

Nomination For Appointment As A
Regular Member
Of the Graduate Faculty

Name of nominee: Edmund Wehrle Date: 12-14-22

Department/school: History/CLAS

E-mail address of nominee efwehrle@eiu.edu

Semester/term and year of approval: Fall 2022

Profile of the candidate:

A. Date appointed to EIU Faculty: Fall 2000

B. Current academic rank: Professor

C. Academic and professional experience:

Highest degree earned: Ph.D. Date awarded: 1998

Does the nominee have the appropriate terminal degree? Yes No

Degree granting institution: University of Maryland, College Park

Field of specialization: History

D. Evidence of professional activity and specialization in teaching area (if different from the academic area in which the highest earned degree is held) within the last three years (workshops, research, service, creative activity, etc.). Please put in vita format and attach.

E. List the graduate courses taught by the candidate during the last three years:

HIS 4775: US Sports History, HIS 4775: Politics and Protest, HIS 4980: Vietnam War, HIS 4900:

Historical Publishing, HIS 5800: US Proseminar

Graduate Coordinator or Chair, Department Graduate Committee

Department Chair

College Dean

Dean, Graduate School

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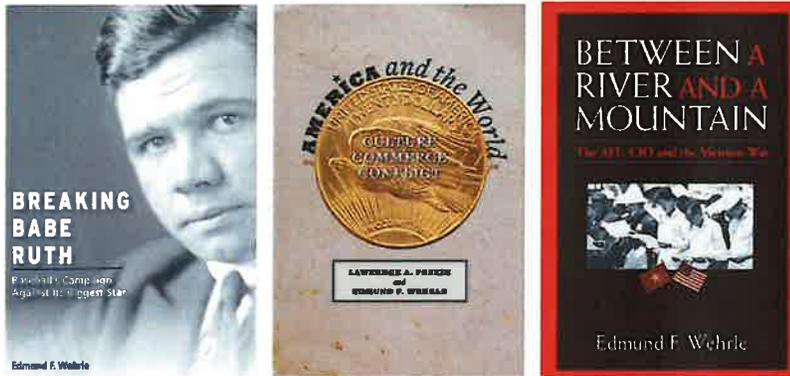
Education

University of Maryland, College Park
Ph.D. in American History awarded May 22, 1998

University of Maryland, College Park
M.A. American History, 1992

University of Toronto
B.A., English Literature, 1987

Books



- *Breaking Babe Ruth: Baseball's Campaign against Its Greatest Star*. University of Missouri Press, 2018.
<https://upress.missouri.edu/9780826221605/breaking-babe-ruth/>
- *America and the World: Conflict, Commerce, and Culture* (co-authored with Dr. Lawrence Peskin). The Johns Hopkins University Press, 2011.
<https://jhupbooks.press.jhu.edu/content/america-and-world>.
- *Between a River and a Mountain": The AFL-CIO and the Vietnam War*. University of Michigan Press, 2005.
https://www.press.umich.edu/143467/between_a_river_and_a_mountain

Teaching

Professor, (U.S. History), Eastern Illinois University, Fall 2011 to the present. *Teaching U.S. Surveys, upper division undergraduate, and graduate courses.*

Associate Professor, (U.S. History), Eastern Illinois University, Fall 2006 to 2011. *Teaching U.S. Surveys, upper division undergraduate, and graduate courses.*

Assistant Professor (US History), Eastern Illinois University, Fall 2000-2006. *Teaching Twentieth-Century World, U.S. Diplomatic, Contemporary America, Graduate Seminar in Diplomatic History, History of the Vietnam Wars.*

Assistant Professor, (U.S. and World History) Department of Humanities, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Fall 1999-Spring 2000. *Teaching U.S. history surveys and upper division course treating history of American relations with Third World Countries.*

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Maryland at College Park, 1998-1999. *Among other courses taught two sections of American History survey, to classes of roughly 240 students, supervised five teaching assistants.*

