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## EMPLOYMENT

2021 - Associate Professor, Early American and Atlantic History, University of Pittsburgh  
2014 - 2021 Assistant Professor, Early American and Atlantic History, University of Pittsburgh  
2010 - 2014 Assistant Professor, Early American History, Claremont McKenna College

## EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Pittsburgh (August 2010)  
History (Atlantic history, Early America, Slavery and abolition)  
MA University of Sussex (June 2003)  
History (pass with distinction)  
BA University of Sussex (June 2001)  
American Studies (first class honours)  
Propedeuse Rijksuniversiteit Leiden (June 1997)  
English Literature (cum laude)

## BOOKS

*The Bloody Flag: Mutiny in the Age of Atlantic Revolution* (Oakland, CA: University of California Press, 2020).

French translation: *Mutineries à bord des vaisseaux insurgés (1789-1799)*. Translated by Phil Mortim (Paris: Libertalia, 2022).

Spanish translation: *Bandera de sangre* (Madrid: Ediciones La Tormenta, forthcoming).

## EDITED VOLUMES

with Pepijn Brandon and Pernille Røge, eds. *International Review of Social History, Special Issue (Free and Unfree Workers in Atlantic and Indian Ocean Port Cities, 1700-1850)* 64, (S)27 (2019).

Also published as *Free and Unfree Workers in Atlantic and Indian Ocean Port Cities, 1700-1850*. edited by Pepijn Brandon, Niklas Frykman, and Pernille Røge. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2019.

with Clare Anderson, Lex Heerma van Voss, and Marcus Rediker, eds. *International Review of Social History, Special Issue (Mutiny and Maritime Radicalism in the Age of Revolution: A Global Survey)* 58, (S)21 (2013).

Also published as *Mutiny and Maritime Radicalism in the Age of Revolution: A Global Survey*, edited by Clare Anderson, Niklas Frykman, Lex Heerma van Voss, and Marcus Rediker. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014.

## JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

with Pepijn Brandon and Pernille Røge, "Free and Unfree Workers in Atlantic and Indian Ocean Port Cities, c. 1700-1850: An Introduction," *International Review of Social History, Special Issue (Free and Unfree Workers in Atlantic and Indian Ocean Port Cities, 1700-1850)* 64, (S)27 (2019): 1-18.

"Sailors in the Atlantic Fleets in the Age of Revolution," in *The Sea in History, Vol. III: The Early Modern World*, edited by Christian Buchet and Gérard Le Bouëdec, 360-369. Woodbridge: Boydell Press, 2017.

"Pirates and Smugglers: Political Economy in the Red Atlantic," in *Mercantilism Reimagined: Political Economy in Early Modern Britain and its Empire*, edited by Carl Wennerlind and Philip Stern, 218-239. New York: Oxford University Press, 2013.

with Clare Anderson, Lex Heerma van Voss, and Marcus Rediker, "Mutiny and Maritime Radicalism in the Age of Revolution: An Introduction," *International Review of Social History, Special Issue (Mutiny and Maritime Radicalism in the Age of Revolution: A Global Survey)* 58, (S)21 (2013): 1-14.

"Connections between Mutinies in European Navies," in *Mutiny and Maritime Radicalism in the Age of Revolution: A Global Survey, International Review of Social History, Special Issue (Mutiny and Maritime Radicalism in the Age of Revolution: A Global Survey)* 58, (S)21 (2013): 87-107.

"The Mutiny on the Hermione: Warfare, Revolution, and Treason in the Royal Navy," *Journal of Social History* 44, no. 1 (2010): 159-187.

"Seamen on Late Eighteenth-century European Warships," *International Review of Social History* 54 (2009): 67-93.

Also published in German as "Seeleute auf den europäischen Kriegsschiffen des späten 18. Jahrhunderts," in *Über Marx hinaus: Arbeitsgeschichte und Arbeitsbegriff im 21. Jahrhundert*, edited by Marcel van der Linden and Karl-Heinz Roth, 55-84. Berlin: Assoziation A, 2009.

Also published as “Seamen on Late Eighteenth-century European Warships,” in *Beyond Marx: Confronting Labour-History and the Concept of Labour with the Global Labour-Relations of the Twenty-First Century*, edited by Marcel van der Linden and Karl-Heinz Roth, 41-64. Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2013.

## ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

“Impressment, Kidnapping, and Panyarring,” in *The Princeton Companion to Atlantic History*, edited by Joseph C. Miller, 240-242. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2015.

“Impressment,” in *Encyclopedia of War and American Society*, ed. Peter Karsten. Thousand Oaks: Sage, 2005.

