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### EDUCATION

Graduate Certificate in Digital Public Humanities, George Mason University, 2021  
D.Phil., Faculty of Modern History, University of Oxford, 1998  
M.A., American History, Brandeis University, 1993  
B.A., University of Virginia, History, 1987

### PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2021-present, Chair, Department of History, Western Illinois University  
2017-present Professor of History, Western Illinois University  
2015-2017 Associate Professor of History, Western Illinois University  
2008-2015 Assistant Professor of History, Western Illinois University  
2013-2014 U.S. Fulbright Lecturer, Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China  
2002-2008 Assistant Professor of History, Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey  
2000-2002 Visiting Assistant Professor, Metropolitan State University of Denver

### PUBLICATIONS

#### MONOGRAPHS

*After Barbary: Algeria's Roles in the French and American Empires* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2025)

*Distant Revolutions: 1848 and the Challenge to American Exceptionalism* (Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2009)

#### EDITED VOLUMES

*Boundaries of War: Local and Global Perspectives in Military History*, co-edited with Lee L. Brice (Quantico: Marine Corps University Press, 2024)

*This Infernal War: The Civil War Letters of William and Jane Standard* (Kent: Kent State University Press, 2018)

*American Exceptionalism*, co-edited with Lindsay Dicuirci, 4 vols. (London: Routledge, 2016)

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### REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

“A Genealogy and Check-in on American ‘Empire-Talk’,” *Ab Imperio* 1 (May 2025), 90-105

“The Role of French Algeria in American Incorporation of the Philippines and Puerto Rico,” *Historical Reflections/Réflexions Historiques* 48 (December 2022), 90-110

“‘Almost as it is formulated in the so-called Homestead Act’: Images of the American West in French Settlement of Algeria,” *Journal of World History* 32 (December 2021), 601-629

“Republican Citizenship in the Post-Civil War South and French Algeria 1865-1900,” *American Nineteenth Century History* 19 (March 2018), 79-102

“The Role of French Algeria in American Expansion during the Early Republic,” *Journal of the Western Society for French History* 43 (2015), 153-164

“Lajos Kossuth and the Permeable American Orient of the Mid-Nineteenth Century,” *Diplomatic History* 39 (November 2015), 793-818

“Construction of National Identities in Early Republics: A Comparison of the American and Turkish Cases,” co-authored with Emrah Şahin, *Journal of the Historical Society* 10 (December 2010), 507-531

“Commercial Philanthropy: American Missionaries and the American Opium Trade,” *Journal of Mediterranean Studies* 19 (Fall 2010), 371-388

“Learning About Civil War, Separatism, and Nation-Building through Teaching in the Turkish Republic,” *Journal of American History* 96 (March 2010), 1119-1122

“Margaret Fuller's Rome and the Problem of Provincial American Democracy,” *Patterns of Prejudice* 40 (February 2006), 45-60

“‘Revolutions Have Become the Bloody Toy of the Multitude’: European Revolutions, the South, and the Crisis of 1850,” *Journal of the Early Republic* 25 (June 2005), 259-283

“‘Now the Enemy is Within Our Borders’: The Impact of European Revolutions on American Perceptions of Violence Before the Civil War,” *ATQ: 19th C. American Literature and Culture* 17 (September 2003), 197-214

### BOOK CHAPTERS

“The Union’s Adaptation of French Counterinsurgency Warfare in the American Civil War,” in *Local and Global Perspectives in Military History*, ed. Timothy M. Roberts and Lee L. Brice, (Quantico: Marine Corps University Press, 2024), 131-150

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“The French Influence on American Counterinsurgency Warfare,” in *Prehistories of the War on Terror: A Critical Genealogy of U.S. Military Empire*, ed. Karen Miller and Yumi Lee (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2024), 19-39

“Epilogue” to *Transatlantic Revolutionary Cultures, 1789-1861*, eds., Helena Toth and Charlotte Lerg (Leiden: Brill Publishers, 2017), 253-263

“The Relevance of Giuseppe Mazzini’s Ideas of Insurgency to the American Sectional Crisis of the 1850s,” in *Giuseppe Mazzini and the Globalization of Democratic Nationalism*, eds., Christopher Bayly and Eugenio Biagini (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008), 311-322

