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EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Illinois, Chicago. August 1990.

M.A. (History) University of Southern Mississippi. May 1984.

B.S. (History) University of Southern Mississippi. May 1982.

SCHOLARSHIP

Publications

Books

Charlie Company's Journey Home: The Boys of '67 and the War They Left Behind; The Forgotten Impact on the Wives of Vietnam Veterans, Osprey Press, 2018.

Vietnam: A View from the Front Lines, Osprey Press, 2013.

The Boys of '67: Charlie Company's War in Vietnam, Osprey Press, 2012.

The Western Front, 1917-1918: From Vimy Ridge to Amiens and the Armistice, Amber Books, 2008.

Vietnam's Forgotten Army: Heroism and Betrayal in the ARVN, New York University Press, December 2007.

Winner of the Society for Military History's Distinguished Book Award.

Haig: The Evolution of a Commander, Potomac Press, 2005.

Atlas of World War II (Co-authored with David Jordan), Barnes and Noble, 2004.

The Vietnam War, 1959-1975, Osprey Press, 2002.

Infantry Warfare: The Theory and Practice of Infantry Combat in the Twentieth Century (Co-authored with M.K. Barbier) MBI Publishing, 2002.

The Pacific War: From Pearl Harbor to Hiroshima (Co-authored with Gregory Louis Mattson) MBI Publishing, 2001.

The Illustrated History of World War I, Grange Books, 2001.

The Illustrated History of the Vietnam War, (Co-authored with Chris McNabb) Thunder Bay Press, 2000.

Passchendaele and the Royal Navy, Greenwood Press, 1995.

Edited Works

Triumph Revisited: Historians Battle for the Vietnam War (Co-edited with Michael Doidge), Routledge Press, 2010.

America and the Vietnam War: Re-Examining the Culture and History of a Generation (Co-edited with Glenn Robins and Mary Kathryn Barbier), Routledge Press, 2009.

Rolling Thunder in a Gentle Land: The Vietnam War Revisited, Osprey Press, 2006.

War in the Age of Technology: Myriad Faces of Modern Armed Combat, (Co-edited with Geoffrey Jensen) New York University Press, 2001.

Encyclopedias

1917: America Enters the War, the fifth volume in the eight volume ***Grolier's Encyclopedia of World War I***, Grolier, January 1997.

Articles and Book Chapters

“Douglas Haig and the Battle of the Somme,” a chapter in Spencer Jones (Ed), ***The British Army on the Western Front, 1916*** (London: Helion & Company, 2017).

“Remembering War” – a chapter in Ron Milam’s *The Vietnam War in Popular Culture: The Influence of America’s Most Controversial War on Everyday Life*. ABC CLIO November 2016.

“The Reluctant Pupil: The American Army on the Western Front, 1917-1918,” a chapter in Matthias Strohn, *World War I Companion* (Osprey, 2013).

“The Tet Offensive in the Classroom,” an article in John Tully, Matthew Masur, and Brad Austin (eds.) *Understanding and Teaching: The Vietnam War* (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 2013).

“Indochina Wars, 1946-1975,” *Oxford Bibliographies Online: Military History*, August, 2011.

“Vietnam’s Forgotten Army,” *Su That Ve: Chien Tranh Viet Nam*, Dac San, 2010.

“Historians and the Vietnam War,” a chapter in Wiest and Doidge, *Triumph Revisited: Historians Battle for the Vietnam War*, Routledge Press, April 2010.

“The ‘Other’ Vietnam War,” a chapter in Wiest, Robins and Barbier, *America and the Vietnam War: Re-Examining the Culture and History of a Generation*, Routledge Press, December 2009.

“Preferring to Learn from Experience: The AEF in 1917,” a chapter in Peter Dennis and Jeffrey Grey (eds.), *1917: Tactics, Training and Technology, Proceedings of the 2007 Chief of Army’s Military History Conference*, Australian Military History Publications, 2007.

“Dying of Thirst in the Middle of the Ocean: The Failures of the Allied Logistic System in the Vietnam War,” *Mars and Clio*; The Newsletter of the British Commission for Military History (In association with the Security Studies Institute, Cranfield University), Number 20, Autumn, 2007.

