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EDUCATION

Ph.D. History, American University, 2016
M.A. History, American University, 2014
B.A. History, minor in African American Studies, Syracuse University, 2004

Dissertation: "Transnational Conservative Activism and the Transformation of the Salvadoran Right, 1967-1982."
Committee: Max Paul Friedman, Philip Brenner, Eileen Findlay, Eric Hershberg
Research area: US foreign relations, US & Latin American history, transnational history

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

"Diversity and Potential: The Latino Electorate in the 2016 Elections."
Contemporary Readings in Law and Social Justice 8, no. 2 (2016): 243-262.
"A Matter of Western Civilization: Transnational Support for the Salvadoran Counterrevolution, 1979-82." *Cold War History* 15, no. 4 (2015): 511-531.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Working papers and public reports

"US Hispanic Voters in the 2016 Election: Successful Motivations & Tactics to Get Out the Vote." Center for Media and Social Impact, American University, Washington, DC, 2017. [co-author; forthcoming]
"The Role of the Latino Vote in the 2016 Elections." CLALS Working Paper Series, Center for Latin American and Latino Studies, American University, Washington, DC, 2016. http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2778173

Academic reviews

H-Diplo Article Review on "Radio Free Enterprise: The Manion Forum and the Making of the Transnational Right in the 1960s." *Diplomatic History* 40:1.
<http://tiny.cc/AR634>

Textbook chapters

"Civil Liberties During World War I." In *U.S. History Series III: Post-Reconstruction Through World War I*, edited by Tamara Venit Shelton. Boston, MA: Cengage Learning, 2016. <http://solutions.cengage.com/researcher/>
"The Central American Crisis." In *US History Series IV: World War I to the Present*, edited by Andrew Hartman. Boston, MA: Cengage Learning, 2016.
<http://solutions.cengage.com/researcher/>

"The Iran-Contra Affair." In *US History Series IV: World War I to the Present*, edited by Andrew Hartman. Boston, MA: Cengage Learning, 2016.
<http://solutions.cengage.com/researcher/>

News articles and professional blog posts

"Nicaragua: A New Family Dynasty Taking Root." *AULABlog*. September 19, 2016.

<https://aulablog.net/2016/09/19/nicaragua-a-new-family-dynasty-taking-root/>

Aaron T. Bell and Fulton Armstrong. "Colombia's Last Day of War?" *AULABlog*.

June 24, 2016. <https://aulablog.net/2016/06/24/colombias-last-day-of-war/>

"Latin America Sees Little That's 'Great' About US Caudillo." *AULABlog*. June 21, 2016. <https://aulablog.net/2016/06/21/latin-america-sees-little-thats-great-about-u-s-caudillo/>

"Lobbying Washington: Does it Work?" *AULABlog*. January 22, 2016.

<http://aulablog.net/2016/01/22/lobbying-washington-does-it-work/>

Aaron Bell and Eric Hershberg. "Remittances and Sustainable Community Development in Latin America." *AULABlog*. August 4, 2015.

<http://aulablog.net/2015/08/04/remittances-and-sustainable-community-development-in-latin-america/>

"Colombia's Peace Talks: Back from the Brink." *AULABlog*. July 21, 2015.

<http://aulablog.net/2015/07/20/colombias-peace-talks-back-from-the-brink/>

"US Immigration Reform: Stuck Again." *AULABlog*. June 6, 2015.

<http://aulablog.net/2015/06/08/u-s-immigration-reform-stuck-again/>

Aaron Bell and Eric Hershberg. "The Summit of the Americas: Important Progress." *AULABlog*. April 13, 2015. <http://aulablog.net/2015/04/13/the-summit-of-the-americas-important-progress/>

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Aaron Bell and Fulton Armstrong. "OAS: New Leadership, Old Challenges." *AULABlog*. March 23, 2015. <http://aulablog.net/2015/03/23/oas-new-leadership-old-challenges/>

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"Inter-American Educational Exchange: A Drop in the Bucket." *AULABlog*. February 16, 2015. <http://aulablog.net/2015/02/16/inter-american-educational-exchange-a-drop-in-the-bucket/>

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"Colombia's Peace Talks: The End of the Beginning." *AULABlog*. January 20, 2015. <http://aulablog.net/2015/01/20/colombias-peace-talks-the-end-of-the-beginning/>

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"Colombia's Peace Talks: One Step at a Time." *AULABlog*. November 13, 2014. <http://aulablog.net/2014/11/13/colombias-peace-talks-one-step-at-a-time/>

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"Uruguay: Another Center-Left Victory." *AULABlog*. October 30, 2014. <http://aulablog.net/2014/10/30/uruguay-another-center-left-victory/>

