

**WILLIAM WHITHAM**  
Curriculum Vitae

432 Newell Drive  
PO Box 117460  
Gainesville, FL 36211

Office phone: 352-294-3416  
Email: [wwhitham@ufl.edu](mailto:wwhitham@ufl.edu)

**EDUCATION**

---

- 2021      Ph.D., History  
            **Princeton University**  
            Adviser: Stephen Kotkin
- 2017      M.A., History, with distinction  
            **Princeton University**
- 2015      M.Phil., Political Thought and Intellectual History, with distinction  
            **Trinity College, University of Cambridge**
- 2014      B.A., Social Studies, Secondary Field in Linguistics, *summa cum laude*  
            **Harvard College**

**PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

---

- 2024—     Assistant Professor of Humanities  
            The Hamilton Center for Classical and Civic Education  
            **University of Florida**
- 2021-2024    Lecturer, Committee on Degrees in Social Studies  
            **Harvard University**

**PUBLICATIONS**

---

**Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**

- 2023      “Lenin, the anarchist? A constructive misinterpretation.” *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History* 24:4 (Fall 2023), 791-816
- 2019      “César De Paepe and the ideas of the First International.” *Modern Intellectual History* 16:3 (2019), 897-925
- 2014      “A reconsideration of John Stuart Mill’s account of political violence.” *Utilitas* 26:4 (2014), 409-31

**Manuscripts in Preparation**

*Anarchy Is Order: The Politics of Subversion and the Making of Modern Europe*  
(book manuscript)

### **Non-Academic Papers and Articles**

“Why did many people in 1917 think that Lenin was an anarchist?,” *The Jordan Center for the Advanced Study of Russia (NYU) Blog*, May 9, 2024,  
<<https://jordanrussiacycenter.org/blog/why-did-many-people-in-1917-think-that-lenin-was-an-anarchist>>

### **AWARDS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS**

---

2022	Stanley Hoffman Prize for Excellence in Teaching, Committee on Degrees in Social Studies, Harvard University
2022	Certificate of Teaching Excellence (awarded four times), Harvard University
2020	Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation
2020	Harold W. Dodds Honorific Fellowship, Princeton University
2018	Winter Workshop Fellowship, Hoover Institution
2017	Language Funding Grant, Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies
2017	William P. Heidrich Research Fellowship, University of Michigan
2015	Quentin Skinner Prize, History Faculty, University of Cambridge
2014	Harvard-Cambridge Centre for History and Economics Prize Research Grant
2014	Sophia Freund Prize, Harvard College
2014	Eben Fiske Studentship, Trinity College, University of Cambridge
2013	Thomas T. Hoopes Prize, Harvard College
2013	Phi Beta Kappa, Harvard College
2013	Harvard-Cambridge Summer Fellowship
2013	Martin McPeck Prize, Harvard College
2011	Detur Book Prize, Harvard College

## INVITED CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

---

- 2021 “Structuring spontaneity: The twilight of anarchist organization in Spain and Italy, c. 1917-1923,” Graduate Workshop in History, Fordham University, March 5<sup>th</sup>
- 2016 “César De Paepe and the politics of collective property in socialist thought, 1860-1890,” Graduate Conference in the History of Political Thought, University College London, June 30<sup>th</sup>

## CAMPUS TALKS AND COMMENTS

---

- 2020 “Structuring spontaneity: The twilight of anarchist organization in Spain and Italy, c. 1917-1923,” Modern Europe Workshop, Princeton University, April 15<sup>th</sup>
- 2020 “Statism and anarchy: Illusion, insurrection, and the tragedy of the Left,” Global History Workshop, Princeton University, March 5<sup>th</sup>
- 2020 Comment, Gregory Martin, “‘Workers and Peasants of the World, Unite!’: The Bolsheviks and Rural Revolution in China, 1921-1934,” Russia and Eurasia Workshop, Princeton University, February 5<sup>th</sup>
- 2018 “Revolution, race, and Russo-German antagonism in Bakunin,” Russia and Eurasia Workshop, Princeton University, March 6<sup>th</sup>
- 2016 Comment, Katlyn Carter, “The Culture of Dévoilement and the Origins of Revolutionary Surveillance,” Modern Europe Workshop, Princeton University, April 5<sup>th</sup>
- 2015 “The politics of collective property and the origins of modern socialism,” History Faculty Graduate Research Day, University of Cambridge, May 8<sup>th</sup>
- 2015 “Development and discontinuity in the history of anarchism,” Political Thought and Intellectual History Workshop, University of Cambridge, May 6<sup>th</sup>
- 2015 “The federalist content and context of Marx’s *The Civil War in France*,” Graduate Workshop, Centre for History and Economics, University of Cambridge, February 24<sup>th</sup>
- 2014 “Anarchism and federalism in the International Working Men’s Association 1864-1877,” Social Studies Senior Colloquium, Harvard College, May 2<sup>nd</sup>

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

---

**Harvard University**  
*Undergraduate Courses*

*As course head:*

Freshman Seminar 720: Political Violence and Power (Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023)  
Social Studies 98ub: Terror and Terrorism in Global History (Fall 2021)  
Social Studies 98vw: To Remake the World? Revolutionaries, Regimes, and Paradoxes of Power (Fall 2022, Fall 2023)

*As tutorial leader:*

Social Studies 10a: Introduction to Social Studies (Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023)  
Social Studies 10b: Introduction to Social Studies (Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024)

*As thesis advisor:* three B.A. theses, one M.A. thesis

**Princeton University**

*Undergraduate Courses*

*As Assistant-in-Instruction:*

History 362: The Soviet Empire (Spring 2018)  
History 380: The History of U.S. Foreign Relations (Fall 2017)

**SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

---

Editorial Board Member, *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism* (2021—present)

**UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

---

2022-2024 Co-coordinator, Thesis Workshop for Juniors, Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University

2022-2023 First-Year Adviser, Board of First-Year Advisers, Harvard College

2019-2020, 2017-2018 Writing Center Fellow, Princeton University Writing Center

2017-2018 Graduate representative, Modern Continental European Search Committee, Department of History, Princeton University

2016-2018 Resident Graduate Student, Rockefeller College, Princeton University

2016-2017 Graduate representative, Modern European/International History Search Committee, Department of History, Princeton University

2016-2017 Co-chair, Modern Europe Workshop, Department of History, Princeton University

## LANGUAGES

---

Italian (adept heritage speaker)  
Spanish (advanced)  
French (intermediate)  
Russian (intermediate)  
German (reading)  
Catalan (reading)

## REFERENCES

---

Stephen Kotkin  
Senior Fellow, Freeman Spogli Institute for  
International Studies and Kleinheinz Senior  
Fellow, Hoover Institution  
550 Jane Stanford Way  
Stanford, CA 94305  
[kotkin@stanford.edu](mailto:kotkin@stanford.edu)  
650-723-1411

Philip G. Nord  
Rosengarten Professor of Modern and  
Contemporary History, Emeritus  
B 10P 3 Firestone Library  
Princeton, NJ 08544  
[pgnord@princeton.edu](mailto:pgnord@princeton.edu)  
609-258-7308

Emma Rothschild  
Jeremy and Jane Knowles Professor of  
History  
1730 Cambridge St.  
Cambridge, MA 02138  
[rothsch@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:rothsch@fas.harvard.edu)  
617-496-4868

Jeremy Adelman  
Henry Charles Lea Professor of History  
137 Louis A. Simpson Building  
Princeton, NJ 08544  
[adelman@princeton.edu](mailto:adelman@princeton.edu)  
609-258-4873