

Darrell Reader



Darrell is a PhD student focusing on military history, particularly modern warfare in America and Europe, particularly the Second World War. His current research and doctoral work focuses on the history of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. He is looking at why the United States military felt compelled to transition from the previous Articles of War that governed the military for 150 years. Additionally, he is studying how Congress crafted the statute, how the law was implemented, and problems with its implementation. Darrell is also interested in the American founding and American Revolution.

He earned a BA in political science at Northwestern Oklahoma State University and a law degree at the University of Oklahoma College of Law. He practiced law in Oklahoma for nearly twenty years prior to returning to academia. Since he returned to school he earned an MA at the University of North Texas. His thesis was titled "Weaponized Nature: How the Environment Saved the Allies at Bastogne, December 16 to 23, 1944." It focused on the ways the environment helped the defending Allies and influenced the outcome of the Battle of the Bulge.

While at UNT, since 2016 Darrell has worked as a Teaching Assistant and a Teaching Fellow teaching American History 2610. Additionally, he helped to build and publish UNT's online museum "Blowout: A Community's Engagement with Fracking in Denton, TX." Darrell is a member of the History Honors Society, Phi Alpha Theta, and the Society of Military History.

Darrell and his wife are diehard OU football fans and love to travel throughout the United States and Europe. She especially enjoys when he takes her to obscure military sites on their trips to "study at the terrain."