“The United States and the European Revolutions of 1848,” in *European Revolutions of 1848 and the Americas*, ed. Guy Thomson (London: Institute of Latin American Studies, 2002), 76-99

“The United States and the Revolutions of 1848,” co-author with Daniel Howe, in *Revolutions in Europe 1848-1849: From Reform to Reaction*, eds. R. J. W. Evans and Hartmut Pogge von Strandmann (New York: Oxford University Press, 2000), 157-179

“Diplomatische Reaktionen der Vereinigten Staaten während der Revolutionsjahre 1848/49,” in *Achtundvierziger Forty-Eighters: Die deutsche Revolution von 1848/49, die Vereinigten Staaten und der amerikanische Bürgerkrieg*, eds., Wolfgang Hochbruck and Ulrich Bachteler (Münster: Westfälisches Dampfboot, 2000), 29-41

### ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

“American Exceptionalism,” “The United States and the Revolutions of 1848,” and “Louis Kossuth,” in *America in the World: 1776 to the Present*, ed., Edward Blum (New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 2016)

“Republican Party to 1865,” for the Virginia Center for Center for Civil War Studies at Virginia Tech, *Essential Civil War Curriculum*, 2014,  
<https://www.essentialcivilwarcurriculum.com/the-republican-party-to-1865.html>

“Government,” and “Politics,” in *American Centuries: The Ideas, Issues, and Trends that Made U.S. History: the 19th century*, ed., Melanie Gustafson (New York: Infobase Publishing, 2011)  
“The Democratic Party,” in *Early Republic and Antebellum America: An Encyclopedia of Social, Political, Cultural, and Economic History*, ed. Christopher Bates (Armonk: M. E. Sharpe, 2010)  
“Early National Period and Expansion, 1783-1859,” and “Labor and Employment, 1860-1875,” in *Handbook to Life in America*, ed., Rodney Carlisle (New York: Facts on File, 2009)

“Atlanticism,” “Sugar,” and “Timber,” in *France and the Americas: Culture, Politics, History*, ed., Bill Marshall (Santa Barbara: ABC-Clio, 2005)

“America As Interpreted by Foreign Observers,” “Autobiography of Malcolm X,”  
“Freemasons,” “Harper’s Ferry Raid,” “Immediatism,” “Kennebec River Settlements,” “Kilroy

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Was Here,” “Know-Nothing Party,” “New England Antislavery Society,” “New England Emigrant Aid Society,” “Oberlin Movement,” “Port Authorities,” in *Dictionary of American History*, ed., Stanley Kutler (Charles Scribner’s Sons, 2003)

### BOOK REVIEWS

Maureen Santelli, *The Greek Fire: American-Ottoman Relations and Democratic Fervor in the Age of Revolutions* (2020), in *Journal of American History* 110 (September 2023), 341-342

Charlotte Legg, *The New White Race: Settler Colonialism and the Press in French Algeria, 1860-1914* (2021), in *H-Empire H-Net Reviews*, December 14, 2022

Ann Tucker, *Newest Born of Nations: European Nationalist Movements and the Making of the Confederacy* (2020), in *H-Nationalism H-Net Reviews*, May 12, 2022

Diana Dretske, *The Bonds of War: A Story of Immigrants and Esprit de Corps in Company C, 96th Illinois Volunteer Infantry* (2021), in *H-CivWar H-Net Reviews*, December 13, 2021

Niels Eichhorn, *Liberty and Slavery: European Separatists, Southern Secession, and the American Civil War* (2019), in *Alabama Review* 74 (October 2021), 332-335

Jon Schaff, *Abraham Lincoln's Statesmanship and the Limits of Liberal Democracy* (2019), in *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society* 113 (2020), 106-107

David Connon, *Iowa Confederates in the Civil War* (2019), in *Annals of Iowa* 79 (Summer 2020), 303-305

Stève Sainlaude, *France and the American Civil War: A Diplomatic History* (2019), in *H-Diplo Roundtable Review* 21 (March 2020), 16-18

Michael Gobat, *Empire by Invitation: William Walker and Manifest Destiny in Central America* (2018), in *H-Diplo Roundtable Review* 20 (May 2019), 17-19

Philip Gura, *Man's Better Angels: Romantic Reformers and the Coming of the Civil War* (2017), in *Journal of the Early Republic* 39 (Spring 2019), 192-194

