundation Grant for Improving Doctoral Dissertation Research, 1989-90

Foster Rhea Dulles Award, Department of History, Ohio State University, 1989

University Fellowship, Ohio State University, 1984-85

#### SCHOLARLY PAPER PRESENTATIONS AND PANELS:

"Brass Hats and Egg-Heads: Science, Technology, and State-Making in the Early Cold War," Society for Military History, 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Jacksonville, FL, March 30-April 2, 2017

"Science, Technology, the Military and State-Making in the Early Cold War," Waging Peace Conference, Dale Center for the Study of War and Society, New Orleans, September 8-10, 2016

"Wrestling with the 'Military-Industrial Complex': Eisenhower's Farewell Address in History and Memory," Presidential History Network conference on Presidential Legacy, Northumbria University, Newcastle, UK, 27 May 2016

Commentator, "Toward an EPIC Intellectual History," Empire, Power, Identity and Conflict (EPIC) Regional Conference, "From War to Peace," Mississippi State University, September 2015

- “The Quest for Interdependence: Harold Macmillan, Dwight D. Eisenhower and Anglo-American Relations in the Aftermath of Suez,” Transatlantic Studies Association Conference, Roosevelt Studies Centre, Middelburg, Netherlands, July 2015
- “Waging ‘Total Cold War’: Eisenhower, Science, and the National Security State,” Presidential Nation Conference, Northumbria University, Newcastle, UK, June 2014
- “‘Greeks and Romans’: Eisenhower, Macmillan, and the Anglo-American ‘Special Relationship, 1967-61,” Southern Conference on British Studies, St. Louis, MO, November, 2013
- “Eisenhower, Macmillan, and the Nuclear Test Ban Talks,” International Security/Internal Safety Conference, Troy University-Montgomery, February 2013
- “Winning the Great Prize: Harold Macmillan and the Anglo-American Nuclear Sharing Agreement,” Southern Conference on British Studies, Mobile, AL, 2 November 2012
- Chair and Commentator, “Cold War Diplomacy: Successes and Failures,” Fifth Regional Conference on International Security and Internal Safety, Mississippi State University, 2 April 2011
- Commentator, “World War I, World War II, and Cold War History,” Fourth Regional ISIS conference, National World War II Museum, New Orleans, LA, 27 February 2010
- “Beyond Mac and Ike: the Anglo-American ‘Special Relationship’ and the Nuclear Test Ban talks, 1958-1960.” Transatlantic Studies Association Conference, Cork, Ireland, 12 July 2007
- Co-organizer, first regional International Security and Internal Safety (ISIS) conference, Mississippi State University, March 2007
- “In Search of ‘some big, imaginative plan’: the Eisenhower administration and American Middle East Strategy after Suez.” Suez Reconsidered, Maritime Historical Studies Center, Hull University, U.K., July 25, 2006
- Chair and Commentator, “Southern Politics in the Twentieth Century,” Mississippi Regional Phi Alpha Theta Meeting, Mississippi State University, March 27, 2004
- “‘Walking a Tight-Rope’: The Eisenhower Administration and the Third World,” paper presented at the Twentieth Annual Meeting of the Association of Third World Studies, National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan, December 2002

Chair and Commentator, “Taiwan: Economic Issues - I,” session, Twentieth Annual Meeting of the Association of Third World Studies, National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan, December 2002

“‘On Tap not on Top’: The Korean War and the Mobilization of American Science,” paper presented at the Society for Military History annual conference, Quantico, VA, April 2000

Commentator, “Presidential Politics at Mid-Century” session, Ohio Valley History Conference, Tennessee Technological University, October 1999

“‘Invincible Battalions’: James Killian and the Mobilization of American Science for the Cold War,” paper presented at American Historical Association-Pacific Coast Branch Meeting, San Diego, California, August, 1998

Chair and Commentator, Roundtable Panel Discussion on “Rethinking America’s Cold War,” 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Presidential Forum on Turning Points in History, Mississippi State University, November 12, 1997

“The Academy and the National Security State: James Killian, MIT, and the Cold War.” Paper presented at the Economic and Business Historical Society Conference, Savannah, Georgia, April 1996

“Containing the Military-Industrial Complex” Paper presented at Phi Alpha Theta, Gamma Nu Chapter Fall Initiation, Mississippi State University, October 26, 1995

“President Eisenhower’s Science Advisers and National Security Policy, 1957-61” Paper presented at 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Meetings of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, Annapolis, Maryland, June 23, 1995

