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## **ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT:**

### **University of Wyoming**

Assistant Professor of History, 2025 – Present

### **Texas Woman's University**

Assistant Professor of History, 2023 – 2025

### **Southern Methodist University**

Senior Fellow, Center for Presidential History, 2023 – Present

Postdoctoral Fellow, 2021- 2023

## **EDUCATION:**

Ph.D., M.A., Pennsylvania State University, 2021, 2017

B.A. (with highest distinction), University of Virginia, 2015

## **PUBLICATIONS:**

### **Book:**

*The Army under Fire: Antimilitarism in the Civil War Era* (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2024).

### **Book Manuscript In-Progress:**

“Abraham Lincoln and the American West” (under contract with Liveright, manuscript delivery August 2026)

### **Edited Volume In-Progress:**

“West of the White House: The Frontier and the American Presidency” (under contract with the University of North Carolina Press, manuscript delivery August 2025), with Jeffrey A. Engel and Andrew R. Graybill

### **Peer Reviewed Articles and Chapters:**

“General Pope Goes to Washington: Radical Republicans and the Failed Hope of the Second Bull Run Campaign,” in Caroline E. Janney and K.T. Shively, eds., *The Second Bull Run Campaign* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2025)

“Sour Grapes: Braxton Bragg and the Lessons of the War with Mexico,” in Timothy D. Johnson,

ed., *The Mexican-American War Experiences of Twelve Civil War Generals* (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2024)

“Whither The Radicals?,” *Reviews in American History* 51, no. 1 (March 2023): 91-102.

“One Widow’s Wars: The Civil War, Reconstruction, and the West in Elizabeth Bacon Custer’s Memoirs,” in Gary W. Gallagher and Stephen Cushman, eds., *Civil War Witnesses and Their Books: New Perspectives on Iconic Works* (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2021).

“‘Victory’s Long Review:’ The Grand Review of Union Armies and the Meaning of the Civil War,” *Civil War History* 66, no. 1 (March 2020): 45-77.

### **Articles and Chapters in Progress:**

“The Second Seminole War and the Birth of Total War in the American Army,” for “Rethinking the Indian Wars,” edited volume to be published by the University of Nebraska Press (editors: Catharine R. Franklin, Maurice Crandall, Lance R. Blyth)

“Abraham Lincoln and the Dakota War of 1862” for “West of the White House: The Frontier and the American Presidency,” edited volume to be published by the University of North Carolina Press (editors: Jeffrey A. Engel, Andrew R. Graybill, Cecily N. Zander)

“Constabulary to the West: The Regular Army in the Civil War and Reconstruction,” for “The Civil War and Reconstruction across the American West and Pacific World,” edited volume to be published by Texas A&M University Press (editor: William S. Kiser)

“Abraham Lincoln and the West,” for “The Routledge Companion to Abraham Lincoln,” edited volume to be published by Routledge (editors: Michael Green, Shae Smith-Cox)

### **Short Form Essays and Op-eds:**

“Gettysburg, Readdressed,” *Civil War Monitor* (Winter 2022): 44-53, 66.

“Recollections and Reminiscences of the Stonewall Brigade,” *On the Frontline: The Central Virginia Battlefield Trust Preservation Magazine* (Winter 2022): 7-11.

“Gettysburg in Texas: The Challenges and Rewards of Teaching Military History Beyond the Battlefield,” *Teaching Military History* [website] (8/18/22).

“Trump’s threat to veto a key defense bill isn’t likely to work. Here’s why,” *The Washington Post* (12/8/20).

“More Than a Widow: Libbie Custer Steps Out of George’s Shadow,” *Civil War Times* (April 2020): 28-35.

