

Spring 2020

“Enduring Alliance: A History of NATO and the Postwar Global Order”

Dr. Timothy Andrews Sayle, Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto
Thursday, February 6, 4:30 pm

Timothy Andrews Sayle is Assistant Professor of History and Director of the International Relations Program at the University of Toronto. His *Enduring Alliance: A History of NATO and the Postwar Global Order* was published by Cornell University Press in April 2019. He is also a principal co-investigator and editor of an oral history project examining President George W. Bush’s decision to “surge” troops to Iraq in 2007; a volume of the oral history, *The Last Card: Inside George W. Bush’s Decision to Surge in Iraq* will be published by Cornell University Press in September 2019. His research on NATO, Canadian-American relations, and intelligence issues has been published in the *International Journal*, *the International History Review*, *Historical Journal*, *Cold War History*, *Canadian Military History*, and *Intelligence & National Security* and in several edited books.

Sayle is a Senior Fellow of the Bill Graham Centre for Contemporary International History, an affiliate of the Centre for the Study of the United States, and an associate of the Center for Presidential History at Southern Methodist University. He is a Fellow of Trinity College in the University of Toronto and alumnus of Massey College. He directs *Canada Declassified*, and in 2017 he co-founded the Canadian Foreign Intelligence History Project.

- [Interview with Dr. Timothy Andrews Sayle](#)
- [Video of Timothy Sayle’s Lecture](#)

“From Selma to Moscow: How Human Rights Activists Transformed U.S. Foreign Policy”

Dr. Sarah Snyder, Associate Professor at American University

Wednesday, February 12, 4:30pm

Sarah B. Snyder is a historian of U.S. foreign relations who specializes in the history of the Cold War, human rights activism, and U.S. human rights policy. She is the author of *From Selma to Moscow: How Human Rights Activists Transformed U.S. Foreign Policy* (Columbia University Press, 2018), which explains how transnational connections and 1960s-era social movements inspired Americans to advocate for a new approach to human rights.

Her first book, *Human Rights Activism and the End of the Cold War: A Transnational History of the Helsinki Network* (Cambridge University Press), analyzes the development of a transnational network devoted to human rights advocacy and its contributions to the end of the Cold War. The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations awarded it the 2012 Stuart Bernath Book Prize for best first book by an author and the 2012 Myrna F. Bernath Book Award for the best book written by a woman in the field in the previous two years.

In addition to authoring several chapters in edited collections, she has also published articles in *Diplomatic History*, *Cold War History*, *Human Rights Quarterly*, *Diplomacy &*

Statecraft, Journal of Transatlantic Studies, European Journal of Human Rights and Journal of American Studies.

She previously served as a Lecturer at University College London, a Cassius Marcellus Clay Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of History at Yale University, the Pierre Keller Post-Doctoral Fellow in Transatlantic Relations at the Whitney and Betty MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies also at Yale, and as a professorial lecturer at Georgetown University. She received her Ph.D. from Georgetown, a M.A. from University College London, and a B.A. with honors from Brown University.

- [Interview with Dr. Sarah Snyder](#)
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“Slave Soldiers and Maroonage in Morocco in the 18th Century”

Dr. Chouki El Hamel, Professor at Arizona State University

Wednesday, February 19, 4:30pm

Chouki El Hamel is a professor of history in the School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies at Arizona State University, specializing in West and Northwest Africa. His training and doctoral studies in France at the Centre de Recherches Africaines (University of Sorbonne, Paris I & VII) were in African history and Islamic societies. He taught courses in African history at North Carolina State University in Raleigh and at Duke University in Durham, N.C. In 2002, he was a scholar in residence at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture in New York City (NEH fellowship) and he was a visiting professor at Nice University, France in 2016. In the academic year of 2016-17, he was awarded a Fulbright grant for research in Morocco.

His research interests focus on the spread and the growth of Islamic culture and the evolution of Islamic institutions in Africa. He is particularly interested in the subaltern relationship of servile and marginalized communities to Islamic ruling institutions. His research into these relationships revolves around issues of power/class, slavery, race/ethnicity, gender and social justice. He published two major books and many scholarly articles in academic journals and popular magazines. His most recent book is *Black Morocco: a History of Slavery, Race, and Islam* (Cambridge University Press, 2013), which has won Honorable Mention for the L. Carl Brown American Institute for Maghrib Studies Book Prize. Over the past decade, he has actively participated in a wide variety of positions ranging from committee work to the faculty senate.

