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EMPLOYMENT

AUGUST 2022- PRESENT

Ernest May Postdoctoral Fellow in History and Policy
Belfer Center, Harvard Kennedy School

EDUCATION

May 2022

Ph.D. in History
University of Rochester

Dissertation

“Virtuous Emulations of Liberty: Citizen Diplomacy
and Culture in U.S. Foreign Affairs, 1780-1820”

Advisor: Michael Jarvis

2016

M.A. in History
University of Rochester

2015

M.A. in History
Millersville University of Pennsylvania

2012

B.A. in Political Science
Specialization in international studies
Penn State University

MONOGRAPHS

*Virtuous Emulations of Liberty: U.S. Diplomatic Culture in
the Early Republic*, under contract at University of Virginia
Press

Manifest Embassy: Building an American Bureaucracy,
second monograph research and digital project (ongoing)

PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLIC- FACING ENGAGEMENT

Book Review of “Michael Verney, *A Great and Rising
Nation*,” an H-Diplo Roundtable (June 2023)

“The Diplomat’ and the Origins of the Special
Relationship,” *Washington Post Made by History* (May 24,
2023)

“‘Our Proud Spirited Fellows’: The American Navy in Public
Diplomacy with South America,” chapter in *Sea Power by
Other Means* (Kiel University Press, May 2023)

Book Review of “Jeanne E. Abrams, *A View from Abroad:
The Story of John and Abigail Adams in Europe*,” *Journal
of the Early Republic* (January 2022)

“Pandemic Politics: Lessons from the United States’ First
Epidemic” Chatham House and *International Affairs*
(August 2020)

“The Diplomatic Character(s) of the Early Republic”
Passport: The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Review 50, no. 1 (April 2019)

Under Review

“Curating the Republic: The First Generation of U.S. Embassies,” *The Hague Journal of Diplomacy*

Digital

Contributor, “Episode 6: Making a Good First Impression”
Consolation Prize, a podcast Season One, Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media (December 2020)

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

EXTERNAL

2021-2022

Morgenthau Fellow, Notre Dame University International Security Center (\$10,000 nonresident)

May 2021

Library & Museum Resident Research Fellow, American Philosophical Society (\$3,000)

2020-2021

Fulbright Fellow, Canada at the University of Victoria (\$25,000)

2020-2021

World Politics and Statecraft Fellow, Smith Richardson Foundation (\$7,500 nonresident)

January-April 2020

Research Fellow, National Defense University

2019-2021

Junior Scholar, IPSCON, Kissinger Center, Johns Hopkins SAIS (\$5,000 nonresident)

May 2019

Visiting Junior Fellow, Bruce Centre for American Studies, Keele University (\$500)

University of Rochester

April 2021

Finalist, University Three Minute Thesis competition
 Linda and A. William Salomone Prize, Department of History (\$1,000)

Summer 2020

Summer 2019

Research Grant, Susan B. Anthony Institute for Women and Gender Studies (\$600)

Spring 2019

Verne Moore Fellowship for Research, Department of History (\$1,000)

Spring 2018

The Sanford Elwitt Memorial Prize for Research, Department of History (\$1,000)

2015-2020

Graduate Fellowship, Dean of Graduate Studies (\$19,000)

Millersville University

2014-2015

Graduate Assistant Fellowship, Department of History (\$10,000)

Spring 2014

Noonan Endowment Award for Research, Dean of Graduate Studies (\$400)

2013-2014

Graduate Assistant Fellowship, Dean of the School of Education (\$10,000)

Penn State University

Summer 2011

Strategic Language Institute Grant and Internship for the Study of Arabic (\$3,000)

Fall 2011

Grant-in-Aid for research in London (\$500)

TEACHING

International Security Center, Notre Dame University

Instructor of Record, July 2022

Introduction to Democracy and Grand Strategy

Department of History, University of Rochester
Maritime Archaeology Instructor with Michael Jarvis,
 Summers 2015, 2017, 2020, and 2023
 Smith's Island Bermuda Field School

Instructor with Robert Westbrook, Spring 2020
American Movies in Their Moment: The Silver Age,
 1968-1980

