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Barrett, the Honors College at Arizona State University  
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**EDUCATION**

PhD, History, Boston College, May 2009

**Thesis:** *The Search for a Communist Legitimacy: Tito's Yugoslavia*

**Advisor:** Larry Wolff, New York University, Department of History

MA, History, Boston College, December 2006

1. Eastern Europe
2. Modern Europe
3. International Relations
4. Germany since Bismarck

MA, History, Arizona State University, August 2004

**Thesis:** *Life and Death of an Army: Yugoslavia, 1945–1995*

**Advisor:** Stephen Batalden, Arizona State University, Department of History

BA, Summa Cum Laude, History, Arizona State University Barrett Honors College,  
December 2000

**Thesis:** *Helmets, Plowshares, and Burghers: Conflict between Military & Society in Imperial Germany*

**Advisor:** Gerald Kleinfeld, Arizona State University, Department of History

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT**

*Honors Faculty Fellow*, Barrett, The Honors College, Arizona State University, since 2013

**PUBLICATIONS**

*The Search for a Cold War Legitimacy: Tito's Yugoslavia, 1945–1975* (Leiden, Netherlands: Brill Academic Publishers). Forthcoming February 2018.

*¡Vamos a Avanzar!: The Chaco War and Bolivia's Political Transformation, 1899–1952* (Lincoln, NE: University of Nebraska Press). Under contract.

*When East Met West: World History through Travelers' Perspectives* (Reading, MA: Trebarwyth Press, 2010).

*Beginner's Croatian* (New York: Hippocrene Books, 2009). With Aida Vidan.

*Beginner's Serbian* (New York: Hippocrene Books, 2009). With Aida Vidan.

*Language and Travel Guide to Croatia* (New York: Hippocrene Books, 2009). With Bernd Scherak.

*Articles and Book Chapters*

“The Road to the Chaco War: Bolivia's Modernisation in the 1920s,”

*War & Society* 37:2 (May 2018) Forthcoming.

- “From Peasant to Patriot: The Chaco War and Veteran Mobilization” in *War and its Aftermath: Veteran Treatment and Reintegration in Post-War Societies*, Frank Jacob and Stefan Karner, eds., (Paderborn, Germany: Verlag Ferdinand Schöningh, 2018). Forthcoming.
- “Enlarging Yugoslavia: Tito’s Quest for Expansion, 1945–48,” *European History Quarterly* 47:2 (April 2017), pp. 284–310.
- “Between Victors and Vanquished: Wehrmacht Prisoners of War in Yugoslavia,” *Journal of Slavic Military Studies* 29:1 (March 2016), pp. 1–21.
- “Nonalignment: Yugoslavia’s Answer to Bloc Politics,” *Journal of Cold War Studies* 13:1 (Winter 2011), pp. 146–69.
- “A Struggle for the Hearts and Minds: Ideology and Yugoslavia’s Third Way to Paradise.” *Connections: Annual European History Review*, 4 (2008), pp. 18–30.
- “Yugoslavia: The Final Showdown.” *Small Wars and Insurgencies*, 18:3 (September 2007), pp. 381–97.
- “The Dynamics of Constitutionalism and Legality in Titoist Yugoslavia.” *Hindsight*, 1:1 (Spring 2007), pp. 69–93.
- “War in Slovenia: Doctrine and Defeat.” *Journal of Slavic Military Studies*, 19:3 (September 2006), pp. 489–513.
- “Death of the Yugoslav People’s Army and the Wars of Succession.” *Polemos: Časopis za interdisciplinarna istraživanja rata i mira (Journal of Interdisciplinary Research on War and Peace)*, 7:13–14 (December 2004), pp. 91–107.

*Book Reviews & Newspaper Articles*

- Review of Mirna Zakić, “Ethnic Germans and National Socialism in Yugoslavia in World War II,” *Austrian History Yearbook* (2018). Forthcoming.
- Review of André Gerolymatos, “An International Civil War: Greece, 1943-1949,” H-War, H-NET Review (June 2017), (<http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=49482>).
- Review of F. Bieber, A. Galojas & R. Archer, eds., “Debating the End of Yugoslavia,” *Canadian Slavonic Papers* 57:1–2 (March – June 2015), pp. 145–146.
- Review of Mila Dragojević, “The Politics of Social Ties: Immigrants in an Ethnic Homeland,” *Canadian Slavonic Papers* 56:3–4 (September–December 2014), p. 368.
- Review of Gerd Horten, “Sailing in the Shadow of the Vietnam War: The GDR Government and the “Vietnam Bonus” of the Early 1970s” *German Studies Review* 36:3 (October 2013). *Connections: Annual European Studies Review*, (2014), pp. 131–33.

