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Patrick C. Leech

**Education**

**PhD in History, Baylor University, Waco, Texas**

Admission to Candidacy: December 2021

Anticipated Completion: May 2024

Fields: Global Cold War, Hungary & Eastern Europe, US since 1877

Dissertation: “Hungarians Over Here: Diaspora, Refugees, and US Cold War Politics”

Committee: Drs. Julie deGraffenried (co-chair), Stephen Sloan (co-chair), Steven Jug, Lauren Poor, and Gaynor Yancy

**Master of Arts in History, Texas A&M University – Central Texas, Killeen, Texas**

Graduation: May 2017, Distinguished Graduate

Thesis: “The Forgotten Crisis: The Untold Story of Tracy S. Voorhees and the President’s Committee for Hungarian Refugee Relief, 1956-1957”

Chair: Dr. Cadra P. McDaniel

**Bachelor of Arts, History, Abilene Christian University, Abilene, Texas**

Graduation: May 2006, Summa cum Laude

**Languages**

Hungarian (ACTFL OPI Intermediate Low)

Spanish (elementary reading)

Russian (elementary reading)

Programming: Python, C++

**International Research Experience**

**The Post-1956 Refugee Crisis and Hungarian Émigré Communities During the Cold War Project,**

Bölcsészettudományi Kutatóközpont, Történettudomány Intézet, Budapest, Hungary, 2022 –2024

**Fellowships & Grants**

Fulbright US Student Program, Research, Hungary, 2023-2024

SHAFR Robert A. and Barbara Divine Graduate Student Travel Grant, 2023

AHEA Research Presentation Grant, 2023

Baylor University, Graduate School, Travel Award, Fall 2022 & Spring 2023

Baylor University, History Department, Travel Award, Fall 2022 & Spring 2023

Department of State Program for Research and Training on Eastern Europe and Eurasia (Title VIII) Fellowship, Summer 2022

Fundamentals of Data Research Fellowship, Baylor University Library, Summer 2020

Central Slavic Conference Travel Grant, St. Louis, Missouri, 2016

Texas A&M University – Central Texas Travel Grant, Killeen, Texas, 2016

**Peer-reviewed Publications**

“The Unhappiest Barrack in the Soviet Bloc: Church-State Relations in Hungary,” in *Speaking for Truth*, Michael Long, Julie deGraffenried, & Xenia Dennen, eds. (Under contract with Cornell Univ. Press)

**Popular Publications**

“Eastern Europe, Humanitarian Parole, and US Civil Rights,” NYU Jordan Center for the Advanced Study of Russia blog, September 29, 2022.

“The Growing Crisis of Anomie in the United States: Learning from Hungary’s Cold War Past,” *The Anxious Bench*, Tier 1 Religious History Blog, *Patheos*, August 29, 2022.

“Shaping The Future of The History Survey: AHA Holds Fourth Annual Conference on Introductory Courses.” *Perspectives Daily*, American Historical Association. March 5, 2019.

**Presentations**

*Invited:*

“Revising Social Studies Standards: The Work Groups,” panelist,

American Historical Association, Texas Conference on Introductory History Courses, September 2022

Hosted by Texas A&M University-San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas

*Academic:*

“Üdvözöljük az Egyesült Államokban: A Hungarian Diaspora Response to the Hungarian Refugee Crisis, 1956-1957”

Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Conference, June 2023

“Üdvözöljük az Egyesült Államokban: A Hungarian Diaspora Response to the Hungarian Refugee Crisis, 1956-1957”

American Hungarian Educators Association Conference, April 2023

Hosted by Quinnapiac University, Hamden, Connecticut

“Bringing History to Life: Using Timelines and Dashboards to Visualize History Course Content,” co-presenter,

The 2023 Educational Technology Showcase

Baylor University Libraries and the Academy for Teaching and Learning, March 2023.

“Unhappiness in the ‘happiest barrack:’ Anomie in Cold War Hungary,” poster presentation

Graduate Research Showcase

Baylor University Graduate Student Association, October 2022.

