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Education

- 1991 Rutgers University, Department of History, Ph.D.
"The American Century in China: Henry Luce, United China Relief and the Creation of American Perceptions of China, 1931-1949."
Adviser: Lloyd C. Gardner
- 1986 Rutgers University, B.A.
Henry Rutgers Scholar - Highest Honors
- 1980-1983 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
Dean's List

Professional Experience

January 2013 Dean, College of Arts & Letters, University of North Georgia

Dean of the College of Arts & Letters as part of the newly consolidated University of North Georgia with two associate deans, one assistant dean, 12 departments and over 200 full-time faculty on four campuses as North Georgia College & State University and Gainesville State College consolidated into one institution.

2006 – 2012 Dean, School of Arts & Letters, North Georgia College & State University

Administrative head for the largest school at the university, with a budget totaling \$8 million and comprised of 8 departments, over 100 full-time faculty, and generating 45% of the university's credit hours. Served on the president's Leadership Council; participated in strategic planning, budgeting decisions, fund-raising, and university and University System of Georgia committee service.

- 2011: Author and PI for Project GO (Global Officer) award for ROTC student language and study abroad: \$345,000 for year 1 with two additional years at similar amounts pending annual review.
- 2011: Co-author and PI for Pilot Flagship/ROTC Program in Chinese language from the National Security Education Program: \$844,000 (\$262,000 for year 1, \$282,000 in year 2, and \$300,000 in year 3.)
- 2008: Co-author and PI for Chinese language and culture grant from the National Security Education Program: \$1.17 million (\$240,000 per year for years 1-2, \$416,000 for year 3, and \$270,000 for year 4.)
- Provided administrative oversight for development of Master's degree programs in Music, Criminal Justice (online), History, and International Affairs (online).
- Provided administrative oversight for accreditation of Master's in Clinical Mental Health Counseling.
- Provided administrative oversight for development of new academic entities: Fine Arts into the departments of Performing Arts and Visual Arts; separation of Criminal Justice from Political Science and International Affairs; separation of Language & Literature into English and Modern Languages.

- Co-PI for Department of Education (Title VI) grant to create an undergraduate, online degree in Transatlantic Studies (\$369,000 over 3 years.)
- 2010: Introduced intensive, semester-long language programs in Arabic and Chinese that have drawn national media attention and substantial grant support; introduced minors in Arabic, Chinese, German, Korean, and Russian.
- Oversaw creation of undergraduate major (2011) in Chinese language; signed student and faculty exchange agreements with Tsinghua University, Beijing, PRC (2006), student and faculty exchange agreements with Liaocheng University in Liaocheng, PRC (2009).
- Oversaw creation of Summer Language Institutes in Chinese (2008), Arabic and Russian (2009), Spanish (2010), Korean (2011), and German (2012); saw enrollment rise from 16 in 2008 to 102 in 2012.
- Assisted in restructuring University's Core Curriculum twice in five years to include a foreign language requirement for all students regardless of major and focusing the curriculum on global/international issues.
- Member, University System of Georgia General Education Task Force on the Core Curriculum, 2006

2005 - 2006 *Interim Dean, School of Arts & Letters, North Georgia College & State University*
Appointed to the position after internal search.

2003 - 2005 *Department Head and Professor, History Department, North Georgia College & State University*

Summer 2004 *Director, Sophomore Summer Policy Institute, Clark Atlanta University*

Returned to run SSPI in its last year at Clark Atlanta (before being turned over to Spelman College in 2005). Clark Atlanta had decided to dismantle the Department of International Affairs and Development as a cost-saving measure. The Institute for International Public Policy, the main administrative unit in charge of SSPI, asked me to return to run it one more time.

2001 - 2003 *Department Head and Associate Professor, History Department, North Georgia College & State University*

Instituted scheduling and curricular changes, including greater cooperation with School of Education, to offer evening courses for M.Ed. students, and to reduce scheduling conflicts for History majors. Served on an array of university-wide committees.

1999 - 2001 *Associate Professor, Department of International Affairs and Development, Clark Atlanta University*

1995 - 1999 *Director, Sophomore Summer Policy Institute, Clark Atlanta University*

Served as director of program for 20 students as part of larger program designed to encourage minority students to pursue careers in International Affairs. Hired and directed 6-8 faculty and 3-4 staff each summer, organized group trip to Washington and New York, oversaw budget of \$125,000 in 1995 and increasing to \$175,000 in 1999.

