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EDUCATION:

PhD	History	University of Kentucky	1998
MA	History	Central Washington University	1994
BA	History	Central Washington University	1993

ACADEMIC POSTIONS:

Assistant Professor	History	EKU	2003-2007
Visiting Professor	History	EKU	2000-2003
Instructor	History/Asian Studies	University of Maryland, South Korea	Summer 2000
Instructor	History	University of Kentucky	1999-2000
Instructor	History/Asian Studies	University of Maryland, South Korea	1998-99

PART-TIME TEACHING/ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE IN HIGHER EDUCATION: (Include teaching assistantships.)

Rank/Position	Discipline	Institution	Dates
DE Instructor	History/Asian Studies	University of Maryland	2000-2003
Instructor	History	Eastern Kentucky University – Corbin	1999-2000
Instructor	History	Lexington Community College	Fall 1999
Instructor	History	University of Kentucky	1997
Teaching Assistant	History	University of Kentucky	1995-97
Instructor	History	Central Washington University	1994
Teaching Assistant	History	Central Washington University	1993

TEACHING:

Course Prefix And Number	Title	Times Taught (from fall 2000 through fall 2007)
HIS 202	American Civilization to 1877	8
HIS 203	American Civilization from 1877	13
HIS 246	World Civilization to 1500	7
HIS 247	World Civilization from 1500	14
HIS 300 (now HIS 434)	History of the Vietnam War	8
HIS 302	American Foreign Relations	1
HIS 433	American Foreign Relations	1
HIS 449	Readings in History	1
HIS 862	The Vietnam War in Vietnamese History	1
HIS 862	American Foreign Relations	1

PUBLISHED WORKS

Scholarly Books:

Robert Topmiller, *The Lotus Unleashed: The Buddhist Peace Movement in South Vietnam, 1964-66*. (Lexington, The University Press of Kentucky, 2002).

Robert Topmiller, *The Lotus Unleashed: The Buddhist Peace Movement in South Vietnam, 1964-66*. (Lexington, The University Press of Kentucky, 2005). Paperback edition.

Robert Topmiller, *Hoa Sen Bat Nhiem, Phong Trao Hoa Binh Phat Giao o Mien Nam 1964-1966* (The Lotus Unleashed: The Buddhist Peace Movement in South Vietnam, 1964-66). (Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, Tam Tin Publishers, 2005).

Refereed Journal Articles:

Robert Topmiller, "Struggling for Peace: South Vietnamese Buddhist Women and Resistance to the Vietnam War." *Journal of Women's History* (Fall, 2005): 133-157.

Robert Topmiller, "1966 – A Missed Opportunity For Peace in Vietnam." *Peace & Change* (January, 2002): 59-96.

Robert Topmiller, "Confrontation In Danang: III MAF and the Buddhist Struggle Movement in South Vietnam, 1966." *The Journal of American-East Asian Relations*, (Spring, 2000): 207-234.

Robert Topmiller, "Vietnamese Buddhism in the 1990s." *Cross Currents* (June, 2000): 232-239.

Robert Topmiller, "The Buddhist Crisis of 1964." *Selected Papers in Asian Studies* New Series # 58, (Fall, 1997): 1-49. Western Conference of the Association For Asian Studies.

Other Published Works:

Robert Topmiller, Invited review essay, "Dangerous Days Along the DMZ" for *The Kentucky Register* (Spring, 2004): 449-452.

Robert Topmiller, review of *The Vietnam War in History, Literature and Film* by Mark Taylor for *Military History of the West* (2006).

Robert Topmiller, review of *A Patch of Ground: Khe Sanh Remembered* by Michael Archer for *Red Clay* (Summer, 2005): 5.

Robert Topmiller, review of *The War for South Vietnam* by Anthony James Joes for *Military History of the West* (2004): 69-70.

Robert Topmiller, review of *Even the Women Must Fight* by Karen Gottschang Turner for the *Kentucky Register* (Winter, 2000): 128-130.

Non-Refereed Published Creative Works:

Robert Topmiller, *Red Clay on My Boots: Encounters with Khe Sanh, 1968 to 2005*. (Minneapolis, Kirk House Publishers, 2007).

ORAL PAPERS PRESENTED/ INVITED LECTURES

Presentations:

Robert Topmiller, "The Vietnamese Occupation of Cambodia, 1978-89," Ohio Valley History Conference, East Tennessee State University, 2006.

Robert Topmiller, "The Vietnamese Occupation of Cambodia: 1978-89," Eastern Kentucky University History Department Lecture Series, 2007.

Robert Topmiller, "The Orange Colored Poison: The Continuing US Ecological Assault on the Children of Vietnam," Peace History Society, Winthrop University, 2006.

Robert Topmiller, "Wars Last Forever, the Grim Legacy of the Vietnam War." ECU Chautauqua War and Peace Lecture Series, 2003.

Robert Topmiller, "The Chams of Vietnam." Chautauqua Lecture Series, Indigenous Land Rights: A Global Perspective, Eastern Kentucky University, 2003.

Robert Topmiller, "Struggling for Peace: The Unrecognized Sacrifices of Buddhist Women During the Vietnam War." Ohio Valley Conference, Western Kentucky University, 2001.

Robert Topmiller, "Confrontation In Danang: III MAF and the Buddhist Struggle Movement in South Vietnam, 1966." Ohio Valley Conference, Austin Peay State University, 1997.