“Restraining the Military-Industrial Complex: President Eisenhower's Science Advisers and the Case of the Nuclear-Powered Aircraft” Paper presented at the 1995 Economic and Business History Society Conference, Boulder, Colorado, April, 1995

“The Technological Capabilities Panel and the Emergence of President Eisenhower’s ‘Scientific-Technological Elite’” Paper presented at the 19th Annual Conference of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, Charlottesville, Virginia, June 20, 1993

## PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

“Eisenhower and the Constitution,” invited talk, Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library, Museum and Boyhood Home, Abilene, KS, 16 September 2016

“Harry, Ike, and the Constitution,” roundtable panel discussion, National Archives  
Kansas City regional branch, Kansas City, MO, 15 September 2016

“The Use and Misuse of History in American Foreign Policy,” Philosophy Club,  
Mississippi State University, November 2015

“The United States and the Holocaust,” Holocaust Public Forum, Office of the Dean of  
Students and Hillel, Mississippi State University, March 2015

“Greeks and Romans: Harold Macmillan, Dwight Eisenhower, and the Romance and  
Reality of the Anglo-American ‘Special Relationship,’” Mississippi State  
University, 28 November 2011

“The Bush National Security Doctrine,” Federation of Democratic Women, Starkville,  
MS, March 2005.

“Teaching American History in Mississippi: Project Impact and MSU’s Center for  
Historical Studies,” Mississippi Humanities Council Humanities Teacher of the  
Year Award Honoring Professor Lorenzo Crowell,” Mississippi State University,  
November 2004

#### PUBLICATIONS:

##### Books:

*Scientists and Statesmen: President Eisenhower’s Science Advisers and National Security  
Policy* (Dordrecht, Netherlands: Republic of Letters, 2015)

*Culture, Power and Diplomacy: New Directions in the History of National and  
International Security* (Newcastle, UK: Cambridge Scholars Press, 2012), co-  
editor with Mary Kathryn Barbier

*The Eisenhower Presidency, 1953-1961* (New York and Harlow, U.K.: Longman, 2002)

##### Articles:

“‘Walking a Tight-Rope’: The Eisenhower Administration and the Third World,”  
*Proceedings of the Association of Third World Studies*, Twentieth Annual  
Meeting (2003): 43-47

“James Killian, the Technological Capabilities Panel, and the Emergence of President  
Eisenhower’s ‘Scientific-Technological Elite,’” *Diplomatic History* 24 (Winter  
2000): 57-78

“Containing the Military-Industrial Complex: President Eisenhower's Science Advisers and the Case of the Nuclear-Powered Aircraft,” *Essays in Economic and Business History*, 19 (1996): 279-89

Chapters:

“Leadership and Decision Making,” in Chester Pach, ed., *Blackwell Companion to Dwight D. Eisenhower* (New Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, 2017), 165-89

“Dwight D. Eisenhower,” Ken Gormly, ed., *The Presidents and the Constitution: A Living History* (New York: New York University Press, 2016), 443-58

“In Search of ‘some big, imaginative plan’: the Eisenhower administration and American Middle East Strategy after Suez,” in Simon C. Smith, ed., *Suez 1956 Reconsidered* (Aldershot, UK: Ashgate, 2008)

Essays:

“Loyalty and Dissent in Mississippi during the Great War, 1917-1918,” *Mississippi History Now: Online publication of the Mississippi Historical Society*, June 2005, at: [http://mshistory.k12.ms.us/features/feature64/Great\\_War.htm](http://mshistory.k12.ms.us/features/feature64/Great_War.htm)

“Truman as Parochial Nationalist,” *Reviews in American History* 31 (September 2003): 457-62

Encyclopedia chapters:

“The Eisenhower Presidency,” *Encyclopedia of the U.S. Presidency* (Santa Barbara, CA: Facts on File, 2012)

“Panama,” chapter in *World Conflicts and Confrontations*, vol. 4: *The Americas*, Charles F. Bahmueller, ed., (Pasadena, CA: Salem Press, 1999), 150-60

Encyclopedia entries:

“Hopwood Case,” and “*Southern Courier*,” in Charles D. Lowery and John L. Marszalek, eds., *Greenwood Encyclopedia of African-American Civil Rights* (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2003)

“Central Intelligence Agency,” “Communist Party,” and “Alex Quaison-Sackey,” entries in Robert L. Jenkins, ed., *The Malcolm X Encyclopedia* (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2002)

“Nativism” and “Fair Employment Practices Commission” in *Racial and Ethnic*

*Relations in America*, Carl L. Blankston, III, ed., (Pasadena, CA: Salem Press, 1999)

## REVIEWS

Review of William Leuchtenburg, *The White House Looks South*, in *Florida Historical Quarterly* 84 (2006): 99-102.