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- "Elections in Uruguay: A Bellwether for the Latin American Left?" *AULABlog*. September 30, 2014. <http://aulablog.net/2014/09/30/elections-in-uruguay-a-bellwether-for-the-latin-american-left/>
- "Latin America United Against Violence in Gaza." *AULABlog*. September 11, 2014. <http://aulablog.net/2014/09/11/latin-america-united-against-violence-in-gaza/>
- "Latin America Skeptical of US Immigration Debate." *AULABlog*. February 24, 2014. <http://aulablog.net/2014/02/24/latin-america-skeptical-of-u-s-immigration-debate/>
- "Iran in Latin America: An Exaggerated Threat." *AULABlog*. November 15, 2013. <http://aulablog.net/2013/11/15/iran-in-latin-america-an-exaggerated-threat/>
- "Prospects for US-Latin American Educational Exchange." *AULABlog*. October 9, 2013. <http://aulablog.net/2013/10/09/prospects-for-u-s-latin-american-educational-exchange/>
- "The 50 States and US Latin American Relations." *AULABlog*. September 30, 2013. <http://aulablog.net/2013/09/30/the-50-states-and-u-s-latin-america-relations/>

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- "'Exploitation is Part of the Human Condition': Transnational Conservative Intellectuals and the Development of El Salvador's ARENA." *Latin American Studies Association Annual Conference*, New York City, New York, 2016.
- "American Rightists in El Salvador's Violent Democratic Transition." *Penser les droites en Amérique Latine au XXe siècle*, Paris, France, 2014.
- "Salvadoran Elites, Transnational Allies, and the Influence of Non-State Actors During the Salvadoran Civil War." *Reframing Diplomacy: New Diplomatic History in the Benelux and Beyond*, Leiden, The Netherlands, 2013.
- "Regressing to Normalcy in Central America: US-Salvadoran Relations in the Post-Cold War Era." *ISA Northeast Conference*, Baltimore, MD, 2012.
- "El Salvador and the Vietnam Syndrome." *Robyn Rafferty Mathias Student Research Conference*, Washington, DC, 2009.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

- Graduate Fellowship, Center for Latin American and Latino Studies, American University, 2013-2015.
- Roger Brown Fellowship, American University, 2013.
- Samuel Flagg Bemis Dissertation Research Grant, The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, 2013.
- Tinker Field Research Grant, Center for Latin American and Latino Studies American University, 2011.
- Doctoral Student Research Award, American University, 2011 & 2012.
- Graduate Student Mellon Research Grant, American University, 2010 & 2012.

Graduate Fellowship, American University, 2007.

Angela Davis/Walter Rodney Award of Academic Achievement in the Minor of African American Studies, Syracuse University, 2004.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

American University, Department of History, Adjunct Professor

"American Encounters: 1492-1865." General Education lecture course, 2016–2017.

"Historians and the Living Past." General Education lecture course, 2012.

"Major Seminar II." Upper division seminar course, 2011.

American University, American Studies Program, Adjunct Professor

"The United States Through Foreign Eyes." Upper division lecture course, 2017.

"Civil Rights in the United States." Upper division lecture course, 2015–2017.

Trinity Washington University, Department of History, Adjunct Professor

"Modern Latin America." Upper division lecture course, 2017.

"American Civilization." General Education/Continuing Education course, 2017.

Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, online MA courses, grader

"African American History since Emancipation." 2016.

"Black Writers in American History." 2016.

"The Supreme Court and the Constitution in the 20th century." 2016.

"Understanding Lincoln." 2016.

"Women and Gender in 19th Century America." 2016.

"Colonial North America." 2015.

"The Kennedy Presidency." 2015.

RESEARCH AND EDITORIAL SUPPORT

Copy editor

Mirjam Zadoff and Noam Zadoff, eds. *"Scholar and Kabbalist": Gershom Scholem's Life and Work*. Boston: Brill, 2018 (forthcoming).

Pamela Nadell and Michael Brenner, eds. *Reinventing Israel* (forthcoming).

Pamela Nadell. "Paving the Road to Women Rabbis, 1889-2015" (forthcoming).

Research assistant

Dr. Leigh Ann Wheeler, for her 2012 book, *How Sex Became a Civil Liberty*, 2010.

Dr. Max Paul Friedman, for his 2012 book, *Rethinking Anti-Americanism*, 2008-2009.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Memberships: Editorial Advisory Board of *Contemporary Readings in Law and Social Justice*; *Latin American Studies Association*, *Organization of American Historians*, *Phi Alpha Theta*, *The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations*.

Speaker. American University Model United Nations Conference, 2017.

Selection Committee Member. William M. LeoGrande Prize for best book in US-Latin American relations, Center for Latin American and Latino Studies at American University, 2016.

Consultant. Workshop on Diaspora Organizations, Sending Communities, and Transnational Partnerships, Inter-American Foundation & Center for Latin American and Latino Studies at American University, 2015.

Coordinator and Pedagogy Instructor. Gilder-Lehrman Institute of American History, *Teaching with American History Grant*, 2011-2013.

Teaching Seminar Participant. Gilder-Lehrman Institute of American History, "Gender, Race, and Nation in Civil War America," 2012.

Commentator. Department of History "History Day," American University, 2011.

President. Graduate History Council, American University, 2010-2011.

Research assistant. Dr. Leigh Ann Wheeler, for her 2012 book, *How Sex Became a Civil Liberty*, 2010.

Panel Chair. Robyn Rafferty Mathias Student Research Conference, American University, 2009.

LANGUAGES

Spanish proficiency. Rudimentary French.

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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