Chad Tomaselli

Chad Tomaselli graduated from Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas with his Bachelor of Arts in history in 2007 and with his Master of Arts in history in 2009. Chad is currently an ABD doctoral student at the University of North Texas. His advisor is Dr. Michael Leggiere, the Deputy Director of the Military History Center and is working with Dr. Richard McCaslin, a UNT Fellow of the Military History Center. Chad’s committee further includes Dr. Nancy Stockdale and Dr. Marilyn Morris.

Chad’s interest in the Napoleonic era began with a study of French politician and diplomat Charles-Maurice de Talleyrand-Périgord, who served as foreign minister of France between 1799 and 1807. Chad’s thesis, Talleyrand and Napoleon: A Contest of Statecraft, Subterfuge, and Foreign Policy, is a study of the different foreign policy aims of the two men with a particular focus on the political reorganization of Europe. Upon moving to North Texas to begin his PhD studies, Chad changed his area of study to the Kingdom of Naples under the rule of Joachim Murat. Murat served under Napoleon in the majority of his campaigns, was a Marshal of France and Napoleon’s brother-in-law, and ruled as King of Naples from 1808 to 1815. Chad’s dissertation, War and Society in the Kingdom of Naples under Joachim Murat, 1806-1815, is a war and society study of southern Italy under Napoleonic rule. This study examines the conflict between the demands of Napoleon and his empire, the leadership of Murat in Naples, and the tumultuous Neapolitan politics and society, with focuses on the implementation of Napoleonic reforms and the development of the Neapolitan military.

Chad is a History Professor at Grayson College in Denison, Texas, where he teaches US History and World Civilizations courses and is the Coordinator for the Grayson Honors College. He lives in Plano, Texas with his wife, Carly, and his cat, Roland. He is a fan of all Dall-Fort Worth sports teams as well as the Boston area teams, especially the Red Sox. Chad also enjoys the occasional video games and Stephen King book.