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EDUCATION

Ph.D., History, 2002, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC
Dissertation: "Constructing the Middle East: Networks, Frameworks, and U.S.-Middle East Relations, 1945-1967"

M.A., History, 1996, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC

B.A., History, 1993, College of Arts & Sciences, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

U. S. Foreign Relations, U.S.-Middle East Relations, International History, International Studies

FACULTY POSITIONS

2011-Present Associate Professor of U.S. and International History
Department of History, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

2013 Visiting Faculty, Semester at Sea Summer Voyage, University of Virginia

2003-2011 *Assistant Professor of U.S. and International History*
Department of History, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

2001-2003 *Adjunct Assistant Professor of History*
Department of History
University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

2019-Present *Director, Bob Graham Center for Public Service*
Director, International Studies Program
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

2014-2019 *Director, Undergraduate Academic Programs/Learning without Borders*
University of Florida International Center,
University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

2013-2019 *Director, International Studies Program*
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences,
University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

2007-2014 *Faculty Advisor*
Preview: UF's First-year Student Orientation
University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTES AND WORKSHOPS

2019 Summer Institute of Civic Studies, Tisch College of Civic Life, Tufts University

2018-2019 Advanced Leadership for Academic Professionals Academic Year Institute, University of Florida, 2018-2019

2018 AAC&U Summer Institute on Integrative Learning and Signature Work, Boston University

2008 Summer Institute on Iraq and Vietnam, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, The Ohio State University

2006 First Annual Tel Aviv University Workshop on the Arab-Israeli Conflict, Israel

AWARDS, DISTINCTIONS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

2018 College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Evening of Excellence Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Education

2014 Faculty Advisor/Mentor of the Year, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Florida

2010 Humanities Scholarship Enhancement Grant, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Florida

2010 Teacher of the Year, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Florida

2008 Humanities Scholarship Enhancement Grant, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Florida

2004-2005 John Mahon Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, Department of History, University of Florida

2004 Humanities Scholarship Enhancement Grant, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Florida

2002-2003 National Endowment for the Humanities Focus Grant, "Globalizing History at the University of Florida"

1999 Moody Travel Grant from the Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation

1998 Eisenhower World Affairs Institute Research Travel Grant

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Imagining the Middle East: Building an American Foreign Policy, 1918-1967. Chapel, Hill, NC: The University of North Carolina Press, 2011. Full Arabic translation published and distributed by Sutour Publications, Cairo, Egypt, 2011. English language edition published and distributed in the Middle East by American University of Cairo Press, Cairo, Egypt, 2011.

Articles and Book Chapters

Matthew F. Jacobs, "From Sideshow to Center Stage: Legacies of the Great War (and Peace?) in the Middle East," in *Beyond 1917: The United States and the Global Legacies of the Great War*, eds. Thomas Zeiler, David Ekbladh, and Benjamin Montoya (Oxford University Press, 2017): 182-195.

Matthew F. Jacobs, "World War I: A War (and Peace?) for the Middle East," *Diplomatic History* 38, 4 (September 2014): 776-785.

Matthew F. Jacobs, "The Perils and Promise of Islam: The United States and the Muslim Middle East in the Early Cold War," *Diplomatic History* 30, 4 (September 2006): 705-739.

Matthew F. Jacobs, "The Riddle of Islam: American Images and Interpretations, 1945-1960," in *The United States and the Middle East: Diplomatic and Economic Relations in Historical Perspective*, ed. Abbas Amanat, Yale Center for International and Area Studies Working Paper Series (New Haven: Yale Center for International and Area Studies, 2001): 135-151.

Matthew F. Jacobs, "Connecting Communities: Using Oral History to Bring Academics and Retired Foreign Service Officers Together," *American Diplomacy: An Electronic Journal of Commentary, Analysis, and Research on American Foreign Policy and Its Practice*, Vol. IV, No. 1 (Winter 1999). Available at www.unc.edu/depts/diplomat.

Matthew F. Jacobs, "Professionalism in Journalism," in *History of the Mass Media in the United States: An Encyclopedia*, Margaret Blanchard, ed. (NY: Garland, 1998): 537-538.

Reviews, Roundtables, and Responses

Matthew F. Jacobs, "Author's Response," Roundtable Review of Matthew F. Jacobs, *Imagining the Middle East: Building an American Foreign Policy, 1918-1967* (2011), Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, *Passport* 43, 3 (January 2013): 44-55, available at <http://www.shafri.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Passport-January-2013.pdf>.