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Coppin State College, Baltimore, MD, Spring 1998. *Taught two sections of the American history survey, to 1865, to classes of over forty students.*

Recent Graduate Courses Taught

SU 2022 HIS 4775: US Sports History

SP 2022 HIS 4900: Historical Publishing

FA 2021 HIS 4980: Vietnam War

SU 2021 HIS 4775: Politics and Protest

FA 2020 HIS 4775: US Sports History

SU 2020 HIS 4980: Vietnam War

SP 2020 HIS 5800: US Pro-seminar

SP 2020 HIS 4800: Historical Publishing

Publications

“‘Syndromes’ and ‘Solutions’: The Korean War and the Vietnam War, 1950–1973,” *Diplomatic History*, 44, no. 4 (September 2020): 636–663.

*“Why Major League Baseball Decided to Rein in Ruth,” in *What It Means to Be American: A National Conversation* Sponsored by the Smithsonian and Arizona State University, <http://www.whatitmeanstobeamerican.org/identities/why-major-league-baseball-tried-to-rein-in-babe-ruth/>; October 22, 2018

“Babe Ruth was No Babe in the Woods,” *Baltimore Sun*, 18 April 2018 (an op-ed that appeared both in the print and online versions of the *Sun*); reprinted and posted in

Connecticut Post, Duluth News Tribune, Akron Beacon Journal/Ohio.com, Kearney Hub (Nebraska).

“Why We Think of Babe Ruth as an Overgrown Boy and Why We’re Wrong,” *History News Network*, April 29, 2018, <https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/168544>

“Frenzy: Sportswriters and Babe Ruth’s Much Ballyhooed Premier Season with the New York Yankees,” *NINE: A Journal of Baseball History and Culture* (Spring, 2015).

“Lyndon Johnson: Vietnam and ‘Peace Without Conquest’” in *The Bully Pulpit, Presidential Speeches, and the Shaping of Public Policy*, eds. Jeffrey Ashley and Marla Jarmer (New York: Lexington Books, 2015).

“Free Labor Versus Slave Labor” Free Trade Unionism and the Challenge of War-torn Asia,” in *American Labor’s Cold War Ambassadors: The International History of the AFL-CIO During the Cold War*, eds., Robert Waters and Geert Van Geothem (Palgrave-MacMillan, 2013).

“The Vietnamese Confederation of Labour and International Labour,” in *Labour in Vietnam* ed. Anita Chan (Singapore: Institute for Southeast Asian Studies Press, 2011).

“‘Aid Where it is Needed Most’: American Labor’s Military Industrial Complex,” *Enterprise and Society* Vol 12, No. 1 (March 2011): 96-119.

“The Paradox of Western-Style Unionism in South Vietnam,” in *Vietnam and the West: New Approaches*, edited by Wynn W. Gadkar-Wilcox (Cornell University Press, 2010).

Foreign Affairs! That’s for People Who Don’t Have to Work to a Make a Living” *Diplomatic History* (September 2010, Volume 34, Number 4).

“Partisan for the Hard Hats”: Charles Colson, George Meany, and the Failed Blue-Collar Strategy.” *Labor: Studies in Working-Class History of the Americas* (Volume 5, Number 3 (August 2008).

“Labor’s Falling Dominos: The AFL-CIO and the Vietnam War Era.” In *Perspectives in American Social History*, ed. Michell Hall, (ABC-Clio, 2008).

“Guns, Butter, Leon Keyserling, the AFL-CIO and the Fate of Full-Employment Economics,” *The Historian*, 66 (Winter 2004): 730-748.

“Welfare and Warfare: American Organized Labor Approaches the Military-Industrial Complex, 1949-1964” *Armed Forces & Society* 4 (Summer 2003): 525-546.

“Labor’s Longest War: Trade Unionists and the Vietnam Conflict,” *Labor’s Heritage* 11 (Winter/Spring 2002): 50-65.