“Reagan, Pinochet, and the Return to Democracy in Chile”

Dr. Pablo Rubio, Visiting Researcher, Georgetown University

Thursday, February 27, 2:00pm

Dr. Pablo Rubio received his PhD in Contemporary History from the Universidad Autónoma

de Madrid and Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile. He is currently a visiting researcher in the Department of History at Georgetown University and researcher at the Biblioteca del Congreso Nacional de Chile. He is a specialist in Chilean and Latin American history and has published more than 30 articles and book chapters. Additionally, he has been a professor at different European and Chilean universities.

He has published the following books: *Los civiles de Pinochet. La derecha en el régimen militar chileno, 1983-1990*; *Conflictos y tensiones en el Chile republicano*; *América Latina y tiempo presente. Historia y documentos*; and *América Latina actual. Del populismo al giro de izquierdas*. Currently, he is preparing a book on the role of the United States at the end of the Pinochet regime and the Chilean democratic transition, based on declassified documents and interviews.

- *Video of Pablo Rubio's Lecture*

CANCELLED: “*How to Hide an Empire: Telling the Story of the Greater United States*”
Dr. Daniel Immerwahr, Professor at Northwestern University
Thursday, March 19, 4:30pm

Dr. Immerwahr received his undergraduate degree from Columbia University, where he studied history and philosophy. Then, funded by a Marshall scholarship, he received a second BA, this time at King’s College at Cambridge University with a thesis on African architecture under the supervision of John Lonsdale. He received his doctoral degree in history at the University of California, Berkeley, studying under the intellectual historian David Hollinger. His dissertation won the Allan Nevins Prize in American Economic History from the Economic History Association, and it received honorable mention for the Betty M. Unterberger Prize from the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations.

In 2011-12, Dr. Immerwahr was a postdoctoral fellow at Columbia University’s Committee on Global Thought. In fall 2012, he joined Northwestern University’s history department.

His first book, *Thinking Small* (Harvard, 2015), offers a critical account of the United States’ pursuit of grassroots development at home and abroad in the middle of the twentieth century. It won the Merle Curti Prize in Intellectual History from the Organization of American Historians and was the co-winner of the Annual Book Prize from the Society for U.S. Intellectual History. Also, in 2015 he received the Stuart L. Bernath Lecture Prize from the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, given every year to a younger scholar for “excellence in teaching and research in the field of foreign relations.”

His second book, *How to Hide an Empire* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2019) is about the United States’ territorial empire: colonies, occupation zones, and military bases. Dr. Immerwahr is currently researching in two areas: the popular culture of twentieth-century U.S. foreign relations and urban environmental catastrophes of the nineteenth century.

Dr. Immerwahr’s writing has appeared in the *New York Times*, *The New Republic*, *The Guardian*, *The Nation*, *Slate*, *Diplomatic History*, *Modern Intellectual History*, *the Journal*

of the *History of Ideas*, the *Journal of African Cultural Studies*, *Modern American History*, *Jacobin*, *n+1* and *Dissent*, among other venues.

CANCELLED: “*The Price of Aid: The Economic Cold War in India*”

Dr. David Engerman, Professor at Yale University

Wednesday, April 15, 4:30pm

David C. Engerman is a scholar of twentieth-century international history. Building on his dual training in American and Russian/Soviet history at the University of California-Berkeley (where he received his Ph.D. in 1998), he wrote two books on the place of Russia and the USSR in American intellectual and political life: *Modernization from the Other Shore: American Intellectuals and the Romance of Russian Development* (Harvard UP, 2003) and *Know Your Enemy: The Rise and Fall of America’s Soviet Experts* (Oxford UP, 2009).

He has also researched and written on a variety of topics related to the history of development assistance, including a co-edited volume, *Staging Growth: Modernization, Development and the Global Cold War* (U-Mass Press, 2003), and most recently a monograph, *The Price of Aid: The Economic Cold War in India* (Harvard UP, 2018). This research was also the topic of his presidential address for the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations in 2016. Research for *The Price of Aid* was supported by grants and fellowships from the American Council of Learned Societies, the American Institute of Indian Studies, the American Philosophical Society, the Guggenheim Foundation, the Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian Studies, the National Council for Eurasian and East European Studies, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Eisenhower, Johnson and Truman presidential libraries.

Engerman joined the faculty at Yale after nineteen years at Brandeis University. His new research focuses on the geopolitics of international economic inequality in the second half of the twentieth century.