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EDUCATION

George Washington University

PhD in History, 2010

- Dissertation: "Mr. President: Washington, the Presidency & the Indispensable Title Controversy of 1789"
- Specializations: Early Presidency, Early American Republic, Colonial America, 19th Century America

Master of Philosophy in History, 2006

University of California, Berkeley

Master of Science**,** 1984/College of Natural Resources—ecosystem management and economics
Master of City Planning**,** 1984/College of Environmental Design—environmental planning

University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana

Master of Library and Information Science**,** 1973**;** Bachelor of Arts, 1972

PUBLICATIONS

- *For Fear of an Elective King: George Washington and the Presidential Title Controversy of 1789* (Cornell, 2014).
- Book Chapter, "The Washington Effect," Eric Burin, ed. *Picking the President: Understanding the Electoral College.* Revised and Expanded Edition. (The Digital Press of the University of North Dakota, 2025.)
- OpEd, "Has the U.S. Presidency Become an Elective Kingship?" *The National Interest*, July 9, 2024.
- Book Review, *The Problem of Democracy: The Presidents Adams Confront the Cult of Personality* by Nancy Isenberg and Andrew Burstein. *Journal of American History*, Vol. 107, No.1, p. 181-182, June 2020.
- Book Review, *George Washington's Washington: Visions for the Nation's Capital in the Early American Republic* by Adam Costanzo. *Reviews in History*, review no. 2314, DOI 10.14296/RiH/2014/2314, 2019.
- Letter to the Editor, "King and Country," *The Economist*, 6 September 2018.
- Book Review, *John Adams's Republic: The One, the Few, and the Many* by Richard Alan Ryerson. *Journal of American History*, Vol. 105, No. 1, p. 163. June 2018.
- Book Review, *Nation Builder: John Quincy Adams and the Grand Strategy of the Republic* by Charles Edel. *Presidential Studies Quarterly,* Vol. 46, Issue 1, pp. 214-15. March 2016.
- OpEd, "For Some Early Americans, 'Mr. President' Wasn't Enough," *Boston Globe* "Ideas," 21 September 2014.

INTERVIEWS AND APPEARANCES (RADIO, TELEVISION, PODCAST)

- National Public Radio: WGBH Boston, *The Curiosity Desk*—"Why did the Framers give the President a Pardon Power?," June 13, 2018; NPR stationwide, *All Things Considered*—"Why President? How the U.S. Named its Leader," February 15, 2016.
- C-SPAN: "First Federal Congress, with Cokie Roberts," 1/5/2018; "The Presidency—1789 Debate over Chief Executive Title," February 22, 2016.
- Ben Franklin's World Podcast: "Episode 040—Interview with Liz Covart," 2015.

- Referenced in various Substacks and reviews. For example, *The Contrarian*, Jennifer Rubin. "Words & Phrases We Can Do Without: 'Mr. President'? Not for this brute." November 25, 2025; "Regime Change might be 2026's nonfiction bestseller. Here's why it's essential chilling reading," Matthew Ricketson, *The Conversation*, July 29, 2026.

CONFERENCES, INVITED LECTURES & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- "George Washington and the Presidential Title Controversy of 1789," Northern Neck 250 Signature Speaker Series, Northern Neck Planning District Commission, George Washington Birthplace National Monument, Colonial Beach, VA, 2026.
- Book Club invited appearances in various locations including Chicago IL, northern CA, and VA 2024-2026.
- "Giving Voice to the Presidential Title Controversy of 1789," National History Center Panel, American Historical Association Conference, Washington, D.C., 2018.
- "George Washington and the First Principles of Presidential Leadership," Organization of American Historians Conference on Leadership, Providence, RI, 2016.
- "The Road to 'Mr. President': George Washington and the Title Controversy of 1789," Featured Speaker, 5th Annual George Washington Lecture, George Washington University, Washington, D.C., 2016.
- "The Early Presidency," Guest Lecture for "George Washington and His World" Seminar, George Washington University, 2013—2016.
- "For Fear of an Elective King," Book Talks: Mount Vernon—Ford Evening Book Talk/2015; Gunston Hall—Liberty Lecture Series/2015; U.S. Capitol Historical Society/Brown Bag Lecture Series/2016.
- "Titling the Presidency: Negotiating Executive Power in the Early American Republic," Society for U.S. Intellectual History Conference, Washington, DC, 2015.
- "The Presidential Title Controversy of 1789 and Competing Fears of Elite Power," Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, 2013.
- "The Third Body of Washington: The Presidential Title Controversy & the Collision of Sovereignties." Society for U.S. Intellectual History Conference, New York, NY, 2011.
- Society for Historians of the Early American Republic; American Historical Association; Organization of American Historians; American Political Science Association; Society for U.S. Intellectual History

EXPERIENCE

- Visiting Scholar, First Federal Congress Project, Washington, DC—2011-2017
- Doctoral Student, GWU—2001-2010
- Chief, Branch of Information Management, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, DC—1994-1995
- Director, Natural Diversity Data Base, California Dept. of Fish and Game, Sacramento, CA—1991-1993
- Director, River Greenways Program, California State Lands Commission, Sacramento, CA—1990-1991
- Environmental Planner and Analyst, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, San Francisco, CA—1984-1990
- Educational Media Specialist—1996-2000 (McLean, VA)