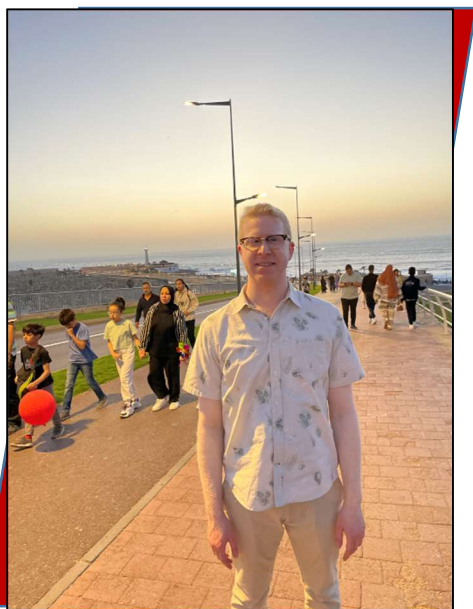


(2021-22), received both a Samuel Flagg Bemis Dissertation Research Grant from the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) and a Marvin Wachman Fellowship in Force and Diplomacy from CENFAD in Fall 2023. Additionally, in March 2024, he won the Richard K. Davis and Karen L. Rylander-Davis Research Award offered by Temple University's College of Liberal Arts in support of his intended research in the Andes.

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Research Reports

This section contains brief reports from student who have benefitted from CENFAD provided funding in completing their research. To find out more about the funding opportunities offered by CENFAD, please look at our [funding page](#).



Ethan Cohen, PhD Candidate Temple University

I have benefitted several times from CENFAD funding, having previously received the Jeffrey Bower Endowed Research Fellowship, two Marvin Wachman Fellowships in Force and Diplomacy, and the Richard Immerman Research Award.

I am currently researching in Tangier, where a tourist brochure from 1929 matches nearly verbatim contemporary marketing for the city, stating “Here the Orient is discovered... utterly different civilizations have been drawn together... gateway of Morrocco... charm... threshold of the East.” Freudian historian like Anne McClintock would have a field day!

The idea of “utterly different civilizations” operates as the uniting theme of my chapters in progress. Also, my search for women in the archive has led me to colonial hospitals and schools. With a little creativity this archive is rich, except for the total absence of women of color in their own words.

As I connect the colonial with the metropolitan, for example through 1920s hygiene discourse around North Africa, I think I can show how profoundly colonialism affected culture.

Brandon Kinney PhD Candidate Temple University

It is due to the generous funding and incredible of donors and the Center for the Student of Force and Diplomacy that students like me are able to conduct the latest historical research in diplomatic and military history.

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As a fortunate recipient of the Richard Immerman Research Award and Mengel Family Scholarship Fund, I was able to complete the primary research in archives in both the United States and Germany in support of my in-process dissertation on West German-American cultural reconciliation after the Second World War. These awards helped to defray the costs of travel and research at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, the National Archives and Records Administration in College Park, MD, the Institute for the History of Frankfurt in Frankfurt am Main (in the shadow of St. Paul's Church, a central cultural site of my dissertation), and the Hessian Central State Archives in Wiesbaden. In these archives, I was able to discover how state and non-state actors in West Germany and the United States used shared celebrations as a means of cultural reconciliation and solidifying the ideological Atlantic world during the Cold War. In enabling me to travel widely to various archives, this funding has helped me to tell a story that is multilingual and transatlantic in scope.

Owing to the incredible support of CENFAD, this research has also resulted in two forthcoming peer-reviewed articles (derived from dissertation chapters), to be published in the *Journal of Military History* and the *Journal of Transatlantic Studies*.



Casey VanSise, PhD Candidate Temple University

As a History PhD Candidate at Temple University whose ongoing dissertation work focuses on US relations with heterodox military governments in Bolivia, Panama, and Peru during the Cold War that contributed to the development of the Reagan Doctrine, my research endeavors both within the United States and abroad have been made possible from the generous funding that I received via the Marvin Wachman Fellowship in Force and Diplomacy during the 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24 academic years.

In October 2022, I was able to apply around one-third of the \$3000 of Wachman funds that I received in the spring of that same year toward covering transportation, accommodation, and meal expenses while performing archival research on materials from the John Birch Society collection at Brown University's John Hay Library. Much of the remainder of those Wachman funds from Spring 2022 would later cover transportation and meal expenses while I was pursuing research on assorted collections at the Hoover Institution Library and Archives on the Stanford

University campus in March 2023. Thereafter, another Wachman Fellowship in the amount of \$2500 that I was granted in Spring 2023 (in tandem with \$720 of leftover Wachman funds from Spring 2022) allowed me to pursue extensive research in Panama during Summer 2023 at locations including the Panamanian Foreign Ministry archives, the National Library of Panama, the Simon Bolivar Inter-American Library at the University of Panama, the Panamanian Center for Research and Social Action (CEASPA), and the Panamanian Electoral Tribunal by covering my accommodation, travel, and meal expenses.

Having received a further \$2100 in Wachman Fellowship funding during the Fall 2023 semester, I look forward to applying this toward supporting planned research trips in Bolivia and Peru during the upcoming summer of 2024. I thank CENFAD for the myriad ways in which their support has facilitated my research!

Elías Gonzalez, CENFAD Emerging Scholar Graduate Award Winner

Elías Gonzalez received the 2023 CENFAD Emerging Scholar Award, which provides funding for one three-credit course per semester over two years. In the following conversation, Elías describes his research interests, how he came to Temple, and how his family has inspired his work.

JJ: Tell us a bit about your research.

EG: The research I submitted for the program was generated for the application because I hadn't really worked in the field. I was politically involved, and into history, but I didn't really have any kind of formal training. It was my chance to put my ideas together and figure out what I was going to do. So, it started with the conflict between Haiti and the Dominican Republic, which is something I am still interested in, but as I got into the program I think I was able to narrow down my interest. Now I am focused on the 1965 US intervention. My parents and my grandmother come from that time period, so it drew my interest.

JJ: What got you interested in Temple? Was it because of the scholarship opportunity?

EG: Actually, the scholarship had nothing to do with it. To be honest with you, I applied to Temple because I went there for undergrad. I've always just respected Temple's academic stamp. It was a familiar place, and I had a friend who was one of the people who helped me on my reading journey. She was involved at Temple with her PhD in Anthropology. I knew there were positive elements at Temple showing they were serious about scholarship and studies.

JJ: It's cool that you were able to do that, and that you got the scholarship. You went from not having written a serious history paper to getting financial support. I can only imagine how awesome that must have felt.

EG: It felt really good. My parents were very proud.

JJ: How has your first year been? Have you had any favorite classes?