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**Education**

University of Southern California: Ph.D. in History; May, 1997  
University of Kentucky: MA in History; December, 1991  
University of Texas: BA in History, Minor in Sociology; May, 1989  
Read and Speak Japanese

**Employment**

2008-Present	Associate Professor, U.S. Naval War College	Newport, RI
2006-2008	Associate Professor, U.S. Army Command & General Staff College	Ft. Gordon, GA
2005-2006	Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Southern Mississippi	Hattiesburg, MS
2004-2005	Visiting Associate Professor, U.S. Air War College	Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
2004	Campus Visiting Fellow, University of Salford	Salford, England
1997-2006	Assistant Professor, Texas A&M University—Commerce	Commerce, TX

**Books**

*Heroes on the Home Front: The Boy Scouts of America in World War II* (In writing stage)

*Breaking Point: The Battle for Manila* (New York: Oxford University Press, Under Advance Contract)

*One Powerful Fan: Nixon and Sports, 1969-1974* (Under Submission)

*Making Patton: A Classic War Film's Epic Journey to the Silver Screen* (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2012)

*Dropping the Torch: Jimmy Carter, the Olympic Boycott, and the Cold War* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2011)

*Allies against the Rising Sun: The United States, the British Nations, and the Defeat of Imperial Japan* (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2009)

*Seven Stars: The Okinawa Battle Diaries of Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr. and Joseph Stilwell* (College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2004)

*Keystone: The American Occupation of Okinawa and U.S.-Japanese Relations* (College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2000)

**Articles and Chapters—Academic Publications**

“Hidden Island: Military-Media Relations on Okinawa, 1945-1972,” in Hal Friedman, ed., *Establishing Hegemony: The American Military in the Pacific Basin and East Asia, 1940-1950* (Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, accepted and forthcoming)

“Eisenhower in World War II: A Historiography,” Chester Pach, ed., *A Companion to Dwight D. Eisenhower II* (Malden, Massachusetts: Blackwell Publishing, 2017), 26-56

- “Warriors of Word and Sword: The Battle of Okinawa, Media Coverage, and Truman’s Re-evaluation of Strategy in the Pacific Theater,” *The Journal of American East-Asian Relations* vol. 23 (2016), 1-34.
- “The White House Games: The Carter Administration’s Efforts to Establish an Alternative to the Olympics,” Andrew Johns and Heather Dichter, eds., *Diplomatic Games: An International History of Sport and Foreign Relations since 1945* (Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 2014)
- “The Teahouse Tempest: The U.S. Occupation of Okinawa and *The Teahouse of the August Moon*,” *The Journal of American East-Asian Relations* vol. 21 (2014), 1-28.
- “International Sport: A Historiography” Steven Riess, ed., *A Companion to Sport History* (Hoboken, New Jersey: John Wiley & Sons, 2014), 349-368.
- “The Military Occupations of World War II: A Historiography” Thomas Zeiler, ed., *A Companion to World War II* (Malden, Massachusetts: Blackwell Publishing, 2013), vol. I, 368-386
- “Lyndon B. Johnson and the World,” Mitchell B. Lerner, ed., *A Companion to Lyndon B. Johnson* (Malden, Massachusetts: Blackwell Publishing, 2012), 487-503
- “Moscow versus Los Angeles: The Cold War Comes to the Olympic Selection Process,” *Cold War History* vol. 9, no. 1 (February 2009), 135-157
- “History Still Matters: Contemporary South Korean Strategy and Diplomacy,” Amit Gupta, ed., *Strategic Stability in Asia* (London: Ashgate, 2008), 87-104
- “The Last Days of the Royal Navy: Learning Lessons from the British Strategic Retreat from the Pacific,” Toshi Yoshihara and James R. Holmes, eds., *Asia Looks Seaward: The Emerging Dynamics of Regional Sea Power* (Westport, Connecticut: Praeger Security International, 2008), 32-45
- “Word Warriors: Information Operations During World War II,” James Jay Carafano and Richard Weitz, eds., *Mismanaging Mayhem: How Washington Responds to Crisis* (Westport, Connecticut: Greenwood Publishing, 2008), 27-45
- “Green Politics, Green and Orange Diplomacy: Lyndon Johnson, and Eamon de Valera’s Farewell Tour of the United States,” *Diplomacy & Statecraft* vol. 18, no. 2 (June 2007), 369-392.  
•Silver Pen Award for distinguished writing among CGSC faculty at article level
- “President of the Historians: Theodore Roosevelt and the American Historical Association,” *White House Studies* vol. 6, no. 1, (2006), 63-81  
•Silver Pen Award for distinguished writing among CGSC faculty at article level
- “Nixon versus Paterno: College Football, and Presidential Politics,” *Pennsylvania History* vol. 73, no. 2 (Spring 2006), 236-260
- “One Last Crusade: The British Pacific Fleet and its Impact on Anglo-American Relations,” *English Historical Review*, vol. 121 (April 2006), 429-466
- “Cold War Pop Culture and the Image of U.S. Foreign Policy: The Perspective of the Original *Star Trek* Series,” *The Journal of Cold War Studies* vol. 7 (Fall 2005), 74-103
- “Dead Beef and Live Soldiers: Lyndon Johnson, Keith Holyoake, and U.S.-New Zealand Relations in the 1960s,” *Agriculture History*, vol. 78, no. 1 (Winter 2004), 50-77

