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**CURRICULUM VITAE**

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# Education

**PhD** Kansas State University, History PhD student August 2021 – Present

Dissertation Topic: Examining U.S. Military and Foreign Policy towards Asia, specifically that focused on U.S. perceptions of China, and the shift from the Soviet Union to Communist China, as the main Communist threat during the Early Cold War period, 1945 – 1965.

Supervisory Committee: Dr. Andrew Orr, Dr. David Graff, Dr. Suzanne Orr, Dr. Michael Krysko, Dr. Andrew Long

**MA** University of Central Missouri, History May 2021

 Thesis: “A Divided Korea: How Divided American Political and Military Leadership Resulted in a Limited United Nation’s Led War in Korea, 1945-1953”

 Advisor: Dr. Sean Kim

**BA** University of Arkansas, History May 2019

# Positions Held

**Graduate Teaching Assistant,** Department of History August 2022 to Present

**Kansas State University,** Manhattan, Kansas

**Graduate Advisor,** Student Programs August 2021 to May 2022

**Kansas State University,** Manhattan, Kansas

* Advisor for the Arts committee, advised Co-Chairs as they planned and executed student activities and events, handled and updated the budget for the Arts committee, attended meetings and led discussions relevant to the Union Programs Council.

**Graduate Teaching Assistant,** Department of History January 2020 to May 2021

**University of Central Missouri,** Warrensburg, Missouri

**Trails Regional Library** July 2020 to August 2020

**Research Contractor for Missouri Bicentennial Speakers’ Series**

**Graduate Research Assistant** September 2019 to May 2020

Department of Criminal Justice,University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, Missouri

**Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park** January 2019 to May 2019

**Historical Interpreter Intern**

# Teaching Experience

**Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Department of History January 2023 to Present

**Kansas State University**, Manhattan, KS

* Currently serving as the Instructor of Record for HIST 151: History of the United States to 1877 – Fall Semester 2023, 41 students.
* Instructor of Record for HIST 151: History of the United States to 1877 – Spring 2023 semester. Developed original lecture material, coursework, and grading for a class of 38 students.

**Graduate Teaching Assistant,** Department of History August 2022 to December 2022

**Kansas State University,** Manhattan, KS

* Assisted Dr. Kristen Epps with HIST 151: History of the United States to 1877 (75 Students)

**Guest Lecturer,** U.S. Military History Since 1775 (HIST 155) November 4, 2022

**Kansas State University,** Manhattan, KS

* Developed original lecture materials for “The Korean War: The Cold War and Civil-Military Conflict” and lectured on the Korean War, as well as the removal of General Douglas MacArthur and its impact.

**Guest Lecturer**, Western Civilization II (HIST 102) March 9, 2022

**Kansas State University,** Manhattan, KS

* Developed original lecture materials and lectured on the “Trench Warfare in World War I” and its impact on World War I from a military, social, and cultural sense for a course on Europe in the Modern World.

**Guest Lecturer,** Western Civilization II(HIST 102A)October 13, 2021

**Kansas State University,** Manhattan, KS

* Developed original lecture materials and lectured on the “The Schlieffen Plan” and its impact on World War I and trench warfare for a course on Europe in the Modern World.

**Graduate Teaching Assistant,** Department of History January 2020 to May 2021

**Kansas State University,** Manhattan, KS

* Assisted with the conducting of classes, grading of homework, quizzes, and examinations; Led reviews for exams and conducted one-on-one advising as needed. Also performed any other tasks that the instructor assigned. Provided classroom support for faculty and assisted in the development of online courses and class material.
* HIST 1351: History of the United States from 1877 – Present (Spring ’21)
	+ Moderated hybrid in-person/online class and Blackboard portal, graded Source Hunts, and Primary Source Analyses (30 Students)
* HIST 1351: History of the United States from 1877 – Present (Fall ’20)
	+ Moderated hybrid in-person/online class and Blackboard portal, graded exams, Persons of the Week, and handled final grades (96 Students)
* HIST 1351: History of the United States from 1877 – Present (Spring ’20)
	+ Moderated hybrid in-person/online class and Blackboard portal, graded exams as well as Persons of the Week, and calculated final grades (94 Students)

# Honors and Awards

**Colonel Peter Cullen Military History Fellowship** 2023

Awarded $4000.00 for research expenses related to U.S. Perception of China during the Early Cold War period, 1945-1965.

