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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Long Beach City College (CA), Department of History and Political Science

- Associate Professor, August 2019 – Present
- Assistant Professor, August 2016 – August 2019

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of History

- Allan Selig Chair of American History, January 2014 – August 2016

Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Mt. Scopus Campus), Department of History

- George L. Mosse Visiting Professor, October 2015 – June 2016

EDUCATION

Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island

- *Doctor of Philosophy*, American Studies, 2014
- *Master of Arts*, Urban Education Policy, 2013
- *Master of Arts*, History, 2009

University of California at San Diego, La Jolla, California

- *Master of Arts* in History, 2006

United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland

- *Bachelor of Science* in History, 2004

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD)

Long Beach City College (Department of History and Political Science)

- U.S. History, Reconstruction to the Present (survey)
- U.S. History, Pre-Columbian to Reconstruction (survey)
- Facts, Evidence, and Explanation (research methods practicum)

Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Departments of History and Geography)

- Capital Cities: Urban Growth in Global and Historical Context (undergraduate/graduate seminar)

University of Wisconsin-Madison (Department of History)

- U.S. History, Civil War Era to the Present (survey)
- Sport, Recreation, and Society in the U.S. (survey)
- Place, Space, and American City: Mapping Change Over Time in the Urban U.S. (undergraduate/graduate seminar w/GIS practicum component)
- Sport and the City (undergraduate capstone seminar)

Brown University (Department of American Studies)

- Sports Mediated: Athletics and the Production of Culture in Twentieth-Century America (undergraduate seminar)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Bulls Markets: Chicago's Basketball Business and the New Inequality. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2018 (paperback edition 2022).

- 2019 *Choice* magazine Outstanding Academic Title
- 2019 North American Society for Sport History Book of the Year
- 2019 Illinois State Historical Society Award for Superior Achievement in Scholarly Publication

Refereed Journal Articles and Book Chapters

“Michael Jordan at the 1988 Slam Dunk Contest: The NBA and Nike Take Flight in the New Gilded Age.” In *Capturing the Moment*, edited by Sarah Fields, Daniel Nathan, and Maureen Smith. Austin, TX: University of Texas Press, forthcoming.

(Co-authored with Christopher Lamberti). “Sports and Blue-Collar Mythology in Neoliberal Chicago.” In *Neoliberal Chicago*, edited by Larry Bennett, Roberta Garner, and Euan Hague, 119 – 138. Urbana, IL: University of Illinois Press, 2016.

- “ ‘Nothing but Net Profit’: Property Taxes, Public Dollars, and Corporate Philanthropy at Chicago’s United Center.” *Radical History Review* no. 125 (May 2016): 13 – 34
- “The Attrition of the Common Fan: Class, Spectatorship, and Major-League Stadiums in Postwar America.” *Social Science History* 40, no. 2 (2016): 339 – 365.
- “A Bad Case of ‘Peanut Envy’: Concessions Markets and Monopoly Power at Chicago’s United Center.” *Critical Sociology* 40, no. 6 (November 2014): 873 – 892.
- “ ‘Flexible Opposition’: Skateboarding Subcultures Under the Rubric of Late Capitalism.” *International Journal of the History of Sport* 28, no. 11 (2011): 1512 – 1535.
- “Padres on Mount Olympus: Los Angeles and the Production of the 1932 Olympic Mega-Event.” *Journal of Sport History* 32, no. 2 (2005): 137 – 166.
- Reprinted in *Sport in America, Volume II: From Colonial Leisure to Celebrity Figures and Globalization*, edited by David Wiggins, 257 – 282 (Urbana-Champaign: Human Kinetics, 2009).
 - Reprinted in *The Making of Olympic Cities*, edited by John R. Gold and Margaret M. Gold (London: Routledge, 2012).

Non-Refereed Book Chapters

- “The 1932 Olympics: Spectacle and Growth in Interwar Los Angeles.” In *Los Angeles Sports: Play, Games, and Community in the City of Angels*, edited by David Wiggins and Wayne Wilson, 129 – 148. Fayetteville, AK: University of Arkansas Press, 2018.

