

Curriculum Vitae

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Employment:

Professor of War, Strategy, and Statecraft, Hamilton School, University of Florida, 2024-present
Professor of History, University of North Texas, 2015-2024
Associate Professor of History, University of North Texas, 2011-15
Assistant Professor of History, University of North Texas, 2008-2011
Associate Professor of History, LSU-Shreveport, 2003-2008
Assistant Professor of History, LSU-Shreveport, 1998-2003

Publications/Books:

Monographs:

Napoleon and the Struggle for Germany: The Franco-Prussian War of 1813, Volume 1: *The War of Liberation, Spring 1813*. London: Cambridge University Press, 2015.
Napoleon and the Struggle for Germany: The Franco-Prussian War of 1813, Volume 2: *The Defeat of Napoleon*. London: Cambridge University Press, 2015.
Blücher: Scourge of Napoleon. Norman, OK: University of Oklahoma Press, 2014.
The Fall of Napoleon, Volume 1: *The Allied Invasion of France, 1813-1814*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2007.
Napoleon and Berlin: The Franco-Prussian War in North Germany, 1813. Norman, OK: University of Oklahoma Press, 2002.

Co/Edited Collections:

General Editor: *Napoleon and the Operational Art of War: Essays in Honor of Donald D. Horward*. Expanded and Revised Edition. Brill, December 2020.

General Editor: *Napoleon and the Operational Art of War: Essays in Honor of Donald D. Horward*. Brill, January 2016.

Current Projects:

“The Grand Strategy of Napoleon I.” Most historians reject the idea that Napoleon pursued any strategy, be it national or grand. Such conclusions leave us wondering if Napoleon, one of history’s most brilliant minds, based his policies on opportunism alone. His colossal failures in Iberia and Russia, his duel to the death with Britain, and his desperate “all or nothing” gamble to preserve the empire in 1813-1814 are cited as evidence to support these arguments. This manuscript makes the novel argument that Napoleon pursued a grand strategy that sought to create a French-controlled European commercial empire based on autarky. Autarky had a rich ideological tradition that suited both Napoleon’s approach to governance and traditional French *étatisme*. As a doctrine, autarky seeks economic self-sufficiency through import substitution, market integration, and strict protectionism. This work will demonstrate that Napoleon formulated and faithfully pursued this grand strategy until the collapse of his empire. In particular, it argues that Napoleon’s Continental System—the economic quarantine of Europe—and his subsequent invasions of Iberia and Russia were justified in view of his grand strategy.

“Horse and Rider: Napoleon, French Exceptionalism, and Empire.” A pretender like Pippin the Short, the first Carolingian, Napoleon could not base his right to rule on either ancient custom or legitimacy of blood. Therefore, like the Carolingians, Napoleon hijacked the past to present a more enduring source of legitimacy. He took great pains to demonstrate that his rise did not mark a radical disruption of traditional norms. Instead, he linked his reign

to a distant and authoritative past that cast France as preordained for continental hegemony and the French themselves as God's "chosen people," or *peuple élu*. Closely associated with this notion of the *peuple élu*, France's bountiful natural wealth was celebrated as proof of God's favor as well as his divine plan for French dominance over Europe. As the idea of universal monarchy permeated the medieval political mentality, some French legal minds called for "a national domination of the world" led by the king of France. This manuscript argues that Napoleon's reach for empire fulfilled some 1300 years of Frankish exceptionalist ambitions. Napoleon could not have built the First Empire without the active participation of the *peuple élu*. Like a jockey, he rode French exceptionalism until the French could give no more and the dream ended with enemy armies occupying Paris in 1814. Yet, in less than a year, the people again yearned for the *gloire* of empire. Napoleon returned, remounted his steed, and set off again to chase empire yet the mud of Flanders kept his steed in check on the fateful day of 18 June 1815.

Publications/Articles:

General Editor: [War Studies Journal](#)
Vol. I: 2024

Peer-Reviewed Journals:

"From Berlin to Leipzig: Napoleon's Gamble in North Germany, 1813." *The Journal of Military History*. Vol. 67, No. 1 (January 2003), pp. 39-84.

