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**EDUCATION/DISSERTATION:**

PhD, University of Houston, 2004

Fall, 2004, Defended dissertation, with distinction, *Inventing Vietnam: The United States and State Making in Southeast Asia*.

**CURRENT POSITION**

Assistant Professor—the U.S. & the World  
Drew University

**TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES/COURSES TAUGHT**

The US & East Asia  
Atomic Power & US History  
The Vietnam War  
The US & the World  
U.S. History since 1865  
U.S. Diplomatic History (Seminar)  
Post-1945 U.S. History  
The U.S. and Viet Nam (Seminar)  
Modern East Asia

**PUBLICATIONS**

*Inventing Vietnam: The United States and State Building, 1954-1968*. (Cambridge University Press, 2008)

“‘The Needs are Enormous, the Time Short:’ American Advisors and the Invention of South Vietnam, 1954-1960,” *Vietnam War Era: People and Perspectives*, forthcoming, ABC-CLIO

“‘A National Symphony of Theft, Corruption and Bribery,’ Anatomy of State Building from Iraq to Vietnam,” in *Vietnam in Iraq: Tactics, Lessons, Legacies, and Ghosts*, David Ryan & John Dumbrell, editors, Routledge Press, 2006.

“The Vietnam Builders: Military Construction, Private Contractors and the ‘Americanization’ of

U.S. Involvement in Vietnam,” *The Graduate Journal of Asia-Pacific Studies*, 2:2 (November 2004): 44-63.

## **ENCYCLOPEDIA ESSAYS**

- “The Tet Offensive,” *Facts on File*, forthcoming
- “Alternative U.S. History,” *The Encyclopedia of Global Perspectives*, Berkshire Publishing, 2007.
- “Phil Ochs,” *The Encyclopedia of American Counterculture*, M.E. Sharpe, Inc., forthcoming.
- “Anti-Vietnam War Protests,” *The Encyclopedia of American Counterculture*, M.E. Sharpe, Inc., forthcoming.
- “Abbie Hoffman,” *The Encyclopedia of American Counterculture*, M.E. Sharpe, Inc., forthcoming.
- “McCarthyism in America,” in *Encyclopedia of American Studies*, edited by Jay Mechling. Grolier Publishing Co., 2000.
- “Why Did America Become Involved in Vietnam?,” in *History in Dispute; American Social and Political Movements, 1945-2000: Pursuit of Liberty*, edited by Anthony J. Scotti. Bruccoli Clark Layman, Inc./Manly, 1999.
- “Who Began the Cold War?,” in *History in Dispute; American Social and Political Movements, 1945-2000: Pursuit of Liberty*, edited by Anthony J. Scotti. Bruccoli Clark Layman, Inc./Manly, 1999.

## **CONFERENCE PAPERS**

“A Crumbling Bastion:’ *Economic Development, Nation Building, and the Politics of Foreign Aid in Southern Vietnam, 1958-1960*,” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) Conference, June 21-23, 2007, Westfields Marriott, Chantilly, Virginia.

“*The Paradox of Construction and Destruction: Nation Building, Private Contractors and War Profiteering from Iraq to Vietnam*,” The Pacific Coast Branch, American Historical Association, 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, August 3-5, 2006

“*War Profiteering From Vietnam to Iraq*,” Empire, Resistance, and the War in Iraq, A Conference for Historians and Activists, Sponsored by Historians Against the War (HAW), February 17-19, 2006, University of Texas, Austin

“*Nation Building, Private Contractors, and War Profiteering from Iraq to Vietnam*,” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) Conference, June, 2005, University of Maryland and the National Archives and Records Administration, College Park, Maryland

“*‘The Needs are Enormous, the Time Short’: The Michigan State University, the United States Operations Mission, and Nation Building in Vietnam, 1954-1957.*” Organization of American Historians (OAH), 2004 Southern Regional Conference, July 2004, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia

“*Inventing Vietnam: The United States and Nation Building in Vietnam, 1954-1960.*” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) Conference, June, 2003, George

Washington University, Washington, D.C.

