

## **Steven C. Soper**

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### **Education**

- Ph.D. History, University of Michigan, 1996
- M.A. History, University of Michigan, 1989
- M.A. International Relations, The Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (S.A.I.S.), 1985
- B.A. History, Trinity College (Hartford, CT), 1983

### **Teaching**

- Associate Professor, University of Georgia, 2021-present
- Assistant Professor, University of Georgia, 2015-2021
- Lecturer, University of Georgia, 2006-2015
- Instructor, University of Georgia, 2000-2006
- Instructor, Roosevelt University, 1999-2000
- Instructor, Loyola University of Chicago, 1998-2000
- Visiting Assistant Professor of History, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, 1996-98.

### **Teaching Honors and Awards**

- University of Georgia, Franklin College Sandy Beaver Excellence in Teaching Award, 2025.
- Department of History's Gregory Award for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Education, 2019.
- UGA Special Collections Libraries Teaching Fellow, 2017-18.
- University of Georgia, Franklin College Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, 2015.
- University of Georgia Honors Program, J. Hatten Howard III Award, 2014.

### **Teaching Supervision**

**CURO projects:** Arthur Shockley, 2005-6; Noah Koon, 2008-9; Danielle Berke, 2009; Kelsey Walsh, 2009-10; Emily Elmore, 2010; Kayci Schoon, 2011; Caitlin Heaton, 2011-12; Park McDougald, 2012-13; Adriana Del Valle, 2012-13; Leah Abigail Scott, 2015-2016; Zoe Condon, 2015-2016; Robert Schaaf, 2016-2017; Max Harris, 2020.

**Independent Study:** Justin Lynch, 2016; Sydney Farmer, 2023; Katie Leslie, 2025.

**M.A. Thesis Advisor:** Gordon Purcell, 2016-2020; Christopher Bowers, M.A. student, 2018-2020; Liana Giannapoulos, 2025-

**M.A. & Ph.D. Committee Member:** Alexander Stephens, 2015-2016; Alexander Nordlund, 2017-2019; April Smith, 2015-2020; Kaitlin Dotson, 2019-2020; Austin Coke, 2023-2024; Rory Oates, 2023-2024; Ben Roy, 2023-2025.

## **Selected Research Grants**

- (with Sarah Shannon, University of Georgia), Franklin College of Arts & Sciences Multidisciplinary Seed Grant Program, Innovation in Interdisciplinary Instruction (I-Cubed) Award, 2025.
- University of Georgia Willson Center for Arts & Humanities Fellowship, 2024.
- (with Sarah Shannon, University of Georgia), Fairchild-Holcomb Award for Innovation in the Humanities, 2024.
- (with Charles Forsdick, University of Liverpool), University of Georgia and University of Liverpool, Program to Advance Funded Collaboration in the Social Sciences, Awarded April 2023
- (with Barry Godfrey, University of Liverpool; and Heather Ann Thompson, University of Michigan), National Endowment of the Humanities, Digital Humanities Advancement Grant, Level I, Historical Profiles of American Incarceration. Awarded Dec. 2018.
- Trinity College Research Grant in Modern Italian History. Awarded April 2018.
- University of Georgia Willson Center for Arts & Humanities Fellowship, 2015.
- NEH Summer Seminar: *Italy in the Age of the Risorgimento* (John A. Davis and David I. Kertzer), Rome, 2013.

## **Selected Academic Honors and Awards**

- Fondazione dell'Associazione Culturale Alessandro Poerio, Naples, Italy, Premio Poerio-Imbriani, 2021.
- Society for Italian Historical Studies, Marraro Prize for the best book on Italian history, 2015.
- American Association of Italian Studies, award for the best book on 18th- or 19th-century Italy, 2014.

## **Selected Publications**

- Building a Civil Society: Associations, Public Life, and the Origins of Modern Italy*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2013.
- "Scattered friends and collected memories: The unpublished letters of fellow prisoners to Sigismondo Castromediano," in *Metodo e passione: Studi sulla modernità letteraria in onore di Antonio Lucio Giannone*, a cura di Giuseppe Bonifacino, Simone Giorgino, e Carlo Santoli. Naples: scuola di Pitagora, 2022.
- "Southern Italian Prisoners on the Stage of International Politics," *Journal of Modern Italian Studies*, 25:2 (2020): 95-117.
- "Mai dimenticare: Gli elenchi dei nomi di patrioti nelle *Memorie* di Sigismondo Castromediano," in *Tra realtà storica e finzione letteraria: Studi su Sigismondo Castromediano*, a cura di Antonio Lucio Giannone. Lecce: Pensa, 2019.

**Selected Professional Service**

Member, George Mosse Prize Committee, American Historical Association, 2021-2023. Chair of the Committee, 2022-2023.

Member, Baker-Burton Award Committee, European History Section of the Southern Historical Association. 2017-2021.

**University Service (at the University of Georgia)**

History Department, Undergraduate Committee, 2020-present

Member, Faculty Senate, Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, 2016-present.

Member, Executive Committee, 2017-2020.

History Department, Policy Committee, 2017-2020.

Data Literacy Committee, 2018-present.