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RECENT POSITIONS

- 2023-** Assistant Professor in Modern European History, Department of International History, London School of Economics and Political Science
- 2022-23** Assistant Professor in the Social and Cultural History of the First World War, Department of History, University of Birmingham
- 2021-22** Learning Developer, [LSE LIFE](#), London School of Economics and Political Science
- 2020-** Curriculum Consultant. Clients include Reach University (US), Centre for Tutorial Teaching (UK), Production Attic (UK), and Perlego (UK)
- 2018-21** LSE Fellow, [LSE100: The LSE Course](#), London School of Economics and Political Science

EDUCATION

- 2014-18** PhD, History, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)
- Thesis: [‘Making Sense of the Western Front: English Infantrymen’s Morale and Perception of Crisis, 1914-1918.’](#)
 - Funded by an LSE PhD Scholarship awarded based on undergraduate performance.
- 2019-20** Post Graduate Certificate in Higher Education, Full Level, LSE
- Course design.
- 2015-16** Post Graduate Certificate in Higher Education, Associate Level, LSE
- Learning theory; small group teaching; assessment and feedback; Higher Education policy.
- 2010-13** BA(Hons), 1st Class in History, King’s College London

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed

[‘British Expeditionary Force Vegetable Shows, Allotment Culture, and Life Behind the Lines during the Great War’](#), *Historical Journal*, Vol. 64, Issue 5 (Dec. 2021), pp. 1355-1378. This article was showcased in [The Times](#) (3 February 2021), on Times Radio (same date), and in LSE’s [Research for the World](#) (4 May 2021).

[‘A War Imagined: Postcards and the Maintenance of Long-Distance Relationships during the Great War’](#), *War in History*, Vol. 28, Issue 2 (April 2021), pp. 301-332.

[‘Historiography 1918 – Today \(Great Britain\)’](#), *1914-1918 Online: International Encyclopaedia of the First World War*, 23 February 2021.

‘Hoping for Victorious Peace: Morale and Perceptions of the Future on the Western Front’, in A. Luptak, H. Smyth and L. Halewood (eds.), *War Time: First World War Perspectives on Temporality* (Abingdon, 2018). Included as one of five ‘key chapters’ from across Routledge’s publications in [The First World War: A Routledge Freebook](#).

Accepted / In Press

‘English Patriotism and the Implicit Nation: Homelands and Soldiers’ National Identity during the Great War’, *English Historical Review*

Making Sense of the Great War: Crisis, Englishness, and Morale on the Western Front, 1914-1918, Cambridge University Press, Studies in the Social and Cultural History of Modern Warfare series. Estimated publication: December 2023

In Preparation

'The First World War and the Anatomy of Crisis.' To be published in *First World War Studies*.

'Morale and the Trench Experience', in N. Lloyd (ed.), *The Cambridge Companion to the Western Front*, Cambridge University Press. Estimated publication: 2025.

'The Siege of Kut: A Microhistory of the Global First World War.' To be submitted to *Past & Present*

Public History

'Mud, Blood, and Not so Much Poppycock: Myth Formation in the British Army during the First World War', *Bulletin of the Auckland Museum*, Vol. 21, [Special Issue: *The Enduring Impact of the First World War*](#) (2020)

['Fields of Battle, Lands of Peace, 1914-1918: An Interview with Michael St Maur Sheil'](#), *The RUSI Journal*, Vol. 161 Issue 4 (2016)

