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Current

2015-present PhD Candidate, Department of History, Northeastern University, Boston MA

- Focus: Primary- International Sports History; Secondary: US Urban History & Social Movements
- Teaching Assistant for Globalization & International Affairs, Dr. Ioannis Livanis (Fall 2015)
- Teaching Assistant for World History 1945-present, Dr. Peter Fraunholtz (Spring 2016)
- Teaching Assistant for Introduction to East Asian History, Dr. Phillip Thai (Fall 2016)
- Teaching Assistant for America at Sea: US Maritime History, Dr. William Fowler (Spring 2017)
- Relevant Coursework: Topics in Digital History; US Empire; Historical Methodology I & II; Race, Space & Nature; Global Communism History; Urban History Seminar; British Empire Seminar
- Papers in process of journal submission: "Crumbling Outpost: The Philadelphia Phillies, Connie Mack Stadium, White Flight and the Black Community in North Philadelphia, 1955-1970"; "Rats, Red Sox, and Rents: How The Fenway Neighborhood Helped Save Fenway Park"; "The Umbilical Cords of Empire: Cricket As Imperial Policy of the British Empire"
- President, Northeastern University History Graduate Student Association, Fall 2017-

Education

2013 Master of Liberal Arts, Temple University, Philadelphia PA

- Qualifying Paper/Thesis: "Communist Sports: The Communist Party, Left-wing Sports Programs 1939-1947, Organizing and Recruitment, Decline, and Lessons for Today's American Left."
- Relevant Coursework: Introduction to Interdisciplinary Studies: Celebrity Culture; Jazz; Humor; Independent Study on Gender Segregation in Sports; Race, Class, and Immigration; Politics and Fiction
- Certificate in Teaching in Higher Education

2006 Bachelor of the Arts, History (Honors) & American Studies, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA

- Final Paper, American Studies: "Across Three Decades of Anarchism: A Brief History of the Wooden Shoe Collective, an All-Volunteer Anarchist Infoshop."
Advisor: Dr. Lisa Rhodes
- Final Paper, History: "The Powderkeg and the Spark: Abolitionist Agitation and the John Brown Raid"
- Relevant Coursework: Vietnam War; City in History; Radicalism in the US; Philadelphia Neighborhoods; Dissent in America; Contemporary China; Russia- Nationality and Empire; Colonization and Decolonization; Roman History; Topics in Comparative History; Contemporary Theory and Practice

2012-present Teaching in Higher Education certificate program; Temple University, 2012.

Teaching Experience

Adjunct Professor, Temple University.

Fall 2014: History 2280: A Social History of Baseball. 25 Undergraduates. Twice a week, designed course and lectured, led discussions, and organized readings.

Teaching Interests

Sports Social & Cultural History, American Civil War, American Abolitionists, American Labor History, US Social Movements, American Left-wing Radical History, Irish History.

Continuing Teaching Education

"When Spectators Become Players: Active Learning Online." Seminar, Nov. 2014. Temple University. Teaching and Learning Center.

Conferences Attended

2005 United Students Against Sweatshops National Conference, Austin TX

United Students Against Sweatshops is a national student organization that presses for domestic and international solidarity with labor and workers movements.

2005 Jobs with Justice National Conference, St. Louis MO

Jobs with Justice is a national network of local coalitions that bring together labor unions, faith groups, community organizations, and student activists to fight for working people.

2005 United Students Against Sweatshops National Conference, Chicago, IL

2006 The Infoshop Gathering at the Radical Bookfair, Baltimore MD

A meeting of radical bookstores and spaces. I was on the organizing committee of the conference, representing the Wooden Shoe.

2006 Renewing the Anarchist Tradition, Montpelier VT

The Renewing the Anarchist Tradition (RAT) conference, sponsored by the Institute for Anarchist Studies, aims to provide a participatory and scholarly space in which to reexamine, reinvigorate, and make relevant the social and political tradition of anarchism.

2008 Jobs with Justice National Conference, Providence RI

2009 "Moving Forward: A Weekend Convergence of Politics, Skillshares, Organizing, and Fun to Celebrate the Wooden Shoe's Move to South Street". Philadelphia, PA

Organized 15 workshops, and served as keynote speaker on panel with an emphasis on the 35 year history of the Wooden Shoe collective.

2010 Labor Notes conference, Dearborn MI

Labor Notes is a media and organizing project that has been the voice of union activists who want to put the movement back in the labor movement since 1979.

2010 US Social Forum, Detroit MI

A large-scale conference on building cross sectional people's movements, with over 10,000 people in attendance.

2010 Renewing the Anarchist Tradition, Baltimore MD

2012 Labor Notes conference, Chicago IL

Labor Notes is a media and organizing project that has been the voice of union activists who want to put the movement back in the labor movement since 1979.