Chapters in Edited Books, Collections, Special Issues:

- "The *Campagne de France of 1814*." In *The Cambridge History of the Napoleonic Wars: Volume 2, Fighting the Napoleonic Wars*. Ed. Bruno Colson, Alexander Mikaberidze, and Alan Forrest. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2023, pp. 492-515.
- "The 1813 Campaign in Central Europe." In *The Cambridge History of the Napoleonic Wars: Volume 2, Fighting the Napoleonic Wars*. Ed. Bruno Colson, Alexander Mikaberidze, and Alan Forrest. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2023, pp. 471-491.
- "Napoleon and the Strategy of the Single Point." In *The New Makers of Modern Strategy: From the Ancient World to the Digital Age*, 3rd Edition. Ed. Hal Brands. Princeton and Oxford: Princeton University Press, 2023, pp. 319-343.
- "Napoleon's First Italian Campaign, 1796-1797." Co-author Philip Cuccia. In *Napoleon and the Operational Art of War: Essays in Honor of Donald D. Horward*. Expanded and Revised Edition. Brill, December 2020, pp.116-193.
- "Napoleon's Quest: Great Britain versus France." In *Great Strategic Rivalries*. Ed. James G. Lacey. Oxford University Press, 2016, pp. 289-320.
- "How Napoleon Lost Paris, 1814." *The Quarterly Journal of Military History*. Vol. 29 No. 1 (Autumn 2016), pp. 26-35.
- "The Chaining of Prometheus, 1813-1815" in *Napoleon and the Operational Art of War: Essays in Honor of Donald D. Horward*. Ed. Michael V. Leggiere. Brill, 2016, pp. 317-386.
- "La batalla de Plancenoit," *Desperta Ferro Historia Moderna*, Madrid, Spain, No. 16, junio 2015, pp. 41-56.
- "The Fall of Napoleon," in *The West Point History of Warfare*. Eds. Ty Sedulie and Cliff Rogers. United States Military Academy at West Point, 2013, e-publication Beta for iPad 2013, iPad public release and print version 2014.
- "1813: Napoléon contra Europe," *Desperta Ferro Historia Moderna*, Madrid, Spain, No. 4, junio-julio 2013, pp. 6-13.
- "Leipzig: La Batalla de las Naciones por," *Desperta Ferro Historia Moderna*, Madrid, Spain, No. 4, junio-julio 2013, pp. 30-39.
- "Napoleon: Enlightened Revolutionary or Power-Hungry Tyrant?" In *World History: The Modern Era*. ABC-CLIO, 2010. Web. <<http://worldhistory2.abc-clio.com/>>
- "Peace-Makers and Peace-Making: The Long Road to the Congress of Vienna." In *World History: The Modern Era*. ABC-CLIO, 2010. Web. <<http://worldhistory2.abc-clio.com/>>
- "Napoleon: Revolutionary or Tyrant?: Enlightened Despotism Comes to France." In *World History: The Modern Era*. ABC-CLIO, 2009. Web. <<http://stgworldhistory.abc-clio.com/>>

Book Reviews:

