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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in History, Johns Hopkins University, 2020-

Dissertation: "Securing the System: Phone Phreaks, Computer Hackers, and Political Order, 1963-2013."

Fields: Modern U.S. Intellectual and Cultural History (Angus Burgin), Vast Early America (François Furstenberg), Black Intellectual History (Minkah Makalani), American Political Development (Steve Teles)

M.Phil. in Economic and Social History, University of Cambridge, Darwin College, 2019-2020

M.A. in Political Science, Miami University, 2017-2019

B.A. in History and Political Science with honors, 2015-2019

PUBLICATIONS

Edited Collections

with Jon Lauck, *Beyond Rust: The Post-Industrial American Midwest in Historical Perspective* (University of Illinois Press, forthcoming)

Peer-Reviewed Writing

"Phreaking Politics in Modern America" (revise and resubmit to *Modern American History*)

"For Liberty's Sake: The Clipper Chip, Civil Libertarians, and Resistance to State Surveillance, 1993-1994" (submitted to the *Journal of Policy History*)

"Hacking as a Style of Reasoning" (article in progress for the Society for U.S. Intellectual History Early Career Workshop and *Modern Intellectual History*)

with Yize Hu, "Techno-Nationalism as Business Strategy in the U.S.-Japan Chip War" (article in progress)

"The Silicon Prairie: Towards a New Machine History of the American Midwest." *Middle West Review* 11, no. 2 (2025): 203-210.

"Phreaking the U.K." *Interfaces: Essays and Reviews on Computing and Culture* Vol. 6 (January 2025). Charles Babbage Institute, University of Minnesota, 1-8.

with Eric Michael Rhodes, "Classical Permanence through Urban Decay: The Cleveland Orchestra as a

Symbol of High Culture through the City's Decline," in *Where East Meets (Mid)West: Exploring an American Regional Divide*, eds. Jon K. Lauck and Gleaves Whittney (Kent State University Press, 2025).

"Things Seen and Heard: Regional Rootedness and Natural Mystery in Sigurd F. Olson's Northwestern United States," in Jon Lauck and Gleaves Whittney, eds., *North Country: Essays on the Upper Midwest and Regional Identity* (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2023).

"Ike's Constitutional Venturing: The Institutionalization of the CIA, Covert Action, and American Interventionism," *Grand Valley Journal of History* 6, no. 1 (November 2018): 1-20.

Selected Public Writing

"[America's Pernicious Rural Myth](#)," *Public Books*, April 2025.

with Casey Eilbert, "[Clinton and Gore's Attempts at Government Reform Highlight the Challenges Ahead for DOGE](#)," *TIME Magazine*, March 2025.

"[Sinking the Clipper Chip](#)," *Discourse*, January 2025.

"[Disinformation or Shared Search for Meaning?](#)" *Discourse*, September 2024.

"[What We Can Learn from the Luddites](#)," *Discourse*, April 2024.

"[How the Internet Became Straight](#)," *The Nation*, June 2023.

"[The Pseudo-Ethics of Hackers](#)," *American Purpose*, May 2023.

"[Down and Out at the AHA](#)," *Chronicle of Higher Education*, March 2023.

"[The Intimate and Interconnected History of the Internet](#)," *The Nation*, October 2022

"[The Myth of Libertarian Exit](#)," *The Nation*, August 2022.

"[Removing Confederate statues does not erase U.S. history](#)," *Washington Times*, June 2020.

Select Reviews

Judy Gumbo, *Yippie Girl: Exploits in Protest and Defeating the FBI*, in *The Global Sixties* 16, no. 2 (July 2023): 246-248.

Richard Lyman Bushman, *The American Farmer in the Eighteenth Century in Middle West* *Review* 7, no. 1 (Fall 2020): 182-185.

R. Scott Huffard Jr., *Engines of Redemption: Railroads and the Reconstruction of Capitalism in the New South* in *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* 118, no. 3 (Summer 2020): 525-527. Review of

Caitlin Rosenthal, *Accounting for Slavery: Masters and Management in Agricultural History* 94, no.

2 (Spring 2020): 283-285.

Joanna Cohen, *Luxurious Citizens: The Politics of Consumption in Nineteenth-Century America* in *The Gettysburg Journal of the Civil War Era* 9 (2019): article 7.

Bryant Simon, *The Hamlet Fire: A Tragic Story of Cheap Food, Cheap Government, and Cheap Lives* in *Iowa Journal of Cultural Studies* 19, no. 1 (2019): 62-64.

