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Description:

This episode is about the scholarly obituary and presents two different approaches to the enterprise of reviewing a scholar's life. Tasked with "reviewing" the life of historian and his own mentor, Dr. Raymond A. Mohl, Robert interviews H-War editor [David Silbey](#) about *his* review of distinguished military historian John Keegan. Robert and Yelena then talk about some considerations, like what to include and the issue of objectivity. Links to the obituaries and interviews discussed are below.

- Alex Ronan, "The Art of the Obituary: An Interview with Margalit Fox," *Paris Review*, September 23, 2014.
 - [Link](#) on the *Paris Review* website
- Longform Podcast #43 interview with Margalit Fox ([link](#))
- David Silbey, "John Keegan, A Scholarly Obituary," The Chronicle Blog Network, August 6, 2012.
 - [Link](#) on *The Chronicle* website
- Robert Cassanello's obituary of Ray Mohl in the *Florida Historical Quarterly* 93, no. 4 (Spring 2015).
 - [Link](#) to a pdf on the Commons

And for those considering writing their own obituaries, here are some [tips](#) from the Rutgers Retired Faculty Association.

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