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### **Employment**

Assistant Professor

University of Kansas  
2017-present

Lecturer/Academic Program Associate

University of Kansas  
2014-2017

### **Education**

Ph.D. History, Auburn University (2014)

Dissertation: "Regulating a Global Technology within the American Federalist System: The Ideological Origins of the 1926 Air Commerce Act"

Committee: William F. Trimble, James R. Hansen, David C. Carter, Morris L. Bian  
March 20, 2014: Dissertation defended with distinction

February 9, 2012: Comprehensive exams passed with distinction

Examination Fields: History of Technology/Modern U.S. History/World History

M.A. History, University of Missouri – St. Louis (2009)

Thesis: "The Plan Put into Practice: USAAF Bombing Doctrine and the Ploesti Campaign"

B.A. History, University of Missouri – St. Louis (2005)

### **Publications**

*Sovereign Skies: The Origins of American Civil Aviation Policy* Johns Hopkins University Press, 2021 (in-press).

"Walking the Line – The International Origins of Civil Aviation Regulation in Canada," *Scientia Canadensis* 38 no. 2 (2015): 79-89.

*International Encyclopedia of the First World War*, s.v. "Eddie Rickenbacker," [http://encyclopedia.1914-1918-online.net/article/rickenbacker\\_eddie](http://encyclopedia.1914-1918-online.net/article/rickenbacker_eddie) (2016).

### **Book Reviews**

Review of *Taking Flight: The Foundations of American Commercial Aviation, 1918-1938* by M. Houston Johnson V, *The Journal of Arizona History*, forthcoming.

Review of *Barnstorming the Prairies: How Aerial Vision Shaped the Midwest*, by Jason Weems. *American Studies Journal*, 58, no. 2 (Aug. 2019).

Review of *Hotel Dreams: Luxury, Technology, and Urban Ambition in America, 1829-1929*, by Molly W. Berger. *H-USA*, (Aug. 2017).

Review of *Modernist Avant-Garde Aesthetics and Contemporary Military Technology: Technicalities of Perception*, by Ryan Bishop and John Phillips. *H-War*, (Sept. 2013).

Review of *Autophobia: Love and Hate in the Automobile Age*, by Brian Ladd. *Michigan Historical Review*, vol. 36, (Spring 2010): 140-142.

### **Fellowships**

New Faculty General Research Fund Grant, The University of Kansas, 2018.

Dave Abrams and Gene Banning Pan American Research Grant, The Pan Am Historical Foundation, 2017.

Postdoctoral Fellowship, Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, 2014-2015.

Graduate Instructor Fellowship, Auburn University History Department, 2013-2014.

William R. Castle, Jr. Memorial Fellowship, Herbert Hoover Presidential Association, 2013.

### **Invited Talks**

"An Introduction to Aviation in American Culture." KU Chapter of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, October 2, 2019.

"Independent Internationalism in the Air: Pan American Airlines, the Pan American Union, and the 1928 Havana Convention." Dave Abrams and Gene Banning Pan American Research Grant Presentation, Otto G. Richter Library, University of Miami, May 26, 2017.

### **Conference Presentations**

"The Lone Inventor Versus the "Aircraft Trust": The Curious Case of James V. Martin," paper accepted for presentation at the Policy History Conference, June 3-6, 2020. (cancelled due to Covid-19)

"Competitive Allies: Patents and the U.S.-British Struggle for Interwar Aeronautical Dominance" presentation for "The Role of Sharing and Denying Knowledge in International Relations since World War I" workshop at Georgetown University, March 25-27, 2020. (cancelled due to Covid-19)

"Patents as Protection: "Saving" the Postwar American Aircraft Industry." Paper presented at the Society for the History of Technology Annual Conference, Milan, Italy, October 24-27, 2019.

"The British Aerial Invasion: The Manufacturers Aircraft Association's Struggle to Prevent the Dumping of British Aircraft, 1919-1922." Paper presented at the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., June 20-22, 2019. (Panel organizer)

"The British (Aircraft) are Coming! Protecting the Postwar American Aircraft Industry, 1919-1922." Paper presented at the Midwest Junto for the History of Science, Kansas City, MO, April 13, 2019.

"The Limits of Independent Internationalism: The Panama Canal, the Pan American Union, and the 1928 Pan American Convention on Commercial Aviation." Paper presented at the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, June 21-23, 2018.

"A Monroe Doctrine of the Air?: The United States and the 1928 Havana Convention."

Paper presented at the Society for the History of Technology Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, October 26-29, 2017.