“An American War?” A chapter in Andrew Wiest, ed., *Rolling Thunder in a Gentle Land: The Vietnam War Revisited*, Osprey, September 2006.

“An Innovative Vietnam Study Abroad Course with History Students and Veterans,” *Frontiers: the Interdisciplinary Journal of Study Abroad*, Volume IX, Fall 2003. (Co-authored with Raymond Scurfield and Leslie Root)

“Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder: The Legacy of War,” (Co-authored with Leslie Root and Raymond Scurfield) a chapter in Jensen and Wiest, *War in the Age of Technology*, New York University Press, May 2001.

“The Western Front, 1914-1918,” a chapter in Simon Trew and G.D. Sheffield, *One Hundred and One Years of Conflict*, Sutton, April 2001.

"**The Planned Amphibious Assault,**" a chapter in Peter Liddle, *Passchendaele in Perspective*, 201-214, Pen and Sword, August 1997.

"**Haig, Gough and Passchendaele,**" a chapter in G.D. Sheffield, *Command and Leadership in War*, 77-92, Brassey's, July 1997.

"**Haig's Abortive Amphibious Assault on Belgium, 1917,**" *The Historian*, June 1992.

Films

"**Brothers in War,**" a documentary for the National Geographic Channel. The documentary is based on my book *The Boys of '67: Charlie Company's War in Vietnam*. I served as historical consultant and script writer for the project. Lou Reda Productions. March, 2014. **Emmy nominee.**

"**Ultimate Warfare,**" a documentary for the Military Channel. I served as on screen historian for the installments on the battles of Khe Sanh and Hue City. February, 2013.

"**Vietnam in HD,**" I served as Lead Historical Advisor. Lou Reda Productions, 2011.

"**The Development of Artillery,**" part of the Ground War television series produced by Granada Television for PBS. I served as a consultant and appear as one of its major commentators. 2009.

"**Engineering the Battlefield,**" part of the Ground War television series produced by Granada Television for PBS. I served as a consultant and appear as one of its major commentators. 2009.

"**The Somme: A Storm of Steel,**" as part of **The Adventures of Young Indiana Jones** documentary project with **JAK Films**, the documentary branch of **Lucasfilm, Ltd**. I served as historical consultant for the film and appear as one of the major commentators. Produced by Adam Sternberg. 2007

"**Joint Prisoner of War / Missing in Action Accounting Command,**" as part of the **BBC** series **Timewatch**, produced by Lisa Charles. I served as a historical and script consultant on the project. 2006.

"**Vietnam's Bloody Secret,**" part of the **Battlefield Detectives** series produced by Granada Television in the United Kingdom and shown in the United States on the History Channel. Directed by Jeremy Freeston. I served as a historical consultant for the film and appear as one of the major commentators on the war. 2004.

"**The Battle of the Somme,**" part of the **Battlefield Detectives** series produced by Granada Television in the United Kingdom and shown in the United States on the History Channel. Directed by Jeremy Freeston. I served as a historical consultant for the film and appear as one of the major commentators on the battle. 2004.

National Media Opinion Pieces

“The Tet Offensive Was Not About Americans,” *New York Times*, March, 2018.

“The Ken Burns Effect.” Co-authored with Dr. Susannah Ural. *New York Times*. October, 2017.

“When the War Came Home.” *New York Times*. May, 2017.

“Charlie Company and the Small Unit War.” *New York Times*. May, 2017.

“Historia Vietnam 50 anos: A guerra perdida em casa.” A piece on the Vietnam War for which I was interviewed by *Veja*, the *Time Magazine* of Brazil.

“Fotos feitas por soldados revelam lado pouco conhecido da Guerra do Vietnã,” an invited piece for BBC Brazil, April 2011.

“Afghanistan, Today’s South Vietnam?,” an invited opinion piece for *CNN.com*, February 2010.

“Vietnam’s Forgotten Army,” BBC World Service Vietnamese language service.

“Historians Dissect War in Iraq,” *San Francisco Chronicle*, October 29, 2004. Invited piece also including Malcolm Muir, Joseph Nye, Victor Davis Hanson, Richard Kohn, Andrew Bacevich, G. Kurt Piehler, Lawrence Suid and Eugenia Kiesling on the future interpretation of the war in Iraq.