*Union Heartland: The Midwestern Home Front During the Civil War* ed. Ginette Aley and J. L. Anderson (2013), in *Middle West Review* 5 (Spring 2019), 173-175

Sean Scalmer, *On the Stump: Campaign Oratory and Democracy in the United States, Britain, and Australia* (2017), in *Journal of American History* 105 (December 2018), 668-669

Peter Hoffer, *Uncivil Warriors: The Lawyers' Civil War* (2018), in *Civil War Book Review* 20 (Fall 2018), <https://digitalcommons.lsu.edu/cwbr/vol20/iss4/22/>

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Matthew Karp, *This Vast Southern Empire: Slaveholders at the Helm of American Foreign Policy* (2016), in *H-Diplo Roundtable Review* 19 (October 2017), 16-17

John Wilsey, *American Exceptionalism and Civil Religion: Reassessing the History of an Idea* (2015), in *Church History* 86 (September 2017), 906-908

Vitor Izecksohn, *Slavery and War in the Americas: Race, Citizenship, and State Building in the United States and Brazil, 1861-1870* (2014), in *Journal of the Civil War Era* 5 (September 2015), 463-465

Nicole Phelps, *U.S.-Habsburg Relations from 1815 to the Paris Peace Conference: Sovereignty Transformed* (2013), in *H-Diplo Roundtable Review* 16 (October 2014), 15-17

Daniel Kilbride, *Being American in Europe, 1750-1860* (2013), in *Journal of American History* 100 (March 2014), 1200-1201

Barbara Reeves-Ellington, *Domestic Frontiers: Gender, Reform, and American Interventions in the Ottoman Balkans and the Near East* (2013), in *International Bulletin of Missionary Research* 37 (October 2013), 238

Andre Fleche, *Revolution of 1861: The American Civil War in the Age of Nationalist Conflict* (2012), in *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* 110 (Summer/Autumn 2012), 585-587

Amanda Foreman, *World on Fire: Britain's Crucial Role in the American Civil War* (2011), in *American Historical Review* 117 (June 2012), 816-818

Stanley Harrold, *Border War: Fighting Over Slavery before the Civil War* (2010), in *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society* 105 (Spring 2012), 98-100

*Secession as an International Phenomenon: From America's Civil War to Contemporary Separatist Movements*, ed. Don Doyle (2010), in *Journal of Southern History* 78 (May 2012), 467-469

Matthew Guterl, *American Mediterranean: Southern Slaveowners in an Age of Emancipation* (2008), in *Enterprise & Society* 12 (September 2011), 691-693

Rachel Hope Cleves, *Reign of Terror in America: Visions of Violence from Anti-Jacobinism to Antislavery* (2009), in *Common-place The Interactive Journal of Early American Life* 10 (October 2009), <https://tinyurl.com/n9zzfy7b>

Charles Weeks, *Paths to a Middle Ground: The Diplomacy of Natchez, Boukhouka, Nogales, and San Fernando de las Barrancas, 1791-1795* (2005); Rafe Blaufarb, *Bonapartists in the Borderlands: French Exiles and Refugees on the Gulf Coast* (2005); and Sean Goudie, *Creole America: The West Indies and the Formation of Literature and Culture in the New Republic* (2006), in *Journal of the Early Republic* 28 (Fall 2008), 511-517

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Barry Rubin and Judith Rubin, *Hating America: A History* (2004), in *H-USA H-Net Reviews*, September, 2006

Mark Voss-Hubbard, *Beyond Party: Cultures of Antipartisanship in Northern Politics before the Civil War* (2002), in *H-CivWar H-Net Reviews*, August, 2006

“A Different Sort of Marshall Plan: A Review of the Turkish film Kurtlar Vadisi – Irak [Valley of the Wolves – Iraq],” in *Patterns of Prejudice* 40 (Summer 2006), 281-284

Eliga Gould and Peter Onuf, eds., *Empire and Nation: The American Revolution in the Atlantic World* (2005), in *History: Reviews of New Books* 34 (Fall 2005), 5

Stanley Weintraub, *Iron Tears: America's Battle for Freedom, Britain's Quagmire: 1775-1783*, in *History: Reviews of New Books* 33 (Summer 2005), 149