SELECTED AWARDS and FELLOWSHIPS

2025-2026	Ambrose Monell Foundation Funded National Fellowship in Technology and Democracy, Jefferson Scholars Foundation
2025-2026	Short-term Fellowship, Stuart A. Rose Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library, Emory University
2025-2026	Inaugural Maine History Archives Travel Grant, Fogler Library, University of Maine
2024-2025	History and Archiving Fellowship, Association of Computer Machinery
2024-2025	Arthur L. Norberg Travel Grant, Charles Babbage Institute
2024-2025	Henry Belin du Pont Research Fellowship, the Center for the History of Business, Technology, and Society at the Hagley Museum and Library
2024-2025	Bordin/Gillette Fellowship, the Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan
2024-2025	Graduate Research Fellowship, the Alexander Grass Humanities Institute, Johns Hopkins University
2024	Census Innovation Fellowship, the U.S. Census Bureau
2023-2024	William and Madeline Welder Smith Research Travel Award, Dolph Briscoe Center for American History, University of Texas at Austin
2023-2024	Inaugural Graduate Fellowship, Center for Economy and Society at the SNF Agora Institute
2023-2024	Graduate Fellowship, SNF Agora Institute, Johns Hopkins University
2023	Summer Research Fellowship, Program in Medicine, Science, and the Humanities, Johns Hopkins University
2022-2023	Graduate Fellowship, SNF Agora Institute, Johns Hopkins University
2020	Ellen McArthur Research Fund, University of Cambridge

2018-2019 Joanna Jackson Goldman Memorial Prize, Miami University Honors Program

2017-2018 History Scholar Award, Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, LECTURES, WORKSHOPS, and SYMPOSIA

Co-organizer and Panelist, “The Politics of Computing in Modern America: Expertise, Ideology, and Social Movements,” Historians of the Contemporary United States, Lancaster, U.K., June 19, 2025.

Organizer and Panelist, “Disrupting Democracy: Technology, Politics, and the Future of the American Right,” the Policy History Conference, Charlotte, NC, June 6.

Panelist, “Scientists, Politics, Knowledge,” the Materialist History of Knowledge workshop, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, April 4, 2025.

Panelist, “Violence and Control,” Boston University Political History Conference, Boston, MA, March 22.

Panelist, “Labor Conflict, Labor Agency,” the Business History Conference, Atlanta, GA, March 14, 2025.

Organizer and panelist, “Counterculture(s) and Computing in the Twentieth-Century United States,” the Society for U.S. Intellectual History, Boston, MA, November 16, 2024.

Panelist, “Technology and the Future,” Thoughts of Tomorrow, Columbia University, New York City, NY, November 1, 2024.

Panelist, “Manufacturing Disciplines, Industries, and Identities,” Special Interest Group in Computers, Information, and Society, at the Society for the History of Technology, Viña del Mar, Chile, July 14, 2024.

Chair and Panelist, “Affixing Moral Values at the Crossroads of Patents, Hackers & Witchcraft,” the Society for the History of Technology, Viña del Mar, Chile, July 10, 2024.

Participant, Summer Institute, Center for the History of Political Economy, Duke University, Durham, NC, June 3-12, 2024.

Organizer and Panelist, “Silicon Prairies: New Histories of Technology in the post-1945 American Midwest,” the Midwestern History Conference, Grand Rapids, MI, May 31, 2024.

Panelist and Participant, “Congress and Technology,” Congress & History Conference, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, Princeton University, Washington, D.C., May 16-17.

Organizer and Panelist, “The Medium Is the (Free Market) Message: Technology and Media in Twentieth Century Libertarianism,” at the annual meeting of the American Historical Association, San Francisco, CA, January 2024.

- Panelist, "Technology: Utopia? Dystopia?" at "Utopia/Dystopia Intellectual Landscapes of Dreams and Disasters," the annual meeting of the Society for U.S. Intellectual History, Denver, CO, November 2023.
- Panelist, "Technological Change and Individual Autonomy," at the Markets & Society conference, the Mercatus Center at George Mason University, Falls Church, VA, October 2023.
- Panelist, "Computing the Public Good," Graduate Research in STS, Harvard Kennedy School, Boston, MA, October 2023.
- Moderator, "Editing the Region: Publishing, Place, and the Local in Literary-Cultural Production," Literary Cleveland Ikubator Conference, Cleveland Public Library, September 2023.
- Panelist, "Techno-Fixes: Politics, Labor, and Imagined Futures," Medicine, Science, and the Humanities Research Fellows Symposium, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, September 22, 2023.
- Participant, Summer Seminar in History and Statecraft, Clements Center for National Security, Beaver Creek, CO, July 17-23, 2024.
- Co-Convener and Discussant, with Drs. Steve Teles, Angus Burgin, and Henry Farrell, "The Political Economy of Silicon Valley," the Center for Economy and Society and Johns Hopkins SNF Agora Institute, the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Palo Alto, CA, April 2023.
- Co-Convener and Discussant, with Drs. Steve Teles, Angus Burgin, Henry Farrell, Glory Liu, and Jennifer Burns, "Grand Narratives in Political Economy," the Center for Economy and Society and Johns Hopkins SNF Agora Institute, the Eliza Jane Hotel, New Orleans, LA, January 2023.
- Panelist, "Productivity and Workflow," Johns Hopkins University Sheridan Libraries, Baltimore, MD, November 2022.
- Chair and comment, "Writing the Region," Society for the Study of Midwestern Literature Symposium, East Lansing, MI, June 2022.
- Chair and comment, "Writing the Region," Midwestern History Association Conference, Grand Rapids, MI, May 2022.
- Chair and comment, "Writing the City, Writing the Region," Cleveland Humanities Festival, Cleveland, OH, March 2022.
- Panelist, "Prisons, Symphonies, Demolitions, Pamphlets: Twentieth-Century Responses to Deindustrialization in Rusting Steel Belt Cities," Midwestern History Conference, virtual, May 2021.
- Panelist, "The Land of the (Un)Free: Interrogating Democracy in America," Irish Association for American Studies, University College Cork, Cork, Ireland, November 2019.

