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## Education

PhD	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, History, 2011
BA	CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY, KING'S COLLEGE, History, 2004
BA	COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, History and Philosophy, 2002

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## Employment

2012–present	NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, Department of History Professor, 2020–present Associate Professor, 2017–2020 Assistant Professor, 2012–2017
2011–12	COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, Postdoctoral Fellow, Committee on Global Thought

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## Books

*How to Hide an Empire: A History of the Greater United States* (New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2019). Paperback: Picador, 2020.

*New York Times* Editors' Choice title.

*New York Times*, Critics' Top Books of 2019 title.

*Chicago Tribune*, Ten Best Books of 2019 title.

*New York Times* bestseller, audio nonfiction, September 2019.

*Los Angeles Times* bestseller, nonfiction, February 2019.

Top 10 Amazon Charts bestseller, nonfiction, August 2019.

Robert H. Ferrell Book Prize, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, 2020.

Finalist (second place), Mark Lynton History Prize, Columbia University, 2020.

Finalist, PROSE Award, Association of American Publishers, 2020.

*Thinking Small: The United States and the Lure of Community Development* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2015). Paperback: 2018.

2016 Merle Curti Award, Intellectual History, Organization of American Historians.

2016 Annual Book Award, Society for U.S. Intellectual History (co-winner).

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### Chapters and Articles

- “Frontier, Ocean, Empire: Expansionist Vistas in Winslow Homer’s United States,” in *Winslow Homer: Crosscurrents* (New York: Metropolitan Museum of Art, 2022).
- “The Iron Hand of Power: Daniel Burnham and Architectural Imperialism in the Philippines,” *Architectural History*, forthcoming November 2021.
- “The Galactic Vietnam: Technology, Modernization, and Empire in George Lucas’s *Star Wars*,” in *Ideology in U.S. Foreign Policy: New Histories*, ed. Danielle Holtz, David Milne, and Christopher Nichols (New York: Columbia University Press, 2022).
- “Philippine Independence in U.S. History: A Car, Not a Train,” *Pacific Historical Review*, forthcoming.
- “The Territorial Empire,” in Mark P. Bradley, ed., *Cambridge History of America and the World*, vol. 3, 1900–1945, vol. ed. Brooke L. Blower and Andrew Preston (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2022), 62–84.
- “Ten-Cent Ideology: Donald Duck Comic Books and the U.S. Challenge to Modernization,” *Modern American History* 3 (2020): 1–26.
- “‘American Lives’: Pearl Harbor and the U.S. Empire,” in *Beyond Pearl Harbor: A Pacific History*, ed. Beth Bailey and David Farber (Lawrence: University of Kansas Press, 2019), 39–57.
- “The Ugly American: Peeling the Onion of an Iconic Cold War Text,” *Journal of American–East Asian Relations* 26 (2019): 7–20.
- “The Moon Landing: Twilight of Empire,” *Modern American History* 1 (2018): 129–133.
- “The Greater United States: Territory and Empire in U.S. History,” *Diplomatic History* 40 (2016): 373–391.
- “Polanyi in the United States: Peter Drucker, Karl Polanyi, and the Midcentury Critique of Economic Society,” *Journal of the History of Ideas* 70 (2009): 445–466.
- Japanese: 市場と国家、そして株式会社-ドロッカーとボランニーの経済社会批判, trans. Yoshida Masayuki, *現代思想* 28 (2010): 141–159.
- Featured article on *JSTOR Daily*, 7 December 2017.
- “The Fact/Narrative Distinction and Student Examinations in History,” *The History Teacher* 41 (2008): 199–206.
- “Caste or Colony?: Indianizing Race in the United States,” *Modern Intellectual History* 4 (2007): 275–301.
- Reprinted in serial in *Bheem Patrika*, 2012.
- Selected as one of *Modern Intellectual History*’s ten “Highlights of a Decade,” 2014.

“The Politics of Architecture and Urbanism in Postcolonial Lagos, 1960–1986,” *Journal of African Cultural Studies* 19 (2007): 165–186.

“History and the Sciences,” with Philip Kitcher, in Daniel Herwitz and Michael Kelly, eds., *Action, Art, History: Engagements with Arthur Danto* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2007), 198–226.

Reprinted in *Explanation in the Special Sciences: The Case of Biology and History*, ed. Andreas Hutterman, Oliver Scholz, and Marie I. Kaiser (New York: Springer, 2014).

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### Essays and Reviews

“Paleo Con: How Thought Leaders Resurrected the Myth of a Carefree Prehistoric Lifestyle,” *The New Republic*, April 2021, 53–57.

“We All Move: The Science and Politics of Migration,” *The Nation*, 22/29 March 2021, 48–51.

Spanish: “Nos movemos desde siempre: ciencia y política de la migración?” *VientoSur*, March 2021.