Michael Morrison and Melinda Zook, eds., *Revolutionary Currents: Nation Building in the Transatlantic World* (2004), in *History: Reviews of New Books* 33 (Fall 2004), 37-38

Wolfgang Schivelbusch, *Culture of Defeat: On National Trauma, Mourning and Recovery* (2003), in *History: Reviews of New Books* 31 (Summer 2003), 177

Elizabeth Glaser and Hermann Wellenreuther, eds., *Bridging the Atlantic: The Question of American Exceptionalism in Perspective* (2002), in *History: Reviews of New Books* 31 (Spring 2003), 118

Daniel Elazar and John Kincaid, eds., *Covenant Connection: From Federal Theology to Modern Federalism* (2000), in *H-Ideas H-Net Reviews*, September, 2001

C. Bradley Thompson, *John Adams and the Spirit of Liberty* (1998), in *History: Reviews of New Books* 27 (Spring 1999), 109

### OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“Can Volodymyr Zelensky Follow the Footsteps of 19th Century Hungarian Liberal Lajos Kossuth?” March 20, 2022, by the *History News Network*, <https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/182716>

“Hungarian-American Relations in 1849 and Today: Why We Need Another Lajos Kossuth” June 14, 2020, by the *History News Network*, <http://hnn.us/article/175958>

“What Was also Wrong About the Claim that Andrew Gillum’s Election as Florida’s Governor ‘Would Monkey This Up’” September 9, 2018, by the *History News Network*, <https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/169928>

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“U.S. ‘exceptionalism’ has spun a complex web,” *ShanghaiDaily.com*, June 9, 2014, <https://tinyurl.com/ycku6dz6>

“U.S.-China: Nineteenth-Century Anglo-American Rivalry Redux?” February 7, 2014, by *The Diplomat*, <https://tinyurl.com/5x4dfvky>

“Untangling American History in Turkey,” *Chronicle of Higher Education Worldwide*, April 25, 2012, <https://tinyurl.com/dvwwjdma>

“The Challenges of 1848 Reprised in the Middle East Today,” February 16, 2011, by the *History News Service*, <https://tinyurl.com/5xzsdnx8>, reprinted in *Bakersfield Californian*, February 26, 2011; *Bismarck Tribune*, February 22, 2011; *La Republica* (Uruguay), March 4, 2011

“Could Obama's Internationalism Cost Him Support at Home?” January 26, 2009, *History News Network*, <https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/58538>

“Teaching by Analogy: Comparing American and Turkish History,” *Common-place: The Interactive Journal* *La Republica Uruguay* (03/04/11 of *Early American Life* 8 (October 2007), <http://commonplace.online/article/teaching-by-analogy/>

"1848 and American Frustrations with Europe," *Historically Speaking: The Bulletin of the Historical Society* 4 (April 2003), 18-19

"The 1942 Internments and Today's Security Crisis," October 11, 2001, *History News Service*, <https://tinyurl.com/yyerean9>

“Bob Knight: A Latter-Day MacArthur?” October 9, 2000, *History News Service*, <https://origins.osu.edu/history-news/bob-knight-latter-day-macarthur>

## DIGITAL HISTORY PROJECTS

*Experiences & Perceptions of Asians & Asian Americans at Western Illinois University*, Omeka platform, in progress, <https://timroberts.org/asiansatwiu/>

*Short Teaching Module: Sick Men in Mid-Nineteenth Century International Relations*, June 2021, <https://worldhistorycommons.org/short-teaching-module-sick-men-mid-nineteenth-century-international-relations>

*Short Teaching Module: Controversial Historical Monuments*, World History Commons, May 2021, <https://worldhistorycommons.org/short-teaching-module-controversial-historical-monuments>



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*Short Teaching Module: European Maps of the Early Modern World*, World History Commons, April 2021,

<https://worldhistorycommons.org/short-teaching-module-european-maps-early-modern-world>

*Sidedoor Listening Guide & Lesson Plan: Seeing Harriet Tubman*, Smithsonian Learning Lab collection, March 2021, <https://learninglab.si.edu/profile/110057>

*Sidedoor Listening Guide & Lesson Plan: Women's Suffrage Struggles in Hawaii and Their Legacy*, Smithsonian Learning Lab collection, February 2021, <https://learninglab.si.edu/profile/110057>

