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**Education**

**PhD in History**Temple University, Philadelphia, PA **MA in History May 2017**Villanova University, Villanova, PA  
**BA in History and Political Science, *summa cum laude*  May 2015**The College of New Jersey, Ewing, NJ  
Honors Thesis: “Mass Media and International Crises: The Iran Hostage Crisis and September 11th”

**Relevant Professional and Teaching Experience  
Graduate Student Instructor***History Department, Temple University* **June 2019-Present**

* Crafted syllabi and taught courses including HIST 1101: History of the United States 1600-1877 and HIST 0864: War and Peace
* Developed and facilitated an exclusively online learning environment to teach students the social, economic, political, and military history of the United States from the Colonial Period through Reconstruction
* Developed and facilitated a hybrid course of in-class and online learning environments to teach students the ways of war, the making of peace, and how these are linked to the societies involved.
* Trained in online teaching by Temple University’s Center for the Advancement of Teaching and their Online Teaching Institute (OTI)
* Developed and graded all assignments to measure student progress

**Panel Commentator March 2019-March 2020***24th and 25th Annual James A. Barnes Club Graduate Student History Conference*

* Served as commentator for a panel entitled “Industrialism, Trade, Consumption, and War”
* Provided editorial feedback and constructive criticism for a group of four papers dealing with a variety of topics related to panel theme

**Thomas J. Davis Fellow Dec. 2017-May 2019***History Department, Temple University*

* Coordinated 2018-2019 Center for the Study of Force and Diplomacy Colloquium Series
* Maintained center’s website
* Contributed to planning of day-to-day and long-term creative vision of center
* Edited *Strategic Visions,* the center’s publication

**Teaching Assistant August 2017-July 2018***History Department, Temple University*

* Served as a teaching assistant to Dr. Gregory Urwin at Temple University for a course entitled World War Two
* Graded all assignments given to class including in-class book quizzes, midterm and final examinations, and book reviews
* Kept track of classroom logistics including attendance and online grading systems

**Teaching Assistant August 2017-July 2018***History Department, Temple University*

* Served as a teaching assistant to Dr. Alan McPherson at Temple University for a course entitled Superpower America
* Graded major assignments including writing assignments and midterm and final examinations
* Assisted Dr. McPherson with research tasks including note transcription

**Coordinator of Graduate Student Forum May 2016-May 2017***History Department, Villanova University*

* Planned events for benefit of the Villanova history department’s graduate student community
* Coordinated programs featuring guest speakers including professors, grant proposal writers, publishers, and editors
* Conducted discussions and seminars in conjunction with aforementioned guest speakers and ran programs for graduate students

**Blog Contributor Feb. 2016-May 2017***Journal of the Civil War Era*

* Wrote for the *Journal of the Civil War Era*, edited by Dr. Judith Giesberg
* Reviewed and analyzed current television programming and comedy sketches as they relate to the history of the American Civil War, the perception thereof, and modern day American race relations

**Blog Contributor Aug. 2015-May 2017***Historically Speaking, Villanova University*

* Contributed blog posts to Villanova University’s history blog, *Historically Speaking*
* Wrote on topics such as local historical events and commemorations, historical context of current events, United States race relations, and the history of American crime, political divisions, and electoral history
* Helped to edit writings of other graduate students to meet standards set forth by the Chicago Manual of Style and by Villanova University

**Teaching Assistant Dec. 2014-May 2015***Department of History, The College of New Jersey, Ewing, NJ*

* Taught a section on the history of the modern city, including historical case studies, theory, and primary source analysis
* Planned lessons and group assignments, assisted in the creation of exams, and facilitated classroom discussion
* Held office hours and assisted students in the formation and development of research topics

**Research Experience  
Graduate Researcher Aug. 2015-Present***Department of History, Villanova University, Villanova, PA* and *Department of History, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA*

* Conducted primary source research at numerous archives, examining political, intellectual, and cultural history through a wide variety of sources
* Examined official works of several key American political figures including presidents, members of presidential administrations, members of Congress, and the like
* Gained familiarity with primary source collections at archives such as the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, the U.S. Military History Institute, Carlisle, PA, the National Archives in College Park, MD, and the Seeley G. Mudd Manuscript Library at Princeton University
* Focused on American political and social history and finished research projects on Cold War-era American political history and the history of American foreign relations in the 20th century