Selected Academic Reviews and Review Essays

- “Let them Eat Games!” Review essay on Barry Siegel’s *Dreamers and Schemers: How an Improbable Bid for the 1932 Olympics Transformed Los Angeles from Dusty Outpost to Global Metropolis*. *Journal of Olympic Studies* 2, no. 1 (2021): 110 – 121.
- idrottsforum.org (Nordic Sport Science Forum) “Editor’s Pick” from Vol. 2, no. 1 issue of *Journal of Olympic Studies*.

“Digging Deeper into the Dodgers.” Review Essay. *Journal of Urban History*, published “online first” June 2, 2020.

“Beginning with the Braves: Milwaukee and Postwar Stadium Development in the American City.” *Reviews in American History* 48, no. 2 (June 2020): 305 – 310.

Review of Travis Vogan’s *Keepers of the Flame: NFL Films and the Rise of Sports Media* in *Sports History Review* 47, no. 1 (2016): 115 – 116.

Review (film) of Ted Woods’ *White Wash* in *Journal of Sport History* 39, no. 3 (Fall 2012): 532 – 534.

“Permission to Engage?” Review of Douglas Higbee’s (ed.) *Military Culture and Education in Academe* (January/February 2012): 52.

Policy Publications/Reports

(Contributor credit). *A Just Chicago: Fighting for the City Our Students Deserve*. Chicago: Chicago Teachers Union, February 2015. Available online at: http://ajustchicago.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/A_Just_Chicago.pdf.

(Lead author with Carol Caref). *Nothing But Net Profits: Jerry Reinsdorf, Property Tax Relief, & Corporate School Reform on Chicago’s Near West Side*. Chicago: Chicago Teachers Union: January 2013. Available online at: <https://www.ctulocal1.org/reports/nothing-but-net-profits/>

Selected Popular Publications and Op-Eds

“Juking the Stats: Why the NBA Finals Won’t Be a Godsend for the Economies of Denver or Miami.” *Counterpunch*. June 9, 2023. <https://www.counterpunch.org/2023/06/09/juking-the-stats-why-the-nba-finals-wont-be-a-godsend-for-the-economies-of-denver-or-miami/>

“The History that Explains Why a Democratic Socialist May Be Buffalo’s Next Mayor.” *Washington Post*. “Made By History” section (online only), November 1, 2021. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2021/11/01/history-that-explains-why-democratic-socialist-may-be-buffalos-next-mayor/>.

“Gov. Scott Walker’s Plan for the Bucks Is a Sucker’s Bet.” *Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel*. Sunday print edition, March 8, 2015. Published online March 6, 2015: <http://archive.jsonline.com/news/opinion/gov-scott-walkers-plan-for-the-bucks-is-a-suckers-bet-b99455573z1-295369081.html/>.

“Fanfare, without the Fan.” *Jacobin*. Issue 15/16 (print, Fall 2014). Available online at: <https://jacobinmag.com/2014/10/fanfare-without-the-fans>.

TALKS/PRESENTATIONS

Invited

Guest lecture on *Bulls Markets* in Dr. Timothy Gilfoyle’s “American Urban and Cultural History, 1800-2019” graduate seminar (HIST5560). Loyola University Chicago. April 21, 2021.

Guest lecture on “Profits and Professionals: The Commercialization of Sport in the Modern U.S.” in Dr. Robert Edelman’s “Sport in the Modern World” undergraduate course (HIEU127). U.C. San Diego. November 5, 2020.

“The Not-So-United Center: How the ‘House that Jordan Built’ Left Behind Working- and Middle-Class NBA Fans in Chicago.” Roosevelt University. April 18, 2019.

Guest lecture on *Bulls Markets* in Dr. Timothy Gilfoyle’s “American Urban and Cultural History, 1800-2019” graduate seminar (HIST5560). Loyola University Chicago. November 13, 2018.

“Bulls Markets: Chicago’s Basketball Business and the New Inequality.” College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs, University of Illinois at Chicago. March 1, 2019.

“The Not-So-United Center: How the ‘House that Jordan Built’ Left Behind Working- and Middle-Class NBA Fans in Chicago.” California State University, Northridge Sports Studies Seminar Series Spring 2019. February 21, 2019.

