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## **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

**Assistant Professor of Modern British and Imperial History (tenure track), Loyola University of Chicago, January 2013-present.**

Visiting Professor, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic (Universities Study Abroad Consortium), summer 2017.

Teaching Fellow, Stanford University, September 2007-June 2009.

## **EDUCATION**

**Stanford University**, Stanford, California, 2006-2013.

**Ph.D.**, History (Priya Satia, advisor). January 2013.

Dissertation: *An Empire of Camps: British Imperialism and the Concentration of Civilians, 1876-1903*

Major Field: Britain and the British Empire since 1483. Minor fields: Modern Europe; Imperialism and World History.

**Queen's University**, Kingston, Canada, 2004-2006.

**Master of Arts**, History (Sandra den Otter, advisor).

Dissertation: *The Politics of Philanthropy: The Congo Terror Regime and the British Public Sphere, 1895-1914*

**University of British Columbia**, Vancouver, Canada, 1999-2003.

**Bachelor of Arts**, History, Honours Programme (Christopher Friedrichs, advisor)

Dissertation: *Terror, Treason and the Politics of Power: The Gunpowder Plot and After, 1605-1620.*

## **BOOK**

*Barbed Wire Imperialism: Britain's Empire of Camps, 1876-1903* (Berkeley: University of California Press, September 12, 2017).

ISBN: 9780520293977

<http://www.ucpress.edu/book.php?isbn=9780520293977>

## **ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS**

“A Shared Malady: Concentration Camps in the British, Spanish, American and German Empires” (with Jonas Kreienbaum). *Journal of Modern European History*, 14(2), spring 2016, 245-67.

“Britain’s Archipelago of Camps: Labor and Detention in a Liberal Empire, 1871-1903.” *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History*, 16(3), summer 2015, 651-680.

Reprinted in *The Soviet Gulag: Evidence, Interpretation, and Comparison* ed. Michael David-Fox (University of Pittsburgh Press, 2016), 199-223.

“The Birth of the Concentration Camp? British Imperialism and the Origins of Modern Detention.” *Perspectives on Europe*, 43(2), fall 2013, 54-58.

## **BOOK REVIEWS**

Review of *Concentration Camps: A Short History*. Dan Stone, *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* (forthcoming).

Review of *Britannia’s Embrace: Modern Humanitarianism and the Imperial Origins of Refugee Relief*. Caroline Shaw, *Victorian Studies* (forthcoming).

Review of *An Imperfect Occupation: Enduring the South African War*. John Boje, *The Journal of Military History*, 80(4), 2016, pp. 1228-29.

Review of *Colonization and the Origins of Humanitarian Governance: Protecting Aborigines across the Nineteenth-Century British Empire*. Alan Lester and Fae Dussart, *Victorian Studies*, 58(4), 2016, pp. 56-58.

“The Empire through its Cities.” Review of *Cities of Empire: The British Colonies and the Creation of the Urban World*, Tristram Hunt, *Historia*, 60(2), 2015, pp. 216-18.

“New Light on a Dark Subject.” Review of *The Concentration Camps of the Anglo-Boer War: A Social History*, Elizabeth van Heyningen,” *Historia*, 59(1), 2014, pp. 176-9.

### **CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS**

“The Concentration Camps of the Anglo-Boer War: A Debate without Perspective” (article in preparation for submission to *South African Historical Journal*).

“British Imperialism and the Birth of Modern Refugee Relief” (article in preparation for submission to the *Journal of British Studies*).

*The Passage to India: Connection and Mobility in a Globalizing World* (monograph in preparation).

### **CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS**

“Empire’s Double Edge: Coercion and Care in British Imperial Camps, 1876-1903,” American Historical Association, Washington DC, January 2018.

Guest Speaker at “Symposium and Book launch for *The Soviet Gulag: Evidence, Interpretation and Comparison*,” Georgetown University, Washington, DC, October 2017.

Roundtable Chair and Discussant, “Settler Colonialism in American Urban History?,” Urban History Association, Chicago, IL, October 2016.

“Colonial Concentration Camps: Inter-imperial learning and the politics of Comparison,” *Imperial Comparisons Conference*, All Souls College, Oxford, UK, July 2016.

“Up and Down the Carceral Ladder: POWs and Civilian Internees in South Africa,” *World History Association Conference*, Ghent, Belgium, July 2016.

“Imperial Internment: Britain’s Empire of Camps, 1871-1914,” *European Social Science History Conference*, University of Valencia, Spain, April 2016.

“Tzarist, Soviet, and Post-Soviet Russia,” Panel Commentator: *The Carceral Archipelago: transnational circulations in global perspective, 1415-1960*, University of Leicester, Leicester, UK, September 2015.