Robert Topmiller, "The Buddhist Crisis of 1964." Western Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, Weber State University, 1996.

Invited Lectures:

Robert Topmiller, Invited Panel member, "Bringing War into the Classroom," Kentucky Association of Teachers of History Conference, Northern Kentucky University, 2006.

Robert Topmiller "Endless Devastation: A Voyage from Khe Sanh 1968 to Gio Linh 2003." NKU Military Lecture Series, Northern Kentucky University, 2005.

Robert Topmiller, "Dialogue Among Nations: East Asian International Relations." Panel Chair, Southeast Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, Lexington, Kentucky, 2005.

Robert Topmiller, "The Buddhist Crisis of 1966," Central Washington University, Ellensburg Washington, 2004.

Robert Topmiller, "Women and the Buddhist Peace Movement in Vietnam." Berea College Buddhist Student Association, 2003.

Robert Topmiller, "The Ultimate Weapon of Mass Destruction – Agent Orange – a silent killer that destroys future generations." Berea College, 2003.

Robert Topmiller, "Popular Culture and Identity in Post-1945 America." Panel Commenter, Ohio Valley History Conference, 2003.

Robert Topmiller, "The Cold War in the Commonwealth." Panel Commenter, Bluegrass Symposium, University of Kentucky, 2003.

Robert Topmiller, "The Challenge of Ethnic and Religious Minorities in Communist Vietnam." Eastern Kentucky University History Department Lecture Series, 2002.

Robert Topmiller, "Historical Interpretations of the Decision to Drop the Atom Bomb." Kentuckians Remember WWII, Eastern Kentucky University, 2001.

Robert Topmiller, "The Impact of the Korean War on US Foreign Policy." The University of Maryland, Yongsan, Korea, 2000.

Robert Topmiller, "Culture and the Vietnam War." Panel Commenter, Bluegrass Symposium, University of Kentucky, 2000.

Robert Topmiller, "American Foreign Policy in East Asia: 1945-1999." Honam University, Kwangju, South Korea, 1999.

Robert Topmiller, "Commemorating the Holocaust." 8th Army Days of Remembrance, Yongsan, South Korea, 1999.

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Funded Projects as PI

- 2005 University Research Committee Grant, “The Vietnamese Occupation of Cambodia, 1978-89,” Eastern Kentucky University, \$5000.
- NEH Summer Seminar, “America’s Longest War: Vietnam, 1945-1975,” University of Miami, \$4000.
- 2003 Kentucky Institute for Middle School Teachers Grant to develop a new graduate course to be delivered in a distance education format, \$8,500.
- 2002 Kentucky Institute for Middle School Teachers Grant to develop a new graduate course to be delivered in a distance education format, \$8500.
- 2001 University Research Committee Grant, “An Investigation of Highlander Attitudes Towards Vietnamese Encroachment on their land and Community Religious Persecution” \$1,500.
- 2000 University Research Committee Grant, “An Investigation of Hoa Hao and Cao Dai Attitudes Towards The Buddhist Peace Movement and US Intervention during the Vietnam War,” \$1,000.
- 1997 Graduate Research Council Travel Grant, University of Kentucky, “Dissertation Research in Vietnam,” \$3000.
- 1997 Haggin Fellowship, University of Kentucky, \$9000.
- 1996 Marine Corps Historical Foundation Grant, “The Buddhist Peace Movement in South Vietnam,” Marine Corps Historical Foundation, \$2000.
- Moody Grant, “The Buddhist Peace Movement in South Vietnam,” The Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation, \$550.
- 1995 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, University of Wisconsin-Madison, \$5000. “Vietnamese language training.”

STUDENT SUPERVISION (Scholarly/Creative Activities)

Graduate Students supervised:

2007

Wrote and graded MA question for Jon Mansfield

Deb Boggs – independent study

2006

Wrote and graded MA question for Joe Smyth

Wrote and graded MA question and served on Ryan New’s MA Committee

Served on Jamie Tester's MAT Committee

Undergraduate Students supervised:

2006/2007

Tim Cross – Honor's Thesis

Justin Carroll – independent study

2006

Glenn Kahmann – independent study

2005/2006

Nate McGee – Honor's Thesis

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

Department Committee, dates

Social Committee 2002/2003

Graduate advisory committee 2003/2004

Travel Committee 2005/2006

Sabbatical Committee 2003/2004 & 2006-2007

Merit Pay **chair** 2005/2006 & 2006/2007

Merit Pay Appeals Committee **chair** 2003/2004

Kentucky Institute for Middle School Teachers Grant to develop a new graduate course to be delivered in a distance education format **chair** 2002/2003 & 2003/2004

Native American Search Committee 2006

African Search Committee 2005/2006

Islamic Search Committee 2005/2006

Women's History Search Committee 2005/2006

College Committee

Merit Pay Appeals 2003/2004

Other institutional service, dates

Faculty advisor, EKV Colonels for Peace. Eastern Kentucky University 2003/2004

Academic Advisor Spring 2006 to present

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Memberships:

Phi Alpha Theta - History Honor Society

Phi Kappa Phi - Academic Honor Society

Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations

Organization of American Historians
American Historical Association
Western Association of Asian Studies
Peace History Society
Southeast Conference of the Association for Asian Studies

HONORS AND AWARDS

2006/2007 College of Arts and Sciences Excellence in Research and Creative Activities Award,
Eastern Kentucky University

Central Washington University College of Arts and Humanities, Distinguished Alumnus for 2005