Guest lecture on “The Sports Business and Post-Industrial Development” in Dr. Samuel Franklin’s “Visions of a Post-Industrial Society” undergraduate seminar (AMST1902V). Brown University. November 13, 2018.

“The United Center’s Peanut Envy.” DePaul University Department of Political Science. November 8, 2018.

“Why Building New Sports Stadiums Makes the Rich Richer, and the Poor Poorer.” University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Urban Studies Program Fall Lecture. Milwaukee, Wisconsin. October 28, 2016.

“The Socialization of Risk in the Neoliberal City.” City/State/Nation: Historians on Twentieth Century Urbanism. Panel sponsored by UW-Madison East Asian Connections. University of Wisconsin-Madison. Madison, WI. April 17, 2015.

“ ‘Anchor’ or Shipwreck?: Re-Evaluating the United Center as Economic Development Strategy.” 2013 Summer Geographic Information Systems Institute, hosted by Brown University’s institute for Spatial Structures in the Social Sciences (S4). May 20, 2013.

“The United Center as ‘Good Business’?: Professional Sport and Community Redevelopment on Chicago’s Near West Side.” 2012 Summer Geographic Information Systems Institute, hosted by Brown University’s institute for Spatial Structures in the Social Sciences (S4). May 21, 2012.

Conference Presentations

“Historian-Mandarins in the Age of Trump: The Curious Case of Heather Cox Richardson.” Organization of American Historians 2023 Conference on American History. Los Angeles. March 31, 2023.

“Bulls Markets: Chicago’s Basketball Business and the New Inequality.” 2nd Annual Conference of the Center for Sociocultural Sport and Olympic Research. California State University, Fullerton. March 16, 2019.

“Cookies, Capital, and Labor on Chicago’s South Side: A Case Study in Urban Jobs Policy in the Neoliberal U.S.” 17th Biennial Maple Leaf & Eagle Conference on North American Studies. University of Helsinki. May 18, 2018.

“Bullish on Image: Basketball and Urban Branding in Post-Industrial Chicago.” Taiwan International Conference on Hospitality, Tourism, and Sports Management. Taipei, Taiwan. January 14, 2016.

“The Plight of the Common Fan: Class, Spectatorship, and Displacement in Professional Sport at the End of the Twentieth Century.” Forty-Second Annual Convention for the North American Society for Sport History. Glenwood Springs, CO. June 1, 2014.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

Sabbatical Leave, Long Beach City College, 2023-2024

- Fully-funded sabbatical leave for academic year to complete revisions, editing, and publication of *Riot Zone* (incomplete manuscript of deceased colleague Christopher Lamberti)

Community College Association Chapter “We Honor Our Own” Award, 2021

- Awarded by Long Beach City College Faculty Association for service as Communications Chair

Conference Travel Grant, Long Beach City College, 2017-18

- \$1,309 to attend and present at 2018 Maple Leaf and Eagle Conference (University of Helsinki)

Conference Travel Grant, Long Beach City College, 2016-17

- \$500 (est.) to attend 2017 Meeting of the American Society for Environmental History (Chicago)

Fulbright Garcia Robles Teaching Fellowship, Fall 2016

- \$20,000 to teach for one semester at Universidad Veracruzana (declined due to scheduling conflict)

Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison Graduate School Conference Travel Grant, Jan. 2016

- \$2,000 to attend and present at the 2016 International Conference on Hospitality, Tourism, and Sports Management (Taipei, Taiwan)

Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison Fall Research Competition Grant, Summer 2015

- \$15,556 to support for first book manuscript

Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison Graduate School Conference Travel Grant, May 2014

- \$1,000 to attend and present at the 2014 Annual Convention for the North American Society for Sport History (Glenwood Springs, CO)

Finalist for Gabriel Prize for Best Doctoral Dissertation in American Studies, 2014

Joukowsky Outstanding Dissertation Prize in the Social Sciences, May 2014,

- \$1,000 for the completion of the most outstanding social science dissertation at Brown University

2nd Prize, S4 First Annual Grad. Student Paper Contest, Brown University, 2013

- \$250 for the second best spatial analysis paper submitted by graduate students to Brown University's Institute for Spatial Structures in the Social Sciences