*Lincoln's Decision*, interactive historical-thinking game, Twine platform, February 2021, <https://proftim.itch.io/lincolns-decision> (password protected)

*Sidedoor Listening Guide & Lesson Plan: Muslims in Early America and Their Legacy*, Smithsonian Learning Lab collection, January 2021, <https://learninglab.si.edu/profile/110057>

*Using the Lincoln-Douglas Debates to Contextualize Abraham Lincoln's Views on Race*, Voyant Tools platform, August 2020, <https://sites.google.com/wiu.edu/hist689-timroberts/steps>

*Traces of Western Illinois' Underground Railroad*, Omeka platform, March 2020, <http://timroberts.org/wiugrr/>

## AWARDS AND GRANTS RECEIVED

*This Infernal War: The Civil War Letters of William and Jane Standard*, Grateful American Book Prize selection, 2023

Society for Military History Conference Grant, 2022

Western Illinois University Summer Research Stipend, 2021

Completion of Military History Instructors Course, Combat Studies Institute, U.S. Army Combined Arms, Fort Leavenworth, 2021

*This Infernal War: The Civil War Letters of William and Jane Standard* named by *Wall Street Journal* (April 12, 2019) as one of five best books on Civil War soldiers

Illinois Humanities "Illinois Speaks" Grant, 2017

Western Illinois University Provost Award for Excellence in Internationalizing the Campus and Excellence in Internationalizing the College of Arts and Sciences, 2015

J. William Fulbright Outreach Lecturing Fund Grant, 2015



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American Historical Association Tuning Project Grant, 2013

J. William Fulbright lectureship, Zhejiang University, China, 2013-2014

National Endowment for the Humanities/Gilder Lehrman Institute for American History Grant, "Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggle- using documentary films to encourage community discussion about America's civil rights history," 2013

American Library Association/National Endowment for the Humanities Grant, "Let's Talk About It: Making Sense of the American Civil War - a scholar-led reading and discussion program for public audiences," 2011

Western Illinois University Summer Research Stipend, 2011

Joan Nordell Research Fellowship, Houghton Library, Harvard University, 2010

American Library Association/National Endowment for the Humanities Grant, "Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War - a traveling exhibition to libraries," 2010

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar for College and University Teachers, "The American Civil War at 150: New Approaches," Savannah, Georgia, 2010

Andrew Mellon Foundation Research Fellowship, Massachusetts Historical Society, 2008

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar for College and University Teachers, "Rethinking America in a Global Perspective," Washington, DC, 2008

Best Article Prize of the Society of Historians of the Early American Republic, 2006

1995 Andrew Mellon Foundation Research Fellowship, Virginia State Historical Society, 1995

University of Oxford Faculty of Modern History research fellowship, 1994

Brandeis University graduate scholarship, 1992

### **REFEREED CONFERENCE PAPERS**

"Using a Twine game to teach historical thinking skills," for annual conference of the Organization of American Historians, Philadelphia, PA, 2026

"New Work and Work-in-Progress in Transimperial Approaches to the Study of Empires," roundtable contribution for annual conference of the American Historical Association, Chicago, IL, 2026

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“Using Voyant Tools to Study Abraham Lincoln’s Views About Race,” for a conference, “Lincoln Legacy Teaching and Learning Community 2024,” sponsored by the University of Illinois, Champaign, IL, 2024

“Lessons about Civil War Reconstruction for Modern U.S. Military Occupations,” for a conference, “Military Occupations and International Relations in Modern Times: Case Studies from Romanian and World History,” Iași, Romania, 2023

“Rethinking Conceptions of Colonial and Civil Wars of the Mid-Nineteenth Century,” for a conference, “Global and Local Perspectives on Military History,” sponsored by Western Illinois University, Moline, IL, 2023

“French Algeria in African Americans' Imaginary, 1900-1960,” for joint annual conference of the Society for French Historical Studies and Western Society for French History, Detroit, MI, 2023

“American Support for Hungary in 1849 and Ukraine Today: a Comparative Perspective,” DuPage County Social Studies Conference, Carol Stream, IL, 2023

“Using a Decision-Making, Role-Playing Game to Teach Historical Thinking Skills,” for annual conference of the Inter-institutional Faculty Summer Institute on Learning Technologies (FSI), University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, IL 2022

