**Nager**

**Education**

Ph.D., History, The Graduate Center, City University of New York 2023

M.Phil., History, The Graduate Center, City University of New York, 2020

M.A, History, The Graduate Center, City University of New York, 2019

M.A, History, The College of William & Mary, 2017

B.A., History, Columbia University, 2016

**Biography**

Dr. Cody Nager is a historian of immigration in the age of the early republic. Before joining Sam Houston, Dr. Nager was a research fellow at the Hoover Institution History Lab at Stanford University. At Stanford, Dr. Nager taught courses on American immigration and citizenship. Dr. Nager has also taught at Texas Tech University.

In addition to his fellowship at Stanford, Dr. Nager was a dissertation fellow at the University of Pennsylvania McNeil Center for Early American Studies. His book: *Determined to be American: Regulating Immigration and Citizenship in the Early American Republic, 1783-1815*, is currently under review at Oxford University Press.

Dr. Nager is a member of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic and the Omohundro Institute for Early American History and Culture.

**Courses**

**Undergraduate:**

HSTY 1302 U.S. History sn 1876

HSTY 4399 Senior Seminar

**Selected Publications:**

“The Tension Between Openness and Security” in “The Immigration Puzzle: Four Ways to Think About the Path to Citizenship”, *Stanford Magazine*. Winter 2025.

“Lessons for American Immigration Policy from the Past*,” Stanford University Hoover Institution Policy Brief No. 2404*, Hoover Institution Press, October 2024.

“Migration Without Movement: The Struggle over Race and Citizenship as Borders Expanded in the Early Republic.” *The Journal of Early American History* (October 2024).

“How Atlantic Mobility Shaped American Naturalization in the Confederation Period,” *The Journal of American Ethnic History.* 41:2 (Winter 2022): 5-25.

“The Fading Mirage of Revolution: The French Expeditionary Force’s Disillusionment with America, 1780-1782,” *The Historian* 81:3 (Fall 2019): 426-47.

**Rothera**

**Education**

Ph.D., History, The Pennsylvania State University, 2017

M.A., History, The Pennsylvania State University, 2012

B.A., History and Spanish, Gettysburg College, 2010

**Biography**

Dr. Evan C. Rothera is the author of *Civil Wars and Reconstructions in the Americas*, a pioneering, multi-prize-winning study that situates the U.S. Civil War in a hemispheric context. In 2020, with Brian Matthew Jordan, he edited *The War Went On: Reconsidering the Lives of Civil War Veterans* (Louisiana State University Press).

Before joining Sam Houston, Dr. Rothera was an assistant professor at the University of Arkansas, Fort Smith. Dr. Rothera also served as a post-doctoral teaching fellow and lecturer at Pennsylvania State University.

**Courses**

**Undergraduate:**

HSTY 1301 U.S. History to 1876

**Graduate:**

HIST 5385 Latin American History

**Selected Publications:**

*Civil Wars and Reconstructions in the Americas: The United States, Mexico, and Argentina, 1860–1880* (Conflicting Worlds: New Dimensions of the American Civil War, LSU Press, 2022).

“The Tenacious ‘Twin Relic:’ Republicans, Polygamy, and The Late Corporation of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints v. United States,” Journal of Supreme Court History 41 (March 2016): 21 – 38.

“Joaquín Murrieta,” in American Myths, Legends, and Tall Tales: An Encyclopedia of American Folklore, eds. Jeff Webb and Christopher Fee, (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2016), Volume 2: 685 – 687.

“Elections,” “Electoral System,” and “Spoils System,” in Ideas and Movements that Shaped America: From the Bill of Rights to “Occupy Wall Street”, eds. Michael S. Green and Scott L. Stabler (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2015), Volume 1: 355 – 360; 360 – 364 and Volume 3: 958 – 963.

“Forgotten Fire-Eater: William Barksdale in History and Memory,” The Journal of Mississippi History, LXXII (Winter 2010): 401 – 425.

**Brettle**

**Education**

Ph.D., American History, University of Virginia, 2014

M.A., History, Pembroke College, Cambridge University, 1998

B.A., History, Pembroke College, Cambridge University, 1994

**Biography**

Dr. Adrian Brettle is the author of *Colossal Ambitions*, a study of Confederate planning for the postwar world, which was a finalist for the Gilder-Lehrman Lincoln Prize in 2021. Before joining Sam Houston, Dr. Brettle was an assistant teaching professor at Arizona State University, where he taught courses on The Civil War, U.S. Race and Law, and Modern Europe.

**Courses**

**Undergraduate:**

HSTY 1301 U.S. History to 1876

**Graduate:**

HIST 5301 Methods in History

HIST 5364 Seminar in War & Violence

HIST 5364 Film and War in America

HIST 5374 Seminar in History of the American South

**Selected Publications:**

“Free Speech in the Civil War,” *Journal of Policy History* 35:4 (October 2023), 475-504

*Colossal Ambitions: Confederate Planning for a Post-Civil War World* (Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2020)

“Confederate Imagined Relations with the Federals in the Postwar Order,” *Civil War History* 65:1 (March 2019), 43-72

“Struggling to Realize a Vast Future: The Civil War as a Contest Over the Relative Priorities of Political Liberty and Economic Prosperity,” *Journal of Policy History* 29:2 (Spring 2017), 267-88

“1864: The Genesis of a New Tory World?” in Jeremy Black, ed., *The Tory World: A Deep History and the Tory Theme in British Foreign Policy* (Farnham, U.K.: Ashgate, 2015), 187-202