

Brief Bio: Bill Allison is Professor of History at Georgia Southern University. He completed his Ph.D. at Bowling Green State University in 1995 and has held faculty appointments at the University of Saint Francis (Indiana) and Weber State University. He has held visiting appointments at the Air War College, the School for Advanced Air and Space Studies, and the Army War College. Allison is the author of *The Gulf War, My Lai: An American Atrocity in the Vietnam War*, and *Military Justice in Vietnam*, among others. He is a former Trustee and Vice-President of the Society for Military History and is Series Editor for Modern War Studies at the University Press of Kansas. Allison serves on the Army's Historical Advisory Subcommittee and was recently elected a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society. With colleague Brian Feltman, Allison hosts the Military Historians are People, Too, podcast.

Bill Allison
Personal Statement

I have been active and a strong supporter of the SMH for my entire academic career and owe much of what I have accomplished and many of the professional opportunities that have come my way to my involvement in the SMH. Over the past thirty years, I have, like many others, both witnessed and helped facilitate the tremendous growth of the SMH conferences – not only in size but in the diversity of presenters and topics presented. The SMH membership has also changed, dramatically so. The organization has also undergone tremendous changes in how it operates and manages this growth, and it stewards the remarkable diversity of “what is military history.” So many outstanding people have volunteered their time in such a range of capacities throughout this time – without them, the SMH would not be where it is today. Still, challenges present themselves. The annual conference is becoming more expensive to put on and attend. The costs required to staff the SMH have increased. There are questions about the future of the Journal of Military History. While the participation of women in the discipline has grown substantially over the past twenty or so years, the representation of diverse voices in the field remains unrealized despite some movement in the right direction. The SMH has undertaken discipline-specific initiatives to promote the future of military history, such as bringing back the Summer Seminar, in which I have had the privilege to be involved. SMH leadership needs *experience* and *new perspectives* to successfully manage these challenges. My decision to stand for a return to the Board of Trustees is grounded in my experience with the SMH over the past thirty years. I can bring that experience to the table, just as newer members can bring fresh perspectives. This combination, I believe, can help steer the SMH to continued success over the next decade.

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2008-present Department of History, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Georgia. *Chair* (2008-2010), *Professor* (hired at rank with tenure).
- 2012-2014 United States Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. *General Harold K. Johnson Visiting Chair in Military History*. (Security Clearance – Secret)
- 2010-2011 United States Air Force School for Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Alabama. *Distinguished Visiting Professor of Military History & National Security Studies*. (Security Clearance – Secret)
- 1999-2008 Department of History, Weber State University, Ogden, Utah. *Professor* (2007-2008), *Associate Professor* (2003-2007), *Assistant Professor* (1999-2002).
- 2003-2003 Department of Strategy and International Security, United States Air Force Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama. *Visiting Professor of Military History and Strategy*. (Security Clearance – Secret)
- 1997-1999 Department of History & Political Science, University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne, Indiana. *Chair* (1997-1999), *Assistant Professor* (1997-1999).
- 1995-1997 Department of History, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio. *Assistant Professor* (non-tenure track, 1995-1997).
- 1991-1995 Department of History, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio. *Graduate Teaching Fellow* (1991-1994), *Dissertation Fellowship* (1994-1995).

EDUCATION

- PhD 1995 Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio.
- MA 1991 East Texas State University, Commerce, Texas.
- BA 1989 East Texas State University, Commerce, Texas.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 2020 *American Military History: A Survey for Colonial Times to the Present*. With Jeffrey Grey and Janet Valentine. Third Edition (First Routledge Edition).
- 2012 *My Lai: An American Atrocity in the Vietnam War*. Witness to History Series, Peter Charles Hoffer and William James Hoffer, series editors (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press). Reprint 2019.
- The Gulf War, 1990-1991*. Twentieth Century Wars Series, Jeremy Black, series editor (New York: Palgrave Macmillan).
- American Military History: A Survey from Colonial Times to the Present*. Second Edition. Co-author with Jeffrey Grey and Janet Valentine (Upper Saddle River, New Jersey: Prentice Hall).
- 2008 *The Tet Offensive: A Brief History with Documents* (New York: Routledge).
- 2007 *Military Justice in Vietnam: The Rule of Law in an American War* (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas).

Articles and Essays

- 2019 "Provisional Healing: Vietnam Memorials and the Limits of Memory," in Geoffrey W. Jensen and Matthew M. Stith, eds., *Beyond the Quagmire: New Interpretations of the Vietnam Conflict* (Denton: University of North Texas Press, 2019), 359-389.
- 2018 "War Mall: Civic Art, Memory, and War on America's National Public Space," in Derek Mallet, ed., *Monumental Conflicts? Twentieth Century Wars and the Evolution of Popular Memory* (New York: Routledge, 2018), 38-55.
- 2010 "Official Historians and Academic Historians: Bridging the Gap in Military History," *Perspectives in History: The Newsmagazine of the American Historical Association* Vol. 48, No. 2 (February 2010): 24-26.
- 2008 "Primacy and the Unipolar Moment: The Debate over American Power in an Asymmetrical World," *Australian Army Journal* Vol. IV, No. 3 (Autumn 2008): 91-104.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 2023-Present Department of the Army Historical Advisory Subcommittee.
- 2023-Present Battlefield Tour Leader, The Cultural Experience, Vietnam.
- 2023-2024 Program Director, Society for Military History Summer Seminar in Military History.

- 2023 Elected Fellow of the Royal Historical Society.
- 2021-Present With Brian Feltman, co-host of the podcast [Military Historians are People, Too!](https://anchor.fm/mhptpod) Launched November 2021. <https://anchor.fm/mhptpod>.
- 2019-Present Series Editor, *Modern War Studies*, University Press of Kansas.
- 2019 Edwin H. Simmons Award for Distinguished Service to the Society for Military History.
- 2018-2020 Regional Coordinator, Southeast, Society for Military History.
- 2016-2019 Curator, "The First Gulf War: The War to Liberate Kuwait," Traveling Exhibit, North Carolina Museum of History, Raleigh, North Carolina.
- 2016-Present Proposal Evaluator, National Endowment for the Humanities Awards Program.
- 2014-2015 Vice-President, Society for Military History.
- 2013-2017 Trustee, Society for Military History.
- 2012-2014 Chair, Society for Military History Book Awards Committee.
- 2008-2024 Series Editor, *Critical Moments in American History*, for Routledge.
- 2008-2011 Editorial Board, *The Journal of Military History*.
- 2008 Host and organizer, 75th Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History, Ogden, Utah.