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## RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT

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### **The University of Notre Dame**

- P.J. Moran Family Assistant Professor of Military History **2019-Present**

### **Yale University**

- Associate Director of the Brady-Johnson Program in Grand Strategy. **2017-2019**
- Lecturer in the History Department.

### **The University of Texas at Austin**

**2016-2017**

- Postdoctoral Fellow at the Clements Center for National Security.
- Lecturer in the History Department.

### **Yale University**

**2015-2016**

- Predoctoral Fellow in International Security Studies.

## EDUCATION

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### **The Ohio State University, Department of History**

**2010-2016**

- **Ph.D.**, History.  
Dissertation: “The Faustian Pact: Secret Soviet-German Cooperation in the Interwar Period.”  
Major Field: Military History. Minor Fields: Soviet History and Modern European History, with a focus on technology. Advisor: Jennifer Siegel.
- **M.A.**, History.  
Thesis: “The Secret School of War: The Soviet-German Tank Academy at Kama.”

### **Claremont McKenna College**

**2005-2009**

- **B.A.**, *cum laude*. Majors: History and Government.

## SELECTED ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS

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- **International Journal of Military History Early Career Prize** **2020**  
Awarded in recognition of the article “Strategy on the Wintry Sea: The Russo-British Submarine Flotilla in the Baltic, 1914-1918.”
- **Large Henkels Grant** **2020**  
Grant totalling \$18,871.20 from the Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts to host an international conference at the University of Notre Dame.
- **General and Mrs. Matthew B. Ridgway Military History Research Grant** **2017-2018**  
Fellowship for research at the Army War College’s Army Heritage and Education Center.
- **Stanford US-Russia Forum Fellow** **2016-2017**  
Year-long, Track II diplomacy program exploring areas of mutual cooperation between the United States and Russian Federation.
- **Smith-Richardson Predoctoral Fellowship** **2015-2016**  
Twelve months of funding provided to complete my dissertation while in residence at Yale.
- **H.F. Guggenheim Dissertation Fellowship** **2015-2016**  
An award which provided \$20,000 of supplemental funding towards dissertation completion.
- **The Ohio State University Presidential Award** **2015-2016**  
The highest award offered to graduate students at Ohio State, providing up to eighteen months of dissertation writing funds (declined).
- **Smith-Richardson Foundation Research Grant** **2015**  
Provided summer funding to continue dissertation writing and research.

- **Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship** 2014-2015  
Awarded to support eight and a half months of dissertation research in Russia.
- **Russell F. Weigley Award** 2013  
Prize for graduate student research. Supported attendance at national SMH conference.
- **Polish Studies Initiative Award** 2013  
Supported research in London and Warsaw.
- **Lieutenant Colonel Sean Judge Travel Grant** 2013  
Grant from the OSU History department that supported summer research in Germany.
- **Mershon Center Graduate Student Research Grant** 2013  
Awarded by Mershon Center for International Security Studies to support summer research.
- **Bradley Foundation Research Grant** 2011-2015  
Four grants awarded from 2011-2015 to support research in Germany and the United States.
- **Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship Program** 2011-2012  
Supported an academic year of Russian language studies at the Ohio State University, followed by a summer term in Russia at the International University in Moscow.

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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### MONOGRAPHS

- *The Faustian Bargain: Secret Soviet-German Military Cooperation, 1918-1941*. New York: Oxford University Press. June 2021.

### EDITED WORKS

- Co-Editor with Robert Clemm. *Bloody Years of Peace: A Global Military History of the Interwar Period*. Lawrence, KS: University Press of Kansas. Under Contract. Fall 2022.
- Editor. *The White Nights: Pages from a Russian Doctor's Notebook*. Tyler, Texas: Bowen Press Books. April 2018.

### PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

- "Strategy on the Wintry Sea: The Russo-British Submarine Flotilla in the Baltic, 1914-1918." *International Journal of Military History and Historiography*. Volume 40, Issue 2 (October 2020).
- "Prophet of Poison Gas: Yakov Fishman and the Soviet Chemical Weapons Program, 1924-1937." *Vulcan: The International Journal of the Social History of Military Technology*. Volume 6, Number 1 (August 2018).
- "Technology's Cutting Edge: Futurism and Research in the Red Army, 1917-1937." *Technology and Culture*. Volume 59, Number 3 (August 2018).
- "The Secret School of War: The Secret Soviet-German Armored Warfare Academy at Kama, 1919-1933." *Journal of Global War Studies*. Volume 13, Number 2 (Summer 2017).
- "The Fire of Revolution: A Counterfactual Analysis of the Polish-Bolshevik War." *Journal of Slavic Military Studies*. Volume 28, Number 1 (March 2015).

