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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Purdue University — 2024-Present
Assistant Professor of History

Fulbright University Vietnam — 2018-2024
Assistant Professor of History

Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University — 2018-2023
Vietnam Program Fellow

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in History, Harvard University — 2018

A.M. in History, Harvard University — 2013

B.A. (*summa cum laude*) in History and French, Rutgers University — 2010

PUBLICATIONS

Books

The Loose Ends of Empire: The Logic and Logistics of Decolonization in Algeria
(manuscript in preparation for publication with Cornell University Press)

Book Chapters

"Notre lutte est la vôtre: la guerre psychologique communiste et les soldats maghrébins et africains du Corps Expéditionnaire" in *Indochine 1945-54: Silences, expériences et logiques de guerre*, ed. Christopher Goscha (Presses universitaires du Septentrion, forthcoming 2027)

Articles

"Dying for Whom? The Politics of Death Commemoration and Vietnamese Identity during the First Indochina War," *Critical Military Studies* (August 2026): 1-19. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1080/23337486.2026.2705121

"Imagining the 'New Vietnamese': The Promise and Limitations of Afro-Asian Anticolonial Solidarity in the Democratic Republic of Vietnam," *Itinerario* (July 2026): 1-19. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1017/S0165115326100722

"The Art of Decolonization: The Battle for Algeria's French Art, 1962-1970," *Journal of Contemporary History* 52, no. 3 (July 2017): 625-645.

Book Reviews

Adam Shatz, *The Rebel's Clinic: The Revolutionary Lives of Franz Fanon* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2024). *The American Historical Review* (forthcoming).

Susan Slyomovics, *Monuments Decolonized: Algeria's French Colonial Heritage* (Stanford University Press, 2024). *The Middle East Journal* (forthcoming).

Jeffrey Byrne, *Mecca of Revolution: Algeria, Decolonization, and the Third World Order* (Oxford University Press, 2016). *The Journal of North African Studies* 25, no. 1 (January 2020): 137-141.

Hartmut Elsenhans, *L'Échec de la colonisation française en Algérie* (Casbah Éditions, 2015). *The Journal of North African Studies* 22, no. 4 (June 2017): 682-686.

Commentary

"How We Oversimplified the History of the Vietnam War" *Time*, April 30, 2025.

Interview with Zeina Dowidar, "The Burning Library," *Kerning Cultures* (Apple Podcasts), March 10, 2022.

Interview, "How Vietnam Was Poised for the Pandemic: An Historian Working in Vietnam Reflects on the Past Events that Shaped the Country's Response to COVID-19," *Epicenter* (Harvard University), June 22, 2020.

"The Evian Accords: An Uncertain Peace," *Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective* (Ohio State University), March 18, 2017.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

2026	EXCEL Grant, Purdue University
2024-2025	ASPIRE Research Enhancement Grant, Purdue University
2022	SSRC Collaborative Research Development Workshop for Asia
2019	National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Institute Grant (East-West Center)
2017-2018	Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Dissertation Completion Fellowship
2015-2016	Augustus Clifford Tower Fellowship, Krupp Foundation
2014-2015	Center for European Studies Graduate Dissertation Research Fellowship, Harvard University
2014	Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Mid-Dissertation Grant
2013	Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Pre-Dissertation Grant
2012	Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Foreign Language Grant (Arabic)
2011-2013	Presidential Instructional Technology Fellow, Harvard University
2010-2011	Fulbright Fellowship, France – École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales
2010	Phi Alpha Theta
2009	Phi Beta Kappa

SELECTED INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2026	"Accountable to the Dead: The Making of MIA Recovery Practices in Vietnam and the United States, 1954-1994." History, Archives, and U.S.-Vietnam Relations, Vietnam National University (Hanoi, Vietnam)

2025 "Excavating the Ghosts of War: Advancing Interdisciplinary Research through the Missing-In-Action Accounting and Recovery Coalition (MARC) at Purdue." Research Speaker Series, East-West Center (Honolulu, HI)

"Afterlives of War: The Politics of MIA Recovery and Post-Conflict Reconciliation in Vietnam and the United States, 1975-2025." The Exchange, East-West Center (Honolulu, HI)

"De Diên Biên Phu à la bataille d'Alger : repenser la fin du colonialisme français en Indochine et en Algérie." École Française d'Extrême-Orient (Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam).

"Teaching the Second Indochina War and its Legacies at 50 (1975-2025): Approaches in Vietnam and the United States." Association of Asian Studies (Columbus, OH).

2024 "'Our Struggle is Yours:' The Fight for France's African Soldiers during the First Indochina War." University of Nevado, Reno (Reno, NV).

"Race, Psychological Warfare, and Conceptions of Communist Violence during the First Indochina War." Swedish Defence Universtiy (Stockholm, Sweden).

