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Education

Ph.D., Department of History, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, August 2011
Dissertation: *Targeting Kwajalein: U.S. Empire, Militarization and Suburbanization and the Marshall Islands, 1944-1986*

Advisors: Professor Penny Von Eschen, Professor Damon Salesa, Professor Matthew Lassiter

Major fields: Post-1865 U.S. History, Transnational U.S. History, Cold War/Empire Studies, Comparative Colonialisms, Pacific History, American Studies, Pacific Studies

M.S. Medill School of Journalism, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, December 2002

B.A., Department of History, University of California at Davis, Davis, CA, June 2000
Graduated with Honors and Departmental Citation in History

Academic Appointments/Fellowships

Assistant Professor of History, Department of History, Politics and Political Economy,
Regis University
August 2018-present

Postdoctoral Teaching Fellowship in Thinking Matters Program, Stanford University
August 2015-July 2018

Visiting Assistant Professor in the Departments of History, African American Studies, and Asian American Studies at University of California, Los Angeles
September 2014-June 2015

American Council of Learned Societies New Faculty Fellows Award (Supported position as Visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of History at University of California, Los Angeles)
August 2012-June 2014

Visiting Lecturer in the Department of History at the University of California, Berkeley August 2011-May 2012

Additional Fellowships and Awards

Thinking Matters Fellow Award, Stanford University
June 2016

UCLA Chancellor's Award for Postdoctoral Research (History Department Nomination), April
2014

Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2010-2011

Robert A. and Barbara Divine Graduate Student Travel Grant, Society for Historians of
American Foreign Relations, June 2010

Rackham International Research Award, University of Michigan, March 2010

George C. Marshall/Baruch Fellowship, Spring 2010

Rackham Pre-doctoral Fellowship, University of Michigan, Fall 2010 (declined)

W. Stull Holt Dissertation Fellowship, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations,
Fall 2009

American Historical Association Albert J. Beveridge Grant, Spring 2009

Rackham Humanities Research Dissertation Fellowship, University of Michigan, Spring 2009

Rackham Humanities Research Candidacy Fellowship, University of Michigan, Fall 2008

Rackham Graduate Student Candidacy Research Grant, University of Michigan, July 2008

Research Study Travel Grant, History Department, University of Michigan, July 2008

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, University of Michigan, Spring 2008

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, University of Michigan, April 2008

University of Michigan History Preliminary Examinations Passed with Distinction, December
2007

Rackham Graduate Student Pre-Candidacy Research Grant, University of Michigan, June 2007

History Department Fellowship, University of Michigan, 2005-2006

History Graduate Teaching Fellow, University of Oregon, 2004-2005

Madeline J. Halpern Award for Outstanding Leadership and Social Awareness, Medill School of
Journalism, Northwestern University, June 2002

Susan F. Regan Prize for Outstanding Senior Woman, University of California at Davis, June 2000

Publications

Suburban Empire: Cold War Militarization in the U.S. Pacific
Book manuscript under contract with University of California Press

“Domestic Containment in the Marshall Islands: Mapping American Family Life onto Cold War Military Empire in the Pacific.” Solicited article for *LABOR* journal special edition, Empire and Labor double issue, featured by Duke University Press within their journal and book catalogue. Volume 13, Numbers 3-4, December 2016, pp. 177-196.

“Navigating Sovereignty Under a Cold War Military Industrial Colonial Complex: U.S. Military Empire and Marshallese Decolonization.” Solicited article for *History and Technology* special issue on Nation, Knowledge and Imagined Futures: Science, Technology, and Nation-Building, Post-1945. Volume 31, 2015, Issue 3: pp. 259-274.

“Home Land (In)Security: The Labor of U.S. Cold War Military Empire in the Marshall Islands.” Solicited chapter for *Making the Empire Work: Labor and United States Imperialism* (New York: New York University Press, July 2015), pp. 335-356.

“Nuclear Families: (Re)producing 1950s Suburban America in the Marshall Islands” Solicited article for *OAH Magazine of History*, special issue on the 1950s (October 2012): pp. 39-43.

Additional Academic Service

Article Peer Reviewer for *American Quarterly* (September 2015)

Book Review of Prue Ahrens, Lamont Lindstrom and Fiona Paisley, *Across the World with the Johnsons: Visual Culture and American Empire in the Twentieth Century*, in *Journal of Pacific History* (Fall 2014): pp. 366-368.

