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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS

Ph.D. in History
Masters received February 2014

Davis, CA
January 2017

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science
Phi Beta Kappa, magna cum laude (GPA: 3.78)
Dean's List, Columbian College of Arts and Sciences (Fall 2006 – Spring 2010)

Washington, DC
May 2010

APPOINTMENTS

WHITE HOUSE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

White House Historian

Washington, DC
February 2019

CENTER FOR PRESIDENTIAL HISTORY, SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

Postdoctoral Fellowship

Dallas, TX
September 2017 – August 2019

HONORS & AWARDS

SOCIETY OF THE CINCINNATI

Tyree-Lamb Fellowship

Washington, DC
January 2019

ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN HISTORIANS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Samuel and Marion Merrill Graduate Student Travel Grant

New Orleans, LA
April 2017

FRED W. SMITH NATIONAL LIBRARY FOR THE STUDY OF GEORGE WASHINGTON

James C. Rees Fellow on the Leadership of George Washington

Mt. Vernon, VA
September 2015 – March 2016

ROBERT H. SMITH INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR JEFFERSON STUDIES

Research Fellowship

Charlottesville, VA
August 2015

SOCIETY OF THE CINCINNATI

Library Fellowship

Washington, DC
May 2015

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS

Research Fellowship

Davis, CA
June 2012; September 2014

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Graduation Honors

Washington, DC
May 2010

- *Phi Beta Kappa Society; Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Society*
- *Special Honors in History; Honors in Political Science*
- *Best Senior Honors Thesis, Honorable Mention, "A Combined System of Policy: John Quincy Adams, Director of Foreign Policy"*

PUBLICATIONS

The Cabinet: George Washington and the Creation of an American Institution. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, April 2020.

“Having been a member of the first administration under Genl. Washington’: Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, and the Development of the President’s Cabinet,” *Journal of the Early Republic*, Forthcoming 2020.

“Interpreting Article II, Section 2: George Washington and the President’s Powers,” *Law and History Review*, Special Issue, July 2019.

[“U.S. Foreign Policy in the Early Republic, 1775-1815,”](#) *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of American History*, May 2019.

“Politician—Revolutionary War Period,” *A Day in the Life of an American Worker: 200 Trades and Occupations in U.S. History*. ABC-CLIO, 2019.

“‘The Constitution is the Guide which I Never Will Abandon’: George Washington and the Creation of the President’s Cabinet,” *The Foundation of Our National Policy: The First Washington Administration and the Creation of the Federal Government*, Under Contract.

“Theory and Practice: The Politics of the First Presidents,” *Political Thought and the Origins of the American Presidency*, ed. Ben Lowe. Gainesville, FL: University Press of Florida, Forthcoming.

“‘Hamilton & myself were daily pitted in the cabinet like two cocks’: The President’s Private Study and the Formation of the First Political Parties,” Revised and resubmitted.

[“Trump’s Cabinet is still full of scandals. History shows he may regret that,”](#) *The Washington Post, Made by History*, August 14, 2018.

[“Why George Washington rejected a military parade in his honor \(and why Donald Trump should, too\).”](#) *The Washington Post, Made by History*, April 18, 2018.

[“The Historical Presidency: George Washington and the First Presidential Cabinet,”](#) *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, June 2017.

[“Trump’s Cabinet Picks Break with a Tradition Going Back to George Washington.”](#) *History News Network*, December 11, 2016.

[“The Long Shadow of George Washington Looms over Donald Trump’s Selection of a Cabinet.”](#) *History News Network*, November 20, 2016.

[Advising the President](#), Quill Project at Pembroke College (Oxford, 2016).

“The First Presidential Cabinet: Military, State, and British Origins,” *Mount Vernon Magazine*, September 2016.

Reviews:

“Why Bad History Isn’t Just Bad, It’s Dangerous,” *Reviews in American History*, Forthcoming, December 2019.

“Revisiting *The Creation of the Presidency* in the Twenty-First Century” *Law and Liberty*, Forthcoming.

Review of *The Problem of Democracy: The Presidents Adams Confront the Cult of Personality* by Nancy Isenberg and Andrew Burstein, *Journal of American Studies*, Forthcoming.