“Hidden French Influences on American Counterinsurgency Warfare,” for annual conference of the Society for Military History, Fort Worth, TX, 2022

“Using the interactive, nonlinear story ‘Lincoln’s Decision’ to teach historical contingency,” for annual conference of the American Historical Association, New Orleans, LA, 2022

“Teacher Workshop: Using Twine Interactive Stories to Teach Historical Agency and Contingency,” for annual Conference on Illinois History, sponsored by the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, Springfield, IL, 2021

“‘I Need Your Care and Protection Worse than Old Abe Does’: The Civil War’s Complex Impact on a Western Illinois Couple,” invited lecture for annual conference of the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA, 2020 [canceled]

“The Role of French Algeria in American Annexation of the Philippines,” for annual conference of the Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations, Crystal City, VA, 2019

“The Role of French Algeria in American Proslavery Expansion,” for conference, “The Worlds of 1848: International Colloquium,” co-sponsored by the Université Paris-Est Créteil, the École des Hautes Études en Sciences, and the Université Paris 13, Paris, France, 2018

“Images of French Algeria in American State-Building and Citizenship,” for annual conference of the French Colonial Historical Society, Seattle, WA, 2018

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“New Perspectives on the Practices and Legacies of Slavery in Southern Illinois,” for annual Conference on Illinois History, sponsored by the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, Springfield, IL, 2017

“‘I Need Your Care and Protection Worse Than Old Abe Does’: The Civil War Experience of a Copperhead Woman,” for annual conference of the University of Mississippi Center for Civil War Research, Oxford, MS, 2017

“Republican Citizenship in the post-Civil War South and French Algeria 1865-1887,” for conference, “Emancipations: Reconstructions, and Revolutions: African American Politics and U.S. History in the Long 19th Century,” co-sponsored by The Graduate Center, City University of New York and the McNeil Center for Early American Studies at the University of Pennsylvania, New York City, NY, and Philadelphia, PA, 2017

“Assimilation in Republican Empires: U.S. and French Policies of Citizenship in the Late Nineteenth Century,” for conference, “Quels citoyens pour l’empire? La citoyenneté française à l’épreuve de l’empire dans la première moitié du XXe siècle,” co-sponsored by the Université Paris Lumières, Université Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense, Université Paris 8, and the Archives Nationales, Paris, France, 2016

“Abdelkader El Djezairi in Franco-American Relations, 1830-1847,” for annual conference of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Raleigh, NC, 2015

“Territorial Settlement Policies in the American West and French Algeria,” for annual conference of the Western Society for French History, Chicago, IL, 2015

“The 1848 Revolutions, the American Civil War, and the Republican Empire,” keynote address for conference “Transatlantic Revolutionary Cultures,” Center for Advanced Studies, Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich, Germany, 2013

“Identity and Representation among American Missionaries and Merchants in the Near East, 1810-1860,” for annual conference of the American Historical Association, Chicago, IL, 2012

“Imperial Nation-Building in the United States and France, 1848-1877,” for annual conference of the Organization of American Historians, Houston, TX, 2011

“Considering American Exceptionalism and Imperialism in light of the Civil War,” for annual conference of the American Historical Association, Boston, MA, 2011

“Approaching the Early American Republic from Comparative and Transnational Perspectives,” for annual conference of the Society of Historians of the Early American Republic, Rochester, NY, 2010

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“Is Hungary in the East or West? Lajos Kossuth in America and Conceptions of ‘Western Civilization’,” for conference on Global Intellectual History: An International Workshop, New York University, New York City, NY, 2010

“Teaching the American Civil War in Turkey,” for annual conference of the American Historical Association, New York City, NY, 2009

“American Missionaries and Opium Traders in Turkey,” for annual conference of the World History Association, Milwaukee, WI, 2007

“Early American Relations with the Middle East: An Overview of the Scholarship and Suggestions for Synthesis,” for annual conference of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, College Park, MD, 2005

“American Relations with the Ottoman Empire from the Early Republic to the Civil War,” for annual conference of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Providence, RI, 2004

“Margaret Fuller, the Trials of Democracy, and American Exceptionalism,” for annual conference of the American Studies Association of Turkey, Antalya, Turkey, 2003

