

WALTER L. HIXSON

curriculum vita

Research and teaching fields:
Culture and U.S. foreign relations

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

University of Akron: Distinguished Professor of History, 2009-
Fulbright Distinguished Lecturer, China Foreign Affairs Institute, Spring 2009
Professor of History, 1996-2009
Associate Professor of History, 1993-96
Assistant Professor of History, 1989-93
Interim Department Chair, 2006-08
Department Chair, 1998-2001
Kazan State University, Fulbright Professor of U.S. Foreign Policy, 1990-91
Northwestern University, Mellon Visiting Assistant Professor of History, 1987-89
Instructor, University of Colorado, 1982-86
Instructor, University of Arizona, 1985

EDUCATION

Ph. D., University of Colorado, 1986 (History)
M.A. Western Kentucky University, 1981 (History)
B.A. University of Kentucky, 1978 (General Studies)

PUBLICATIONS (all refereed)

BOOKS

The Myth of American Diplomacy: National Identity and U.S. Foreign Policy. Yale University Press, 2008.

Murder, Culture, and Injustice: Four Sensational Cases in American History. University of Akron Press, 2000.

Parting the Curtain: Propaganda, Culture, and the Cold War, 1945-1961. St. Martin's Press, 1997.

Charles A. Lindbergh, Lone Eagle. Longman, 3rd ed., 2006; first pub., 1996 (Library of American Biography series).

Witness to Disintegration: Provincial Life in the Last Year of the USSR. University Press of New England, 1993.

George F. Kennan, Cold War Iconoclast. Columbia University Press, 1989. Winner of the Bernath Prize, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations).

CD-ROM

American Journey: The Cold War. Gale Group, 2000. 16 essays, 250 documents, 250 photographs, and hyperlinks.

EDITOR

World War II: Significant Scholarly Articles. Routledge, 2003. 12 volumes with Preface and individual volume introductions.

The Vietnam War: Significant Scholarly Articles. Garland Publishers, 2000. 6 volumes with Preface and individual volume introductions.

BOOK CHAPTERS

"'No Savage Shall Inherit the Land': The Indian Other and Early American Foreign Policy," forthcoming in book edited by David Ryan, Cambridge University Press.

"Vietnam in History and Memory," forthcoming in book edited by Scott Laderman and Edwin Martini, in process with Duke University Press.

"Proliferation: The United States and the Nuclear Arms Race," John M. Carroll and George C. Herring, eds., The American Military Tradition. Rowan and Littlefield, 2007.

"Black and White: The O.J. Simpson Case," in Annette Gordon-Reed, ed. Race on Trial: Law and Justice in American History. Oxford University Press, 2002.

"Cold War Evolution and Interpretations," in Alexander DeConde, Fredrik Logevall, and Richard Dean Burns, eds., The Encyclopedia of American Foreign Policy (Simon and Schuster, 2001): 207-22.

"NATO and the Soviet Bloc: The Limits of Victory, in NATO After Forty-five Years, Mary Ann Heiss and Victor S. Papacosma, eds. St. Martin's, 1996.

"Nuclear Weapons and U.S. Cold War Diplomacy," Modern American Diplomacy, John M. Carroll and George C. Herring, eds., 2nd ed., Scholarly Resources, 1996.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

"The War in Iraq and American Freedom," in "Forum on the 2003 War On/In Iraq," The Arab World Geographer (April 2003):

"The Vindication of 'X'? Reassessing Kennan After the Cold War," The Historian 59 (Summer 1997): 849-58.

"'Red Storm Rising': Tom Clancy Novels as Representations of Reagan Era National Security Values," Diplomatic History 17 (Fall 1993): 599-613.

"Containment on the Perimeter: George F. Kennan and Vietnam," Diplomatic History 12 (Spring 1988): 149-63.

"Cold War Moscow, 1952: The Diplomacy of Enmity," The Foreign Service Journal 64 (May 1987): 34-38.

"The 1938 Kentucky Senate Election: Alben Barkley, 'Happy' Chandler, and the New Deal," Register of the Kentucky Historical Society 80 (Summer 1982): 309-29.

"William Tryon, Ruthless Royal Governor," The Journal of Historical Studies (Fall 1981): 1-11.

