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EDUCATION

Harvard University Expected May 2025

PhD in History

Dissertation: “Brazzaville’s Diaspora: Colonial Development, Racial Violence, and the Struggle for Self-Determination, 1941-1958”

Committee: Mary Lewis, Fredrik Logevall, Caroline Elkins, Rosie Bsheer

Fields: Imperial France; Global Cold War; Modern Africa; Modern Middle East

Columbia University and the London School of Economics 2017

MA/MSc (with distinction) in International and World History

New York University 2015

BA (with distinction) in History, Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School 2022-2024

Ernest May Predoctoral Fellow in History and Policy

Institut des Sciences sociales du politique, Université Paris-Nanterre 2020-2021

Affiliated Researcher

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Global Decolonization; History of Human Rights; Race and Ethnicity; History of Policing; Modern Africa; Modern Middle East; Global Cold War;

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Publications

“From Brazzaville to ‘Race Hatred:’ Colonial Reform and Mass Violence in Madagascar, 1943-1948,”
French Historical Studies. (Revise & Resubmit)

Invited Publications

“Erasing Revolution in Ihoisy: Racial Politics and the Archives of Madagascar’s ‘Insurrection,’ 1947-48,
Post-Colonial Archives: Commemoration, Preservation, and Erasure (Forthcoming 2025)

Book Reviews

MacMaster, Neil. *War in the Mountains: Peasant Society and Counterinsurgency in Rural Algeria, 1918-1958*. In *Agricultural History* (2022) 96 (3): 455–457

Reed, John Scott. *The U.S. Volunteers in the Southern Philippines: Counterinsurgency, Pacification, Collaboration*. In *The Journal of Military History* 85, No. 1 (January 2021)

Trade Journal Publications

“From Counter-Insurgents to Right Wing Terrorists: French Military Politicization in Algeria, 1955-1961,”
The Small Wars Journal 12, No. 8 (August 2016)

FELLOWSHIPS

Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University	2024
Ernest May Fellow in History and Policy, <i>Belfer Center for Science and Intl. Affairs</i>	2022-2024
Graduate Research Fellow in Identity Politics and Conflict, <i>Harvard Weatherhead Center</i>	2023
Junior Scholar, <i>Carnegie International Policy Scholars Consortium and Network (IPSCON)</i>	2023
Hans J. Morgenthau Grand Strategy Fellow, <i>Notre Dame International Security Center</i>	2021-2022
Summer Seminar in History & Statecraft, <i>Clements Center for National Security, UT Austin</i>	2021

SELECTED RESEARCH GRANTS

National & International

- Institute for Humane Studies Research Fellowship	2024
- Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Research Fellowship, <i>U.S. Department of Education</i>	2021
- Fulbright U.S. Student Program (France), <i>Institute of International Education</i>	2020
- Farrar Memorial Fellowship, <i>Society for French Historical Studies</i>	2020
- Allan R. Millett Research Fellowship, <i>Society for Military History</i>	2020
- Chateaubriand Fellowship, <i>Ambassade de France aux États-Unis</i> (declined)	2020
- Multi-Site Research Fellowship, <i>Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC)</i>	2020
- Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Grant in Arabic, <i>Harvard University</i>	2018

Institutional

- Identity Politics and Ethnic Conflict Grant, <i>Weatherhead Center for International Studies</i>	2023
- Jens Aubrey Westengard Fund, <i>Harvard University</i>	2023
- Krupp Foundation Fellowship, <i>Harvard Center for European Studies</i>	2020
- Dissertation Fieldwork Assistance Grant, <i>Weatherhead Center for International Studies</i>	2020
- Augustus Clifford Tower Fellowship for Research in France, <i>Harvard University</i>	2019
- Pre-Dissertation Research Grant, <i>Weatherhead Center for International Studies</i>	2019
- Alliance Fellowship in History, <i>Columbia University</i>	2016
- Departmental Honors with Distinction, <i>New York University</i>	2015

INVITED TALKS

"Protecting the Cochinchinese Mosaic: Colonial Reform and Race War in Southern Vietnam, 1945-1947," *Entangled trajectories: Global connections and legacies of Europe's 'Age of Civil Wars,'* University College Dublin Centre for War Studies (October 2024)

"Rogue State-Builders: Partner Warfare and Ethnic Violence during France's Retreat from Empire, 1941-1958," *New Faces Conference*, Triangle Institute for Security Studies (September 2023)

"Free France, Colonial Reform, and the Birth of Cold War Counterinsurgency," *Jean Monnet Lecture Series on European Security & Defense*, Boston University Center for the Study of Europe (March 2023)

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

Madagascar Studies Annual Conference

Lead Co-Organizer (with Gabrielle Robbins) October 2023

- Led effort to revive the annual "Madagascar Workshop," bringing together interdisciplinary scholars from Madagascar, Europe, and North America, see: www.madagascarworkshop.com