Review of Linda McFarland, *Cold War Strategist: Stuart Symington and the Search for National Security*, in *History: Reviews of New Books* 30 (Winter 2002): 46.

Review of Frank Ninkovich, *The Wilsonian Century: U.S. Foreign Policy Since 1900*, in *History: Reviews of New Books* 28 (Winter 2000): 54.

Review of Robert Bowie and Richard Immerman, *Waging Peace: How Eisenhower Shaped an Enduring Cold War Strategy* in H-USA (April 1999).

Review of Andreas Wenger, *Living with Peril: Eisenhower, Kennedy, and Nuclear Weapons*, in *History: Reviews of New Books* 26 (Summer 1998): 173.

## WORKS IN PROGRESS:

Dwight D. Eisenhower, Harold Macmillan, and the Anglo-American “Special Relationship,” book-length manuscript in progress, not under contract

“Wrestling with the ‘Military-Industrial Complex’: Eisenhower’s Farewell Address in History and Memory,” chapter in Michael Patrick Cullinane and Sylvia Ellis, eds. *Constructing Presidential Legacy* (Edinburgh University Press, projected 2018)

Article in preparation (with Martha Swain) on Mississippi Congressman Wall Doxey and the New Deal

## SERVICE:

### External:

National Center on Education and the Economy, Excellence for All Program, World History Task Force, 2012-2016

Consultant, Mississippi Department of Education, Subject Area Testing Program 2, U.S. History, 2010-2016

Mississippi Department of Education, U.S. History Curriculum Framework Revision

Committee, 2008-2009

Mississippi Institutes of Higher Learning, Freshman Readiness Taskforce, U.S. History Advisory committee, 2008-

Consultant, Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi, project on Slavery and the Church in Mississippi, 2006-7.

Consultant, Mississippi Department of Archives and History, NEH grant proposal for Historic Jefferson College exhibit.

“We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution,” state contest judge, 2009, 2010

National History Day, Armstrong Middle School, Starkville, judge 2010-11

University:

Member, Teacher Education Council, 2006-present

Senator, Robert Holland Faculty Senate, Mississippi State University, 2002-4  
Member, Student Affairs Committee

Elected Member, University Library Committee, Mississippi State University, 1998-2001, 2003-2005 (chair, 2004-5); 2011-16 (chair, 2013-19)

Appointed Member, Intellectual Property Advisory Committee, 2004-present

College:

Member, Promotion and Tenure Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, Mississippi State University, 2005-7

Member, Courses and Curricula Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, Mississippi State University, 1998-99; 2005-6

Department:

Director, Center for Historical Studies, 2003-7

Campus Principal Investigator, Mississippi Connections, Teaching American History Grant, 2004-7.

Principal Investigator, Project Impact, Teaching American History Grant, 2002-5.

Co-editor and compiler, *Readings in U.S. History* rev. ed., 2 vols. (Boston: Pearson Custom Publishing, 2007)

Member, Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2002-present; chair 2008-10, 2012-14

Member, Personnel and Policy Committee, 2002-10

Graduate Coordinator, Department of History, Mississippi State University, 2002; interim coordinator, 2008-9

Member, Presidential Forum Committee, Department of History, 1996-97 (chair); 2001-2; 2004-5

Member, Graduate Studies Committee, Department of History, Mississippi State University, 1996-1999, 2001-2, 2005-7; chair, 2001-2002, 2005-7

Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department of History, Mississippi State University, 1999-2001

Library Representative, Department of History, Mississippi State University, 1995-2001

History Department Representative, Campus Software Committee, 1999-2002

Profession:

Editor-in-Chief, *Mississippi History Now*, Mississippi Historical Society, 2006-10

Academic advisory board member, *Weapons of Mass Destruction and Terrorism*, McGraw-Hill Publishers, 2009-10

Book manuscript reviewer, University Press of Mississippi, 2015-16; Routledge, 2015; Lexington Books, 2011; University of Toronto Press, 2010; Oxford University Press, 2009; Northern Illinois University Press, 2005; and Rowman and Littlefield, 2005

Article manuscript reviewer, *Journal of Church and State*, 2015; *The Historian*, 2004

Faculty Consultant, Educational Testing Service, Advanced Placement U.S. History, San Antonio, TX, 1996-98

Article manuscript reviewer for *Diplomatic History*, the journal of record in the field