## BOOK REVIEWS

Review of *Foreign Jack Tars: The British Navy and Transnational Seafarers during the Revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars*, by Sara Caputo, *International Review of Social History* (forthcoming).

Review of *Tempest: The Royal Navy and the Age of Revolutions*, by James Davey, *Mariner’s Mirror* (forthcoming).

Review of *Englishmen at Sea: Labor and Nation at the Dawn of Empire, 1570-1630*, by Eleanor Hubbard, *Journal of Modern History* (forthcoming).

Review of *Convicts: A Global History*, by Clare Anderson, *International Journal of Maritime History* 34, no. 4 (2022): 686-687.

Review of *The Genesis of Rebellion: Governance, Grievance, and Mutiny in the Age of Sail*, by Steven Pfaff and Michael Hechter, *English Historical Review* 137, no. 584 (2022): 271-273.

Review of *Order and Disorder in the British Navy, 1793-1815: Control, Resistance, Flogging and Hanging*, by Thomas Malcolmson, *Journal for Maritime Research* 20, nos 1-2 (2018): 120-122.

Review of *Sweatshops at Sea: Merchant Seamen in the World’s First Globalized Industry, from 1812 to the Present*, by Leon Fink, *International Review of Social History* 57, no. 2 (2012): 295-298.

Review of *War Volunteering in Modern Times: From the French Revolution to the Second World War*, edited by Christine Krüger and Sonja Levsen, *H-Soz-u-Kult*, 5 July 2012, <<http://hsozkult.geschichte.hu-berlin.de/rezensionen/2012-3-011>>.

Review of *Jack Tar’s Stories: The Autobiographies and Memoirs of Sailors in Antebellum America*, by Myra C. Glenn, *Biography: An Interdisciplinary Journal* 34, no. 2 (2011): 346-348.

Review of *War in an Age of Revolution, 1775-1815*, edited by Roger Chickering and Stig Förster, *H-Soz-u-Kult*, 21 July 2011, <<http://hsozkult.geschichte.hu-berlin.de/rezensionen/2011-3-055>>.

Review of *Slave Ship Sailors and their Captive Cargoes, 1730-1807*, by Emma Christopher, *Labor: Studies of Working Class History in the Americas* 4, no. 2 (2007): 124-126.

## OTHER WRITINGS

"Striking Back Hard," in *The Cuckoo Cage*. Edited by Ra Page. Manchester: Comma Press, 2022.

"Sailors," *Oxford Bibliographies in Atlantic History*. Edited by Trevor Burnard. New York: Oxford University Press, 2021.

## PRESENTATIONS

"Hydrarchy in the Age of Atlantic Revolution," Maritime History from Below: Rethinking Societies and the Sea, Huntington Library, San Marino (CA), November 2, 2023.

"Hydrarchy and the History of Global Capitalism," Maritime Solidarity: Past and Present, Amsterdam, September 22, 2023.

"'An immense mass of floating property': Securitizing the Port of London in the Age of Revolution," Seventh European Congress on World and Global History, The Hague, June 30, 2023.

"Naval Recruitment in Early Modern Scandinavia," Nordic Labour History Conference, Copenhagen, November 26, 2020. [conference cancelled due to Covid-19]

"Naval recruitment, internal colonization, and primitive accumulation in early modern Europe," European Social Science History Conference, Leiden, March 21, 2020. [conference cancelled due to Covid-19]

"State-formation, internal colonization, and naval recruitment in early modern Europe," FEEGI Biennial Meeting, St. Louis, February 15, 2020. [presentation cancelled due to weather-related travel disruption]

"Of floating colonies and motionless navies: Maritime conceptions of sovereignty in the early modern Atlantic," Reframing Sovereignty, Tsinghua University, Beijing, September 7-8, 2018.

"To be like a stationary navy: Empire and Naval Governance in the Age of Revolution," European Social Science History Conference, Belfast, April 7, 2018.

"The Ship of State in the French Revolution," Society for French Historical Studies Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, March 10, 2018.

(with Pepijn Brandon) "Revolutionizing the Republic of Wood: Maritime labor in the late 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> centuries," Worlds of Labor Turned Upside Down: Revolutions and Labor Relations in Global Historical Perspective (53<sup>rd</sup> ITH Conference), Linz, September 23, 2017.

"The conspiracies of 1798 in Britain's Royal Navy," L'Irlande et la France à l'époque de la République atlantique, L'Institut d'Histoire de la Révolution Française, Paris, May 27, 2016.

"Capitalism and military labor in the age of revolution," New Directions in the Study of Slavery and Capitalism, Collège d'études mondiales, Paris, October 26, 2015.

(with Pepijn Brandon) "Running away as running towards: Military desertion in the age of revolution," Runaways: Desertion and Mobility in Global Labor History, c.1650-1850, International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam, October 22-23, 2015.

