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EDUCATION

- 2022 Ph.D. in History
University of Rochester
Dissertation
“Agents of Exchange: Public Diplomats in U.S. Foreign Affairs, 1783-1818”
Advisor: Michael Jarvis
Readers: Ronald Angelo Johnson and Pablo Sierra Silva
Fields of Study
Early America and the World, with Thomas Slaughter
Modern America and the World, with Daniel Borus
Diplomatic History, with Michael Jarvis
Early Modern Philosophy, with Thomas Devaney
- 2016 M.A. in History
University of Rochester
- 2015 M.A. in History
Millersville University of Pennsylvania
Thesis: “The Unwitting Diplomat: John Gardiner Jr. in the Foreign Relations of the Early Republic.”
Advisor: Clarence Maxwell
- 2012 B.A. in Political Science with distinction
Specialization in global affairs
The Pennsylvania State University

PUBLICATIONS

“Pandemic Politics: Lessons from the United States’ first epidemic” *International Affairs* (August 26, 2020)

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

Digital

Contributor “The First American Consuls in China”
Consolation Prize, a podcast Season One, Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media.

Review of *The War of 1812: U.S. War Department Correspondence, 1812-1815*, by John C. Fredriksen for *H-War* (July 2017)

Under Review

“Intelligence and U.S. Foreign Affairs in the Atlantic World” *Journal of the Early Republic*

“Infiltrating the Halls of Montezuma: When Revisiting the U.S. Alliance With Mexican Criminals” *War on the Rocks*

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

EXTERNAL

2020-2022
2020-2022

Fulbright Research, Canada at the University of Victoria
Junior Scholar, International Policy Scholars Consortium
and Network (IPSCON), Henry A. Kissinger Center for
Foreign Affairs, Johns Hopkins University

2020

Library & Museum Resident Research Fellow, American
Philosophical Society

2020

World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship, Smith Richardson
Foundation

July 2019

Fellow, Seminar in History and Statecraft, the Clements
Center for National Security at the University of Texas,
Austin

May 2019

Visiting Junior Fellow, Bruce Centre for American Studies,
Keele University

University of Rochester

Summer 2020

Linda and A. William Salomone Prize, Department of
History

Summer 2019

Research Grant, Susan B. Anthony Institute for Women
and Gender Studies

Spring 2019

Verne Moore Fellowship for Research, Department of
History

Spring 2018

The Sanford Elwitt Memorial Prize for Research,
Department of History

2015-2020

Graduate Fellowship, Dean of Graduate Studies

Millersville University

2014-2015

Graduate Assistant Fellowship, Department of History
Noonan Endowment Award for Research, Dean of
Graduate Studies

Spring 2014

2013-2014

Graduate Assistant Fellowship, Dean of the School of
Education

Penn State University

Summer 2011

Strategic Language Institute Grant and Internship for the
Study of Arabic

Fall 2011

Grant-in-Aid for research in London

TEACHING

Department of History, University of Rochester

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

Instructor of Record, Fall 2019

The History of 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)

Archaeology Instructor, Summers 2015, 2017 and March 2020
Smith's Island Bermuda Field School (Michael Jarvis)

CONFERENCES

- Organized**
- 2017 *The Future(s) of Microhistory: A Symposium*, 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
- Invited**
- 2020 Moderator, "Policy, Governance, Global Affairs and Economics Panel," *Fulbright Canada Discussion Series*
December 3
- 2021 Presenter, "Unsung Ambassadors: 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.

- 2018 Presenter, "In the Land of the Three Miamis: Indian Agents as Diplomats in Ohio Territory." *Society for Historians of the Early American Republic Annual Meeting*, Cincinnati, July 19-22.
- 2018 Presenter, "Emissaries of Abolition: Surgeons in the British West Africa Squadron." *Barnes Club Conference*, Temple University, March 20-24.
- 2016 Presenter, "The Unwitting Diplomat: John Gardiner Jr. and Philadelphia Merchants in the Foreign Relations of the Early Republic." *Graduate Conference on Early America*, City University of New York, May 8.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2019- Present Graduate Archivist, University of Rochester Special Collections
- 2017-Present Undergraduate Coordinator, University of Rochester Humanities Center
- 2017-2018 Research Assistant to Michael Jarvis, Digital St. George's
Summers 2015, 2017, 2020 Graduate Archaeologist, Smith's Island Field School
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, Penn State Language Institute

LANGUAGE

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

SERVICE

- University of Rochester**
- 2019-Present 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
- Millersville University**
- 2014-2015 Graduate Student Liaison to Faculty
2014-2015 History Graduate Program Curriculum Consultant
2013-2014 Facilitator of NCATE Program Accreditation

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Coordinating Council for Women in History
The Society for Historians of the Early American Republic
The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations

REFERENCES

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