- “The Unfinished War: Korea, 1950-Present,” *The New England Journal of History*, vol. 60, no. 1-3 (Fall 2003-Spring 2004), 293-308
- “The Royal Air Force on Okinawa: The Diplomacy of a Coalition on the Verge of Victory,” *Diplomatic History*, vol. 27, no. 4 (September 2003), 477-500.
- “The Quiet War: Combat Operations in the Korean Demilitarized Zone, 1966-1969,” *The Journal of Military History*, vol. 64 (April 2000), 439-458
- “Lyndon Johnson, Foreign Policy, and the Election of 1960,” *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, vol. 103, no. 2, (October 1999), 147-174  
 •H. Bailey Carroll Award for best article in the *Quarterly*
- “Alliance in Doubt: American Reaction to the 1960 US-Japanese Security Treaty Crisis,” *American Diplomacy*, vol. 4, no. 3 (Autumn 1999)
- “In the Service of Pharaoh? The United States and the Deployment of Korean Troops in Vietnam, 1965-1968,” *Pacific Historical Review*, vol. 68, no. 3 (August 1999), 425-449
- “The Politics and Poetry of Advice and Consent: Congress Confronts the Roosevelt Administration during the State Department Confirmation Incident of 1944,” *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, vol. 28, no. 2 (May 1998), 153-168.
- “Richard Nixon, Sportswriter: The President, His Historical All-Star Baseball Team, and the Election of 1972,” *Journal of Sport History*, vol. 27, no. 1 (Summer, 1997), 192-202  
 •reprinted on ESPN.com
- “Continuity through Change: The Return of Okinawa and Iwo Jima, 1967-1972,” *The Journal of American East-Asian Relations*, vol. 3, no. 1 (Spring, 1994), 34-53

#### **Articles—Magazines/Websites**

- “Jimmy Carter’s Disastrous Olympic Boycott,” Politico.com, February 9, 2014  
 •(<http://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2014/02/carter-olympic-boycott-1980-103308.html>)
- “The Short but Brilliant Life of the British Pacific Fleet,” *Joint Forces Quarterly* (Issue 40, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2006), 85-91  
 •Kiley Prize for Best Article in the Recall Section of *JFQ*
- “One Last Crusade: The US-British Alliance and the End of the War in the Pacific,” *The Royal United Services Institute Journal*, vol. 149, no. 4 (August 2004), 62-67
- “Baseball: The Great Political Equalizer,” ESPN.com, March 12, 2002  
 •(<http://espn.go.com/page2/wash/s/2002/0312/1349955.html>)  
 •reprint of *Journal of Sport History* article
- “Interservice Relations: The Army and the Marines at the Battle of Okinawa, April-June, 1945,” *Infantry*, (January-April, 1999), 12-15
- “Political Football: Nixon Meets the Longhorns,” *Texas Alcalde*, (September/October, 1998), 95-96

#### **Articles—Newspapers**

- “War with North Korea not on the verge of happening,” *Providence Journal*, October 15, 2017
- “A Strong Pick For Secretary of State,” *Providence Journal*, December 23, 2016
- “Electoral College Protects Freedom,” *Providence Journal*, December 2, 2016

"A Boycott is Never the Answer," *The New York Times*, February 6, 2014

•Opinion Page "Room for Debate" feature

•(<http://www.nytimes.com/roomfordebate/2014/02/06/when-should-countries-boycott-the-olympics/an-olympic-boycott-is-never-the-answer>)

"It's Merely Hype: Iraq is not Vietnam, and History is Not Repeating Itself," *The Augusta Chronicle*, January 28, 2007

"Victory in Iraq Requires Will to Win," *Arizona Daily Star*, August 15, 2005

"Capitalism Has Not Converted China," *Montgomery Advertiser*, August 8, 2005

"With two Koreas, there can be no Peace," *Austin American-Statesman*, February 19, 2005

"War Never Ended on Korean Peninsula," *Montgomery Advertiser*, February 18, 2005

"Underlying Issues Vital in Terror War," *Montgomery Advertiser*, October 30, 2004

#### **Articles—Literary Journals**

"Commander in Sport: Dick Nixon and his Leisurely Pursuits," *Sport Literate*, vol. 5, no. 2 (2008), 76-83

#### **Articles--Newsletters**

"In Search of a Solution: SHAFR and the Jobs Crisis in the History Profession," *Passport: The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Review* vol. 45, number 3 (January 2015), 37-38.