Instructor of Record, Fall 2019
The History of Intelligence and Espionage

Instructor of Record, Summer 2018
Alexander Hamilton's Atlantic World

Teaching Assistant, Spring 2018
History of Mortality (Thomas Devaney)
Hitler's Germany (Thomas Fleischman)

Teaching Assistant, Fall 2017
Modern China (Dahpon Ho)

SYMPOSIA

Organized

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| 2021 | Panel "The American Household Abroad, 1785-1830: A Theoretical Framework for the Study of Diplomacy,"
Panelist, "Between Duty and Inclination: The First American 'Third Culture Kids'," <i>Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Conference</i> , Digital June 14 |
| 2017 | <i>The Future(s) of Microhistory: A Symposium</i> , a two-day conference sponsored and funded by the University of Rochester and the New York Humanities Corridor.
Convener and Organizer with Thomas Devaney (University of Rochester).
November 17-18 |
| 2023 | <i>Invited</i>
Presenter, "Who Baited the Thucydides Trap?," <i>Great Powers and Grand Strategy: Illusions, Failures, and Opportunities</i> . International Studies Association meeting, Montreal |
| 2022 | Presenter, "Ambiguous U.S. Foreign Policy in the Indo-Pacific: A History," <i>Uncertainty: the Indo-Pacific Region and American Foreign Policy</i> sponsored by the America and the World Consortium, University of Texas Austin, March. |
| 2020 | Moderator, "Global Affairs," <i>Fulbright Canada Discussion Series</i> , December 3. |

- 2020 Presenter, "Unsung Ambassador: American Women in Europe, 1779-1795." *Society for Historians of the Early American Republic Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia, July.
- 2020 Presenter, "Diplomatic Daughters and American Representation in Europe, 1779-1800." *Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Conference*, New Orleans, June.
- 2019 Presenter, "Operative Disorganization: Consular Posts in Early American Diplomacy." Invited presentation to the *Workshop on Consuls* sponsored by Brown University, May 6-7.
- 2018 Presenter, "The Diplomatic Characters of the Early Republic: Lessons from Alexander Hamilton." Invited presentation to the *Conference on Strongmen and Networks: The Rise of Informal Diplomats* sponsored by the National University of Singapore, December 11-12.
- 2018 Presenter, "A Spy on the Wall: Espionage and U.S. Foreign Relations in the Atlantic World." Invited presentation to the *Washington Early America Seminar* sponsored by the University of Maryland, Johns Hopkins University and the Miller Center, December 7.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2019- 2021 Graduate Archivist, University of Rochester Special Collections
- 2017-2020 Undergraduate Coordinator, University of Rochester Humanities Center
- 2017-2020 Research Assistant to Michael Jarvis, Digital St. George's
Summers 2015, 2017, 2020, Archaeologist, Smith's Island Field School
2022
- Summer 2016 Graduate Head Organizer, University of Rochester Pre-College Program
- 2014-2015 Graduate Archivist, The Pennsylvania State Archives
- 2013-2015 Research Assistant to Tracey Weis, Oral History of the Lancaster, PA YWCA
- 2012-2013 Lobbyist and Legislative Researcher, Wanner Associates, Harrisburg, PA
- Summer 2011 Resident Intern and Tutor for Arabic, Penn State Language Institute

LANGUAGE

English (Native Fluency)
French (Intermediate Proficiency)
Arabic (Basic Reading Proficiency)

SERVICE

- University of Rochester***
- 2019-2021 Member, Department of History Climate and Culture Committee
- 2017-2019 History Department Representative to the Graduate Student Association

2016-2018	Co-Coordinator of History at Work (HaW) professional development program
2016-2018	Social Coordinator of the Graduate History Society
2016-2017	Co-Coordinator of History Department Monthly Workshops
	<i>Millersville University</i>
2014-2015	Graduate Student Liaison to Faculty
2014-2015	History Graduate Program Curriculum Consultant
2013-2014	NCATE Program Accreditation for the School of Education

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

The Society for Historians of the Early American Republic
The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations
The Network for New Diplomatic History
The International Studies Association

REFERENCES

Michael Jarvis, Associate Professor of History
University of Rochester
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Pablo Sierra Silva, Associate Professor of History
University of Rochester
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Ronald Angelo Johnson, Ralph and Bessie Mae Lynn Chair of History
Baylor University
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