“Visions for a New Nation: Ideology and Reform in a Time of Crisis,” *William and Mary Quarterly*, October 2018.

“Transferring Loyalty,” *Reviews in American History*, September 2018.

Review of *George Washington, Nationalist* by Edward J. Larson, *Journal of Southern History*, May 2018.

[Review](#) of *Gentleman Revolutionaries* by Tom Cutterham, *Reviews in History*, November 2017.

[Review](#) of *George Washington Written Upon the Land: Nature, Memory, Myth, and Landscape* by Philip Levy, *H-Net Reviews*, July 2017.

[Review](#) of *Imperial from the Beginning: The Constitution of the Original Executive*, by Saikrishna Bangalore Prakash, *H-Net Reviews*, July 2017.

Blog Posts:

[“Acts of Congress,”](#) *Digital Encyclopedia*, George Washington’s Mount Vernon, August 29, 2019.

[“High Politics and Physical Space: Rethinking How We Commemorate Place,”](#) *The Panorama*, April 8, 2019.

[“Wonder and Historical Knowledge: Reflections from the Omohundro Institute Annual Conference,”](#) *The Junto*, June 28, 2018.

[“Why and How You Should Build a Web Presence,”](#) *The Junto*, September 21, 2017.

[“A Roundtable Done Right,”](#) *The Republic Blog*, July 27, 2017.

[“What About Early America? Panel Recap,”](#) *Process: A Blog for American History*, April 27, 2017.

[“Washington’s Presidency: How the Revolutionary War Shaped the Executive Branch,”](#) *Age of Revolution Blog*, April 11, 2016.

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN HISTORIANS <i>Annual Conference</i> “Traces of Monarchy in Early U.S. Political Culture”	Washington, DC April 2020
SOCIETY OF HISTORIANS OF THE EARLY AMERICAN REPUBLIC <i>Annual Conference</i> “Roundtable: New Directions of Military History”	Cambridge, MA July 2019
REMAKING POLITICAL HISTORY CONFERENCE Purdue University “Roundtable: Politics and the 1790s”	Purdue, IN June 2019
CENTER FOR PRESIDENTIAL HISTORY, SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY <i>When They Came Home: Soldiers and American Society from the Revolution to the War on Terror</i> “The Revolutionary War”	Dallas, TX May 2019
FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY <i>Political Thought and the Early American Presidency</i> “Theory and Practice: The Politics of the First Presidents,” Invited Participant	Boca Raton, FL February 2019

DIGITAL ARCHIVES IN THE COMMONWEALTH SUMMIT Arlington, VA
Annual Conference November 2018
 “The President’s House: Museum Collections, Virtual Reality, and Physical Space”

INSTITUTE FOR THOMAS PAINE STUDIES New Rochelle, NY
Revolutionary Texts in a Digital Age: Thomas Paine’s Publishing Networks, Past and Present October 2018
 “Founding Commemoration,” Invited Roundtable

OMOHUNDRO INSTITUTE OF EARLY AMERICAN HISTORY & CULTURE Williamsburg, VA
Annual Conference June 2018
 “The Unintended Consequence of International Engagement: How the United States Government Became More Like the British Monarchy”

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND Washington, D.C.
Washington Area Early American Seminar Series May 2018
 “The President’s Cabinet and the Whiskey Rebellion”

OMOHUNDRO INSTITUTE OF EARLY AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE Williamsburg, VA
Colloquia April 2018
 “1796: The Jay Treaty, the President’s Cabinet, and Executive Privilege”

AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION Washington, D.C.
Annual Conference January 2018
 “The President’s Office: How George Washington and Thomas Jefferson Used Private Space to Shape the Cabinet”

SOCIETY FOR U.S. INTELLECTUAL HISTORY Dallas, TX
Annual Conference October 2017
 “Words Matter: How Historians Write and Teach About History”

NEWBERRY LIBRARY Chicago, IL
American Political Thought Seminar September 2017
 “Setting the Stage: Early Republic Political Culture, the Constitutional Convention, and the President’s Cabinet”