Matthew F. Jacobs, "Author's Response," H-Diplo Roundtable Review of Matthew F. Jacobs, *Imagining the Middle East: Building an American Foreign Policy, 1918-1967* (2011), 23 July 2013, available at <http://www.h-net.org/~diplo/roundtables/PDF/Roundtable-XIII-33.pdf>.

H-Diplo Roundtable Review of Patrick Tyler, *A World of Trouble: The White House and the Middle East—from the Cold War to the War on Terror*, published 15 October 2009 and available at www.h-net.org/~diplo/roundtables/PDF/Roundtable-XI-4.pdf.

H-Diplo Roundtable Review of Andrew Bacevich, *The Limits of Power: The End of American Exceptionalism*, published 8 December 2008 and available at www.h-net.org/~diplo/roundtables/PDF/Roundtable-IX-24.pdf.

H-Diplo Roundtable Review of Robert Beisner, *Dean Acheson: A Life in the Cold War*, published 14 March 2007 and available at www.h-net.org/~diplo/roundtables/PDF/Beisner-Acheson-Jacobs.pdf.

Review of Ellis O. Briggs, *Proud Servant: The Memoirs of a Career Ambassador* (Kent: The Kent State University Press, 1998) in *American Diplomacy: An Electronic Journal of Commentary, Analysis, and Research on American Foreign Policy and Its Practice* Vol. V, No. 1 (Winter 2000). Available at www.unc.edu/depts/diplomat.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Panel Commentator, “U.S.-Middle East Relations in the Early Twentieth Century,” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Meeting, June 2019.

“The Quality Enhancement Plan: Managing an Institution-Wide Conversation About Global Learning,” with Timothy Brophy and Paloma Rodriguez, AAC&U Global Learning Conference, October 2017.

“The Evolution of a QEP: One Institution’s Mid-Cycle Report,” with Timothy Brophy and Cindy Tarter, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Annual Conference, October 2016.

“Coming to Terms with Competing Narratives in International Education,” Keynote Address, Florida Consortium of International Educators, Gainesville, FL, October 2015.

Panel Commentator, “The Limitations of a Superpower: The United States and the Middle East post-1945,” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Meeting, June 2015.

Panel Chair and Commentator, “Public Diplomats in the Middle East: Citizen Activists and Experimental Humanitarians from the 1920s-1980s,” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Meeting, June 2014.

“World War I: A War (and Peace?) for the Middle East,” World War I Legacies, The Stanley Kaplan Program in American Foreign Policy and *Diplomatic History*, Williams College, April 2014.

“Re-thinking U.S.-Arab Relations in Light of the Arab Spring,” Roundtable on The State of the Field of U.S.-Arab Relations,” American Historical Association Annual Conference, January 2013.

“Islam and US: The United States Responds to Political Islam, 1960-2010,” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Conference, June 2010.

“Challenges of Teaching Afghanistan and Iraq in the Broader Context of U.S.-Middle East Relations,” Roundtable: Teaching the Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan—2008 SHAFR Institute Participants Reflect on Their Classroom Experiences, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Conference, June 2010.

“Imagining the Middle East: Sacred and Secular Knowledge and Mission in U.S.-Middle East Relations,” at *The West and the Rest: The Atlantic Community in the Global Arena*, Dipartimento di Studi Umanistici Università del Piemonte Orientale, Torino-Vercelli, Italy, May 2010.

Panel Chair and Commentator, “Beyond the Holy Land: The United States and the Arab-Israeli Conflict, 1944-1960,” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Conference, June 2008.

“Imagining the Middle East: Islam and Modernization in U.S.-Middle East Relations, 1945-1965,” American Historical Association Annual Conference, January 2006.

“Before Jihad: Conceptions of Democratization and Modernization in U.S.-Middle East Relations, 1945-1965.” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Conference, June 2005.

Panel Chair and Commentator, “Teaching *The Human Drama*.” World History: The Next Ten Years. The World History Center, Northeastern University, March 2004.

“Area Specialists, Knowledge Production, and Power in the Making of U.S.-Middle East Relations, 1945-1967.” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Conference, June 2003.

“Organizing the Undergraduate World History Survey: Chronology, Geography, or Themes?” for a roundtable discussion on “Strategies for Teaching World History.” Southeast World History Association Annual Conference, October 2001.

“The United States and Political Islam, 1945-1960” and panel organizer for “Religion and the Cold War.” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Conference, June 2001.

“Arabs, Islam, and the Middle East in American Film.” University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Program in the Humanities, June 1999.

“‘The Riddle of Islam’: American Images and Interpretations, 1945-1960.” Workshop on U.S.-Middle East Relations, Council on Middle East Studies, Yale University Center for International Studies, June 1999.

