

# MORILLO

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### PROFESSIONAL DESCRIPTION

In my research I specialize in the social, cultural and institutional history of warfare and warrior elites from a global comparative context, focusing on the period between 1000 and 1800. My teaching covers world history, medieval and early modern Europe, various other regional and topical specialties, and historiography.

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### EDUCATION

#### Jesus College, Oxford

**DPhil, 1985**

Dissertation: "English Royal Warfare, 1066-1154". Supervisor: JFA Mason. Read for degree approval by John Prestwich and Frank Barlow.

- Rhodes Scholar

#### Harvard College

**AB, 1980**

Magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Harvard Scholar

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### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

#### Publications

##### Books

- *War and Conflict in the Middle Ages: A Global Perspective*. Thorough reinterpretation of medieval warfare from a world-historical angle. Polity Press, 2022.
- Morillo with Michael Pavkovic. *What is Military History?* Historiographical survey and analysis. Polity Press, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, 2018. (2<sup>nd</sup> edition 2013, 1<sup>st</sup> edition 2006).
- *Frameworks of World History: Network, Hierarchies, Culture*. Interpretive world history textbook. Oxford University Press, 2013.
- Miles, Lynne, and Morillo. *Sources for Frameworks of World History*. Sourcebook for world history. Oxford University Press, 2014.
- *Mapping Patterns of World History*. 2v annotated atlas of world history. (Oxford University Press, 2012).
- Contributor to *Knights in History and Legend* (Global Book Publishing, 2009).
- Morillo, Black and Lococo, *War in World History: Society, Technology and War from Ancient Times to the Present*. Military world history textbook. McGraw Hill, 2008.
- Sanders, Nelson and Morillo, *Encounters in World History*. McGraw-Hill, 2005. World history source book.
- *The Battle of Hastings. Sources and Interpretations*. Ed. and introduction. Boydell and Brewer, 1996.
- *Warfare under the Anglo-Norman Kings, 1066-1135*. Boydell and Brewer, 1994.

##### Edited Journal Volumes

- *The Haskins Society Journal*, vols. 10 for 2001, 11 for 1998, 12 for 2002, 13 for 1999, 14 for 2000/03, 15 for 2004, 16 for 2005, 17 for 2000/03, 18 for 2006, 19 for 2007, 20 for 2008.

#### Articles

- "Kings and Fortuna: The Meanings of Brémule", in *Military Cultures and Martial Enterprises in the Middle Ages. Essays in Honour of Richard P. Abels*, ed. John D. Hosler and Steven Isaac (The Boydell Press, 2020), 99-116.
- "Contrary Winds: Theories of History and the Limits of *Sachkritik*", in Gregory I. Halfond, ed., *The Medieval Way of War: Studies in Medieval Military History in Honor of Bernard S. Bachrach* (Ashgate, 2015).
- "Justifications, Theories and Customs of War", in *The Cambridge History of War*, ed. David Graff et al., (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013).
- "Bullets in Motion", in Douglas Northrup, ed., *A Companion to World History* (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2012).
- "Cities, Networks, and Cultures of Knowledge: A Global Overview", in Kenneth Hall, ed., *The Growth of Non-Western Cities: Primary and Secondary Urban Networking, c. 900-1900*, Comparative Urban Studies (New York: Rowman and Littlefield, 2011).
- "The Ent Wives: Investigating the Spiritual Core of *Lord of the Rings*", in Paul Kerry, ed., *The Ring and the Cross: Christianity in the Writings of J.R.R. Tolkien* (Madison, NJ: Fairleigh Dickinson UP, 2011).
- "Autonomy and Subordination: The Cultural Dynamics of Small Cities", in Kenneth Hall, ed., *Secondary Cities and Urban Networking in the Indian Ocean Realm, c. 1400-1800*, Comparative Urban Studies #1 (New York: Rowman and Littlefield, 2008).
- "Mercenaries, Mamluks and Militia: Towards a Cross-Cultural Typology of Military Service", in John France, ed., *Medieval Mercenaries* (Brill: Leiden, 2007), 243-260.
- "The Sword of Justice: War and State Formation in Comparative Perspective", *Journal of Medieval Military History* 4 (2006), 1-17.
- "Expecting Cowardice: Medieval Battle Tactics Reconsidered", *Journal of Medieval Military History* 4 (2006), 65-73.
- "A General Typology of Transcultural Wars: The Early Middle Ages and Beyond", in Hans-Henning Kortüm, ed., *Transcultural Wars from the Middle Ages to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. Akademie Verlag (2006), 29-42.
- With Richard Abels, "A Lying Legacy? A Preliminary Discussion of Images of Antiquity and Altered Reality in Medieval Military History", *Journal of Medieval Military History* 3 (2005), 1-13.
- "A 'Feudal Mutation'? Conceptual Tools and Historical Patterns in World History", *Journal of World History* 14 (2003), 531-550.
- "Battle Seeking: The Contexts and Limits of Vegetian Strategy", *The Journal of Medieval Military History* 1 (2002), 21-41.
- "Cultures of Death: Warrior Suicide in Europe and Japan", *The Medieval History Journal* 4, 2 (2001), 241-257.
- "Milites, Knights and Samurai: Military Terminology, Comparative History, and the Problem of Translation", in B. Bachrach and R. Abels, eds., *The Normans and their Adversaries at War: Essays in Honor of C. Warren Hollister*. (Boydell and Brewer, 2001), 167-184.
- "The 'Age of Cavalry' Revisited" in D. Kagay, ed., *The Circle of War*. (Boydell and Brewer, 1999).
- "Guns and Government: A Comparative Study of Europe and Japan." *Journal of World History* 6 (1995), 75-106.