“Relations Between the Ottoman Empire and the Early American Republic,” for annual conference of the Association of British American Nineteenth Century Historians, 2003

“Images of Europe Among American Protestants and Catholics During the Revolutions of 1848,” for annual conference of the Society for the Interdisciplinary Study of Social Imagery, Pueblo, CO, 2001

“A ‘Wilder Scheme than the French Socialist Ever Dreamed’: Reform Movements and the Growth of the State in America and France during the Mid-Nineteenth Century,” for annual conference of the American Historical Association, Boston, MA, 2001

“Transatlantic reform during the mid-nineteenth century,” for the Mid-America Conference on History, St. Louis, MO, 2000

“Margaret Fuller as a Radical American Republican Amid the European Revolutions of 1848,” for annual conference of the Society of Historians of the Early American Republic, State College, PA, 1997

“American Diplomacy during the 1848 Revolutions,” for annual conference of the Consortium on Revolutionary Europe, 1750-1850, Tallahassee, FL, 1997

“American Reactions to the 1848 Revolutions,” for annual conference of the British Association of American Studies, Leeds, United Kingdom, 1996

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### **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

“US Presidents and the US Constitution,” for Western Illinois University Learning is Forever program, 2025

“Why the Electoral College?” for Western Illinois University Constitution Day panel, 2024

“Social Studies Wars,” for the League of Women Voters of McDonough County, IL, 2023

“Taking Questions on the Civil War,” invited discussion for the Western Illinois Museum, Macomb, IL, 2020, <https://tinyurl.com/4m2vhury>

“How Editing War Love Letters Can Build Career Skills,” invited lecture for the Bradley University Department of History, Peoria, IL, 2019

“The Military Tract? Forottonia? Competing Images of Western Illinois’ Past,” invited lecture for the McDonough County Genealogical Society, Macomb, IL, 2019

“Public Memory of Race Laws and Resistance in Illinois History,” invited lecture as part of Black History Month, Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL, 2015

“The Gettysburg Address, Emancipation, and the Beginning of American History,” invited lecture for the Western Illinois Museum, Macomb, IL, 2011

“The Importance of ‘Founding Fathers’ in Early Republican Nation-Building: Washington and Ataturk in Comparative Perspective,” lecture for the Turkish Military Academy, Ankara, Turkey, 2004

“American Policy During the European Revolutions of 1848,” series of public lectures delivered to the German-American Institutes, Frankfurt, Heidelberg, Tübingen, and Freiburg Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany, 1998

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Undergraduate courses:

Gaming the Past: Using Video Games as Historical Sources (incorporating Twine)

American history to 1876 (including online offering)

American history since 1865 (including online offering)

American history since 1945

American military history

Public history of slavery and abolition (capstone seminar course)

The Civil War era (including online offering)

The United States in the World (capstone seminar course and study abroad course)

History of the American South

Early American republic

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American legal history  
American economic history  
Introductory historical methodology  
Modern world history (jointly taught course)  
Illinois history (capstone seminar course)  
The history of lynching in the American Midwest (capstone seminar course, online)

### Graduate courses:

Seminar on the history of lynching in the American Midwest (including online offering)  
Building a digital history project (incorporating Omeka, Voyant Tools, and Google Sites, online)  
Seminar on methodology and theory in history  
Seminar on the public history of slavery and abolition  
Seminar on the Civil War and Reconstruction  
Seminar on American laws of slavery  
Seminar on the Second Amendment in American history and culture

## MEDIA INTERVIEWS

“The Boundaries of War,” episode for New Books Network podcast, November 9, 2024

“This Infernal War: The Civil War Letters of William and Jane Standard,” episode for The Forgottonia Project podcast, January 14, 2023

“Commentary: A Case For Online Education,” WIUM Tri States Public Radio, May 17, 2023  
<https://www.tspr.org/tspr-commentaries/2023-05-17/commentary-a-case-for-online-education>

“Honors Class at WIU Introduces Video Game Technology to the History Classroom,” Western Illinois University Office of University Relations, January 27, 2023

“WIU Interim Department Chair develops gaming approach to history lessons,” Western Illinois University Office of University Relations, December 2, 2021

“Teachers see shift in student outlooks as more time passes since Sept. 11 attacks,” *QC Times*, September 10, 2011

