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## **EDUCATION**

### **Columbia University, New York, NY, 2003-2010**

Ph.D., Department of History, October 2010

Dissertation: "Messengers of the Right: Media and the Modern Conservative Movement"

Committee: Alan Brinkley (adviser), Ira Katznelson, Casey Blake, Sarah Phillips, and Michael Janeway

Nominated for the Bancroft Dissertation Award

An analysis of conservative media as the source of leadership for the emerging conservative movement, from the mid-1950s through the 1970s. Combines study of personal papers, broadcasts, publications, and political ephemera to demonstrate how conservative media activists organized and led the movement, developed the idea of liberal media bias, and transformed conservatism into a powerful political force in the United States.

M.Phil., Department of History, May 2006

Examination Fields: American Colonial History, 19<sup>th</sup>-Century U.S. History, 20<sup>th</sup>-Century U.S. History, Communications and Social Change: Historical Perspectives

M.A., Department of History, May 2005

Thesis: "'The Hand of the Law': The New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children as a Subordinate Governmental Agency"

A case study of an attempt to reshape popular understanding of the role of government, examining the first child-cruelty organization and its work to bring the treatment of children under the jurisdiction of local and state law.

### **Marian College (University), Indianapolis, IN, 1997-2001**

B.A. in Psychology, minor in Political Science, *Summa cum laude*, Honors Program  
Honors Thesis: "Light-Bearers: Social Critics and the Power of Perception"

## **EMPLOYMENT**

### **Miller Center, University of Virginia, 2015-present**

Assistant Professor in Presidential Studies, Presidential Recordings Program  
Research Associate in Presidential Studies, Presidential Recordings Program

### ***U.S. News & World Report*, 2013-present**

Politics blogger, 2013-2015  
Contributing editor, 2015-present

### **United States Studies Centre, University of Sydney, 2011-present**

Postdoctoral Fellow, 2011-2012  
Research Associate, 2012-present  
Course taught: US Media: Politics, Culture, Technology (Graduate; Winter 2014)

### **University of Miami, Visiting Assistant Professor, 2012-2015**

History of the United States Since 1877  
Conservatism in America Since 1945  
Before Occupy and the Tea Party: Social Movements in 20<sup>th</sup> Century America  
Suburbia: Culture and Politics in America's Suburbs  
Purchasing Power: Consumerism in 20<sup>th</sup> Century America  
Field Preparation: Modern America (Graduate)  
The American Century: US Foreign Policy Since 1898

### **Manchester College (University), Adjunct Lecturer, 2009-2011**

American History, 1865 to Present  
American History to 1865

### **Columbia University, Teaching Assistant, 2004-2008**

American Urban History, Professor Kenneth Jackson  
American Radical Tradition, Professor Eric Foner  
History of the City of New York, Professor Kenneth Jackson  
America Since 1960, Professor Sarah Phillips  
Politics of the American Environment, Professor Sarah Phillips  
The Presidency Since 1898, Professor David Eisenbach

### **Research Assistant, 2003-2005**

Assistant to Dr. Michael Flamm, Ohio Wesleyan University  
Project Topic: 1964 Harlem Riots

## **PUBLICATIONS**

*Messengers of the Right: Conservative Media and the Transformation of American Politics*, University of Pennsylvania Press, 2016.

“From ‘Faith in Facts’ to ‘Fair and Balanced: Conservative Media, Liberal Bias, and the Origins of Balance,” in *Media Nation: The Political History of News in Modern America*, University of Pennsylvania Press, forthcoming.

“The Dealers and the Darling: Conservative Media and the Candidacy of Barry Goldwater,” in *Barry Goldwater and the Remaking of the American Political Landscape*, University of Arizona Press, 2013.

Review of *What’s Fair on the Air? Cold War Right-Wing Broadcasting and the Public Interest* by Heather Hendershot, *Journal of American History*, Sept. 2012 99: 646-647.

Review of *James J. Kilpatrick: Salesman for Segregation* by William P. Hustwit, *Journal of Southern History*, Nov. 2014.

## **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

[\*The \(Melbourne\) Age\*](#), Syndicated Columnist, 2016-present

[\*Past Present Podcast\*](#), Host and Producer, 2015-present

[\*U.S. News & World Report\*](#), Columnist and Contributing Editor, 2013-present

Published in the *New York Times*, *The New Republic*, *The Atlantic*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Politico*, *Vox*, *U.S. News & World Report*, *International New York Times*, *The Washington Post’s Monkey Cage*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *Huffington Post*, *The Hill*, *History News Network*, *The Spectator Australia*, *Sydney Morning Herald*, *The Australian*, *American Review*, *The Conversation* (Aus. & U.K.), and *The Drum* (Aus.).

Appeared on NPR’s *Morning Edition*, *The Bill Press Show*, *The Leslie Marshall Show*, *HuffPost Live*, *Ken Rudin’s Political Junkie*, *BBC World*, *Planet America*, *The Perrett Report*, *ABC24 News*, *ABC Radio PM*, *The World*, *ABC Radio National*, and *SBS Radio World News*.