- Christoph Jahr, *Blut und Eisen: Wie Preussen Deutschland erzwang 1864-1871* (Munich: C. H. Beck, 2020) for *Journal of Central European History*, Volume 55, Issue 3 (2022), pp. 443-445.
- Alexander Mikaberidze, *The Napoleonic Wars: A Global History* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2020) for *History: Reviews of New Books*, Volume 48, Issue 5 (2020), pp. 125-140.
- Michael Broers, *Napoleon: The Spirit of the Age: 1805-1810* (New York: Pegasus Books, 2018), reviewed for *The Journal of Military History*, Volume 83, No. 3 (July 2019), pp. 888-889.
- Charles J. Esdaile, *Napoleon, France and Waterloo: The Eagle Rejected* (Barnsley: Pen & Sword, 2017), reviewed for the *British Journal for Military History*, Volume 5, Issue 1 (July 2019), pp. 79-80.
- Adam Zamoyski, *Napoleon: A Life* (London, Basic Books, 2018) reviewed for *The Quarterly Journal of Military History*. Vol. 31, No. 1 (Autumn 2018), p. 93.
- William R. Nester, *Titan: The Art of British Power in the Age of Revolution and Napoleon* (Norman, OK: University of Oklahoma Press, 2016) reviewed for *European History Quarterly* Vol. 48, No. 4 (December 2018), pp. 759-761.
- Bruno Colson, *Napoleon: On War* (New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 2015) reviewed for *The Historian, The Journal of Phi Alpha Theta*, Volume 80, No. 2 (Summer 2018), pp. 429-431.
- John T. Kuehn, *Napoleonic Warfare: The Operational Art of the Great Campaigns* (Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger, 2015) reviewed for *Naval War College Review*, Vol. 70 No. 4 (Autumn, 2017), pp. 152-154.
- Phillip Cuccia, *Napoleon in Italy: The Sieges of Mantua, 1796–1799* (Norman, OK: University of Oklahoma Press, 2014) reviewed for *European History Quarterly* Vol. 45, No. 4 (December 2015), pp. 753–755.
- Waterloo 1815-A Commemorative Anthology* (London: Extraordinary Editions, 2015) reviewed for *H-France Review* (Society for French Historical Studies), Vol. 15 (December 2015), No. 188.
- Gareth Glover, *The Waterloo Archive*, Vol. IV: *German Sources*. (London: Frontline Books, 2013) reviewed for *The Journal of Military History*, Vol. 79, No. 1 (January 2015), pp. 206-207.
- James R. Arnold and Ralph R. Reinertsen, *Napoleon's Triumph: La Grande Armée versus the Tsar's Army: The Friedland Campaign 1807* (Lexington, VA: Napoleon Books, 2011) reviewed for *The Journal of Military History*, Vol. 76, No. 2 (April 2012), pp. 574-76.
- Michael J. Hughes, *Forging Napoleon's Grande Armée. Motivation, Military Culture, and Masculinity in the French Army, 1800-1808* (New York, New York University Press, 2012) reviewed for *The Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, XLIV:1 (Summer 2013), pp.124-25.
- Roger Chickering and Stig Förster, eds., *War in an Age of Revolution, 1775-1815* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010) reviewed for *Sehepunkt [Ausgabe 11 \(2011\), Nr. 11](#)*
- Jeremy Black, *The Battle of Waterloo* (New York: Random House, 2010) reviewed for *The Journal of Military History*, Vol. 75, No. 2 (April 2011), pp. 628-30.
- David A. Bell, *The First Total War: Napoleon's Europe and the Birth of Modern War* (London: Bloomsbury, 2007) reviewed for *European History Quarterly* Vol. 40, No. 3 (July 2010), pp. 505-507.
- Charles Esdaile, *Napoleon's Wars: An International History 1803-1815* (London: Allen Lane, 2007) reviewed for *The Journal of Military History*, Vol. 73, No. 2 (April 2009), pp. 637-39.
- Philip Dwyer, *Napoleon: The Path to Power* (New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 2007), *H-France Review* (Society for French Historical Studies), Vol. 9, No. 21 (February 2009), pp. 83-87.
- Gareth Glover, ed. *From Corunna to Waterloo: The Letters and Journals of Two Napoleonic Hussars, 1801-1816* (London: Greenhill Books, 2007), *H-France Review* (Society for French Historical Studies), Vol. 8, No. 63 (May 2008), pp. 248-51.
- Peter P. Hill. *Napoleon's Troublesome Americans: Franco-American Relations, 1804-1815* (Washington, D.C.: Potomac Books, 2005), *H-France Review* (Society for French Historical Studies), Vol. 6, No. 147 (December 2006), pp. 636-40.
- Johannes Kunish, Michael Sikora, and Tilman Stieve, eds. *Gerhard von Scharnhorst, Privat und Dienstliche Schriften*, volume III, *Lehrer, Artillerist, Wegbereiter: Preussen 1801-1804* (Köln: Böhlau Verlag, 2005) reviewed for *The Journal of Military History*, Vol. 70, No. 3 (July 2006), pp. 832-34.
- Peter Hofschröder. *Wellington's Smallest Victory: The Duke, the Model Maker, and the Secret of Waterloo* (London: Faber and Faber, 2004) reviewed for *The Journal of Military History*, Vol. 69, No. 2 (April 2005), pp. 555-56.
- Johannes Kunish, Michael Sikora, and Tilman Stieve, eds. *Gerhard von Scharnhorst, Privat und*

Dienstliche Schriften, volume I, *Kurhannover bis 1795: Schüler, Lehrer, Kriegsteilnehmer* (Köln: Böhlau Verlag, 2002) reviewed for *The Journal of Military History*, Vol. 67, No. 4 (October 2003), pp. 1284-85.

