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## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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Florida International University	Associate Professor	History	2020-
	Affiliate Faculty	Health Pol. & Mgmt.	2021-22
	Associate Professor	Health Pol. & Mgmt.	2020-21
	Assistant Professor	History/Health Pol. & Mgmt.	2014-20
Tufts University	Visiting Researcher	History	2014
	Visiting Lecturer	Experimental College	2012, 2013

## EDUCATION

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PhD (with distinction)	Columbia University	History	2013
M.Phil	Columbia University	History	2009
MA	Columbia University	History	2007
BA ( <i>magna cum laude</i> ; Phi Beta Kappa)	University of Rochester	History	2000

## PUBLICATIONS IN DISCIPLINE

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### BOOK

1. Adler, J.L., *Burdens of War: Creating the United States Veterans Health System* (Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 2017).

### ARTICLES IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

1. Adler, J.L., Chen, W. "Jail Conditions and Mortality: Death Rates Associated with Turnover, Jail Size, and Population Characteristics" *Health Affairs* 42, no. 6 (2023): 849-857.
2. Adler, J.L. "Help Without Hassles: Instituting Community-Based Care for U.S. Veterans After the War in Vietnam" *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* 95, no. 4 (2021): 528-557.
3. Adler, J.L., Chen, W., Page, T.F., "Transitions in "Privatized" Prison Health Systems: Emergency Department Visits and Hospitalizations Among Incarcerated People in Florida, 2011–2018" *American Journal of Public Health* 111, no. 5 (2021): 965-968.
4. Adler, J.L., Page, T., "Disability Reporting Among U.S. Immigrant Veterans: Findings and Implications," *Journal of Military and Veterans' Health*, 27, no. 2: (2019): 18-27.
5. Chen, W., Adler, J.L., "Assessment of Screen Exposure in Young Children, 1997 to 2014," *JAMA Pediatrics* 173, no. 4 (2019): 391-393.
6. Adler, J.L., "Veterans, Like Other Working- and Middle-Class Americans, Increasingly Rely on Public Health Programs," *American Journal of Public Health*, 108, no. 3 (2018): 298-299.

7. Page, T., Williams, M., Cassella, G., **Adler, J.L.**, Amick, B., “The Impact of Zika on Local Businesses,” *Disaster Prevention & Management*, 26 (2017): 452-457.
8. Adler, J.L., “‘The Service I Rendered Was Just as True’: African American Soldiers and Veterans as Activist Patients,” *American Journal of Public Health*, 107, no. 5 (2017): 675-683.
9. Adler, J.L., “The Founding of Walter Reed General Hospital and the Beginning of Modern Institutional Army Medical Care in the United States,” *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences*, 69, no. 4 (2014): 521-553.

#### **REFEREED BOOK CHAPTERS AND ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES**

1. Adler, J.L., “Mediating the Economic Impacts of Military Service: Race and Veterans’ Welfare after the War in Vietnam” chapter in *The Military and the Market*, Jennifer Mittlestadt and Mark R. Wilson, eds. (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2022)
2. Martin T. Olliff, Nancy K. Bristow, **Adler, J.L.**, “Fighting the Great War Over Here” in *Dixie’s Great War: World War I and the American South*, Andrew Huebner and John Giggie, eds., (Tuscaloosa: University of Alabama Press, 2020)
3. Adler, J.L., “To Recognize Those Who Served: Gendered Analyses of Veterans’ Policies, Representations, and Experiences,” chapter in *The Routledge Handbook of Gender, War, and the U.S. Military*, Kara Dixon Vuic, ed., (New York: Routledge, 2017): 303-322.
4. Adler, J.L., “Department of Veterans Affairs,” *America in the World, 1776 to the Present: A Supplement to the Dictionary of American History*, 2 vols. Blum, Edward J., ed., (Farmington Hills: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 2016): 284-286.
5. Adler, J.L., “Newton Diehl Baker” *International Encyclopedia of the First World War*, issued by Freie Universität Berlin (2014): [http://encyclopedia.1914-1918-online.net/article/baker\\_newton\\_d](http://encyclopedia.1914-1918-online.net/article/baker_newton_d)

