

*Curriculum Vitae*

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**Professional Experience**

2018 – Present. Assistant Professor of U.S. History, Clarion University of Pennsylvania.

Courses taught:

- History 121 – US Survey, 1877 – Present
- History 298 – Historical Methodology
- History 306 – Introduction to Public History
- History 363 – American Labor History
- History 388 – US History from 1920-1960
- History 389 – US History from 1960-Present
- History 400 – Historical Research Seminar
- History 410 – Historiography

2013 – 2018. Graduate Instructor, Department of History, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV.

2017. Adjunct Faculty – History, Westminster College, New Wilmington, PA.

2015 – 2016. Adjunct Faculty – History, Pierpont Community and Technical College, Fairmont, WV

**Education**

Ph.D. History, West Virginia University, May 2018

- Dissertation: *Britishers in Two Worlds: Maltese Immigrants in Detroit and Toronto, 1919-1960*. Successfully Defended: January 29, 2018
- Major Field: 20<sup>th</sup> Century US Immigration and Ethnic History (Dr. Kenneth Fones-Wolf)
- Minor Fields: Public History; US Diplomatic History; British Imperial History

M.A. Social Sciences, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, 2013.

- Thesis: *Maltese Catholicism: The Changing Role of the Catholic Church in the Maltese-American Community of Detroit*.

B.A. Liberal Arts (History), Michigan Technological University, 2011.

## Publications and Projects

### Journal Articles

“The Gift of Empire: Maltese Migrants to Detroit, 1919-1924,” *Michigan Historical Review*, Vol. 43 No. 2, Fall 2017, 37-54.

### Book Reviews

Review of Thomas, Teresa Fava. *The Reluctant Migrants: Migration from the Italian Veneto to Central Massachusetts*, for *Journal of American Ethnic History*, 37: 1 (Fall 2017): 95-96.

Review of Schrag, Peter. *Not Fit for Our Society: Nativism and Immigration*, for *Past Tense: Graduate Review of History (University of Toronto)*, 2: 1 (July 2013): 61-62.

Review of Dudziak, Mary L. *War Time: An Idea, Its History, Its Consequences*, for *Visions and Revisions: New Scholars and New Interpretations*, 6:1 (October 2013): 120-122.

### Public History Projects

*Stories from the PA Wilds*. 2019-Present

- A podcast being created and launched by the History program within the Department of Social Sciences at Clarion University. This podcast will focus on stories that come from and impact the region known as the Pennsylvania Wilds, which includes Clarion County and the surrounding region. While still in development, season one will air in the Spring of 2020 and focus on the centenary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment and Women’s Suffrage in the region. Critically, this project provides opportunities for Clarion University History students to do external research, create digital media in conjunction with their professors, and learn skills outside of traditional historical avenues.

*What’s Clarion’s Story?* 2019-Present

- A digital project being launched in conjunction with the Anthropology program within the Department of Social Sciences and the Geography program within the Department of Biology and Geosciences at Clarion University. This project aims to combine GIS technology to map historic Main Street in Clarion, PA, providing visitors to our website a “time portal” of sorts. Added to this layer will be historical photographs, documents, and oral histories that capture the story of Clarion’s Main Street. The project aims to be run as a pilot program in year one before expanding to encompass the University and other parts of Clarion County. It also will involve student research and input.

*Maltese-American Benevolent Society, Inc. Digital Archive*. 2014 – Present.

- Creation of a digital archive for the commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the community club for Maltese-Americans in Detroit. The archive contains pictures,

oral histories, and historical mash-up videos. The project is in the construction phase and is run through the website created by myself via “Wix” the website creator. [www.detroitmaltese.com](http://www.detroitmaltese.com)

*United Steelworkers*. Museum Curator. 2017 – 2018

- Designing, curating, and building a new museum for the United Steelworkers at their headquarters building in downtown Pittsburgh. The project was designed to showcase all the various unions that are under the USW umbrella, their history, and current issues that face unions across the nation and world. The project is currently suspended due to funding loss.

*Latitude 36*. North American Project Consultant. 2016 – 2018.

- Working with Traskurata, a London based audio-visual arts company to develop a documentary on the Maltese community of Detroit. The project was presented as part of a series of exhibitions during the 2018 celebration of Malta’s capital city being deemed the year’s “European Capital of Culture.” For a sample work put together for funding proposals, please see: <https://vimeo.com/196630612> (password: malta)

## **Blog Posts**

“Challenges and Complications of Engaged Public History: A Case Study of the Maltese Community in Detroit,” *History @ Work*, National Council on Public History, TPB.