“The Civil War and Colorado’s Purple Mountain Majesties,” *The Denver Post* (6/30/16)

For *The Civil War Monitor* (online column)

“Lincoln’s Imagined West” (March 2024)

“The Forgotten Men: Veterans of the Indian Wars” (July 2024)

“Lincoln and Yosemite” (November 2024)

“Veterans Visit an Idealized West” (February 2025)

### **Book Reviews:**

- Ovies, *The Boy Generals: George Custer, Wesley Merritt, and the Cavalry of the Army of the Potomac*, *Civil War Monitor* (April 8, 2024)
- Small, *In the Shadows of the Big House: Twenty-First Century Antebellum Slave Cabins & Heritage Tourism in Louisiana, Emerging Civil War* (March 7, 2024)
- Rafuse, *From the Mountains to the Bay: The War in Virginia, January-May 1862*, *Journal of Southern History* 90, No. 1 (February 2024): 174-75.
- Beilein, Jr., *A Man by Any Other Name: William Clarke Quantrill and the Search for American Manhood*, *The Civil War Monitor* (12/29/23)
- Orr, *The Battle of Gettysburg 1863: The Second Day*, *The Civil War Monitor* (8/30/23).
- Cimprich, *Navigating Liberty: Black Refugees and Antislavery Reformers in the Civil War South*, *The Civil War Monitor* (5/9/23).
- Clampitt, *Lost Causes: Confederate Demobilization and the Making of Veteran Identity, H-Nationalism* (March 2023).
- Smith and Arsenault, ed., *The Long Civil War: New Explorations of America's Enduring Conflict*, *Journal of the Civil War Era* 13, No. 1 (March 2023):129-131.
- Janney, *Ends of War: The Unfinished Fight of Lee’s Army after Appomattox*, *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* 126, No. 1 (July 2022):125-126.
- Edwards, *Only the Clothes on Her Back: Clothing and the Hidden History of Power in the Nineteenth-Century United States*, *The Civil War Monitor* (8/24/22).
- White, *A House Built by Slaves: African American Visitors to the Lincoln White House*, *The Civil War Monitor* (4/6/22).
- Wilkie, *Unburied Lives: The Historical Archeology of Buffalo Soldiers at Fort Davis, Texas, 1869-1875*, *Western Historical Quarterly* 53, No. 2 (Summer 2022): 218-19.
- Mueller, *Ambitious Honor: George Armstrong Custer’s Life of Service and Lust for Fame*, *Western Historical Quarterly* 53, No. 1 (Spring 2022): 110-111.
- Waite, *West of Slavery: The Southern Dream of a Transcontinental Empire*, *The Civil War Monitor* (7/21/21).
- Willis, *The Black Civil War Soldier: A Visual History of Conflict and Citizenship*, *The Civil War Monitor* (3/17/21).
- Nelson, *Three-Cornered War: The Union, the Confederacy, and Native Peoples in the Fight for the West*, *H-Nationalism* (September 2020).
- Taylor, *The Most Complete Political Machine Ever Known: The North's Union Leagues in the American Civil War*, *H-Nationalism*, (February 2020).
- Lang, *In the Wake of War: Military Occupation, Emancipation, and Civil War America*, *North Carolina Historical Review* 96, No. 4 (October 2019): 440-441.
- Gwynne, *Hymns of the Republic: The Story of the Final Year of the American Civil War*, *The Civil War Monitor* (11/11/19).
- Broomall, *Private Confederacies: The Emotional Worlds of Southern Men as Citizens*

and Soldiers, *The Civil War Monitor* (7/3/19).

- Masich, Civil War in the Southwest Borderlands, 1861-1867, *H-CivWar*, February 2019.
- Van Atta, Charging Up San Juan Hill: Theodore Roosevelt and the Making of Imperial America, *Western Historical Quarterly* 50, No. 2 (Summer 2019):193-194.
- Wert, Civil War Barons: The Tycoons, Entrepreneurs, Inventors and Visionaries Who Forged Victory and Shaped a Nation, *The Civil War Monitor* (11/14/18).
- Powell, The Chickamauga Campaign: Barren Victory: The Retreat into Chattanooga, the Confederate Pursuit, and the Aftermath of the Battle, September 21 to October 20, 1863, *The Civil War Monitor* (1/1/18).
- Stanley, The Loyal West: Civil War and Reunion in Middle America, *The Civil War Monitor* (5/10/17).
- Solonick, Engineering Victory: The Union Siege of Vicksburg, *American Nineteenth Century History* 19, No. 2 (2018):209-210.
- Wittenberg and Mingus, The Second Battle of Winchester: The Confederate Victory that Opened the Door to Gettysburg, *The Civil War Monitor* (11/2/16).