#### **REFEREED BOOK REVIEWS**

1. Adler, J.L., “The Case for the Courts: Military, Society, and the Legal Record” (Review essay on *Unexamined Courage...* by Richard Gergel and *Policing Sex and Marriage in the American Military...* by Kellie Wilson-Buford, *Reviews in American History*, 48, no. 4 (2020): 596-604.
2. Adler, J.L., *A Time of Scandal: Charles R. Forbes, Warren G. Harding, and the Making of the Veterans Bureau*, by Rosemary Stevens, *Nursing History Review*, 28, no. 1, (2020): 209-211.
3. Adler, J.L., *Ensuring America’s Health: The Public Creation of the Corporate Health Care System*, by Christy Ford Chapin, *Business History Review*, 92, no. 2, (2018): 390-392.
4. Adler, J.L., *Medicine in First World War Europe: Soldiers, Medics, Pacifists*, by Fiona Reid,

*Social History of Medicine*, 31, no. 2 (2018): 432–433.

5. Adler, J.L., *The Rise of the Military Welfare State* by Jennifer Mittelstadt, *Journal of Economic History*, 77, no. 2 (2017): 625-627.
6. Adler, J.L., *Paying with Their Bodies: American War and the Problem of the Disabled Veteran*, by John Kinder, *Journal of Military History*, 80, no. 4 (2016): 1285-1286.
7. Adler, J.L., *The Politics of Wounds: Military Patients and Medical Power in the First World War*, by Ana Carden-Coyne, *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences*, 71, no. 1 (2016): 97-99.
8. Adler, J.L., *War's Waste: Rehabilitation in World War I America*, by Beth Linker, *Reviews in History* – open source, long format reviews hosted by the Institute for Historical Research at the University of London (2014): <https://www.history.ac.uk/reviews/review/1619>.
9. Adler, J.L., *Caring for America: Home Health Workers in the Shadow of the Welfare State*, by Eileen Boris and Jennifer Klein, *Enterprise & Society*, 15, no. 3 (2014): 588-590.

#### **NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS (POPULAR PRESS/OPEN SOURCE)**

1. Adler, J.L. “We studied jail conditions and jail deaths – here’s what we found” *The Conversation*, November 13, 2023.
2. Adler, J.L., “Characterizing Carceral Health at the NLM” *Circulating Now, from the Historical Collections of the National Library of Medicine* August 17, 2023.
3. Adler, J.L., “Florida’s Crackdown on Higher Education” *South Florida Sun Sentinel* March 9, 2023.
4. Adler, J.L., “The Activism of Military Veterans Spans the Political Spectrum” *Washington Post* November 11, 2022.
5. Adler, J.L., “Florida's Divisive Concepts Bill Mistakes What Historians Do, with Dire Implications” *History News Network*, June 12, 2022
6. Adler, J.L., “Medical Care and Mental Health in World War II” for NEH-sponsored public history project, *The American Soldier in World War II*, [americansoldierww2.org](http://americansoldierww2.org) (July 2021)
7. Adler, J.L.. “Inhumane System of Incarceration in U.S. Poses Special Danger to Women” *Washington Post*, June 16, 2021.
8. Adler, J.L., *Health-Related Prison Conditions in the Progressive and Civil Rights Eras: Lessons from the Rockefeller Archive Center*, [rockarch.issueLab.org](http://rockarch.issueLab.org) (2020).
9. Adler, J.L., “If we want to stop covid-19, we can’t forget the incarcerated,” *Washington Post*, March 31, 2020.