"Harmonization in the Absence of Official Adherence: The Postwar Diffusion of International Regulatory Standards into the United States." Paper presented at the American Historical Association Annual Conference, Denver, CO, January 5-8, 2017. (Panel organizer)

"Rules of the Air: The U.S. Adoption of International Operational and Registrational Aeronautical Standards, 1919-1928." Paper presented at the 2016 Policy History Conference, Nashville, TN, June 1-4, 2016. (Panel organizer)

"The Tension between Imperial Unity and Technological Practicality: Canada and the 1919 Convention Relating to the Regulation of Aerial Navigation." Paper presented at the Canadian Science and Technology Historical Association Biennial Conference, Toronto, Ontario, November 8, 2015. (Panel organizer)

"The Power of an Unratified Convention: Regulating Aviation before the Air Commerce Act." Paper presented at the Society for the History of Technology Annual Conference, Albuquerque, NM, October 8-11, 2015. (Panel organizer)

"The War, the NACA, and the Convention: Laying the Ideological Foundation for Federal Regulation during the Wilson Administration." Paper presented at The NACA Centenary: 100 Years of Aerospace Research and Development, National Air and Space Museum, Washington, DC, March 3-4, 2015.

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RDcXcswjf3w&feature=youtu.be>, 1:09:10-1:26:23)

"World War I, the Wilson Administration, and the 1926 Air Commerce Act." Paper presented at The Great War, a Hundred Years On: Origins, Lessons and Legacies of the First World War, Lawrenceville, GA, November 6-8, 2014. (Panel organizer)

"The Insidious Nature of Global Technological Regimes: The United States, Canada, and the Convention Relating to the Regulation of Aerial Navigation." Paper presented at the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Conference, Lexington, KY, June 19-21, 2014. (Panel organizer)

"The Automobile, the Airplane, and the Constitution: Charles T. Terry, William P. MacCracken, Jr., and the Regulation of Emerging Technologies." Paper presented at the Society for the History of Technology Annual Conference, Portland, ME, October 12, 2013.

"Of Ideas and Ideologies: The Influence of Parallel Transportation Regulatory Frameworks on the 1926 Air Commerce Act." Paper presented at the Southern Regional Conference for the History of Science, Technology and Medicine, Mississippi State University, March 22, 2013.

"Technological Peer Pressure: The 1919 Convention Relating to the Regulation of Aerial Navigation and the American Process-System of Aviation." Paper presented at the Auburn History Department Spring Colloquium, Auburn, AL, April 2012.

"Research Presentation" presented at A Symposium Celebrating a Century of Flight: The Wright Brothers and Aviation in Alabama, 1910-2010, Alabama Department of Archives and History, Montgomery, AL, March 2010.

“The Development of British Imperial Air Routes in the Interwar Period.” Paper presented at the Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, Park University, MO, March 2008.

“All Measures Were Considered Justified: The McDonnell F3H-1.” Paper presented at the Undergraduate Research Symposium, University of Missouri – St. Louis, April 2005.

### **Awards and Honors**

Graduation Marshal, Auburn University Graduate School, 2014 Commencement.

Melvin Kranzberg Award for Outstanding Paper in the History of Technology, Auburn University History Department, 2013.

Graduate Colloquium Award, Auburn University History Department, 2013.

Edna Floyd Booth Research Award, Auburn University History Department, 2011.

Melvin Kranzberg Award for Outstanding Paper in the History of Technology, Auburn University History Department, 2011.

Award of Recognition for “The Development of British Imperial Air Routes in the Interwar Period,” presented at the Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, Park University, 2008.

### **Teaching Experience**

American History I

Aviation in American Culture

American History II

Technology and Civilization

Western Civilization I

Technology and the Individual

Western Civilization II

Introduction to the Humanities

World History II

Senior Seminar, Bachelor General Studies

### **Institutional and Professional Service**

CTE Flexible Design Camp Group Leader, June 22-25 and July 6-9, 2020.

CTE Faculty Peer Consultant, March-May, 2020.

Jessa Case Honors Thesis Committee, “Early Pioneers in Aviation: The First Women to Reach New Heights,” Spring 2020.

Society for the History of Technology, Robinson Prize Committee, 2017-2019

Teaching in the Humanities Workshop for New GTAs, Center for Teaching Excellence, The University of Kansas, September 18 and October 11, 2019.

Outside Reader, Luke Herrington Dissertation Prospectus, KU Political Science Department, May 4, 2019.