“Torture, a Blunt Instrument of Uncertain Usefulness,” *Philadelphia Inquirer*, June 9, 2004. Invited piece on the utility of torture in Military History.

Select Conference Papers and Invited Talks

“Gudalcanal – the Land Battles.” National World War II Museum. Invited talk, aired on CSPAN. January 2018.

“365 Days and a Wakeup: The Draftee Experience of the Vietnam War.” Institute for Historical Research, University College, London. Invited talk. June 2018.

“ARVN’s War,” part of the Vietnam War at 50 Conference at the Virginia Military Institute. Invited talk. April 2018.

“Charlie Company Comes Home - -the Vietnam Veteran Experience,” delivered to the In Country conference, National Museum of the Marine Corps. Invited talk, aired on CSPAN. March 2018.

“The Shared Experience of Combat: 1967 from the Mekong to Missouri.” An invited keynote address to the Texas Tech Institute for Peace and Conflict and the Vietnam Center and Archive conference, “1967: The Search for Peace.” October 2017.

“1967: The Make or Break Year in Vietnam,” an invited keynote to the University of North Texas’ War Studies Symposium. September 2017.

“The Origins of the Vietnam War and US Airpower.” An invited talk at the Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell, AL, October 2016.

“The Memory of War: A Case Study of Oral Histories of the Vietnam War.” Oral History Association national conference, Long Beach, October 2016.

“A Case Study in Failure: The 3rd ARVN Division and the Easter Offensive.” Society for Military History Annual Conference, Ottawa, April 2016.

“Conflict and Commemoration on the Small Screen: A Panel Discussion on Documentary Filmmaking and the Remembrance of War.” I organized and participated in this panel, which took place at the Society for Military History Annual Meeting in Montgomery, Alabama. Other speakers were Lou Reda, Liz Reph, and Jim Willbanks.

Keynote Address. “A 40 year Journey: The Rise of the Vietnamese Americans,” New Orleans, LA. April 2015.

Keynote Speaker. “Fading Memories of a Distant War,” at the University of South Alabama Center for the Study of War and Memory. Remembering America’s War in Vietnam, 1965-2015: An Interdisciplinary Symposium. September 2015,

“The BEF and the Outbreak of War in Europe,” The World War One Historical Association, September 2014.

“Descent into Chaos: The Origins of World War I,” invited talk as part of the Great War Remembered 100 Years On series at Mississippi College, September 2014.

“My Life Was Over: The Effects of Combat and Loss on the Family in the Vietnam War,” Society for Military History National Meeting, Kansas City, April 2014.

“Shocking Behavior: The British Military and Shell Shock in World War I,” Southern Miss McCarthy Lecture Series, November 2013.

“ARVN at the Crossroads: The Failure of the U.S./South Vietnamese Military Alliance in 1963,” an invited paper presented at Vietnam 1963: A Conference Examining the Watershed Events of a Monumental Year. Hosted by Texas Tech and the National Archives. First of the 50th anniversary conferences on the Vietnam War. September 2013.

“Vietnam and the Classroom: Integrating PTSD Veterans into the Learning Environment,” a keynote address to Military History and Conflict Archeology as Therapy? A Workshop for

Historians, Archeologists, War Veterans, and Mental Health Professionals. Kings College, London. July 2013

"The Boys of '67," Charles W. Moorman Professor Presentation, The University of Southern Mississippi, September 2012.

"Charlie Company Back in the World: Lifetimes Changed by a Year of War," Society for Military History National Meeting, Arlington, VA, May 2012.

"ARVN Resurgent: The Vietnam War in 1963," Vietnam War 1963 Workshop, Texas Tech University, April 2012.

"Vietnam: Myth, Fact, and Memory," Middle Georgia College Learning Communities Keynote Address, April 2012.

"The Making of Vietnam in HD," Mississippi and the Arts Week, Hinds Community College, March 2012.

"The Boys of 1966: The Drafting of Charlie Company for Vietnam," **Society for Military History** national meeting, Chicago, June 2011.

Invited Speaker, presentation on "Anatomy of a Flawed Alliance: The Nature of the U.S. Alliance with the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces during the Vietnam War," to a conference entitled "The American Experience in Southeast Asia, 1946-1975." The conference was hosted by the U.S. Department of State and also included presentations by Hillary Clinton, Henry Kissinger, Richard Holbrooke and John Negroponte. Washington, D.C., September 2010.