10. Adler, J.L., “Why Incarcerated People Must Be Able to Speak Out About Abuse,” *Washington Post*, November 15, 2019.
11. **Adler, J.L.**, Almarales, B., *Humanities-Based Programming for Veterans: Report on a University-Community Partnership*, for the National Endowment for the Humanities (2019).
12. Adler, J.L., “Veterans’ Perspectives and the Great Task Remaining,” *National Council on Public History, History@Work*, March 8, 2019.
13. Adler, J.L., “The Veterans Who Fought For — and Won — Government Health Care,” *Washington Post*, November 11, 2017.
14. Adler, J.L., “The Page 99 Test, Jessica Adler’s *Burdens of War: Creating the United States Veterans Health System*,” *page99test.blogspot.com*, September 30, 2017.
15. Adler, J.L., “The Evolution of the Department of Veterans Affairs,” Scholars Strategy Network brief, September 2017.
16. Adler, J.L., “The Grisly Work of VA Secretaries,” *The Hill*, January 13, 2017.
17. Adler, J.L., “War Vets Find Solace in Stories of Others,” *Miami Herald*, November 10, 2015.
18. Adler, J.L., “Private Care for Veterans? We’ve Already Tried It,” *USA Today*, June 11, 2014.
19. Adler, J.L., “People Were Skeptical About Veterans’ Hospitals, Too: The Affordable Care Act and Health Policy Precedents,” *Origins*, Vol. 7, no. 5 (2014).

#### **SELECTED WORK PENDING PUBLICATION**

1. Adler, J.L., *Just Enough to Put Him Away Decent* by Kristine M. McCusker *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* (book review accepted for publication)
2. Adler, J.L., “U.S. Veterans and Health Care, 1800-2000: Distributing Dollars, Opening Institutions, Building Systems” *The Cambridge History of War and Society in America* Andrew J. Huebner and Jennifer D. Keene, eds., (Cambridge University Press) (chapter accepted with revisions)
3. Adler, J.L. “Health and Modern Warfare: The Civil War Through the Early Cold War” in *Oxford Handbook of American Medical History*, James A. Schafer, Jr., Richard M. Mizelle, Jr., and Helen K. Valier, Eds., (Oxford University Press) (chapter accepted for publication)

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

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#### **INVITED TALKS AND PANELS**

1. *Hear Us: Writing from the Inside During the Time of Covid* (interview with Exchange for Change Executive Director, Kathie Klarreich) for Wolfsonian Public Humanities Lab and Miami Book Fair “Coffee and Conversations,” by zoom, Oct. 19, 2021.

2. *Technology and Medicine* (panel commentator) International Society for First World War Studies conference, by zoom, Sep. 18, 2021.
3. “Topics for Challenging Times: Ancient Perspectives on Modern Issues” co-presenter via zoom on panel, “Working with Veterans on Homer” re. the Warrior Chorus Florida project, NYU Center for Ancient Studies, December 3, 2020.
4. Ajax Project Kick-Off (panel moderator) EST Los Angeles, by webinar, Nov. 11, 2020.
5. “Health Care Ideals, Activism, and Politics in Cold War America: Establishing Outpatient Mental Health Care for Veterans of the War in Vietnam” research talk via zoom, Dorothy M. Bernstein Lecture in the History of Psychiatry, University of Minnesota, Program in the History of Science, Technology, and Medicine, October 16, 2020.
6. “Black Vietnam: Into the Light” (panelist for film screening via Zoom/Facebook Live), Ensemble Studio Theater, Los Angeles, CA, June 13, 2020.
7. “Deinstitutionalizing Readjustment: Vietnam Veterans and Community-Based Care in an Age of Limits” (research talk), Culpeper Seminar Series, Department of Anthropology, History and Social Medicine, University of California San Francisco, San Francisco, CA, May 22, 2019.
8. “Fighting for and Against Government Sponsored Health Care in America: Lessons from the History of the Veterans’ Medical System” (research talk), event for National Library of Medicine exhibit, *For All the People: A Century of Citizen Action in Health Care Reform*, University of Florida Health Science Center Library, Gainseville, FL, Feb. 28, 2019.
9. “The Great War and the Birth of the United States Veterans Health System” (research talk), Symposium on World War I in Alabama, Alabama Department of Archives and History, Montgomery, AL, June 9, 2018.
10. *Veterans Studies: Understanding Those Who Serve and the Experience of War* (panel moderator) National Endowment for the Humanities Dialogues on the Experience of War Project Director’s Meeting, Washington, D.C., June 1, 2018.
11. *Mobilizing Medicine in War and Peace* (panel chair) American Association for the History of Medicine Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, May 13, 2018.
12. “Post-War Multiplicity: United States Veterans and the Vietnam-Era Fight for Community-Based Mental Health Counseling” (research talk), *Historian of Multiplicity: A Symposium*, University of Rochester, Department of History, Rochester, NY, May 5, 2018.
13. *Fit to Fight?: War, Medicine, and Disease* (panel chair) Society for Military History Annual Meeting Louisville, KY, April 6, 2018.