- Review of Michael Chapman, "Fidgeting Over Foreign Policy: Henry L. Stimson and the Shenyang Incident, 1931" *Journal of Diplomatic History*. H-Diplo, H-NET Review. (<http://h-diplo.org/reviews/PDF/AR459.pdf>)
- Review of Nicholas Vaughn-William, "Border Politics: The Limits of Sovereign Power," H-World, H-NET Review. (<http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=40030>)
- Review of James Pettifer, "The Kosova Liberation Army: Underground War to Balkan Insurgency, 1948–2001," *Canadian Slavonic Papers* 56: 1–2 (March–June 2014), pp. 172–3.
- Review of Isabelle Delpha et al., "Investigating Srebrenica," *Canadian Slavonic Papers* 55: 3–4 (September 2013), pp. 528–529.
- Review of Swanee Hunt, "Worlds Apart: Bosnian Lessons for Global Security," *Canadian Slavonic Papers* 54:1–2, (March–June 2012), p. 258.
- Review of Stevan Pawlovitch, "Hitler's New Disorder: The Second World War in Yugoslavia," *Canadian Slavonic Papers* 53:1, (March, 2011), p. 92.
- "Barack Obama: Vođa trećeg svijeta," *Dnevni List*, 6 studeni 2012, p. 17. (Daily newspaper, Mostar, Bosnia-Herzegovina). In Bosnian.
- Review of Christine R. Johnson, "The German Discovery of the World: Renaissance Encounters with the Strange and Marvelous," *World History Connected* (June, 2010). [http://worldhistoryconnected.press.illinois.edu/7.2/br\\_niebuhr.html](http://worldhistoryconnected.press.illinois.edu/7.2/br_niebuhr.html)
- "Carstvo etničkog ključa," *Dnevni List*, 9 November 2008, p. 21. (Daily newspaper, Mostar, Bosnia-Herzegovina). In Bosnian.
- Review of Ian King and Whit Mason, "Peace at Any Price: How the World Failed Kosovo," *Balkan Academic News*, February 2007.
- Review of David Glantz, "Red Storm Over the Balkans," H-War, H-Net Reviews, October 2007. (<http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=13594>)
- Review of Peter Joachim Lapp, "Vincenz Müller: Eine deutsche Karriere," H-German, H-Net Reviews, July 2005. (<http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=10746>)

#### RESEARCH PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

- "Economic Conquest of the Pacific: Revisiting the Tacna-Arica Plebiscite of 1925–6," journal article.
- From Prisoners to Nation Builders: Legacies of the Chaco War*, book project.
- "Toward Nonalignment: The Improbable and Fateful Intersection of Yugoslavia and China, 1945–53," journal article. With David Pickus, People's University (China) and Zvonimir Stopic, Capital Normal University (China).

“When West Needed East: Balkan-Asian Connections,” journal article. With David Pickus, People’s University (China) and Zvonimir Stopic, Capital Normal University (China).

#### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES**

“Expanding Influence: Yugoslavs in the Cold War World,” ASEEEES Annual Conference (Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, formerly AAASS), (Chicago, IL, November 2017).

Discussant for “Beyond the Cold War Diplomacy: Shaping of Propaganda, Cultural Ties and Ideological Ruptures,” ASEEEES Annual Conference (Chicago, IL, November 2017).

“Yugoslavia in the World: Tito’s Early Foreign Policy,” Critical Languages Institute 2016 Co-curricular Program, (Arizona State University, 1 June 2017).

“Unlikely Partners: Yugoslavia’s Turn to Asia, 1945–55,” Western Social Science Association Conference (WSSA) (San Francisco, CA, 12–15 April 2017).

Discussant for “Creating New Infrastructures in Yugoslavia,” WSSA (San Francisco, CA 12–15 April 2017).

“From Military Socialism to Nationalist Revolution: Bolivian Transformation and the Chaco War,” WSSA (San Francisco, CA, 12–15 April 2017).

Poster Presentation: “The League of Ex-Combatientes and the Birth of Modern Politics in Bolivia,” Society of Military History annual meeting (Jacksonville, FL, 30 March–2 April, 2017).

Discussant for “Hearts and Minds: Reactions to the Vietnam War in Socialist Romania, Yugoslavia, and Czechoslovakia,” ASEEEES Annual Conference, (Washington D.C., 17–20 November 2016).

Panelist on Roundtable, “Pedagogical Challenges and Solutions in Undergraduate Russian History Courses,” ASEEEES Annual Conference (Washington D.C., 17–20 November 2016).

