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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

Teaching Specializations:

Diplomatic History
Twentieth-Century United States History
Latin American History
Business History

Professional Experience:

Head, Division of Arts and Sciences, Mississippi State University – Meridian, 2018-

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

- report to Head of Meridian Campus and Dean of Arts and Sciences
- manage annual budget of \$1.04 million
- supervise eleven full-time faculty, twelve adjunct/associated faculty, and one full-time staff assistant
- responsible for all academic programs within the College of Arts and Sciences delivered at Meridian regional campus, including eight undergraduate majors (Social Work, Psychology, Interdisciplinary Studies, Criminology, Applied Technology, Broadcast Communication, History, English) and courses in five additional disciplines (Biology, Spanish, Math, Philosophy and Religion, Political Science)
- coordinate with Arts and Sciences department heads whose disciplines are represented at Meridian regional campus on such matters as hiring, tenure and promotion, annual faculty reviews, and curriculum development and delivery
- represent the division to internal and external constituencies
- liaise with Meridian campus division heads of Business and Education regarding scheduling, developing new programs, student recruitment and retention, and fundraising
- consult with advisory bodies on such matters as accreditation and local/regional needs
- develop cooperative working relationships with the four primary feeder community colleges (Meridian CC, East Mississippi CC, East Central CC, and Jones County Junior College)

Director, Center for Historical Studies, Department of History, Mississippi State University, 2002-2007

- administered two U.S. Department of Education Teaching American History Grants (“Project Impact” and “Mississippi Connections) worth over \$1 million
- hired and supervised one full-time staff assistant, two adjunct faculty and two graduate service assistants for duration of grants
- reported to U.S. Department of Education, lead school districts, and MSU Sponsored Programs Administration
- under Project Impact (\$1 million) established a consortium of 14 school districts and provided graduate-level History courses over weekends and summers for a cadre of 30 “master teachers”
- liaised with History Department, Graduate School, and Registrar’s Office to expedite admission of teachers to MSU and repackage MA curriculum

- advised 23 teachers to completion of MA degree in History
- under Mississippi Connections (\$45,000) organized and recruited faculty for after-school seminars and summer workshops for teachers from two school districts in East-Central Mississippi

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

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:

“‘An evil thing considered in any light’: Expert Advice, Dissent and Fall-Out over the H-Bomb in the Early Cold War,” Society for Military History, 86th Annual Meeting, Columbus, OH, 9-12 May 2019

“Eisenhower, Macmillan, and the Conundrum of Anglo-American Cooperation in the Middle East after Suez,” Transatlantic Studies Association 17th Annual Conference, University of North Georgia, 9-11 July 2018

“World War II and the New Deal for American Science,” The Peoples’ War? The Second World War in Socio-Political Perspective, Second World War Research Group Annual Conference, King’s College, London, 14-15 June 2018

“‘You are doing a Suez on Me’: Eisenhower, Macmillan, and the Conundrum of Anglo-American Military Cooperation in the Middle East after Suez,” Society for Military History, 85th Annual Meeting, Louisville, KY, April 5-8, 2018

“Brass Hats and Egg-Heads: Science, Technology, and State-Making in the Early Cold War,” Society for Military History, 84th 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, LA, 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,’ 1957-61,” 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,” 16th 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 21st 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

Commentary on “Avoiding a Neo-Medieval Era: NAFTA, Globalization and American Leadership,” roundtable panel discussion (featuring Matt Rooney, Director, Economic Growth, George W. Bush Center), Colvard Student Union, MSU, August 23, 2017

“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 Publishing, 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

Book Chapters:

“Eisenhower’s Farewell Address in history and memory,” in Michael Patrick Cullinane
and Sylvia Ellis, eds., *Constructing Presidential Legacy: How we Remember the
American President* (Edinburgh, UK: Edinburgh University Press, 2018), 76-102

“Leadership and Decision Making,” in Chester J. 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., *Reassessing Suez 1956: New Perspectives on the Crisis and its Aftermath* (Aldershot, UK: Ashgate, 2008), 179-94

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

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

Encyclopedia chapters:

“Dwight D. Eisenhower and American Foreign Policy,” *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of American History* (Oxford University Press, published August 2019), doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780199329175.013.750>

“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)

WORKS IN PROGRESS:

“World War II and the New Deal for American Science,” chapter for Jonathan Fennell, ed., *Rethinking the Peoples’ War* (Montreal, Canada: McGill-Queen’s University Press, forthcoming)

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

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

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, 2011

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, 2013-16)

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, 2002-7

Campus Principal Investigator, "Mississippi Connections," Teaching American History
Grant, U.S. Department of Education (\$45,000), 2004-7.

Principal Investigator, "Project Impact," Teaching American History Grant, U.S.
Department of Education (\$1 million), 2002-6.

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

Member, Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2002-16 (chair 2008-10, 2012-14)

Member, Personnel and Policy Committee, 2002-10

Graduate Coordinator, 2002; interim coordinator, 2008-9

Member, Presidential Forum Committee, Department of History, 1996-97 (chair); 20012;
2004-5

Member, Graduate Studies Committee, 1996-1999, 2001-2, 2005-7; chair, 2001-2002,
2005-7

Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee, 1999-2001

Library Representative, 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, Palgrave Macmillan, 2018; 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;
Diplomatic History, 2001

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