- "Hastings: An Unusual Battle." *The Haskins Society Journal* 2 (1990), 95-104.
- Articles for *The Garland Encyclopedia of Medieval France* (1996), *The Garland Encyclopedia of Medieval England* (1998), *The Reader's Guide to British History* (2000), *The Berkshire Encyclopedia of Leadership* (2003), *The Berkshire Encyclopedia of World History* (2004), *The Encyclopedia of War* (2011); regional editor for *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Medieval Warfare* (2010)
- Book reviews for *The American Historical Review*, *Speculum*, *Albion*, *The Journal of World History*, *The Journal of Military History*, *International History Review*, *Shropshire Archeological Society*, *Choice*, and others.

### **Lectures, Presentations, and Conference Papers (selected)**

- "Forming and Transgressing Cultural Borders." Invited Lecture, Longwood University, March 2015.
- "Ibn Khaldun Views Olitski." 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual LaFollette Lecture, Wabash College, October 2011.
- "Frontiers of Knowledge: Justifications of War in Comparative Perspective." Conference on Frontiers in Medieval Warfare, Caceres, Spain, November 2010.
- "Barbary Pirates to Somalis: A Veteran's Day Perspective on the World history of Piracy." Invited guest lecture for The Military History Lecture Series, Northern Kentucky University, November 2009.
- "Wise Practitioners, Informed Officials and Worldly Travelers: The Structures of Knowledge in the Eurasian Network, pre-1500". Invited comment-paper for the Ball State Conference on Small Cities in World History, April, 2009.
- "World Naval History: The Crucial Global Shift". Paper delivered at the Society for Military History, Murfreesboro TN, April 2009.
- "A Model of Small City Cultural Dynamics in World History". Paper delivered at the World History Association Conference, London, June 2008.
- "Autonomy and Subordination: The Cultural Dynamics of Small Cities". Invited comment-paper for the Ball State Conference on Small Cities in World History, April, 2007.
- "Mercenaries and Paid Men: Towards a Cross-Cultural Typology of Paid Military Service". Paper for the Mercenaries and Paid Men Conference, University of Wales, Swansea; July, 2005.
- "Transcultural Warfare: The Early Middle Ages". Invited paper for the conference "Transcultural Wars from the Middle Ages to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century", Universität Regensburg, March 2004.
- "Why War as Law Matters: Warriors-States Discourse in Comparative Perspective". Plenary Address, De Re Militari, at International Medieval Congress, Kalamazoo, May 2003
- With Richard Abels, "A Lying Legacy: Images of Antiquity in Medieval Military History". Sewanee Medieval Colloquium, April 2003.
- "Medieval Military History: An Historiographical Survey". Midwest Medieval Association, September 2002.
- "Warren Hollister and Medieval Military History 20 Years After." Haskins Society Conference, October 2001.
- "Cultures of Death: Warrior Suicide in Europe and Japan." Midwest Medieval Association, September 2000.
- "A 'Feudal Mutation'? Conceptual Tools and Historical Patterns in World History." World History Association Conference, Boston, June 2000.

- “Battle Seeking: The Contexts and Limits of Vegetian Strategy.” International Medieval Congress, Kalamazoo, May 2000; also invited comment on De Re Militari plenary address, “Vegetian Strategy” by Cliff Rogers, USMA.
- “Naval Warfare and Cultural Exchange, 800-1100.” Medieval Academy of America, 1999.
- “Knights, *Milites*, and Samurai.” Distinguished Lecturer Series, Hawaii Pacific University, 1998.
- “Stephen and Henry II: Grand Strategy, Politics and the Law.” International Medieval Congress, Kalamazoo, 1996.
- “The Battle of Hastings and Medieval Military History.” Ball State University, 1995.
- “*Pedites* and *Ashigaru*: Infantry, Terminology and Social Status.” International Medieval Congress, Kalamazoo, 1994.
- “Anglo-Norman Logistics.” Midwest Military History Association, Champagne, 1993.

