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CURRENT POSITION

Assistant Professor, 20th Century U.S. in the World, History Department, University of Colorado,
Colorado Springs

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

Global American Studies Postdoctoral Fellow, Charles Warren Center for Studies in American
History, Harvard University, 2020 – June 2022

Jack Miller Center Postdoctoral Fellow, Andrea Mitchell Center for the Study of Democracy,
University of Pennsylvania, 2018 - 2020

EDUCATION

Ph.D. History, University of Minnesota, 2018 (M.A. received en-route in 2013)

B.A. History and English, Rutgers University (*summa cum laude*, highest honors in History),
2009

A.A. Liberal Arts, Brookdale Community College, Lincroft, NJ, 2006

PUBLICATIONS

In-Progress Book Manuscript

“Refuge Crisis: The Making of the United States Refugee Regime” (book manuscript)

In-Progress Journal Issue

Taparata, Evan and Jessica Namakkal, Kalyani Ramnath, Amy Chazkel, co-editors, “Mobility
Regimes,” special issue on interdisciplinary migration studies for *Radical History
Review*, proposed and accepted September 2024

Refereed Journal Articles

“‘Refugees as You Call Them:’ The Politics of Refugee Recognition in the Nineteenth Century
United States,” *Journal of American Ethnic History* special issue, “Historicizing the Present

Immigration Moment,” Vol. 38, No. 2 (Winter 2019): 9-35.

Non-Refereed Journal Articles

“#ImmigrationSyllabus: The Necessity of Teaching Immigration History Today” (co-authored with Erika Lee and Maddalena Marinari), *Journal of American Ethnic History* 37, No. 3 (Spring 2018): 102-111.

Book Reviews

A. Naomi Paik, *Rightlessness: Testimony and Redress in U.S. Prison Camps since World War II* (Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina Press, 2016), *Journal of American Ethnic History* 36, no. 4 (Summer 2017): 88-90.

Selected Digital Publications

Co-authored with Rachel Ida Buff, “Refuge: Denied. Asylum: Pending,” *Public Books*’ “From ‘Crisis’ to Futurity” series, edited by Geraldo Cadava, A. Naomi Paik, and Catherine S. Ramírez, July 8, 2021, <https://tinyurl.com/7bkvt578>

Co-authored with María Cristina Garcia, Adam Goodman, Erika Lee, and Maddalena Marinari, “#Microsyllabus: Immigration Enforcement and the US-Mexico Border,” *The Abusable Past*, September 11, 2019, <https://tinyurl.com/3jm4zh6a>

“How a Lebanese immigrant helped pave the way for the study of Islam and Muslim culture in the US,” *Public Radio International*, December 6, 2016, <https://tinyurl.com/4nzkcs5b>

“The slave-trade roots of US private prisons,” *Public Radio International*, August 26, 2016, <https://tinyurl.com/j2khbt3b>

“Slavery’s long shadow looms over the deaths of victims of police violence,” *Public Radio International*, July 13, 2016, <https://tinyurl.com/wwj5vu2p>

“During World War II, European refugees fled to Syria. Here’s what the camps were like,” *Public Radio International*, April 26, 2016, <https://tinyurl.com/2s8jwh8v>

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Finalist, American Council for Learned Societies Emerging Voices Fellowship, 2022-2024 (withdrew candidacy upon accepting tenure-track position at UCCS)

Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship in Legal Humanities, Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2020-2022 (declined)

Wallace Johnson Program for First Book Authors, American Society for Legal History, 2019-2020

Jefferson Scholars Foundation National Fellowship, University of Virginia, 2017-2018

Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, University of Minnesota, 2016-2017

Graduate Research Internship Fellowship, University of Minnesota, 2016

John Higham Research Fellowship, Organization of American Historians, 2016

Cromwell Research Fellowship, William Nelson Cromwell Foundation and American Society for Legal History, 2015

Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History Short-Term Research Fellowship, 2015

Erickson Graduate Fellowship in Law and History, University of Minnesota, 2015

James W. Nelson Graduate Fellowship in Immigration Studies, Immigration History Research Center, University of Minnesota, 2014-2015

