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EDUCATION

Ph.D., University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas, 1999

Primary Field: 20th Century United States

Secondary Fields: Colonial-Revolutionary United States, 19th Century United States, Latin America

Dissertation: Liberal Internationalist: Roger Hilsman. (Directed by Randall B. Woods)

M.A., Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio, 1995

Major Fields: United States, Diplomatic, and Policy History

Thesis: Roger Hilsman and Southeast Asia: Precursor to Failure? (Directed by Gary R. Hess)

B.A., Gustavus Adolphus College, Saint Peter, Minnesota, 1993

Majors: History, Social Studies Education

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Chair, Department of History, Presbyterian College, 2015-2019

Dean of Academic Programs, Presbyterian College, 2009-2012

Responsibilities:

- Administered academic advising program
- Managed Freshman Experience program
- Oversaw creation of the class schedule
- Chaired Admissions Committee
- Resolved academic issues concerning faculty and/or students
- Represented Academic Affairs on various committees

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Assistant/Associate Professor/Full Professor, Presbyterian College, Clinton, South Carolina, 2000-present

Courses taught:

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| • World Civilization I & II | • American History I & II |
| • Emergence of Modern America, 1865-1920 | • Modern America, 1920-present |
| • American Military History | • US Diplomatic History |
| • History of Latin America | • Seminar: The Kennedy Presidency |
| • Seminar: The Cold War | • Seminar: American Civil War |
| • Seminar: World War I | • America in Vietnam |
| • 1960's America, 1960-1975 | • The JFK Assassination |
| • Conspiracy in American History | • The Long 80's, 1975-1991 |

Team-taught courses:

- History of US-Chinese Relations (with Dr. Roy Campbell, History)
- History & Literature of the Vietnam War (with Dr. Lea Williams, English)
- History, Controversy, and Spectacle of College Football (with Dr. Terry Barr, English)
- Religion of SEC Football (with Dr. Terry Barr, English)
- The Worlds of Carl Sagan (with Dr. Greg Goeckel, Math)

Travel courses:

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| • The Western Front (in France) | • History of Italy (in Italy) |
| • Vietnamese Resistance (in Vietnam) | • Ho Chi Minh (in Vietnam) |

Interdisciplinary courses taught:

- McDonaldization
- Search for Jack the Ripper
- The Western Front
- Religion of SEC Football

Directed the following History Honors research:

- Lindsey Sink “Re-educating the Deep South: The Unwritten History of Integration in Laurens County District 56” (2007) – Winner of the 2008 Margaret Watson History Award. *Best Undergraduate History Paper in South Carolina*
- Josh Sudbury “From Suppression to Protection: The American Government and Sedition, 1798-1945” (2006)
- Clif Stratton, “The Unintended Consequences of Prohibition,” (2004)

Directed the following SCICU Student-Faculty Research Grants:

- Lyndsey Clerico “The Great Depression: A Case Study of South Carolina” (2004)
- Robin Dohn “Peril on the Seas: South Carolina’s Reaction to the Sinking of the Lusitania” (2001)

Directed the following Presbyterian College Summer Fellows Grant:

- Joshua Urwick, “Textile Baseball in the South” (2019)
- Cole Vieira, “From Certain Failure to Definite Victory: How General Patton Won the North African Campaign” (2018)
- Mikaela Springer “Emancipation Hell: The True Intentions behind Lincoln’s Proclamation and the Bloom in Northern Use of Total Warfare.” (2016)

Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky, 1999-2000

Instructor/Master Lecturer, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas, 1996-1999

Graduate Assistant, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas, 1996-1999

Graduate Assistant, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio, 1993-1995

PUBLICATIONS AND REVIEWS

Review of Losing Binh Dinh: The Failure of Pacification and Vietnamization, 1969-1971 by Kevin M. Boland in *Journal of Military History*, 2017

Review of Good War’s Greatest Hits: World War II and America Remembering by Philip Beidler in *The American Graduate*, 2000

“P’ya Bodin;” “Narcisco Campero;” “Anastasio Somoza Debayle;” “Duong Van Minh;” “Hoang Hoa Tham;” “Antonio Maceo;” “Jose de San Martin;” “Pablo Morillo;” and “Si Votha,” in World Military Leaders, Denver: ABC-Clio, 1999

Review of International Politics since World War II: A Short History by Charles L. Robertson in *History Reviews On-line*, Winter 1998

Review of Incomplete Transition: Military Power and Democracy in Argentina by J. Patrice McSherry in *H-LatAm*, September 1998

“Arkansas and the League of Nations Debate” *Arkansas Historical Quarterly*, Vol. LVI, No. 2, Summer 1997, 180-220.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Table Leader, World History AP Exam, Educational Testing Service, Kansas City, Missouri, 2019

Presented “The Religion of SEC Football” at *Tenth International Conference on Sport and Society*, Toronto, Canada, 2019

Table Leader, World History AP Exam, Educational Testing Service, Salt Lake City, Utah, 2017-2018