14. "Suffering the Horrors of War: Interwar Debates about the Veterans Health System and their Enduring Consequences" (research talk), LCpl Benjamin W. Schmidt Symposium on War, Conflict, and Society, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX, March 1, 2018.
15. "Burdens of War: Creating the United States Veterans Health System" (book talk) Books & Books, Coral Gables, FL, January 14, 2018.
16. "A Southern View of the Advent of the Veterans Health System" (research talk), Dixie's Great War Symposium, Summersell Center for the Study of the South, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, October 6, 2017.
17. "Veterans and 'the Gendered Imagination'" (research talk), Women's History in Motion Conference: a Celebration of the Career of Alice Kessler-Harris, Guest Speaker, Columbia University, New York, NY, April 29, 2016.
18. "Health Policy and History: The Case of the United States Veterans' Health System" (research talk), Department of Epidemiology Research in Progress seminar, FIU Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work, Miami, FL, March 6, 2015.
19. "The Debt We Owe Them: World War I and the Birth of the United States Veterans' Hospital System" (research talk), National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, D.C., Nov. 6, 2014.
20. *World War I: A Century Later* (panelist), event sponsored by the Knight Foundation and History Miami, New World Symphony, Miami, FL, September 20, 2014.

#### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

1. "Fighting 'Deliberate Indifference to Health Care Needs': The Early Years of HIV/AIDS in U.S. Prisons" (paper) Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, April 1, 2023.
2. "Mediating the Economic Impacts of Service: Race and Veterans' Welfare after the War in Vietnam" (paper) Society for Military History Annual Meeting, Fort Worth, TX April 30, 2022.
3. "Multi-Front Advocacy for Incarcerated Women's Health in the United States, 1975-1985" (paper) Sigerist Circle Session on Antiracist Activism, American Association for the History of Medicine Annual Meeting, Saratoga Springs, NY, April 21, 2022.
4. "Archival Challenges Associated with Health-Focused Research on Carceral Institutions" for the Carceral Psychiatry, Abolitionist Psychiatry workshop, American Association for the History of Medicine Annual Meeting, Saratoga Springs, NY, April 21, 2022.
5. "Diagnosing and Discrediting Inmates: Power and Resistance at the U.S. Medical Center for Federal Prisoners in the 1940s" (paper) American Association for the History of Medicine Ann Arbor 2.0, by zoom, January 22, 2021.

