

# John William Sarvela

Oklahoma State University | Department of History | 101 S. Murray Hall | Stillwater, OK 74078 |  
john.sarvela@okstate.edu | 405-744-5679

---

## EDUCATION

Oklahoma State University Stillwater, OK  
Ph.D. History August 2019-Present  
Field of Study: U.S. History; Civil War  
Advisor  
Jennifer Murray, Ph.D.

The University of Southern Mississippi Hattiesburg, MS  
M.A. History August 2017-Present  
Field of Study: U.S. History War and Society  
Thesis: *Soldaten Des Westens: An Analysis of the Wartime Experiences of Three German-American Regiments from the St. Louis-Belleville Region* May 2019  
Thesis Committee:  
Susannah J. Ural, Ph.D., Chair & Advisor  
Kyle Zelner, Ph.D.  
Andrew Wiest, Ph.D.

Eastern Illinois University Charleston, IL  
B.A. in History 2016  
Summa Cum Laude  
Honors Thesis: *Franz Sigel: Leadership in the West*  
Advisor: Mark Voss-Hubbard, Ph.D.

B.S. in Geography 2016  
Summa Cum Laude  
Capstone: "Siltation Levels of the Charleston Side Channel Reservoir"  
Advisor: James Riley, Ph.D.

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Graduate Teaching Associate, History Department August 2019-Present  
Oklahoma State University  
Classes: Survey of American History and America Since 1865  
Assisted professors in grading and helping students with assignments.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, History Department August 2017-May 2019  
University of Southern Mississippi  
Classes: World Civilizations to 1500 CE Online and World Civilizations 1500 CE to Present. Assisted professors in grading, creating assignments, monitoring discussion boards, composing and presenting lectures, and helping students with assignments.

Geography Tutor, Eastern Illinois University 2015-2016

### AWARDS AND HONORS

Berlin B. Chapman Endowed Scholarship, Department of History, Oklahoma State University	2020
Homer Knight Graduate Award, Department of History, Oklahoma State University	2020
University of Southern Mississippi History Graduate Travel Award	2018-2019
Award funds used in support of thesis research at three Midwestern archives	
Vincent P. and Pamela R. Gutowski Scholarship in Geography, Department of Geology/Geography, Eastern Illinois University	2016
Outstanding Senior In Geography Award, Illinois Geographical Society Honors Program, Eastern Illinois University	2016
Deans List, College of Sciences and College of Arts and Humanities, Eastern Illinois University	2014-2016
Errett Warner Presidential Award, Department of Geology/Geography, Eastern Illinois University	2012-2016
Leften Stavrianos World History Award, Department of History, Eastern Illinois University	2015
John G. Wozencraft, Jr. Award, Department of Geology/Geography, Eastern Illinois University	2015
Commitment to Excellence Scholarship, Eastern Illinois University	2014
Eagle Scout	2012-2016
	2009

### PUBLICATIONS

Review, Carl J. Guarneri, *Lincoln's Informer: Charles A. Dana and the Inside Story of the Union War*. *Journal of Military History* 81. 4 (October 2020), 1217-19.

### PRESENTATIONS

#### Papers Presented

"The Multi-ethnic 43rd Illinois: The wartime service of a multi-ethnic 'German' regiment during the Civil War," Society for Military History Annual Conference, Arlington, VA, May 2020. \*Canceled due to Covid 19

"Northern European Immigrants in the American Civil War: The ethnic dynamic of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Illinois Volunteer Infantry Regiment." 2020 Oklahoma Association of Professional Historians / Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference. Norman, OK. February 29, 2020.

"Soldaten des Westens: An Analysis of the Wartime Experiences of Three German-American Regiments from the St. Louis-Bellefonte Region," Society for Military History, Columbus, OH, May 2019.

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

#### Interviews

H-Civ War Graduate Student Interviews, "John Sarvela (Oklahoma State University) and German American regiments in the Civil War," Tuesday, September 15, 2020.

### PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

History Graduate Society, Graduate Representative,

University of Southern Mississippi	2018-2019
Phi Alpha Theta (National History Honors Society)	2016-Present
Gamma Theta Upsilon (National Geography Honors Society)	2014-2016
Vice President	2015-2016
Geography Club, Eastern Illinois University	2013-2016
History Club, Eastern Illinois University	2015-2016
Society for Military History	2017-2018
Society of Civil War Historians	2019

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Graduate Student Senate, University of Southern Mississippi	2018-2019
National History Day Volunteer, University of Southern Mississippi	2018-2019
College of Sciences Student Advisory Board, Eastern Illinois University	2015-2016

**SOFTWARE PROFICIENT**

Southern Illinois University	Carbondale, IL
Graduate Level Courses Completed	2016-2017
ArcGIS (map making software)	
ERDAS IMAGIN (Raster Graphics Editor and Remote Sensing Application software)	