1994 - 1999 *Assistant Professor, School of International Affairs and Development, Clark Atlanta University*

Developed and taught graduate courses in American and international diplomatic history as well as current global issues and courses in diplomatic history; served on all school-wide committees.

1991 - 1994 Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Arizona

Developed and taught a wide-range of courses in American history as needed by the department. Invited to return for fourth year but accepted tenure-track offer from Clark Atlanta.

Publications

Books

Becoming the Redcoats: The British Response to the American Revolution and the American Response to the Vietnamese Revolution in Historical Perspective (Stanford, California: Stanford University Press, under contract).

American Images of China, 1931-1949 in Chinese (Nanjing: Jiangsu People's Publishing House, under licensing agreement through Stanford University Press, 2010.)

Editor, Interviews with George Kennan (Jackson, Mississippi: University Press of Mississippi, 2002), 174pp., introduction, notes, index.

Co-editor with David Schmitz, Architects of the American Century: Individuals, Ideas, and Institutions in Twentieth Century American Foreign Policy: Essays on American Foreign Policymakers and the Organizations They Have Shaped (Chicago: Imprint Publications, Inc., 2000), 199pp., 17 illustrations, notes, index.

American Images of China, 1931-1949 (Stanford, California: Stanford University Press, 1996), 254pp., 16 illustrations, notes, bibliography, index. Paperback edition released in February 1999 and still in print.

Chapters and Contributions to Edited Volumes

"Madame Chiang Kaishek and the Face of Sino-American Relations," in Samuel Chu, ed., Madame Chiang Kaishek and Her China (Norwalk, CT: EastBridge, 2005). 121-147.

"The Challenge of Revolutions and the Emergence of Nation-States: British Reactions to the Foundation of the United States and American Responses to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, 1780-1980," in Daum, Andreas, et al., eds., America, the Vietnam War, and the World: Comparative and International Perspectives (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2003), 65-87.

Twenty-two Entries in Matray, James I., ed., East Asia and the United States: An Encyclopedia of Relations since 1784 (Westport, Connecticut: Greenwood Press, 2002).

"Human Rights," in DeConde, Alexander et al., eds., Encyclopedia of American Foreign Policy 3 vols. (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 2002), vol. 2, 173-85.

"Open Door Policy", "Foreign Relations: U.S. Relations with Asia," and Institute for Pacific Relations," for The Oxford Companion to United States History (New York: Oxford University Press, 2001).

"Contending with Congress: The Carter Administration and American Foreign Policy toward Panama and South Korea," in Schmitz and Jespersen, eds., Architects of the American Century (Chicago: Imprint Publications, Inc., 2000), 161-186.

Articles (Refereed)

"Analogies at War: Iraq and Vietnam," Organization of American Historians Magazine of History 27 (January 2013), 19-22.

"Pride, prejudice, and transatlantic relations: The case of Woodrow Wilson reconsidered," Journal of Transatlantic Relations 8 (September 2010), 213-223.

"Analogies at War: Vietnam, the Bush Administration's War in Iraq, and the Search for a Useable Past," Pacific Historical Review 74 (August 2005), 411-426.

"Kissinger, Ford, and Congress: The Very Bitter End in Vietnam," Pacific Historical Review 71 (August 2002), 439-473.

- “The Bitter End and the Lost Chance in Vietnam: Congress, the Ford Administration and the Battle over Vietnam: 1975-1976,” Diplomatic History 24 (Spring 2000), 265-293.
- “Western Influences and Images of China: The Persistent Efforts to Engage and Change China,” The Journal of Third World Studies XIV (Fall 1997), 13-35.
- “The Politics and Culture of Non-recognition: The Carter Administration and Vietnam,” The Journal of American-East Asian Relations 4 (Winter 1995), 397-412.

Book Reviews

- Thomas Borstelmann, The 1970s: A New Global History from Civil Rights to Economic Inequality, forthcoming, A Roundtable Review for Passport: the Newsletter of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (forthcoming in April 2013).
- Michael H. Hunt and Steven I. Levine, Arc of Empire: America’s Wars in Asia from the Philippines to Vietnam, H-Diplo Roundtable Review, forthcoming.
- Mario Del Pero, The Eccentric Realist: Henry Kissinger and the Shaping of American Foreign Policy, H-Diplo Roundtable Review 29 (July 29, 2011), www.h-net.org/~diplo/roundtables.
- John Rogers Haddad, The Romance of China: Excursions to China in U.S. Culture, 1776-1876, Journal of American History 97 (September 2010), 507-509.
- Robert E. Herzstein, Henry R. Luce, Time, and the American Crusade in Asia, International History Review, XXVIII (Dec. 2006), 887-889.
- James H. Willbanks: Abandoning Vietnam: How America Left and South Vietnam Lost Its War and Jussi Hanhimaki, The Flawed Architect: Henry Kissinger and American Foreign Policy, Pacific Historical Review 75 (Nov. 2006), 686-690.