J.P. Riley. *Napoleon and the World War of 1813: Lessons in Coalition Warfighting* (London: Frank Cass, 2000) reviewed for *The Historian, The Journal of Phi Alpha Theta*, Volume 65, No. 1 (Winter 2002), pp. 229-31.

Peter N. Stearns, Peter Seixas, and Sam Wineburg, eds. *Knowing, Teaching, and Learning History: National and Internal Perspectives* (New York: New York UP, 2000) reviewed for *The Journal of Contemporary Thought*, 2000 (Winter), pp. 123-25.

Digby Smith. *1813 Leipzig: Napoleon and the Battle of Nations* (London: Greenhill Books, 2001) reviewed for *The Journal of Military History*, Vol. 65, No. 4 (October 2001), pp. 1092-93.

Peer-Reviewed Conference Proceedings:

“The Battle of the Katzbach, 1813.” *Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, 1750-1850, Selected Papers 2012* (2015): 35-46.

“General Yorck’s ‘Robber Bands.’ The Collapse of Allied Discipline on the Road to Paris, 1814.” *Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, 1750-1850, Selected Papers* (2010): 116-29.

“Napoleon, his Marshals and the Loss of Alsace and Lorraine, January 1814.” *Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, 1750-1850, Selected Papers* (2009): 150-63.

“Where there are Roses, there are Thorns: Blücher and the *Oberkommando* of the Silesian Army in August 1813.” *Consortium on Revolutionary Europe, 1750-1850, Selected Papers* (2008): 226-237.

“Austrian Grand Strategy and the Invasion of France in 1814.” *Consortium on Revolutionary Europe, 1750-1850, Selected Papers* (2007): 322-31.

“The Prussian Variable in 1813.” *Consortium on Revolutionary Europe, 1750-1850, Selected Papers* (2002): 292-303.

“‘Peasants on Bareback Horses.’ The Prussian *Landwehr* in 1813.” *Consortium on Revolutionary Europe, 1750-1850, Selected Papers* (2001): 256-68.

“Berlin and North Germany: Napoleon’s ‘Master Plan in 1813.’” *Consortium on Revolutionary Europe 1750-1840: Selected Papers* (2000): 231-44.

“A Sublimated Revolution: Military Reform in the Germanies, 1792-1815: A Commentary.” *Consortium on Revolutionary Europe 1750-1840: Selected Papers* (1999): 171-76.

“The Birth of a Nation: Großbeeren, 23 August 1813.” *Consortium on Revolutionary Europe 1750-1850: Selected Papers* (1999): 217-230.

“Crossing the Rubicon: Bernadotte and the Prussians at the Elbe in 1813.” *Consortium on Revolutionary Europe 1740-1850: Selected Papers* (1998): 529-39.

“Civilian and Military Planning for the Defense of Berlin, 1813.” *Consortium on Revolutionary Europe 1750-1850: Selected Papers* (1997): 401-10.

“Bülow’s III Army Corps during the Wars of Liberation.” *Consortium on Revolutionary Europe 1750-1850: Selected Papers* (1996): 240-49.

“Problems of Coalition Warfare: The Prussians and Russians in the Low Countries, 1813-1814,” *Consortium on Revolutionary Europe 1750-1850: Selected Papers* (1995): 414-24.

“Soldiers or Serfs? The Role of the Prussian *Landwehr* in the Campaign of 1815,” *Consortium on Revolutionary Europe 1750-1850: Selected Papers*, (1994): 653-60.

“Command Crises, Bülow, Blücher and the Prussian Army in 1815,” *Consortium on Revolutionary Europe 1750-1850: Proceedings* (1993): 129-39.

Encyclopedia Entries:

“The Hundred Days,” in *Europe 1789-1914*. Eds. John M. Merriman and Jay Winter. Detroit: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 2006.