Reviews and short essays have also appeared in RUSI Analysis, RUSI Commentary, the LSE Review of Books, Twentieth Century British History, War in History (forthcoming), and Journal of British Studies (forthcoming).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| 2023 | HY120: Historical Approaches to the Modern World, LSE. Compulsory first year module for UGs. |
| 2023 | HY226: The Great War, 1914-1918, LSE. A redeveloped optional module for second and third year UGs. |
| 2023 | Home Fires Burning: Life on the Home Fronts during the First World War, University of Birmingham. Compulsory MA module. |
| 2023 | Group Research – War and Society in the Twentieth Century World, University of Birmingham. Compulsory module for second year UGs. |
| 2023 | History in Theory and Practice, University of Birmingham. Compulsory module for second year UGs. |
| 2023 | Practicing History B: Perceptions of the Past in the Past, University of Birmingham. Compulsory module for first year UGs focussed on historical approaches and methods. |
| 2022 | Pandora's Box: Europe and the First World War c. 1914-1930, University of Birmingham. Optional module for second year UGs. |
| 2022 | Research Skills: Methodology and Sources in First World War Studies, University of Birmingham. Compulsory MA module. |
| 2022-23 | Programme Convenor, MA First World War Studies, University of Birmingham. |
| 2022-23 | Practicing History A: Endurance during the Great War, University of Birmingham. Compulsory module for first year UGs focussed on core academic skills in reading, writing, and argumentation. |
| 2021 | LSE Groups, LSE. Optional research project for LSE UGs. |
| 2021-22 | Academic Skills Workshops, LSE LIFE. <i>I designed and ran workshops and one-to-ones for departments and students from across the LSE. These focus on core academic skills, from essay writing, through group work, to master's dissertations.</i> |
| 2020-21 | HY120: Historical Approaches to the Modern World, LSE. Compulsory first year module for UGs. |

2016-20 LSE100: The LSE Course, LSE. Compulsory interdisciplinary course taken by all LSE UGs in their first and second years. *Modules including Artificial Intelligence; Crime and Punishment; Democracy; Food Security; International Security; Markets; Poverty and Inequality.*

2015-16 HY226: The Great War, 1914-1918, LSE. Optional module for second and third year UGs.

Student feedback and surveys available upon request.

DISSERTATION SUPERVISION

2022-23 UG and MA Dissertations. *Topics including Bomber Command during the Second World War; British Communist Party and the Communist International; British Perceptions of the German Revolution; Command and Leadership during the Battle for France; Disability and the World Wars; Drugs and Aircrew during the Second World War; Gender and the Holocaust; Propaganda and the First World War; Naval Strategy in the Austro-Hungarian Empire before the First World War; and Youth Culture during the First World War.*

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

2024 Fighting and Enduring the Great War, LSE.

- Optional module for MA students.

2023 HY226: The Great War, 1914-1918, LSE.

- Redevelopment of an UG module in line with changes in historiographical consensus.

2023 Microhistories of the Global First World War, University of Birmingham

- Third year advanced option for UGs / MA students.

2023 Home Fires Burning: Life on the Home Fronts during the First World War

- Compulsory MA Module on MA First World War Studies

2022 Research Skills: Methods and Sources in First World War Studies

- Compulsory MA Module on MA First World War Studies

2021-22 Global Tutorial Programme, Centre for Tutorial Teaching

- Pre-university distance learning programme built around the theme of sustainability.
- Designed skills workshops, empirical classes, and week-long residential programme.

2021-22 Training Workshops, Centre for Tutorial Teaching

- Online career development workshops for research masters' students, doctoral candidates, and researchers at The American Slovenian Education Foundation (ASEF).
- Online curriculum design workshops focussed on the pedagogy, practice, and implementation of tutorials for Blue Ridge Community College, Dallas Community College, and Reach University.

2020-21 LSE100: The LSE Course, LSE

- LSE100's Redevelopment.
- Blended Learning Module: 'Can we design a fair society?'

2019-20 Consultant Academic Developer, Reach University (US)

- Distance Learning Module: 'History in Practice' for first year US UGs.
- Helping to map and design a social science pathway for UGs.

2019 Academic Consultant, Historical Association TFP: Conflict, Art and Remembrance

- 'Un-entrenched: How to Improve the Teaching of Trenches in 20 easy steps.'

