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Boston College  
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### EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor, Boston College	2010–
Affiliate, Center for European Studies, Harvard University	2010–
Associate Professor, Bucknell University	2009–2010
Assistant Professor, Bucknell University	2005–2009
Visiting Assistant Professor, Bryn Mawr College	2004–2005
Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow, Washington University in St. Louis	2002–2004
Lecturer, University of California, Berkeley	2001–2002

### EDUCATION

Ph.D., History, University of California, Berkeley Dissertation: <i>Forbidden to Forbid: Ethics in France, 1968–1981</i>	Dec. 2001
M.A., Historical Studies, Graduate Theological Union & The Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley Thesis: <i>Extravagant Genuflections: Catholic Modernisms in Fin-de-siècle France</i>	May 1996
B.A., History, Brown University	May 1992

### REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

#### Books

- From Revolution to Ethics: May 1968 and Contemporary French Thought*  
McGill-Queen's University Press, xx + 468 pp. 2007  
Winner of the 2008 Morris D. Forkosch book prize from the *Journal of the History of Ideas*  
Selected as a CHOICE Outstanding Academic Title (2008), *CHOICE Magazine*
- Complications: Communism and the Dilemmas of Democracy*, by Claude Lefort  
Translation and Introduction (Columbia University Press), x + 237 pp. 2007
- After the Deluge: New Perspectives on the Intellectual and Cultural History of Postwar France*  
Edited book, including Introduction  
Translation of Afterword by François Dosse (Lexington Books), vii + 426 pp. 2004

Articles

- “Tempered Nostalgia in Recent French Films on the ’68 Years”  
*The Long 1968*  
 eds. Ruud van Dijk et al. (Indiana University Press) under review
- “Blame It on Paris”  
*French Historical Studies* 35, no. 1, pp. 181–97 Winter 2012
- “The Moral History of 1968”  
*May 68: Rethinking France’s Last Revolution*, ed. Julian Jackson (Palgrave), pp. 17–33 2011
- “Rousseau and the Terror: A Reassessment”  
*Rousseau and Revolution*, ed. Mikkel Thorup (Continuum), pp. 51–63 2011
- “‘Your Sexual Revolution Is Not Ours’: French Feminist ‘Moralism’ and the Limits of Desire”  
*Gender and Sexuality in 1968: Transformative Politics in the Cultural Imagination*  
 eds. Lessie Jo Frazier and Deborah Cohen (Palgrave), pp. 85–113 2009
- “Sexe et quatrième dimension: Duchamp entre la vue et le toucher”  
*Marcel Duchamp et l’érotisme*, ed. Marc Décimo (Les presses du réel), pp. 79–86 2008
- “Fourth-Dimensional Sex: Duchamp Between the Scopic and Tactile”  
*Duchamp and Eroticism*  
 ed. Marc Décimo (Cambridge Scholars University Press), pp. 71–79 2007
- “Boy Trouble: French Pedophilia Discourse of the 1970s”  
*Between Marx and Coca-Cola: Youth Cultures in Changing European Societies, 1960–1980*  
 eds. Axel Schildt and Detlef Siegfried (Berghahn Books), pp. 287–312 2006
- “The Red Guards of Paris: French Student Maoism of the 1960s”  
*History of European Ideas* 31, no. 4, pp. 472–90 Dec. 2005
- “‘Society Must Be Defended’ and the Last Foucault”  
*Radical Philosophy Review* 7, no. 1, pp. 131–44 Spring 2005
- “Les contributions accidentelles du marxisme au renouveau  
 des droits de l’homme en France dans les années 1970”  
*Actuel Marx* 32, pp. 125–38 Sept. 2002
- “A Modernist Catholic? Edouard Le Roy’s Dual Critique  
 of Scientism and Neo-Scholasticism”  
*The Modern Schoolman* 78, no. 4, pp. 317–43 May 2001
- “The Rhetoric of Modal Equivocacy in Cartesian Transubstantiation”  
*Journal of the History of Ideas* 62, no. 1, pp. 121–40 Jan. 2001

**NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS**

- Review of Alessandro Orsini, *Anatomy of the Red Brigades: The Religious Mind-Set  
 of Modern Terrorists*  
*The Journal of Modern History* forthcoming