2012 Mobilizing and Organizing from Below (MOB), Baltimore MD

A gathering of activists and organizers, workers and parents, revolutionaries and militants and radicals and dissenters, dedicated to increasing our ability to come together and challenge the systems of exploitation and oppression that have taken hold of the world.

2013 Passing the Ball: Race and Sports Conference, Philadelphia, PA

The Race and Sports Conference was aimed at developing a space that will effectively help to correct the racial problems that permeate sports.

2014 Arizona Fall League Conference, Society for American Baseball Research (SABR). Scottsdale, AZ

Hosted by the Arizona Chapter of SABR, the gathering hosted tours of baseball's rising stars and industry insiders, as well as networking with other baseball historians.

2014 NYC 19th Century Baseball Symposium, New York, NY

19th century baseball historian academic presentations centered around NYC's place as the incubator of the birth of baseball as the USA's national pastime.

2015 NINE Spring Training Conference: Baseball in History and Social Policy Implications, Phoenix, AZ

2015 Frederick Ivor-Campbell 19th Century Base Ball Conference, Cooperstown, NY
Annual conference at Baseball Hall of Fame that brings the researchers of 19th century baseball history.

2015 American Cultural Association/Popular Cultural Association National Conference, New Orleans, LA

2016 Northeastern University Graduate History Conference, Boston MA

2016 Northeast Popular Culture Association Conference, Montpelier VT

2017 NINE Spring Training Conference: Baseball in History and Social Policy Implications, Phoenix, AZ

2017 Northeastern University Graduate History Conference, Boston MA

2017 World History Association Conference, Boston MA

Presentations Given

2008 History of Ireland lecture, given at Wooden Shoe Books, Philadelphia and Red Emma's, Baltimore.

2008 Implications of the John Brown Raid and the Civil War, given at Wooden Shoe Books

2013 Radical Sports Play- co-presentation with Will Simpson of Easton Cowboys (UK), given at Wooden Shoe Books

2014-16 Communist Baseball Leagues and Teams 1939-47 at Society for American Baseball Research, Connie Mack Philadelphia Chapter Meeting, NINE Conference, ACA/PCA National Conference, Northeastern Graduate History Conference

2015 Teaching Social History of Baseball at Temple University at Society for American Baseball Research, Connie Mack Philadelphia Chapter Meeting.

2016-17 Neighborhoods and Big Sports: Capitalism, Urban Sports, and Social Change (For Better or For Worse) at Northeast Popular History Association Conference, NINE Conference, Northeastern University Graduate History Conference, World History Association Conference

Employment

2015 Shopper, Instacart

- Selecting and delivering groceries for clients.

2014 Adjunct Professor, Temple University

- Teaching Social History of Baseball, continuing pursuing more teaching work.

2010-2011 Writer, Institute for Anarchist Studies.

- Grant recipient to write essay update. Entitled "Across Three Decades of Anarchism, v. 2: Lessons Learned from the Wooden Shoe Collective."

2006-2010 Library Technician IV; Scott Memorial Library, Thomas Jefferson University.

- Assisted students with reference, library materials, and research.

2006 Bibliographic Assistant (Library Worker); Physics Library, Temple University.

- Assisted students with reference, library materials, and research.
- Managed 5 student workers.

2003-2005 Student Worker; Biology Library, Temple University.

Publications

Hidden Ballgames: Race and Major League Baseball's Other Histories. Philadelphia: Self-published, 2012. Print.

A Brief History of the Wooden Shoe Collective, an All-Volunteer Anarchist Infoshop. Philadelphia: Self-published, 2006. Print.

Volunteer Experience

2013-2015: Block captain, 2000 S. 17th St., Philadelphia.

2011-2014: Oregon Avenue Octopi Softball team, Organizer and founder.

2000- 2014: Wooden Shoe Books, Philadelphia, Staffer; Book Orderer; Secretary; Trainer; Events Committee.

2006-2010: Volunteer with Philadelphia Jobs with Justice.

- Chair of Volunteer Committee. Secretary. General volunteer assistant in union solidarity campaigns.

2005: At-Large Representative to national Coordinating Committee; United Students Against Sweatshops.

- Helped organize conference calls, national conferences, helped with discussion of internal dynamics, and promotion of campaigns to end sweatshop labor.

2004-2005: Vice President; Temple University Undergraduate History Association.

- Organized meetings, organized events, corresponded with speakers and promoted events and lectures to general student body.

Awards

2008: Building Solidarity Award

- Philadelphia Jobs With Justice

2010: Writing Grant

- Institute for Anarchist Studies

2014: Who's Next: 15 young community leaders changing Philadelphia for the better

- Billy Penn Media

• Link: <http://billypenn.com/2014/12/08/whos-next-15-young-community-leaders-changing-philadelphia-for-the-better/>

Special Skills

- Basic Spanish
- Proficient use of computers, MicroSoft Office Suite, design software, PC or MAC platforms
- Proficient use of multimedia, such as videos, movies, music, and other.
- Understanding of online coursework, include webx.