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ACADEMIC POSTS

Associate teaching professor, Department of Political Science, Johns Hopkins University, July 2023-present.

Associate professor, Department of History, Durham University, September 2015 – August 2023; Lecturer/Senior Lecturer, 2013-2015.

Visiting assistant professor of history and research director, Department of History/ Kalmanovitz Initiative for Labor and the Working Poor, Georgetown University, September 2009 – August 2013.

Visiting assistant professor, Department of History, University of California, Irvine, July 2008 – June 2009: Student Recommended Faculty Professor.

EDUCATION

2005 Ph.D., American studies, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia.

1992 B.A., English literature, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

In preparation: *The Mendacious State: The Origins of Britain's Modern Security Regime*.

Commonsense Anticommunism: Labor and Civil Liberties Between the World Wars (University of North Carolina Press, 2012), 304 pp.

What Works for Workers? Public Policies and Community-Based Solutions for Low-Wage Workers. Co-edited with Stephanie Luce, Joseph McCartin, and Ruth Milkman. (Russell Sage Press, 2014), 362 pp.

Peer-reviewed articles

“The Anxiety of Influence: Foreign Interference, American Politics, and World War I,” *Diplomatic History*, vol. 44, no. 5 (November 2020), 756–85.

“Interwar Labor Anticommunism in the United States and United Kingdom,” *Journal of Contemporary History*, vol. 33, no. 1 (January 2018), 109-33.

“Covert and Overt Operations: Interwar Political Policing in the United States and the United Kingdom,” *American Historical Review*, vol. 122, no. 3 (June 2017), 727-57.

"New Men of Power: Ronald Reagan, Jack Tenney, and Postwar Labor Anticommunism," in *De-Centering Cold War History: Local and Global Change*, edited by Jadwiga E. Pieper-Mooney and Fabio Lanza (London and New York: Routledge, 2013), 99-122.

"Featherbedding, Fabricating, and the Failure of Authority in *The Wire*." *Labor: Studies in Working Class History of the Americas*, vol. 10, no. 1 (Spring 2013), 21-27.

“Surrogate Supervisors: Railway Spotters and the Origins of Workplace Surveillance,” in *Labor: Studies in Working Class History of the Americas*, vol. 5, no. 1, (February 2008), 47-74.

“Organizing: a secret history,” co-authored with Sam Luebke, *Labor History*, vol. 44, no. 4 (December 2003), 421-432.

Essays and other writings

“1939,” in “Roundtable: Antecedents of 2019,” co-authored with Christopher Phelps, Alex Goodall, Jonathan Bell, and Molly Geidel, *Journal of American Studies*, vol. 53, no. 4 (November 2019), 855-92 [864-71].

“Rethinking Interwar Conservatism, Communism, and Repression,” and “Response,” for a forum on *Commonsense Anticommunism*, in *Journal of the Historical Society*, vol. 13, no. 2 (June 2013), 101-114 and 157-162.

"Labor and Anticommunism," in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of American Business, Labor, and Economic History*, edited by Melvyn Dubofsky, Gerald Friedman, and Joseph McCartin (Oxford University Press, 2013), https://search.credoreference.com/content/entry/oupoblae/labor_and_anti_communism/0?institutionId=1856

“Historical Contributors versus Structural Tendencies,” *Labor: Studies in Working Class History of the Americas*, vol. 8, no. 2 (Summer 2011), 77-82.

“An Interview with Andy Stern,” with Leon Fink, *Labor: Studies in Working Class History of the Americas*, vol. 8, no. 2 (Summer 2011).

“Labor Spies,” “La Follette Committee,” “Commission on Industrial Relations,” “Pattern Bargaining,” “Justice for Janitors,” and “National Right to Work Committee” for the *Encyclopedia of Labor and Working-Class History*, Eric Arnesen, ed. (Routledge, 2006), 288-89; 729-31; 774-75.

Digital history

Justice for Janitors: A Digital History (www.georgetownlaborhistory.org)

Book reviews

Alison Hepler, *McCarthyism in the Suburbs: Quakers, Communists, and the Children's Librarian* (Lexington, 2018), *Journal of American History*, vol. 106, no. 2 (September 2019), 528-29.