REVIEW ESSAYS

"Empire As a Way of Life," Diplomatic History 31 (April 2007): 331-34.

"In Memorium: George F. Kennan," Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Newsletter (August 2005): 16-20.

"Leffler Takes a Linguistic Turn," Diplomatic History (June 2005): 419-21.

"Whose World Is It, Anyway," Diplomatic History 26 (Fall 2002): 645-48.

"Surveying Postwar America--on a Grand Scale," Reviews in American History 27 (December 1999): 507-11.

"Revision, Post-Revision, and Recrimination: A Report from the Frontlines," Diplomatic History 21 (Summer 1997): 493-97.

"What Was the Cold War and How Did We Win It?" Reviews in American History 22 (September 1994): 507-11.

"Inside a Cold War Insider," Diplomatic History 17 (Summer 1993): 477-81.

"Orthodoxy or Objectivity? The Truman Doctrine and the Noble Dream," Diplomatic History 15 (Winter 1991): 125-30.

BOOK AND FILM REVIEWS

Carroll Smith-Rosenberg, *This Violent Empire: The Birth of an American National Identity*. University of North Carolina Press, 2010. Journal of American Studies 46, February 2012, 1-2.

John Kane, *Between Virtue and Power: The Persistent Moral Dilemma of U.S. Foreign Policy*. Yale University Press, 2008. American Historical Review 116 (No. 2), April 2011, 486-87.

Péteri, Gyorgy, ed. *Imagining the West in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union*. Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, forthcoming in The Russian Review

Unexceptional: America's Empire in the Persian Gulf, 1941-2007. International History Review 31 (2009): 677-78.

Jessica Gienow-Hecht, Decentering America. Berghahn, 2007. Journal of American History (March 2009)

Andrew Bacevich, The Limits of Power: The End of American Exceptionalism, H-Diplo Round-Table Reviews, December 8, 2008.

"Chicago Ten" (film), Journal of American History 95 (December 2008): 947-48.

Jessica C.E. Gienow-Hecht, ed., Decentering America.
Forthcoming in Journal of American History.

Author's Response to Kurk Dorsey, Jeffrey Engel, Bruce Kucklick, and Robert Dean review of my book, The Myth of American Diplomacy: National Identity and U.S. Foreign Policy, H-Diplo Roundtable Reviews, June 15, 2008

Peter Jackson, "Pierre Bourdieu, the 'cultural turn' and the practice of international history," Review of International Studies 34 (2008): 155-81. H-Diplo Round-Table Reviews, April 23, 2008.

David Foglesong, The American Mission and the "Evil Empire": The Crusade for a Free Russia Since 1881. Cambridge University Press, 2008. H-Diplo Roundtable Reviews, March 21, 2008.

Muge Gursoy Sokmen, ed., World Tribunal on Iraq: Making the Case Against War (Olive Branch Press, 2008). Forthcoming in Peace and Change.

Klaus Larres and Kenneth Osgood, eds., The Cold War After Stalin's Death: A Missed Opportunity for Peace? Lanham, Md.: Rowan and Littlefield, 2006. Slavic Military Studies.

Cynthia Lee Henthorn, From Submarines to Suburbs: Selling a Better America, 1939-1959. Ohio University of Press, 2006. Journalism History (Spring 2007): 61-62.

Jonathan Nashel, Edward Lansdale's Cold War. University of Massachusetts Press, 2005. Journal of American History (September 2006): 125.

Nils Gilman, Mandarins of the Future: Modernization Theory in Cold War America. Johns Hopkins, 2003. American Historical Review (April 2006): 508-09.

"Guerrilla: The Taking of Patty Hearst," Journal of American History 92 (December 2005): 1113-14.

John J. Mearsheimer, The Tragedy of Great Power Politics (W.W. Norton, 2001). Cold War Studies 7 (Summer 2005): 149-51.

David C. Engerman, Modernization from the Other Shore: American Intellectuals and the Romance of Russian

Development. Harvard University Press, 2003. Journal of American History(chk) 3 (December 2004).

"President Lindbergh," Philip Roth, The Plot Against America, Letter to Editor, New York Times Book Review, Oct. 17, 2004.

Volker R. Berghahn, America and Intellectual Cold Wars in Europe: Shepard Stone between Philanthropy, Academy, and Diplomacy. Princeton University Press, 2001. American Historical Review (October 2002): 107.

