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Education

- 2005 Ph.D., Yale University, Department of History
- 1999 B.A., Indiana University, History and French, Honors, with High Distinction
- 1997-1998 Junior Year Abroad Program, Faculté des Lettres, Université de Provence, Aix-en-Provence, France

Academic Appointments

- 2017-present Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Xavier University
- 2017-present Professor, Department of History, Xavier University
- 2014-2016 Founding Director, First-Year Seminar, Xavier University
- 2011-2017 Associate Professor, Department of History, Xavier University
- 2005-2011 Assistant Professor, Department of History, Xavier University

Administrative Experience and Accomplishments

2017-present Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Xavier University

- Develop and implement College diversity and inclusion strategic plan
- Oversee planning and management of honors, interdisciplinary, international study and graduate programs
- Oversee planning and management of School of Arts and Innovation
- Oversee curricula and catalog for 48 undergraduate and 4 graduate degree programs
- Devise and implement College communication strategy for internal and external audiences
- Conduct analysis of College schedule to support enrollment strategy and faculty course load strategy
- Manage faculty travel budget of \$138k
- Oversee the Roger A. Fortin Award for humanities faculty

- Chair Fredin Committee for student study in France

2014-2016 Founding Director, First-Year Seminar (FYS)

- Shepherded CORE 100 through the approval process from Board of Undergraduate Studies and the Board of Trustees
- Solicited, approved, and coordinated FYS courses
- Developed an extensive Library Research Guide for FYS
- Developed a registration process with the Registrar
- Successfully advocated for and managed a budget of \$20k
- Coordinated with Goa, Xavier's first-year co-curricular program
- Developed a strategy to reach incoming students with Marketing & Communications and Admission
- Initiated FYS engagement with emerging campus-wide strategy on fostering diversity and inclusion
- Coordinated with University Library on library instruction and library prize
- Created a library of FYS systems and best practices
- Organized and facilitated 34 hours of pedagogical instruction for faculty
- Worked with Registrar, Advising, and department chairs to troubleshoot registration for Fall 2015, Spring 2016 and Fall 2016
- Found replacement for a faculty member who was unable to teach
- Spark: The FYS Call for the Greater Good (once per semester)
 - Conceived and designed the event in collaboration with Ethics/Religion and Society
 - Invited speakers
 - Managed logistics
 - Moderated discussion
- Flame: The FYS Celebration of Student Learning (once per semester)
 - Conceived and designed the event
 - Worked with FYS faculty to solicit student proposals
 - Managed logistics for 150 students per Flame
- FYS Abroad: solicited proposals, established financial aid parameters, coordinated with the Center for International Education, Development, the Dean's Office, and faculty to create an international program in Italy in 2016 and 2017

Higher Education Leadership Development

American Association of Colleges and Universities Annual Meeting, San Francisco, January 25-28, 2017.

Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities Leadership Seminar, June 2013 and June 2014.

Delegate to Heartland-Delta V, meeting of Jesuit institutions, Cleveland, May 29-June 1, 2007.

Books

The Siege of Strasbourg. Harvard University Press (2014).

Organizing for War: France, 1870-1914. Louisiana State University Press (2010).

Awards and Honors

Roger A. Fortin Award for Outstanding Teaching and Scholarship in the Humanities, Xavier University, 2015.

Fellowship, Gustave Gimon Collection on French Political Economy at the Stanford University Libraries, 2013.

Fulbright U.S. Scholar on a Fulbright-Alsace Regional Council Award for research in Strasbourg, France, 2009.

Commendation by the Jury for the Malcolm Bowie Prize, "The French Red Cross, War Readiness, and Civil Society, 1866-1914," sponsored by the Society for French Studies, 2008.

Articles

"Le siège de Strasbourg et l'humanitarisme: premisses de 1914?" translated by Margaret Rigaud, in *D'une guerre à l'autre: que reste-t-il de 1870-1871 en 1914?*, directed by Jean-François Chanut, François Cochet, Olivier Dard, Éric Necker and Jakob Vogel (Paris: Riveneuve, 2016): 342-365.

