

Education

City University of New York – Graduate Center

Ph.D. Program in Political Science

Dissertation Title: “Building the New American Nation: The U.S. Army and Economic Development, 1787-1860”

Expected date of completion: Fall 2009

Sponsor: Professor Andrew J. Polsky

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Abstract: My dissertation examines the Army’s integral role in the early American political economy. Notwithstanding its small size, the Army proved to be a powerful instrument for promoting economic expansion. The Army spurred development through two lines of activity: first, the traditional application of coercion and, second, by providing public goods that neither private actors nor state governments could supply. Considering the Army leads me to reconceptualize the early American state as a bifurcated entity: a state of the periphery, dominated by the Army, and a state of the center, in which the Army still influenced economic development but other public institutions also performed key development functions.

City University of New York – Graduate Center

M.Phil. in Political Science, May 2007

(Pass with Distinction on Oral Examination)

M.A. in Political Science, October 2006

Yeshiva University

B.A. in Political Science, *cum laude*, September 2001

Research Interests

American Political Development; Presidency; Bureaucracy; U.S. Military

Publications

William D. Adler and Andrew J. Polsky, “Building the New American Nation: Economic Development, Public Goods, and the Early U.S. Army.” *Political Science Quarterly*, forthcoming.

Andrew J. Polsky and William D. Adler, “The State in a Blue Uniform.” *Polity* 40:3 (July 2008): 348-54.

William D. Adler, “Presidential Election 1996,” “Running Mate,” and “Vice President, Selection,” in Larry J. Sabato and Howard R. Ernst, eds., *Encyclopedia of American Political Parties and Elections* (Facts on File, 2006).

Professional Experience

Fall 2003–Spring 2007, Fall 2009 – Adjunct Lecturer, Hunter College, Political Science Department

Courses: American Government: A Historical Introduction; Political Parties and Interest Groups; The American Presidency; Conservative Political Thought in America; Constitutional Law: Organizing the Government.

Fall 2008–Spring 2009 – Writing Fellow, Kingsborough Community College

· Assisted the Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) initiative; supported faculty in the development of writing intensive courses; worked with students on writing assignments.

Summer 2003 – Program Coordinator for the Fulbright Summer Institute on American Political Development, CUNY Graduate Center

Conference Presentations

William D. Adler, “The Invisible American Military,” to be presented at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association (Philadelphia).

William D. Adler, “Political Entrepreneurs in the Early U.S. Army: How Secretaries of War and Autonomous Bureaucrats Built Institutional Capacity,” 2008 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Boston).

· Winner of the 2009 Joseph Murphy Award, CUNY Graduate Center, Political Science Department, for best paper presented by a student at a major social science conference.

William D. Adler, “Who Commands? Coercion and Economic Development in the Early Republic,” 2008 Policy History Conference (Clayton, Missouri).

William D. Adler and Jonathan Keller, “A Federal Army, Not Federalist: Jefferson’s Regime Building,” 2007 Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association (Philadelphia).

William D. Adler and Jonathan Keller, “Presidents and the Military in the Early Republic: Jefferson and the Building of a Republican Regime,” 2007 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association (New Orleans).

William D. Adler and Andrew J. Polsky, “Collective Action, Economic Development, and the Early National Security State,” 2006 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Philadelphia).

William D. Adler, “Selection of the Vice Presidential Nominee at National Party Conventions,” 2005 Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association (Chicago).

Book Reviews

William D. Adler, review of James A. Colaiaco, *Frederick Douglass and the Fourth of July*, in *The History Teacher* 41:2 (February 2008): 254-5.

Honors and Awards

Joseph Murphy Award, CUNY Graduate Center, Political Science Department, 2009

CUNY Writing Fellowship, 2008-2009

Graduate Fellow at the Center for Place, Culture, and Politics, CUNY Graduate Center, 2008-2009

APSA Travel Grant, 2008

David Spitz Dissertation Fellowship in the Social Sciences, CUNY Graduate Center, 2007-2008

Arthur Schlesinger Dissertation Proposal Award, CUNY Graduate Center, 2007

Doctoral Student Research Grant, CUNY Graduate Center, Spring 2007

Presidential Travel Award, Hunter College, Fall 2006

Tuition Fellowship, CUNY Graduate Center, 2006-2008

Dean Samuel L. Sar Memorial Award, Yeshiva University, 2001

Wilf Family Distinguished Undergraduate Scholarship, Yeshiva University, 1998-2001

Dean’s List, Yeshiva University, 1998-1999, 2000-2001

Service

Student Representative, Curriculum and Examinations Committee, CUNY Graduate Center, Political Science Department, 2007-2009

Adjunct Faculty Representative, Hunter College Senate, Fall 2003

Other Professional Activities

Manuscript Reviews: CQ Press; Prentice-Hall; Eastern Communication Association (American Society for the History of Rhetoric section)

Member, American Political Science Association, 2002-present