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### CURRENT POSITIONS

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Associate Professor, Department of History, Boston University	2013- present
Founding Co-Editor, with Sarah T. Phillips, <i>Modern American History</i> , Cambridge University Press Journals	2016- present

### PAST APPOINTMENTS

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Assistant Professor, Department of History, Boston University	2006 - 2013
Peter T. Paul Assistant Professor, Boston University	2006 - 2009
Lecturer, History Department and Writing Program, Princeton University	2005 - 2006
Quin Morton Writing Fellow, Princeton Writing Program	2004 - 2005

### EDUCATION

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Ph.D., Department of History, Princeton University	2005
B.A. <i>summa cum laude</i> , University of California at Berkeley	1998

Major in History, Minor in American Literature  
Phi Beta Kappa, High Honors in the History Department

### PUBLICATIONS

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#### ***Books***

*Becoming Americans in Paris: Transatlantic Politics and Culture between the World Wars.*  
New York: Oxford University Press, 2011. Paperback, September 2013. Chinese  
translation, forthcoming.

- Winner, Gilbert Chinard Book Prize, Society for French Historical Studies
- Winner, James P. Hanlan Best Book Award, New England Historical Association
- *Highly Recommended Book Prize*, Boston Authors Club Annual Awards

*The Familiar Made Strange: American Icons and Artifacts after the Transnational Turn.* Co-  
editor with Mark P. Bradley. Cornell University Press, 2015.

### **In Progress**

*Hidden Fronts: The Crash of the Yankee Clipper and American Paths into World War II.*  
Under contract with Oxford University Press.

*Cambridge History of America in the World, Volume 3: 1900-1945*, co-edited with Andrew Preston. Under contract with Cambridge University Press.

### **Articles and Book Chapters**

“Nation of Outposts: Forts, Factories, Bases, and the Making of American Power,”  
*Diplomatic History* 41.3 (June 2017): 439-459.

“V-J Day, 1945, Times Square.” Chapter for *The Familiar Made Strange: American Icons and Artifacts after the Transnational Turn*. Brooke L. Blower and Mark P. Bradley, eds. Cornell University Press, 2015.

“New York City’s Spanish Shipping Agents and the Practice of State Power in the Atlantic Borderlands of World War II.” *American Historical Review*, 119.1 (February 2014): 111-141.

“From Isolationism to Neutrality: A New Framework for Understanding American Political Culture, 1919-1941.” *Diplomatic History*, 38.2 (April 2014): 345-376.

— Winner, Stuart L. Bernath Scholarly Article Prize, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR)

“The Life of Mary Anderson: An Intimate Response to the Turn-of-the-Century World of Transatlantic Migration.” *Prospects*, 29 (2005): 185-217.

### **Review Essays**

“Friendly Invasions.” *History Workshop Journal* 81.1 (Spring 2016): 278-285.

“Anti-Americanism Encore une Fois.” *Diplomatic History* 37.3 (June 2013): 636-638.

“Thinking about Nationalism and Internationalism.” *Reviews in American History*, 36.2 (June 2008): 178-185.

### **Other Works**

Milne, “Worldmaking: The Art and Science of American Diplomacy,” H-Diplo roundtable, Vol. XVIII no. 26 (2017).

Patel, "The New Deal: A Global History" (*JAH* feature review), 103.4 (March 2017): 1015-1016.

Green, "The Other Americans in Paris" (book review). *Journal of American History* 102.1 (June 2015): 273.

"Graduation Advice Past and Present: A Commencement Address with Historical Perspective." *Perspectives*, Summer 2013.

[http://www.historians.org/perspectives/issues/2013/1306/Graduation-Advice-Past-and-Present\\_A-Commencement-Address-with-Historical-Perspective.cfm](http://www.historians.org/perspectives/issues/2013/1306/Graduation-Advice-Past-and-Present_A-Commencement-Address-with-Historical-Perspective.cfm)

"A Paris Invented for the American Imagination." *Boston Globe*, June 16, 2011.