“Things Seen and Heard: Regional Identity in Sigurd F. Olson’s Environmental Ethic,” Darwin College Humanities & Social Sciences Seminar, University of Cambridge, November, 2019.

Co-Convener and Discussant, with Dr. Steve Conn, Dr. Damon Scott, Dr. Nishani Frazier, Ali Fair, and Eric Rhodes, “The Other Urban America: The Past, Present, and Possible Futures of the Small Industrial Cities of the Midwest,” Miami University, April 2019.

“The ‘Gordian Knot’ of Democratic Equality in Gilded Age and Early Progressive Era America,” the Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning, Arizona State University-Tempe, March 2019.

“What is Wrong with the Poor? Reconciling Democratic Equality and Exploitation in Gilded Age and Early Progressive Era America,” Miami University, Oxford, OH, Miami University, April 2019.

SELECT TEACHING EXPERIENCE

George Washington University, Instructor

PMGT 4200 with Anthony Eames and Congressmen Glenn Nye, Civics and Presidential Leadership (summer 2025)

Johns Hopkins University, Instructor

AS.196.325 with Henry Farrell, AI and Democracy (spring 2025)

AS.100.284 Our Wired World: Capitalism, Gadgets, and Gimmicks in the Information Age (winter 2024)

AS.360.111 The Personal Computer in American Politics (fall 2023)

AS.100.158 History at the Movies: The Digital Age (winter 2023)

AS.360.111 The Computer Hacker in American Culture (fall 2022; spring 2025)

SNF Agora Institute, Johns Hopkins University, Graduate Fellow

AS.196.201 Introduction to Civic Life, with Drs. Liliana Mason and Consuelo Amat (fall 2023)

AS.196.201 Introduction to Civic Life, with Drs. Harie Han and Liliana Mason (spring 2023)

Johns Hopkins University, Teaching Assistant

AS.061.267 A Cultural History of the Internet, with Dr. Kyle Stein (fall 2023; fall 2024)

AS.362.102 Anti-Racism 101, with Dr. Nathan Connolly (fall 2022)

AS.100.193 Undergraduate Seminar in History, with Drs. Francois Furstenberg and Yumi Kim (fall 2021; spring 2022)

RESEARCH and TEACHING SPECIALTIES

American Intellectual History, 1865-Present
American Cultural History, 1865-Present
American Political History, 1865-Present
History of Capitalism and Economic Thought
History of Technology
History of Computing
Digital & Public History

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE and EMPLOYMENT

American Enterprise Institute and Johns Hopkins University
2025- Program Manager, Graduate Student Civics Network

Ronald Reagan Presidential Museum and Institute
2024- Consulting Scholar, Academic Programs

FUSION Magazine
2023- Associate Editor

Manuscript Review
Middle West Review

Johns Hopkins University
2020-2023 Coordinator and Moderator, Modern America Seminar
2021-2023 Co-president, History Graduate Student Association
2020-2021 Graduate Representative, Graduate Research Organization

University of Cambridge
2019-2020 Representative, Council of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences
2019-2020 Committee member, Darwin College Library Committee

Miami University
2018-2019 Graduate Research Coordinator, Center for Public Management and Regional Affairs
2018-2019 Founder and podcast host, “Major Insight: Find your Place and Purpose on Campus”
2017-2019 Editor, *Journeys into the Past: An Online Journal of Miami University’s History Department*,

Cleveland Review of Books
2022-present Editor-at-Large

2020-2022 Editor-in-Chief
2018-2020 History Editor

Research Experience

Research Assistant, Professor Emeritus Lou Galambos, Johns Hopkins University, 2022-present
Research Assistant, Professor Angus Burgin, Johns Hopkins University, 2021-present
Research Assistant, Associate Professor Andrew Offenburger, Miami University, 2018-2019

- Research for *The Aimless Life: Music, Mines, and Revolution from the Rocky Mountains to Mexico* (University of Nebraska Press, 2021)

Urban History Association

Book Review Editor, *The Metropole*, 2018 – 2019

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association
Organization of American Historians
Society for U.S. Intellectual History
Society for the History of Technology
Special Interest Group for Computing, Information, and Society
Business History Conference
Midwest History Association

REFERENCES

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