"'We have our own articles now': A maritime declaration of independence in the revolutionary Atlantic," Illicit Atlantic Worlds, Huntington Library, January 23-24, 2015.

"Like a Ship on Fire: The Forgotten History of Mutiny in the Age of Revolution," Society of Fellows Spring Seminar, Huntington Library, San Marino, May 13, 2014.

"The Marine Republic: Maritime Radicalism and the Revolutionary Atlantic, 1789-1805," The Future of Atlantic, Transnational, and World History, University of Pittsburgh, May 3, 2014.

"Mutiny on the High Seas during the Age of Revolution," Food for Thought, Huntington Library, San Marino, February 18, 2014.

"Transnational Frontline Resistance at Sea in the Revolutionary Era," 6<sup>th</sup> IMEHA International Congress of Maritime History, Ghent, July 5, 2012.

"The Main Deck of America: Mutiny and the Politics of Extradition in the Early Republic," OIEAHC 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Huntington Library, San Marino, June 15, 2012.

"Floating Republics: Insurrectionary Communities at Sea during the French Revolutionary Wars," Community and the Sea in the Age of Sail, Aalborg University, Aalborg, May 24, 2012.

"The Revolution at Sea: Mutiny and Maritime Radicalism in the Age of Atlantic Revolution," Claremont Discourse, Claremont, March 28, 2012.

"Connections between Mutinies in European Navies," Mutiny and Maritime Radicalism in the Age of Revolution: A Global Survey, International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam, June 16, 2011.

"The Marine Republic: Mutiny and Political Radicalism in the Revolutionary Atlantic," OIEAHC Age of Sail, Vancouver, October 8, 2010.

"The revolution at sea: Naval warworkers and political radicalism in the 1790s," AHA Annual Meeting, San Diego, January 8, 2010.

"From treason take away the t," Bluestockings Bookstore, NYC, October 3, 2009.

"Piracy and smuggling," Rethinking Mercantilism, Barnard College, March 27, 2009.

"Class composition and struggle on European warships, 1789-1802," European Colloquium, Department of History, University of Pittsburgh, April 14, 2008.

"An empire of thieves: Sussex smugglers and Caribbean pirates in the early eighteenth century," Bristol Radical History Week, November 3, 2007.

"HMS Hermione and the mutinous Atlantic in the late 1790s," Graduate Speaker Series, Department of History, University of Pittsburgh, September 26, 2007.

"Mutinies in the Batavian Navy," Irish Conference of Historians (Empires and their contested pasts), Queen's University Belfast, May 19, 2007.

"HMS Hermione and the mutinous Atlantic in the late 1790s," International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam, December 4, 2006.

"From treason take away the t: The mutiny on the Hermione, 1797," Bristol Radical History Week, November 4, 2006.

"Mutiny turns Atlantic: The Hermione rising of 1797," Great Lakes History Conference (New Perspectives on War and Society), Grand Valley State University, October 21, 2006.

"Before Britannia ruled: some eighteenth-century Atlantic perspectives," Graduate Student Roundtable, Comparative Postcolonialities conference, University of Pittsburgh, October 27, 2005.

## **CONFERENCE, WORKSHOP, AND PANEL ORGANIZING**

- Conference organizing committee, "Maritime Solidarity: Past and Present," International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam, September 22-23, 2023.
- Publication workshop organizing committee, "Towards a Global History of Primitive Accumulation," Online, December 2020
- Conference program committee, "25<sup>th</sup> Omohundro Institute Annual Conference," University of Pittsburgh, June 13-16, 2019.
- Conference organizing committee, "Towards a Global History of Primitive Accumulation," International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam, May 6-7, 2019.
- Conference panel co-organizer, "Transformation in Labour and Labour Control in the Age of Revolution (c. 1750-1830)," European Social Science History Conference, Belfast, April 7, 2018.
- Publication workshop organizing committee, "Free and Unfree Labor in Atlantic and Indian Ocean Port Cities, 1700-1850," University of Pittsburgh, May 5-6, 2017.
- Conference organizing Committee, "Free and Unfree Labor in Atlantic and Indian Ocean Port Cities, 1700-1850," University of Pittsburgh, May 6-7, 2016.
- Publication workshop organizing committee, "Mutiny and maritime radicalism in the age of revolution: a global survey," Huygens Institute, The Hague, May 21-22, 2012.
- Conference organizing committee, "Mutiny and maritime radicalism in the age of revolution: a global survey," International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam, June 16-18, 2011.