"Paths to Zero: Childlessness in France and Germany in a Historical Perspective," in *La 'condition féminine': Féminismes et mouvements de femmes aux XIXe-XXe siècles*, ed. Françoise Berger and Anne Kwaschik (Göttingen: Franz Steiner, 2016): 227-237.

"The French Red Cross, War Readiness, and Civil Society, 1866-1914." *French Historical Studies*, 31, no. 3 (Summer 2008): 445-76.

"Military Preparation in Peacetime: Training Societies, 1871-92." *Dix-Neuf*, no. 4 (April 2005): 35-51.

“Who Lost the Franco-Prussian War?: Blame, Politics, and Citizenship in the 1870s.” *Proceedings of the Western Society for French History*, 32 (2004): 277-93.

“Great Powers, Small Communities: Commemorating the Franco-Prussian War, 1871-1914,” in *Visions/Revisions: Essays on Nineteenth-Century French Culture*, ed. Nigel Harkness, Paul Rowe, Tim Unwin and Jennifer Yee (Oxford: Peter Lang, 2003): 175-92.

Book Reviews

Review of Kristin Ross, *Communal Luxury: The Political Imaginary of the Paris Commune*. *The Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 46, no. 1 (2016).

Review of Bruno Cabanes, *The Great War and the Origins of Humanitarianism, 1918-1924*. *The Journal of Modern History* 87, no. 4 (December 2015): 945-946.

Review of Vincent Wright, *Les préfets de Gambetta: Texte complété, mis à jour et présenté par Éric Anceau et Sudhir Hazareesingh*. *H-France Review* 8, no. 75 (May 2008).

Invited Talks and Public Presentations

“Childlessness in Northwestern Europe: A Brief History,” University of Tennessee. Knoxville, TN, October 18, 2017.

“Besieged: Civilians at the Dawn of Total War,” The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. Cincinnati, OH, November 12, 2016.

“History and Quantitative Literacy,” Ohio Academy of History Annual Conference. North Canton, OH, April 2, 2016.

“The Siege of Strasbourg of 1870: Anticipations of 1914?” International Symposium, *From One War to the Next: What Was Left of 1870-1871 in 1914?* Musée de la Guerre de 1870 et de l’Annexion inaugural conference. Gravelotte, France, March 27-29, 2014.

“Inventing Humanitarianism: Gender and the Civilian Male in Besieged Strasbourg,” University of California, Santa Cruz. Santa Cruz, CA, November 14, 2013.

“Humanitarianism and the Protection of Civilians in Wartime,” Emerging Issues Meeting, Santa Clara University. Santa Clara, CA, November 11, 2013.

“France Divided: The Vichy Government, Le Chambon, and Resistance,” Center for Holocaust and Humanity Education. Cincinnati, OH, June 17, 2013.

“Justice after Genocide?: The Nuremberg Trials and the Genocide Convention,” Center for Holocaust and Humanity Education. Cincinnati, OH, October 31, 2012.

“Inventing Humanitarianism: Emotion, Gender and the Civilian Male,” Penn State University. State College, PA, April 2, 2012.

“How to Change the World: A Brief History,” Phi Beta Kappa Annual Lecture, Xavier University. Cincinnati, OH, March 14, 2012.

“Anri Sala’s *Intervista*: Art, History and Memory,” Perspectives Lecture, Contemporary Arts Center. Cincinnati, OH, August 17, 2009.

“To the Last Extremity?: The Siege of Strasbourg and the Laws of War (1870),” Past to Present Seminar, University of North Florida. Jacksonville, FL, September 25, 2008.

Conference Presentations

“Childlessness in Northwestern Europe: A Brief History.” Panel organizer, *Transgressing the Western Norm: Infanticide, Childlessness and the Matronym, 1600-1900. The Seventeenth Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Genders and Sexualities.* Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY, June 1-4, 2017. Accepted to program.