“The Battle of Waterloo,” in *Europe 1789-1914*. Eds. John M. Merriman and Jay Winter. Detroit: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 2006.

“Dominique-Jean Larrey,” in *Europe 1789-1914*. Eds. John M. Merriman and Jay Winter. Detroit: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 2006.

“Gebhard Leberecht von Blücher, 1742-1819,” in *The Reader’s Guide to Military History*. Ed. Charles Messenger. London: Fitzroy & Dearborn, 2001.

“Jean-Baptiste Bernadotte, 1763-1844,” in *The Reader’s Guide to Military History*. Ed. Charles

Messenger. London: Fitzroy & Dearborn, 2001.

“Napoleonic Armies: Austria, Prussia, and Russia,” in *The Reader’s Guide to Military History*. Ed. Charles Messenger. London: Fitzroy & Dearborn, 2001.

“Napoleonic Land Warfare,” in *The Reader’s Guide to Military History*. Ed. Charles Messenger. London: Fitzroy & Dearborn, 2001.

Invited Professional Activities/Presentations:

- “Napoleon, Autarky, and French Exceptionalism: The Quest for Economic Self-Sufficiency.” Presented at the conference “Winning the Peace? Managing the Empire: Napoleonic Governance and the Integration of Europe,” hosted by Friedrich Schiller University, Jena, Germany, 2-4 June 2023.
- “1801: The Year Bonaparte Almost had it All.” Keynote address presented (virtually) at the 2022 Masséna Society Conference, 10-12 March, 2022.
- “The Germs of Rot: The Prussian Officer Corps and the Kartoffelkrieg.” Keynote address presented (virtually) at the “Napoleon and His Legacy: Warfare, Politics, and Society Conference,” hosted by Louisiana State University—Shreveport, 21 March 2021.
- “Alexander & Metternich: Supreme Command During the War of the Sixth Coalition, 1813-1814.” Presented (virtually) at the “Supreme Command Conference,” hosted by Marine Corps University, 15 October 2021.
- “Napoleon and the Birth of Modern Operational Warfare.” Lecture presented at the Annual Gunther E. Rothenberg Seminar in Military History, High Point University, High Point, North Carolina, 28 October 2017.
- “Napoleon I: Last Child of the Enlightenment.” Presented at the Annual Teaching of History Conference, University of North Texas, 5 October 2013.
- “The Cult of Personality: Blücher, Waterloo, and the Prusso-German Army.” Presented at the Waterloo 200 Conference: “Waterloo: The Battle that Forged a Century,” hosted by King’s College, London, 11-13 September 2013.
- “The Napoleonic Context for the Anglo-US War of 1812.” Presented at the Bicentennial Panel on the War of 1812, the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY, 18 June 2012.
- “The Wars of the French Revolution: A Revolutionary Evolution.” Presented at the 2012 Annual West Point Summer Seminar on Military History, the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY, 18 June 2012.
- “Has the Final Word been Written? The Need for Revisionism in Military History.” Presented at the plenary session of the 42nd Annual Conference of the Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, Baton Rouge, LA, February 2012.
- “Napoleon and the Insurgency in Spain, 1808-1813.” Lecture at “War by Another Means: Perspectives on Insurgencies,” hosted by the Institute for Southern Studies and the Walker Institute of International and Area Studies at the University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina, 13-15 October 2011.
- “Phoenix Rising or Myth of a Great Power: The Prussian Way of War during the French Wars.” Lecture presented at the 4th Annual Gunther E. Rothenberg Seminar in Military History, High Point University, High Point, North Carolina, 7 November 2009.
- “From Wars of Kings to Wars of Nations: The Military Culture of the French Revolution.” Lecture presented at the Annual Teaching of History Conference, University of North Texas, 26 September 2009.
- “The German Wars of Liberation, 1813-1815.” Round-table presentation at the 39th Annual Conference of the Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, Savannah, GA, February 2009.
- “Policy and Strategy in the Revolutionary and Napoleonic Eras: 1792-1815.” Lecture presented for the US Naval War College Non-Resident Strategy and Policy Seminar at Ft. Worth, TX; New Orleans, LA; and Jacksonville, FL; October 2006.
- “Policy and Strategy in the Revolutionary and Napoleonic Eras: 1792-1815.” Lecture presented for the US Naval War College Non-Resident Strategy and Policy Seminar at Ft. Meade, the United States Military Academy at Annapolis, and the Washington Naval Yard, October 2004.
- “Policy and Strategy in the Revolutionary and Napoleonic Eras: 1792-1815.” Lecture presented for the US Naval War College Non-Resident Strategy and Policy Seminar, at US Naval Training Center, San Diego, CA, October 2002.
- “Fabian Strategy in a Coalition Context: the Allies versus Napoleon in 1813.” Presented at Hawaii-Pacific University’s “An Evening with the Humanities Lecture Series” as part of HPU’s National Endowment for the Humanities Challenge Grant, Hawaii Pacific University, Hawaii Loa Campus, 24 July 2002.
- “Policy and Strategy in a Revolutionary Era: Europe, 1792-1815.” Presented for the US Naval War College Non-Resident Strategy and Policy Seminar at US Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, IL, October 2001.