Audio available at: <http://backdoorbroadcasting.net/2015/09/the-carceral-archipelago-transnational-circulations-in-global-perspective-1415-1960/>

“Between Bramble and Barbed Wire: Detention and Relief at Indian Famine Camps, 1876-7,”  
*North American Conference of British Studies*, Minneapolis, MN, November 2014.

“Accessing the Imperial Cloud: The Origins and Legacies of Modern Detention,” presented  
at *Was There an Imperial Cloud?*, University of Rostock, Germany, September 2014.

“Expertise as a Political Resource. Oyatoi in Meiji Japan” by Kristin Meibner, Panel  
Commentator, *Was there an Imperial Cloud?*, University of Rostock, Germany, September  
2014.

“A Cage for Singing Birds: The Detention of Undesirables during the Anglo-Boer War,” presented  
at the *Midwest Victorian Association Victorian Violence Conference*, Ann Arbor, MI,  
April 2014.

“Gender, Power, and Imperialism in a Transnational Context,” Panel Chair and Commentator,  
*Loyola History Graduate Student Association Conference*, Chicago, IL, November 2013.

“From India to Africa: The Transnational History of British Camps,” presented at the  
*Newberry Seminar in British History*, Chicago, IL, November 2013.

“Artifacts of Modernity?: Concentration Camps in the British Empire,” *Mellon Conference on  
British Studies*, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, October 2013.

“Britain’s Archipelago of Camps: Labor and Detention in a Liberal Empire,” *The Soviet Gulag:  
New Research and New Interpretations*, Georgetown University, Washington, DC, April  
2013.

“Concentrated Humanity: Managing Displaced Populations in Famine, Plague and Guerilla War,”  
presented at the *Council of European Studies Annual Conference*, Boston, MA, March  
2012.

Panelist on “Back from the Archives, Modern session,” organised by the *Stanford History  
Archival Workshop (SHAW)*, Stanford, California, March 2012.

“Repression and Relief: Civilian “Concentration Camps” in the British Empire, 1871-1903”  
presented at the *Pacific Coast Conference of British Studies*, Pasadena, CA, March 2012.

“Schools of Citizenship?: Civilian Camps in the British Empire, 1896-1903” presented at the  
annual meeting of the *North American Conference of British Studies*, Denver, CO,  
November 2011.

“An Empire of Camps: Civilian Concentration in India and South Africa,” presented at the  
*Social Science Research Council, Fellow’s Workshop*, Portland, OR, October 2011.

“Civilian Concentration Camps in the British Empire, 1876-1903,” presented at *The Colonial  
Development of Concentration Camps, 1868-1908*, All Souls College, Oxford, UK,  
November 2010.

“Just War, Spirituality and the Ethics of Conflict” discussant and organiser at *War and Faith: Exploring the Place of Religion in Conflict and Reconciliation*, Goodenough College, London, UK, June 2010.

“The Origins of the Concentration Camp: Warfare and Humanity in the British Empire,” presented at the *Modern European History Workshop*, Stanford University, CA, May 2009.

“Specters of the Camp: Forcible Detention and the British Empire, 1830-1980,” presented at *Revisiting Modernity: A Conversation Across Disciplines, Mellon Conference and Workshop*, University of California, Berkeley, CA, January, 2009.

‘Strategies of Protest in the Public Sphere: The Congo Terror Regime, 1884-1914,’ at *Telling Stories: History, Medium and Message*, February, 2006, University of Toronto, Canada.

### **INVITED TALKS**

““Between Sympathy and Security: The Imperial Origins of Refugee Relief,” invited talk at MacEwan University, Refugees and Migrants public lecture series, November 2016.

“The Invention of the Concentration Camp,” invited talk at the Strathcona Public Library, Sherwood Park, Canada, November 2016.

“Barbed Wire Imperialism: Concentration Camps in the British Empire,” invited talk at the University of Alberta, Department of History, October 2016, Edmonton, Canada.

“The South African War (1899-1902): The Original Sin of the Twentieth Century,” invited talk at MacEwan University, Department of History, February 2016, Edmonton, Canada.

“Concentration Camps in the British Empire, 1876-1903,” invited talk at City University of New York, College of Staten Island, New York City, NY, February 2015.

“From India to Africa: The Reform and Legitimization of British Camps, 1901-1903,” talk at the University of California, Berkeley, CA, October 2012.

“Britain’s Empire of Camps, 1876-1903,” invited talk at Brandeis University, Waltham, MA, February 2012.

“Britain’s Empire of Camps, 1876-1903,” invited talk at the University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, February 2012.

“Britain’s Empire of Camps, 1876-1903,” invited talk at Loyola University, Chicago, IL, January 2012.

**MEDIA APPEARANCES**

“L'invention des camps de concentration à la toute fin du XIXème siècle,” interview on *La Fabrique de L'Histoire*, France Culture Radio, May 2010, Paris, France.