Co-chair, Navigating Open Discussion, Inclusiveness, and Free Speech Workshop, Center for Teaching Excellence, The University of Kansas, February 19, 2019.

Teaching in the Humanities Workshop for New GTAs, Center for Teaching Excellence, The University of Kansas, September 21, 26, and October 8, 2018.

“Online Learners and How Best to Support Them,” invited panelist, Teaching Summit,

The University of Kansas, August 16, 2018.

Manuscript Reader, Purdue University Press and *Technology and Culture* journal

Faculty Senate representative, The University of Kansas, 2017-present.

Undergraduate Faculty Mentor, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, The University of Kansas, 2015-present.

Faculty Senate: Faculty Rights, Privileges & Responsibilities Committee, The University of Kansas, 2015-2018.

Online Education Vision Working Group, Subcommittee on Faculty Roles, University of Kansas, 2017

Teaching in the Humanities Workshop for new GTAs, Center for Teaching Excellence, The University of Kansas, September 15 and 18, 2017.

“Designing Assessable Assignments for KU Core Courses,” invited panelist, Teaching Summit, The University of Kansas, August 17, 2017

“Lunch & Learn: Online Teaching in an 8-week Minimester.” Invited panelist, KU Center for Online & Distance Learning, The University of Kansas, October 14, 2016.

([http://www.kaltura.com/index.php/extwidget/preview/partner\\_id/368641/uiconf\\_id/9050611/entry\\_id/0\\_61d1vgnz/embed/legacy](http://www.kaltura.com/index.php/extwidget/preview/partner_id/368641/uiconf_id/9050611/entry_id/0_61d1vgnz/embed/legacy), 10:50-28:46)

“How to Be a Successful Online Student.” Video created for the University of Kansas College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, August 2016.

[https://mediahub.ku.edu/media/Sean+Seyer+Fall16.mov/0\\_6sph88f6](https://mediahub.ku.edu/media/Sean+Seyer+Fall16.mov/0_6sph88f6)

H-Sci-Med-Tech Network Editor and Review Editor, 2015-2017

Humanities Program Ambassador to the Center for Teaching and Learning, The University of Kansas, 2014-2016

Chair, “The New Comic Book Expansion: Cultural Production and Comic Books in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.” Sixth Annual Mid-America Humanities Conference, University of Kansas, March 27, 2015

Auburn University History Department GTA Co-Captain, 2012-2013

Auburn University History Department Graduate Committee Graduate Representative, 2011-2012

University of Missouri – St. Louis, History Department Senior Graduate Assistant, 2008-2009

National History Day, Regional Judge, 2007-2009

University of Missouri – St. Louis Vice-President Phi Alpha Theta Psi-Psi Chapter, 2007-2008

### **Professional Development**

Annual Teaching Summit, The University of Kansas, 2015-present.

Making the Most out of Active Learning Spaces workshop, Center for Teaching and Learning, The University of Kansas, March 9, 2019.

Student Learning Symposium, The University of Kansas, March 3, 2017.

3rd Annual Enhancing Cultural Competency Conference, The University of Kansas, February 23, 2017.

2nd Annual Enhancing Cultural Competency Conference, The University of Kansas, March 23, 2016.

Student Learning Symposium, The University of Kansas, March 4, 2016.

Online Working Group, Center for Teaching and Learning, The University of Kansas, 2015-2016.

Data for Humanists: An Introduction to Digital Humanities Data and Visualization, 2015.

Digital Humanities Forum, The University of Kansas, September 24, 2015.

Student Learning Symposium, The University of Kansas, April 18, 2015.

Blended/Flipped Classroom Training, The University of Kansas, August 22, 2014.

Graduate Certificate in University Teaching, Biggio Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning, Auburn University, 2013.

Active Learning Summer Workshops, Biggio Center, Auburn University:

Flipping the Classroom, July 9 and 11, 2013

Collaborative Learning, July 16 and 18, 2013

Mobile Learning, July 23 and 25, 2013

Certificate in University Teaching, Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Missouri – St. Louis, 2009.

### **Professional Affiliations**

American Historical Association

Society for the History of Technology

Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations

Phi Alpha Theta

Phi Kappa Phi

### **Administrative Experience**

Assessment Coordinator, Humanities Program, University of Kansas, 2014-2017

GTA Co-Supervisor, Humanities Program, University of Kansas, 2015-2017

Scheduling Coordinator, Humanities Program, University of Kansas, 2015-2017

Website and Digital Signage Coordinator, Humanities Program, University of Kansas, 2015-2017