### **INVITED TALKS/COMMUNITY SERVICE PRESENTATIONS**

“*Vietnam Turning Point—1968*,” *1968, The Turning Point in the Vietnam Era—Looking Back 40 Years Later*. An Interdisciplinary Forum on the Vietnam Era, October 17, 2008, Vietnam Era Educational Center, Robert B. Meyner Reception Center, Holmdel, New Jersey

“*Inventing Vietnam: Lessons in Nation Building from a Forgotten Example*,” Lecture for Banners: The McNeese Arts & Letters Series, McNeese State University, Lake Charles, LA, April, 29, 2008.

“*Inventing Vietnam: Lessons in Nation Building from a Forgotten Example*,” Lecture given at University of Houston to Faculty & Graduate Students of the UH History Department, October 4, 2007

“*The Vietnam War*,” Teaching American History Grant, Educational Service Center Region II, Corpus Christi, Texas, November 6, 2006

“*International Crisis in East Asia: Japan, the United States, China, & the Coming of World War II*,” Teaching American History Grant, U.S.S. Lexington, Corpus Christi, Texas, October 20, 2006

“*War, Empire, & Global Crisis: World War II*,” Teaching American History Grant, U.S.S. Lexington, Corpus Christi, Texas, September 15, 2006

“*The U.S. and Nation Building in Vietnam: Historical Lessons?*,” presentation to The South Texas Philosophical Society, Corpus Christi, Texas, April 7, 2006

“*The Emergence of Economic Development Aid in U.S. Foreign Policy: 1948-1960*.” Lecture presented to seminar on U.S. Foreign Relations Since 1900, University of Houston, Fall, 2003

### **EDITORIALS/ESSAYS/MISCELLANY**

“Obama: Cut Arms Exports,” *Foreign Policy in Focus* (FPIF), February 6, 2009

“‘The Construction Miracle of the Decade:’ U.S. Military Escalation, Private Contractors, and War in Vietnam,” *BBC Vietnamese*, December 2, 2008

“What a Difference a Century Makes: China from Imperial Plaything to Global Leader,” *History News Network*, September 1, 2008

“The Paradox of Construction and Destruction,” *Asia Times Online*, April 24, 2008

“Déjà vu All Over Again? 1968 and 2006,” with Bob Buzzanco, *History News Network*, November 19, 2006.

“Does Rumsfeld Remember His Own Vietnam Lessons for Iraq,” *History News Network*, January 23, 2006

“Is Congress AWOL on Iraq,” *History News Network*, March 7, 2005

“Has Rumsfeld Done an About Face?” Editorial, *The Houston Chronicle*, February 19, 2004

Interview with John Burnett, “Halliburton Deals Recall Vietnam-Era Controversy,” Part III, National Public Radio (NPR), December 24, 2003

“War Profiteering From Vietnam to Iraq,” Editorial, *Counterpunch*, Alexander Cockburn & Jeffrey St. Clair, editors, December 11, 2003.

## **BOOK REVIEWS**

Review of Joseph Stiglitz & Linda Bilmes, *The Three Trillion Dollar War: The True Costs of the Iraq Conflict*. New York: W.W. Norton, 2008. Reviewed for *Peace & Change*, 2008.

Review of Mark A. Kramer, *The Blood of Government: Race, Empire, the United States and the Philippines*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2006. Reviewed for *Itinerario*, 31/2 2007.

Review of Warren I. Cohen, *The Asian American Century*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2002. Reviewed for *Education About Asia*, Fall 2007.

Review of P.W. Singer, *Corporate Warriors: the Rise of the Privatized Military Industry*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2004. Reviewed for *The Journal of Military History*, October, 2005.

“Our Catholic or Our Strong Man in Vietnam?,” review of Seth Jacobs, *America’s Miracle Man in Vietnam: Ngo Dinh Diem, Religion, Race, and U.S. Intervention in Southeast Asia*. Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 2005. Reviewed for H-Diplo, June, 2005.

H-Diplo Roundtable Review:

Reviewed Work: Seth Jacobs. *America’s Miracle Man in Vietnam: Ngo Dinh Diem, Religion, Race, and U.S. Intervention in Southeast Asia*. Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 2004. Roundtable Editor: Thomas Maddux

Reviewers: James Carter, Andrew Johns, Edward Miller, Joseph G. Morgan.