Comment for the panel *Writing History as You Make It: Personal Writing in Times of War.* Society for French Historical Studies Annual Conference. Washington, D.C., April 20-22, 2017. Accepted to program.

Comment for the panel *Madhouses, Courthouses, and Clinics: Medicine and Gender in Context, 1750-1850.* Society for French Historical Studies Annual Conference. Nashville, TN, March 3-5, 2016.

Comment for the panel *Recipes, Spies, and Soldiers: Information Exchange in France & the Colonies During the Third Republic.* Western Society for French History Annual Conference. Chicago, IL, November 5-7, 2015.

- “From Malthus to Piketty: Demography and Inequality in Political Economy.” Roundtable participant and organizer, *Piketty in Historical Perspective*. Society for French Historical Studies Annual Conference. Colorado Springs, CO, April 16-19, 2015.
- Comment for the panel *Crossing Borders in Twentieth Century France*. Society for French Historical Studies Annual Conference. Colorado Springs, CO, April 16-19, 2015.
- Chair for the panel *Rethinking Race, Gender, and Citizenship in Modern France and the Empire*. Society for French Historical Studies Annual Conference. Colorado Springs, CO, April 16-19, 2015.
- “Gender, Anthropology and Empire: Comments on Alice Conklin’s *In the Museum of Man*.” Ohio Academy of History. Ada, OH, March 27-28, 2015.
- “Quantitative Literacy and the Humanities.” Lilly International Conference on College Teaching. Oxford, OH, November 20-23, 2014.
- Roundtable participant, *The Self at War: What Historians Can (Not) Learn about Conflicts from Ego-Documents*. Western Society for French History Annual Conference. San Antonio, TX, November 13-15, 2014.
- “Childlessness in Contemporary France and Germany.” *La condition féminine en France, en Allemagne et en Europe: Regards croisés, XIXe-XXe siècles*. Colloquium of the Deutsch-Französisches Historikerkomitee. Grenoble, France, October 23-25, 2014.
- Comment for the panel *Women and War in France’s Long Nineteenth Century*. Society for French Historical Studies Annual Conference. Montreal, Canada, April 24-27, 2014.
- “Suzanne Voilquin: Childlessness, Households and Community.” *Between Theory and Practice: The 19th Century French Socialist Press at the Stanford University Libraries*. Palo Alto, CA, November 1-2, 2013.
- “Childfree Women and Households, Past and Present.” Western Society for French History Annual Conference. Atlanta, GA, October 24-26, 2013.
- Roundtable participant, *Pedagogies of Change: Academics and Engagement in the French History Classroom and Beyond*. Western Society for French History Annual Conference. Atlanta, GA, October 24-26, 2013.

Chair for the panel *Emotions of War: Reacting and Rebuilding in War's Aftermath in the Third Republic*. *Western Society for French History Annual Conference*. Atlanta, GA, October 24-26, 2013.

"International Ethics and War, or, Explaining Why Civilians Should Not Be Bombarded." *Society for French Historical Studies Annual Conference*. Cambridge, MA, April 5-7, 2013.

Roundtable participant, *The History of Humanitarianism: Complicating the Grand Narrative*. *Western Society for French History Annual Conference*. Banff, Canada, October 11-13, 2012.

Chair for the panel *The Left at Loggerheads over War, Women and Work, 1900-1944*. *Western Society for French History Annual Conference*. Banff, Canada, October 11-13, 2012.

"1870: Media, Emotions and Civilian Men." *Society for French Historical Studies Annual Conference*. Los Angeles, CA, March 22-24, 2012.

Comment and chair for the panel *The Army within the Nation, 1870-1928*. *Western Society for French History Annual Conference*. Portland, OR, November 10-12, 2011.

Comment for the panel *Militarized Politics from Napoleon to the Croix de Feu*. *Society for French Historical Studies Annual Conference*. Charleston, SC, February 10-12, 2011.