## **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

“Helen Thomas: The First Lady of the Fourth Estate,” Miller Center of Public Affairs, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, May 10, 2016.

“History Communicators,” roundtable, National Council on Public History annual meeting, Nashville, TN, April 16, 2015.

“From ‘Faith in Facts’ to ‘Fair and Balanced’,” International Conference on American Political History, Boston, MA, March 19, 2015, invited.

“Barricades and Balancing Acts: Conservatives and Academic Freedom Since 1945,” Policy History Conference, Columbus, OH, June 6, 2014.

“Media Activism and the Making of Modern Conservatism,” Media in American Political History roundtable, Organization of American History annual meeting, Atlanta, GA, April 13, 2014.

“Conservative Media, Liberal Bias, and the Origins of Balance,” at the American Historical Association annual meeting, Washington, D.C, January 5, 2014.

“Engaged Audiences,” Public Knowledge Forum at the Sydney Opera House, Sydney, NSW, November 4, 2013.

“Right Around the World: Conservative Media in the Anglosphere,” invited talk at the Richard G. Lugar Franciscan Center for Global Studies Lecture Series, Marian University, Indianapolis, IN, February 21, 2013.

“The Fairness Doctrine and Conservative Broadcasting,” at the Policy History Conference, Richmond, VA, June 7, 2012.

“The Limits of Pragmatism: Conservative Media in the Age of Nixon,” at the United States Studies Centre, Sydney, NSW, May 4, 2012.

“The Dealers and the Darling: Conservative Media and the Candidacy of Barry Goldwater,” invited talk at the Goldwater at 100 Conference, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, November 13, 2009.

“Conservative Power in a Liberal Age,” commenter for Professor Beverly Gage at the Governing America in a Global Era Colloquium, Charlottesville, VA, February 6, 2009.

“After the Storm: Conservative Media and the Goldwater Campaign,” at the Journal of Policy History Conference, St. Louis, MO, May 29, 2008.

## **SELECTED COMMENTARY**

[“Donald Trump Is What Happens When the Media Choose Ideology over Facts,”](#) *Los Angeles Times*, 20 September 2016.

[“How Phyllis Schlafly — Grassroots Activist, Media Innovator — Remade the Republican Party,”](#) *Vox.com*, 7 September 2016.

[“What Phyllis Schlafly Owes Feminism,”](#) *Politico*, 6 September 2016.

Quoted in Juliet Eilperin, [“In a Rare Occurrence, Obama Speaks His Mind about Trump for the World to Hear,”](#) *Washington Post*, 26 May 2016.

[“Why Republicans Reject the Iran Deal — and All Diplomacy”](#) (with Tom Switzer), *International New York Times*, 25 August 2015.

[“Conservatives Have Waged a 50-Year War to Prove the News Media Can't Be Trusted,”](#) *The New Republic*, 13 February 2015.

[“Charlie Hebdo Hypocrisy: Offensive Speech Requires Scrutiny, Not Censorship”](#) (with Tom Switzer), *Sydney Morning Herald*, 20 January 2015.

[“The Missing Women of the Supreme Court,”](#) *American Review*, November 2014.

[“The Three Books That Shook Conservative Media in 1964,”](#) *The Atlantic*, 20 May 2014.

[Review of Double Down](#) by Mark Halperin and John Heilemann, *American Review*, February 2014.

[“The Conservative War on Liberal Media Has a Long History,”](#) *The Atlantic*, 17 January 2014.

[“Guarding the Right’s Flank,”](#) *Los Angeles Times*, 13 March 2013.

[Review of The Signal and the Noise](#) by Nate Silver, *American Review*, February 2013.

[“How a Centre-Right Politician Wins,”](#) cover story, *Spectator Australia*, 25 August 2012, vii.

[“Richard Nixon’s Model Campaign,”](#) *New York Times*, 10 May 2012.

[“Gingrich and Santorum: The Boys Who Cried Fox,”](#) *New York Times*, 19 April 2012.

[“Like Father, Like Son,”](#) *The Spectator*, 10 March 2012.

## **ACADEMIC AWARDS**

Visiting Fellow, Hoover Institution, Summer 2015  
Postdoctoral Fellow, United States Studies Centre, 2011-2012  
Miller Center Fellow, University of Virginia, 2008-2009  
Natalie and Howard Shawn Scholar, Columbia University, Summer 2007  
Richard L. Hofstadter Fellow, Columbia University, 2003-2008  
Kappa Gamma Pi, National Catholic College Graduate Honor Society, 2001  
Alumni Association's Distinguished Senior, Marian College, 2001  
Distinguished Senior in Psychology, Marian College, 2001  
National Honors Scholar, Marian College, 1997-2001

## **AFFILIATIONS**

American Historical Association  
Organization of American Historians