**ACADEMIC HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

USAC Visiting Professor appointment, Charles University, Prague, 2017.

Loyola Manuscript Publication Assistance Grant, 2017.

Loyola Book Subvention Grant, 2017.

Loyola University Research Support Grant, 2016.

Sujack Teaching Award (Nominated), Loyola University of Chicago, 2015.

Pacific Coast Conference on British Studies Annual Graduate Student Prize, 2013

James B. Weter Memorial Dissertation Completion Fellowship awarded by the Department of History, Stanford University, 2012

Florence Levy Kay Postdoctoral Fellowship in the History of Modern Britain and the Empire since 1750, awarded by Brandeis University, 2012-14 (declined)

Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2012-13 (declined)

Mabelle McLeod Lewis Foundation Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2012-13 (declined)

Stern Grant, Pacific Coast Conference on British Studies, 2012

Distinguished Departmental Scholar, Department of History, Stanford University, 2006-2012

Andrew W. Mellon Dissertation Fellowship awarded by the Stanford Humanities Center, 2011-12

Social Sciences Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship (SSRC-IDRF), 2010-2011

London Goodenough Association of Canada Fellowship (LGAC), Goodenough College, London, 2009-2010

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation grant to attend the Graduate Seminar in Modern British History, Columbia University, New York, May-June 2010 (declined)

Stanford Graduate Research Opportunities (GRO) Award, 2009

Elliot School of International Affairs at the George Washington University grant to attend the Summer Institute for Archival Research (SICAR), 2009

Andrew W. Mellon Pre-Dissertation Fellowship awarded by the Council for European Studies at Columbia University (CES), 2009

Stanford Graduate Research Opportunities Grant for Research on Modern British History and Culture (GRO-MBHC), 2008

Anglo-California Foundation Scholarship, 2008

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Doctoral Scholarship, 2006-10

Canadian Graduate Fellowship from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), 2006-9, (declined)

Departmental Entrance Fellowship, Department of History, Stanford University, 2006

Explore Summer Language Bursary, Université Laval, June 2006

Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS), 2005-06

Queen's University Graduate Entrance Scholarship, 2004-5

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

History 139: "Modern Britain and the Empire, 1776-2006," Stanford University.

History 133: "Revolutionary England: The Stuart Age," Stanford University.

History 123: "Reform and Revolution in Modern Russia," Stanford University.

History 32S: "Discipline and Dirt: Social Control and Urban Environments in Modern Britain," Stanford University.

History 102: "Evolution of Western Ideas and Institutions since the 17<sup>th</sup> Century," Loyola University, spring 2013, fall 2013, spring 2014, fall 2014, spring 2015, fall 2015, spring 2017, fall 2017.

History 325: "History of Modern Britain, 1760-present," Loyola University, fall 2017.

History 325A-WI: "History of the British Empire: from Bermuda to Brexit 1783-1970," Loyola University, spring 2017.

History 331-WI: "History of Modern Britain, 1760-present," Loyola University, fall 2013.

History 300C-WI: "Concentration Camps: A Global History of Mass Confinement," Loyola University, fall 2014.

History 410: "Topics in Transnational Urban History," Loyola University, spring 2013, spring 2015.

History 410: "The History of Western Imperialism," fall 2015.

### **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

Newberry Library Fellowship Committee, 2017

Graduate Fellowships Committee, Loyola University of Chicago, 2013-17

Departmental Advisory Committee spring 2017-present.  
Student Recognition and Professional Development Committee, 2014-15  
Undergraduate Programs Committee, 2014-15  
Commentator and Chair, Loyola University's annual *Graduate History Students' Association Conference*, Chicago, November 2013.  
Academic Grievances Committee, Loyola University of Chicago, 2013-14  
Speaker, Loyola Graduate History Student Association workshop, April 2013  
English Speaking Union Fellowship Committee, 2012-13  
Assistant Coordinator, Stanford History Archival Workshop (SHAW), 2011-2012  
Graduate Representative, Board of Graduate Admissions, Stanford University, 2008-9  
Stanford Coordinator for the Stanford-Berkeley British Studies Reading Group, 2007-8

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Historical Association  
Council of European Studies  
North American Conference on British Studies  
Pacific Coast Conference on British Studies  
Midwest Victorian Studies Association  
World History Association

### **REFERENCES**

Priya Satia, Associate Professor of Modern British History, Stanford University, Stanford, CA,  
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Peter Stansky, Frances and Charles Field Professor of History, Emeritus, Stanford University,  
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Elizabeth Van Heyningen, Department of Historical Studies, University of Cape Town, South  
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Peter Holquist, Associate Professor of History, University of Pennsylvania, PA,  
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