### ARTICLES CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW

- "Ernst Volckheim, Heinz Guderian, and the Origins of German Armor Doctrine," *The Journal of Military History* (Submitted June 2021).

### OTHER RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS

- Regular contributor to *War on the Rocks*, *Dissident: The Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation*, and *Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective*.
- "Book Review: Jonathan House, *A Military History of the Cold War, 1962-1991*, by Jonathan House." *Journal of Military History*. Vol. 85, No. 3 (July 2021).

- “Putin’s Myths about the Soviet Union and World War II,” May 8, 2020, *The Wall Street Journal*.
- “Book Review: Craig W. H. Luther, *The First Day on the Eastern Front: Germany Invades the Soviet Union June 22, 1941.*” *Journal of Military History*. Volume 83, Number 2 (April 2019).
- “Blood Soaked Tyrant: A Review of Steven Kotkin’s Stalin Biographies.” *The Claremont Review of Books*. Volume 18, Number 4 (Fall 2018).
- “The United States, Turkey, and the Search for Collective Security.” *Global Relations Forum - Analysis Paper Series*. Number 3 (Fall 2018).
- “Book Review: Iain Johnston-White, *The British Commonwealth and Victory in the Second World War.*” *Global Military Studies Review*. Volume 1, Number 2 (January 2018).
- Co-author, with Ionut Popescu, “The Missing Element in Trump’s National Security Strategy: A Competitive Strategy,” January 2, 2018, *The National Interest*.
- Co-author, with Joel Beckner, Heng Qin and Nadezhda Smakhtina. “Cooperation or Competition? Russia, the United States, and the Elusive Promise of Missile Defense.” *The Stanford US-Russia Forum Research Journal*. Volume VII (April 2017).
- Co-author, with Joel Beckner, Heng Qin and Nadezhda Smakhtina. “New Life for New START?” May 22, 2017. *The Bulletin of Atomic Scientists*.
- “El Terreno de Pruebas De Kama,” [The Kama Testing Ground] in *Panzer: El Triunfo de la Blitzkrieg, 1939-1940* [Panzers: the Triumph of the Blitzkrieg, 1939-1940]. *Desperta Ferro Especiales* No. 12. Madrid: Desperta Ferro Ediciones, 2017.
- “In Review: A Crisis in the European Order?” *Orbis: A Journal of World Affairs*. Volume 61, Issue 2 (Spring 2017).
- “Review: Dorondo, *Riders of the Apocalypse: German Cavalry and Modern Warfare, 1870-1945.*” *H-Net Reviews*, November 2012.

## SELECTED ACADEMIC CONFERENCES AND SPEECHES

### ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

- “Faustian Bargain; The Soviet-German Partnership and the Origins of the Second World War.” The Fourteenth International Conference on World War II. The National World War II Museum, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 19-22, 2021.
- “Cooperation among Competitors: The Soviet-German Interwar Partnership.” Center for Strategic and International Studies. Washington, D.C. October 18, 2019.
- “The Polish-Soviet War: Last Front of the Great War?” Bloody Years of Peace: A Global Military History of the Interwar Period Conference. South Bend, Indiana. October 8, 2021.
- Organizer, Bloody Years of Peace: A Global Military History of the Interwar Period Conference. South Bend, Indiana. October 7-8, 2021.
- “The Faustian Bargain: Secret Soviet-German Military Cooperation in the Interwar Period.” The Notre Dame International Security Center. South Bend, Indiana. October 8, 2019.
- Chair, Commentator, Panel: “The Strategic Challenge of Nuclear Weapons, 1949-1964.” The Society for Military History. Columbus, Ohio. May 10, 2019.
- “Ambitious for War: The Interwar Soviet-German Partnership.” Applied History Network Meeting, Harvard University. Cambridge, Massachusetts. May 4, 2019.
- Co-organizer, Russian Grand Strategy in Historical Perspective Conference. Yale University. New Haven, Connecticut. April 11-12, 2019.
- “Lessons from the Second World War at Sea.” Yale University NROTC Leadership Conference. New Haven, Connecticut. April 5, 2019.
- “Back to the Future: The Creation of a Permanent UN Military.” Centre for Grand Strategy, King’s College, London. London, United Kingdom. March 11, 2019.