Graduate Research Partnership Program Fellowship, University of Minnesota, 2013

HONORS AND AWARDS

2025-2026 Scholar in Residency, Heller Center for the Arts and Humanities, UCCS (taking residency in Spring 2026; awarded in November 2024)

Best Digital Feature for AbusablePast.org, Council of Editors of Learned Journals, 2022 (award shared with AP.org co-editors Marisol LeBrón, Jessica Namakkal, and Kevin Murphy)

Rising Star Diversity Grant, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, March 2022

Best Dissertation Award in the Arts and Humanities, University of Minnesota Graduate School, May 2019

Honorable Mention, Outstanding Dissertation Award, Immigration and Ethnic History Society, April 2019

Pre-Doctoral Fellow, Humanities Without Walls Consortium Summer Workshop, Chicago, IL, July 18-August 5, 2016

Fellow, J. Willard Hurst Summer Institute in Legal History, University of Wisconsin-Madison, June 14-27, 2015

Summer Fellow in Digital Humanities, Programming Historian, June 1-August 31, 2015

Award for Outstanding Teaching Assistant, History Department, University of Minnesota, 2014

First Place, Ceil Parker Lawson Prize for Outstanding Thesis in Twentieth Century American History, Rutgers University, 2009

Henry Rutgers Scholar Award for Outstanding Thesis in Any Academic Department, Rutgers University, 2009

Fellow, Columbia University's Oral History Summer Institute, Columbia University, 2008

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Full Tuition Scholarship, Rutgers University, 2006-2008

PRESENTATIONS

Panels Organized

Law and Forced Migration in the 19th Century United States, American Society for Legal History, Boston, MA, November 21-24, 2019

Asylum for Mankind? A Reappraisal of Refugee Law and Policy in American History, American Society for Legal History, Toronto, CA, October 27-30, 2016

Defining "Refugees," "Immigrants," and "Citizens": Interrogating the Politics of U.S. Refugee Policies, Immigrant America: New Immigration and Immigration Histories from 1965 to 2015, Minneapolis, MN, October 23-24, 2015

"Sighting" Migration Policy History: Methodology and Theoretical Perspectives from Local to Transnational, Organization of American Historians, San Francisco, CA, April 14-11, 2013

Panels Chaired

Panel on Empire, War, and Militarism in U.S. Migration History, Organization of American Historians, Boston, MA, March 31-April 3, 2022

Invited Talks

"Refuge of Oppression: Abolitionist Perspectives on the United States as a Place of Refuge," Spring 2024 Speaker for the Heller Center for Arts & Humanities' Salon Series, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, April 4, 2024

"Refuge Reconsidered: Inclusion and Exclusion in U.S. Refugee History," Keynote Address, Fall 2022 Day of History Graduate Student Conference, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, December 10, 2022

Roundtable participant, "From Crisis to Futurity: Refuge, Asylum, Violence," Immigration History Research Center, University of Minnesota, November 29, 2021

"U.S. Refugee History Reconsidered: Views from the 19th and 20th Century," Department of

American Studies, Rutgers University, February 12, 2020

“American Refugees: The US State Department’s Relief Efforts for Americans Abroad in World War I,” Global American Studies Symposium, Charles Warren Center for Studies in American History, Harvard University, December 1, 2017

“Reconsidering the History of American Refugee Law and Policy,” Retirement Celebration of Virginia Yans, Rutgers University, April 20, 2017

“The Racial Politics of Refugee Exclusion in the United States, 1910-1924,” Conference on Forced Migrations: From the Balkans to World War II, University of Toronto, September 23-24, 2016

“No Asylum for Mankind: The Creation of Refugee Law and Policy in the Nineteenth Century United States,” Global Race, Ethnicity, and Migration Lecture Series, University of Minnesota, April 20, 2016

Papers Presented

“‘American Refugees’ and Internationally Displaced Persons: Reflections on the Rise of Mid-20th Century Refugee Policy,” Organization of American Historians, New Orleans, LA, April 11-14, 2024

