

Jason LaBau

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. **University of Southern California**, 20th Century U.S. Political History, 2010
Dissertation: *Phoenix Rising: Arizona and the Origins of Modern Conservative Politics*
Committee: William Deverell, Philip J. Ethington, and Howard Gillman
- M.A. **University of Southern California**, U.S. History, 2007
U.S. History: Political, Cultural, Intellectual and Religious History
Political Science: Theories and Approaches
- B.A. **Pomona College**, History, 2004
Thesis: *One Du Bois, Indivisible: Connections between Autobiography and History in the Writings of W.E.B. Du Bois*

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Lecturer

California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
History Department (Fall 2012-present)

California State University, Los Angeles
History Department (Spring, Summer 2012; Spring 2014)

California State University, Fullerton
American Studies Department (Fall 2011, Fall 2012-Spring 2013)

Independent Research Consultant (2013-present)

Huntington-USC Institute on California and the West (ICW)
Huntington Library, San Marino, CA

Postdoctoral Research Fellow (2010-2012)

Huntington-USC Institute on California and the West (ICW)
Huntington Library, San Marino, CA

TEACHING EXPERIENCE – Lecturer**California State Polytechnic University, Pomona:**

United States History from 1877 – Introductory survey required of all undergraduates. Special emphasis on ideas, law, and politics, with training in primary source analysis.

California History – Upper-division course on the history of California from pre-contact to present day, with an emphasis on perspective in scholarly history and memoir.

California State University, Los Angeles:

United States Civilization to 1865 – Introductory survey required of all undergraduates. Special emphasis on race and political culture, with training in primary source analysis.

California History – The history of California from the distant past to the contemporary era with particular attention to immigration and the ongoing process of boundary-making. Additional emphasis on memoir as an alternate form of historical writing.

California State University, Fullerton:

Introduction to American Studies – This course focuses on four separate periods (the American Revolution, the Civil War, the Early Twentieth Century, and the late 1960s) while providing a broad introduction to themes and approaches in American Studies.

California Cultures – American Studies course on the interaction of various cultures in California's past and present. Topics include cultural diversity, shifting meanings of gender, and regional and racial myths.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE – Teaching Assistant**University of Southern California:**

American Prophets – Honors course exploring American civil religion from the Declaration of Independence to the 2008 presidential campaign.

The Holocaust – Introductory survey covering the history of the Nazi genocide of the Jewish people and other groups.

The American Experience – Single-semester introductory survey of U.S. History.

Business and Labor in America – Introductory survey of business and labor history.

PUBLICATIONS FOR A GENERAL AUDIENCE – available at www.zocalopublicsquare.org

“The Undergraduate Education That Drags On and On and On: You Can Enroll at California State University. But Can You Graduate?” – Zócalo Public Square (23 Apr 2013)

“Not as White as You Think: The Striking Diversity of L.A.’s Mormons” – Zócalo Public Square (22 Mar 2012)

“A Tale of Two Goldwaters: What Barry and Morris Understood About Getting Along” – Zócalo Public Square (16 Feb 2012)

- “Arizona, Progressivism’s Love Child: A Century Ago, the State Reflected the Direct Democracy Craze” – Zócalo Public Square (15 Feb 2012)
- “Happy Century, Arizona: But Why Is the State Still Forced to Prove its Americanness?” – Zócalo Public Square (14 Feb 2012)
- “Clearing the Benches: Hyper Partisanship in Washington Decimates Federal Courts” – Zócalo Public Square (13 Dec 2011)
- “Clash of Mormons: Two Arizona Races Serve As Leading Indicators of the Future of Republican Immigration Policy” – Zócalo Public Square (31 Oct 2011)
- “Not Foreigners, Followers: Will Mormons Save the GOP from Xenophobia?” – Zócalo Public Square (8 Aug 2011)
- “Supreme Misunderstanding: D.C., Arizona Conservatives Don’t See Politics the Same Way” – Zócalo Public Square (8 July 2011)
- “A Mama Grizzly’s Natural Habitat: The 48th State Ranks First for Female Leaders” – Zócalo Public Square (7 June 2011)

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- “The State, the Unions, and the Fairer Sex: The Twentieth Century American Economy” – invited guest lecture for Teaching American History (TAH) Project, Constitutional Rights Foundation and Lake Elsinore School District (May 2013; Lake Elsinore, CA)
- “The Magnetic Pull of Arizona Politics and the Scholarly Potential of the U.S. Congressional Research Collection at ASU” – invited featured speaker at Arizona State University Archives and Special Collections (May 2012)
- “Immigration in California and the United States: 1840-Present” – invited guest lecture for Teaching American History (TAH) Project, ICW (Mar 2012; Huntington Library)
- “Cactus Conservatives: Historic Divisions within the Arizona Republican Party” – Invited guest lecture, Northern Arizona University Department of Politics & International Affairs and the Landsward Institute (Feb 2011)
- “Mr. Arizona: The Impact of Barry Goldwater on the Arizona Republican Party” – Conference presentation at *Goldwater at 100: His Politics, Ideology, and Legacy* (Nov 2009; Tempe, AZ) – available at www.c-spanvideo.org/program/290137-2 (55:00 mark)
- “Non-Partisan Activism: Post-War Phoenix and the Origins of the Conservative Republican Party” – Conference presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association (Aug 2008; Pasadena, CA)
- “Morris Udall, Evan Mecham, and Race: Arizona Politicians Navigating Complexities of Mormon Doctrine” – Paper presentation at *‘May These Principles Be Established’: Mormonism in the Political Arena* (Apr 2008; Claremont, CA)

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

Summer Award for Upper Division and Graduate Students – Charles Redd Center for Western Studies, Brigham Young University (2010)

Research grant for those working on projects in the history of the Mountain West
Harold Hasting McVicar Dissertation Fellowship – USC History Department (2009-2010)

Final-year dissertation fellowship, awarded by department to one student per year
Summer Research Fellowship – Huntington-USC Institute on California and the West (2009)

Research fellowship

Harold B. Lee Library Special Collections Fellowship – Charles Redd Center for Western History and L. Tom Perry Special Collections, Brigham Young University (2007-2008)

Research grant for use of the L. Tom Perry Special Collections

TRAVEL GRANTS:

Gerald R. Ford Foundation (2008)

Eisenhower Foundation (2008)

Arizona Historical Foundation (2008)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Content Consultant for Red Line Editorial, Inc. (2013)

Recruited to consult for a series of History Perspectives books for grades 4-8, ensuring the works accorded with the latest historical research.

Founder and Director, History Writing Group, Huntington Library (2010-2012)

I established this group in the fall of 2010 and directed it for two years. Membership draws from schools across the nation and across disciplines.

Consultant to the Landsward Institute at Northern Arizona University (2011)

Recruited to consult on a study of Arizona voter values. At my suggestion they also produced a bibliography of scholarship on Arizona over the past decade.

Graduate Student Handbook for USC History Department (2008)

I proposed and designed the online student handbook where none had existed before. Still the main source for students navigating department policy.

Research Assistant, Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, History Department (Summers, 2005-2007)