“The Worlds of the Immigration Historian” *Immigration and Ethnic History Society Blog*. <https://iehs.org/marc-sanko-worlds-of-immigration-historian/> (June 1, 2016).

## **Encyclopedia Entries**

“Italy” and “Canada” entries, in ABC-CLIO Inc’s. *Etiquette and Taboos around the World: A Geographic Encyclopedia of Social and Cultural Customs* (October, 2017).

“Mackinaw Island,” “Cranbrook,” “Ford River Rouge Complex,” and “Edison Institute” entries, in ABC-CLIO Inc’s. *Historic Sites and Landmarks That Shaped America: From Acoma Pueblo to Ground Zero* (August 1, 2016).

“Italy: 1946-1954,” “Lebanon: 1976-1989,” “Israel: 1979-1989,” and “Egypt: 1990-2013” entries, in ABC-CLIO Inc’s. *Imperialism and Expansionism in American History: A Social, Political, and Cultural Encyclopedia*. (March 31, 2015).

“Spitting as Greeting Tradition (Kenya and Tanzania: Masai Tribes)” entry in ABC-CLIO Inc’s, *They Do What? A Cultural Encyclopedia of Weird and Exotic Customs from around the World*. (October 31, 2014).

## Academic Papers Presented

April 21, 2018. "A Case Study of the Maltese Community in Detroit" The Public History of Labor, Working Group, presented at the National Council on Public History Annual Conference. Las Vegas, NV

October 20, 2017. Roundtable Discussion – Ethnic Communities and Public Historians, presented at the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual North American Labor History Conference. Detroit, MI.

October 19, 2017. "Maltese Labor in the Maelstrom: How People Remember Their War Experiences in the Context of Migration" Paper presented at the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual North American Labor History Conference. Detroit, MI.

April 1, 2017. "Shaped by War, the New Imperial Identity: A Case Study of Maltese and Canadian Imperial Identity Post World War I" Paper presented at the Ohio Academy of History Conference. Columbus, OH.

April 1, 2016. "Maltese Labor in the Maelstrom: Imperial Might, Civil Strife, and the Legal Navigations to North America" Paper presented at the Ohio Academy of History Conference. Canton, OH.

March 4, 2016. "Migration within the Commonwealth: The Politics and Backdoor Dealings of Maltese Migration to Canada" Paper presented at the Duke University Graduate Conference. Durham, NC.

October 17, 2014. "Gift of Empire: Exploring the Importance of Skilled Labor in Maltese Migration" Paper presented at the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual North American Labor History Conference at Wayne State University. Detroit, MI.

April 5, 2014. "Quagmire in Lebanon: The Unwelcomed Syrian-Israeli Proxy War" Paper presented at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Milton Plesur Graduate History Conference at the University of Buffalo. Buffalo, NY.

March 28, 2014. "Culture of Faith: A Study of Maltese Religion and Society" Paper presented at the International Graduate Historical Studies Conference at Central Michigan University. Mount Pleasant, MI.

November 7, 2013. "Born in Battle: The General Workers Union in Post-World War II Malta" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Popular/American Culture Association. Atlantic City, NJ.

April 6, 2013. "Maltese Catholicism: How the Catholic Church Links the Maltese Community Worldwide" Paper presented at the International Graduate Historical Studies Conference at Central Michigan University. Mount Pleasant, MI.

February 16, 2013. “American Style: Product of the Melting Pot” Paper presented at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Ohio University Graduate History Conference. Athens, OH.

November 8, 2012. “Leaders in a New World: Key Figures in Maltese Migration” Paper presented at the Edinboro University of Pennsylvania History, Anthropology and World Languages Department Colloquium. Edinboro, PA.

November 1, 2012. “Making Home: The Maltese-Americans in Detroit” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Popular/American Culture Association. Pittsburgh, PA.

### **Invited Presentations**

April 4, 2017. “Exploring Migration and Policy – A Transnational Approach to Maltese Migration.” Presented for Phi Alpha Theta Spring Colloquium at Westminster College. New Wilmington, Pennsylvania.

October 12, 2015. “Immigration and Hysteria in American History” Guest Lecture presented at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania for the Graduate Course “American Labor History.”