#### **GRANTS AND AWARDS:**

Dissertation Fellowship, U.S. Army Center of Military History, 2019-2020

Wilbur R. Jacobs Fellow, Henry E. Huntington Library, 2019

Masterson Fellowship, Western Historical Collection, University of Oklahoma, 2019

The Briscoe Center for American History, University of Texas, Austin, 2019

Research Fellowship, Filson Historical Society, 2018

Research Travel Grant, Clements Center-DeGolyer Library Southern Methodist University, 2018

#### **INVITED TALKS:**

“The War Against the Army,” Fort Worth Civil War Roundtable, Fort Worth, Texas (October 8, 2024)

“Radical Opposition: Lincoln and Leadership in the Civil War,” The American Battlefield Trust Teacher Institute, New Orleans (July 11, 2024)

“John Pope and the Massacre of the Sioux,” The Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College (June 7-12, 2024)

“Keynote: Antimilitarism in the Civil War Era,” Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, Angelo State University (March 24, 2024)

The Army under Fire,” The Center for Presidential History, Southern Methodist University (March 20, 2024)

“From Stones River to Chattanooga: Braxton Bragg in 1863,” Emerging Civil War Ninth Annual Symposium, Fredericksburg, Virginia (August 4, 2023)

“Visualizing Emancipation: Digital Resources for Teachers,” The American Battlefield Trust

Virtual Teacher's Institute Place? (July 25, 2023)

Panelist, "The Generalship of Joseph Johnston" and "The Civil War in Appalachia," The Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College (June 9-14, 2023)

"Teaching the Civil War on Film," The American Battlefield Trust Virtual Teacher's Institute (July 20, 2022)

"The Grand Review and the Upper Midwest," Hardtack and Coffee - A Digital Speaker Series at The Civil War Museum, Kenosha, Wisconsin (September 28, 2020)

"An Eagle on their Button: The USCT Experience in the Civil War and Reconstruction," The Pennsylvania Military Museum, Boalsburg, Pennsylvania (May 3, 2020) [Cancelled Due to Covid-19]

"Slave Empire in the Southwest," The Huntington Library, San Marino, California (September 16, 2019)

"The United States Army in Reconstruction," Foundry Series at The American Civil War Museum, Richmond, Virginia (July 18, 2019)

"Frontier Soldiers," The Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College (June 15, 2019)

"Two Invasions of the North: Gettysburg and the Canadian Frontier in 1863," The Gettysburg Foundation, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania (June 30, 2018)

## **MEDIA APPEARANCES:**

### **Television:**

"Army Explorers in the American West," Lectures in American History (C-SPAN) (3/3/24)

"Braxton Bragg in Tennessee," American History TV (C-SPAN) (10/7/23)

### **Podcasts:**

New Books Network (5/12/24)

The Tattooed Historian (3/8/24)

Emerging Civil War Podcast (3/6/24)

Civil War Talk Radio Ep. 2022 (2/28/24)

"President Zachary Taylor," *American History Hit* Ep. 135 (1/8/24)

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:**

"Roundtable: New Directions in Civil War History," The Organization of American Historians Conference on History, Chicago, Illinois (April 3-6, 2025)

"Roundtable: Where In the World (of History) is Texas," The Western History Association, Kansas City, Missouri (October 23-27, 2024)

“From Battlefields to Storytelling: Veterans' Influence on Arts and Humanities in the American West,” The Western History Association, Kansas City, Missouri (October 23-27, 2024)

