JESSICA LUEPKE

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Texas State University

ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS

Doctor of Philosophy, History, *University of North Texas, Denton, Texas* **July 2025**
Dissertation: Americans Adapting to Occupation: Imperialism, Masculinity, and Race in the Making of Twentieth Century Martial Culture

Master of Arts in History, *University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, Texas* **August 2020**
Master's Thesis: What Germany Taught the U.S. Army: Occupational Lessons in Postwar Germany, 1945-1947

Bachelor of Arts, *University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, Texas* **December 2018**
Major: History; *Minor*: Military History

Associate of Arts, *Tarrant County College, Fort Worth, Texas* **August 2016**

RECENT ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Lecturer, *Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas* **August 2025 – Present**

Visiting Instructor, *Tarleton State University, Stephenville, Texas* **August 2024 – May 2025**

Adjunct Instructor, *East Texas A&M University, Commerce, Texas* **August 2023 – December 2024**

Adjunct Instructor, *Tarleton State University, Stephenville, Texas* **August 2023 – May 2024**

Adjunct Instructor, *Weatherford College, Weatherford, Texas* **August 2022 – May 2024**

WRITTEN AND MEDIA CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FIELD

"Review of Gaztemeyer, Garrett. *Bodies for Battle: U.S. Army Physical Culture and Systematic Training, 1885-1957*. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2021." In *Journal of Military History*, vol. 86, no. 4 (October 2022): 1010-11.

"Lust, Duty, and STDs: Fraternization and Disobedience in American-Occupied Germany, 1945-1946." *Army History* 139 (2026): 6-18.

Contributor. *Hogan's Heroes and Postwar America.* Directed and Produced by Wayne Lee and Anna Maltese. Podcast. 2026.

"Review of Abdow, Emily. *The Boxer Rebellion: Bluejackets and Marines in China, 1900-1901*. Washington, D.C.: Naval History and Heritage Command, 2023." *Marine Corps History* 12, no. 1 (2026): 52-3.

Whitney, Zane, host. "Inter Season Episode 2 of the Moments in Time, Interview with Dr. Jessica Luepke." Produced by Zane Whitney. *Moments in Time: World War Two Edition Podcast*. Podcast. *Forthcoming 2026*.

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY AND THE FIELD

HIST 1310 and 1320 Correspondence Course Development and Instruction, Texas State University **June 2026 - Present**

Texas State ROTC Staff Ride, Expert Historian **Feb 2026**

Public History Award Selection Committee, Society for Military History **December 2025 - Present**
Committee Chair

Jeffrey Grey Memorial Travel Grant and Russel F. Weigley Graduate Student Travel Grant Selection Committee, Society for Military History, Committee Member **August 2025 - Present**

***Journal of Military History* Editorial Advisory Board** **April 2024 – March 2026**
Graduate Student Representative

Weatherford College, Department of Social Sciences **Fall 2022**
Assisted in developing the Common Assignment required for all US History classes in the department

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION AND ATTENDANCE

Flint Hills Military History Symposium, *Kansas State University, Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum* **September 2026**
Panel Participant: WW II Great Power Coalition Challenges
Paper: "When Plans are Abandoned, Alliances are Tested: JCS 1067 and the Allied Occupation of Germany"

Society for Military History 92nd Annual Conference **March 2026**
Panel Chair: From the Streets of Portland to the Battle of Oxford: The National Guard, the Home Front, and the Law
Panel Participant: "It Was Your War, But Our Lives: Soldiers and Crafting Memory in the World Wars"
Paper: "'Your Ball, Soldier': How Camp Newspapers Gave GIs a Voice in 1945 Europe"

Flint Hills Military History Symposium, *Kansas State University, Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum* **November 2025**
Panel Participant: Leading from the Top
Paper: "McNarney and Clay: The Best and Worst of Occupied Germany"

Society for Military History 91st Annual Conference **April 2025**
Roundtable Moderator: "Publishing Tips for Graduate and New Authors from Journal Editors"
Panel Chair and Commenter: "Memory, Mythmaking, and War"

American Historical Association Texas Conference on Introductory History Courses **October 2024**

Society for Military History 90th Annual Conference **March 2024**
Panel Participant: "After the War: The Importance of Diplomacy and Leadership in Resolving Conflict and Establishing Stability"
Paper: "Dissatisfied Occupiers: Transforming U.S. Army Culture Through Sex and Disobedience"

Interdisciplinary Academic Conference, *Weatherford College* **April 2024**
Presenter: "Teaching Against Historical Misconceptions"

Constitution Day Roundtable, *Weatherford College* **September 2023**
Roundtable participant

The Kent Miller and Quinton Reeves Lecture Series, *Weatherford College* **April 2023**
Guest Lecture: "Combatting VD After VE-Day: Sexual Health and Winning the Peace in Germany"

Society for Military History 89th Annual Conference **April 2023**
Panel Participant: "Changing Understandings of Self, Enemy, and History: Three Perspectives on the Korean and Vietnam Wars"
Paper: "*M*A*S*H*: Radar O'Reilly and Portraying the Image of American Innocence in War"

Constitution Day Roundtable, *Weatherford College* **September 2022**
Roundtable participant

Many Faces of War VII – Disease in War, *South Dakota State University* **November 2022**
Panel Participant: "Soldiers' Activities and Disease"
Paper: "American Soldiers, Army Policy, and Venereal Disease in World War Two"

Transnational History Student Organization 22nd Annual Conference, *University of Texas at Arlington* **October 2022**
Panel Participant: "Race, Gender, and Sexuality during War
Paper: "A Threat to Peace: Sexual Encounters in Occupied Germany, 1945-1946"

Society for Military History 88th Annual Conference **March 2022**
Panel Participant: "Angles of Occupation: The Occupiers and the Occupied"
Paper: "Policy and Reality in Occupying Haiti: U.S. Imperialism, Marines, and Haitian Autonomy"

Society for Military History 86th Annual Conference **March 2020**
Panel Participant: "Can't We Just Play Nice?: Military Policy, Inter-service Rivalry, and Occupation Effects"
Paper: "From Fighting to Occupying: The Transformation of the U.S. Army in Occupied Germany"

HONORS AND AWARDS

Society for Military History, Russell F. Weigley Graduate Student Travel Grant **April 2023**
The Russell F. Weigley Graduate Student Travel Grant Awards honor one of the great American military historians of the 20th century and support participation by promising graduate students in the Society's annual meeting.

Society for Military History 89th Annual Conference Poster Contest **April 2023**
Developed the program poster for the 2023 Annual Conference. The Society used this work for all promotions for the upcoming meeting, including in the *Journal of Military History*, the printed programs, and the signage at the annual conference.

University of Texas at Arlington, Joseph and Barbara Penshorn Undergraduate Scholarship Award **March 2019**
The Joseph and Barbara Penshorn award recognizes exceptional students majoring in the academic field of History. Received this award based on nominations from multiple faculty members and an undergraduate primary source research paper, "The Legacy of the Battle of Little Bighorn: How History Remembers General Custer and the Fighting Seventh."

ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS

Organization for American Historians **2023 - Present**

Military History Center Student Fellow, *University of North Texas, Denton, Texas* **2022 – 2025**

American Historical Association **2020 – Present**

Society for Military History **2019 – Present**

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, *University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, Texas* **2018 – Present**