"Civilian Rights and Expectations in the Franco-Prussian War." Roundtable participant and organizer, *Human Rights and Humanitarianism, 1870s to 1970s*. *American Historical Association Annual Meeting*. Boston, MA, January 6-9, 2011.

"Trauma and Treatment during the Franco-Prussian War." *Western Society for French History Annual Conference*. Lafayette, LA, October 21-23, 2010.

"The City at War: Politics and Policies in Besieged Strasbourg." *Society for French Historical Studies Annual Conference*. Tempe, AZ, April 8-10, 2010.

"Civilian and Military Encounters in Besieged Strasbourg (1870)." Panel organizer, *Encounters on the Franco-German Border*. *German Studies Association Annual Conference*. Washington, D.C., October 8-11, 2009.

"Gendered Heroism in the Siege of Strasbourg (1870)." *Western Society for French History Annual Conference*. Quebec, Canada, November 6-8, 2008.

- “Swiss Intervention on Behalf of Civilians during the Franco-Prussian War.”
American Historical Association Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C., January 3-6, 2008.
- “Mourning and the Franco-Prussian War, 1871-1880.” *Ohio Valley History Conference*. Bowling Green, KY, October 18-20, 2007.
- “Civilians under Siege: Strasbourg 1870.” *Society for French Historical Studies Annual Conference*. Houston, TX, March 15-17, 2007.
- “Citizens’ Plans to ‘Liberate the Territories’ after the Franco-Prussian War, 1871-73.” *Western Society for French History Annual Conference*. Long Beach, CA, October 20-22, 2006.
- “Revisiting the *Midi Rouge*: Commemorating September 4th in the Hérault from the 1870s.” *Western Society for French History Annual Conference*. Colorado Springs, CO, October 27-29, 2005.
- “Who Lost the Franco-Prussian War?: Blame, Politics, and Citizenship in the 1870s.” *Western Society for French History Annual Conference*. Lubbock, TX, September 30-October 2, 2004.
- “Ending the German Occupation of France after the Franco-Prussian War, 1870-73.” *Barnes Club Conference, Temple University*. Philadelphia, PA, February 28, 2004.
- “War and Hope in Two French Villages, Post-1870.” *When Was Europe Seminar*. Konstanz, Germany, June 25-27, 2003.
- “The Red Cross and the Rebuilding of France during the Early Third Republic.” *Society for French Historical Studies Annual Conference*. Milwaukee, WI, April 3-5, 2003.
- “Commemorating the Franco-Prussian War, 1871-1914.” *Society of Dix-Neuviémistes Annual Conference*. London, England, September 2-3, 2002.

Other Publications

Childless, Childfree: News, Research and the Arts, a blog (2016).
www.childlessness.org

"A Cautionary Tale: France and World War I," LSU Press Blog (April 28, 2014).
<http://blog.lsupress.org/a-cautionary-tale-france-and-world-war-i>

"Justice in the Era of Little Data," Dorothy Day Center for Faith and Justice Blog (April 8, 2014).
<http://dorothydaycfj.wordpress.com/2014/04/08/justice-in-the-era-of-little-data/>

Quantitative Literacy and the Humanities, a web resource (2014).
<http://scalar.usc.edu/works/quantitative-literacy-and-the-humanities/index>

Co-authored with Timothy White and Anas Malik, "International Studies and Political Science," *Academic Exchange Quarterly* (Winter 2006): 101-5.

"Chronology (1789-1914)," "Cobden-Chevalier Treaty," "Lesseps, Ferdinand de," and "Red Cross," in *Europe 1789 to 1914 - Encyclopedia of the Age of Industry and Empire*, ed. John Merriman and Jay Winter (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 2006).

"Chronology (1914-2004)," in *Europe Since 1914 - Encyclopedia of the Age of War and Reconstruction*, ed. John Merriman and Jay Winter (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 2006).

European History since 1450. SparkCharts Study Chart (New York: SparkNotes, 2005).

English summaries of French and German language articles in *Forms of Servitude in Northern and Central Europe: Decline, Resistance and Expansion*, ed. Paul Freedman and Monique Bourin (Turnhout, Belgium: Brepols, 2005).