**Kansas State University Graduate Student Council Travel Award** 2023

Awarded $400.00 for travel/expenses to attend the 2023 Annual Meeting for the Society of Military History Conference in San Diego, California.

**Ralph W. Nyberg - Vanier Family Scholarship** 2022

Awarded $2,000.00 for travel and primary source research related to U.S. Foreign Relations with China during the interwar period of Korea-Vietnam.

**Cora Stewart Wilcoxon Graduate Fellowship** 2022

Awarded $1,438.25 for research expenses related to U.S. Foreign Relations with China during the interwar period of Korea-Vietnam.

**Anne S. Higham Memorial History Award** 2022

Awarded $561.75 for travel and potential dissertation primary source research.

**Kansas State University Graduate Student Council Travel Award** 2022

Awarded $250.00 for travel/expenses to attend the 88th Annual Society of Military History Conference in Fort Worth, Texas.

# Publications

## Book Reviews

Paxton Stover on Simon Miles, *Engaging the Evil Empire: Washington, Moscow, and the Beginning of the End of the Cold War*. H-War, published August 10, 2022. https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=57291

Paxton Stover on Thomas K. Robb and David James Gill, *Divided Allies: Strategic Cooperation against the Communist Threat in the Asia-Pacific during the Early Cold War*. H-War, published December 14, 2022. https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=57860

Paxton Stover on Jodi Kim, “Settler Garrison: Debt Imperialism, Militarism, and Transpacific Imaginaries.” *The Journal of Military History* 86, no. 4. (Oct. 2022): 1050-1051.

Paxton Stover on John E. Bronson, *The Cold War Defense of the United States: Strategy, Weapon Systems and Operations.* H-War, published June 20, 2023. https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=57859

Paxton Stover on Thomas E. Ricks, “Waging a Good War: A Military History of the Civil Rights Movement, 1954-1968.” *The Journal of Military History* 87, no. 3. (July 2023): 799-801.

Paxton Stover on Lindsey A. O’Rourke, *Covert Regime Change: America’s Secret Cold War*.H-War, copy editing as of August 2023.

Paxton Stover on Stephen Wertheim, *Tomorrow, the World: The Birth of U.S. Global Supremacy*. H-War, in review/edits as of August 2023.

# Presentations and Invited Lectures

**Roundtable Discussant,** roundtable panel entitled “The Blinded Eagle and the Rising Dragon: American and Chinese Perceptions during the Early Cold War Years,” The 72nd Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs (MCAA 2023), scheduled for September 29-October 1, 2023. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, IL.

**Conference Presenter**,“Changing Understandings of Self, Enemy, and History: Three Perspectives on the Korean and Vietnam Wars,” Society of Military History 2023 Annual Meeting, March 23-26, 2023, San Diego, CA.

**Conference Presenter**, “The National Security Council and the Growing Perception of a Chinese Threat to Southeast Asia, 1945-1954”, The 71st Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs (MCAA 2022), September 16-18, 2022. University of Kansas (KU), Lawrence, KS.

**Conference Presenter**, “Truman, Containment, and the Asian Defensive Perimeter: How the United States Justified Korean Intervention, 1945-1953”, 2022 History Graduate Student Organization Conference at Kansas State University, April 8, 2022.