“History Isn’t Just for Patriots: We Teach Our Students How to Understand History, Not to Love It—Or Hate It” *Washington Post*, 27 December 2020.

“Jeremi Suri’s ‘What American Century?’” *Not Even Past* (online), 9 December 2020.

“Tree Huggers: More than Iron, Stone, or Oil, Wood Explains Human History,” *The New Republic*, December 2020.

“Fort Everywhere: How Did the United States Become Entangled in a Cycle of Endless War?” *The Nation*, 14/21 December 2020, 34–37.

“Heresies of *Dune*,” *Los Angeles Review of Books*, 19 November 2020.

“Should America Still Police the World?” *The New Yorker* (online), 18 November 2020.

German: “Joe Biden oder: Das Ende der US-Hegemonie?” *Blätter für deutsche und internationale Politik*, January 2021.

“You Can Only See Liberalism from the Bottom: Why Pankaj Mishra Sees the Ideology’s Limits More Clearly Than Its Most Powerful Fans,” *Foreign Policy*, 21 September 2020.

Introduction to roundtable on *The End of the Myth*, by Greg Grandin, H-Diplo, H-Net Reviews, September 2020.

Response to roundtable on *How to Hide an Empire*, *Il mestiere di storico* 10 (2019): 100–103.

“Blackout: Nicholson Baker’s Decade-Long Search for the Truth about Biological Weapons,” *The New Republic*, July–August 2020.

Introduction to roundtable on “Recentering the United States in the Historiography of American Foreign Relations,” by Daniel Bessner and Fredrik Logevall, H-Diplo, H-Net Reviews, May 2020.

Review of *Toxic Exposures* by Susan L. Smith, *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences* 75 (2020): 233–235.

“Puerto Rico in the U.S. Empire: A Reply to Anne Macpherson,” *S-USIH Blog*, March 2020.

“A World to Win: Decolonization and the Pursuit of a More Egalitarian World Order,” *The Nation*, 13/20 January 2020.

“What *How to Hide an Empire* Hides,” *Passport*, January 2020, 14–16.

“Como si nasconde un imperio,” *Limes*, December 2019.

Response to roundtable on *How to Hide an Empire*, H-Diplo, H-Net Reviews, November 2019.

“The Map that Remade an Empire,” *Mother Jones*, November/December 2019.

“The Center Does Not Hold: Jill Lepore’s Awkward Embrace of the Nation,” *The Nation*, 11/18 November 2019.

“Trump’s Greenland Plan Shows He Has No Idea How American Power Works,” *New York Times*, 23 August 2019.

“When Did the United States Start Calling Itself ‘America,’ Anyway?” *Mother Jones*, online, 4 July 2019.

Spanish: “¿Cuándo empezó EE UU a llamarse a sí mismo ‘América?’” trans. Eduardo Pérez, *El Salto*, 4 August 2019.

“All Over the Map: Jared Diamond Struggles to Understand a Connected World,” *The New Republic*, July/August 2019.

“Development Politics: Seeing Past Ideas,” *Diplomatic History* 43 (2019): 580–582.

Introduction to roundtable on *American Empire*, by A. G. Hopkins, H-Diplo, H-Net Reviews, April 2019.

“Power is Sovereignty, Mister Bond: The U.S. Empire of Islands and Bases,” *Dissent*, Spring 2019.

“Writing the History of the Greater United States: A Reply to Paul Kramer,” *Diplomatic History* 43 (2019): 397–403.

“America’s Hidden Empire,” *BBC World Histories*, March 2019, 24–32.

“Trump Neglects and Demeans U.S. Territories. It’s an American Tradition,” *Washington Post*, 28 February 2019.

“How the US Has Hidden Its Empire,” *The Guardian*, 15 February 2019.

One of *The Guardian*’s 15 most-read pieces of 2019.

Adapted as a *Guardian* Long Reads podcast, February 2019.

Review of *American Imperial Pastoral*, by Rebecca Tinio McKenna, *Planning Perspectives* 34 (2019): 188–189.