International/National Awards, Honors, Recognitions:

- 2015 Society for Military History Distinguished Book Award for *Blücher: Scourge of Napoleon*. Norman, OK: University of Oklahoma Press, 2014.
- 2015 La Société Napoléonienne Internationale First Place Literary Award for *Blücher: Scourge of Napoleon*. Norman, OK: University of Oklahoma Press, 2014.
- 2008 La Société Napoléonienne Internationale First Place Literary Award for *The Fall of Napoleon*, vol. 1: *The Allied Invasion of France, 1813-1814*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2007.
- 2005 La Société Napoléonienne Internationale Legion of Merit Award for Outstanding Contributions to Napoleonic Studies
- 2004 Society for Military History's Moncado Prize for Excellence in Military History for "From Berlin to Leipzig: Napoleon's Gamble in North Germany, 1813." *The Journal of Military History*. Vol. 67, No. 1 (January 2003), pp. 39-84.
- 2002 La Société Napoléonienne Internationale First Place Literary Award for *Napoleon and Berlin: The Franco-Prussian War in North Germany, 1813*. Norman, OK: University of Oklahoma Press, 2002.

Grant Activity:

- 2017-2018 UNT Team Mentoring Grant (\$1,000), University of North Texas
- 2017-2018 UNT Micro Mentoring Grant (\$1,500), University of North Texas
- Summer 2009 Junior Faculty Research Fellowship (\$5,000), University of North Texas
- Fall 2009 Faculty Research Grant (\$5,000), University of North Texas
- 2000-2001, 2001-2002, 2002-2003, 2003-2004 LSU-S Faculty Research Grant

Conference Presentations:

- "Reassessing the Revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars: New Insights in Honor of Don Horward." Presented at the 52nd Annual Conference of the Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, Starkville, MS, 10-12 February 2022.
- "From Friends to Enemies: Napoleon's Former German Allies and the Invasion of France, 1813-1814." Presented at the 50th Annual Meeting of the Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, Tallahassee, Florida, February 2020.
- "Napoleon and the Strategy of the Single Point in the 1813 Campaign." Presented at the 86th Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History, Columbus, Ohio, May 2019.
- "Combined Arms in Practice: The Highs and Lows of Allied Joint Operations in 1813." Presented at the 49th Annual Meeting of the Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, 1750-1850, Atlanta, GA, March 2019.
- "Blücher and the Crossing of the Elbe at Wartenburg in 1813: The Challenges of Attacking an Unassailable Position." Presented at the 48th Annual Meeting of the Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, 1750-1850, Philadelphia, PA, February 2018.
- "The Men of the Thirty Years War: The Issue of Germans Fighting Germans in 1813." Presented at the 47th Annual Meeting of the Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, 1750-1850, Charleston, SC, February 2017.
- "Napoleon and the Operational Art of War." Presented at the 46th Annual Meeting of the Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, 1750-1850, Shreveport, LA, February 2016.
- "Waterloo." Presented at the 63rd Annual Conference of the Texas Council for the Social Studies, Ft. Worth, TX, October 2015.
- "Prussian War Plans against Austria and France during the Polish-Saxon Crisis." Presented at the 45th Annual Meeting of the Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, 1750-1850, High Point, NC, February 2015.
- "Explaining Marshal Forwards: How the Historians of the Prussian and German General Staffs found in Blücher a Prusso-German Way of War." Presented at the 81st Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History, Kansas City, MO, April 2014.
- "Drafting and Executing the Trachenberg Plan: May-August 1813." Presented at the 43rd Annual Meeting of the Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, 1750-1850, Ft. Worth, TX, February 2013.
- "Battle on the Katzbach: Blücher's Triumph, Macdonald's Collapse, or Somewhere in Between?" Presented at the 42nd Annual Conference of the Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, Baton Rouge, LA, February 2012.
- "Military and Civil Biographies of the Revolutionary and Napoleonic Era—A Commentary." Presented at the 41st Annual Conference on the Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, Tallahassee, FL, March 2011.
- "Blücher, Decisive Victory, and Waterloo: The Long Road to a Prusso-German Way of War." Presented at the 77th Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History, Lexington, VA, May 2010.