Ron Robin. The Making of the Cold War Enemy: Culture and Politics in the Military-Intellectual Complex. Princeton University Press, 2001. American Historical Review (October 2002): 107.

James Jessen Badal, In the Wake of the Butcher: Cleveland's Torso Murders. Kent State University Press, 2001. Northeast Ohio Journal of History (online) (Fall 2002).

Reinhold Wagnleitner and Elaine Tyler May, eds., "Here, There, and Everywhere:" The Foreign Politics of Popular Culture. University Press of New England, 2000. Journal of American History (June 2001): .

Naima Prevots, Dance for Export: Cultural Diplomacy and the Cold War. University Press of New England, 1998. Journal of American History 87 (June 2000): 286-87.

Arnold Offner, "Another Such Victory: President Truman, American Foreign Policy, and the Cold War," Diplomatic History (Spring 1999): 127-55. H-Diplo (online) (April 12, 1999).

Michel M. Sheng, Battling Western Imperialism: Mao, Stalin, and the United States. Princeton University Press, 1997. The Historian 62 (1999):

Elizabeth Cobbs Hoffman, All You Need Is Love: The Peace Corps and the Spirit of the 1960s. Harvard University Press, 1998. Journal of Interdisciplinary History (Autumn, 1999): 356-57.

Allen Hunter, Rethinking the Cold War (Temple University Press) and Peter Trubowitz, Defining the National Interest:

Conflict and Change in American Foreign Policy. Journal of American History (June 1999): 299-301.

Amos Perlmutter, FDR and Stalin: A Not So Grand Alliance. University of Missouri Press, 1993. Ohio History (1998): 102-03.

Lorraine M. Lees, Keeping Tito Afloat: The United States, Yugoslavia, and the Cold War. Journal of American History (March 1998): 1572-73.

Gregory A. Olson, Mansfield and Vietnam: A Study in Rhetorical Adaptation. American Historical Review 102 (June 1997): 923.

Robert H. Johnson, Improbable Dangers: U.S. Conceptions of Threat in the Cold War and After. American Historical Review (April 1996): 591-92.

Randall Woods, Fulbright: A Biography (Cambridge University Press, 1995). H-Diplo (online) (September 1996).

Ralph B. Levering, The Cold War: A Post-Cold War History. Journal of American History (June 1995): 350-51.

Lois Fisher, Survival in Russia: Chaos and Hope in Everyday Life. Slavic Review (Summer 1994): 645.

Douglas Brinkley, Dean Acheson: The Cold War Years, 1953-1971. Journal of American History (December 1993): 1156-57.

Wilson D. Miscamble, George F. Kennan and the Making of American Foreign Policy, 1947-1950. The Pacific Historical Review (November 1993): 521-22.

Joel H. Rosenthal, Righteous Realists: Political Realism, Responsible Power, and American Culture in the Nuclear Age. Journal of American History (June 1992): 334-35.

Michael Fry, History, the White House and the Kremlin: Statesmen as Historians. Journal of American History (September 1992): 748.

Linda Killen, The Soviet Union and the United States: A New Look at the Cold War. Journal of American History (March 1990): 1301.

ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

"Antiwar Movement" (pp. 40-45); "Berlin Crises" (55-58); "Gulf of Tonkin Resolution" (189-90); "Marshall Plan" (251-53); "Pentagon Papers" (299-300), all in Thomas G. Langston, ed., Encyclopedia of U.S. Political History VI, Postwar Consensus to Social Unrest, 1946 to 1975 (CG Press, 2009).

Lizzie Borden Case," "Lindbergh Kidnapping Case," Trials of O.J. Simpson," in Kermit Hall, ed., The Oxford Companion to American Law. Oxford University Press, 2002.

"McCarthyism," "Imperial Presidency," "Militarization of U.S. Foreign Policy," "Universalism in U.S. Foreign Policy," Benjamin Frankel, ed., History in Dispute (St. James Press 2000).

"War of 1812," "U.S. Foreign Policy with Asia," "Crime: Overview and Sensational Crimes," Paul Finkelman, ed., Encyclopedia of the United States in the Nineteenth Century (2000).

"Harriman, W. Averell," "Kennan, George F.," Encyclopedia of United States Foreign Relations. Oxford University Press, 1997.