“To Keep Good Faith with New-Made Citizens: The Republican Party and the Soldiers of the Freedmen’s Bureau,” Society of Civil War Historians Bi-annual Conference, Raleigh, North Carolina (June 20-22, 2024)

“Roundtable: A Force to Be Reckoned With: The Intertwined Histories of the American Military and the American West,” The Western History Association, Los Angeles, California (October 25-28, 2023)

“Fighting Memory: Contested Remembrances of Race, War, and Freedom in the Post-Civil War U.S. West,” The Western History Association, San Antonio, Texas (October 12-15, 2022)

“Roundtable: Indian Policy as Civil War and Reconstruction Policy,” Society of Civil War Historians Bi-annual Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (June 2-4, 2022)

“Never Invited to Join in the Parade: Indian Wars Veterans and Civil War Veterans,” The Western History Association, Albuquerque, New Mexico (October 14-17, 2020)

“The Great Task Remaining: The Reconstruction Era Army in Texas,” The Southern Historical Association, Louisville, Kentucky (November 9, 2019)

“Agents of Empire: The Army and American Expansion in the Era of the Civil War and Reconstruction,” Organization of American Historians, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (April 4-6, 2019)

“Bury Me Not on the Lone Prairie: Contemplating Reconstruction West of the Mississippi River,” Society of Civil War Historians Bi-annual Conference, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (May 31-June 2, 2018)

“Improvised Warfare: The United States, Canada, and the Sioux in a Civil War Borderland,” Western History Association Annual Conference, San Diego, California (November 1-4, 2017)

“The United States and the Sioux During the Civil War,” Society for Military History Annual Conference, Jacksonville, Florida (March 30-April 2, 2017)

## **COURSES TAUGHT:**

### **Texas Woman’s University**

#### *Graduate Level Courses*

Texas History (Borderlands), Fall 2023

Historical Methods, Spring 2024

*Undergraduate Level Courses*

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U.S. History Since 1877, Fall 2023

U.S. History Before 1877, Fall 2024

The American Frontier, Spring 2024

The Civil War and Reconstruction, Fall 2024

Texas History, Fall 2024

**Southern Methodist University**

*Undergraduate Level Courses*

Senior Seminar: Civil War Leadership, May Term 2022

Junior Writing Seminar: American Military History in Popular Culture, Spring 2022

Freshman Seminar: George Washington's World, Fall 2021

**Pennsylvania State University**

*Undergraduate Level Courses:*

The Civil War and Reconstruction, Summer 2019, Spring 2021

U.S. History to 1877, Fall 2021

**Courses Prepared to Teach:**

The Civil War Era

The Coming of the Civil War

The U.S. West

The Gilded Age and Progressive Era

Slavery in the United States

US Military History to 1900

US History Survey (both halves)

Comparative Military History

**SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION:**

Panelist for the *Civil War Monitor* Best New Books feature, 2022, 2023.

Chair, Graduate Student Connections Committee, Society of Civil War Historians, 2018 – 2020.

Member, Outreach Committee, Society of Civil War Historians, 2018- 2020.

**UNIVERSITY SERVICE:**

Curriculum Committee, Texas Woman's University, 2024-25

Sustainability Committee, Texas Woman's University, 2024-25

Library Committee, Texas Woman's University, 2024-25

Scholarship Committee, Department of Social Sciences and Historical Studies, 2023.

Faculty Search Committee, Assistant Professor in European History Post-1500, Texas Woman's University, 2023.

Committee to Revise Student Learning Objectives, Texas Woman's University, 2023.

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:**

American Historical Association  
Organization of American Historians  
Western Historical Association  
Southern Historical Association  
Society for Military History  
Society of Civil War Historians

**ACADEMIC REFERENCES:**

Professor Elliott West, University of Arkansas, ewest@uark.edu  
Professor Ari Kelman, University of California, Davis, akelman@ucdavis.edu  
Professor Elizabeth R. Varon, The University of Virginia, erv5c@virginia.edu  
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