“Understanding War and Political Transformation in Latin America,” Barrett Honors College Fall Faculty Lecture Series, Arizona State University, (20 October 2016).

“The Precariousness of Ideology: German Prisoners in Yugoslavia in WWII,” Critical Languages Institute 2016 Co-curricular Program, (Arizona State University, 2 June 2016).

“From Peasant to Patriot: Chaco War and Veteran Mobilization,” WSSA (Reno, NV, 13–16 April 2016).

“Yugoslav Foreign Policy and Tito’s Twilight,” WSSA (Reno, NV, 13–16 April 2016).

Discussant for “Current Issues in Post-Soviet Space,” WSSA (Reno, NV, 13–16 April 2016).

Co-discussant for “Balkan Travelers: Real and Imagined,” WSSA (Reno, NV 13–16 April 2016).

Panelist on “Diplomacy is Bad: *Dancing With The Devil: Perils and Benefits of Diplomacy With Rogues?*” Alexander Hamilton Society, Arizona State University, 12 April 2016.

“Yugoslav Foreign Policy: Belgrade-Peking-Third World Triangle” ASEEEES Annual Conference, (Philadelphia, PA, November 2015). \*Organized Panel entitled: “Josip Broz Tito and the Projection of Power.”

“Between Victors and Vanquished: German POWs in Yugoslavia after World War II,” WSSA (Portland, OR, 8–11 April 2015).

“Vamos a avanzar: Bolivia’s Loss in the Chaco War and its Path to Modernity” WSSA (Portland, OR, 8–11 April 2015).

“Primary Sources and Discussion Seminars: An Exercise in Selectivity” Poster Presentation, WSSA (Portland, OR, 8–11 April 2015).

Dicussant for “Contemporary Russian Policy and Its Discontents” WSSA (Portland, OR, 8–11 April 2015).

Panel Chair, for “Transnational Exchanges, WSSA (Portland, OR, 8–11 April 2015).

“When East Needed West: Connections between the Balkans and Communist China,” ASEEEES Annual Conference, (San Antonio, TX, November 2014).

“Croatia: An Introduction,” Lecture to course: Sustainable Food & Agriculture in Koprivnica Croatia, Arizona State University, (12 June 2014).

“Struggle for a Greater Yugoslavia: Tito’s Quest for Expansion, 1945–1948,” WSSA Conference (Albuquerque, NM, 2–5 April 2014).

“When East Met West: European Travelers,” Rocky Mountain European Scholars Consortium Annual Conference (University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT, 23 October 2013).

“Construction of a Greater Slovenia: Austrian Carinthia and Tito’s Early Cold War Politics,” ASEEEES, (New Orleans, LA 17 November 2012).

“Bolivia: Lost Opportunities and New Hopes,” Universidad Católica Boliviana, Curriculum Reform Seminar for Deans and Professors, 12, 15 May 2011.

“Power of Reform: Foreign Policy in the Balkans,” New England Historical Association’s (NEHA) Fall Conference (University of New England, Biddeford, ME, 16 October 2010).

- “28 June in Balkan History,” Critical Languages Institute Cultural Lecture Series, Arizona State University (Tempe, AZ, 28 June 2010).
- “Balkan Partners: Yugoslav-Albanian Relations in the Early Cold War,” NEHA (Salem State College, Salem, MA, 17 April 2010).
- Ritsumeikan Lecture Program, Simmons College, 11 & 16 February 2010, *U.S. Expansion in the 1800s*, and *Asian Independence in the Cold War*.
- “Tito’s Westward Reach: The Battle with Italy for Trieste, 1945–48,” AAASS (America Association for Advancement of Slavic Studies) Annual Conference (Boston, MA, 12 November 2009). \*Organized panel entitled “At the Crossroads of Controversy: Trieste Crises, 1945–2008.”
- Discussant, “The Austro-Hungarian Empire in Transition,” AAASS Annual Conference (Boston, MA, 13 November 2009).
- “The Croatian Spring: Conflict and Resolution in Cold War Yugoslavia,” NEHA (University of Southern Maine, Portland, ME, 18 April 2009).
- “Perceptions of a Cold War Yugoslavia,” American Comparative Literature Association’s Annual Conference (Boston, MA, 26–9 March 2009). \*Co-organized panel entitled “Exploding Yugoslavia” with David Pickus.
- “The Tito Doctrine,” Boston College History Department’s Dissertation Workshop (Chestnut Hill, MA, 24 February 2009).
- “Yugoslavia’s Twilight and Transition,” AAASS Annual Conference (Philadelphia, PA, 20–23 November 2008). \*Organized panel entitled “Confronting Identity: Yugoslavia.”
- “Multipolarity in a Bipolar World?” Invited Lecture, Rivier College (Nashua, New Hampshire, 18 November 2008).
- Discussant, “Princes, Parties, and Politics in Eastern Europe,” NEHA Fall Conference (Beverly College, Beverly, MA, 25 October 2008).
- “Research Methods from an American Perspective,” Universidad Católica Boliviana (Santa Cruz, Bolivia, 4 June 2008).
- “Nonalignment as Yugoslavia’s Answer to Bloc Politics,” NEHA Spring Conference (Northeastern University, Boston, MA, 26 April 2008).
- “A Struggle for the Hearts and Minds: Ideology and Yugoslavia’s Third Way to Paradise,” Rocky Mountain European Scholars Consortium Fourth Annual Conference (Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, 19–20 October 2007).
- “Yugoslavia: The Final Showdown,” 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Great Lakes History Conference (Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, MI, 21 October 2006).

