

**CURRICULUM VITAE FOR  
DR. STEPHEN R. TAAFFE  
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**Education:**

- PhD in History from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, in November 1995.

Dissertation: *MacArthur's New Guinea Road*. Directed by Dr. Marvin Fletcher.

Areas of Examination: US military history, US foreign relations, Latin American history, and Soviet history.

- MA in Political Science and MA in International Affairs (specialization in Latin America) in August 1991 from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio.

Master's thesis: *American Antarctic Policy During the Truman and Eisenhower Administrations*. Directed by Dr. Andrew Katz.

- BA in Political Science and Spanish from Grove City College in Grove City, Pennsylvania, in May 1989.

Graduated Summa Cum Laude with highest honors in Political Science and high honors in Spanish.

- Courses taught:  
*American History* – US History Survey I, US History Survey II, Revolutionary War Era, Early American Nationalism, Civil War/Reconstruction, Progressive Era, United States in World War Two, Post 1945 America, US Diplomatic History I, US Diplomatic History II, Global Diplomacy in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, US Military History.  
*World History* – World Civilizations II, Latin American History, Nonwestern World History, Europe in World War One  
*Political Science* – American Political Institutions, Introduction to Political Science, Comparative Political Thought, International Relations.  
*Graduate* – US Military History, Civil War Era, Research and Writing.

**Major Publications:**

- *Commanding the Pacific: Marine Corps Generals in World War II*. Published by Naval Institute Press in 2021.
- *Washington's Revolutionary War Generals*. Published by University of Oklahoma Press in 2019.
- *MacArthur's Korean War Generals*. Published by University Press of Kansas in 2016.

- “Firing Larry Gara: Grove City College, Due Process, and Institutional Autonomy.” In *Shaping the American Faculty (Perspectives on the History of Higher Education Annual)*. Published by Transaction Publishers in 2015.
- *Marshall and His Generals: US Army Commanders in World War II*. Published by University Press of Kansas in 2011.
- *Commanding Lincoln’s Navy: Union Naval Leadership During the Civil War*. Published by Naval Institute Press in 2009.
- *Commanding the Army of the Potomac*. Published by University Press of Kansas in 2006.
- *The Philadelphia Campaign, 1777-1778*. Published by University Press of Kansas in 2003.
- “Douglas MacArthur and the 1944 New Guinea Offensive. In *MacArthur and the American Century: A Reader*. Published by University of Nebraska Press in 2001.
- *MacArthur’s Jungle War: The 1944 New Guinea Campaign*. Published by University Press of Kansas in 1998.

#### **Selected Grants and Awards:**

- Awarded Regents Scholar by Stephen F. Austin State University’s board of regents, April 2022.
- Received US Commission on Military History’s Brigadier General James L. Collins, Jr. Book Prize in Military History for *Washington’s Revolutionary War Generals*, 2020.
- *Washington’s Revolutionary War Generals* was finalist for *Journal of the American Revolution’s* book of the year award, 2020.
- Received the Lukaszewicz Book Award from the US Military History Group for the year’s most outstanding book on US military history from 1945-2001 for *MacArthur’s Korean War Generals*, 2016.
- *Commanding Lincoln’s Navy* and *Commanding the Army of the Potomac* were both listed by the Civil War Era Studies Program at Gettysburg College as two of the top two hundred books/articles ever written on the Civil War era.
- Received the Grady McWhiney Award from the Civil War Round Table of Dallas, Texas, for contributions in Civil War history, 2013.
- Received Faculty Achievement Award in research from the SFASU Foundation, 2007.
- Received the Edwin B. Hooper Research Grant from the Naval Historical Foundation, 2006.
- Received Army Historical Foundation’s 2006 Distinguished Award for American history from 1775 to 1898 for *Commanding the Army of the Potomac*.
- Received Army Historical Foundation’s 2003 Distinguished Award for American history from 1775 to 1898 for *The Philadelphia Campaign*.
- *MacArthur’s Jungle War* was the History Book Club’s selection-of-the-month in January, 1998.

#### **Selected Public Appearances:**

- Speech to Sons of the Confederacy in Lufkin, Texas, on Union Navy command structure on 12 April 2022.