Book Review of Giff Johnson, *Don't Ever Whisper: Darlene Keju—Pacific Health Pioneer, Champion of Nuclear Survivors*, in *Island Studies Journal* (November 2013): pp. 329-331.

Selected Conferences/Workshop Presentations

“Gendering the fight: resistance to Empire across the Americas.” Organized interdisciplinary panel for the American Studies Association Annual Conference on “Build as We Fight” November 2019, Honolulu, HI

“Operation Homecoming: Reclaiming Marshallese Homelands in the face of U.S. Cold War

Military Imperialism.” (Panelist)
Native American and Indigenous Studies Association Tenth Annual Meeting
May 2018, Los Angeles, CA

“Comparing U.S. Military Culture in the Pacific and the U.S. West: A Conversation with Pacific Historians.” (Panelist)
Western History Association Annual Conference on “Against the Grain”
November 2017, San Diego, CA

“Reef Crossings: Navigating the Segregated Spaces of U.S. Empire in the Marshall Islands.”
Invited to Vanderbilt University to share pre-circulated paper talk with History Department.
October 2017, Nashville, TN

“Domestic Containment in the Marshall Islands: Making a Home for Cold War Workers in the U.S. Imperial Pacific.”
Seventeenth Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Genders and Sexualities
June 2017, Hofstra University, NY

“Theorizing the Pacific World.” (Invited to be part of special roundtable), and “Looking Beyond the Battlefields: New Approaches to the U.S. Military and the World Since 1945.” (Panelist)
Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting on “Circulation”
April 2017, New Orleans, LA

“Materiality of U.S. Empire.” (Commenter)
Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations
June 2016, San Diego, CA

“Finding Home on Kwajalein: Remembering U.S. Military Imperialism in the Marshall Islands during the Cold War.”
Center for the Study of Force and Diplomacy at Temple University symposium “U.S. Bases and the Construction of Hegemony” (invitation only).
Organizers intend to publish an edited collection of presented papers following symposium
October 10-11, 2015, Philadelphia, PA

“Nuclear Legacies: U.S. Military Empire and the Path Towards Marshallese Decolonization during the Cold War.”
Invited to participate in special joint session sponsored by the Organization of American Historians and the Japanese Association for American Studies
Organization of American Historians Annual Conference on “Taboos”
April 2015, St. Louis, MO

“Disciplining the Labor of U.S. Military Empire in the Marshall Islands during the Cold War.”
Labor and Empire Conference for *LABOR* (invitation only)
Center for the Study of Work Labor and Democracy
November 2014, UC Santa Barbara, CA

“Almost Heaven: Imperialist Nostalgia and U.S. Weapons Testing in the Marshall Islands.”

American Studies Association Annual Conference on The Fun and the Fury: New Dialectics of Pleasure and Pain in the Post-American Century
November 2014, Los Angeles, CA

“Navigating Sovereignty Under a Cold War Military Industrial Colonial Complex
U.S. Military Empire and Marshallese Decolonization.”
Workshop: *Dark Matters II: Science and the Cold War in a Decolonizing World* (invitation only)
Liu Institute for Global Issues and Department of History
University of British Columbia
September 2014, Vancouver, Canada

“Imperial Intimacies: Bridges Across U.S. Empire in the Pacific.”
Organized panel for the Association of Asian American Studies Annual Conference on Building Bridges, Forging Movements
April 2014, San Francisco, CA

“Security State: Interrogating U.S. Postwar Military and Prison Structures on the Islands of Kwajalein, Guam and Alcatraz.”
Organized panel for the American Historical Association Annual Conference on Disagreement, Debate, Discussion
January 2014, Washington D.C.

