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Education

Ph.D.

x'Summer 2026

- Ph.D. Candidate, Graduate History Program, Texas A&M University
- Visiting Doctoral Student sponsored by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg
- Transatlantic research focused on the recovery of missing in action U.S. service members in occupied Germany following World War II
- "The Return of the Dead: The Search for Missing Americans in Occupied Germany, 1945-55"

Master of Arts

Spring 2023

- Graduate History Program, Texas A&M University

Bachelor of Arts

Spring 2018

- History, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Fieldwork and Research Experience

Cranfield Recovery and Identification of Conflict Casualties Program

09/2021-10/2025

Team Lead, Historian, and Field Technician

- Directed teams of workers from Cranfield University, a partner of the U.S. Department of Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), on archaeological excavations in Germany and Italy to recover and repatriate the remains of MIA American service members from World War II
- Analyzed and identified aircraft wreckage, possible material evidence, personal effects, life support equipment, and other evidence on the excavation site
- Surveyed and mapped aircraft crash sites, constructed site infrastructure, conducted extensive hand excavations, and thoroughly screened excavated soil for evidence
- Accurately labeled and processed forensic evidence and maintained the proper chain of custody during the transferal of possible remains
- Sustained team morale on long deployments in the field and effectively coordinate with other Team Leaders on work duties, logistics, and emergency planning to ensure mission success
- Led on-site ceremonies to remember the fallen and reinforce the importance of the mission

Portland State University DPAA Partner Program

06/2025

Team Lead, Historian, and Field Technician

- Managed a team from Portland State University during the program's inaugural deployment to the field in support of the DPAA's mission to recover MIA American service members
- Served as the team interpreter and liaised with local German officials

UW Missing in Action Recovery and Identification Project

06/2018-08/2022

Field Technician and Researcher

- Worked on DPAA-sponsored archaeological excavations with the University of Wisconsin-Madison in Belgium and France to recover the remains of MIA U.S. military personnel
- Performed historical research into Indo-Pacific and European Theater casualty resolution and unidentified remains in U.S. military cemeteries
- Built case narratives using documentary research, secondary source readings, and cemetery analyses and briefed leadership on recommendations

Texas A&M University/Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency **11/2024-04/2025**
Graduate Student Research Assistant

- Directed and mentored fifteen undergraduate student interns as they conducted historical research on MIA American service members from World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War
- Supervised four paid student interns scanning records relating to the Chest Radiograph Project to facilitate the identification of remains in support of the DPAA mission

Texas A&M University/Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency **01/2024-08/2024**
History Research Intern

- Researched biographical and archival material on missing in action U.S. service members
- Maintained a database of sensitive information through detailed recordkeeping

European Parliament Liaison Office – Washington, DC **03/2021-08/2021**
Policy Trainee

- Conducted research on a diverse array of foreign and domestic policy topics and quickly provided written products or briefings
- Communicated with foreign representatives, embassies, and U.S. authorities

Wisconsin State Assembly **01/2019-03/2020**
Legislative Assistant

- Researched and drafted legislative proposals, wrote press releases and floor speeches, and liaised between constituents, local governments, and state agencies
- Coordinated the passage of bipartisan legislation providing state funding for the repatriation of Wisconsin MIA service members
- Performed well under pressure in a fast-paced environment and prioritized responsibilities

Wisconsin Veterans Museum-Oral History Department **06/2017-08/2017**
Transcription Intern

- Recorded, transcribed, and archived oral histories of state veterans for historical research
- Regularly met with veterans and their families, museum guests, and state officials

Teaching Experience

Texas A&M University **08/2020-Present**
Graduate Assistant Lecturer

- HIST 106: U.S. History to 1877, fall 2024

Graduate Teaching Assistant

- HIST 102: Modern Western Civilization, Dr. Jonathan Brunstedt, fall 2020
- HIST 105: U.S. History to 1877, Dr. Verity McInnis, spring 2022
- HIST 105: U.S. History to 1877, Dr. Kevin McGlone, fall 2022
- HIST 106: U.S. History since 1877, Dr. Kevin McGlone, spring 2023
- HIST 105: U.S. History to 1877, Dr. Ryan Fletcher, fall 2023
- HIST 230: American Military History, 1609-Present, Dr. Brian Linn, spring 2024

Publications and Reviews

“The Dramatic Sequel to the War: The U.S. Army, The International Tracing Service, and the Search for the Missing, 1945-50,” *Journal of Military History* 89, no. 1 (January 2025): 81-100.

