

Alexander Burns

Phone: (317)-590-2533
asburns@mix.wvu.edu
608 Jones Ave, Morgantown, WV, 26505

306A
Woodburn Hall
West Virginia University

EDUCATION

Ph.D. West Virginia University, History Graduated May 15th, 2021
Advisor: Dr. Katherine Aaslestad
Dissertation Title: "'The Entire Army Says Hello': Common Soldiers' Experiences, Localism, and Army Reform in Britain and Prussia, 1739-1789"

MA Ball State University, History May 2014
Advisor: Dr. Daniel Ingram
Thesis Title: "Honor, Religion, and Reputation: The Worldview of the German *Subsidentruppen* who fought in the American War of Independence"

BA Indiana Wesleyan University, History May 2012

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

West Virginia University August 2015 to Present
Graduate Instructor/Lecturer, Department of History

- HIST-152 "American Civilization to 1865"
- HIST-153 "American Civilization since 1865"
- HIST-207 "Revolutionary Europe: 1648 to 1848" (Online)
- HIST-210 "American Military History since 1500" (Online and Classroom)
- HIST-221 "History of Modern Germany"
- HIST-317/517 "German Central Europe 1500-1871"

Indiana Wesleyan University August 2014 to Present
Visiting Instructor/Adjunct in History (2015 to Present)

- **Supervisor:** Dr. David Bartley
- HST-103 "World History since 1750" (Online)
- HST-180 "Western Civilizations to 1648"
- HST-185 "World Civilizations to 1648"
- HST-190 "World Civilization from 1648 to Present"
- HST-220 "War and Culture in the Atlantic World, 1500-1871"
- HST-290 "Historiography and Historical Methods"

Montreat College, NC January 2020 to Present
Adjunct Professor of History

- **Supervisor:** Dr. I-Eesha Patterson
- HIST-211 "Colonial American History" (Online)

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

Life in the Red Coat: The British Soldier 1721-1815 (2020), edited by Dr. Andrew Bamford. Chapter Title: "John Wesley's War: British Methodists off and on the Battlefield, 1739-1789".

Forthcoming

Armies in Retreat (2022) edited by Walker D. Mills and Timothy G. Heck, Army University Press.

Chapter Title: "Hülsen's Retreat: The Campaign in Saxony, August – October, 1760".

Books

Forthcoming-Editor

The Changing Face of Eighteenth-Century Warfare: Essays in Honour of Christopher Duffy. Helion & Co. Press. This Festschrift brings the essays of established historians such as Peter Wilson, Jeremy Black, Dennis Showalter, Jürgen Luh, and Marian Füssel together with newer scholarship from younger historians. The essays are collected to celebrate the career of eminent eighteenth-century historian Christopher Duffy.

Forthcoming-Author

Firm Battalions and American Fire: The Influence of Military Europe on George Washington's Army. The manuscript has five chapters completed, and will be reviewed by Dr. Gregory Urwin's Campaigns and Commanders Series at the University of Oklahoma Press.

Journal Articles

"'A Question of Doing it Quickly:' Essential Qualities of North Germanic Infantrymen, 1756-1783," *Journal of the Seven Years' War Association*, Winter 2016: (3-16)

"Flanquers und Pelotons: Hessian Links between the Seven Years' War and the American War of Independence" *Journal of the Seven Years' War Association*, Spring 2014: (4-16)

"Hesse-Kassel Stands Alone: The Battle of Sandershausen, July 23rd 1758," *Journal of the Seven Years' War Association*, Spring 2013: (4-19)

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

Awarded

2021 Dr. Wesley M. Bagby III Teaching Award (West Virginia University)

2019 Central European Historical Society Travel and Research Grant

2019 Massena Society Dissertation Research Fellowship

2019 Universität zu Köln Gast am Lehrstuhl für Neuere Geschichte Stipendium

2019 Society of the Cincinnati Library Fellowship

2019 West Virginia Humanities Travel Grant

2018 WVU History Department Research Travel Grant

PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

“Reforming the Army, Reforming the Country: 18th Century Military Reforms and their Repercussions on Domestic Politics and Society”

2020 Society of Military History

Virtual, November 11/13/2020

“Kabinettskriege and (Early) Modern War: Contextualizing Mid-Eighteenth-Century Violence against Civilians”

2019 Society of Military History

Columbus, Ohio, 5/12/2019

“Fear God and Honor the King: Religious Ideologies among British and Prussian Common Soldiers, 1740-1763”

2019 Consortium on the Revolutionary Era

Atlanta, Georgia, 2/28/2019

“‘God and the King’: Bonds of Affection and Respect among Common Soldiers for Frederick II of Prussia”

2018 German Studies Association Conference,

Pittsburgh, PA, 9/28/2018

“‘Without God and the King, I never would have lasted so long’: Common Soldiers in the Prussian Army, 1750-1765”

Twenty-Third Annual War College of the Seven Years' War

Fort Ticonderoga, Ticonderoga, NY, 5/19/2018

“‘We could not serve anywhere better than under the King,': Common Soldiers and Frederick II, 1756-1763”

Consortium on the Revolutionary Era,

Philadelphia, PA, 2/22/2018

“‘If you see a Negro you see a Thief:’ British Common Soldiers use of Ethnocentrism in identity construction, 1740-1783,”

Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, Charleston, SC, 2/24/2017

"Revolutionary Memories: American Rebels, British Soldiers, and Hessian *Subsidentruppen* Remember Virginia in the American War of Independence," Virginia Forum, Jamestown Virginia, 3/5/2016

DIGITAL HUMANITIES EXPERIENCE

Historical Blogspot "Kabinettskriege: An Eighteenth-Century Digital Humanities Project"
<http://kabinettskriege.blogspot.com/>

Mission:

- To provide the interested public with free access to the primary sources, material culture, and historiography of the *Kabinettskriege* era in an engaging and concise manner.

Focus:

- Examining conflict and culture from 1648-1789
- Writing readable historical content for a public audience
- Collaborating with specialist scholars in Europe and North America
- Providing books reviews of scholarly works