6. “‘Help Without Hassles’: Vietnam Veterans and Community-Based Care in Cold War America” (paper) Society for Military History Annual Meeting, Columbus, OH, May 11, 2019.
7. “A Global Paradigm and Domestic Realities: ‘Well-Functioning Health Systems’ and Stakeholder Activism” (paper) Business History Conference, Cartagena, Colombia, March 15, 2019.
8. “Vet Centers and the Fortification of Community-Based Care in Post-Vietnam America” (paper) Policy History Conference, Phoenix, AZ, May 18, 2018.
9. “Communistically-Minded Health Care for U.S. Veterans: When State Medicine Prevailed” (poster) American Association for the History of Medicine, Nashville, TN, May 6, 2017.
10. “Yield not to sympathy: The losing battle against veterans’ health care in 1930s America” (paper) Society for Military History Annual Meeting, Jacksonville, FL, April 1, 2017.
11. “When Government Sponsored Health Care Prevailed: An Historical Case Study of the United States Veterans' Health System” (poster) American Public Health Association Annual Meeting & Expo, Denver, CO, November 1, 2016.
12. “I never did feel quite well again: African American Veterans and Health Care in the Great War Era” (paper) American Association for the History of Medicine Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, April 30, 2016.
13. “The service that I rendered was just as true: Government sponsored health care for African Americans in the World War I era” (paper) Society for Military History Annual Meeting, Montgomery, AL, April 11, 2015.
14. “Centers of Revolution: Protest, Advocacy, and Medical Care in World War I America” (paper) Dissent, Activism & Transformation in the World War I Era, Georgian Court University, Lakewood, NJ, October 18, 2014.
15. “The Health Burdens of a Great War” (paper presentation and panel co-organizer) Policy History Conference, Columbus, OH, June 5, 2014.
16. “Precedents for Federal Action: Ensuring the Health of Veterans and Seniors” (co-author of paper and panel co-organizer) American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., January 5, 2014.
17. “To save those men from the doctrines of the radical agitator: Interest group advocacy and veterans’ medical care in World War I America” (paper presentation and panel co-organizer) American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., January 5, 2014.

18. "Soldier-Patients Become Civilian-Citizens: Shifting Presentations and Perceptions of a U.S. Military Hospital During and After the Great War" (paper) Popular Culture/American Culture Association National Conference, Washington, D.C., March 29, 2013.
19. "A Solemn Obligation: Soldiers, Veterans, and Health Policy in the United States" (poster) American Historical Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, January 5, 2013.
20. "'War was hell but the after-war effects were heller': The Great War and the Roots of the United States Veterans' Hospital System" (paper) Society for Military History Annual Meeting, Arlington, VA, May 11, 2012.
21. "Perceptions of United States Army Health Care in the World War One Era" (paper) Anglo-American Conference, London, England, July 1, 2011.

### **PROFESSIONAL HONORS AND AWARDS**

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1. Top Scholar Award, Florida International University, 2019
2. Bancroft Dissertation Award, Columbia University, 2013
3. Allan Nevins Dissertation Prize nominee, Society of American Historians, 2012
4. First Place-Health/Science/Environment, Society of Professional Journalists, New Jersey Chapter, 2005
5. First Place-Feature, Lifestyle, & Entertainment Writing, New Jersey Press Association, 2005
6. First Place-Special Issue, New Jersey Press Association, 2005
7. Third Place-Business/Financial Writing, New Jersey Press Association, 2005
8. Webb Prize for the Study of the Black Experience in America, University of Rochester, 2000

### **GRANTS**

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#### **ACTIVE GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

1. *Minimal Standards of Adequacy: A History of Health Care in U.S. Prisons*, National Institutes of Health/National Library of Medicine Grants for Scholarly Works in Biomedicine and Health (G13), 2022-2025

#### **COMPLETED GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

1. *Minimal Standards of Adequacy: Health Care in U.S. Prisons*, National Library of Medicine, Michael E. DeBakey Fellowship in the History of Medicine, 2021
2. *Warrior Chorus: American Democracy*, National Endowment for the Humanities (Regional Center Scholar; PI: Dr. Peter Meineck, New York University), 2021-2022
3. *We are Veterans Too: Women's Experiences in the U.S. Military*, National Endowment for the Humanities, Dialogues on the Experience of War, (Preparatory Program Staff; PI: Dr. Sarah Myers, Messiah College), 2020-2021
4. *Minimal Standards of Adequacy: Health Care in Modern U.S. Prisons*, Rockefeller Archive Center, Research Stipend to develop book project (Principal Investigator), 2019-20