Donna Haverty-Stacke, *Trotskyists on Trial: Free Speech and Political Persecution since the Age of FDR* (NYU Press, 2016), *Labor: Studies in Working-Class History of the Americas*, vol. 14, no. 2 (2017), 121-22.

Robert Justin Goldstein, ed., *Little “Red Scares”: Anti-Communism and Political Repression in the United States, 1921-1946* (Ashgate, 2014), *Reviews in History*, review no. 1730, February 2015 (<http://www.history.ac.uk/reviews/review/1730>).

Alex Goodall, *Loyalty and Liberty: American Countersubversion from World War I to the McCarthy Era* (Cambridge University Press, 2013), *Journal of American Studies*, vol. 49, no 1 (February 2015), 210-211.

Clarence Taylor, *Reds at the Blackboard: Communism, Civil Rights, and the New York City Teachers Union* (Columbia University Press, 2011), *Labor: Studies in Working-Class History of the Americas*, vol. 11, no. 1 (2014), 148.

Samuel Walker, *Presidents and Civil Liberties from Wilson to Obama* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012), *American Historical Review*, vol. 118, no. 4 (2013), 1212.

Shelton Stromquist, ed., *Labor's Cold War*, in *Labor: Studies in Working Class History of the Americas*, vol. 6, no. 2, March 2009, 114-16.

Karin A. Shapiro, *A New South Rebellion* (Chapel Hill, NC, 1999), in *Left History* 6.2 (Spring 2000), 126-29.

RESIDENTIAL FELLOWSHIPS

Postdoctoral fellow, University of California, Los Angeles, Institute for Research on Labor and Employment, July 2007 - June 2008.

Arthur Weinberg Fellow, Newberry Library, summer 2007.

Postdoctoral fellow, New York University, Center for the United States and the Cold War, September 2006 - May 2007.

INVITED TALKS

“The United States,” plenary session, “Global Populism: Fifty Years After,” co-hosted by the Latin American History Seminar and the African Studies Centre, the Rothermere American Institute and the Middle East Centre, St Antony’s College, Oxford University, November 2019.

“Britain’s Secret Red Purge,” Working Class Movement Library, Manchester, UK, July 2019.

“1939,” for plenary session, “Marx and Marxism in the US: a symposium,” University of Nottingham, May 2019.

“Britain’s Secret Red Purge,” Gala Theatre, Durham, UK, May 2019.

“Secrets, Lies, and the ‘Special Relationship’ in the Early Cold War,” Cambridge University American History Seminar, October 2018.

Comment, “The United States of America and World War One: Exploring Political, Economic and Cultural Entanglements,” British Academy, London, November 2017.

“The ‘Re-conquest of America’: Policing Britain’s Global Supply Line in World War I,” Rothermere American Institute, Oxford University, November 2017.

“Anticommunism before McCarthyism: Repressing Reds in Interwar Britain and America,” Newcastle University, Labour and Society Research Group, November 2014.

“Nickel Wars: Streetcar Politics in Gilded-Age America,” Institute for Historical Research, London, March 2014.

“Between the Farebox and the Ballot Box: Progressive Politics and Public Transportation in Gilded-Age Cleveland,” Cambridge University American History Seminar, February 2014.

"A Constructive Force Against Radicalism: The Origins of Labor Anticommunism," U.S. History colloquium, UCLA, Los Angeles, California, October 2007.

“A Constructive Force: Labor Conservatives in World War I,” Scholl Center Labor History colloquium, Newberry Library, Chicago, Illinois, September 2007.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

Commenter, Meg Jacobs, “The New Deal’s AAA Reconsidered: State Building from the Bottom Up,” Cambridge American History Seminar, March 2023.

Panel chair and commenter, “Imprisoning the Colonies: Punishment, Morality, and Reform in the Prison Systems of the 19th & 20th Century British Empire,” North American Conference on British Studies, Providence, Rhode Island, November 2018.