2018-20 LSE100: The LSE Course, LSE

- Blended Learning Module: 'Can we control AI? A Case Study of Systems Thinking.'

At LSE LIFE I designed workshops on a range of topics including reflective writing, critical thinking, essay writing, source analysis, dissertations (proposals; time management; literature reviews; analysis and structure) and presentations.

SELECTED CONFERENCES AND PUBLIC OUTREACH

Academic Conferences

Invited Speaker - 'English Infantrymen's Attachment to Space and Place during the First World War', University of Liverpool, Department of History Speaker Series, March 2023 – Cancelled due to UCU strikes

'The First World War and the Anatomy of Crisis', 2022 Denis Showalter Memorial Lecture, International Society for First World War Studies, February 2023

'English National Identity and the *Patrie*: Soldiers' Visions of England during the First World War', 'War Experience and National Identity during the First World War' Workshop, University College London, April 2020 (Postponed)

'Making Sense of the Western Front: Attachment to Space and Place during the First World War', 'First World War: Past, Present and Future' Conference, First World War Network, Edinburgh Napier University, June 2019

'Imagining the Nation: English Infantrymen's Visions of Communities and Landscapes during the First World War', Social History Society Annual Conference 2019, University of Lincoln, June 2019

'The 1918 Vegetable Show at the BEF's Le Havre Base Depot: A New Window onto the Great War', '1918-2018: The End of the Great War & the Reshaping of a Century' Conference, University of Wolverhampton, September 2018

'Making Sense of the Western Front: Identity, Morale and English Infantrymen, 1914-1918', Historial de la Grande Guerre, France, November 2017

'A Home Imagined: Morale, Memories and Dreams of England on the Western Front', In the Heart of the Great War Conference, Belgium, October 2017

'Mud, Blood and Not So Much Poppcock: "Myth" Formation and the British Army in Late 1917', The Myriad Faces of War: 1917 and its Legacy Conference, New Zealand, April 2017

'"I Faced the Depths of Misery": Winter and Morale on the Western Front', Institute of Historical Research, 'War, Society, and Culture' Seminar, London, March 2017

'Hopes of Peace: Morale and the Future on the Western Front, 1914-1918', 'War Time' 9th Conference of the International Society for First World War Studies, Oxford, November 2016

'"Long Distance Relationships": Postcards to and from the Western Front during the First World War', LSE HY509 International History Research Seminar, London, September 2016

'The Face of First World War Battlefields and Battles', Graduate Summer School, Historial de la Grande Guerre, Péronne and Verdun, France, June/July 2016

'From Bilaiki to Blighty: Tracing British Imperial and Military History through Language', LSE/Columbia Research Seminar, London, May 2016

'Training and Morale: The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, British Commission for Military History, 'New Research in Military History Conference', London, October 2015

Public Events & Podcasts

Invited Expert, *Who Do You Think You Are*, BBC Television, 20 July 2023

Morale in the BEF on the Western Front, 1917-1918, Combat Morale Podcast, Season 2 Ep. 3, 29 June 2023

The State of Great War Scholarship, Mentioned in Dispatches Podcast, Ep. 300, 15 May 2023 with Prof. John Bourne and Prof. Jonathan Boff

Invited Speaker, 'Love and War', In Conversation with JC Niala, PoliNations Festival, Birmingham, 4 September 2022

Morale in the British Army during 1917 and 1918, Mentioned in Dispatches Podcast, ep. 267, 8 August 2022

Invited Speaker, Fig.studio presents - JC Niala: 1918 Allotment, TORCH Oxford and Art Council England, Oxford, 19 March 2022

'A Noisy Noise Annoys and Oyster', Podcast from the Past, Season 4 ep. 22, 26 January 2022

'Alex Mayhew on British WW1 Wartime Myths', Real Time History Podcast, Episode 4, 15 July 2021

'British Army Allotments during the First World War', Times Radio, 3 February 2021

'Making Sense of the Western Front: English Infantrymen's Morale and Perception of Crisis during the First World War,' Mentioned in Dispatches Podcast, ep. 115, 27 May 2018. Subsequently downloaded nearly 4600 times.