- “Forecasting and Forging the Future of Warfare: Early Soviet Unmanned Combat Systems.” War Studies in a Changing World Conference. The University of Southern Denmark. Odense, Denmark. October 4-6, 2018.
- “The Soviet Union, the UN Military Staff Committee, and the Origins of the Cold War.” The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations. Philadelphia, PA, June 21-23, 2018.
- “The United States, Turkey, and the Search for Collective Security.” Global Relations Forum. Istanbul, Turkey. May 14, 2018.
- Chair, Panel: “The Role of Political Culture.” Regime Evolution, Institutional Change, and Social Transformation in Russia: Lessons for Political Science Conference. Yale University. April 27-28, 2018.
- Chair, Panel: “Multipolarity in the Interwar Period.” The Yale Naval History Conference. Yale University. April 20-21, 2018.
- “Army of Peace: The Plan to Arm the United Nations and the Origins of NATO.” Society for Military History Conference. Louisville, Kentucky. April 5-8, 2018.
- Keynote Address. War, Technology, and Trauma Conference. The University of York. York, United Kingdom. March 22-23, 2018.
- “The Faustian Bargain: Secret Soviet-German Military Cooperation in the Interwar Period.” The Centre for Grand Strategy, King’s College, London. March 19, 2018.
- “Grand Strategy and Russia’s Rise: the Use and Abuse of Multinational Institutions.” Rising Power Grand Strategies Workshop. Yale University. March 9, 2018.
- “Collective Security and the United Nations’ Military, 1944-1947.” The Texas National Security Review Launch Conference. Washington, DC. October 25-27, 2017.
- “Army of Peace? The UN Military Staff Committee and the Origins of NATO.” Global Relations Forum. Istanbul, Turkey. September 28-30, 2017.
- “Cooperation or Competition? Russia, the United States, and the Elusive Promise of Missile Defense.” The Stanford US-Russia Forum Capstone Conference. Stanford, California, April 2-8, 2017.
- “Remaking the European Order: The Strategic Consequences of Soviet-German Military Cooperation in the Interwar Period.” Society for Military History Conference. Jacksonville, Florida. March 30-April 2, 2017.
- “Shooting Down the Critics: A Fresh Take on Missile Defense Cooperation.” The Stanford US-Russian Forum at The National Research University Higher School of Economics. Moscow, Russia. November 23, 2016.
- “Experimenting with Mass Destruction: The Secret Soviet-German Chemical Weapons Program.” Association for Slavic, Eastern European and Eurasian Studies Conference. Washington, DC. November 20, 2016.
- “Men or Machines? Deep Battle and the Soviet Robotic Tank Program, 1929-1941.” International Committee for the History of Technology. Lisbon, Portugal, July 26-30, 2016.
- “The Faustian Pact: Soviet-German Military Cooperation in the Interwar Period.” West Point Summer Seminar. West Point, New York. June 6-21, 2016.
- “Death Rays, Teletanks and Chemical Weapons: The Soviet Military’s Cult of Technology in the Interwar Period.” The Society for the History of Technology Conference. Albuquerque, New Mexico. October 8-11, 2015.
- “The Secret School of War: The Soviet-German Armored Warfare Facility at Kama, 1926-1933.” Global War Studies Conference. The Royal Military Academy. Sandhurst, United Kingdom. April 14-17, 2014.
- “The Birthplace of Blitzkrieg: Kama and Armored Warfare, 1922 to 1933.” Society for Military History Conference. Kansas City, Missouri. April 4-7, 2014.

- “Sowing the Wind: Soviet-German Military Cooperation in the Interwar Period.” Northern Great Plains History Conference. Hudson, Wisconsin, September 26-28, 2013.
- Co-Organizer, Beyond Battle: Military History Graduate Student Conference. The Ohio State University. Columbus, Ohio. May 10, 2013.
- “Interwar German-Soviet Cooperation at Kama, 1926-1933.” Midwest Slavic Association Conference. Columbus, Ohio. March 30 - April 1, 2012.
- “The Seeds of Destruction: Interwar German-Soviet Military Connections.” Networks, Connections and Exchange Conference. The University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Amherst, Massachusetts. March 10, 2012.
- “Moscow’s Offensive: Soviet Aid to North Vietnam and the 1968 Tet Offensive.” Midwest Slavic Association Conference. Columbus, Ohio. April 14-16, 2011.