Honors and Awards

- June 2009 National Security Seminar participant, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA.
- May 2009 Honorary Professor, Liaocheng University, Shandong Province, PRC.
- June 2008 Participant, SHAFR Summer Institute on “Vietnam and Iraq,” The Ohio State University. One of 12 participants selected from a pool of over 100 applicants to participate in the first institute sponsored by the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations.
- March 2006 George Washington Distinguished Professor, Society of the Cincinnati of the State of Georgia
- 2006-2009 Member, Editorial Board, Diplomatic History.
- May 2005 Organization of American Historians-Japan Association for American Studies Short-term Residency in Japan Award, Kyoritsu Women’s University.
- June 2003 Fellow, West Point Summer Seminar in Military History.
- July 2002 “Institute on Teaching about China and the United States,” special invitation, East-West Center, Beijing, Kunming, Nanjing, and Shanghai, PRC.
- 2001-2005 Member, Board of Editors, Pacific Historical Review.
- July 2001 Asian Studies Development Program, special invitation, presenter/participant, “Institute on Teaching about China and the United States,” East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawai’i.

Teaching Awards

- Fall 2012 Excellence in Teaching Award for Developing Critical Thinking, North Georgia College & State University.
- Fall 2002 Faculty of the Semester, Student Government Association, NGCSU.

Grants

Individual

- 2001 Gilder Lehrman Fellowship, The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History - \$2,700

- for research in the New-York Historical Society Archives.
- 2000 Roger W. Eddy Fellowship, The Lewis Walpole Library - \$1,800 to investigate collections on the American Revolution and the British response to it.
- 2000 Moody Grant, The Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation - \$770 to examine the LBJ presidential library's holdings on the American involvement in Vietnam.

Professional Activities

Conferences (fairly recent and selected)

- “Embracing the World: Internationalizing teaching and learning through the liberal arts,” The Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences, November 2-5, 2011, Montreal, Canada.
- “Saratoga and Tet in Comparative Perspective,” Transatlantic Studies Association, July 7-10, 2008, University of Dundee, Dundee, Scotland.
- “The Manly Thing to Do: The Counter-revolutionary Impulse in Anglo-American History,” American Historical Association, January 3-6, 2002, San Francisco, California.
- “The Challenge of Revolutions and the Emergence of Nation-States: British Reactions to the Foundation of the United States and American Responses to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, 1780-1980,” presented at “America’s War and the World: Vietnam in International and Comparative Perspectives,” German Historical Society, November 19-22, 1998, Washington, D.C.
- “Chinese-American Relations after the Open Door,” presented at “The American Experience in Asia,” Itinerario Conference, October 22-25, 1998, Leiden University, Leiden, The Netherlands.
- “Jimmy Carter and the Selling of the Panama Canal Treaties,” American Historical Association - Pacific Coast Branch, August 6-9, 1998, San Diego, California.

Speaking Invitations

- “Iran and the United States,” Great Decisions Lecture Series for 2013, January 14 and 17, Cumming and Gainesville, Georgia.
- “U.S. National Security,” Great Decisions Lecture Series for 2012, February 22 and 24, Cumming and Gainesville, Georgia.
- “U.S.-China Relations,” Great Decisions Lecture Series for 2011, March 15 and 17, Cumming and Gainesville, Georgia.
- “Normalization of US-China Relations, 1979: Issues as Seen Through the Carter Archives,” for The Carter Center and the US-China People's Friendship Association (USCPFA) Atlanta Chapter's forum, October 14, 2007, Atlanta, Georgia.

Program and Other Work (fairly recent)

- Chair, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2012
- Member, Ad Hoc OAH/Japanese Association for American Studies Japan Historians' Collaborative Committee, May 2007 – present.
- Chair, Program Committee, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, National Archives II, June 23-25, 2005.
- Manuscript Reviewer for Cambridge University Press, Harvard University Press, Oxford University Press, Stanford University Press.
- Manuscript Reviewer for Diplomatic History, Pacific Historical Review, and various other journals.

