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Bio Sketch:

I am a historian of modern Japan. My research and teaching interests include Japanese international relations, World War Two in Asia, comparative imperialism, Japanese urbanism and urban modernism between the wars, local history, and most recently, sociology and social policy. I am currently working on two book projects: [Middle Class Myths in Modern Japan: A Cultural History of Social Power and the "Social Problem" in Prewar Japan.](#)

Selected Publications:

- [Beyond the Metropolis: Second Cities and Modern Life in Interwar Japan.](#) (University of California Press, 2013)
- "Ideologies of Difference and the Turn to Atrocity: Japan's War on China," in [A World at Total War: Global Conflict and the Politics of Destruction, 1937-1945](#), eds., Roger Chickering, Stig Forster, and Berndt Greiner. London: Cambridge University Press, 2005.
- "Japan at War: History-writing on the Crisis of the 1930s", in *The Origins of the Second World War, Reconsidered* (Rev. ed., Routledge 1999)
- "Marketing the Modern: Department Stores, Consumer Culture and the New Middle Class in Interwar Japan", in *International Labor and Working-Class History* (No. 55, Spring 1999)
- [Japan's Total Empire: Manchuria and the Culture of Wartime Imperialism](#) (University of California Press, 1998). Winner of the John K. Fairbank and Hiromi Arisawa prizes; Choice Outstanding Academic Book

Courses Taught:

Lecture Courses:

- History 104 - Introduction to East Asian History: Japan [Syllabus 2012 \(pdf\)](#)
- History 201 - The Historian's Craft: How Do Empires End? Defeat, Occupation and Post-Imperial Japan [Syllabus 2013 \(pdf\)](#)
- History 455 - Japans Modern Century, 1853-1952: Rise & Fall of the Imperial State
- History 456 - Japan and World War Two in Asia [Syllabus 2011 \(pdf\)](#)

Undergraduate Seminars:

- History 500 - Reading Seminar - Topics: "Culture, Power, and Empire: Japanese Expansion in Comparative Perspective" [Syllabus 2012 \(pdf\)](#)
- History 600 - Advanced Seminar in History - Topics: "Militarism and Fascism in Japan" [Syllabus 2007 \(pdf\)](#); "Japanese Urbanism" [Syllabus 2011 \(pdf\)](#)
- History 680/690 - Honors Thesis Colloquium

Graduate Courses:

- History 703 - History and Theory
- History 855 - Modern Japan: Reading History/Writing History [Syllabus 2012 \(pdf\)](#)
- History 855 - Theory/History/Japan [Syllabus 2013 \(pdf\)](#)