- Review of Mikkel Thorup, *An Intellectual History of Terror: War, Violence, and the State* and Alberto Toscano, *Fanaticism: On the Uses of an Idea*  
*Modern Intellectual History* forthcoming
- Review of Stefanos Geroulanos, *An Atheism that Is Not Humanist Emerges in French Thought*  
*The Journal of Modern History* 83, no. 4 2011
- Review of Richard Wolin, *The Wind from the East: French Intellectuals, the Cultural Revolution, and the Legacy of the 1960s*  
*Social History* 36, no. 4 2011
- Review of Niilo Kauppi, *Radicalism in French Culture: A Sociology of French Theory in the 1960s*  
*H-France* 11, no. 186 Aug. 2011
- Review of Jonathan Judaken, *Jean-Paul Sartre and The Jewish Question: Anti-antisemitism and the Politics of the French Intellectual*  
*H-Ideas* Nov. 2010
- “On Terror as Human Sacrifice”  
(Review essay on Faisal Devji, *The Terrorist in Search of Humanity*;  
Paul W. Kahn, *Sacred Violence: Torture, Terror, and Sovereignty*)  
*Humanity* 1, no. 1, pp. 137–54 Oct. 2010
- “1968”  
*Dictionary of Cultural and Critical Theory*  
eds. Michael Payne and Jessica Rae Barbera (Wiley-Blackwell), pp. 491–96 2010
- Response Essay  
(Response to review essays of *From Revolution to Ethics*  
by Michael Scott Christofferson, Jonathan Judaken, Xavier Vigna,  
and Rosemary Wakeman)  
*H-France Forum* 4, no. 3, pp. 78–89 Fall 2009
- Review of Tom McDonough, “*The Beautiful Language of My Century*”:  
*Reinventing the Language of Contestation in Postwar France, 1945–1968*  
*H-France Forum* 3, no. 1, pp. 1–5 April 2008
- Review of Pierre Rosanvallon, *The Demands of Liberty: Civil Society in France since the Revolution*  
*Perspectives on Politics* 6, no. 1, pp. 167–68 March 2008
- Summaries of *From Revolution to Ethics* and *After the Deluge*  
*History and Theory* 47, no. 1, pp. 144–45 Feb. 2008
- Review of Pierre Rosanvallon, *Democracy Past and Future*  
*Constellations* 14, no. 4, pp. 661–64 Dec. 2007
- Review of Suzanne Guerlac, *Thinking in Time: An Introduction to Henri Bergson*  
*H-France* 7, no. 122, pp. 503–505 Oct. 2007

- Review of Michael Scott Christofferson, *Intellectuals Against the Left: The Anti-Totalitarian Moment of the 1970s in French Intellectual Politics*  
*French Politics, Culture & Society* 25, no. 1, pp. 140–43 Spring 2007
- Review of Michael Seidman, *The Imaginary Revolution: Parisian Students and Workers in 1968*  
*The Journal of Modern History* 78, no. 3, pp. 737–39 Sept. 2006
- “Empire Versus Multitude: Place Your Bets”  
(Review Essay on Gopal Balakrishnan, ed., *Debating Empire*;  
Michael Hardt and Antonio Negri, *Multitude: War and Democracy in the Age of Empire*; Negri and Anne Dufourmantelle, *Negri on Negri*;  
Negri, *Time for Revolution*; Paul Passavant and Jodi Dean, eds.,  
*Empire’s New Clothes: Reading Hardt and Negri*)  
*Ethics and International Affairs* 18, no. 3, pp. 97–107 Winter 2004
- Review of Alain Badiou, *Ethics: An Essay on the Understanding of Evil*  
*Ethics and International Affairs* 17, no. 1, pp. 186–88 Spring 2003
- “Hello to All That: Rescuing May 1968”  
(Review Essay of Kristin Ross, *May ’68 and Its Afterlives*)  
*French Cultural Studies* 14, no. 1, pp. 117–26 Feb. 2003
- “Patently Obvious and Untouchable: Knowledge and Belief”  
*The Doreen B. Townsend Center for the Humanities Newsletter*, pp. 1–3 March 2000

#### PAPERS DELIVERED

- “Principally Contradiction: The Flourishing of French Maoism”  
*Mao’s Little Red Book: A Global History*, Berkeley Oct. 2011
- “The Long Sixties in France”  
School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston April 2011
- “Democratic Revolution: Historical Ideal/Historical Reality”  
*Revolutions: From France to Facebook*, Boston April 2011
- “Response to Stefanos Geroulanos”  
*Harvard Colloquium for Intellectual and Cultural History*, Cambridge March 2011
- “Ideas of Terror and Terrorism in Twentieth-Century Europe”  
*Harvard Colloquium for Intellectual and Cultural History*, Cambridge March 2011
- “Response to Richard Wolin”  
*Seminar on French Politics and Society*, Cambridge Dec. 2010
- “The Legacy of the 1960s”  
*Keynote Speaker, Bucknell Class of 1965 Reunion*, Lewisburg June 2010
- “The Chosen Few: Anarchist Violence and Democracy”  
*Boston College History Department Dissertation Workshop*, Boston April 2010