Invited Panel Participant, "Researching and Writing about the Vietnam War, a Roundtable discussion," Society for Military History national meeting, Lexington, Virginia, June 2010.

Invited Speaker, presentation on "Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces," at "The Century Old Vietnam War Puzzle: The Missing Pieces," hosted by the Vietnamese-American Nationalists in Diaspora in Westminster, CA, April 2010.

Invited Speaker, The U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center, Perspectives in Military History Series on Vietnam's Forgotten Army, Carlisle, PA, April 2010.

Keynote Speaker, Biloxi Vietnamese Community Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces Day Commemoration, June 2009.

Keynote Speaker, "Black April," Biloxi Vietnamese Community Black April Commemoration, May 2009.

Invited Panelist, "Teaching Vietnam: A Roundtable Discussion on the Opportunities and Pitfalls of Teaching America's Most Controversial War," Society for Military History national meeting, Murfreesboro, TN, April 2009.

"Vietnam's Forgotten Army," an invited lecture as part of the Biggs Chair Lecture Series at Virginia Military Institute, February 2009.

"The US/ARVN Relationship in Vietnam," an invited public talk for the Society for Critical Exchange, The University of Houston, Victoria, November 2008.

"Was the Vietnam War Winnable?" by invitation to deliver the annual Portier Lecture at Spring Hill College, Mobile, October 2008.

"Post-traumatic Stress Disorder and the Family," an invited presentation to the War and the Family Conference at the Institute for Military History and 20th Century Studies at Kansas State University, October 2008.

"The ARVN in History," Keynote address to the Black April Commemoration for the Vietnamese-American Communities of Greater Dallas-Fort Worth, April 2008.

"Victory Unfulfilled: The Failure of the US/ARVN Alliance in the Wake of Tet '68," The Sixth Triennial Vietnam Symposium, The Vietnam Center, Texas Tech University, March 2008.

"Vietnam's Forgotten Army: The ARVN in History," an invited lecture at the University of North Texas' Center for the Study of Military History, March 2008.

"Fighting Alongside Strangers: The Successes and Failures of the US/Australian Combat Advisory Effort in Vietnam," Invited talk. University of Adelaide, Australia, November 2007.

"Preferring to Learn from Experience: The AEF in 1917," Chief of Army's Military History Conference, "1917: Tactics, Training and Technology," Canberra, Australia, November 2007.

"Dying of Thirst in the Middle of the Ocean: The Failures of the Allied Logistic System in the Vietnam War," British Commission for Military History National Meeting, Queen's College, Cambridge, July 2007.

"Strangers Meeting at the Crossroads of War: The US/Australian Combat Advisory Effort in Vietnam," Society for Military History national meeting, Frederick, Maryland, April 2007.

"From Beaumont Hamel to Passchendaele: Lessons Learned and Unlearned from the Somme," International Conference on the 90th Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme, University of Kent, Canterbury, England, July 2006.

"The Reality of ARVN at War," invited keynote address to the 40th Anniversary of the Army of the Republic of South Vietnam Day meetings, Seattle, Washington, June 2006.

"Lessons Learned and Unlearned from the Somme: Gough, Plumer and Haig and the Planning of Third Ypres," Society for Military History national meeting, Manhattan, Kansas, May, 2006.

"Searching for Answers in the Past: The Failure of Nation Building in South Vietnam," National Security Forum, Air University, May 2006.

"ARVN Put to the Test: Reflections on Operation Lam Son 719," an invited presentation for a conference entitled ARVN: Reflections and Reassessments after Thirty Years, The Vietnam Center of Texas Tech University, March 2006.

"The Vietnam War as Seen Through a Different Lens: Mysteries, Sources and Discoveries through the Utilization of Vietnamese Sources", Society for Military History national meeting, Charleston, South Carolina, February 2005.

"The Greatest Victory of a Forgotten Nation: The South Vietnamese Army and the Struggle for Hue in the Tet Offensive," for a panel that I arranged for the Society for Military History national meeting, Bethesda Maryland, May 2004.

"The Making of a Traitor: The Transformation of South Vietnamese Colonel Pham Van Dinh before his Surrender at Camp Carroll in 1972," Society for Military History national meeting, Knoxville Tennessee, May 2003.