#### **OTHER PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

- “Faustian Bargain: The Soviet-German Partnership and the Origins of the Second World War.” The Mershon Center, The Ohio State University. Columbus, Ohio, November 12, 2021.
- “Faustian Bargain: The Soviet-German Partnership and the Origins of the Second World War.” The Clements Center for National Security, University of Texas at Austin. Austin, Texas. November 4, 2021.
- “Faustian Bargain: The Soviet-German Partnership and the Origins of the Second World War.” International Security Studies, Yale University. New Haven, CT. October 27, 2021.
- “Faustian Bargain: The Soviet-German Partnership and the Origins of the Second World War.” The Athenaeum, Claremont McKenna College. Claremont, California. October 21, 2021.
- “Faustian Bargain: The Soviet-German Partnership and the Origins of the Second World War.” Hillsdale College. Hillsdale, Michigan. September 10, 2021.
- “Faustian Bargain: The Soviet-German Partnership and the Origins of the Second World War.” Indianapolis World War Two Roundtable. Indianapolis, Indiana. July 28, 2021.
- “Stalinism: Collectivization, the Gulags and the Great Terror.” Nebraska Wesleyan University. Lincoln, Nebraska. March 14, 2017.
- “Grand Strategy and Economics in Putin’s Russia.” Texas Society for Policy and Enterprise, University of Texas at Austin. Austin, Texas, November 7, 2016.
- “Experimenting with Mass Destruction: The Soviet-German Chemical Weapons Laboratory at Tomka, 1927-1933.” International Security Studies, Yale University. September 22, 2015.
- “The Battle of Warsaw, 1920: A Counterfactual Examination.” Polish Studies Initiative, The Ohio State University. Columbus, Ohio. February 5, 2014.
- “No Divine Intervention: How A Team of Polish Mathematicians won the Battle of Warsaw.” Lakeland College. Cleveland, Ohio. April 11, 2013.

#### **MEDIA**

- Historical Consultant. “Stephen Fry’s Secrets of the Twenties.” Forthcoming, 2022.
- “Faustian Bargain.” Podcast Interview, *New Books in Military History*. August 10, 2021.
- “British Submarines in the Baltic.” Podcast Interview, *Warfare*. May 14, 2021.
- “Dealing with Stalin.” Podcast Interview, *The Historic Present with Jonah Howe and Charlie Gordon*. January 22, 2021.
- “A Faustian Bargain? The Nazi-Soviet Partnership.” Podcast Interview, *The World Wars with James Rogers*. December 17, 2020.
- “Interwar Germany’s Secret Ally: The USSR.” Podcast Interview, *History Hit with Dan Snow*. January 6, 2020.
- “Soviet Intelligence and American Elections.” Radio Appearance, *The Buck Sexton Show*. June 14, 2017.

- TV Interview, “The Stanford US-Russian Forum.” Interviewed by Anna Chekhonskaya, *Tyumenski Sluzhba Novostei*. Tyumen, Russia. November 26, 2016.
- *Hashtag*, Hosted by Artyom Kushner and Danila Fatin. Talk Show Appearance, Tyumen, Russia, November 25, 2016.

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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| ▪ Notre Dame International Security Center, Faculty Fellow     | 2019-Present |
| ▪ Nanovic Institute for European Studies, Faculty Fellow       | 2019-Present |
| ▪ Global Relations Forum Fellow                                | 2017-2018    |
| ▪ Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations         | 2017-Present |
| ▪ Stanford US-Russian Forum, Arms Control Working Group        | 2016-2017    |
| ▪ Younger Generation Leader Network on Euro-Atlantic Security, | 2016-Present |
| ▪ Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies   | 2015-Present |
| ▪ Society for the History of Technology                        | 2013-Present |
| ▪ Society for Military History                                 | 2010-Present |

### **PROFESSIONAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

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| ▪ Coffman Dissertation Prize Committee, Society for Military History                                       | 2019-Present  |
| ▪ Co-Organizer, Rising Power Grand Strategies Workshop, Yale University                                    | March 9, 2018 |
| ▪ Faculty Advisor, Yale Military History Society   | 2017-2019     |
| ▪ Thesis Supervisor, Yale University Department of History   | 2017-2019     |
| ▪ Co-Chair, International Security Studies Colloquium Series   | 2017-2019     |
| ▪ Co-Supervisor, Brady-Johnson and International Security Studies Pre- and Postdoctoral Fellowship Program | 2017-2019     |
| ▪ Reviewer, Fulbright-Hays DDRA Fellowship Program   | 2016-Present  |

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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#### The University of Notre Dame

- Instructor, *The Road to War, 1919-1941*, Summer 2020, Summer 2021.
- Instructor, *War in Modern History*, Spring 2020, Spring 2021.
- Instructor, *University Seminar on the Second World War*, Spring 2020, Fall 2021.
- Instructor, *World War II: A Global History*, Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Fall 2021.

#### Yale University

- Co-Instructor, *Studies in Grand Strategy*, Fall 2017; Spring 2018; Fall 2018; Spring 2019.
- Instructor, *Global History of the Second World War*, Spring 2018; Spring 2019.
- Co-Instructor and Coordinator, Yale-National University of Singapore Summer Institute in Global Strategy and Leadership, Summer 2018.

#### The University of Texas at Austin

- Instructor, *US-Russian Relations Through War and Peace*, Spring 2017.

#### The Ohio State University

- Instructor, *Introduction to Russian History*, Fall 2013; Spring 2014; Summer 2014.
- Teaching Assistant, *Military History of World War II*, Spring, 2013.
- Teaching Assistant, *Twentieth Century International History*, Fall 2012.

### **RESEARCH LANGUAGES**

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Russian and German