Courses Taught

Xavier University, Department of History, 2005-present.

First-Year Seminar: Paris

Europe at War, 1914-1945 (100-level core)

European History I (100-level core)

European History II (100-level core)

Revolutions (100-level core)

Sophomore Colloquium: Historical Methods, 1848 (200-level)

The French Revolution, 1789-1815 (300-level and 200-level versions)

European Societies at War, 1815-1945 (300-level)

France and Germany, 1918-1945 (300-level)

Modern Paris (300-level and 100-level versions)
A History of Saving the World (300-level)
Seminar: France, 1870-1914 (400-level)
*Seminar: History of Modern Paris (400-level) (Xavier Summer Honors
Program in Paris)*
Seminar: The Great War (400-level)

Instructor, University of Connecticut at Stamford, Department of History, 2005.
Modern Western Traditions: The Reformation to the Present

Acting Instructor (Part-Time), Yale University, Department of History, 2005.
The French Revolution, 1789-1815

Professional Service

Editorial Board Member, *French Historical Studies*, 2015-present.

H-France Forum Editor, 2015-present.

Society for French Historical Studies Prize Committee, 2015-2016 (Chair, 2016).

Western Society for French History Governing Council, 2012-2015.

Reviewer for Fulbright Awards in History, 2009.

Reviewer of book manuscripts for Harvard University Press, Indiana University Press and the Catholic University of America Press.

Reviewer of articles for *French Historical Studies* and *French Politics, Culture & Society*.

Xavier University Service and Awards (Selected)

Awards

Roger A. Fortin Award for Outstanding Teaching and Scholarship in the Humanities, 2015.

Summer Faculty Development Fellowship, 2010, 2015.

Faculty Development Leave Award, 2008-2009, 2013.

Faculty Fellowship for “The Stuff of Everyday Life: Using Quantitative Literacy in the Humanities to Address Sustainability Issues,” sponsored by the Xavier University Center for Teaching Excellence, 2013.

Curriculum Development

History Department subcommittee on the Core and the major revision, 2014.

Sociology Review committee, 2010.

History Department subcommittee on new requirements for the major, 2007.

Committee to revise the curriculum for the International Affairs major, College of Arts and Sciences, 2005-2006.

University Service

Provost Search Committee, 2016-2017

Financial Aid Committee, 2014-present.

Jesuit Catholic Identity Taskforce, 2013-2014.

Center for Teaching Excellent Advisory Committee, 2012-2016.

Fredin Memorial Scholarship Selection Committee, 2007, 2009-2012, 2014-present. Chair, 2016-present.

Xavier Summer Honors Program in Paris, 2006, 2007, Director 2008.

Historian and Member of the Executive Committee, the Phi Beta Kappa Society, Pi of Ohio Chapter, 2006-2008, 2009-2016.

Graduate Awards and Honors

“Military Preparation in Peacetime: Paramilitary Associations, 1871-92.” First Prize, Society of Dix-Neuviémistes Postgraduate Essay Competition, 2004.

University Dissertation Fellowship, Yale University, 2004.

Smith-Richardson Foundation Fellowship for Dissertation Research, 2002-03.

Yale Center for International and Area Studies Dissertation Grant, 2002-03.

Smith-Richardson Foundation Fellowship for Pre-Dissertation Research, 2001.

Yale Center for International and Area Studies Pre-Dissertation (Mini) Grant,
2001.

Undergraduate Awards and Honors

Phi Beta Kappa, member since 1999.

Herman B. Wells Scholarship, one of twenty full four-year scholarships
recognizing academic achievement and leadership, Indiana University,
1995-1999.

Senior Achievement Award, Honors Division, Indiana University, 1999.

Languages

French: Fluent spoken and written

German and Italian: Reading knowledge

Professional Memberships

American Historical Association

Berkshire Conference of Women Historians

Society for French Historical Studies

Western Society for French History