“Refuge Crisis: Welcoming, Excluding, and Creating Refugees in the 19th and 20th Century United States,” Refugees Then, Refugees Now, Heller Center for the Arts & Humanities, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, October 3, 2023

“‘Refuge of Oppression:’ Reflections on the 19th Century Formation of the United States Refugee Regime,” New Directions in the History of Statelessness, Pennsylvania State University, April 27-29, 2023

Roundtable participant, “Toward a Global History of Refugees: Past, Present and Future,” Organization of American Historians, Los Angeles, CA, March 30-April 2, 2023

Roundtable participant, article review session of Paul Kramer’s “The Geopolitics of Mobility: Immigration Policy and American Global Power in the Long Twentieth Century,” Social Science History Association, Chicago, IL, November 17-20, 2022

“Refuge of Oppression: The Making of the United States Refugee Regime,” American Society for Legal History, New Orleans, LA, November 4-6, 2021

“‘Loyal Refugee Indians’ and the Indian Claims Commission, 1866-1951,” Organization of American Historians, Virtual Conference, April 15-18, 2021

Roundtable participant, “Critical Refugee Studies, Settler Colonialism, and Racial Capitalism,” Association for Asian American Studies, Virtual Conference, April 7-10, 2021

- *Canceled due to COVID-19: “Remembering Refugees: Memory, Law, and the Inequalities of Refugee Recognition in US History,” Organization of American Historians, Washington, DC, April 2-5, 2020
- “Removal and Refuge: Conceptualizing the Indian Removal Act of 1830 as a Law that Created Refugees,” American Society for Legal History, Boston, MA, November 21-24, 2019
- “Fugitives to/from Justice: Historical Perspectives on Refugee Criminalization,” American Studies Association, Honolulu, Hawai’i, November 7-10, 2019
- “State of Refuge: Refugee Policy and State-Building in the Long 19th Century United States,” Conference-by-Invitation on the Refugee Crisis, University of Illinois-Chicago, October 23-25, 2019
- “Innovative Approaches to Teaching Migration and Citizenship in the Classroom and Beyond,” Social Science History Association, Montreal, CA, November 2-5, 2017
- “Human Rights Abroad, Dispossession at Home: Rights, Refuge, and Sovereignty in the Indian Claims Commission,” American Studies Association, Denver, CO, November 17-20, 2016
- “Treaty Law and the Politics of Refugee Relief for American Indians after the U.S. Civil War,” American Society for Legal History, Toronto, CA, October 28-30, 2016
- “Refusing Refuge: Congressional Debates about Refugee Policy in the United States, 1915-1924,” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, San Diego, CA, June 23-25, 2016
- “Creating Quotas, Excluding Refugees: A Critical Reexamination of the Emergency Quota Act of 1921 and the Immigration Act of 1924,” Law and Society Association, New Orleans, LA, June 2-5, 2016
- “‘Half the World is Refugeeing’: Refugee Policy and Belonging in the Long Nineteenth Century U.S.,” Immigrant America: New Immigration and Immigration Histories from 1965 to 2015, Minneapolis, MN, October 23-24, 2015
- “The Rights of Refugees and the Rights of Nation-States: Neutrality Laws, Exclusionary Migration Policy, and U.S. Refugee Status in Wartime, 1916-1919,” Globalization and the Law in Historical Perspective, Indiana University-Bloomington Maurer School of Law, Bloomington, IN, June 4-5, 2015
- “Reconsidering the Genealogy of U.S. Refugee Policy: Belonging, Race, Indigeneity, and the Limits of Humanitarianism in the Management of Civil War Refugee Camps,” Law and Society Association, Seattle, WA, May 28-31, 2015