SOCIETY OF HISTORIANS OF THE EARLY AMERICAN REPUBLIC Philadelphia, PA
Annual Conference July 2017
 “Thomas Jefferson and the Harmonious Cabinet”

OMOHUNDRO INSTITUTE OF EARLY AMERICAN HISTORY & CULTURE Ann Arbor, MI
Annual Conference June 2017
 “The Room Where It Happened: How George Washington’s Private Office Shaped the Evolution of the President’s Cabinet and the Executive Branch”

ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN HISTORIANS New Orleans, LA
Annual Conference April 2017
 “The President’s Cabinet: American Perceptions of Power and Propriety in the Atlantic World, 1775-1795”

SOCIETY OF MILITARY HISTORIANS Jacksonville, FL
Annual Conference March 2017
 “The Revolutionary War and the Presidency: How George Washington’s Councils of War Shaped the First Presidential Cabinet”

SOCIETY OF HISTORIANS OF THE EARLY AMERICAN REPUBLIC New Haven, CT
Annual Conference, Graduate Research Seminar July 2016
 “Politics and Political Culture”

FRED W. SMITH NATIONAL LIBRARY FOR THE STUDY OF GEORGE WASHINGTON Mt. Vernon, VA
Conference: The Foundation of Our National Policy: The First Washington Administration April 2016
and the Creation of the Federal Government
“The Constitution is the Guide which I Never Will Abandon”: George Washington and the Creation of the President’s Cabinet”

FRED W. SMITH NATIONAL LIBRARY FOR THE STUDY OF GEORGE WASHINGTON Mt. Vernon, VA
Lunch and Fellowship March 2016
“The First Presidential Cabinet: Military, State, and British Origins”

MCNEIL CENTER FOR EARLY AMERICAN STUDIES Philadelphia, PA
Brown Bag Series February 2016
“The Virginia Governors and the President’s Cabinet: How Thomas Jefferson and Edmund Randolph Shaped the First Cabinet in George Washington’s Administration”

ROBERT H. SMITH INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR JEFFERSON STUDIES Charlottesville, VA
Early American Seminar February 2016
“Setting Expectations: The Constitutional Convention, the State Ratification Conventions, and the Early Years of Washington's Presidency”

VIRGINIA CONSORTIUM OF EARLY AMERICANISTS Richmond, VA
Annual Conference January 2016
“The Governor of Virginia and the President’s Cabinet: How Thomas Jefferson and Edmund Randolph Helped Shape the First Cabinet in George Washington’s Administration”

DUKE UNIVERSITY Durham, NC
Conference: “Staging Sovereignty: Knowledge, Narrative, and Spaces of Governance” October 2015
“Commander-in-Chief: George Washington’s Real and Symbolic Contributions to the American Presidency”

ROBERT H. SMITH INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR JEFFERSON STUDIES Charlottesville, VA
Fellows Forum August 2015
“George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and the Origins of the President’s Cabinet”

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS Davis, CA
Annual 203 Conference June 2013
“The Constitutional Convention, George Washington, and the Origins of the President’s Cabinet”

TEACHING & WORK EXPERIENCE

FRED W. SMITH NATIONAL LIBRARY FOR THE STUDY OF GEORGE WASHINGTON Mt. Vernon, VA
Virginia Bar Association, Continuing Legal Education Program, Invited Lecturer October 2019
“Creating the Presidency: George Washington and Executive Authority”

EISENHOWER PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY Mt. Vernon, VA
Lunch and Learn Speaker July 2019
“Man for the Moment: President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Post-War America, and the Looming Cold War”

FRED W. SMITH NATIONAL LIBRARY FOR THE STUDY OF GEORGE WASHINGTON Mt. Vernon, VA
Teacher Institute, Invited Lecturer November 2018, March 2019, August 2019
“Inventing the Presidency”

- GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY** Washington, D.C.
Invited Lecturer November 2018
 “George Washington and His World”
- AMERICAN UNIVERSITY** Washington, D.C.
Invited Lecturer October 2018, April 2019, October 2019
 “George Washington and the Presidency”
- SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY** Taos, NM
Cultural Institute Professor July 2018
 “Commanders-in-Chief”
- FRED W. SMITH NATIONAL LIBRARY FOR THE STUDY OF GEORGE WASHINGTON** Mt. Vernon, VA
College Leadership Fellows Program, Invited Lecturer June 2018
 “George Washington’s Cabinet Leadership”
- SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY** Dallas, TX
Adjunct Professor, History Department Spring 2018
 “The President in the Early Republic: Washington, Adams, Jefferson and the Creation of the Executive Branch”
- SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY** Dallas, TX
 History Department, *Invited Talk* August 2017
 “Why and How to Build a Web Presence”
- THE HUNTINGTON LIBRARY GUIDE SALON** San Marino, CA
Guest Speaker January 2017
- Taught seminar on citizenship and major themes in American history using featured primary sources
- THE HUNTINGTON LIBRARY TEACHER INSTITUTE** San Marino, CA
Colonial and Early American Specialist July 2016
- Taught seminar on major themes and historiographical questions of the colonial and Early American period
 - Created syllabus, bibliography, and lesson plan for seminar including primary, auditory, and visual sources
- GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK EMIGRANT SAVINGS BANK PROJECT** Washington, D.C.
Project Coordinator and Researcher Assistant October 2013 – September 2015
- Located and analyzed data regarding nineteenth-century Irish immigrants in census records, bank records, and city directories to track professional and economic mobility in the Irish community in New York.
 - Managed team of student employees by assigning research, tracking hours, and reviewing work product
- UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS** Davis, CA
Guest Lectures
- “The Merger Movement,” *The Gilded Age and Progressive Era* April 2012
 “Post-Gettysburg: The Economic Crisis in the Confederacy, the Beginning of Reconstruction, and the Battle of Spotsylvania,” *The Civil War and Reconstruction* November 2011
- UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS** Davis, CA
Reader September – December 2011, April – June 2012
- Counseled students on writing assignments, strategies, and skills
 - Drafted essay prompts and examination questions for courses on the Gilded Age and the Progressive Era
 - Developed strategies to effectively grade student essays and examinations and provide meaningful feedback
- Research Assistant* January – March 2012
- Assisted in developing the syllabus for a graduate seminar and acquired readings for upcoming seminars

FACING HISTORY & OURSELVES

“*Choosing to Participate*” Exhibit Coordinator

Washington, DC
August 2010 – July 2011

- Developed and implemented community outreach tools and campaigns
- Drafted exhibition education materials and teacher resources for visiting school groups
- Served as docent in exhibitions on the Civil Rights Movement for student groups

MEDIA

HISTORY CHANNEL

George Washington: A Three-Part Documentary Series

New York, NY
February 2020

BEN FRANKLIN’S WORLD PODCAST

Early White House History

Williamsburg, VA
November 2019

CONVERSATIONS AT THE WASHINGTON LIBRARY

[Interpreting George Washington’s Constitution](#)

Mount Vernon, VA
August 2019

HISTORICALLY THINKING

[The First Cabinet](#)

Washington, DC
July 2019

PRESS POOL WITH JULIE MASON

[Dogs at the White House](#)

Washington, DC
June 2019

MONSTERTALK PODCAST

[White House Ghost Stories](#)

Washington, DC
May 2019

PRESS POOL WITH JULIE MASON

[The White House Easter Egg Roll](#)

Washington, DC
April 2019

BACKSTORY PODCAST

Episode 273

[All the Presidents’ Vetoes](#)

Charlottesville, VA
April 2019

CSPAN-3

America History TV

[White House History](#)

Washington, DC
April 2019

BBC NORTHERN IRELAND

We the People Documentary, Featured Historian

Washington, DC
June 2018

BEN FRANKLIN’S WORLD PODCAST

Doing History Series with the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture

[Episode 155: Pauline Maier’s Revolution](#)

Williamsburg, VA
October 2017

CSPAN-3

America History TV

[Interview](#)

New Orleans, LA
April 2017

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- National Council of Public History
- Society for History in the Federal Government
- Society of Historians of the Early American Republic
- Society of Military Historians
- Organization of American Historians
- American Historical Association
- Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture
- Virginia Consortium of Early Americanists
- Chesapeake Digital Humanities Consortium