

# MITCHELL A. YOCKELSON

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## EDUCATION

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Royal Military College of Science, Cranfield University, United Kingdom

**Ph.D. in Military History**

George Mason University, Fairfax, VA

**Master of Arts (MA) in US History**

Frostburg State University, Frostburg, MD

**Bachelor of Science (BS) in History**

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**Norwich University, History and Political Science Department, Northfield, VT**

August 2005 – Present

**Professor, Adjunct → History Master's Program, Online**

Provide high-quality education, teaching multiple online courses, including US History, Military History, and Public History. Advise on and supervise research as well as mentor students completing Capstone papers. Develop and modify curriculum. Attend meetings and partner with History Department Chair to develop new courses, programs, and student success plans. Hold office hours, present lectures, and teach graduate-level classes to military officers and professionals taking courses to advance careers.

- Engaged 15+ students per course and presented learning opportunities using variety of teaching techniques to promote awareness and understanding of subject matter and curriculum.
- Consistently received positive comments: "brought history to life," "passionate and engaging," and "knowledgeable, answers all questions" combined with high scores from student surveys each semester.
- Integrated maritime warfare, military history, and world history while providing context to help future leaders become equip with agile minds to make informed decisions.
- Stimulated and guided course topics to entice students to reflect on personal leadership style, dive into dialogue/conversations, and improve learning.

**New York Times/Smithsonian Journeys, Washington, DC**

May 2014 – Present

**Experiential Learning Teacher**

Seize opportunities to educate and connect with diverse groups of adult-learners seeking knowledge by immersing in historical events at WWI, Normandy Battlefields, and other national and international historical sites. Travel and teach for 10 consecutive days to 25+ people. Teach on-site at historical locations 3-4 times per year. Collaborate with program manager to determine places and itineraries to ensure optimal value from experiences.

- Received positive feedback consistently from customer surveys on knowledge, presentations, and engagement.

**United States Naval Academy, History Department, Annapolis, MD**

August 2006 – May 2015

**History Professor, Adjunct → History of the US Navy and Marine Corp**

Taught early morning courses in-person from 7:45-9:10, two days a week before heading into work at NARA. Served as liaison between NARA, faculty/staff, and students with records, research, books, capstone, and archival needs.

- Planned, coordinated information, and conducted broad range of military and maritime history presentations.
- Advanced students' research and projects serving as archivist expert to recommend and guide students to documents, which supported learning and goals.

**Learning Platforms & Technology:** Moodle: Learning Platform | Blackboard: Education Technology | Zoom  
Gotomeeting.com | LinkedIn | Microsoft: Office, PowerPoint, Word, Excel, Outlook

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), College Park, MD

January 1988 – Present

#### Investigative Archivist Manager → Archival Recovery Program | Senior National Archivist

—Driving protection awareness, policies, and investigations for NARA's 10B pages of textual records; 12M maps/charts; 25M+ photographs/graphics; 24M aerial photos; 300K reels of film; 400K video/recordings; and 133 terabytes of electronic data.

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Lead Archival Recovery Team Program, created in response to several document and artifact thefts. Investigate and oversee 100+ cases annually reported from 40+ facilities nationwide. Develop strategic plan, communicate vision, and collaborate with teams worldwide to solve crimes—partner with international, federal, state, and local law enforcement to solve cases. Conduct internal and external investigations. Manage day-to-day operations and promote program.

#### **Investigations:**

- Solved cases and recovered thousands of documents; conducted research, interviewed international network of dealers/historians to drive awareness of cases, generated leads, uncovered information, and closed cases.
- Advanced program goals and solved cases by partnering and collaborating with the Office of Inspector General and between law enforcement and other agencies: Homeland Security, FBI, and foreign government agencies.
- Served as subject matter expert (SME) when partnering with agencies; SME on-site with search warrants to determine validity of items discovered, advise agents, connect agents to network of experts/industry stakeholders, conduct interviews, and verify artifacts and documents seized/confiscated.
- Testified in multiple cases; testified in one case involving stolen records from US Navy Historical Office and served as expert regarding both investigations and military Navy records.

#### **Program Management:**

- Stood up nationwide Archival Recovery Program; oversee multiple concurrent projects and cases, juggle priorities, delegate work, coordinate projects, and drive change through training, communications, and policies.
- Built relationships and shared expertise while investigating and serving as public relations ambassadors for NARA, including archivists across 40 facilities as well as US and foreign historians and government leaders.
- Minimized risk of theft and fraud by improving logistics and processing of loaned items; developed and implemented new policies/procedures, trained employees enterprise-wide, and created security plans.
- Drove organizational change that reduced internal theft and employee errors with misplaced items by initiating process improvements, delivering change messages, and rallying support of new Archival Recovery Program.
- Honored with Hubble Medal of Initiative Award and Army Historical Foundation Journal Article Award; work featured in *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Los Angeles Times*, and in several TV shows.