- “A Right to Be Lifted Up By a Nation’s Wonderfully Developing Strength:’ The Politics of Refugee Management during the U.S. Civil War, 1861-1865,” Association of American Geographers, Chicago, IL, April 21-25, 2015
- “Services, Sacrifices, and Suffering:’ Loyalty, Belonging, and Refugee Status in the 19th Century U.S.,” Organization of American Historians, St. Louis, MO, April 16-19, 2015
- “Refugee Camps and the Local Enforcement of U.S. Refugee Policy,” Mid-Atlantic Law and Society Association Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, October 18, 2014
- “A Subterfuge to Prevent an Influx of Destitute Aliens:’ Gender and Class in the Intersection of Immigration and Refugee Policy in the Mexican Revolution,” Policy History Conference, Columbus, OH, June 4-7, 2014
- “Historicizing Refugee Migration: Refugees Encounter the U.S. State, 1800-1948,” Migration without Boundaries Graduate Student Conference, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, October 4-5, 2013
- “No Moral or Legal Obligation:’ Border Security and Refugee Migration along the U.S.-Mexico Border during the Mexican Revolution, 1910-1917,” Workshop on Borderlands, Transnationalism, and Migration in North America, Glendon College, York University, Toronto, Canada, October 19-20, 2012

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Instructor, Immigrant Histories, UCCS, Fall 2025
- Co-instructor, Race and the Law, UCCS, Fall 2025
- Instructor, Graduate Research Seminar, U.S. in the World, UCCS, Spring 2024
- Instructor, U.S. Refugee History, UCCS, Spring 2024
- Instructor, Senior Thesis Seminar: Approaches to the Study of History, UCCS, Fall 2023
- Instructor, Graduate Readings Seminar: U.S. in the World, UCCS, Fall 2023
- Instructor, U.S. Refugee History, UCCS, Spring 2023
- Instructor, U.S. History from 1918-Present, UCCS, Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2024
- Instructor, Migration and U.S. Empire, Ethnicity, Migration & Rights Program, Harvard University, Fall 2021
- Instructor, Introduction to Critical Refugee Studies, Ethnicity, Migration & Rights Program, Harvard University, Spring 2021
- Instructor, Deportation Nation: Exclusion and Removal in United States History, Department of History, University of Pennsylvania, Spring 2020
- Instructor, Asylum for Mankind: U.S. Refugee History in Global Perspective, Department of History, University of Pennsylvania, Spring 2019
- Instructor, Global America: U.S. History since 1865, Department of History, University of Minnesota, Summer 2014
- Co-coordinator, Andrea Mitchell Center Undergraduate Research Seminar, Department of History, University of Pennsylvania, Fall 2018-Spring 2020
- Digital Projects Coordinator and Teaching Assistant, Public History of Mass Incarceration,

Department of History, University of Minnesota, Fall 2015
 Teaching Assistant, Global America: US History since 1865, University of Minnesota, Department of History, Spring 2014
 Teaching Assistant, Authority and Rebellion: American History to 1865, Department of History, University of Minnesota, Fall 2013
 Teaching Assistant, Historical Internship: History Day Mentoring Program, Department of History, University of Minnesota, Spring 2013
 Teaching Assistant, How to Do History, Department of History, University of Minnesota, Fall 2012

PUBLIC HISTORY AND DIGITAL HUMANITIES PROJECTS

Digital Annotation of Joseph R. Biden’s “Executive Order on Rebuilding and Enhancing Programs to Resettle Refugees and Planning for the Impact of Climate Change on Migration,” February 4, 2021, (co-authored with Laura Briggs, María Cristina García, Mae Ngai, and Yael Schacher), *Migration Scholar Collaborative*, <https://tinyurl.com/pf44ru6f>

“Deportation in the United States: A timeline of key events in the United States’ long history of deportation,” Humphrey School of Public Affairs CIVIOS Project, April 10, 2017, <https://tinyurl.com/yzc6t6e6>

“We’ve been here before: Historians annotate and analyze immigration ban’s place in history,” (co-authored with Evan Taparata, Erika Lee, María Cristina García, Maddalena Marinari, Adam Goodman, Julian Lim, Angilee Shah), *Public Radio International*, February 1, 2017, <https://tinyurl.com/ujtrdz4>