"Reform Time: Some Proposals to Help Solve the Job Crisis," *Perspectives on History* (April 2013), vol. 54, no. 4 (April 2013), 38-39.

"SHAFR and the AHA: A Personal Essay," *Passport: The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Review* vol. 42, number 3 (January 2012), 24-25

"When Irish Archivists are Smiling: Doing Research in Ireland," *Passport: The Newsletter of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations* vol. 36, number 1 (April 2005), 20-23

"The Legacy of Dark Prince: Lessons Learned from Organizing an AHA Session" *Passport: The Newsletter of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations* vol. 34, number 2 (August 2003), 16-17

"West Point Summer Seminar in Military History," *Headquarters Gazette* vol. 11, no. 3 (Summer 2000), 13, 19

"So That a Tree May Live: An Essay on What the World Wide Web Can and Cannot Do for Historians," *Perspectives* vol. 37, no. 2 (February 1999), 21-24

"Doing Research in New York and Texas Newspapers," *SHAFR Newsletter* vol. 26, no. 3 (September, 1996), 7-10

"Research Strategies at the Library of Congress," *SHAFR Newsletter* vol. 25, no. 2 (June, 1994), 34-38

#### **Review Essays**

"History Detectives and the Case of the Vexing Politician" Review of *Richard Nixon and Europe: The Reshaping of the Postwar Atlantic World* by Luke A. Nichter; *The Nixon Tapes* edited by Luke A. Nichter and Douglas Brinkley; *The Nixon Tapes, 1973* edited by Luke A. Nichter and Douglas Brinkley and *Nixon's Nuclear Specter: The Secret Alert of 1969, Madman Diplomacy, and the*

*Vietnam War* by William Burr and Jeffrey P. Kimball, *Presidential Studies Quarterly* (Forthcoming)

“In the Service of Zeus: International Sports in the 1930s,” Review of *Globalizing Sport: National Rivalry and International Community in the 1930s* by Barbara J. Keys. *Diplomatic History*, vol. 32, no. 1 (January 2008), 143-152

“In the Service of Mars,” Review of *The Past as Prologue: The Importance of History to the Military Profession* edited by Williamson Murray and Richard Hart Sinnreich. H-War, H-Net Reviews, March 2007. URL: <http://h-net.msu.edu/cgi-bin/logbrowse.pl?trx=vx&list=h-war&month=0703&week=c&msg=LdmvezPCG6j3ZeGBleFwUA&user=&pw=>

“The Dynamic Duo in East Asia,” Review of *Japan and Greater China: Political Economy and Military Power in the Asian Century* by Greg Austin and Stuart Harris. H-Diplo, H-Net Reviews, December, 2002. URL: <http://www.h-net.msu.edu/reviews/showrev.cgi?path=254711041680787>

“With Skill and a Lot of Luck: Another Look at the American Crusade in the Pacific,” Review of *The Pacific War Revisited* edited by Gunter Bischof and Robert L. Dupont. H-US-Japan, H-Net Reviews, November, 1998. URL: <https://networks.h-net.org/node/11765/reviews/11807/sarantakes-bischof-and-dupont-pacific-war-revisited>

**Book Reviews:** 76 different books in 47 different academic journals, newspapers, magazines, and websites

*Air Power History*  
*Air & Space Power Journal*  
*American Diplomacy*  
*The American Historical Review*  
*Armor*  
*British Army Review*  
*California History*  
*The Chronicles of Oklahoma*  
*Cold War History*  
*Florida Historical Quarterly*  
*Foreign Service Journal*  
*History: Reviews of New Books*  
*Indiana Magazine of History*  
*Intelligence and National Security*  
*International History Review*  
*International Journal of Naval History*  
*Journal of American History*  
*Journal of Asian History*  
*Journal of Asian Studies*  
*Journal of Chinese Military History*  
*Journal of Military History*  
*Journal of the Society for Army Historical Research.*  
*Journal of Sport History*  
*Journal of the West*