- “Rousseau and the Terror: A Reassessment”  
*Rousseau and Revolution*, Aarhus March 2009
- “Tempered Nostalgia in Recent French Films on les années 68”  
*Since 1968*, Milwaukee Oct. 2008  
*1968: Impact and Implications*, London July 2008  
*May 68: Forty Years On*, Paris May 2008
- “1968: Event, Ethics, Telos”  
*A Time for History, A Turn to Ethics*, New York May 2008
- “The Eventfulness of Events: 1968 as Theoretical Wellspring”  
*The Legacy of 1968: An Interdisciplinary Conference*, Philadelphia April 2008  
*Global 1968*, Hamilton April 2008
- “‘Your Sexual Revolution Is Not Ours’:  
French Feminist ‘Moralism’ and the Limits of Desire”  
*Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity,  
and Gender Faculty Colloquium*, Lewisburg March 2008
- “Michel l’optimiste: On Misunderstanding Foucault”  
*Society for French Historical Studies Annual Meeting*, Urbana-Champagne April 2006
- “Le sexe quadrimensionnel: Duchamp entre la vue et le toucher”  
*Duchamp et érotisme*, Orléans Dec. 2005
- “Out Damn Spot: Sarah Kofman’s Tragic Victory Over Mourning”  
*The Legacy of the Holocaust: Women and the Holocaust*, Krakow May 2005
- “A Rare Example of France Borrowing from America:  
Gregory Bateson and the Double Bind”  
*Society for French Historical Studies Annual Meeting*, Paris June 2004
- “May 1968 and the Institution of Civil Society”  
*Liberalism’s Return: French Social Thought since 1968*, New York April 2004
- “Forbidden to Forbid: May 1968 and the Turn to Ethics in Contemporary France”  
*Francophone Studies Group*, St. Louis Feb. 2004  
*Politics, Ethics, and Society Workshop*, St. Louis Nov. 2003
- “‘Society Must Be Defended’ and the Last Foucault”  
*Third Annual Foucault Circle*, Cleveland March 2003
- “Response to Howard Brick”  
*Politics, Ethics, and Society Workshop*, St. Louis March 2003
- “Spinoza on Prozac: Anti-Oedipal Institutional Critique in 1970s France”  
*American Historical Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago Jan. 2003  
*Washington University Annual Mellon Lecture*, St. Louis Nov. 2002
- “Against *l’actualité*: Dilemmas in Historicizing May 1968”  
*Western Society for French History*, Baltimore Oct. 2002

- “Les contributions accidentelles du marxisme au renouveau des droits de l’homme en France dans les années 1970”  
*Congrès Marx Internationale III*, Nanterre, France Sept. 2001
- “The Red Guards of Paris: French Student Maoism in the 1960s”  
*Graduate Student Conference in European History*, Memphis Feb. 2001
- “Ethical Aporias of the French Philosophy of Desire, 1968–1979”  
*PostModern Productions*, Erlangen Nov. 2000
- “A Modernist Catholic? Edouard Le Roy’s Dual Critique of Scientism and Neo-Scholasticism”  
*Beyond Understanding: Reconsidering Knowledge and Belief*, Berkeley April 2000
- “Clavel/Pascal: Ethical Jansenism and the New Philosophers in 1970s France”  
*History in the Making VI*, Montreal March 2000
- “What Happened in May 1968?”  
*May 1968: Thirty Years Later*, Artists’ Television Access, San Francisco May 1998

#### OTHER CONFERENCES

- Colloquium Organizer  
*Phenomenology and European Intellectuals in the Interwar Period*, Lewisburg April 2010
- Panel Chair and Comment  
*Western Society for French History*, Boulder Oct. 2009
- Panel Chair  
*1968: Global Resistance/Local Knowledge*, Madison, NJ Nov. 2006
- Conference Co-Chair  
*Liberalism’s Return: French Social Thought since 1968*, New York April 2004
- Commentator  
*Semi-Annual Undergraduate History Conference*, Berkeley Dec. 2001
- Conference Chair  
*Beyond Understanding: Reconsidering Knowledge and Belief*, Berkeley April 2000

#### FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- International Research Travel Fund  
*Bucknell University* Winter 2010
- Curriculum Development Grant  
*Bucknell University* Summer 2009
- Scholarly Development Grant  
*Bucknell University* Summer 2008
- Academic Fellowship on Terrorism  
*Foundation for Defense of Democracies*, funded trip to Israel Summer 2007

