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Office Hours:

MWF 12-2:30 and by appointment

Education:

Master of Arts in History (December 2025)
University of West Georgia

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy (May 2023)
University of West Georgia

Teaching Experience:

Limited Term Instructor for University of West Georgia History (Fall 2026 —

Adjunct Instructor for University of West Georgia History (Spring 2026 — Fall 2026)

GTA2 for University of West Georgia History, HIST 2112 (Fall 2025— Spring 2026)

Teaching:

Surveys in United States and world history, with a focus on primary-source discussion and active learning.

Research Interests:

The Napoleonic legend and the intellectual history of Bonapartism, particularly the political program of Louis Napoleon Bonaparte and the Second French Empire.

Academic Awards:

- University of West Georgia History's John Ferling Award, 2025
- University of West Georgia President's List, 2020–2023
- University of West Georgia Ingram Scholar, 2020–2023
- University of West Georgia Philosophy's Gordon Watson Award, 2023

Extracurricular Involvement:

- Judge for the Georgia National History Day Regional Competition, 2026
- Coach for the University of West Georgia Ethics Bowl Competition, 2026
- Judge for the Optimist International Georgia Semi-Finals, 2025
- Judge for GFCA 15th Annual Varsity Speech & Debate State Championships, 2025
- Judge for the University of West Georgia High School Ethics Bowl Competition, 2025
- Judge for the Georgia Southern Peach District Debate Tournament, 2025
- Judge for the Peach State Classic Speech and Debate Tournament, 2025
- Judge for the University of West Georgia High School Ethics Bowl Competition 2024
- Member of the University of West Georgia Ethics Bowl Team, 2019
- GMC National Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl Finalist, 2016

Conferences:

Speaker for the Pedagogy Roundtable at the University of West Georgia Graduate Research Symposium in the Humanities, 2026.

“The Will of the People and the March of Progress: The Codification of Bonapartism in the Works of Charles-Louis Napoléon Bonaparte,” presented at the University of West Georgia Graduate Research Symposium in the Humanities, 2025.

“Against Conquest: Aristotle’s Vision for the Peaceful City,” presented at the University of West Georgia Graduate Research Symposium in the Humanities, 2024.