"Trauma and Remembrance: Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and History," Society for Military History national meeting, Madison Wisconsin, April 2002.

"Study Abroad Vietnam History Course: Integrating Military History and Mental Health," co-authored with Leslie Root and Raymond Scurfield, International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, November 2000.

"Strategy and the Learning Curve – Third Ypres, The Battle of Passchendaele, 1917," Western Front Association National Meeting, Fort Leavenworth Kansas, September 2000.

"The Recent Revolution in Military History: The Improvement of British Army Command in the First World War 1916-1918," The Middle-Atlantic Conference on British Studies, New York City, April 1999.

"The Evolution of the British Command Structure in the Great War," National Meeting of the Western Front Association, London, August 1998.

"Third Ypres and the Learning Curve," Western Front Association, London, August 1997

"British Command Effectiveness at Third Ypres," Invited talk, Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, November 1996.

"Vietnam in Perspective," Military Studies Association, Department of War Studies, King's College London, October 1996.

"The Causes and Impact of the Battle of Passchendaele," Western Conference on British Studies, October 1995.

"Haig, Gough and the Planning of Passchendaele," British Commission for Military History National Meeting, University of Buckingham, July 1995.

"Combined Operations and the Passchendaele Campaign," British Commission for Military History National Meeting, University of Buckingham, July 1993.

TEACHING

Courses Taught

Foundations of Warfighting (Air War College)
History 400 (capstone seminar)
American Military History
Europe 1914-1945
Modern British History
World War I Readings Seminar
World War I
Vietnam
Warfare Since Vietnam
Military History
Military History Seminar
Small Wars/Terrorism Seminar
World History Teaching Seminar
Western European History Seminar
World War II
World War II Study Abroad (British Studies)
Vietnam Study Abroad (Vietnam Studies)
World War I Study Abroad (French Studies)
Freshman Honors World Colloquium
World Civilization I and II
World Civilization I and II (Honors)
War Studies (Royal Military Academy Sandhurst)
Junior Command Staff Course (Royal Military Academy Sandhurst)

Awards

Nomination for an Emmy Award. Nomination for Lou Reda Productions *Brothers in War*, which was based on my book *Boys of 67: Charlie Company's War in Vietnam* and for which I served as Lead Historical Advisor.

2013 New York Festivals Gold World Medal for Documentaries awarded to the Lou Reda Productions *Vietnam in HD*, for which I served as historical advisor and script writer.

HEADWAE Award, 2012.

Southern Miss Creativity Award, 2012.

Charles W. Moorman Distinguished Professor in the Humanities, 2010-2011

University Grand Marshal, 2011.

The Society for Military History Distinguished Book Award*, 2009, for *Vietnam's Forgotten Army: Heroism and Betrayal in the ARVN.

The University of Southern Mississippi ***Basic Research Award*, 2009.**

Aubrey Keith Lucas and Ella Ginn Lucas Endowment for Faculty Excellence research award, with a budget of \$3,440.00 to support research into my next book project, 2008.

Gold Leaf Award.

U.S. Government IPA Program selection. My selection for this program, and my resultant teaching at the US Air Force Air War College, resulted in the IPA program reimbursing Southern Miss for my salary and benefits – a total of \$89,231 in grant monies.

***Student Government Association Outstanding Professor Award*, 2004.**

Outstanding Staff Award for outstanding service to students with disabilities, Office of Disability Accommodations, 2004.

The Andrew Heiskell Award for Innovation in International Education, Honorable Mention. The prestigious Institute of International Education awarded this honor to the Vietnam Studies Program in January 2003. The Vietnam Studies Program which I created and direct was ranked second in the nation out of 600 member universities and colleges.

Association for Continuing Higher Education Region VII Distinguished Program Award, April 2002. The ACHE granted this distinction to the program and study abroad component of the Vietnam Studies Program which I created and direct.

Mississippi Humanities Council Teacher of the Year Award, 2001-2002.

University of Southern Mississippi Excellence in Teaching Award, 1996, 2002.

Studies

My teaching methods were the subject of a dissertation in the field of education entitled, "Popular Music in the History Classroom: A Case Study," by Charlotte Dianne Burroughs, Mississippi State University 1997.