- “France, Austria, and Piedmont: War Planning for Campaigning in Italy: A Commentary.” Presented at the 77th Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History, Lexington, VA, May 2010.
- “Fighting for the Fatherland: Evaluating the Prussian *Embrigadement* in the Wars of Liberation.” Presented at the 76th Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History, Murfreesboro, TN, April 2009.
- “The Westphalian Army in the Napoleonic Wars: Reliable Ally or Unstable Liability—A Commentary.” Presented at the 75th Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History, Ogden, Utah, April 2008.
- “Whites, Yellows, Browns, Blacks, and Reds: The Birth of Scientific Racism in the 18th Century.” Presented at the Department of History and Social Science’s Symposium on Racism, LSU-S, 12 October 2007.
- “The Role of Allied Streifkorps during the Invasion of France in 1814.” Presented at the 74th Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History, Frederick, Maryland, April 2007.
- “Austrian Grand Strategy and the Invasion of France.” Presented at the 36th Annual Meeting of the Consortium on Revolutionary Europe, Washington, D.C., February 2007.
- “Odd Man Out: Prussia between France and Russia on the Eve of the *Befreiungskrieg*.” Presented at the 30th Annual Conference of the German Studies Association, Pittsburgh, PA, October 2006.
- “A Matter of Timing: The ‘German’ Victory of 1814 and Napoleon’s First Abdication.” Presented at the 29th Annual Conference of the German Studies Association, Milwaukee, WI, October 2005.
- “Decisive Events and War Termination during the Napoleonic Wars: 1814.” Presented at the 33rd Annual Meeting of the Consortium on Revolutionary Europe, High Point, NC, February 2004.
- “The Emperor’s Lost Cause: Civil Insurrection and the Allied Response during the Invasion of the French Empire, 1814.” Presented at the 70th Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History, Knoxville, TN, May 2003.
- “‘You Shall Lead, but According to a Plan.’ Blücher’s Lost Opportunity at la Rothière in February 1814.” Presented at the 32nd Annual Meeting of the Consortium of Revolutionary Europe, Lafayette, LA, February 2003.
- “Allied Grand Strategy and the Politics of the Prussian Army in 1814.” Presented at the 69th Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History, Madison, WI, April 2002.
- “*Was bedeutet Landwehr und Landsturm*’. Overestimating Patriotism: The Prussian Citizen-Soldier in 1813.” Presented at the 25th Annual Conference of the German Studies Association, Washington D.C, October 2001.
- “Those Impetuous Prussians: Napoleon, Berlin, and the Liberation of Germany in 1813.” Presented at the 81st Annual Conference of the Southwestern Social Science Association, Fort Worth, TX, March 2001.
- “Friend or Foe? Prussia’s Drift to War in 1813.” Presented at the 67th Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History, Quantico, VA, April 2000.
- “‘All this Swarm of Cossacks and Pack of Bad Landwehr’: Reassessing Napoleon’s Military Operations in North Germany and the Allied Response in 1813.” Presented at the 66th Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History, Penn State University, PA, April 1999.
- “The Problems of a National War Effort: Mobilizing the Prussian Landwehr in 1813.” Presented at the 65th Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History, Chicago, IL, April 1998.
- “Prussian Valmy: Civilian and Military Responses to French Invasion and the Defense of Berlin.” Presented at the Annual Conference of the Western Society for French History, Charlotte, NC, November 1996.
- “Military Necessity or Political Intrigue?: Allied Operations in the Low Countries, 1813-1814.” Presented at the 62nd Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History, Gettysburg, PA, May 1995.

