

# Bo Blew

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## EDUCATION

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### PhD Candidate, History, Purdue University

August 2017-present

Dissertation: "Laboratories of Government: Private Foundations in American Political History, 1968-2008"

Committee: Kathryn Cramer Brownell, John Lauritz  
Larson, Frederick Rowe Davis, Lily Geismer

### M.A., History, Purdue University

May 2019

### BA History, University of Central Arkansas

May 2017

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Book Chapter:

"Private Foundations and The Health Security Task Force: Using C-SPAN to Understand Perceptions of Expertise," in *Democracy and the Media: The Year in C-SPAN Archive Research*, edited by Robert Browning, Purdue University Press, 2021.

### Opinion Piece:

"Dark money in politics is a problem. History points to a solution." *The Washington Post*, September 28, 2022.

## GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

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### Fellowships:

Ross-Lynn Research Scholar Fund Fellowship, Purdue University.	Fall 2021-Summer 2022
Made By History Summer Fellowship, Made By History, <i>The Washington Post</i> .	Summer 2021
CLA Dean's Fellowship, College of Liberal Arts, Purdue University (Declined)	Fall 2021
Teaching Fellow, Indiana Digital Humanities Research Institute (Canceled Covid-19)	Summer 2020

### Grants:

Dean Knudsen PhD Dissertation Completion Grant, Purdue University.	Spring 2021
Harold Woodman Graduate Research Award, Purdue University.	Spring 2021
Research Grant, Center for C-SPAN Scholarship and Engagement.	Fall 2020
Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation Research Grant.	Fall 2020
Moody Research Grant, The Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation.	Summer 2019

### Awards:

Provost's Award, Exceptional Teaching and Instructional Support, Purdue University	Spring 2021
George Mayer Award for Excellence in Teaching and Leadership, Purdue University	Spring 2020

## ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

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“A Time to Choose: The Ford Foundation and America’s Energy Future,” HGSA’s Works in Progress Series, Purdue University, October 26, 2022.

"Philanthropy and Power: A Roundtable," American Political History Research Conference, West Lafayette IN, June 10-11, 2022.

“Private Foundations and Public Universities: Philanthropy and Higher Education in the 1980s,” Society for United States Intellectual History Annual Meeting, Nashville TN, October 28-30, 2021. (Accepted but canceled due to Covid-19)

"Private Foundations and The Health Security Task Force: Using the C-SPAN Archive to Understand Perceptions of Expertise," This Year in the C-SPAN Archives Conference, West Lafayette, Indiana, October 20, 2020.

“‘One of Mankind’s More Noble Instincts:’ Wright Patman and the Restructuring of Philanthropy,” Policy History Conference, Arizona State University, Tempe AZ, June 4, 2020 (Canceled due to Covid-19).

“Evolving Traditions: The Lilly Endowment and the Politicization of Philanthropy,” American Political History Institute Graduate Student Conference, Boston University, Boston MA, March 29, 2019.

“Inflating the Marketplace of Ideas: The Lilly Endowment and the Politicization of Philanthropy,” Purdue History Graduate Student Association Conference, West Lafayette IN, March 2, 2019.

“‘100 Percent American’ Airwaves: The 1934 Communications Act and Alien Ownership,” Indiana Association of Historians, Indianapolis University, Indianapolis, February 24, 2018.

“‘Our Northern Friend’: Wickliffe Draper Patron of Scientific Racism,” Southern Regional Honors Conference. Orlando, Florida, April 2, 2016.

“State of Fear: Public and Political Responses to the AIDS Crisis in Arkansas,” Mid-American Conference on History, Ft. Smith, Arkansas, September 20, 2014

## DIGITAL HUMANITIES PROJECTS

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“Visualizing Philanthropy: Utilizing Data Visualizations to Study The Eli Lilly Endowment”

“Made by Historians: A Demographic Retrospective of the Washington Post’s Made By History”

“Environmental Philanthropy: A Comparative Analysis of the Ford and Rockefeller Foundations: 1969-1973”

## SERVICE AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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### Conference and Seminar Organizer:

HGSA’s Works in Progress Seminar Series

Fall 2020-Spring 2022

Lead Organizer, Purdue HGSA’s 8th Biennial Graduate Student Conference

Spring 2019

### Department and University Service:

Representative, Purdue History Graduate Student Association

2021-2022

Secretary/Treasurer, Purdue History Graduate Student Association

2020-2021

Partner, Bridging the Gap from Education to Employment initiative Purdue Career Office	2020
President, Purdue History Graduate Student Association	2018-2020
Senator, Purdue Graduate Student Government	2018-2019
Member, Purdue Graduate Student, Career Diversity and Development Committee	2018-2019

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

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### *As Instructor:*

United States History, 1877-Present

### *As Teaching Assistant:*

The Second World War, Purdue University, Professor Randy Roberts  
 The Nuclear Age, Purdue University, Professor Mary X. Mitchell  
 United States History, Until 1877, Purdue University, with Professor John Larson  
 United States History, 1877-Present, Purdue University, with Professor Kathryn Cramer Brownell  
 United States History, 1877-Present, Purdue University, with Professor Susan Curtis  
 Rainbow Rights: LGBTQ History and the Search for the Other, University of Central Arkansas,  
 with Professor Cindy Lea

### *Honors College Research Papers Mentored:*

Noah Martin, "The Port Chicago Disaster and the Fight for Civil Rights," Fall 2020.  
 Seanan Lee, "From Superfortress to Poseidon: Strategic Nuclear Delivery Systems of United States of America from 1945 to 1972," Fall 2019.