

Katya Maslakowski, PhD

TEACHING FIELDS

Modern British History, British Empire, History of Science and Technology, European History, Global History, Counterinsurgency Warfare, Special Forces, Military Tactics and Expertise, British Military History

CURRENT WORK

"Men of Violence;" The Rise of British Counterinsurgency Expertise at the End of Empire, 1918-1998.

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EXPERIENCE

2023 - PRESENT

Assistant Professor, University of Southern Mississippi
Fellow, Dale Center for War and Society

2022 – 2023

Postdoctoral Fellow, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs
Harvard University

EDUCATION

PhD Northwestern University, History, 2022

MA Loyola University of Chicago, History, 2015

MA University of Chicago, Religious Studies, 2006

BA University of California Santa Barbara, Literature and Classics, 2003

RECENT CONFERENCE PAPERS

"Men of Violence: the rise of British counterinsurgency expertise at the end of empire, 1918-1998," presented to the Weatherhead Scholars Program at Harvard University, February, 2023.

"The Junta that Never Was: British counterinsurgency experts in the post-imperial world," presented at NACBS, November 2022, Chicago, IL.

"Blacking Our Faces: Disguise, Experimentation, and the spread of counterinsurgency strategy across the British Empire, 1945-1998," accepted for 'Mobility in History' Conference at Queen Mary University of London, 2020. (Canceled due to pandemic).

"Making Men of Violence: Fantasy, expertise and counterinsurgency identities at the end of empire 1918-1998," presented at Britain and the World, June 2018, Exeter, UK.

"Men of Violence: The imperial origins of counterinsurgency expertise at the end of the British Empire, 1919-1998," EDGS Graduate Lecture Series, Buffet Center, November 2017, Chicago, IL.

"Knowing Violence: Knowledge production and counterinsurgency expertise in the Kenyan Police Force during the Kenyan Emergency, 1952-1960", NACBS, November 2017, Denver, CO.

"The Epistemics of Empire: Colonial Police Culture, Migration and the Production of Knowledge during the Kenyan Emergency, 1952- 1960." Punishments and Its Discontents, Chabraja Center for Historical Studies Conference, May 2017, Chicago, IL.

FELLOWSHIPS AND PRIZES

- 2023 Twentieth Century British History, Duncan Tanner Prize runner-up
- 2019 Nicholas D. Chabraja Center for Historical Studies, T.H. Breen Fellow
- 2018 North American Conference on British Studies Dissertation Fellowship, Runner-up
- 2017 North American Conference on British Studies Pre-Dissertation Grant
- 2017 Equality Development and Globalization Studies Grant

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2018-2019 Co-Chair of Science and Human Culture Doctoral Colloquium
- 2017-2018 Co-Chair of Long Nineteenth Century Colloquium
- 2014 Co-Curator, Exhibition, "Mapping the Borderlands of Indian Country in 1840-1855: The cartographic encounters of Schitsu'umsh, Salish, and Kootenai mapmakers and Jesuit Missionary Pierre-Jean De Smet, S.J."