JOURNALISM AND BLOGGING

"What's To Be Done with North Korea?" Historian's News Network (online): April 6, 2009.

"Exit Afghanistan, With Diplomacy," Akron Beacon-Journal, April 3, 2009.

"Finding a Way Out in Afghanistan," Historian's News Network (online): March 30, 2009.

"Finding a Way Out in Afghanistan," Informed Comment (Juan Cole blog), March 22, 2009.

GRANTS, HONORS, AWARDS

Fulbright Distinguished Lectureship, People's Republic of China, Spring 2009 (China Foreign Affairs Institute)

Research Award, Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences, University of Akron, 2007 (Selected as the top research scholar in the College of Arts and Sciences for 2007).

Fulbright Lectureship, Kazan State University (Russia), 1990-91.

Bernath Prize, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, for George F. Kennan, Cold War Iconoclast (Columbia University Press, 1989).

International Research and Exchange Board (Russian language), 1989.

Faculty Recognition Award, University of Akron, 1989-90; 1993-94.

University of California Seminar on Global Conflict and Arms Control, 1985.

Institute for the Study of World Politics (1984)

Outstanding Graduate Instructor, University of Colorado, 1983.

Harry S. Truman Library Institute, 1983.

Cochran Award, Western Kentucky University, 1981.

INVITED LECTURES

University of Louisville (2010)

Bowling Green State University (2010)

Beijing Chemical Technical University (2009)

Shanghai International Studies University (2009)

University of San Diego (2006)

University of Houston (2006)

Historians Against the War (2006)

Ohio State University (2005)

Oberlin College (2005)

Wooster College (2004)

Cincinnati Bar Association (2004)

Western Kentucky University (2004)

West Virginia University (2003)

University of California at Santa Barbara (2002)

OASIS adult education (2002)

Akron Bar Association (2002)

Canton Writers Workshop (2002)
Eastern Kentucky University (2001)
Toledo Bar Association (2001)
Mississippi State University (1999)
University of Connecticut (1998)
Westminster College (1996)
Kent State University (1995)
University of California at Davis (1992)
University of Southern California (1991)
Franklin Club (1991)
Rotary International (1991)
USA-Canada Institute, Moscow (1991)
Historic Archive Institute, Moscow (1991)
Novosibirsk Technical Institute, Russia (1991)
Kazan State University, Tatarstan, RUSSIA (1990, 1991)
Ohio Academy of History (1990)
Ohio University (1990)
John Carroll University (1989)
Northwestern University (1988)
Vanderbilt University (1987)

CONFERENCES (CHAIR, PANELIST, COMMENTATOR)

Akron Bar Association
American Historical Association
American Historical Association, Pacific Coast branch*
Bowling Green State University
Center for International Studies
Global Spectrum Vietnam Tour
Latin American Studies Association
North American Conference on Radicalism
Popular Culture Association
Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations*
Toledo Bar Association
U.S. Campaign to End the Occupation
Western Historical Association
Western Social Science Association*
University of Akron*
University of California at Irvine
University of Southern California

DOCTORAL AND MA SUPERVISION*

Andrew Stermisha, Akron MA, in progress.

Jason Norris. MA Akron, 2008. Ph. D. program, Ohio University.

James Skrant, Akron MA; enrolled in Ph. D., not yet ABD
Theodore Easterling, Akron MA; enrolled in Ph. D., not yet ABD

Maurice Labelle, "Lebanese Perspectives on U.S. Mideast Diplomacy, 1950s-1960s." Ph. D. diss., University of Akron, in progress.

Christine Lober, "Ronald Reagan in Myth and Memory. Ph. D. diss., University of Akron, in progress.

Peter Guiler, "Quaker Youth Sacrificed to World War II: Shifting Doctrinal attitudes Among the Ohio Valley Friends in the Early 20th Century." Ph. D. diss., University of Akron, in progress.

David Zietsma, Ph. D. candidate (hired as asst. prof. Beginning fall 2007 at Redeemer University, Toronto, Canada), "Imagining Heaven and Hell: Religion, National Identity and U.S. Foreign Policy, 1933-45," Ph. D. Diss., University of Akron.