“#ImmigrationSyllabus: Essential topics, readings, and multimedia that provide historical context to current debates over immigration reform, integration, and citizenship” (co-authored with Erika Lee, María Cristina García, Adam Goodman, Madeline Hsu, Julian Lim, Maddalena Marinari), January 26, 2017, <https://tinyurl.com/yxhxzk34>

Digital Projects Coordinator, “Carceral Colonialism: Imprisonment in Indian Country,” 2015, <https://tinyurl.com/eddp9cak> (part of the University of Minnesota’s contribution to the Humanities Action Lab’s “States of Incarceration” project, <http://statesofincarceration.org>)

“GTMO in MSP,” Guantánamo Public Memory Project (co-authored with Sean Devlin, Soham Patel, Robert Smith III, Janeke Thumbran, and Britt Van Paepeghem), 2013, <https://tinyurl.com/82pph4my>

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Public Lecture, College in the Schools Program, University of Minnesota, March 14, 2017

Guantánamo Public Memory Project Exhibition, U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC, June 23, 2014

GTMO in MSP? Surveillance and Detention in the Twin Cities: A Public Forum, Brian Coyle Center, Minneapolis, MN, March 1, 2014

GTMO in MSP Opening Reception, Minnesota History Center, St. Paul, MN, February 11, 2014

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Podcast interview, *Immigration Nerds*, “Refugee Policy Pre- and Post-World War II,” February 3, 2022, <https://tinyurl.com/3abz7hix>

Podcast interview, *Significant Stories: Podcasting the History of Science*, “Dwelling on Earth Pt. 3: Climate Migrations,” <https://tinyurl.com/efnw8yx6>

Podcast interview, Andrea Mitchell Center for the Study of Democracy, *Mitchell Center Podcast*, Episode 1.3, October 25, 2019, <https://tinyurl.com/wvt4jtja>

Radio interview, Public Radio International/WGBH’s “The World,” December 6, 2016, <https://tinyurl.com/2cue9fv7>

Radio interview, Public Radio International/WGBH’s “The World,” August 12, 2016, <https://tinyurl.com/2snrhhyp>

Radio interview, Public Radio International/WGBH’s “The World,” April 26, 2016, <https://tinyurl.com/wd78pmx5>

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

UCCS

Faculty Assembly Representative, Humanities, August 2024-Present

Member, Research Committee, College of Letters, Arts & Sciences, May 2024-Present

Faculty Advisor, Tau Chi Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, August 2023-Present

Member, Fees Advisory Committee, College of Letters, Arts & Sciences, August 2023-December 2023

Member, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, College of Letters, Arts & Sciences, May 2023 – Present

Member, Compass Inclusiveness Designations Working Group, April 2023 – Present

Member, Center for Research Frontiers in the Digital Humanities, March 2023 – Present

Faculty Advisor, History Club, January 2023 – Present

Undergraduate Studies Committee, History Department, 2022 – Present

Wider Profession

Co-editor, RefugeeHistory.org, 2024 – Present

Member, Selection Committee for Cromwell Research Fellowship, American Society for Legal History, 2022 – Present

Member, Migration Scholar Collaborative (MiSC), 2021 – Present

Co-editor, *The Abusable Past*, <http://abusablepast.org>, 2019 – Present

Editorial Collective, *Radical History Review*, 2018 – Present

Graduate Student Service

Graduate Student Representative, Immigration History Research Center Advisory Council, University of Minnesota, 2015-2018

Committee Member, CLA Academic Innovation Grants Committee, University of Minnesota, 2015-2016

Editorial Board, Programming Historian, <http://programminghistorian.org/>, 2015-2016

Planning Committee, Immigrant America: New Immigration and Immigration Histories from 1965 to 2015, 2014-2015

RELATED NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Interim Social Media Editor, Public Radio International's "The World," January - June 2017 (see <https://www.pri.org/people/evan-taparata> for a complete list of publications)

LANGUAGES

Reading proficiency in Spanish (intermediate)

Reading proficiency in French (beginner)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

American Society for Legal History (ASLH)

American Studies Association (ASA)

Immigration and Ethnic History Society (IEHS)

Organization of American Historians (OAH)