- “The Lethal Crescent: Where the Cold War Was Hot,” *The Nation*, 14 January 2019, 27–32.
- Review of Daniel Sargent, “Pax Americana: Sketches for an Undiplomatic History,” H-Diplo, H-Net Reviews, January 2019.
- Review of Daniel Bessner, *Democracy in Exile*, H-Diplo, H-Net Reviews, November 2018.
- “Privacy Settings,” *Dissent*, October 2018, 6–10.
- “We’re the Good Guys, Right?: On Marvel Movies,” *n+1* (online), April 2018.
- Review of *Once within Borders: Territories of Wealth, Power, and Belonging since 1500*, by Charles S. Maier, H-Diplo, H-Net Reviews, September 2017.
- “How General John Pershing Actually Dealt with Filipino Muslims,” *Slate*, 18 August 2017.
- Review of *Legitimizing Empire: Filipino Americans and U.S. Puerto Rican Cultural Critique*, by Faye Caronan, *Canadian Journal of History* 51 (2016): 694–696.
- Response in Roundtable on *Thinking Small*, H-Diplo, H-Net Reviews, June 2016.
- Review of *Planning Democracy: Agrarian Intellectuals and the Intended New Deal*, by Jess Gilbert, *Agricultural History* 90 (2016): 152–153.
- “The Thirty Years’ Crisis: Anxiety and Fear in the Midcentury United States,” *Modern Intellectual History* 13 (2016): 287–298.
- Review of *A Superpower Transformed: The Remaking of American Foreign Relations in the 1970s*, by Daniel J. Sargent, H-Diplo, H-Net Reviews, January 2016.
- “Thinking Small Won’t End Poverty,” *Jacobin*, Fall 2015, 75–79.
- “Growth vs. The Climate,” *Dissent*, Spring 2015, 110–118.
- Reprinted in Kurt Finsterbusch, ed., *Taking Sides: Clashing Views on Social Issues*, 19th ed. (New York: McGraw-Hill, 2016).
- “What Did You Do in the War, Doctor?: On Social Scientists and Social Change,” *n+1* (online), March 2015.
- Review of *The Empire Trap: The Rise and Fall of U.S. Intervention to Protect American Property Overseas, 1898–2013*, by Noel Maurer, *Journal of American Studies* 49 (2015): 201–203.
- “Dissertation Abstract: Quests for Community: The United States, Community Development, and the World, 1935–1965,” *Journal of Economic History* 73 (2013): 548–551.
- Review of *Colored Cosmopolitanism: The Shared Struggle for Freedom in the United States and India*, by Nico Slate, *Journal of Social History* 47 (2013): 547–549.
- “Charting the Road to Davos: The Rise and Fall of Internationalism,” *Dissent*, Spring 2013, 89–94.
- “Modernization and Development in U.S. Foreign Relations,” *Passport: The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Review*, September 2012, 22–25.
- “The Foundation Statesmen,” *n+1* (online), August 2012.

Joint review of *The Great American Mission: Modernization and the Construction of an American World Order*, by David Ekbladh and *The Hungry World: America's Cold War Battle against Poverty in Cold War Asia*, by Nick Cullather, *Agricultural History* 86 (2012): 106–108.

“On B. R. Ambedkar and Black-Dalit Connections,” translated into Telugu and published in *Bahujana Keratalu*, April 2012, 31–32.

Review of *Thelonious Monk: The Life and Times of An American Original*, by Robin D. G. Kelley, *The Sixties* 3 (2010): 247-249.

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### **Fellowships and Honors**

KAPLAN INSTITUTE FELLOW, Northwestern University, 2020–2021

ROBERT H. FERRELL BOOK PRIZE, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, 2020

FINALIST (SECOND PLACE), MARK LYNTON HISTORY PRIZE, Columbia University, 2020

FINALIST, PROSE AWARD, Association of American Publishers, 2020

E. LEROY HALL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING, Weinberg College, Northwestern University, 2019–2020

ASSOCIATED STUDENT GOVERNMENT FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATOR HONOR ROLL, Northwestern University, 2019–2020

SHORTLIST, SHARPE BOOKS NON-FICTION CROWN, Historical Writers' Association, 2019

LAST LECTURE, Northwestern University Class of 2019

ANDREW CARNEGIE FELLOW, Carnegie Corporation, 2017–2018

ANNUAL BOOK AWARD, Society for U.S. Intellectual History, 2016 (co-winner)

MERLE CURTI AWARD, Organization of American Historians, given yearly to the best book in intellectual history, 2016

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES FELLOW, Huntington Library, 2015–2016

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP (declined), Humanities Center, University of Pittsburgh, 2015–2016

STUART L. BERNATH LECTURE PRIZE, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, annual award for “excellence in teaching and research in the field of foreign relations” by a younger scholar, 2015

DECOLONIZATION SEMINAR FELLOW, National History Center, Summer 2014

HONORABLE MENTION, BETTY M. UNTERBERGER DISSERTATION PRIZE, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, award for best dissertation on any subject in U.S. foreign relations, awarded biannually, 2013

WEINBERG COLLEGE AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING FRESHMAN ADVISING, Northwestern University, 2013

ALLAN NEVINS PRIZE IN AMERICAN ECONOMIC HISTORY, Economic History Association, award for best dissertation in U.S. or Canadian History, 2012

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOW, Committee on Global Thought, Columbia University, 2011–2012

MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIP, 2002–2004

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### **Teaching**

I have taught undergraduate and graduate courses at Northwestern University; the University of California, Berkeley; Columbia University; and San Quentin State Prison. My current core undergraduate offerings are:

GLOBAL HISTORY, 1750–THE PRESENT: THE AGE OF CARBON, introductory lecture

U.S. FOREIGN RELATIONS, advanced lecture