#### **Nationwide Public Relations & Awareness Campaigns:**

- Boosted program awareness, which resulted in more cases being solved by defining and executing national plans to educate public on cases, gain leads with investigations, and ensure success of program.
- Represented NARA as America's Investigation Archivist; wrote 75+ articles and online blogs, posted social media, and accepted speaking engagements, interviews, and T.V./radio appearances.
- Raised awareness of mission and programs for US World War I Centennial Commission with NARA's support; concurrently served as Chief Historian for 4+ years and consulted with executives on public awareness initiatives to grow programs; represented Commission at conferences and meetings, and spoke on TV and radio programs.

#### **Archivist & Historian:**

- Delivered highest level of service and shared expertise to researchers accessing NARA records.
- Protected valuable records throughout phases of document life cycle, preservation, and authentication process.
- Shared military expertise with researchers and public leaders, presented lectures, published articles, and reviewed books relating to NARA records as Military Records Subject Area Specialist.

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## MANUSCRIPT REVIEWS

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University of Oklahoma Press, Norman, OK &  
Texas A & M University Press, College Station, TX  
Manuscript Reviewer

September 2005 – Present

Review manuscript submissions for publishers to determine content is factual, provide editorial comments, and align marketing plan. Provide feedback, suggest improvements, and make recommendations to accept or request changes.

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## LECTURE PRESENTATIONS

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"The Paratrooper Generals." Smithsonian Associates	June 2020
"The Meaning of Armistice Day." The National World War I Museum and Memorial	November 2017
"Forty-Seven Days," Pritzker Military Museum and Library	May 2016
"Ulysses S. Grant: Was He the Savior of the Union?" Gettysburg Foundation Book Fair	July 2012
"American Doughboys, British Tommies, and the Breaking of the Hindenburg Line" Historial de la Grande Guerre, Peronne, France	September 2007
"November 1918: The End of World War I." Western Front Association	November 2007
"Hamel: A study in Coalition Warfare." Society of Military History Annual Meeting	April 2004

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## RESEARCH

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Mitchell Yockelson, March 2006, "Brothers in Arms? The American and British Coalition On The Western Front, 1918" (Unpublished Ph.D. Dissertation), Cranfield University, Defence College Of Management & Technology, Shrivenham, United Kingdom

National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) Research:

- Provide expert research consultation internally and externally concerning records created by US military agencies from the Revolutionary War through Korean War.
- Serve on and lead research, archivist, and investigative project teams, including those relating to processing and digitization of US federal records.

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## PUBLISHED BOOKS

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Mitchell Yockelson, *The Paratrooper Generals: Matthew Ridgway, Maxwell Taylor, and the American Paratroopers from D-Day through Normandy*, Stackpole Books, Mechanicsburg, PA, 2020.

Mitchell Yockelson, *Forty-Seven Days; How Pershing's Warriors Came of Age to Defeat the German Army in World War I*. New American Library, New York, 2016.

Mitchell Yockelson, *Ulysses S. Grant: Savior of the Union*, Thomas Nelson Publications, Nashville, TN, 2012.

Mitchell Yockelson, *Douglas MacArthur: America's General*, Thomas Nelson Publications, Nashville, TN, 2011.

Mitchell A. Yockelson, *Borrowed Soldiers: Americans under British Command*, University of Oklahoma Press, Norman, OK, 2008.

## PUBLISHED ARTICLES

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Mitchell Yockelson, "The radio reporter who witnessed D-Day and told the world what he saw," *The Washington Post*, June 6, 2019.

Mitchell Yockelson, "Dear Mom, The War's Going Great," *The New York Times*, May 12, 2018.

Mitchell Yockelson, "The bizarre tale of a kidnapping attempt, the German Kaiser and a beloved ashtray," *The Washington Post*, August 14, 2018.

Mitchell Yockelson, "General John J. Pershing and His Quest to Form the American First Army," *On Point*, Summer 2017, pp.36-43.

Mitchell Yockelson, "Independence Day at Hamel," *WARTIME: Official Magazine of the Australian War Memorial*, 2004.