*Law and History Review*  
*Marine Corps Gazette*  
*The Michigan Historical Review*  
*Naval War College Review*  
*Nebraska History*  
*The North Carolina Historical Review*  
*The Northern Mariner*  
*On Point: Journal of Army History*  
*Pacific Affairs*  
*Parameters*  
*Pennsylvania History*  
*The Philadelphia Inquirer*  
*RealClearBooks.com*  
*The Register of the Kentucky State Historical Association*  
*Rhetoric & Public Affairs*  
*The Royal United Services Institute Journal*  
*Sacramento Book Review*  
*San Francisco Book Review*  
*The Scottish Historical Review*  
*South Carolina Historical Magazine*  
*Southwestern Historical Quarterly*  
*War in History*  
*White House Studies*

### **Film Reviews**

*Pearl Harbor* (2001), *Headquarters Gazette* vol. 12, no. 3 (Summer 2001), 1-3, 14  
•reprinted as “Bruckheimer at War: Two Takes on *Pearl Harbor*,” *Film & History: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Film and Television Studies* vol. 31, no. 2 (2001), 72-74

### **Lectures**

“Bear Trap: The Soviet War in Afghanistan,” West Point Summer Seminar in Military History, June 30, 2011

“Five Ring Circus: Richard Nixon and the Olympics,” September 17, 2004, The Chicago Seminar on Sport and Culture, Newberry Library, Chicago, Illinois

“Allies to the Very End: The United Kingdom, the United States and the End of the Second World War in the Pacific,” March 10, 2004, University of Salford, Salford, England

“The Japanese and World War II in U.S.-New Zealand Relations,” August 7, 2001, Honours Programme in Diplomacy and International Relations, University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand

“The Marines and Okinawa,” June 25, 2001, U.S. Marine Corps Historical Center, Washington Navy Yard, Washington, D.C.

“Friends and/or Foes: The Okinawa Issue in U.S.-Japanese Relations During the Cold War,” June 18, 2001, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Keynote Speaker, Japan Day, April 10, 2001, International Week Festival, St. Edward’s University, Austin, Texas

**Media Appearances**—Quoted or mentioned in the following news outlets

Newspapers, Magazines, Websites

<i>Albany Times Union</i> (Albany, New York)	<i>The Orange County Register</i>
The Associated Press	<i>La Presse</i> (Montreal, Quebec)
<i>The Atlanta Journal-Constitution</i>	<i>Pittsburgh Post-Gazette</i>
<i>The Augusta Chronicle</i>	<i>Rocky Mountain News</i> (Denver, Colorado)
<i>Austin American-Statesman</i>	<i>The San Diego Union-Tribune</i>
<i>The Birmingham News</i>	<i>San Francisco Chronicle</i>
<i>The Columbus Dispatch</i> (Columbus, Ohio)	<i>San Jose Mercury News</i>
<i>Computer Currents</i> magazine	<i>Springfield State Journal-Register</i>
<i>The Dallas Morning News</i>	<i>St. Petersburg Times</i>
<i>Dayton Daily News</i>	<i>Sunday Age</i> (Melbourne, Australia)
ESPN.com	<i>The Toronto Star</i>
<i>The Florida Times-Union</i> (Jacksonville, Florida)	<i>USA Today</i>
<i>Gary Post-Tribune</i> (Gary, Indiana)	<i>Waco Tribune-Herald</i>
<i>The Honolulu Advertiser</i>	<i>The Washington Post</i>
<i>Honolulu Star-Bulletin</i>	<i>The Washington Times</i>
<i>Los Angeles Times</i>	<i>Web Guide Monthly Magazine</i>
<i>Louisville Courier-Journal</i>	

Television

<i>BBC News</i>	<i>Fox News Sunday</i>
<i>CNN Newsroom</i>	<i>Net Talk Live</i>
<i>Fox 7 News in the Morning</i> (KTBC, Austin, Texas)	<i>News 8 Saturday</i> (WFAA, Dallas, Texas)

**Internet Resources**

U.S. Diplomatic History Resources Index (<http://www.sarantakes.com/stuff.html>)

- A collection of sites on the Internet of use and interest to historians of U.S. foreign policy
- Used over 100,000 times; reviewed in papers such as *USA Today*, *The Washington Post*, etc.