Committee Member, SC Cyclical Review of the Social Studies Academic Content Standards. South Carolina Education Oversight Committee, Columbia, South Carolina, 2016-2017

Grader, World History AP Exam, Educational Testing Service, Salt Lake City, Utah, 2012-2016

- Participant, AAC&U “2014 General Education and Assessment: Disruptions, Innovations, and Opportunities” Conference, Portland, Oregon, 2014
- Master Scholar, Teaching American History in the Lakelands, 2012
- Presented, “Beyond the Burger: McDonalds and Postwar American Culture” Center for American Culture, Guizhou, China, 2012
- Grader, World History AP Exam, Educational Testing Service, Ft. Collins, Colorado, 2008-2011
- Presented “Vietnam as a Legacy of Wilsonian Internationalism: The Case of Roger Hilsman” at the *Fifth Woodrow Wilson National Symposium*, Staunton, Virginia, 2010.
- Organizer and Moderator, “You Say You Want a Revolution: Experiences from the 1960’s” History Department Roundtable, Presbyterian College, Clinton, South Carolina, 2009
- Participant, “The Pedagogy of Horror: Using Horror to Teach across the Disciplines” roundtable at *Pop Culture Association/American Culture Association National Conference*, New Orleans, Louisiana, 2009
- Organizer and Participant, “United States and Cuban Relations” History Department Roundtable, Presbyterian College, Clinton, South Carolina, 2009
- Participant, “The Historical Significance of the Obama Election” History Department Roundtable Presbyterian College, Clinton, South Carolina, 2009
- Participant, “Humanities Grad School Panel” Presbyterian College, Clinton, South Carolina, 2009
- Participant, “US-Cuban Relations” Roundtable, University of Havana Center for US and Hemispheric Studies, Havana, Cuba, 2008
- Presented “‘It’s no happy hollow’: The Social Costs of Strategic Hamlets in South Vietnam” at *International Conference on the History of Technology*, Copenhagen, Denmark, 2007
- Grader, American History AP Exam, Educational Testing Service, Louisville, Kentucky, 2007
- Chaired “Civil War and Reconstruction I: Remembering Battle: Gettysburg and Antietam” session at *Pop Culture Association/American Culture Association National Conference*, Atlanta, Georgia, 2006
- Chaired “Cultures in Conflict” session at *South Carolina Historical Association* annual meeting, Columbia, South Carolina, 2006
- Authored “The Precarious Balance Between Professional and Personal Life.” *Student Life Leadership On-Line Journal*, Presbyterian College, February 2006
- Presented “From the Ivory Tower to Foggy Bottom: Roger Hilsman and Academic Training in the Cold War” at *Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations* annual meeting, Austin, Texas, 2004
- Presented “Teaching the History of World War II” at *Teaching American History Workshop*, McAllen, Texas, 2004
- Participant, “Off Campus Education” at *May Faculty Workshop*, Presbyterian College, Clinton, South Carolina, 2004
- External Reviewer for *The Proceedings of the South Carolina Historical Association*, 2003, 2004
- Presented “The Whole World’s Watching: International Conflict and U.S. Diplomacy” for *The Southeastern Center for Intercultural Studies Forum*, Clinton, South Carolina, 2003
- Presented “America in the World” for Rotary Club of Clinton Recognition Banquet, South Carolina, 2003
- Chaired “Gilded Age and Populism” session at *South Carolina Historical Association* annual meeting, Columbia, South Carolina, 2001

Presented “Developing a Cold Warrior: The Experience of Roger Hilsman” at *Southwest Popular Culture Association Conference*, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 2000

Chaired “Truman and the Cold War” session at *Missouri Conference on History*, Joplin, Missouri, 1999

Co-chaired “U.S. Foreign Policy, 1899 to 1945” session at *Southwest Social Science Association Conference*, San Antonio, Texas, 1999

Presented “Cold War Appeasement: Roger Hilsman and the Failed Neutralization of Laos” at *Society of Military History Conference*, Madison, Wisconsin, 1998

Presented “Fighting the Cold War: Roger Hilsman and Laos” at *Missouri Graduate Conference on History*, Columbia, Missouri, 1998

Presented “Cold War Appeasement: Roger Hilsman and the Failed Neutralization of Laos” at *Southwest Social Science Association Conference*, Corpus Christi, Texas, 1998

Chaired “Americans in East Asia: Tales of (Mis)understanding” session at *Missouri Valley History Conference*, Omaha, Nebraska, 1998

Presented “Building a Better Hamlet: Roger Hilsman and South Vietnam” at *Mid-American Conference on History*, Fayetteville, Arkansas, 1998

Presented “Roger Hilsman, Vietnam, and the Removal of Ngo Dinh Diem” at *National History Conference*, Bowling Green, Ohio, 1997

Presented “Toeing the Line: Arkansas and the League of Nations Debate” at *Arkansas Historical Association Annual Meeting*, Texarkana, Arkansas, 1997