# Public History

**Historic Missouri Warrensburg Historical Highlights Tour (https://historicmissouri.org/tours/browse/)**

Warrensburg Historical Highlights Tour Published, June 2021

* This Warrensburg Historical Highlights tour features some of the prominent historic sites in Warrensburg, Missouri and is curated by the University of Central Missouri History Program. Created thanks to research done by UCM Public History Graduate Students Paxton Stover and Paul Atwood in conjunction with Trails Regional Library’s Missouri Bicentennial Speakers’ Series. https://historicmissouri.org/tours/show/1

Brief history of Odessa Missouri Published, June 2021

* An article that describes the history of Odessa, Missouri from its founding to present. Based on writing and research done for the Trails Regional Library’s Missouri Bicentennial Speakers’ Series in conjunction with the University of Central Missouri History Department. Edited by Dr. Jon Taylor. Published, June 2021. https://historicmissouri.org/items/show/31

Missouri Pacific Depot Warrensburg, Missouri Published, December 2020

* An article describing the history of the Missouri Pacific Depot in Warrensburg, Missouri. Based on writing and research done for the Trails Regional Library’s Missouri Bicentennial Speakers’ Series in conjunction with the University of Central Missouri History Department. Edited by Dr. Jon Taylor. Published, December 2020. https://historicmissouri.org/items/show/10

Historic Johnson County Missouri Courthouse on North Main Published, December 2020

* An article explaining the history of the Historic Johnson County Missouri Courthouse on North Main, as well as describing Old Town Warrensburg and the story behind “Old Drum” and the eulogy to a dog. Based on writing and research done for the Trails Regional Library’s Missouri Bicentennial Speakers’ Series in conjunction with the University of Central Missouri History Department. Edited by Dr. Jon Taylor. https://historicmissouri.org/items/show/4

Jones Brothers Mule Barn Published, December 2020

* This article describes the history of the Jones Brothers Mule Barn and the significance of Missouri mules. Based on writing and research done for the Trails Regional Library’s Missouri Bicentennial Speakers’ Series in conjunction with the University of Central Missouri History Department. Edited by Dr. Jon Taylor. https://historicmissouri.org/items/show/3

Old Drum Statue Published, December 2020

* This article describes the story of Old Drum and his significance to Warrensburg, Missouri. Based on writing and research done for the Trails Regional Library’s Missouri Bicentennial Speakers’ Series in conjunction with the University of Central Missouri History Department. Edited by Dr. Jon Taylor. https://historicmissouri.org/items/show/2

Johnson County Courthouse on Holden Street Published, December 2020

* This article describes the development and history of the Johnson County Courthouse on Holden Street in Warrensburg, Missouri. Based on writing and research done for the Trails Regional Library’s Missouri Bicentennial Speakers’ Series in conjunction with the University of Central Missouri History Department. Edited by Dr. Jon Taylor. https://historicmissouri.org/items/show/1

**Historical Brochures**

Historical Brochure Published, June 2020

* Brochure created for a Public History class at UCM depicting historical locations in and around Warrensburg, Missouri. Adopted by the Warrensburg Convention and Visitor’s Bureau and Missouri Main Street.

# Professional Service/Volunteer Experience

**Panel Chair/Discussant**, Saturday Session VII Panel 44 on US-Asia Relations at the 71st Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, September 16-18, 2022. University of Kansas (KU), Lawrence, KS.

**Judge for Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts (ASMSA) History Symposium**

May 7, 2021

* Judged capstone projects for the history category at ASMSA’s Spring Symposium. Reviewed and ranked the submissions based on their thesis validity, use of evidence, overall argument, etc. and provided a review that justified the rankings given.

# Affiliations

**Society for Military History**

Member, 2021 – Present

**American Historical Association**

Member, 2021 – Present

**Chinese Military History Society**

Member, 2022 – Present

**History Graduate Student Organization**

Kansas State University, 2021 – Present

* **Secretary**, Fall 2022 to Present

**Kappa Alpha Order**

Alpha Omicron Chapter at University of Arkansas, inducted Fall 2015

# Languages

**English**: Native Language