

STEPHEN BUONO

Assistant Professor of Humanities
Alexander Hamilton School of Classical and Civic Education
University of Florida
Gainesville, FL 32611
978-870-9659 | stephen.buono@uf.edu

Academic Appointments

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, Gainesville, FL Assistant Professor of Humanities Hamilton School of Classical and Civic Education	2025–Present
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, Chicago, IL Harper-Schmidt Collegiate Assistant Professor Department of History	2023–2025
HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Cambridge, MA Ernest May Fellow in History & Policy Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs	2022–2023
STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Palo Alto, CA Humanities Postdoctoral Fellow Center for International Security and Cooperation	2020–2022
CORNELL COLLEGE, Mount Vernon, IA Visiting Professor Department of History	2019

Publications

Books

THE PROVINCE OF ALL MANKIND: HOW OUTER SPACE BECAME U.S. FOREIGN POLICY
(Cornell University Press, 2025)

GOVENRING THE MOON: A HISTORY
(National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 2025)

Peer-Reviewed Articles

“The Interplanetary School of IR,” *International History Review* 46, no. 2 (2024): 242-260.

“‘Merely a Scrap of Paper’? The Outer Space Treaty in Historical Perspective, *Diplomacy & Statecraft* 31, no. 2 (June 2020): 350–72

“‘This Grim Game’: Kennedy and Arms Control for Outer Space,” *Diplomatic History* 43, no. 5 (November 2019): 840–66.

Manuscripts Under Review

“Bad Moon Rising: American Neoliberalism and the Dream of Lunar Riches,” *Journal of American History* (revise and resubmit)

Book Chapters

“The Devil’s Glow: Nuclear Weapons and the Space Environment,” in *NASA and the Environment*, eds. Neil Maher and Brian Odom (press TBD, forthcoming 2024)

“The History of Space Security,” in *Oxford Handbook of Space Security* (with Aaron Bateman, Oxford University Press, forthcoming, 2023)

Book Reviews

Review Essay of Christine E. Evans and Lars Lundgren, *No Heavenly Bodies: A History of Satellite Communications Infrastructure* (Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 2023). *H-Sci-Med-Tech*, November 2024.

Review Essay of Bleddyn E. Bowen. *Original Sin: Power, Technology and War in Outer Space* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2022) *H-Diplo*

Policy & Commentary

“Need something more to worry about? Here comes space junk,” *Chicago Tribune*, November 22, 2021.

“Fear about China’s new space weapon echoes older worries about war from space,” *The Washington Post*, October 26, 2021.

“It’s Time to Reignite U.S.-Russian Space Cooperation: Nuclear Power May Hold the Key,” *Bulletin of Atomic Scientists* 77, no. 4 (July 21, 2021): 203-06.

“Sanctuary or Battlefield? Fighting for the Soul of American Space Policy,” *Perspectives on History* 58, no. 5A (2020).

“For Sale: The Moon,” *The Hill*, October 20, 2020.

Teaching

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

SOSC 16100: Varieties of Social Imagination

Fall 2023

SOSC 16200: Population and Thought

Winter 2024

SOSC 16300: Research Practicum

Spring 2024

STANFORD UNIVERSITY

INTL POL 240: “Contemporary Issues in International Security”

Winter 2022

CORNELL COLLEGE

HIST 154: "The Making of Modern America"	Spring 2019
HIST 354: "American Social History from 1940"	Spring 2019

INDIANA UNIVERSITY

HIST A380: "The Vietnam War" (instructor)	Summer 2018
HIST H106: "Modern U.S. History" (assoc. instructor)	Fall 2016
I-100: "Introduction to International Studies" (assoc. instructor)	Spring 2016
HIST H105: "American History I, 1492-1865" (course assistant)	Fall 2015
HIST A383: "Music in Modern America" (course assistant)	Spring 2015
HIST H382: "The 1960's" (course assistant)	Fall 2014

Awards, Grants & Fellowships

Harper-Schmidt Teaching Fellowship, The University of Chicago	2023
Ernest May Fellowship in History & Policy, Harvard University	2022
Research Fellowship, Center for Space Governance	2022
CISAC Humanities Postdoctoral Fellowship, Stanford University	2021
CISAC Postdoctoral Fellowship, Stanford University	2020
AHA-NASA Fellowship in Aerospace History	2019
Ruth Lilly History Fellowship, Indiana University	2019
Kohlmeier Fellowship, Indiana University	2018
Paul V. McNutt Fellowship, Indiana University	2017
Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr. Research Fellowship, John F. Kennedy Library	2016
Eisenhower Presidential Library Travel Grant	2016
Carnegie International Policy Scholars Honorarium	2016

Conference Papers & Invited Talks

Panels Organized

"U.S. Foreign Relations in Extreme Environments," Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR), Washington, DC, June 2023

"Beyond the Space Race: New Technology and the Cold War Cosmos," Annual Meeting Of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June 23, 2018

Papers Presented

"Metalaw: Philosophy and the Birth of a New Legal Discipline," Thinking Outer Space: Philosophy, Astroculture and the Histories of Planetarity, NYU Berlin, Berlin, July 19-21, 2023

"Bad Moon Rising: The United States, the Global South, and the Battle for Lunar Riches," Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, Washington,

DC, June 15–17, 2023

“Lunartics; or How We Avoided a Space War,” International Security Policy Seminar Series, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard University, April 20, 2023

“The Devil’s Glow: Starfish Prime and the Invention of Outer Space,” NASA and the Environment Symposium, Georgetown University, September 29–30, 2022

“Lunartics; or How We Avoided a Space War,” Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR), New Orleans, LA, June 16–20, 2022

“Lunar Governance: Its History and Politics,” EU/Asia Institute Space Policy Conference, ESA Center for Earth Observation, Rome, November 8–10, 2021 (with Teasel Muir-Harmony)

“Nuclear Weapons and the Birth of the Global Commons,” Center for International Security and Cooperation Weekly Seminar Series, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA, March 17, 2021 (with Ryan A. Musto)

“The Interplanetary Project: The Rise of Comic Philosophy after World War II,” UCSB/GWU/LSE International Conference on the Cold War, Santa Barbara, CA, April 30–May 2, 2020

“A Post-Colonial Moment? Apollo and American Empire,” Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association (AHA), St. Louis, Missouri, January 3–6, 2019

“An Ocean of Peace: Dreaming of Disarmament in Outer Space, 1957–1963,” Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June 23, 2018

“Stars of Hope: Early Satellites and the Promise of World Peace,” Annual Global Affairs Conference, Rutgers University, Newark, New Jersey, April 13, 2018

“A Foreign Policy for Outer Space?” Paul Lucas History Conference, Indiana University, October 7, 2016

Education

INDIANA UNIVERSITY, Bloomington, IN 2020
PhD, History

Dissertation: “The Province of All Mankind: Outer Space and the Promise of Peace”

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY, Fairfax, VA 2012
MA, History

BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY, Binghamton NY 2011

BA, History

Professional Development

Space Governance Landscape Mapping, Center for Space Governance, Washington, DC	2022
Lab-to-Lab Young Scholars Program (U.S.-Russia Space Cooperation), Stanford, CA	2020-21
International Policy Scholars Workshop, Blue Mountain, NY	2016-17
International Policy Scholars Workshop, Washington, DC	2016-17
Woodrow Wilson Center, Nuclear Boot Camp, Rome Tre University, Rome, Italy	2013

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard University
Center for Space Governance (CSG)
American Historical Association (AHA)
Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR)
Carnegie International Policy Scholars Consortium (IPSCON)
Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University (CISAC)