“‘A Good Bad Deal’: John F. Kennedy, Averell Harriman, and the Neutralization of Laos, 1960-1962,” in Lori Lynn Bogle, ed. *The Cold War, Vol. II: National Security Planning from Truman to Reagan and from Stalin to Gorbachev* (Routledge Press, 2001).

“‘No More Pressing Task Than Organization in Southeast Asia’: The AFL-CIO Approaches the Vietnam War, 1947-1964,” *Labor History* 42 (August 2001).

“Did the American Labor Movement Decline in the Post-war Era?” in Robert Allison, ed. *History in Dispute, Vol. II: American Social Movements, 1945-2000* (Manley, Inc, 2000), 190-193.

“Did the Labor Movement Miss an Opportunity for Obtaining Advances in the 1930s?” in Robert Allison, *History in Dispute, Vol. III: American Social and Political Movements, 1945-2000*, (Manly, Inc., 2000), 190-194.

“Plumbers and Presidents: Labor Sources for Diplomatic Historians,” *The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Newsletter*, 29 (December 1998).

“‘A Good Bad Deal’: John F. Kennedy, Averell Harriman, and the Neutralization of Laos, 1960-1962,” *Pacific Historical Review*, 67 (August 1998): 349-378.

“A New Deal for America: Labor Comes Into Its Own,” *Social Education*, 60 (September 1996): 260-263.

“‘For a Healthy America’: Labor’s Struggle for National Health Insurance, 1943-1949,” *Labor’s Heritage* (Summer 1993): 28-45.

“‘Work Begins Today’: Quaker Volunteers in Depression-Era Kentucky, 1933,” *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, 90 (Fall, 1992): 345-367.

Book reviews in a number of publications including *Journal of American History*, *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, *The Journal of Military History*, *International Labor and Working-Class History*, *Law and History Review*, *Journal of Southern History*.

Public History Projects/Media Appearances

Newstalk Radio in Ireland (June 12, 2018), “Pat Williams Show” WORL (Orlando), August 15, 2018; “The Sporting Life with Jeremy Schaap,” ESPN Radio, July 29, 2018; Marty Laurie Show, KNBR (San Francisco), July 4, 2018.

Podcasts: “Baseball by the Book with Justin McGuire” Episode 141, June 7, 2018; “Welcome to the Show,” Special Episode, 28 May 2018.

Guest Commentator, Commentary for CSPAN-Radio “50th Anniversary of AFL-CIO” 26 Dec 2015.

Appearance (2008) on PBS *The History Detectives*, Episode 603, offering several minutes of “expert commentary” on context behind President Roosevelt’s selection of the retreat that eventually became Camp David.

Catoctin Mountain Park: A Historic Resource Study, (National Park Service, Washington, DC, April 2000). Awarded contract by National Park Service to conduct an extensive historic resource study of Catoctin National Park. Study detailed the history of the park site from prehistoric times, through the establishment and construction of the park during the New Deal, to the founding of presidential retreat later renamed Camp David. Published online at

<http://www.nps.gov/cato/hrs/hrs.htm>.

Awards and Fellowships

Achievement and Contribution Award (in the area of Research), 2018.

Summer Research and Creative Activity Award, EIU, 2018.

Achievement and Contribution Award (in the area of Teaching), 2016.

Summer Research and Creative Activity Award, EIU, 2012.

The Graduate Dean's Award of Excellence in Research and Creative Activity, 2009, Eastern Illinois University.

Summer Research and Creative Activity Award, Eastern Illinois University, 2009.

Achievement and Contribution Award in "Mixed" Category, Eastern Illinois University, 2008.

Summer Research and Creative Activity Award, Eastern Illinois University, 2007.

Achievement and Contribution Award in Teaching, Eastern Illinois University, 2002.

Gerald R. Ford Foundation Research Grant, 1998.

Moody Grant from the Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation (\$750 grant-in-aid), 1997.

Rundel Prize for Outstanding History Graduate Student, University of Maryland, 1996.

