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I am passionate about military history with a particular interest in American military history, and more specifically the Vietnam War and armoured warfare.

**Education and qualifications:**

2019 – 2024                      Texas Tech University  
**PhD History – In Progress**

Modules included:

- Studies in the History of the U.S. Civil War
- The U.S. and the World
- Readings in American History to 1877

2016 – 2018:                      Texas Tech University  
**M.A. History – 4.0 GPA**

Modules included:

- Teaching History in College
- The Nature of History
- Studies in the US Civil War
- Studies in US Military History: WW2
- Studies in the Vietnam War
- Studies in Asian History: Colonial and Semi Colonial Encounters
- Studies in Asian History: The Cold War in Asia
- US Foreign Relations: To 1900
- Studies in the Classics of Military History
- Research Methods
- Independent Study: Armoured Warfare from WW1 to the Future

Thesis: 'How crucial was Australian Armour in Vietnam?'

2013 – 2016:           The University of Birmingham  
**B.A. (Hons) War Studies – 2:1**

Modules included:

- Writing the History of Warfare
- Group Research: The Desert War 1941-43
- Nationalism and Conflict in the Balkans and Middle East 1800- 2000
- Command in War
- The Rise of Modern War
- An Introduction to Operational and Strategic Art
- War, Armed Forces and Society
- Britain and its wars of Colonisation and Decolonisation
- The Lure of the Modern: China 1900-2000

Dissertation:           'To what extent was the use of armour effective in the Vietnam War'

2007 – 2013:           Secondary School: St. Edmund's College, Old Hall Green, Ware, Hertfordshire.

**A-levels: History (A), German (C), Geography (C) AS  
Economics (D)**

Modules in A level history included:

- The USA 1803-1900 & the American Civil War
- British Politics 1815-1853 (between the Napoleonic Wars and the Crimean War)
- The changing nature of warfare 1792-1945
- Late 19<sup>th</sup> century Victorian politics (Gladstone and Disraeli)

**GCSEs: History (A), German (A), English (A), Business Studies (A), Biology (B), Chemistry (B), Physics (B), Mathematics (B), English Literature (B), Religious Studies (B) Geography (C)**

### **Scholarships and Fellowships:**

**2018:           'Willie McCool' Texas Aviation Historical Foundation Incorporated  
Scholarship**

Department of History  
Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX

**The Guy "Doc" LaPointe Memorial Scholarship**  
Institute for Peace and Conflict

Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX

**Academic Conferences, Research and Presentations:**

**2019:** 'Ben Het: The Vietnam War's Clash of Steel' The 2019 Joint Conference: "1969: Vietnamization and the Year of Transition in the Vietnam War", The Institute for Peace and Conflict at Texas Tech University, April 25-27, 2019, Lubbock, TX.

**2018:** "Great Britain and the Vietnam War," The 2018 Joint Conference "1968 and the Tet Offensive," The Institute for Peace and Conflict at Texas Tech University, April 28-29, 2018, Lubbock, TX.

**Work experience:**

**2016-2024: Teaching Assistant at Texas Tech University**

- In charge of around 90 students each semester
- Grade student exams before a deadline
- Fill in for professor when they cannot teach a class
- Hold office hours for students to come and see me about the class or their work
- Professor specific duties

**2012: Humanitarian trip to India**

In 2012 I took part in my school's project with the partner schools in India to work with children of very deprived backgrounds. Our task was to engage and interact with the children in English and Sport lessons.

**Additional skills and achievements**

**IT Skills:**

- Confident in Microsoft Office
- Experienced in social media feeds and web content

**Recognition:**

- Korfball Level 1 Coaching award, 2015
- House Captain in St. Edmund's College, 2013

- Driving licence, 2012 (UK), 2016 (USA)
- The Duke of Edinburgh Award Silver, 2011
- The Duke of Edinburgh Award Bronze, 2010

**Interests and hobbies:**

- History Graduate Student Organisation Representative 2018-2019
- Militaria collector
- Visiting historic sites and museums including the Chatham Historic Dockyard, Bovington Tank Museum, Duxford Aviation Museum
- Team captain of the Korfball team at the University of Birmingham
- Attended the Cambridge History Forum 2012-2013
- Debating Society and Model UN at St Edmunds College
- Student council 2012-2013