5. *Minimal Standards of Adequacy: Health Care in Modern U.S. Prisons*, Friends of the Princeton University Library, Research Stipend to develop book project (Principal Investigator), 2019-20
6. *Warrior Chorus: American Odyssey*, National Endowment for the Humanities (Regional Center Scholar; PI: Dr. Peter Meineck, New York University), 2019-2020
7. Cost-Effectiveness Analysis of SMART Hospitals, Pan American Health Organization (Co-Investigator; PI: Dr. Alejandro Arrieta, FIU), 2017-19
8. *War and Healing: A Century of Veterans Reintegration*, National Endowment for the Humanities (Principal Investigator), 2018-19
9. Interdisciplinary Working Group on Health Care, History, and the Humanities, Office of the Provost Humanities Research Initiative, (Consultant; PI: Dr. Alexandra Cornelius, FIU), 2018-19
10. War and Health: Veterans' Policies and Perspectives, Florida International University, Office of the Provost, Humanities Research Initiative, (Principal Investigator), 2016-17
11. Bridging the Gap: Linking History PhD Training to Non Academic Employment, National Endowment for the Humanities, Next Generation Planning Grant, (Co-PI; Co-PIs: Dr. Kenneth Lipartito and Dr. April Merleaux, FIU), 2016-17
12. Talking Service, Florida Humanities Council, (Project Director), 2015, 2016
13. Quinn Fellow, Doris G. Quinn Foundation, 2011-12
14. Hugh Davis Graham Award, Institute for Political History, 2010-2011
15. Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Summer Fellowship, Columbia University, 2009, 2010
16. General and Mrs. M. Ridgway Military History Research Grant, U.S. Army Military History Institute, 2008
17. Scholarship to attend Columbia University Center for Oral History Summer Institute, 2005

## **SERVICE**

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### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

#### ***Committees***

- Pressman-Burroughs Wellcome Award Committee, American Association for the History of Medicine, 2021-2023
- National Endowment for the Humanities, Dialogues on the Experience of War grant application reviewer, 2021, 2018

- Exhibition Review Committee member, “*Do the Best for Our Soldiers*”: University of California Medical Service in World War I, University of California/Calisphere Digital Exhibition, 2019
- Society for Military History 2018 Annual Meeting Program Committee Member, 2017

**Peer review work**

- Journals: *Journal of Policy History*, 2014, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022; *Journal of Military History*, 2019, 2022; *American Journal of Public Health*, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021; *Public Health Reports*, 2020; *Social Science History*, 2017, 2019; *Journal of Military, Veteran, and Family Health*, 2017
- Academic presses: Duke University Press, 2022-3; University of Massachusetts Press, 2021; University of Pennsylvania Press, 2020; The University Press of Florida, 2015

**DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

**Committees**

- Atlantic Colloquium Coordinator, 2023-2024
- Graduate Committee member, 2015-2022
- Search Committee member, 2015, 2019, 2022
- Library Committee member, 2014-15

**UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE-LEVEL SERVICE**

**Committees**

- FIU, University Graduate School, Dissertation Advisor Status Evaluation Committee, Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs representative, 2020-2022
- Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work, Diversity and Inclusion Committee, 2020-2021
- FIU, Office of the Provost, Evaluating Teaching Project, Department of History committee member, 2018-20

**TEACHING**

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**COURSES DEVELOPED/TAUGHT**

- History of U.S. Health Policy
- Public Health and Medicine in U.S. History
- Public History: Theory and Practice
- History of U.S. Health and Society
- American History Since 1877
- Health Policy Analysis
- Health Systems Research Readings Seminar
- Prisons, Punishment, Power

**MEMBERSHIPS**

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American Association for the History of Medicine; American Historical Association; Organization of American Historians