Hearst Travel Grant, University of Maryland, 1995, 1996.

George Meany Memorial Archives Fellowship, 1991-1992

Conference Papers/Invited talks

"American Labor and Foreign Policy," panel chair and commentator, 44th Annual Meeting of the Social Sciences History Association, Chicago, IL, November 21, 2019.

"Syndromes" and "Solutions": The Korean War and the Vietnam War, 1950-1973, Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, East Lansing, MI, October 5, 2019.

"America's 'Forgotten War' and 'America's Longest' War: Korea's Impact on Vietnam," August 27, 2016, National Korean War Museum, Springfield, IL.

"Free Labor Versus Slave Labor": Free Trade Unionism and the Challenge of War-torn Asia." Presented at Annual Meeting of Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations, June 20, 2014, Lexington, KY.

Commentator, "Shifting Loyalties in Great Depression Hollywood," American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, January 3, 2014.

"'Preserve the Dignity of the Vietnamese Workforce': Civilian Labor and U.S. Contractors During the Second Indochinese War," Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, East Lansing, MI., October 26, 2013.

"Free Labor Verses Slave Labor": Free Trade Unionism and American Labor's Approach to Foreign Affairs. Presented at the Labour and International Cold War Workshop; Amsab-Institute of Social History, Ghent University, Ghent Belgium, October 7, 2011.

Discussant, "Labor and Finance in the USA" Panel, Annual Business History Conference, St. Louis, Missouri, 1 April 2011.

"The Vietnamese Confederation of Labour and the International Labour." Presented at the Vietnam Update: Labour in Vietnam Conference, Canberra, Australia, November 7, 2008.

"'The Nucleus of Craftsmen Needed to Build a Firm National Foundation': The Office of Civilian Personnel and Nation-building in Vietnam, 1965-1973." Presented at Annual Meeting of Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations, Columbus, Ohio, June 27, 2008.

"'Modernizing' Emerging Societies: Examples from the Cold War Era." Presented at Military Operations Research Society's Analyzing the Impact of Emerging Societies on National Security Workshop, Argonne National Laboratory, Argonne, IL, April 16, 2008.

"U.S. Labor and Modernization in War-Torn Asia." Presented at 122nd Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, January 4, 2007.

"'Awakening the Conscience of the Masses': War, Organized Labor, and Nation-building in Vietnam" Vincent Desantis Speaker Series, History Department, University of Notre Dame, 28 September 2007.

"American Labor's War in Vietnam: The AFL-CIO, The Vietnamese Confederation of Labor, and the Vietnam War." Presented at the 65th Annual National Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 12, 2007.

"Trade Unionism and War." Presented at the 31st Annual Great Lakes History Conference, Grand Rapids, Michigan, October 21, 2006

"The Paradoxes of Western-style Trade Unionism in South Vietnam." Presented at The New Approaches to Vietnam and the West Conference, Western Connecticut State University, Danbury, CT, December 4, 2005.

"Globalization, Anticommunism, and War." Presented at Blackburn College Labor Studies Symposium, Carlinville, IL, March 4, 2005.

"Strikes, Strife and Nation-Building: The AFL-CIO in Guyana and South Vietnam, 1963-1964." Presented at 29th Annual meeting of the Social Science and History Association, November 21, 2004.

“U.S. Trade Unionism and Third World Revolutions,” Presented at Midwest Association for Latin American Studies Conference, November 8, 2003.

“Nixon, Vietnam, and the Blue-Collar Blues.” Presented at 25th Annual North American Labor History Conference, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI, October 16, 2003.

“The Foundation for the Infinitely Greater Prosperity which is within Our Capacity For Tomorrow: Leon Keyserling, the AFL-CIO, and the Fate of Full Employment Economics, 1953-1975.” Presented at Economic and Business History Historical Society Annual Conference, Memphis, TN, April 25, 2003.

“Encountering South Vietnamese Organized Labor: The AFL-CIO and the Vietnamese Confederation of Labor, 1947-1975.” Presented at Annual Meeting of Social Science History Association, October 26, 2002.