“This Infernal War: How Civil War letters reveal an anti-Lincoln sentiment and a threatened rural identity,” episode for *History Ago Go* podcast, November 24, 2020

“Skills obtained from centuries-old love letters,” *Bradley Scout*, October 25, 2019

“Macomb walking tour Civil War,” episode for *WSIU Public Broadcasting Illinois Stories*, May 30, 2019

“*This Infernal War: The Civil War Letters of William and Jane Standard*,” episode for *Author’s Voice: A House Divided*, February 2, 2018

## **TIMOTHY M. ROBERTS**

“Responsibility to protect? A history of humanitarian intervention,” episode for *Virginia Humanities Backstory with the American History Guys*, April 4, 2014

“European Revolutions and the Arab Spring,” episode for Canadian Broadcasting Corporation *Sunday Edition*, March 3, 2011

“Obama’s challenge: What would Lincoln do?” interview for *Fox News*, February 11, 2009

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Conference organizer, “Global and Local Perspectives on Military History: A Scholarly Conference,” April 14-15, 2023, Moline, IL

Manuscripts reviewer for the *Journal of World History*, *Journal of Southern History*, *Journal of the Civil War Era*, *American Nineteenth Century History*, *Journal of the Early Republic*, *Journal of American Studies of Turkey*, Louisiana State University Press, Bedford/St. Martin’s Press, Routledge Press, and Oxford University Press

Member, College Board AP Seminar Development Committee, 2019-2023

Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program Discipline Peer Reviewer, 2015-2016

Governing board, American Studies Association of Turkey 2006-2008

Article prize committee, Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, 2006

### **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

Western Illinois University

Member, University Rebuild Chairs and School Directors Committee, 2025

Member, Centennial Honors College Dean Performance Review, 2024

Faculty Advisor, University Quiz Bowl Club, 2022-present

Faculty Advisor, Redeemed Students Fellowship, 2023-present

Chair, University council on campus planning and usage, 2020-2021

Member, University graduate council, 2020-2021

Member, University intellectual property oversight committee, 2020

Chair, University sanctions/termination committee, 2020

Member, International Education Committee, 2019

Director, History Department graduate studies program, 2018-2021

Internship coordinator, History Department, 2016-2021

Chair, College of Arts and Sciences curriculum committee, 2017-2020

Member, University personnel committee, 2018



## **TIMOTHY M. ROBERTS**

Donor, History Department scholarships, to fund Bill of Rights student essay prize, 2017-2018  
Faculty Senate representative to Provost's Advisory Council, 2017-2018  
Humanities representative to College of Arts and Sciences curriculum committee, 2017-2018  
Chair, Faculty Senate ad-hoc committee on First Year Experience program, 2018  
Chair, History Department personnel committee, 2017-2018  
Faculty liaison, Veterans Resource Center, 2015-2021  
Faculty senator, 2015-2018  
Co-chair, Faculty Senate Council on provost and presidential performance, 2015-2016  
Chair, History Department assessment committee, 2015-2016  
Chair, History Department scholarship and recruitment committee, 2012-2013  
Faculty ambassador for international student recruitment, 2013-2014  
Faculty advisor, Phi Alpha Theta history student honor society, 2012-2013, 2015-2017  
Co-founder and faculty advisor of anti-human trafficking campus group Western against Slavery, 2011-2013, 2015-2016

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Macomb Area Conventions & Visitors Bureau, consultant for "Looking for Lincoln Wayside Exhibit" and Underground Railroad Network to Freedom project, 2021-2024

McDonough County Historical Society Board Member, 2022-2024

Western Illinois Museum Community Advisor, 2021; Member, Board of Directors, 2015-2020, 2022-2024; Treasurer, 2016-2020

"When Lincoln Visited Macomb," a 50-minute play written and produced to re-enact Abraham Lincoln's 1858 stay in Macomb, Illinois, performed at the Western Illinois Museum, August 26, 2018, and the Macomb Arts Center, October 7, 2023 and October 5, 2024

<https://www.mcdonoughvoice.com/news/20180828/when-lincoln-visited-macomb>

Volunteer Spanish language teacher, Calvary Christian Academy, Macomb, Illinois, 2009-2015

### **LANGUAGES**

Spanish - professional working proficiency

French - elementary proficiency

Turkish - elementary proficiency