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Education

PhD in History 2005, Stanford University.

Fields: Modern Britain, British Empire; early modern origins of the British Empire; world environmental history

MA in History 1999, University of Maine.

Field: Medieval history

BA St. Olaf College, 1997

Employment

Case Western Reserve University, 2007 to present

Amherst College, 2006-7

Metropolitan State University, MN, 2005-6

Books

*Blood, Oil, and the Axis: The Allied Resistance Against a Fascist State in Iraq and the Levant, 1941* (Abrams Press, 2019).

“Like ‘Casablanca’ meets the ‘English Patient.’ ….Broich tells the story with…an impressive ability to summarize big-picture complexities.” –*Wall Street Journal*

*Squadron: Ending the African Slave Trade* (Overlook Press, 2017).

“Broich…has meticulously crafted an engaging narrative that reads like a novel. …Filled with political intrigue and geopolitical struggle…this page-turner is sure to entertain and inform a wide audience.” --*Booklist*

*London: Water and the Making of the Modern City* (University of Pittsburgh Press, 2013).

“In this clearly written study . . . the author offers fresh insights into the intricate political maneuverings dealing with London water policy. . . . A concise, useful examination of a key aspect of London’s modern development.” –*Choice*

Select academic articles

“Was it really the ‘white man’s burden?’: The non-British engineers who engineered the British Empire,” *Britain and the World* (2016)

“British water policy in Mandate Palestine: Environmental orientalism and social transformation,” *Environment and History* (2013).

“Colonizing the Thames,” *Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History* 11 no. 3 (2010).

Select courses taught

HSTY 100: Introduction to history

HSTY 113: History of the Modern World

HSTY 163: Modern Britain and its Empire  
HSTY 237: WWII  
HSTY 250: Historical Theory and Method

HSTY 327: Comparative Environmental History  
HSTY 339: Origins of the Arab-Israeli Conflict  
HSTY 342: Water

HSTY 346: *Guns, Germs, and Steel*

Select public history articles

"There is nothing liberal about fascism," [Washington Post](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/made-by-history/wp/2018/08/01/there-is-nothing-liberal-about-fascism/?utm_term=.dc486ba1d0b1)  
"Kroomen: Black Slaver Hunters," [History Today](https://www.historytoday.com/john-broich/kroomen-black-slaver-hunters)  
"This Intrepid British Adventurer Talked Her Way into Forbidden Lands," [Ozy.com](https://www.ozy.com/flashback/this-intrepid-british-adventurer-talked-her-way-into-forbidden-lands/85721)  
"What's Fact and What's Fiction in Dunkirk?" [Slate.com](http://www.slate.com/blogs/browbeat/2017/07/20/what_s_fact_and_what_s_fiction_in_dunkirk.html)  
"How the Nazis destroyed the first gay rights movement," [Newsweek.com](https://www.newsweek.com/how-nazis-destroyed-first-gay-rights-movement-631918)

"What's Fact and What's Fiction in Darkest Hour?" [Slate.com](http://www.slate.com/blogs/browbeat/2017/12/08/what_s_fact_and_what_s_fiction_in_darkest_hour.html)

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