Presented “Fighting the Cold War: Roger Hilsman and Laos” at *Mid-American Conference on History*, Stillwater, Oklahoma, 1997

Presented “Roger Hilsman, South Vietnam, and the Decision to Remove Ngo Dinh Diem” at *Missouri Valley History Conference*, Omaha, Nebraska, 1997

Presented “Roger Hilsman, South Vietnam, and the Removal of Ngo Dinh Diem” at *Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference*, Russellville, Arkansas 1997

Presented “Roger Hilsman and Southeast Asia” at *Mid-American Conference on History*, Topeka, Kansas, 1996

HONORS AND AWARDS

Presbyterian College Faculty Development Grant, 2007, 2008, 2009

South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities Student/Faculty Research Grant, 2004, 2001

Lyndon B. Johnson Library, Moody Research Grant, 2002

Who’s Who Among College Teachers, 2002

West Point Summer Seminar in Military History Fellowship, 2001

Ph.D. Graduate Assistantship, University of Arkansas, 1996-1999

John F. Kennedy Library Foundation Research Grant, 1998

Harry S. Truman Library Institute Research Grant, 1998

University of Arkansas Baum Teaching Assistant Award, Honorable Mention, 1998

University of Arkansas Graduate School, Fulbright College, and History department travel grants to present paper at *Society of Military History Conference*, 1998

University of Arkansas Fulbright College travel grant to present at *Mid-America Conference on History*, 1997

President, Phi Alpha Theta, Alpha chapter, 1997-1998

University of Arkansas Fulbright College travel grant to present at *National Policy History Conference*, 1997

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Sports Talk with Bo Mattingly, August 22, 2016

The Beat of Sports with Marc Daniels, Orlando Sports Talk Radio, August 25, 2016: <https://player.fm/series/the-beat-of-sports-106338/the-best-of-the-beat-of-sports-thursday-t4FZ36kdILZxdQzm>

Newy Scruggs Show, NBC Sports Radio, August 26, 2016: <https://player.fm/series/the-newy-scruggs-show/the-religion-of-sec-football-is-actually-a-class-at-presbyterian-college>

Clemson Sports Talk with Lawton Swann, August 23, 2016: https://overcast.fm/+BBrCz_6bo

SERVICE

Faculty Senate, 2018-present

Russell Committee, 2018-present

Freshman Assessment Proctor, 2012-present

Interviewer, Quattlebaum/Griffith Scholarship, Presbyterian College, 2008-present

History Department Chair, 2015-2019

International Studies Committee, 2017-2018

PC Faculty Mentor, 2017-2019

History Department Search Committee Co-Chair, Presbyterian College, 2016-2017

History Department Visiting Search Committee Co-Chair, Presbyterian College, 2016

General Education Committee Chair, 2012-2016

Dean of Academic Programs Search Committee, 2014

Assessment Committee, 2012-2014

Faculty Handbook Task Force, 2012-2014

Presenter, Pizza and a Prof Series, Presbyterian College, 2012

History Department Visiting Search Committee Co-Chair, Presbyterian College, 2011-2012

Faculty Governance Task Force, 2011-2012

Division I Self Study Committee, 2009-2011

Athletic Director Search Committee, 2009-2010

History Department Interim Chair, Presbyterian College, 2009

Semester in Cuba Support Group, 2008-2009

Mentor, PC Faculty Team Mentor Program, 2007-2009

History Department Graduate School Coordinator, Presbyterian College, 2007-2009

Academic Affairs Committee, Presbyterian College, 2007-2009

Writing Center Advisory Committee, Presbyterian College, 2007-2009

History Department Search Committee Co-Chair, Presbyterian College, 2008

General Education Committee Chair, Presbyterian College, 2007-2008

History Department Search Committee Chair, Presbyterian College, 2006-2007

History Department Search Committee Chair, Presbyterian College, 2006

Provost Search Committee, Presbyterian College, 2006

Phi Alpha Theta, Alpha-Gamma-Theta chapter faculty advisor, Presbyterian College, 2001-2005

Honor Council Appeals Committee, Presbyterian College, 2004-2009

Leadership Committee, Southeastern Center for Intercultural Studies, Presbyterian College, 2003-2005

Pi Kappa Phi, Beta Chapter Faculty Advisor, Presbyterian College, 2002-2009

Pilot Offerings in General Education Committee, Presbyterian College, 2002-2005

General Education Committee, Presbyterian College, 2005-2007

Admissions Committee, Presbyterian College, 2002-2005

Greek Life Task Force, Presbyterian College, 2002-2009

Senior Hall Council, Presbyterian College, 2003-2004

Student Life Council, Presbyterian College, 2001-2004

Honor Council Committee, Presbyterian College, 2002-2004

History Education Coordinator, Presbyterian College, 2000-2004

Russell Program Committee for "War and the Media," Presbyterian College, 2001-2003