[http://www.boston.com/bostonglobe/editorial\\_opinion/blogs/the\\_angle/2011/06/americans\\_in\\_pa.html](http://www.boston.com/bostonglobe/editorial_opinion/blogs/the_angle/2011/06/americans_in_pa.html)

"Becoming Americans in Paris." *Wonders & Marvels*, May 2011.

<http://www.wondersandmarvels.com/2011/05/becoming-americans-in-paris.html>

## KEYNOTES AND INVITED LECTURES

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"Moonlight and Magnesium Bombs: White Southern Reckonings with Race, Democracy, and Empire during World War II," plenary speaker for the Historians of the Twentieth Century United States (HOTCUS) annual conference, University of Cambridge, UK, June 13, 2018.

"Race, Democracy, and Empire: Americans in Europe and Its Colonies during World War II," keynote lecture for the conference, Perceptions of the Transatlantic Other, 1900-2000, Utrecht University, the Netherlands, November 8, 2017.

"Nation of Outposts: Forts, Factories, and the Making of American Power in the *Longue Durée*," Stuart L. Bernath Lecture, American Historical Association annual convention, Denver, Colorado, January 6, 2017.

"Nation of Outposts: A History of the United States Military Base Empire in the *Longue Durée*." Invited lecture, University of California, San Diego, November 10, 2016.

"American Overseas Outposts in the *Longue Durée*." Keynote lecture for the conference, "Americans Overseas: The United States in the World Since 1865," Rothermere American Institute, Oxford University, April 15-16, 2016.

"Hidden American Histories of World War II." Invited lecture, University of Rochester, April 2, 2015.

"Spanish Ships and the Practice of State Power in the Atlantic Borderlands of World War II." Invited lecture, Dartmouth College, November 7, 2013.

Department of History Commencement Address, Boston University, May 18, 2013.

“Devil’s Bargain: New York City’s Premier Spanish Shipping Agent and Allied Strategy during World War II.” Invited lecture, University of Connecticut Foreign Policy Seminar, October 7, 2011.

“American Expatriates in Interwar Paris: A Reconsideration.” Invited lecture, Harvard Colloquium for Intellectual and Cultural History, Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University, November 19, 2009.

“Down with Yankee Capitalism: The Sacco-Vanzetti Riots in Paris, France.” Invited lecture, Institute for the Study of the Americas Seminar, University of London, March 13, 2008.

### **CONFERENCE PAPERS and RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS**

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“Democracy and Empire: A White Southerner in a World at War,” New Directions in Modern U.S. History workshop, Boston, April 20, 2018.

“Hope and Betrayal in the Pacific War: The Making of an American Radio Correspondent in Southeast Asia,” American Political History Institute Seminar Series, Boston University, November 29, 2017.

“1900-1945: Writing the Cambridge History of America in the World.” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations conference, June 24, 2017.

“The Great War Four Ways.” The Berkeley Seminar on Global History, University of California at Berkeley, March 23, 2017.

“Blind Spot: Ben Robertson in a World at War.” Research presentation, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University, October 19, 2016.

“Paris and Beyond.” Invited research workshop, Musée Franco-Américain du Château de Blérancourt, France, July 6, 2015.

“Fronts.” Spatial Histories Roundtable, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, June 26, 2015.

“American Women in World War I.” Boston University alumni event at the Massachusetts Historical Society, December 2, 2014.

“Five Life Lessons for Historians from the Europe of Barbara Diefendorf.” Symposium in honor of the retirement of Barbara B. Diefendorf, Boston University, October 23, 2014.

“Trade & Culture.” New Perspectives on Trade Roundtable, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, June 21, 2014.

“Thinking Across the Case Studies: Toward a Synthetic History of Americans Abroad.” Organization of American Historians, Atlanta, April 10-13, 2014.

"V-J Day, 1945, Times Square." Guest lecture, Leslie Butler's intellectual history course, Dartmouth College, November 8, 2013.

"Explaining the Concept of Transnational History to Students." Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, Washington, D.C., June 20, 2013.

"War and Transnational History." Princeton University conference in honor of the retirement of Daniel T. Rodgers, Department of History, May 3-4, 2013.

"Hidden American Histories of World War II." CAS Leadership Advisory Board Meeting Presentation, Boston University, May 2, 2013.