PUBLIC LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

Since becoming Director of the Bob Graham Center for Public Service in February 2019, I have served as moderator or participant in numerous public programs. Participation in these events is considered part of the regular responsibilities of the position, so they are not listed here.

“The Syrian Refugee Crisis,” Middle East Conversations, Trinity United Methodist Church, Gainesville, FL, October 2015.

“ISIS and US-Middle East Relations,” Middle East Conversations, Trinity United Methodist Church, Gainesville, FL, June 2015.

“ISIS: Its Rise and Implications,” Roundtable on ISIS and Current Events in the Middle East, University of Florida, October 2014.

Moderator, “A Conversation about the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict with former Israeli Ambassador to the United States Michael Oren and Journalist Rula Jebreal,” University of Florida, September 2014.

“The Cuban Missile Crisis: Fifty Years After,” Panel Discussion, University of Florida, October 2012.

“Foreign Policy in the 2012 Presidential Election,” Voter Issues Discussion, University of Florida, October 2012.

“After Egypt’s Days of Rage: The United States and a Changed Middle East,” *Hear and Now*, University of Florida Alumni Association, February 2011, available online at <http://www.ufalumni.ufl.edu/outreach/video/>.

“Roundtable: A Talk on the Current State of the Israel-Gaza War, 2008-2009,” University of Florida, March 2009.

“Imagining the Middle East: Past, Present, and Future,” Oak Hammock, Gainesville, Florida, January 2009.

“Human Rights and the Arab-Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: The Gaza War of 2008-2009,” University of Florida, January 2009.

MEDIA RELATIONS

Since becoming Director of the Bob Graham Center for Public Service in February 2019, I have been interviewed numerous times by news outlets across Florida. Media relations is considered an aspect of my day-to-day job responsibilities, so these are not enumerated below.

Matthew Jacobs, “Guest Column: At UF, We’re Teaching Civic Engagement, But Are We Living It?” Tampa Bay Times, 11 November 2021, available at <https://www.tampabay.com/opinion/2021/11/11/at-uf-were-teaching-civic-engagement-but-are-we-living-it-column/>.

“Analysis of President Obama’s Speech on Syria,” WCJB TV20, 11 September 2013.

Interview for both the *Gainesville Sun* and the *Independent Florida Alligator* on President Obama’s Speech on Syria, 11 September 2013.

“Events Could Transform Middle East, UF Professor Says,” *Gainesville Sun*, 22 February 2011.

Interview for “All Things Considered: Front Page Edition,” WUFT-FM, 21 February 2011.

“Turning Bad Into Good: Students Commemorate Attacks by Performing Good Deeds,” *Gainesville Sun*, 11 September 2009.

“Local Muslims, Experts Praise Obama’s Speech,” *Gainesville Sun*, 5 June 2009.

“UF Professor Releases Book Enemies,” *Gainesville Sun*, 9 April 2003.

“UF Courses Incorporate War,” *Gainesville Sun*, 21 March 2003.

OUTREACH

Polk County Public Schools, Teaching American History, Consultant and Presenter, Polk County, Florida, 2007-2009.

U.S. Foreign Policy Institute, University of Florida, June 2008.

“The United States, Terrorism, and the World,” Orange County History Society Teacher Training Workshop, Orlando, FL, December 2005.

“Mickey Mouse, McDonalds, and Michael Jordan: The Global and the Local in World History,” Teaching Globalization in High School Workshop, Center for Global and Transnational Studies, University of Florida, September 2004.

SERVICE

2016-Present	College of Liberal Arts and Sciences International Committee
2021	19 th Century US History Visiting Assistant Professor Search Committee
2019-2020	Asian History Search Committee
2016-2019	General Education Committee, University of Florida
2016-2017	University Task Force on Experiential Learning
2014-2015	Program Committee, 2015 Annual Meeting, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations
2014-2015	Teacher/Advisor of the Year Committee, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
2012-2013	Curriculum Committee, Department of History
2010-2013	Webmaster, Department of History
2010-2011	Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department of History
2010-2011	Graduate Studies Committee, Department of History
2009-2012	University of Florida Bookstore Advisory Committee
2003-2011	Department of History Major Advisor
2007-2012	Preview Advisor for Incoming Freshman

2004-2009 Department of History International Committee
2003-2007 Department of History Welcome Committee for New Faculty and Graduate
Students, Chair
2005-2006 Department of History Japanese History Search Committee
2005-2006 Department of History Middle Eastern History Search Committee
2004-2006 University of Florida International Center Scholarship Review Committee
2004-2005 University of Florida Cambridge Summer Study Abroad Co-Coordinator