“Finding ‘Home’ in the U.S. Pacific Empire: Segregation and Suburbia in the Marshall Islands During the Cold War.”
Association of Asian American Studies Annual Meeting on The Afterlives of Empire
April 2013, Seattle, WA

“Home Land (In)Security: U.S. Military Empire and Suburban Segregation in the Marshall Islands During the Cold War.”
Department of History, UCLA
April 2013, Westwood, CA
(Also given as invited guest speaker for Phi Alpha Theta, UCLA’s chapter of the National History Honor Society, May 2013)

“Networks and Movements Across the Imperial Pacific during WWII and the Cold War.”
Pacific History Association Conference
December 2012, Wellington, New Zealand

“What is Metropolitan History and Where is it Going?”
Invited to be Guest Panelist for Special Roundtable
Los Angeles History and Metropolitan Studies Roundtable
October 2012, Pasadena, CA

“Home Land (In)security: The Labor of U.S. Cold War Military Empire in the Marshall Islands”
Writing Workshop on Labor and Empire (invitation only)
Collaborative workshop for the New York University Press edited volume *Making the Empire Work* for the Culture Labor History Series

September 2012, University of Toronto

“Narrating the Domestic and the Foreign on Kwajalein Island: Producing American Suburbia in the Marshall Islands.”

University of Hawaii Annual History Workshop on De-Centering the Nation State: Historical Methodology within a Pacific Geography

May 2011, Honolulu, HI

"Space, Place and Culture in Marshall Islands History."

Organized panel for Windward Community College 2010-2011 Common Book Program
Featuring Robert Barclay's Pacific novel *Melal*

April 2011, Kaneohe, HI

"Narrating Place within the U.S. Cold War Empire: Targeting Kwajalein Missile Base."

Organized panel for the Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting on Americans Divided and United: Multiple and Shifting Solidarities

March 2011, Houston, TX

"Military Suburbanization: Exploring U.S. Cold War Imperialism in the Marshall Islands."

Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Conference

June 2010, Madison, WI

"U.S. Military Imperialism in the Marshall Islands: Race and Space on Kwajalein Following World War II."

The 21st Annual School of Pacific and Asian Studies Graduate Student Conference

March 2010, Honolulu, HI (University of Hawaii)

"Militarization in the Pacific: Tracing Local Impact through Island Narratives."

Organized panel for the American Historical Association Annual Conference on Oceans, Islands and Continents

January 2010, San Diego, CA

"Challenging Colonialism in Honolulu: Education and Self-Determination in Papakolea, 1920-1960."

Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Conference

August 2008, Pasadena, CA

Employment/Teaching

Assistant Professor of History, Department of History, Politics and Political Economy, Regis University

August 2018-present

Teaching, Scholarship, Service within the department with a focus on teaching U.S. History Courses in my first two semesters:

History 223 and 224: Both halves of the U.S. Survey (223: to 1865, 224 1865-present)

History 484: Segregation in U.S. History
History 485: "War on... The History of U.S. (In)Security
History/Politics 201: Origins and Challenges of the Modern World (co-teaching with Politics Professor)

Teaching Fellow in Thinking Matters Program, Office of the Vice Provost of Undergraduate Education, Stanford University

August 2015-current

Collaborating with interdisciplinary teaching teams to teach freshman introductory courses across a range of topics:

Fall (September-December 2015, 2016 and 2017)

"Spirit of Democracy" (Political Science, History)

Winter (January-March 2016, 2017 and 2018)

"Rules of War" (Law, Political Science, History)

"Landscapes of Segregation in U.S. History" (This is my course I am teaching for Stanford Introductory Studies Seminar, cross-listed under American Studies, History and African American Studies, Winter 2018)

Spring (April-June 2016, sabbatical 2017)

"Century of Violence" (History)

(April-June 2018)

"American Enemies" (History)

Visiting Assistant Professor in the Departments of History, Asian American Studies, and African American Studies, University of California at Los Angeles, July 2014-July 2015

Fall (September 2014-December 2014, courses also taught in previous quarters at UCLA)

History 140B: United States History 1929-1960

(undergraduate lecture)

African American Studies 188A: Landscapes of Segregation in U.S. History

(upper-level undergraduate seminar)

Winter (January 2015-March 2015)

Asian American Studies 122A: Indigeneity, Empire and Resistance in the Pacific

(undergraduate lecture)

Spring (April 2015-June 2015 also taught in previous quarters at UCLA)

History 97D: "War on"... The Narrative Roots of U.S. National Security

(undergraduate readings seminar)

History 13C: 20th Century United States History

(undergraduate survey lecture)

Additional contributions to UCLA while Visiting Assistant Professor, 2014-2015: I volunteered to transform History 13C into a lecture class that included a new service learning component. I

mentored graduate student instructor coordination of local service learning projects for special section of course, and organized a course-wide extra credit service learning opportunity where I took two groups of students to the Binational Friendship Park at the San Diego/Tijuana Border. For a full day, students volunteered in the park garden where families visit across the fence while learning about the history of the border fence within a broader context of course lectures and readings on 20th Century U.S. immigration policy history. Students turned in reflection papers tying together their experiential learning with course learnings. I then organized a visit with Binational Friendship Park's garden coordinator and activist, Dan Watman to come to UCLA and give a presentation on the history of the border fence and the garden.