- Gave a speech to the SFA community on Marine Corps generals in World War Two in Nacogdoches, Texas, on 5 April 2022.
- Interviewed by Glenn Flickinger for Greatest Generation Live broadcast on Marine Corps generals.
- Interviewed by Glenn Flickinger for Greatest Generation Live broadcast on American World War Two generals on 20 September 2021.
- Interviewed for Eric Brammer's *Scuttle the Fleet* podcast on Union Navy leadership on 10 June 2021.
- Participant in Roger Williams' *Blue States versus Red States: Colonial Style* podcast on British Revolutionary War soldiers on 25 August 2020.
- Interviewed for Dave Kirby's radio show, *On the Bookshelf*, for WTBF in Troy, Alabama, for *Washington's Revolutionary War Generals* on 22 January 2020.
- Interviewed for New Books Network podcast for *Washington's Revolutionary War Generals* on 27 November 2019.
- Speech to Ohio State University's East Asian Studies Center in Columbus, Ohio, on *MacArthur's Korean War Generals* on 21 October 2019.
- Speech to the George C. Marshall Foundation in Lexington, Virginia, on army chief of staff George Marshall's selection of combat commanders during World War Two on 20 July 2017, available at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W-8jAS0f\\_jA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W-8jAS0f_jA). It has received almost 75,000 views.
- Speech to the Sons of the American Revolution in Nacogdoches, Texas, on American generals in the Korean War on 8 September 2016.
- Speech to the Civil War Round Table of Central Louisiana in Alexandria, Louisiana, entitled *The Selection of Union Navy Squadron Commanders* on 1 October 2015.
- Speech to the Tyler Sons of the American Revolution in Tyler, Texas, entitled *Washington's Generals* on 27 May 2015.
- Speech to the Austin Civil War Roundtable in Austin, Texas, entitled *Union Naval Organization during the Civil War* on 16 May 2013.
- Speech to the Dallas Civil War Roundtable in Dallas, Texas, on the *Union Naval Organization during the Civil War* on 9 January 2013.
- Speech to the Marshall Foundation in Richmond, Virginia, entitled *George Marshall's Leadership* on 13 March 2012.
- Speech to the Dallas Civil War Round Table in Dallas, Texas, entitled *the Army of the Potomac's Command Structure* on 12 January 2011.
- Interviewed by Fred Snyder for his radio program on WNET in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, about *Commanding Lincoln's Navy* on 1 June 2009.
- Interviewed by Gerry Prokopowicz for *Civil War Talk Radio* in Greenville, North Carolina, about *Commanding the Army of the Potomac* on 6 October 2006.
- Interviewed for and appeared on Public Broadcasting Corporation's *The American Experience* documentary on Douglas MacArthur that aired on 17-18 May 1999.

### **Selected Committee and Administrative Assignments:**

#### *University Level:*

- Provost Search Committee, 2020-21.
- Policy Committee, 2014-17.

- Faculty Senate, 2014-17.
- Computer and Technology Advisory Committee, 2001-02.

*College Level:*

- Liberal and Applied Arts College Council, 2007-15, 2018-21.
- Promotion Committee, 2019.
- Tenure Committee, 2006-14 (Chair 2006-08, 2009-14).
- Writing Committee, 2004-05.

*Department Level:*

- Latin Americanist Search Committee (Chair), 2014-17.
- Early US Republic Search Committee (Chair), 2011-12.
- Latin Americanist Search Committee (Chair), 2006-07.
- Wrote History Department's Hiring Policy, 2006.
- US History Survey I Assessment Committee (Coordinator), 2006-08.
- Department Chair Search Committee, 2006.
- Scheduling Committee, 2005-07.
- Executive Committee, 2001-03, 2005-07, 2008-10, 2011-13, 2016-18.
- Latin Americanist Search Committee, 2005-06.
- Scholarship Committee, 2004-07, 2008-13.
- Colonial/Revolutionary War Era Search Committee, 2004-05.
- Graduate Program Review Committee, 2004.
- Technology Committee, 2003-04.
- Modern Americanist Search Committee, 2001-03.