May 29, 2013. “Maltese Catholicism in Detroit: Identifying the Changing Role of the Catholic Church in the Maltese-American Community of Detroit” Presentation given as a part of the University of Malta’s *Works in Progress* series. Msida, Malta.

### **Professional Service and Awards**

#### **Committees**

##### University:

Undergraduate Research Committee, Member, 2020-Present  
Sabbatical Leave Committee, 2018-Present  
Advising Council, 2019-Present  
True North Initiative, Common Hour Committee, 2019-Present  
Center for First-Year Experience, First-Year Advisory Board, 2019-Present  
Committee on Courses and Programs of Study (CCPS), 2020-Present

##### Union:

APSCUF Department Representative Council, 2018-Present  
APSCUF Executive Committee Member, Student Liaison Officer, 2020-Present

##### Department:

Hiring Committee – 2019 (Dr. Crystal Sheedy)  
Hiring Committee – 2019 (Dr. Jeffrey Diamond)  
History Assessment Committee, Member, 2018-Present

External:

Drake Well Museum, Titusville, PA

- *Oilfield Journal* Publication Committee, 2019-Present
- Education Committee, 2019-Present

**Grant Applications**

May 20, 2020. The Center for Rural Pennsylvania 2021 Grant. *Evaluation of Rural Municipality Historical Records Holdings*. Supporting faculty to Dr. Rhonda Clark (Library Science). \$36,000.00

October 1, 2019. Clarion University College of Arts and Sciences Professional Development Grant. *Stories from the PA Wilds*. Co-Author with Dr. Jeffrey Diamond. \$700.00

October 2, 2019. Advisor for Clarion University Student Research/Scholarship Grant Proposal. *The Centenary of Women's Suffrage: In the History of Northwest PA* by Autumn Martino. \$450.00

October 10, 2019. AmericaView GIS Grant. *What's Clarion's Story?* Co-Author with Dr. Crystal Sheedy, Dr. Susan Prezzano, Dr. Yasser Ayad. \$1,250.00 (*deferred: COVID-19*)

**Advising**

Clarion University History Club, 2018-Present

Clarion University Women's Rugby, 2018-Present

- Head Coach

Clarion University Men's Rugby, 2018-Present

- Head Coach

**Awards**

Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of History, West Virginia University, 2015-2016.

Chitwood Graduate Fellowship, Eberly College of Arts and Sciences, West Virginia University, 2015-2016.

Stuart and Joyce Robbins Fellowship at West Virginia University

- Fall 2016 – Spring 2017.
- Spring 2015.

Most Outstanding Graduate Student – Masters of Arts Social Sciences, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, 2012-2013.

### **Academic Workshops and Seminars**

March 18-21, 2020. National Council on Public History Annual Meeting, 2020. Atlanta, GA.

January 3-6, 2020. American Historical Association Annual Meeting, 2020. New York City, NY.

March 27-30, 2019. National Council on Public History Annual Meeting, 2019. Hartford, CT.

January 3-6, 2019. American Historical Association Annual Meeting, 2019. Chicago, IL.

Spring 2016 & Spring 2017. Teaching History Online by Kate Staples, West Virginia University.

March 31, 2015. “The Great War: A Transnational Approach,” by Jay Winters, Yale University.

October 24, 2014. “The Empire, the Emperor, and the Empress: The Interesting Case of Mrs. Mary Bosomworth” by Joshua Piker, College of William & Mary.

### **Association Membership**

- Phi Alpha Theta, 2017-Present
- American Historical Association, 2012-Present
- National Council on Public History, 2014-Present
- Historical Society of Michigan, 2014-Present
- Labor and Working-Class History Association, 2014-Present

### **Community Service**

Secretary, Allegheny Rugby Union (2020-Present)

Clarion Young Professional Association (2019-Present)

Panel Chair, “Dockworkers, Shipbuilders, and Steelworkers: Ideology, Immigration, and Long-Term Security, 1941-1949,” 39<sup>th</sup> Annual North American Labor History Conference. Detroit, MI, (October 19, 2017).

External Reviewer for *Visions and Revisions* (Edinboro University of Pennsylvania), 2013  
– Present.

Exhibit Judge, Pennsylvania History Day Competition, Region 1 (Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, 2013).

Exhibit Judge, Pennsylvania History Day Competition, Region 3 (Westminster College, 2017).