“The Origins of Britain’s Secret Anticommunist Ban,” North American Conference on British Studies, Washington DC, November 2016.

Panel chair and commenter, “After the Cold War Paradigm,” and presenter, “Secrets and the ‘Special Relationship’: American Inklings of Britain’s Interwar Red Purge,” Historians of the Twentieth-Century United States, Middelburg, Netherlands, July 2016.

“Britain’s Secret Red Purge,” DC Working-Class History Seminar, September 2015.

“It Didn’t Happen There? British and American Civil Libertarians and Early Cold War Anticommunism,” Historians of the Twentieth-Century United States, Norwich, UK, June 2015.

“American Streetcars, Scottish Trams and Trans-Atlantic Working-Class Conservatism, 1900-12,” Social History Society, Portsmouth, UK, April 2015.

“Digital History,” Digital Humanities Roundtable, Durham University Institute for Advanced Study, February 2014.

“(The) Class(room) Is Everywhere: Teaching Labor and Working Class History in the Age of Occupy,” at Organization of American Historians, San Francisco, California, April 2013.

“Labor’s Red Scare,” at De-Centering Cold War History: Street-Level Politics and Global Change, Tucson, Arizona, November 2010.

“J. Edgar Hoover, Civil Libertarian: The Fish Committee and the FBI,” at Policy History Conference, June 2010, Columbus, Ohio.

“Labor’s Red Scare: The AFL and the Architecture of Anticommunism, 1939-1941,” at Pennsylvania Labor History Workshop, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, May 2010.

“Featherbedding, Fabricating, and the Failure of Authority in *The Wire*,” at American Studies Association, Washington, DC, November 2009.

Panel chair, “Racketeering as Idea and Reality,” at “The American Right and U.S. Labor: Politics, Ideology and Imagination,” University of California at Santa Barbara, January 2009.

“First Line of Defense: Early Labor Communists and the FBI,” American Historical Association, January 2009.

“Red Webs’, Red Baiting, and the AFL's Attack on the New Deal,” at “Workers, the Nation-State, and Beyond: The Newberry Conference on Labor History Across the Americas,” Chicago, Illinois, September 2008.

“This Canker of Espionage”: Hosiery Workers vs. Labor Spies in Pennsylvania,” Thinking Through Action conference (Simon Fraser University/Pacific Northwest Labor History Association), Vancouver, British Columbia, June 2005.

“This Evil in Modern Industry”: Labor Spies, Communists, and Reformers,” American Studies Association, Atlanta, Georgia, November 2004.

“Honest Workers Should Rid Industry of the Labor Spy’: The Hosiery Workers' Fight Against the Labor Spy Industry,” North American Labor History Conference, Detroit, Michigan, October 2004.

“Judas Exposed: Railroad Spotters in the Nineteenth Century,” Southern Labor Studies Conference, Miami, Florida, April 2002.

“When the Spies Came in From the Cold,” at North American Labor History Conference, Detroit, Michigan, October 2000.

“Organizing in the Solid South,” Scholars, Artists, and Writers for Social Justice Conference, Washington DC, April 1998.

“Lock-down Labor: Convict Labor in Nebraska, 1875-1895,” at Southern Labor Studies Conference, Williamsburg, Virginia, September 1997.

SERVICE

Durham University

Chair of the Board of Examiners (undergraduate and postgraduate), History Department, 2018-2021.

- Awarded Discretionary Award by the Vice-Chancellor for ‘outstanding’ contribution, December 2020

- Awarded Exceptional Contribution Payment by the Vice-Chancellor for ‘exceptional’ contribution in December 2021.

Member, History Department Management Group, 2017-2022.

Associate director of research, History Department, 2014-2017.

Ethics officer, 2014-2017.

Search committee membership:

- Assistant Professor in Modern British History, Winter 2019
- Professor in Modern British History, Winter 2019
- Professor in U.S. History, Winter 2018
- Assistant Professor in British History, Winter 2017
- Assistant Professor in U.S. History, Winter 2016
- Assistant Professor, Social and Economic History, Winter 2015.