'Forgetting and Misremembering: Empire, Language, and Cultural Perspectives on the Past', 'Infinite Salon 4: The Eternal Return – Is History on Repeat?' Public Lecture Series, London, February 2019

AWARDS

2022 Dennis Showalter Lecture for an Emerging Scholar, International Society for First World War Studies

2021 Highly Commended. LSE Excellence in Education Award, Department of International History.

2021 *Shortlisted.* LSE Student Led Teaching Awards: Inspirational Teaching & Exceptional Teaching in an Unprecedented Year

2020 *Shortlisted.* LSE Student Led Teaching Awards: Sharing Subject Knowledge & Mentoring and Personal Development

2017 LSE Class Teacher Award

2014-18 LSE PhD Scholarship

2013 Brewer Prize for Modern History, King's College London [awarded for top first in Modern History]

FUNDING

2024 EDEN Centre Education Catalyst Fund, LSE

2017 Bourse Gerda Henkel du Centre International de Recherche de l'Historial de la Grande Guerre, France.

2014-18 LSE PhD Scholarship

2017 LSE Postgraduate Travel Grant.

2016 LSE Department of International History Travel Grant.

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2016 LSE Department of International History Travel Grant.

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR ORGANISATION

2018-20 LSE100 Work in Progress Seminars

- 2018-20 LSE100 Career Development Programme
- 2017-18 LSE International History Seminar for Doctoral Students and ECRs

EXTERNAL LECTURES

- 2023 Invited Speaker, 'WW1 and WW2 through a different lens', CPD Subject Day, The PTI
- 2020 'Is Hunger a Weapon of War?' LSE Summer School
- 2020 'Who is Vulnerable to Automation?' LSE Summer School
- 2020 'Should Criminal Justice be Automated?' LSE Summer School
- 2019 'The History of the City of London' LSE Summer School
- 2019 'Identity, Localism, and Brexit' LSE Summer School

UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION

- 2024- AI Lead, Department of International History, LSE
- 2023-24 Course Leader, HY120: Historical Approaches to the Modern World, LSE
- 2022-23 Programme Convenor, MA in First World War Studies, University of Birmingham
- 2021-22 Co-convenor, LSE GROUPS
- 2021-22 LSE LIFE Liaison for Ethics and LSE100.
- 2021-22 LSE LIFE Departmental Liaison for Gender Studies; Philosophy; Social Policy; Sociology; Statistics.
- 2018-21 LSE100 Management Committee
- 2018-21 LSE100 Professional Development Fellow
- 2018-21 Teaching Mentor, LSE
- 2016-18 Research Student Representative, Academic and Student Affairs Committee, LSE
- 2016-18 History Department Representative, Research Students Consultative Forum, LSE

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2023 Historical Consultant, BBC Bitesize
- 2023 Secondary Teacher Workshop Organiser, PTI Education
- 2019 School Workshop Coordinator, InTo University
- 2018-20 Academic Mentor, LSE Widening Participation
- 2016-20 Freelance Proof-reader (Politics, Economics and History)
- 2014 Editorial Assistant, [RUSI Journal](#) and [RUSI Newsbrief](#), Royal United Services Institute
- 2013-14 Sales and Management Fast Stream, Flight Centre UK

SKILLS

NVIVO

Public Speaking

Persuasive Communication

Systems Thinking & Systems Change

Principled Negotiation

Tableau & Data Visualisation

Curriculum Design

Experiential Learning

Tutorial Practice

Learning Design

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Fellow of the Higher Education Academy

Member of the International Society for First World War Studies

Member of the Royal Historical Society

Member of the UK Research and Innovation Early Career Forum

REFERENCES

Available upon request.