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EDUCATION

- PhD History, Claremont Graduate University (2011)
Concentration: United States diplomatic history
Secondary fields: 19th- and 20th-century United States social and cultural history; world civilizations
Dissertation: *“For Such a Time as This”: The Intersection of Faith and Americanism in John Foster Dulles*
- MA History, California State University, Fullerton (1997)
Concentration: United States diplomatic history
Secondary concentration: Public history
Thesis: *A Bewildering Equation: United States Diplomatic Relations with Ireland, 1916-1955*
- BA History, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona (1995)
Concentration: Modern European history
Minor: English
Graduated *summa cum laude*
- AA Social and Behavioral Sciences, Citrus Community College, Glendora, California (1993)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fall 2007 to Present

Azusa Pacific University
Department of History and Political Science, Adjunct Instructor of History
Courses Taught

- HIST 334 History of American Foreign Affairs
- HIST 338 History of California
- HIST 151 United States History to 1865
- HIST 152 United States History since 1865
 - Includes online instruction for Center for Adult and Professional Studies
- HIST 120 World Civilizations to 1648
- HIST 121 World Civilizations since 1648
- POLI 300 Research and Writing

December 2010: Authored assessment tool for department U.S. history curriculum

Fall 2005-Fall 2007

Azusa Pacific University

Department of History and Political Science, Assistant Professor of History

Courses Taught

- HIST 334 History of American Foreign Affairs
- HIST 352 Renaissance and Reformation
- HIST 151 United States History to 1865
- HIST 152 United States History since 1865
- HIST 120 World Civilizations to 1648
- HIST 121 World Civilizations since 1648

Fall 2003-Spring 2005

Azusa Pacific University

Department of History and Political Science, Adjunct Instructor of History

Courses Taught

- HIST 120 World Civilizations to 1648
- HIST 121 World Civilizations since 1648

PRESENTATIONS

October 22, 2011

Paper presented at the Western Regional Conference on Faith and History, Pepperdine University

- “Keeping the Peace with the Prince of Peace: John Foster Dulles and Nuclear Deterrence”

March 2, 2011

Azusa Pacific University, “Common Day of Learning: Seeking Wisdom from Above”

- “John Foster Dulles and The Bomb: One Christian’s Struggle for National Security”

March 5, 2008

Azusa Pacific University, “Common Day of Learning: Walk in Wisdom”

- “John Foster Dulles and George Kennan: Foreign Policy and Christian Conscience”

OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE

February 2007

Baldwin Park Unified School District

Teaching American History Grant Guest Presentation

- “United States Foreign Policy and the Korean Peninsula”

March 2006

Baldwin Park Unified School District

Teaching American History Grant Guest Presentation

- “The Eagle and the Bear: American Identity in the Cold War, 1945-1960”

May 1997

California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
Department of History

- HIST/ENG 499, History and Literature of Modern Ireland
 - Guest lecturer: Lecture on the Easter Rising and Irish nationalism, 1914-1921

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

August 2003-Present

Citrus Community College
Testing Center, Lab Supervisor (Adjunct Faculty)

September 2000-August 2003

January 1993-August 1997

Citrus Community College
Biology Department, Math Department, College Library

- Assistant to associate deans
- Library Aide, Audio/Visual Department

Fall 2001-Spring 2002

Claremont Graduate University
Department of History

- Research Assistant
 - Assisted Professor Robert Dawidoff in a project involving the history of disabilities in the United States

January 1997-July 2000

United States Department of State
Los Angeles Passport Agency

- Passport Adjudicator
 - Citizenship verification
 - Passport adjudication
 - Fraud detection

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Fall 2001-Spring 2002

Claremont Graduate University
Preparing Future Faculty Program

- Prepared students for an academic career by teaching methods of course design, teaching and learning styles, grading, grants, and university governance
- Teaching practicum

February 1999 / December 1999

- United States Department of Agriculture Graduate School seminars
 - Communicating for Results (February 1999)
 - Customer Service Training (December 1999)

Summer 1995

- Archaeological dig
 - County Clare, Ireland

Computer proficient

- Formal training includes web page design, PowerPoint, Blackboard, iMovie, and HyperStudio

PUBLICATIONS

- Plummer, Brian. "Exciting the Imagination: A Historical Brochure for Azusa." *Welebaethan Journal of History* (1996): 122-129.

CURRENT RESEARCH INTERESTS

My current research project involves the creation and reception of the influential novel *The Ugly American* by William Lederer and Eugene Burdick. Exploring the authors' experiences and their rationale for writing their novel—and influential American policymakers' response to it—is not only a fascinating story in itself, but it also illuminates the power of fiction in times of national crisis. In addition to the diplomatic history of the United States in the mid-twentieth century, I also am interested in American cultural identity formation, particularly as expressed in religion and popular culture; the decades from the 1920s through the 1960s provide a fascinating backdrop for the study of the formation of modern America as we know it.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Phi Alpha Theta International Honor Society in History
- Golden Key National Honor Society
- Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Nomination for Giles Brown Award, California State University, Fullerton (1998)
- William B. Langsdorf Prize in Western US History, California State University, Fullerton, (1996)
- Key of Knowledge, Citrus Community College (1993)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Volunteer at North Hills Church, Claremont, California (1989-present)
- Volunteer at Sandor Guest Home, San Dimas, California (June 2001-January 2005)
- Volunteer with Project Clean Up Pomona, Fall 1994-Spring 1995