**Research Assistant Jan. 2016-May 2017***Department of History, Villanova University, Villanova, PA*

* Assistant to Professor Catherine Kerrison, conducting primary and secondary source research
* Organized bibliographical research for upcoming project on race relations, gender identity, and abolitionism in Philadelphia and the surrounding area during the era of the Early Republic
* Performed editing work on Dr. Kerrison’s upcoming book entitled *Jefferson’s Daughters* (Random House, 2017), including footnote checking, text editing, and argument analysis

**Research Assistant Aug. 2015-Jan. 2016***Department of History, Villanova University, Villanova, PA*

* Assistant to Professor Hibba Abugidiri, conducting bibliographical research for upcoming project on Christian missionaries in the Middle East during the Middle Ages and early modern period
* Assisted in the creation of an undergraduate syllabus and course plan on the topic of the history of Christian missionaries and Christianity in the Middle East

**Research Assistant Aug. 2015-Jan. 2016***Department of History, Villanova University, Villanova, PA*

* Assistant to Professor Timothy McCall, organizing primary and secondary sources relating to Renaissance art in Italian city-states
* Conducted research on the history and art history departments of various East Coast colleges and universities and their curriculum
* Created a database of several colleges and universities, their faculty and areas of expertise, course offerings, and degree requirements as they relate to history, art history, and the classics
* Performed assistant duties for undergraduate courses on art history such as secondary research, copy editing, and syllabus contribution

**Undergraduate Researcher***Department of History, The College of New Jersey, Ewing, NJ*

* Conducted primary source research on a variety of topics including U.S. foreign policy in the 20th century, the role of social movements and revolutions in 20th century international politics, New Jersey social and cultural history in Trenton, and student led protest movements in Beijing and Hong Kong
* Completed honors thesis entitled “Mass Media and International Crises: The Iran Hostage Crisis and September 11.” Based on primary source research from various online sources such as *The American Presidency Project* and the Vanderbilt *Television News Archive*, news publications including *The New York Times* and *The Wall Street Journal,* and archival research at the Seeley G. Mudd Manuscript Library at Princeton University and the National Archives at College Park, Maryland.
* Conducted an independent study on the history of punk music in Trenton, New Jersey. Created a podcast detailing the history of a venue called City Gardens located on Calhoun Street in Trenton. Analyzed primary sources, newspaper articles, oral histories, and interviews to present history of the venue and the larger context of music in Trenton.

**Publications**

Fischer, Michael S. “The Wilson Administration and the Russian Revolutions of 1917.” *Legacy of the   
 Russian Revolution: Conference Proceedings*. Forthcoming, Spring 2019.

Fischer, Michael S. “Review of Edward Geist’s *Armageddon Insurance: Cold War Civil Defense in the   
 United States and the Soviet Union, 1945-1991.” Strategic Visions* No 19, Vol. I. December 9, 2019.

Fischer, Michael S. (ed) *Strategic Visions* No. 18, Vol. I. December 7, 2018.

**Online Historical Blog Posts**

Fischer, Michael S. “Why Can’t We Get Enough of ‘The Juice?’: America’s   
 Obsession with O.J. Simpson.” *Historically Speaking,* June 20, 2016.   
 https://vugradhistory.wordpress.com/2016/06/20/why-cant-we-get-enough-of-  
 the-juice/

Fischer, Michael S. “A National Championship 31 Years in the Making: The   
 Historical Context of Villanova’s 2016 National Championship.” *Historically   
 Speaking,* April 4, 2016. https://vugradhistory.wordpress.com/2016/04/04/a-  
 national-championship-31-years-in-the-making/

Fischer, Michael S. “Review: Key and Peele’s Civil War Reenactment.” *Journal of   
 the Civil War Era,* March 16, 2016.   
 <http://journalofthecivilwarera.org/2016/02/1289/>

**Honors and Awards**   
Thomas J. Davis Fellowship, Center for the Study of   
Force and Diplomacy, Temple University Sept. 2018  
Phi Alpha Theta, Tau Phi Chapter, Villanova University Nov. 2016  
Graduate Assistantship and Tuition Scholarship Aug. 2015   
John P. Karras Award for Excellence in History, The College of NJ May 2015   
Honors Thesis Completion Award, The College of NJ May 2015  
Phi Beta Kappa, Delta Chapter, The College of NJ Apr. 2015  
Phi Alpha Theta, Tau Phi Chapter, The College of NJ Nov. 2013  
Academic Scholarship, The College of NJ Aug. 2011

**References  
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