“The Unhappiest Barrack in the Bloc: Mental Health and Church-State Relations in Late-Socialist Hungary,”

Conference on Faith and History, April 2022

Hosted by Baylor University, Waco, Texas,

“Operation 'Safe Haven': A Spectacular Feat in American Organizational Ability,”

Central Slavic Conference, October 2016

Hosted by St. Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri

*Non-Academic:*

“Ethical Leadership,” Covasna County Red Cross, Sfantu Gheorghe, Romania, June 2014.

“Basics of Information Security,” Covasna County Red Cross, Sfantu Gheorghe, Romania, June 2013.

**Teaching Experience**

**Baylor University, Department of History, Teacher of Record**

HIS 1300 US in Global Perspective: A Pacific People, Power, & Presence, August 2022 – May 2023

**Baylor University, Department of History, Guest Lecturer**

“Communist Revolutions?: Russia, Vietnam, China, & Hungary,” May 2022

HIS 1300 US in Global Perspective: Revolutions

**Central Texas College, Adjunct Instructor**

HIST 1301 US History before 1877, Fall 2018, Summer I 2019

HIST 1302 US History after 1877, Summer II 2018, Spring 2019, Summer II 2019

**University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Adjunct Instructor**

HIST 2311 US History before 1877, August 2017 – May 2019

**Texas A&M University – Central Texas, Department of History, Guest Lecturer**

“The Political Consequences of Peace: The World War I treaties and their legacies,” May 2017

HSTK 341: “Europe 1814-1919”

“The Holocaust,” April 2014

HSTK 445: “World War II and the Holocaust”

**Awards & Honors**

Outstanding Graduate Student Thesis Award Recipient, TAMUCT, 2018

Dean’s Outstanding Qualitative Thesis Award, TAMUCT, College of Arts and Sciences, 2017

Outstanding Graduate Student Award in History, TAMUCT, College of Arts and Sciences, 2017

Outstanding Graduate Student Scholarship Award Finalist, TAMUCT, 2017

Toastmasters’ International Competent Communicator, 2010

**Academic & Historical Employment**

Baylor University, Graduate Research Assistant, “Women and Frank Lloyd Wright: Expanding the Historical Narrative,” Summer 2023

Baylor University, Office of Engaged Learning, Writing Consultant, June 2023 - present

Baylor University, Keston Center for Politics, Religion and Society, Graduate Student archivist, August 2022 – May 2023

Baylor University, Department of History, Graduate Assistant, August 2019 – May 2022

Texas A&M University – Central Texas, Graduate Assistant – Spring 2014

Wikistrat, Researcher – October 2013 – August 2019

Dallas Heritage Village, Guest Services Representative – August 2006 – June 2007

12th Armored Division Memorial Museum, Historian – August 2004 - August 2005

**Prior Technology Employment**

Bell County District Attorney’s Office, Data Manager – June 2014 – August 2019

Trinity Mother Frances Hospitals & Clinics, IT Security Analyst – January 2011 – May 2014

DRG Texas, LP, Network Administrator – March 2008 – December 2010

Strategic Fulfillment Group (SFG), Marketing Account Manager – October 2007 – March 2008

**Memberships**

American Historical Association

Association of Slavic, Eastern European, and Eurasian Studies

Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations

Hungarian Studies Association

American Hungarian Educators Association

Central European History Society

Association for Computers and the HumanitiesConference on Faith and History

Phi Alpha Theta

**Certifications**

GIAC Certified Forensic Examiner, August 2013

**Leadership and Service**

Baylor University, Digital Humanities Initiative, Graduate Student Member, 2022-present

Texas Education Agency, Social Studies TEKS Review, Workgroup D, Summer 2022

Conference on Faith and History, Graduate Student Representative, 2022-present

Baylor University Library & IT Student Advisory Group, 2019 - 2020

GIAC Advisory Board, August 2013 – present