"Dying for Whom? The Politics of Death Commemoration and Vietnamese Identity during the First Indochina War." In Service of Security: The Politics and Everyday Experiences of Military Labour across Asia, National University of Singapore (Singapore).

2023 "Imagining the 'New Vietnamese': Race, Identity, and the Fate of France's African Soldiers in the Democratic Republic of Vietnam." French Colonial History Society, Université des Antilles (Martinique, France).

"Mobilizing the 'New Vietnamese': African Migration to the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, 1945-1962." Association for Asian Studies (Boston, MA).

2022 "Planning the Global Revolution From Home? The Promise and Limitations of Afro-Asian Anticolonial Solidarity in the Democratic Republic of Vietnam." Western Society for French History (virtual).

"Fighting for a Different Heart and Mind: Muslim Soldiers in the First Indochina War." Society for Military History (Fort Worth, TX).

2021 "Re-Evaluating the End of Empire in Algeria and Indochina." Department of Strategy and Policy, Naval War College (Monterey, CA).

"Between *Địch Vận* and *Action Psychologique*: The Fight for African Loyalty during the First Indochina War." Sài Gòn Social Sciences Hub, École Française d'Extrême-Orient (Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam).

2020 "Switching Tracks: Decolonizing Infrastructure and Constructing Sovereignty in Algeria." Decolonization, Development and State Building in North Africa, Brown University (virtual).

"A Tale of Two Mosques: Contesting Postcolonial Sovereignty in France and Algeria." Society for French Historical Studies / George Rudé Seminar (virtual).

2018 "Negotiating the Cultural Politics of Decolonization: Art, Sovereignty, and Restitution in Algeria and France." Cultural Politics Seminar, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University (Cambridge, MA).

2017 "Decolonization and the Role of the Mixed Ceasefire Commissions in French Algeria." Society for French Historical Studies (Washington, D.C.).

2016 "Decolonizing French Algeria in Israel: French and Algerian Land Claims to the Waqf of Abū Madyan, 1948-1963." Middle East Studies Association (Boston, MA).

2015 "Dismantling Empire: Repatriating Commemorative Monuments from French Algeria." Colonial Ruin: (In)Visible Sites of Postcolonial Memory, Universiteit van Amsterdam (Amsterdam, The Netherlands).

"Les accords d'Évian et la décolonisation: le rôle des commissions mixtes du cessez-le-feu." Centre de Recherche en Anthropologie Sociale et Culturelle (Oran, Algeria).

2014 "The Art of Decolonization: The Battle for Algeria's French Art, 1962-1970." Looted Art and Restitution in the Twentieth Century, Cambridge University (Cambridge, United Kingdom).

ACADEMIC COURSES

Purdue University

- SCLA 102: Critical Thinking and Communication II – Modern World
- HIST 324: Modern France since 1789
- HIST 408: Dictatorship and Democracy: Europe, 1919-1945
- HIST 495: The Global Vietnam War, 1945-1989
- HIST 610: History – Theory and Methods

Fulbright University Vietnam

- Global Humanities and Social Change
- Introduction to Vietnamese Culture and History
- Exploring the Past: Global Saigon
- Fulbright History Lab: An Introduction to Historical Methodologies
- Modern Europe since the French Revolution
- Modern Southeast Asia: From Empire to Independence
- Europe on Trial: Law, Politics, and Society since Nuremberg
- Pirates, Prisoners, and Prostitutes: An Outcast History of French Indochina

ACADEMIC SERVICE

2025-Present	Director, MIA Accounting and Recovery Coalition, Purdue University
2024-Present	Co-Convener, John Martinson Honors College Salon, Purdue University
2020-2022	Chair, History Program, Fulbright University Vietnam
2020-2022	Chair, Curriculum Committee, Fulbright University Vietnam
2020-2021	Chair, History Program Hiring Committee
2018-2019	General Faculty Hiring Committee, Fulbright University Vietnam

ACADEMIC ADVISING

Auora Di Trapano	PhD Primary Advisor
Srishti Chowdhury	PhD Committee Member
Anisha Kar	PhD Committee Member
Will Rater	MA Committee Member

LANGUAGES

French: Fluent
Arabic (Modern Standard): Advanced
Arabic (Lebanese/Algerian colloquial): Intermediate
Vietnamese: Intermediate
German: Reading Comprehension

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2023 French Colonial History Society
2022 Association for Asian Studies
2022 Society for Military History
2021 École Française d'Extrême-Orient (Ho Chi Minh City)
2018 Vietnamese Studies Group
2017 American Historical Association
2017 Society for French Historical Studies
2016 Middle East Studies Association
2014 American Institute for Maghrib Studies
2014 Centre d'Études Maghrébines en Algérie