Research mentor, 9 academic staff colleagues, 2015-present.

Georgetown University

Member, University Licensing Oversight Committee, Georgetown University, 2010-2013.

Co-organizer, “What Works for Workers? Public Policies and Innovative Strategies for Low-Wage Workers,” with CUNY’s Murphy Institute (edited volume of conference proceedings published by Russell Sage Foundation, 2013.)

Co-organizer, “Labor Lab,” a series of talks at Georgetown intended to offer new perspectives on labor, work, and the economy.

Profession

Editorial board member, *Journal of American Studies*, January 2022 – present.

Adjudicator, Cambridge University Faculty of History, Sara Norton Senior Prize, 2021.

Associate editor, *Labor: Studies in Working-Class History of the Americas*, 2008 – 2013.

Co-founder and co-organizer, DC Labor and Working-Class History Seminar, with Cindy Hahamovitch, 2010 – 2013.

Reviewing: Manuscripts reviewed for Temple University Press; University of Illinois Press; Oxford University Press; Manchester University Press; Bloomsbury Academic; *Law and Social Inquiry*; *Journal of Policy History*; *Contemporary British History*; *Journal of American Studies*; *Journal of British Studies*; *Labor: Studies in Working-*

Class History of the Americas; International Labor and Working-Class History; Journal of American Ethnic History; Modern American History.

TEACHING

Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (2014)

Courses taught:

Durham University

New Histories of American Prisons and Policing, 2020-2022 (L2 lecture/seminar module)
History of American Capitalism, 2013-2020 (L3 lecture/seminar module)
Conversations with History: Progressivism, 2014-2021 (L2 small-group seminar module)
Making History: American Nativism, 2015-2020 (L1 small-group seminar module)
Introduction to Modern History (MA), 2014-2016 (PG small-group seminar module)

Georgetown University

Working Lives: Theory and Practice of Oral History, Spring 2012 and Spring 2011 (writing-intensive senior seminar)
Organizing in 20th-Century U.S. Social Movements, Spring 2010 (writing-intensive senior seminar)

University of California, Irvine

Labor and Politics in U.S. History, Fall 2008 (open-level lecture course)
Conspiracy and Revolution in U.S. History, Fall 2008 (open-level lecture course)
Anticommunism in America, Winter-Spring 2009 (writing-intensive senior seminar)
The Pinkertons, Winter 2009 (open-level lecture course)
Statecraft and Spycraft: Intrigue and the Great War, Spring 2009 (open-level lecture course)

University of California, Los Angeles

Labor and Politics in U.S. History, Winter 2008 (senior seminar)

George Mason University

U.S. History survey, Fall 2005 (first-year lecture course)

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Campaign coordinator, Service Employees International Union, Washington, DC, 2003 - 2006: Developed strategy and coordinated campaigns for union organizing and bargaining in the long-term care industry and retail sector.

Regional Director, America Votes/America Coming Together, Ohio, autumn 2004: Directed volunteer recruitment and coordinated election-day voter turnout for presidential campaign, in support of candidate John Kerry, in swing districts.

Senior lead researcher, AFL-CIO, Washington DC, 2001- 2003: Developed strategies and coordinated campaigns for unions organizing in manufacturing industries, including auto, printing, and steel sectors in the US and Canada.

Organizer/researcher, United Steelworkers of America, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 1999 - 2001: Developed strategies for union organizing campaigns in steel, rubber, and aluminum industries.

Researcher, Hotel and Restaurant Organizing Committee, New Orleans, Louisiana, 1998 -1999: Developed strategy for city-wide hotel union organizing campaign.

Researcher, State of Ohio, Office of Criminal Justice Services, Columbus, Ohio, 1993-1995: Researched issues relating to prison system, gun policy, and violence to inform state policymaking.

Social worker, Traynor Halfway House, Columbus Ohio, 1989-1993: Provided case management and supportive services in a residential setting to female felony offenders on parole or probation.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Fellow, Royal Historical Society
American Historical Association
Labor and Working-Class History Association