“American Organized Labor and the Postwar Defense Establishment.” Paper Presented at The Cold War Army, 1947-1989, Conference of Army Historians, Arlington, VA, August 7, 2002.

“Release Our Jailed Leaders’: American and South Vietnamese Labor, 1968.” Paper Presented at Annual Meeting of North American Labor History Conference, Detroit, MI, October 19, 2001.

“Guns and Butter: American Organized Labor Approaches the Military-Industrial Complex in the Post-war Era.” Paper presented at annual meeting of Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR), American University, June 14, 2001.

“Rank-and-File Memory: History and the Revival of Organized Labor.” Paper presented at 21st Annual Teachers Conference, History at the Grassroots: Local History and Its Audiences, Charleston, IL, October 28, 2000.

“Labor in the Quagmire: The AFL-CIO, the Vietnamese Confederation of Labor, and the Vietnam War, 1965-1975.” Paper presented at annual meeting of Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR), Washington, DC, June 18, 1998.

“Tran Quoc Buu and the Forgotten History of the South Vietnamese Labor Movement.” Paper presented at annual meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Association for Asian Studies, West Chester University, West Chester, PA, October 25, 1997.

“‘Better to Fight Here Than at Staten Island or the Golden Gate’: The AFL-CIO Approaches the Vietnam War, 1950-1964.” Paper presented at annual meeting of Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR), June 19-22, 1997.

“‘George, This is Going to be a Long, Long War’: George Meany, Tran Quoc Buu, and the Coming of the Vietnam War.” Paper Presented at Spring meeting of the New England Historical Association Spring, Boston, MA, April 26, 1997.

“Warfare and Welfare: Labor, Full-Employment, and Defense Spending in Post-War America.” Paper presented at the Ninth Symposium of the George Meany Memorial Archives, November 17, 1996.

“‘Facades and Substance’: John F. Kennedy, Averell Harriman, Souvanna Phouma and the

Neutralization of Laos, 1961-1962." Paper presented at annual meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Association for Asian Studies, Seaton Hall University, October 27, 1996.

Professional Activities

History Department Honors Coordinator, 2020-

Member, University Promotions Committee, 2017-2020

Vice Chair, Council on Graduate Studies, 2016-2017

Member Provost Search Committee, 2016-2017

Graduate Coordinator, Department of History, Eastern Illinois University, 2006-2015

Member Asian Studies Minor Executive Board, 2015 to present

Member, Council on Graduate Studies, 2014-present

Member, EIU Achievement and Contribution Award Committee, 2014

Member, Council on Faculty Research, 2012-2013

Chair, Speaker Committee, History Department, Eastern Illinois University, 2005 to present

Chair, History Department Promotion Committee, 2013-2014

Member, History Department Promotion Committee, 2011-2014

Member, South Asian/Middle East Search Committee, 2008-2009.

Member, Research and Creative Activities Advisory Board, 2008-present

Member, Financial Grants Committee, 2007.

Graduate Committee, History Department, Eastern Illinois University, 2002 to present

History Department Representative to University Professional of Illinois, Local 4100, 2003 to present

Chair, U.S. 20th Century Search Committee, Eastern Illinois University, 2002-2004.

Awards Committee, Eastern Illinois University, History Department, 2001-2003.

Search committee South Asian historian, Eastern Illinois University, 2000-2001

Search committee selecting senior 20th century historian for Department of History, University of Maryland, 1997.

Search committee for the Dean of Arts and Humanities, University of Maryland, 1996.

President of the History Graduate Student Association, 1995-1996.
Vice President of the History Graduate Association, 1994-1995.

Fellow at the George Meany Memorial Archives, Silver Spring, MD, 1991-1992: fellowship included service as Editorial Assistant to quarterly scholarly journal *Labor's Heritage*.

Assistant Archivist at the University of Notre Dame Archives, 1988-1990.