"V-J Day in Times Square: Reading Iconic American Texts after the Transnational Turn." Organization of American Historians, San Francisco, April 2013.

"Fields of Action" for the roundtable, "Insights from the Outside: Approaches to the Study of Americans Abroad," San Juan, American Studies Association, November 2012.

"Devil's Bargain: New York City's Premier Spanish Shipping Agents and Allied Strategy during World War II." Massachusetts Historical Society, Immigration and Urban History Seminar, September 18, 2012.

"Grant Wood, *American Gothic*: Making the Familiar Strange." Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, Hartford, Connecticut, June 28-30, 2012.

"The Intrigues of Transatlantic Spanish Merchant Shipping during World War II." Association of Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies. Tufts University, March 23, 2012.

"The Politics of Everyday Anti-Americanism in Interwar Paris." Seminar on French Politics, Culture, and Society, Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University, February 15, 2012.

"Transnational Migration since the Late Nineteenth Century." Guest Scholar, History Connected, Teaching American History Grant Program for high school teachers, Reading, Massachusetts, Feb. 10, 2012.

"Time and Place: New Narratives of Americans in the Second World War." U.S. Intellectual History Conference, New York City, November 17-18, 2011.

"Spanish Shipping Agents and the Pitfalls of American Neutrality during the 1930s." Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, Washington, D.C., June 25, 2011.

"The Perils of Merchant Shipping during World War II." American Politics, World Politics conference at Clare College, Cambridge University, England, April 2011.

“Spanish Shipping Agents and Atlantic World Politics in the 1930s and 1940s.” Boston University-Warwick Conference on the Atlantic World, March 25, 2011.

“What about Those Neutrality Acts? American Popular Thought on War and Isolation on the Eve of the Second World War.” OAH, Houston, March 17-20, 2011.

“Expatriate Paris Reconsidered: Experiments in Leftist Internationalism.” BU–Cambridge-Princeton University conference, Rethinking American Liberalism, March 19-20, 2009.

“Strangers in Their Midst: Europeans Contemplate the Specter of Americanization.” Boston University Humanities Foundation Fellows seminar, October 20, 2008.

“Exiles not Returned: The Internationalism of the Expatriate Left.” American Studies in Global Perspective, Boston University conference, October 3, 2008.

“Rethinking the Americans in Paris Story.” BU European Studies Seminar, April 29, 2008.

“Americans and Police Prefect Jean Chiappe’s Purging of Paris, 1927-1933: Urban Moral Reform in an International Context.” Immigration and Urban History Seminar, Massachusetts Historical Society, February 28, 2008.

“The Specter of Americanization in Interwar Paris.” American Studies Association, Washington, D.C., November 4, 2005.

“Politics on Parade: The American Legion Returns to Paris.” Workshop in American Studies, Princeton University, March 26, 2004.

## **OTHER PRESENTATIONS**

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Chair, Putting the City into the History of Foreign Relations, SHAFR conference, Philadelphia, June 23, 2018.

Chair, Revisiting Hofstadter’s *American Political Tradition*, annual HOTCUS conference, Cambridge, England, June 14, 2018.

Panelist, “Modern American History: Rethinking the Academic Journal,” Organization of American Historians annual conference, Sacramento, CA, April 12, 2018.

Commentator, “Bringing Foreign Policy Home,” 10<sup>th</sup> Annual American Political History Institute graduate student conference, BU, April 6, 2018.

Panelist, “A Q & A with Journal Editors,” American Historical Association annual conference, Washington, D.C., January 4, 2018.

Chair, “The Legacy of Vietnam in the American Mind,” special lecture by Andrew Bacevich, Boston University, November 2, 2017.

Chair, "Constructing the Second World War." Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations conference, Arlington, VA, June 24, 2017.

Chair, "Legacies of World War I." Organization of American Historians annual conference, New Orleans, April 7, 2017.

Panelist, "ROUNDTABLE: Global Lives: Biography as Foreign Relations History." Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, June 23, 2016.

Chair, plenary "Immigration and Foreign Relations: 50 Years since the Hart-Celler Act," Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, Arlington, VA, June 25, 2015.