### **Grants, Organizations and Offices**

- NEH Distinguished Visiting Scholar, Hawaii Pacific University, 2003-04.
- NEH Summer Study Grant, 1992.
- AHA (Birdsall Prize Committee, 2007-08), World History Association, Society for Military History (Moncado Prize Committee, 2014-16), De Re Militari (President, 2002-2014), Haskins Society (Journal Editor, 2000-2007), Midwest World history Association, Phi Alpha Theta.

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## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Fields**

- *World and Comparative*  
I teach both parts of a world history survey—“from the cooling of the earth to the warming of the earth”, as someone once described it—as well as upper level seminars on focused global and comparative topics.
- *Traditional Europe, 1000-1800*  
“Traditional Europe” is a term I borrow from Warren Hollister; it stresses the continuities between the medieval and early modern halves of a coherent period that I research and teach in terms of those continuities.
- *Pre-modern Military*  
My most common topical focus within the above periods and methodologies, this can cover anything from ancient to Napoleonic warfare, though I concentrate on issues surrounding comparative studies of warfare and warrior elites, and on naval warfare.
- *Philosophy of History, Historiography*

### **Courses Taught (selected)**

- **Intro level courses:** The World to 1500; The World since 1500; Cultures and Traditions, an all-college readings and discussion course taught to all sophomores at Wabash College; Freshman Tutorial: Swords, Sorcery, and Reality on fantasy literature
- **Mid-level surveys:** Europe, 400-1450; Europe, 1400-1800; The European Transformation, 1000-1800; European Military History, 1000-1800
- **Upper level seminars:** Philosophy and Craft of History; Medieval Warfare; The Military Revolution, 1500-1800; Women and Gender in Early Modern Europe; Naval History, 1000-1800; The Crusades; Byzantium; Zen and the Samurai; Anglo-Norman Realm; Angevin Empire; Comparative European and Japanese Feudalism; War and Warriors in the World of the 12<sup>th</sup> Century; Communications Technology and Culture from Ancient Times to the Present, et al.

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

### **Chair, Division III, Social Sciences, Wabash College, 2010-present**

Responsible for personnel both within the Division and, with the Dean and other two Division Chairs, for hiring, tenure, and promotion decisions College-wide.  
Responsible for budgets, program planning, and top-level administration for Social Sciences Division, consisting of five academic Departments.

### **Chair, Department of History, Wabash College, 1999-2010**

Responsible for personnel, budgets, program planning, and web site management.

### **Co-Chair, Cultures and Traditions (C&T), 1992-4**

Responsible for budgets, program planning, and staff management. C&T was a two semester course required of all Wabash sophomores and taught each semester by 15 to 20 faculty drawn from across campus. I was the only untenured Co-Chair in the history of the course from its creation in 1971 to its retirement in 2010.

### **Editor, *Haskins Society Journal*, 2001-2007**

Responsible for managing all aspects of scholarly journal production, including review and acceptance of articles, copyediting, and final submission to publisher. Took over to put out current volumes and successfully cleared a three year backlog of late volumes. Oversaw ten volumes in seven years.

### **President, De Re Militari, 2002-2014**

Responsible for chairing the annual meetings of De Re, the Society for Medieval Military History.

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## **AFFILIATIONS**

### **Wabash College, 1989-present**

Eugene N. Beesley Chair, Division III (Social Sciences), 2010–present.  
Professor and Jane and Frederic M. Hadley Chair in History, tenured, 1999-2010.  
McLain-McTurnan-Arnold Excellence in Teaching Award, 2007  
McLain-McTurnan-Arnold Research Award, 2005  
Named Daniel F. Evans Professor of Social Sciences in 1998 in recognition of excellence in teaching and scholarship.  
Areas: Traditional Europe; world history, military history, historiography.

### **Norwich University, 2009-present**

Professor for periodic online graduate seminars in pre-modern world and military history. Helped create both military history graduate sequence and world history graduate sequence.

### **Hawaii Pacific University, 2003-04**

NEH Distinguished Visiting Scholar in Diplomacy and Military Studies  
Offered position as NEH Endowed Chair in World History  
Graduate seminars in Military and Diplomatic History, world history

### **Hawaii Pacific University, summer 1998**

Visiting Instructor.  
Summer seminar on War and Warrior Elites in Medieval Europe and Japan.

### **University of Georgia, 1988-89**

Instructor, full time.  
Areas: early modern and modern Europe.

### **Loyola University, New Orleans, 1987-88**

Visiting Assistant professor, part time.  
Areas: medieval Europe, world history.

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**OTHER INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES**

are detailed on my web site: <http://persweb.wabash.edu/facstaff/morillos/>