## **GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- Faculty travel grant, Global Studies Center, University of Pittsburgh, May 2023
- Faculty research grant, World History Center, University of Pittsburgh, April 2022
- Small grant award, European Studies Center, University of Pittsburgh, April 2022
- Hewlett International Grant (Major Impact), University of Pittsburgh, May 2019
- Barbara Thom Postdoctoral Fellowship, The Huntington Library, 2013-14
- Faculty Research Grant, Claremont McKenna College, June 2011
- Mellon/ACLS Recent Doctoral Recipient Fellowship, Declined
- Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2009-10
- Lillian B. Lawler Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh, 2008-09
- Research Fellowship, Sweden-America Foundation, 2007-08
- Andrew Mellon Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh, 2006-07
- John Haskell Kemble Fellowship, The Huntington Library, Jan.-Feb. 2007
- Bernadotte Schmitt Grant, American Historical Association, Dec. 2006
- International Studies Fund Research Grant, University of Pittsburgh, Nov. 2006
- Price Visiting Research Fellowship, William L. Clements Library, Oct. 2006
- International Studies Fund Research Grant, University of Pittsburgh, June 2005
- C.Y. Shu Summer Research Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh, June 2004
- Arts and Sciences Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh, 2003-04

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

- US through 1880 (Hist 600, University of Pittsburgh)
- Origins of American Capitalism (Hist 612, University of Pittsburgh)
- The History of Now (Hist 1000, University of Pittsburgh)
- The Age of Revolution (Hist 1000, University of Pittsburgh)
- Global Capitalism (Hist 1000, University of Pittsburgh)
- United States Colonial (Hist 1610, University of Pittsburgh)
- The American Revolution, 1763-1791 (Hist 1611, University of Pittsburgh)
- United States, 1789-1840 (Hist 1612, University of Pittsburgh)
- Professionalization (Graduate seminar, Hist 2000, University of Pittsburgh)
- The Age of Revolution in Global Context (Graduate seminar, Hist 2709, University of Pittsburgh)
- Global Capitalism (Graduate seminar, Hist 2710, University of Pittsburgh)
- Early America: Invasion to Civil War (Hist 80, CMC)
- Making a Living in Early America: A History from the Bottom Up (Hist 90, CMC)
- American Revolutions, c. 1750s-1830s (Hist 143D, CMC)
- Origins of Atlantic Capitalism (Hist 145, CMC)
- Coerced Labor in World History (Hist 185, CMC)

## **DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

- Native American History Search Committee, Dept. of History, Univ. of Pittsburgh (2023-24)
- Director of Graduate Studies, Dept. of History, Univ. of Pittsburgh (2022-24)

- Graduate Council, Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences, Univ. of Pittsburgh (2022-24)
- WHC Leadership Nomination Process Adhoc Committee, Dept. of History, Univ. of Pittsburgh (2021)
- World History Center Advisory Committee, Dept. of History, Univ. of Pittsburgh (2020-21)
- Planning and Budget Committee, Dept. of History, Univ. of Pittsburgh (2018-20; 2020-22)
- Hewlett International Grant Review Committee, UCIS, Univ. of Pittsburgh (2019)
- 19<sup>th</sup> century US History Search Committee, Dept. of History, Univ. of Pittsburgh (2018-19)
- Graduate Committee, Dept. of History, Univ. of Pittsburgh (2014-16, 2017-18, 2021-22)
- African-American History Search Committee, Dept. of History, Univ. of Pittsburgh (2015-16)
- Co-convener, Atlantic History Speaker Series, Dept. of History, Univ. of Pittsburgh (2015-)
- Co-organizer, E.P. Thompson Memorial Lecture, Dept. of History, Univ. of Pittsburgh (2015-)
- Brazil Search Committee, Dept. of History, Claremont McKenna College (2012-2013)
- Diversity Committee, Claremont McKenna College (2011-2013)
- Intercollegiate American Studies Program, Claremont Colleges (2011-2013)
- Advisory Board Library Planning, Claremont Colleges (2011-2012)
- Central Europe/Germany Search Committee, Dept. of History, Univ. of Pittsburgh (2008)

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Corresponding editor, *International Review of Social History* (2020-2025)
- Articles peer-reviewed for *Atlantic Studies*, *Global Change, Peace, and Security*, *Historical Journal*, *International Review of Social History*, *Journal for Imperial and Commonwealth History*, *Journal of Social History*, *Social Science History*, *Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History*, and *Law and History Review*.
- Manuscript and proposal reviews for Bloomsbury Press and Oxford University Press.

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Association of University Professors (AAUP)
- American Historical Association (AHA)
- International Maritime History Association (IMHA)
- Omohundro Institute for Early American History and Culture (OIEAHC)

## LANGUAGES

German, Swedish (native), Dutch (intermediate), Danish, French, Norwegian (reading comprehension)