Education:

Ph.D., Florida State University, April 1997

Fields: French Revolution & Napoleon, 19th Century Europe, Modern Germany, 19th Century US

M.A., Florida State University, August 1992

B.A., Florida State University, April 1991, magna cum laude with honors

UNT Awards, Honors, Recognitions:

Excellence in Graduate Teaching, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, 2020

Nominated for UNT Foundation Faculty Leadership Award, 2015-16

Nominated for UNT University Distinguished Research Professor Award, 2014-15

Nominated for UNT Faculty Senate J. H. Shelton Excellence in Teaching Award, 2013-14

Nominated for UNT Faculty Senate President’s Council Service Award, 2012-13

Summer 2009 Junior Faculty Research Fellowship (\$5,000), University of North Texas

Fall 2009 Faculty Research Grant (\$5,000), University of North Texas

Teaching:

Graduate:

HIST 6950: Dissertation
HIST 6940: Directed Research
HIST 6900: Age of French Revolution
HIST 6900: Early French History
HIST 5950: Thesis
HIST 5900: Age of French Revolution
HIST 5900: Napoleonic Wars
HIST 5900: Napoleonic Europe
HIST 5250: Seminar on Napoleonic Warfare
HIST 5250: Seminar on Revolutionary Warfare
HIST 5240: Readings on Napoleonic Warfare
HIST 5240: Readings on Revolutionary Warfare
HIST 5080: Seminar on French History

Undergraduate:

HIST 4302: Wars of Napoleon
HIST 4301: Age of Napoleon
HIST 4300: French Revolution
HIST 4660: Evolution of Warfare

Special Problems Courses:

HIST 4262: History of Modern France from 1500 to Present
HIST 4262: History of France from the Middle Ages to 1500
HIST 4262: Nazi Racial Policy
HIST 4260: Age of Empire, 1871-1914

Thesis and Dissertation Directorships:

Theses: 6
Dissertations: 3

Service:

To the Profession:

Director, Masséna Society, 2016-present
Member, George C. Marshall Lecture Committee, Society for Military History, 2014-2019
Hosted 43rd Annual Conference of the Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, February 2013
Editorial Board, Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, 2010-2012
Director, Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, 2005-2024
Program Committee, 2010 Society for Military History Annual Meeting
Program Committee, 2008 Society for Military History Annual Meeting

To the Department, College, and University:

UNT, 20th Century British History Search Committee, 2022-2023
UNT, UNT Press Faculty Advisory Board, 2021-present
UNT, Graduate Committee, 2009-present
UNT, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Personnel Affairs Committee, 2017-present
UNT, 20th Century US/Europe Military History Search Committee, 2017-2018
UNT, 20th Century US Military History Search Committee Chair, 2016-2017
UNT, Graduate Awards Board, 2011-present
UNT, Graduate Committee, 2009-present
UNT, Deputy Director, Military History Center, 2008-present
LSUS, Chair, Department of History and Social Sciences, 2005-2008
LSUS, Chair, Faculty Senate Instruction and Professional Development Committee, 2005-2007
LSUS Chair, College of Liberal Arts Graduate Council, 2003-2004

LSUS Faculty Senator, College of Liberal Arts, 2001-2004, 2007-2008
LSUS Vice President, Faculty Senate, 2002-2003, 2003-2004
LSUS University Administrative Committee for Student Retention, 2001-2003
LSUS Interim Chair, Department of History and Social Sciences, Fall 2001
LSUS Faculty Senate Instruction and Professional Development Committee, 2000-2006
LSUS Chancellor's Task Force Committee for Faculty Development, 2000-2001
LSUS University Athletic Council, Fall 1999-2008

Professional Associations (past and present):

Society for Military History
German Studies Association
Western Society for French History
Consortium on the Revolutionary Era
American Historical Association
Phi Beta Kappa
Phi Kappa Phi
Phi Alpha Theta
Pi Gamma Mu