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “‘Traditional’ Society, Historical Sociology, and the Geopolitics of France’s *guerre révolutionnaire*, 1941-1958,” *International Studies Association Annual Meeting* (April 2024)
- “Recovering the Malagasy Revolution: Pierre Boiteau, the Prose of Counterinsurgency, and the ‘Revolt’ of 1947,” *Society for French Historical Studies Annual Meeting* (March 2023)
- “Civilian Reformers, Religious Paramilitaries, and a New Model of Counterinsurgency in South Vietnam, 1944-1947,” *Society for Military History Annual Conference* (March 2023), panel co-organizer with Kelly Wood
- “From Brazzaville to *guerre civile*: Federalism, Race-Making, and Colonial Violence in Madagascar, 1943-1948,” *Western Society for French Historical Studies Annual Meeting* (November 2022)
- “Civil War in the French Union: Colonial Paramilitaries and Transnational Decolonization, 1945-1962,” *Society for Military History Annual Conference* (May 2021)
- “The Other *Armée de Libération nationale*: Understanding the Algerian War as a Civil War, 1955-1958,” *London School of Economics International History Seminar* (February 2021)
- “The *Contre-Maquisards* of Algiers: Colonial Reformism and Indigenous Auxiliaries in the Algerian War,” *American Historical Association Annual Meeting* (January 2019)
- “Making the OAS: Ideology and the Figure of the ‘Indigenous Loyalist’ in French Military Insurrectionism, 1955-1961,” *Trahison/Betrayal*, New York University Institute for French Studies (October 2019)
- “The War in the Crowd: France’s Revolutionary Warfare on the Frontlines of the Cold War,” *Cold War Power: A Conference*, Columbia University (March 2016)

TEACHING AND RESEARCH SUPERVISION

Harvard University

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Adviser 2023-Present

- “The Dirtiest Word in Politics: Re-Examining the British Policy of Appeasement”
- “The New Harvard Man: The Department of Military and Naval Science and Tactics at Harvard”

History Department Course Design/Support Team 2023-2024

- Collaborated intensively with faculty and graduate student instructor on learning objectives, reading selection, and syllabus design for new seminars and lecture courses

Dunster House History Advisor 2022-2024

- Served as primary academic advisor to over thirty undergraduates. Planned and ran student recruitment events, tracked student achievement, developed study plans, and advocated for students experiencing issues with their finances, housing, and mental health

Teaching Fellow

- “Historical Methods: What is International History?” (for Prof. Jamie Martin) Spring 2023
- “The War in Vietnam” (for Prof. Fredrik Logevall) Spring 2020
- “The Modern Middle East” (for Prof. Rosie Bsheer) Fall 2019
 - Awarded Certificate of Distinction in Teaching from the Bok Center for Teaching and Learning

Notre Dame International Security Center

Course Designer/Co-Teacher

Summer 2022

- “Navigating the World’s Most Dangerous Threats: Grand Strategy and National Security Policy”
 - Designed and co-taught grand strategy-focused undergraduate seminar for John Quincy Adams Society’s “Foreign Policy Leadership Development Program” in Washington, D.C.

University of California, Santa Barbara

Invited Lecturer

March 2022

- “History of the French Empire” (for Prof. Manuel Covo)

MILITARY SERVICE

U.S. Army Reserve

Company Commander – 325 Transportation Company

March 2024-August 2024

- Directed training, mental healthcare, and re-integration into civilian life for over 100 Soldiers returning from overseas deployment

Battalion Intelligence Officer – 334 Petroleum Support Battalion

October 2021-February 2024

- Conducted terrain, weather, and threat analysis for operations including roughly 400 Soldiers

Platoon Leader – 151 Theater Information Operations Group

2019-2021

- Supervised military readiness and education of 30 soldiers in a military intelligence platoon
- Executed training plan that led platoon to highest fitness scores in company of 100 soldiers

Security Officer – 151 Theater Information Operations Group

2017-2019

- Conducted ongoing intelligence oversight to ensure unit compliance with military law

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs

International Security Program (ISP), Works-In-Progress Workshop Organizer

2023-2024

Harvard University

Graduate Student Representative, Harvard History Faculty Meetings

2021-2023

Graduate Student Representative, History Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

2022

History Graduate Student Association Representative

2017-Present

Workshop Coordinator, Minda de Gunzberg Center for European Studies

2019-2020

LANGUAGES

- French (Full professional proficiency)
- Modern Standard Arabic (Advanced proficiency)
- German (Reading proficiency)
- Malagasy (Basic Reading/Speaking)

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

- International Studies Association
- Society for Military History
- Society for French Historical Studies
- American Institute of Maghreb Studies

REFERENCES

Mary D. Lewis

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