Visiting Assistant Professor in U.S. History, University of California at Los Angeles, July 2012-July 2014 (supported through the American Council of Learned Societies New Faculty Fellows Award)

Fall (September 2013-December 2014—year two)

History 140B: United States History, 1929-1960
(undergraduate lecture)

Spring (April 2014-June 2014)

History 144: U.S. and the World

(collaborated to create and co-teach new undergraduate lecture course with Professor Ellen Dubois)

History 191: Landscapes of Segregation in U.S. History
(upper-level undergraduate capstone seminar)

Fall (September 2012-December 2012—year one)

History 140B: United States History, 1929-1960
(undergraduate lecture)

Winter (January 2013-March 2013)

History 97D: "War on..." The Narrative Roots of U.S. National Security
(undergraduate readings seminar)

Spring (March 2013-June 2013)

History 101: Pacific Islands History
(undergraduate lecture)

History 198: Honors Research/Writing (Thesis)

(undergraduate history honors thesis advising Spring 2013-Winter 2014)

Additional contributions to UCLA while an ACLS New Faculty Fellow: I planned an interdisciplinary, campus-wide event to showcase the literary and film work of Native Hawaiian novelist Kristiana Kahakauwila and Native Hawaiian filmmaker Christen Marquez. In organizing the program I collaborated with UCLA Counseling and Psychology Services and the departments of History, English, Gender Studies, Asian American Studies and the American Indian Studies Center, to coordinate fundraising, campus advertising and event logistics. The event theme focused on the history and legacies of colonialism in Hawai'i, questions around

gender, cultural identity, and culturally specific responses to mental health challenges within the Hawaiian community. The two-day event was held in Charles Young Research Library October 30-31, 2013.

Visiting Lecturer in Modern U.S. History, University of California at Berkeley, August 2011-May 2012

Fall (August 2011-December 2011)

History 130B: U.S. and the World Since 1945--Cold War Empire and Global Decolonization (undergraduate lecture)

History 103D: "War on..." The Narrative Roots of U.S. National Security (undergraduate readings seminar)

Spring (January 2012- May 2012)

History 131B: Creating Modern American Society: U.S. Social and Cultural History from the End of the Civil War to the Global Age (undergraduate lecture/American Cultures requirement)

History 101: Social, Political, Economic and Cultural Change in "The American Century" (undergraduate thesis writing seminar on topics in 20th Century U.S. History)

Additional contributions to the UC Berkeley campus community while a Visiting Lecturer: I organized a History Department sponsored campus event for a public screening and Q&A session with Native Hawaiian filmmaker Anne Keala Kelley to discuss her award-winning film *Noho Hewa: The Wrongful Occupation of Hawai'i*. The event took place October 3, 2011.

University of Michigan Graduate Teacher Certificate, University of Michigan Center for Research on Learning and Teaching, December 2010

Michigan Teaching Fellow, University of Michigan Center for Research on Learning and Teaching, June 2008

Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan, 2006-April 2008

Discussion sections for:

U.S. History of the Family, Dr. Regina Morantz-Sanchez

Post-World War II U.S. History, Dr. Matthew Lassiter

United States History 1865-Present, Dr. Matthew Lassiter

Graduate Teaching Fellow, University of Oregon, 2004-2005

Discussion sections for:

History of Vietnam, Dr. Glenn May

World History, Dr. Ian McNeely

U.S. History 1898-Present, Dr. Peggy Pascoe

Volunteer Teaching

Instructor, Stanford University Center for Ethics and Society, April-June 2017

I collaborated with Stanford postdoctoral fellow and political theorist Dr. Ian Zuckerman to create and co-teach a new course entitled *Freedom and Equality Across Time (Politics and History)* for Stanford University's McCoy Ethics in Society Hope House Scholars Program. Since Spring 2001, the Hope House Scholars Program has offered courses for recovering addicts living in a residential treatment program.

Redwood City, CA

Main References

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