“Bosnia-Herzegovina during Austro-Hungarian Occupation,” Lecture for *Builders for Peace* (Mostar, Bosnia-Herzegovina, 21 June 2005).

“A Divided Society? The Yugoslav People’s Army 1945–1991,” *Divided Societies VII* (Inter-University Centre, Dubrovnik, Croatia, 22 April 2005).

“The Politics of Yugoslav Armies,” Invited Lecture, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Zagreb (Zagreb, Croatia, 5 May 2004).

#### FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

- Barrett Honors College Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2016–17
- Center for the Study of Economic Liberty Research Grant, Arizona State University, 2017
- Sol and Esther Drescher Grant, Barrett Honors College Faculty Research Grant, 2017
- Boston College Teaching Fellowship, 2008–9.
- Donald J. White Teaching Excellence Award, 2007–8.
- Boston College Research Expense Grant, summer 2007.
- University Fellowship, Boston College, 2004–7.
- Fulbright (IIE) Graduate Student Grant to Croatia, 2003–4.
- David L. Boren NSEP Fellowship to Serbia, 2003–4.
- Arizona Regents Scholarship, 1998–2000/Regents President’s Scholarship 1998–99.

#### LANGUAGES

	LEVEL	(ILR SCALE)
• Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian/Montenegrin:	Fluent	(4)
• German:	Fluent	(3+)
• Macedonian & Slovenian:	Adv. Beginner	(1+)
• Spanish	Mid-intermediate	(2+)

\*Basic reading knowledge of Portuguese, Italian, & Bulgarian.

#### *Language-School Certificates*

Azbukum Centre for Serbian Language and Culture (Azbukum), Serbia, August 2005.

Arizona State University Critical Languages Institute (ASU CLI), Macedonian, July 2004.

Croaticum Croatian for Foreigners, University of Zagreb, Croatia, January 2004.

Azbukum, Serbia, August 2002.

ASU CLI, Intermediate Bosnian–Croatian–Serbian, July 2002.

ASU CLI, Elementary Bosnian–Croatian–Serbian, July 2001.

#### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE WORK

Western Association of Slavic Studies (WASS) – Slavic Section Coordinator for 2016 Annual  
Western Social Studies Association (WSSA) Conference, Reno, NV.

WASS – President 2016–17

WASS Treasurer, Slavic Studies of WSSA, since 2014

WASS Graduate Student Essay Prize Judge (2015, 2016, 2017)

Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES)

Fulbright Association, State of Massachusetts Chapter (Board Member and webmaster,  
2006–2014)

Ethics Committee (IRB), Universidad Catolica Boliviana “San Pablo” 2011–12.

Faculty Affiliate, The Melikian Center: Russian, Eurasian & East European Studies

Faculty Affiliate, School of Historical, Philosophical & Religious Studies  
Faculty Affiliate, Center for the Future of War

*Committee Participation at Arizona State University*

**Barrett Honors College**

Chair, Curriculum Committee (since 2016)

Flinn Faculty Mentor (since 2017)

Mentoring Committee (2013-2016)

Curriculum Committee (since 2014)

Admissions Committee (since 2014)

Scholarship Committee (since 2013)

\*For Fulbright, Mitchell, Marshal, Rhodes, and Circumnavigator

Governance Committee (since 2015)

Faculty Search Committee (2015-2016)

**Melikian Center**

Ad-hoc Curriculum Committee (2014)