In the Service of Clio (<http://sarantakes.blogspot.com>)

- A blog about the nature of the historical profession

Contributor, SHAFR Opinions (<http://www.shafr.org/>)

- Blog of Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations

### **Grants and Fellowships**

2010, 2015 Research Travel Grant, Ford Presidential Library (2 awards)  
2010 Abilene Travel Grant, Eisenhower Presidential Library  
2004 Campus Fellowship, University of Salford, Manchester, England  
2002 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar  
2001 Teachers' Workshop, Center for Strategic Education, Nitze School for Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University  
2000 Texas A&M University—Commerce Faculty Development Committee Grant  
2000 Fellow, Summer Workshop on Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy, Institute of War and Peace Studies, Columbia University  
1999 Kennedy Presidential Library Research Grant  
1999 Fellow, West Point Summer Seminar in Military History  
1999 Texas A&M University—Commerce Faculty Development Committee International Studies Grant  
1998 Texas A&M University—Commerce University Research Committee Organized Research Grant  
1997-2000 Texas A&M University—Commerce Research Committee Mini-Grant (4 awards)  
1995, 1997, 1998, 2005 Johnson Presidential Library Research Grant (4 awards)  
1995-1996 Marine Corps Dissertation Fellowship  
1995 Douglas MacArthur Research Grant  
1995 Truman Presidential Library Research Grant  
1993 Library of Congress Junior Fellow

### **Conferences**

American Historical Association Annual Meeting  
    Roundtable Participant, 2011  
    Moderator, 2005  
    Presenter, 2003  
Cold War International History Working Group Conference, UC, Santa Barbara, Commentator, 1999  
International Security/Internal Safety Conference, Mississippi State University, Commentator, 2007  
Naval History Symposium, U.S. Naval Academy  
    Moderator, 2009  
    Presenter, 1991, 2009  
Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Presenter, 2002  
Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Conference  
    Commentator, 2007  
    Presenter, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2017  
    Roundtable Chair, 2013 and 2014  
Society for Military History Conference, Presenter, 2001  
University of Kentucky History Symposium, Presenter, 1992  
Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Roundtable Participant, 2000  
Vietnam War Military History Conference, University of Houston, Commentator, 1999

### **Service**

History Book Review Editor, *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, 2009-2017

American Historical Association, Paul Birdsall Book Prize Committee, 2007-2010  
    Chair, 2009-2010

Editorial Advisory Board  
    *Global Security Studies*, 2010-  
    *Passport: The Newsletter of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations*, 2003-2006

Peer Reviewer:

Ashgate Press  
Cornell University Press  
*Diplomatic History*

*The International Journal of the History of Sport*  
*International Security*  
Johns Hopkins University Press

*The Journal of American Studies*  
*Journal of Civil and Human Rights*  
*The Journal of Cold War Studies*  
*The Journal of Military History*  
*Naval War College Review*  
*New Global Studies*  
*Pacific Historical Review*

*Pennsylvania History*  
Routledge/Taylor & Francis Group  
Texas A&M University Press  
University of Arkansas Press  
University Press of Kansas  
University Press of Kentucky  
*War in History*

Texas A&M University—Commerce:

Faculty Senate  
Honorary Degree Committee  
Sam Rayburn Symposium Committee  
Peer Reviewer, Sam Rayburn Series on Rural Life, A&M—Commerce and Texas A&M University Press  
Department of History  
Organizer, Korean War Lectureship Series  
Teaching Assistant Supervisor  
Alumni Coordinator  
Scholarship Committee Chair  
Curriculum Committee member  
Newsletter Editor  
Graduate Director

U.S. Naval War College

Admiral Richard G. Colbert Memorial Prize Committee  
Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Strategic Essay Competition  
Chief of Naval Operations Reading List Selection Committee  
Naval War College Foundation Award Committee  
Department of Strategy & Policy  
Final Exam Committee

**Memberships**

American Historical Association  
Fellow, Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society  
National Book Critics Circle  
Fellow, Royal Historical Society  
Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations  
Society for Military History

**Writing Awards**

2007 Kiley Prize for best article in the Recall Section of *Joint Forces Quarterly*  
2007 Silver Pen Award given to CGSC Faculty for distinguished writing of an article (two awards)  
2007 Bronze Pen Award given to CGSC Faculty for distinguished writing of reviews  
1999 H. Bailey Carroll Award for the best article in the *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*

**Honors**

Eagle Scout, Order of the Arrow Vigil Honor, *Cactus* Yearbook Goodfellow (1 of 43 awarded), Tejas Club (Leadership and Academic Honor Society), Tejas Club's Thinker Award and Ed McMahon Award, Omicron Delta Kappa, *The Daily Texan* Staff Scholarship, Phi Alpha Theta, Fellow of the Royal Historical Society

**Other**

Lived and traveled in Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Switzerland, Taiwan, and the United Kingdom.