“Regulation of the Digital Sector: EU-US Explainer,” European Parliament Research Service, July 2021.

“Who Does What in Security and Defence?: EU-US Explainer,” European Parliament Research Service, September 2021.

Death at the Edges of Empire: Fallen Soldiers, Cultural Memory, and the Making of an American Nation, 1863-1921, by Shannon Bontrager. H-Net Reviews. April, 2021.

Select Conference Presentations and Invited Lectures

“Graves in Every Village: The Search for American War Dead in Occupied Germany, 1945-55,”
Transatlantische und Nordamerikanische Geschichte Kolloquium, Historisches Seminar, Albert-
Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg, November 2025

“Tell Me About My Boy: The Recovery of MIA Service Members,” invited Lecture for The Second
World War: Memory, Myth, and Lived Experience, Brown University, July 2025.

“Trading Our Dead for the Living: American Remains Recovery Operations in Soviet-Occupied
Territory, 1945-50,” Society for Military History Annual Meeting, Mobile, AL, March 2025.

“Bodies to Recover: Missing Americans, Displaced Persons, and the Beginning of the Cold War, 1945-
1950,” National World War II Museum Emerging Scholars Colloquium, New Orleans, LA,
February 2025.

“Terrestrial Recoveries of U.S. MIA Personnel,” Conflict Archaeology and Military History Working
Group, Texas A&M University, September 2024

“Loss of Goodwill: American Recovery Operations in Cold War Europe,” Society for Military History
Annual Meeting, Arlington, VA, April 2024.

“World War II in Eastern Europe,” invited lecture for HIST 234: European Military History, Texas A&M
University, April 2024

“History in Action: Archival Research and the Recovery of MIA Service Members,” Never Forgotten:
Conflict Archaeology and Military History at Texas A&M, College Station, TX, November 2023.

“Lost but Not Forgotten: The Recovery and Identification of Missing in Action Service Members,”
invited lecture for HIST 106: US History Since 1877, Texas A&M University, October 2023.

“The Dramatic Sequel to the War: The U.S. Army, the International Tracing Service, and the Search for
the Missing, 1945-1950,” Society for Military History Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, March
2023.

“History in Action: The Recovery, Identification, and Repatriation of MIA Service Members,” invited
lecture for HIST 230: The Historians Craft, Texas A&M University, March 2023.

“Graves of Soldiers in Every Village: The U.S. Army and the Search for Missing Americans in Occupied
Germany, 1945-50,” Society for Military History Annual Meeting, Fort Worth, TX, April 2022.

“Recovering American MIA Service Members,” invited lecture for Price County Retired Educators Association, Park Falls, WI, April 2022.

“The University of Wisconsin MIA Recovery and Identification Project,” invited lecture for HIST 230: The Historian’s Craft, Texas A&M University, March 2021.

Professional Service

History Department Marketing and Communications Committee 08/2023-08/2024
Graduate Student Member

War, Violence, & Society Working Group 08/2023-05/2024
Graduate Student Convenor

History Graduate Student Organization 05/2022-05/2023
Communications Officer

Additional Skills

Languages: German

German CEFRL Levels	Listening	Reading	Speaking	Writing
	B2	B2	B1	B1

A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

Select Fellowships and Awards

Adams Center for Military History & Strategic Analysis Dissertation Grant 04/2025
Virginia Military Institute

DAAD Research Grant 03/2025
German American Academic Exchange Service

Brian McAllister Linn Dissertation Research Fellowship in Military History 02/2025
Texas A&M University Department of History

Russell F. Weigley Graduate Student Travel Grant 01/2025
Society for Military History

Texas A&M University Dissertation Fellowship 12/2024
Texas A&M University Graduate and Professional School

Graduate Residential Fellowship 11/2024
Melbern G. Glasscock Center for Humanities Research

Research, Travel, and Professional Development Award 04/2024
Texas A&M University College of Arts and Sciences

Larry W. ’73 & Judith ’74 Lockett Fellowship 11/2023
Texas A&M University Department of History

Graduate Research Fellowship <u>Melbern G. Glasscock Center for Humanities Research</u>	04/2023
Dr. David L. Chapman '67 Fellowship <u>Texas A&M University Department of History</u>	02/2023
Humanities Cluster Internship Support Grant <u>Texas A&M University Graduate and Professional School</u>	05/2022
Society for Military History Registration Grant <u>University of Kansas Center for War, Military, and Society Studies</u>	03/2022
Albert Bernhardt Faust Research Fund <u>Society for German American Studies</u>	12/2020