**ACADEMIC & RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE**

- Co-editor, *Connections*, annual e-journal, Brigham Young University, 2014.
- Volunteer: *Builders for Peace*, Mostar, Bosnia-Herzegovina, June 2005.
- External Reviewer: *Journal of Cold War Studies* (2013–), *European History Quarterly* (2016–)
- Graduate Assistant: Arizona State University, spring 2002–summer 2003.  
Assistant Project Facilitator for External Grants:  
*Croatian Water Managers*, World Learning/USAID Grant, July 2003.  
*Macedonian Marketing*, World Learning/USAID Grant, April 2002 & June 2003.  
*Business and Public Policy Training for Kosovo*, U.S. State Department BECA,  
August 2001–May 2003

**THESIS SUPERVISION**

- Marlon Londono, “World War II: A Comparative Analysis of Soldiers’ Actions,” Barrett Honors College. Undergraduate thesis, expected fall 2018.
- Hannah Spencer, “Dictatorship and Transition: Chile, Paraguay, and Yugoslavia,” Barrett Honors College. Undergraduate thesis, expected spring 2018.
- Nicholas Goettl, “Albania’s Transition to Democracy,” Barrett Honors College. Undergraduate thesis, expected spring 2018.
- Vamsi Pappusetti, “The Detrimental Effects of the U.S.-Israel Relationship,” Barrett Honors College. Undergraduate thesis, spring 2017.
- Audrey Hopkins, “Nuclear Monitoring Technologies,” Barrett Honors College. Undergraduate thesis, December 2016.
- Marcos Saul Marschall Jr., “La Crisis Alimentaria en Latinoamerica.” Universidad NUR, Carrera de Relaciones Internacionales, Bolivia. Undergraduate thesis, 2012.
- Jill Pokorney. “The Anatomy of the Secessionist Movement and the Changing Face of Sovereignty: The Cases of Kosovo, Abkhazia, and South Ossetia.” Harvard University, MA, Regional Studies: Russia, Eastern Europe, & Central Asia, May 2008.

**TEACHING HISTORY**

**Universidad Nur** (Santa Cruz, Bolivia), International Relations Program, 2011–12.

**Universidad Católica Boliviana “San Pablo,”** (Santa Cruz, Bolivia), Educational Psychology Program, 2011.

**Wentworth Institute of Technology**, Department of Humanities, Management, and Social Studies, spring 2010–fall 2010.



**Simmons College**, Department of History, spring 2008–spring 2010.

**Harvard University**, Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, fall 2007.

**Boston College**, Department of History, fall 2005–spring 2009.

**Arizona State University**, School of Historical, Philosophical, & Religious Studies,  
spring 2014 (HST103: Western Civilization, co-taught with Dr. Stephen Batalden).

### **Courses Taught at Barrett Honors College (since 2013)**

1. Human Event HON 171
2. Human Event HON 272
3. Causes of War HON 394
4. History of Travel: A Voyage of Identity HON 394 (1 credit)
5. Axis of Evil: Twentieth-Century Dictatorships HON 394
6. History of Ideas HON 370
7. Perspectives on Modern Europe: 1789 to 1945 HON 394

### **Prior Courses Taught**

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| 1. The European Renaissance                       | 10. Modern Europe II   |
| 2. Modern Europe: 1789–1989                       | 11. Eurasia in the World                                       |
| 3. The French Revolutionary Era                   | 12. U.S. Foreign Policy  |
| 4. World Civilizations I                          | 13. Pol. & Cultural History of Modern Europe                   |
| 5. Revolutions in the West                        | 14. Laboratorio II: Conflictos Internacionales                 |
| 6. World Civilizations II                         | 15. Manejo Internacional de Conflictos                         |
| 7. Beginning Bosnian, Croatian, and Serbian (BCS) | 16. Inglés para principiantes (Extensión Universitaria II, IV) |
| 8. Supervised Reading in BCS Level II             |  |
| 9. Introduction to Political Science              |  |

### **Other Teaching: Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Arizona State University**

1. Manifest Destiny and American Identity, fall 2014
2. Interwar Europe: A Tenuous Peace, fall 2014, spring 2015
3. Stalin: Man & Legend, spring 2015
4. Days of Reckoning: World War II's European Theatre, spring 2015, spring 2015
5. World War II: Redefining Asia, fall 2015
6. New Interpretations: The Cold War and the Politics of our Time, fall 2015, spring 2016
7. Yugoslavia and the Cold War World, fall 2015
8. Construction of a Modern State: War and the Latin American Case, spring 2016, fall 2016
9. Revolutionary France: Birth of a Movement, fall 2016, spring 2017
10. The Long-Nineteenth Century, spring 2017
11. Age of Empire: Europe in the World, fall 2017