Commentator, "The State and the Press in the Early Twentieth Century," 10<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference in American Political History, Boston, March 19, 2015.

Chair, "America and Race in Britain," Clare College, Cambridge University American Political History conference, April 24, 2014.

Chair, "Past Masters: The Career of Daniel T. Rodgers." Organization of American Historians, Atlanta, April 10-13, 2014.

Chair, "Spain in the World, 1870-1960." Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, Washington, D.C., June 21, 2013.

Commentator, American Political History graduate student conference, BU, March 25, 2012.

Chair, Religion and American Politics conference, Boston University, March 22, 2012.

Chair, "The Global 1970s" conference, Boston University, November 10, 2011.

Speaker, BU Provost luncheon for Faculty Parents of Young Children, Oct. 14, 2011.

Commentator, Boston Seminar on the History of Women and Gender, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, October 13, 2011.

Guest speaker on theory and transnational history, AM 735, American and New England Studies Program, Boston University, March 2011.

Guest speaker on transnational history, AM 735, AMNESP, Boston University, April 2010.

Commentator, American Political History graduate student conference, BU, April 16, 2010.

"Rethinking the 1950s: Rules and Rebels in Postwar America." Boston University Evergreen Program lecture series on American Popular Culture, November 4, 2009.

Guest speaker on the academic job market for the “Learning the Ropes” workshops, American Studies graduate program, Boston University, April 2007 and 2008.

Chair, Political History conference, Cambridge University, England, March 2007.

Guest speaker on recent developments in transnational history, AM 735, American Studies Department, Boston University, January 25, 2007.

Invited speaker, “Writing History.” Princeton University Writing Center, Nov. 14, 2005.

Chair, “Cast Out: A History of Vagrancy in Global Perspective,” Shelby Cullom Davis Center conference, November 12, 2005.

Commentator, “Politics of Urban Space,” graduate conference on urban history, History Department, Princeton University, April 22, 2005.

Invited speaker, on innovative history writing, Modern America Workshop, Princeton University, October 1, 2003.

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

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Metcalf Cup and Prize (BU’s highest, university-wide teaching award)	2018
Charles Warren Center fellowship, Harvard University (declined)	2018
Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Bernath Lecture Prize	2016
ACLS Frederick Burkhardt Fellowship	2015
Bernath Scholarly Article Prize, Soc. for Historians of Am. Foreign Relations (SHAFR)	2015
Gitner Prize for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, BU History Department	2015
Jeffrey Henderson Senior Research Fellowship, BU Center for the Humanities	2014
Mellon Foundation Sawyer Seminar Grant	2014
Frank and Lynne Wisneski Award for Excellence in Teaching, Boston University	2014
Publication Production Award, BU Center for the Humanities	2014
American Philosophical Society Franklin Research Grant	2013
Award from BU’s Grants for Undergraduate Teaching and Scholarship Program	2013
Gilbert Chinard Book Prize, Society for French Historical Studies	2012
James P. Hanlan Best Book Award, New England Historical Association	2012
<i>Highly Recommended</i> book award, Boston Authors Club	2012
Peter T. Paul Career Development Professorship	2006 - 2009
Humanities Foundation Junior Fellowship, Boston University	2008
Humanities Foundation Grant, Boston University	2007



Quin Morton Writing Fellow, Princeton Writing Program	2004 - 2005
Davis Merit Prize, Department of History, Princeton University	2003 - 2004
Rollins Prize, Department of History, Princeton University	2001 - 2004
Dissertation Prospectus Fellowship, Mellon Foundation	2001
Davis Merit Prize, Department of History, Princeton University	1999 - 2001
Highest Distinction in General Scholarship ( <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> ), U.C. Berkeley	1998
High Honors upon graduation, History Department, U.C. Berkeley	1998
Phi Beta Kappa Honors Society	1996

### **CONFERENCES, SEMINAR SERIES, and PANELS ORGANIZED**

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Workshop for contributors to the Cambridge History of America in the World, *Volume 3: 1900-1945*, Philadelphia, June 20, 2018.

“ROUNDTABLE: Global Lives: Biography as Foreign Relations History.” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, June 23, 2016.