Brian Himebaugh, asst. prof., Ohio State University-Lima, "'All for One': Restoring American National Identity in Film and Prime Time Television After Vietnam," Ph. D. Diss., University of Akron, 2004.

Michael Epple, asst. prof., Florida Gulf Coast University, "American Crusader: Bishop Fulton J. Sheen's Campaign Against Communism," Ph. D. Diss., University of Akron, May 2001.

Peter Dumbuya, assoc. prof., Fort Valley State University, "The Tanganyika mandate, 1919-1933: A Political History, Ph. D. diss., University of Akron, 1991.

Andrew Kiel, high school teacher, Wooster, Oh., "J. Edgar Hoover, the Father of the Cold War: How He Initiated, Perpetuated, and Promoted America's Obsession with Communism," MA Thesis, University of Akron, 1996.

James Thompson, AAUP national organizer, "Mexico in the American Imagination, 1900-1920," MA Thesis, University of Akron, 1996.

James Jensen, atty., Columbus, Oh., "'Singing a beautiful Hymn:' The Psychological Warfare Option in U.S. Foreign Policy in the Early Cold War," MA Thesis, University of Akron, 1995.

* These are theses I directed. I have served as second reader or committee member on more than 20 additional MA theses or option papers and on five other dissertation committees at the University of Akron.

Other Universities

Tomas Tolvais, "USA on Display: American Commercial and Cultural Exhibitions in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe During the 1960s," Ph. D. Diss., Rutgers University, 2007.

Terry Hamblin, "Selling America: The Voice of America and U.S. International Radio Broadcasting to Western Europe During the Early Cold War, 1945-1954," Ph. D. Diss., SUNY-Stony Brook, 2006.

Matthew T. Phillips, "Of Wilson and Men: Masculinity and America's Great War Debate, 1914-1917," MA Thesis, Kent State University, 2005.

Daniel J. Weimer, "Seeing Drugs: The American Drug War, Thailand, and Burma, 1970-1975," Ph. D. Diss., Kent State University, 2004.

EXTERNAL EVALUATIONS

RTP:

Fulbright Scholar Selection Committee (2010)

Scott Laderman, University of Minnesota, Duluth (2010)

Justin Hart, Texas Tech University (2010)

Edwin Martini, Western Michigan University, tenure (2008)

Jonathan Winkler, Wright State University, tenure (2008)

Donna Alvah, St. Lawrence University, tenure (2007)

Andrew Johnston, University of Western Ontario, tenure (2006).

Sarah-Jane Corke, Dalhousie University, tenure (2004).

Clarence Wunderlin, Kent State University, full professor (2004).

Richard Damms, Mississippi State University tenure (2002).

Laura Belmonte, Oklahoma State University, tenure (2001).
Bruce Field, Northern Illinois University, tenure (2000).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Board of Editors: Diplomatic History, 1994-97.
Bernath Lecture Prize Committee, 2002-05 (chair 2005)
Bernath Article Prize Committee, 2007-present
Board Members and Series Editor: International and
Political Affairs, University of Akron Press, 2005-2009

Manuscript Reviews:

American Historical Review (3 reviews)
Cambridge University Press
Cold War History (2)
Columbia University Press
Diplomatic History (27)
The Historian
Houghton-Mifflin
International History Review (5)
Journal of American History (4)
Kent State University Press
Kritka
M.E. Sharpe
Michigan State University Press
Ohio University Press
Oxford University Press
Pacific Historical Review
Princeton University Press
University of Missouri Press
University of North Carolina Press
University of Pittsburgh Press
University Press of Kansas (2)
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada
Texas A&M University Press
Yale University Press

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS (past and present)

American Association of University Professors
American Historical Association
Historians Against the War
Ohio Academy of History
Organization of American Historians
Phi Alpha Theta

Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations
Western Social Science Association

MEDIA

Akron Beacon Journal
Boulder Daily Camera
Chicago Tribune
Cleveland Plain Dealer
Colorado Daily
Kentucky Kernel
Lexington Herald-Leader
Los Angeles Times
Louisville Courier-Journal
Hartford Courant
History Channel
Kentucky Educational Network
New York Times
NPR
WAKR (Akron)
WBBM (Chicago)
WCRS (Akron)
WKYC (Cleveland)
WTAM (Cleveland)
WVIZ (Cleveland)