Mitchell Yockelson, "I Am Entitled to The Medal of Honor and I Want It: Theodore Roosevelt And His Quest for Glory," *Prologue Magazine*, Spring 1998, Vol.30, No.1.

Mitchell Yockelson, "The United States Armed Forces and the Mexican Punitive Expedition," *Prologue Magazine*, Fall 1997, Vol.29, No.3.

Mitchell Yockelson, "The Ghosts of Fort Oglethorpe," *North Georgia Journal*, Summer 1997.

Mitchell Yockelson, "The Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg," *The Washington Times*, Summer 1992, pp. 190-191.

Mitchell Yockelson, "The Battle of Vienna." *The Washington Times*, Fall 1992.

## PUBLISHED BOOK REVIEWS

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Carroll, Andrew, "Hail to the Chieftain: The Making of an American who Beat the Hun," *The Weekly Standard*, 2017

Perry, Mark, "Big Mac of the Pacific: The Fascinating/Infuriating General MacArthur," *The Weekly Standard*, 2014

Ingalls, David S., "Hero of the Angry Sky," *Naval Historical Foundation, Naval History Book Reviews*, 2014.

Faulkner, Marcus, "The War at Sea, A Naval Atlas, 1939-1945," *Naval Historical Foundation, Naval History Book Reviews*, 2013.

Lengel, Edward G., "To Conquer Hell: The Meuse Argonne 1918, The Epic Battle That Ended the First World War," *On Point: The Journal of Army History*, 2009

McChristian, Douglas C., "The US Army in the West, 1870-80: Uniforms, Weapons and Equipment," *Western Historical Quarterly*, Autumn 2007.

Ferrell, Robert H., "America's Deadliest Battle: Meuse-Argonne, 1918," *The Journal of Military History*, 2007.

Desjardin, Thomas A., "These Honored Dead: How the Story of Gettysburg Shaped American Memory," *On Point: The Journal of Army History*, 2005.

Bruce, Robert B., "A Fraternity of Arms: America and France in the Great War," *The International History Review*, 2004.

## PUBLISHED BOOK REVIEWS CONTINUED

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Mosier, John, "The Myth of the Great War: How the Germans Won the Battles and How the Americans Saved the Allies, A New Military History," *The Journal of Military History*, 2003.

Cozzens, Peter, "Eyewitnesses to the Indian Wars, 1865-1890. Volume One: The Struggle for Apacheria," *The Western Historical Quarterly*, 2002.

## MEDIA APPEARANCES

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"American Artifacts," C-SPAN3-American History. Television.	October 2018
"Reel America," C-SPAN3-American History. Television.	November 2018
"The Hello Girls," Lincoln Penny Film Production. Television.	September 2018
"Black Jack Pershing: Love and War," Nebraska Public Television.	August 2018
"Australian & American Relationship Mateship: Century Together," Australian History. Television.	July 2018
"Stolen Presidential Pardons," NBC News 4. Television.	September 2017
"Forty-Seven Days," John Batchelder Show, Radio.	April 2016
"Forty-Seven Days book lecture at the National Archives," C-SPAN3-American History. Television.	March 2016
"The World Wars," The History Channel. Television.	September 2014
"Stealing History," 60 Minutes. Television.	October 2013
"Significance of Armistice Day," National Public Radio.	November 2012
"Armistice Day," Voice of America Radio.	November 2008
"Americans Under British Command," British Broadcasting Corporation. Radio.	April 2008
"Book Discussion with Mitch Yockelson," American Association of Retired Persons Radio.	March 2008
"A Few Moment with Mitch Yockelson," Fox News Radio.	March 2008
"The Great War," The Pentagon Channel. Television.	November 2006
"History Detectives," PBS. Television.	October 2005
"Eleventh Month, Eleventh Day, Eleventh Hour, And Eleventh Minute: Armistice Day 1918, World War I and Its Violent Climax," The History Channel	November 2004
"Gold Star Mothers," PBS	April 2004

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

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Investigations for Non-Investigators Training — Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC), May 2010

Interviewing and Interrogating Techniques Training — John E. Reid & Associates, October 2011

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

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World War I Centennial Commission	2014 – Present
The Army Historical Foundation	2010 – Present
Surratt Society	2000 – Present
Society of Military History	1990 – Present
Harpers Ferry Park Association	1983 – Present

**AWARDS**

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Edwin P. Hubble Medal of Initiative, Name of organization	April 2008
Army Historical Foundation Journal Article Prize	January 2008
The United States Army Center of Military History Dissertation Fellowship	March 2002

**REFERENCES**

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