“Reinterpreting the Twentieth Century.” A John E. Sawyer Seminar on the Comparative Study of Cultures, Department of History, Boston University, 2014-2015.

“Roundtable: New Perspectives on Trade.” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, June 18-21, 2014.

“Past Masters: The Scholarship of Daniel T. Rodgers.” Special panel for the annual conference of the Organization of American Historians, Atlanta, April 10-13, 2014.

“Making the Familiar Strange: Transnational Readings of Iconic American Texts.” Roundtable organized for the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations annual conference, June 28-30, 2012 and follow-up panel at the Organization of American Historians annual conference, April 11-14, 2013.

“New Narratives of the Second World War.” Roundtable organized for the U.S. Intellectual History conference, New York City, November 17-18, 2011.

“Isolationism and Internationalism between the World Wars.” Panel organized for the annual OAH conference, Houston, Texas, March 2011.

“Writing the City into History: Problems and Methods,” head organizer for a graduate student urban history conference, Princeton University, April 22, 2005.

Modern America Workshop, co-organizer for a year-long series of colloquia for Princeton faculty and graduate students, 2001-2002.

## **COURSES**

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### ***Undergraduate Lecture Courses***

HI300: American Popular Thought Since the Late Nineteenth Century

HI309: Americans in the World: United States History in Transnational Perspective

HI303: Sex, Love, Family: Relationships in American History from Birth to Death

### ***Undergraduate Seminars***

HI568: The Modern Metropolis: Approaches to Urban History

HI467: Postwar America: Issues in Political, Cultural, and Social History, 1945-1969

### ***Graduate Seminars***

HI850: American Historiography

HI857: Methods in Cultural History

HI852: Readings in American History

HI843: Problems in Twentieth-Century History

## **BOSTON UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

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African American History Search Committee, History/Af Am Studies Depts.	2018-2019
Delegate, History Department Chair Search	2017
CAS New Faculty Orientation panel on mentoring	2017
Professionalization workshop for History and AMNES graduate students	2017
Junior Faculty Mentor	2016-2018
College of Arts and Sciences Academic Conduct Committee	2009-2015
Director of Curriculum, Department of History	2013-2015
History of Boston Search Committee, Department of History	2014-2015
Newman Graduate Student Fellowship Selection Committee, CAS	2015
Peter T. Paul Professorship Nomination Committee, CAS	2013, 2014
Faculty Director of History Department Website Redesign	2013
Director, History Department Course Title and Description Update Initiative	2013
Curriculum Committee, Department of History	2012-2015

History Department committee, Provost's Learning Assessment Initiative	2013-2014
History Dept. committee to assess Transnational Ph.D. Track	2013
Greig Scholarship Selection Committee, College of Arts and Sciences	2011, 2012
History Department Website Advisory Committee	2010-2011
Delegate, History Department Chair Search	2009
History Department Committee on Long Term Planning	2009
U.S. Political History Search Committee, History Department	2007-2008
History Department Senior Prize Committee	2007, 2008

### **OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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Peer reviewer for Oxford University Press, University of Pennsylvania Press, Cornell University Press, Cambridge University Press, Pearson Longman, and University of Massachusetts Press, *Diplomatic History*, *The Historical Journal*, and the *American Historical Review*.

Consulting for American Girl; the Musée Franco-Américain du Château de Blérancourt; and the American Hospital of Paris

Co-editor, <i>Modern American History</i> (three issues per annum)	2016-
Working Group for the Long 19 <sup>th</sup> Amendment Project, Radcliffe Institute, Harvard	2018
Fellow (elected), Massachusetts Historical Society	2015-
Stuart L. Bernath Book Prize Committee (chair 2015-2016), SHAFR	2013-2016
Co-chair, Program Committee, 2015 SHAFR annual conference	2014-2015
Program Committee, 2014 SHAFR annual conference	2013-2014
Jobs Search Workshop for graduate students, SHAFR	2013, 2014, 2016
Guest Scholar, Teaching American History Grant Program, Reading, MA	2012
Lawrence Levine Book Award Committee, OAH	2010-2011