

Curriculum vitae

Erik Blaine Riker-Coleman

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Education:

Ph. D. candidate

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Dissertation: *O-10: The Evolving World of U.S. Four-Star Officers, 1968–2000.*

Director: Richard H. Kohn

Second field: Modern Middle Eastern History

M.A., U.S. Military History, May 1997

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Thesis: *Reflection and Reform: Professionalism and Ethics in the U.S. Army Officer Corps, 1968–1975.*

Director: Richard H. Kohn

B.A., History, College and Departmental Honors, May 1995

The College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio

Senior thesis: *"Some Men Put In Their Lives": Americans in the International Brigades, Spain, 1936–1939.*

Advisor: John M. Gates

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards:

Edward S. Miller Fellowship in Naval History, Naval War College Foundation, September 2002.

General and Mrs. Matthew B. Ridgway Military History Grant, U.S. Army Military History Institute, July 2002.

Summer Workshop in the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy, Columbia University, July 2002.

Mowry Research Fellowship, Department of History, UNC Chapel Hill, March 2002.

Mowry Research Grant, UNC Chapel Hill, Department of History, March 2001.

General Lemuel C. Shepherd, Jr. Memorial Dissertation Fellow, United States Marine Corps Historical Center, 2000–2001.

West Point Summer Seminar in Military History, United States Military Academy, June 2000.

Mowry Research Fellowship, UNC Chapel Hill, Department of History, March 2000.

Technology in the Undergraduate Seminar (TUGS) Project, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1998.

Mellon Fellowship in the Humanities, Woodrow Wilson Foundation, Princeton, NJ, April, 1995.

Aileen Dunham Prize, The College of Wooster (awarded annually to top senior history major).

Phi Beta Kappa, The College of Wooster, 1994

Publications and research projects:

“Social Origins of U.S. Four-Stars, 1968-1998,” presented before the Triangle Institute for Security Studies “New Faces in National Security” conference, 9/2002.

“The Limits of Reform: Military Intellectuals and Professionalism in the U.S. Army, 1970-1975,” presented before the Society of Military History Annual Meeting, Madison, Wisconsin, 4/2002.

“An Elite in Transition: U.S. Army Four Star Generals, 1968-1998,” presented before the U.S. Military Academy “Making History: West Point at 200” Bicentennial Conference, 3/2002.

“Political Pressures on the Joint Chiefs of Staff: The Case of General David C. Jones,” presented before the Society of Military History Annual Meeting, Calgary, Alberta, 5/2001.

The Encyclopedia of Marches and Demonstrations, ed. Mary Young (ABC-Clio, forthcoming):

- “The New York Draft Riot”
- “The Posse Comitatus Act”
- “The Detroit Riots: 1967”

The Encyclopedia of Work in America, ed. Herbert Schaffner (ABC-Clio, 2003):

- “Work in Wartime”
- “Military Jobs and Careers”

“The Spanish Civil War,” in *The Encyclopedia of the Great Depression and the New Deal*, ed. Dr. James Ciment (M.E. Sharpe, 2001).

"Middle East Civil-Military Relations in Global Perspective: Antecedents and Implications of Militarization."

"Lessons Not Learned: The United States Army and Institutional Resistance to Organizational Transformation After Vietnam."

"Reaping the Whirlwind: Systemic Failure of Leadership in the U.S. Army, 1969–1971."

Teaching experience:

Instructor, Lake Superior College, Duluth, Minnesota, 2002-present.

Full responsibility for development, teaching, and administration of web-based U.S. history survey incorporating textbook and documents readings, online discussions and written assignments.

Courses:

History 1210, U.S. History 1600-1877

History 1220, U.S. History 1877-present

Graduate teaching assistant, Department of History, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1996-1999.

Teaching responsibilities included leading small group discussion sections, development and evaluation of assignments and exams, assisting students with coursework, design and maintenance of course-related websites, and administrative tasks for courses with up to 90 students. Courses taught include: (for descriptions, see <http://www.unc.edu/depts/history/courses>)

Hist. 30, "Russian History to 1861," Dr. David Griffiths

Hist. 22, "United States History Since 1865," Dr. William Barney

Hist. 18, "The World Since 1945," Dr. Michael Hunt

Hist. 68, "War and American Society to 1903," Dr. Richard Kohn

Hist. 69, "War and American Society, 1903 to the Present," Dr. Richard Kohn

Hist. 63B, "History of Air Power," Dr. Joseph Caddell.

Other professional activities

Assistant Curator and Oral History Program Coordinator, Richard I. Bong WWII Heritage Center, Superior, Wisconsin, 8/2002-10/2003.

Research assistant, Curriculum in Peace, War, and Defense, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1999-2002.

Graduate History Society Representative to UNC Dept. of History Graduate Studies Committee, 1997-1999.

Member, American Historical Association, 2002-present.

Member, Society for Military History, 1999-present.

Member, Triangle Institute for Security Studies, 1995-present.