Curriculum Development Grant <i>Bucknell University</i>	Summer 2007
Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship <i>Washington University in St. Louis</i>	2002–2004
Fulbright Fellowship <i>Franco-American Commission for Educational Exchange</i>	2000–2001
Charlotte Newcombe Fellowship <i>The Woodrow Wilson Foundation</i>	2000–2001
John L. Simpson Memorial Research Fellowship <i>Institute for International Studies, U.C. Berkeley</i>	2000–2001
Jean and Irving Stone Fellowship <i>The Doreen B. Townsend Center for the Humanities, Fellows Group, U.C. Berkeley</i>	1999–2000
Rosenberg Grant for Dissertation Research <i>History Department, U.C. Berkeley</i>	1998–1999
Foreign Language and Area Studies <i>U.S. Department of Education</i>	Summer 1998
Predissertation Fellowship <i>Center for German and European Studies, U.C. Berkeley</i>	Summer 1997
Mellon Foundation Predissertation Fellowship <i>History Department, U.C. Berkeley</i>	Summer 1997
Departmental Grant <i>History Department, U.C. Berkeley</i>	Fall 1996

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Boston College 2011–2012

Spring

HIST 36: Europe and the Modern World II  
HIST 851: Modern Political Violence

Fall

HIST 300: Apostles and Critics of Capitalism  
HIST 359: History of Terrorism  
HIST 848: Twentieth-Century European Intellectual History

### 2010–2011

Spring

HIST 32: Europe and the Modern World II  
HIST 300: Intellectuals and Politics

Fall

HIST 470: The Ends of Human History  
HIST 897: Modern European History Colloquium

Bucknell University 2009–2010

## Spring

HIST 132: Europe and the Modern World  
HIST 262: History and Film

## Fall

HIST 247: The History of Terrorism  
HIST 268: Modernity and Crisis  
HIST 360: The History of Capitalism

2007–2008

## Spring

HIST 268: The Ends of Human History  
HIST 350: Honors Thesis  
CAPS 413: The History of Right and Wrong

## Fall

HIST 247: The History of Terrorism  
HIST 262: History and Film  
HIST 360: Intellectual History Seminar: Biopower

2006–2007

## Spring

HIST 247: The History of Terrorism  
HIST 268: The Ends of Human History  
HIST 361: Modernism and Postmodernism: The Foucault Effect

## Fall

HIST 132: Histories of Europe, 1492 to the Present  
HIST 267: Intellectual History I: Reason and Revolution  
HIST 360: Liberalism and Conservatism

2005–2006

## Spring

HIST 247: The History of Terrorism  
HIST 268: Intellectual History II: Heidegger and Foucault  
HIST 330: Modernism/Postmodernism

## Fall

HIST 132: Histories of Europe, 1492 to the Present  
HIST 267: Intellectual History I: Early Modern Political Theory

**ASSOCIATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Member, Editorial Board, *Modern Intellectual History* (January 2010–)

Member, Best First Article Prize Committee, Council of European Studies (2011–2012)



American Historical Association  
Western Society for French History  
Society for French Historical Studies

Article reviewed for *Modern Intellectual History* (February 2012)  
Article reviewed for *The Journal of Modern History* (November 2011)  
Book proposal reviewed for Routledge (September 2011)  
Book manuscript reviewed for University of Toronto Press (August 2011)  
Textbook reviewed for Wadsworth/Cengage (July 2011)  
Textbook reviewed for Pearson (May 2011)  
Book manuscript reviewed for Cambridge University Press (April 2011)  
Book proposal reviewed for Columbia University Press (March 2011)  
Article reviewed for *Modern Intellectual History* (March 2011)  
Article reviewed for the *Journal of the History of Ideas* (November 2010)  
Article reviewed for *Modern Intellectual History* (August 2010)  
Two articles reviewed for *Modern Intellectual History* (April 2010)  
Dissertation defense committee, outside reader, Boston College (June 2009)  
Article reviewed for *French Historical Studies* (April 2009)  
Dissertation defense committee, outside reader, Columbia University (September 2008)  
Proposal reviewed for L'Agence Nationale de la Recherche, Lyon, France (June 2008)  
Article reviewed for *Patterns of Prejudice* (June 2008)  
Article reviewed for *Modern Intellectual History* (December 2007)  
Article reviewed for *French Politics, Culture & Society* (August 2006)  
Manuscript reviewed for Lexington Books (May 2005)  
Proposal reviewed for Columbia University Press (February 2005)  
Manuscript reviewed for the University of Toronto Press (May 2003)

## LANGUAGES

French

## RESEARCH RELATED TRAVEL

Europe, January 2010  
——, May & July 2008  
——, June–July 2007  
——, June–July 2006  
——, May 2005  
——, June 2004  
——, May–September 2003  
——, March 2001  
——, July–December 2000  
——, January–August 1999  
——, June–August 1997