Brown University Open-Graduate Program Fellowship, 2012-2013

- Additional year of graduate stipend support for completion of a secondary M.A. in Urban Education Policy

University Fellowship, Brown University, 2012-2013

Grad. Fellow, Brown S4 (Spatial Structures in the Soc. Scis.), Jan. 2012-Dec. 2013

Brown Univ. Diss. Completion Workshop. Grant, Mellon Foundation, 2011-2012

- \$6,000 for organizing graduate student workshop entitled "The Neoliberal Turn: Capital and Culture Since 1970"

Conference Travel Grant, Brown University, Fall 2011

- \$200 to attend and present at the 2011 Loyola University Chicago History Graduate Student Conference

Salomon Curricular Development Grant, Brown University, Spring 2011

- \$350 for course material purchases and guest speaker honorarium

University Fellowship, Brown University, 2008-2009

National Society, Dames of the Court of Honor Prize, U.S. Naval Academy, 2004

- Awarded to graduate with highest class standing among history majors

Naval Intelligence Foundation Award, U.S. Naval Academy, 2004

- Awarded to most outstanding honors thesis among all majors

Sons of the American Revolution Prize, U.S. Naval Academy, 2004

- Awarded to most outstanding history honors thesis

ADVISING AND MENTORSHIP

Long Beach City College Faculty Intern Mentor

- Tanya Gomez (California State University, Fullerton), 2017 – 18
- Carlos Barragan (University of California, Irvine), 2020 – 2021

Ph.D. Dissertation Defense Committees

- Mark Mederson (University of Wisconsin-Madison, Journalism, 2019)
- Samuel Gale (University of Wisconsin-Madison, History, 2017)
- Michael Mirer (University of Wisconsin-Madison, Journalism, 2016)

Undergraduate Honors Advisees

- Kevin Dlugos, (University of Wisconsin-Madison, History, 2016)
- Peter Geppert (University of Wisconsin- Madison, History, 2015)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Academic Manuscript Peer Reviewer:

- *American Quarterly*
- *Critical Sociology*
- *International Journal of the History of Sport*
- University of Chicago Press

LBCC Faculty Association Contract Negotiations Team (Fall 2022 – Spring 2023)

LBCC Distance Education Facilitator, School of Social Sciences and Arts (Fall 2020 – Present)

LBCC Primary Course Author for History 47-Facts, Evidence, and Explanation (approved Fall 2018, first offerings Spring 2021)

LBCC Faculty Association Communications Chair (Summer 2018 – Spring 2022)

LBCC Data Use Comm. (Summer 2017 – Fall 2019)

LBCC Faculty Assoc. Political Action Comm. (Summer 2017 – Present)

LBCC Faculty Assoc. Delegate to L.A. Fed. of Labor (Spring 2016 – Fall 2018)

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Intern, Chicago Teachers Union, Aug. 2012 – Aug. 2013

- Stipend funded by Andrew Mellon Foundation

Officer, United States Navy, May 2004-April 2008

- Honorably discharged at rank of Lieutenant Junior Grade

NON-DEGREE-PROGRAMS

California Teachers Association Summer Institute

- Essential Bargaining Skills, July 2022
- Economic Justice, July-August 2018

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan

- *Interuniversity Consortium on Social and Political Research (ICPSR) Summer Program in Quantitative Methods for the Social Sciences*, Summer 2016 (Courses Completed: Math II for Social Scientists, Regression II)

Cornell University, Ithaca, New York

- *AFL-CIO Strategic Corporate Research Course*, June 2013

Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island

- *Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Winter Institute*, Initiative for Spatial Structures in the Social Sciences (S4), 2011-2012

Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vermont

- Spanish Summer Language Program (Level 4), Summer 2009

SOFTWARE AND LANGUAGE COMPETENCIES

ArcGIS Mapping Software

Stata Statistical Analysis Software

- Data management
- Descriptive statistical analysis
- Ordinary least squares (OLS) regression
- Logistic regression

Spanish Language Competency

- Advanced in read/written; intermediate to advanced in spoken

REFERENCES

Research

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Policy Work

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