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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

B.A., Yale University
M.A., Wesleyan University
Ph.D., University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Academic Positions

Professor of History, Indiana University, 2005-
Editor, *American Historical Review*, 2005-2010
Visiting Professor, Université de Toulouse-Mirail, April 2011
Visiting Professor, University of Bristol (UK), 2010-2011
Visiting Professor, National University of Ireland, Maynooth, 2001
Ordinary Professor, Catholic University, 1996-2005
Associate Professor, Catholic University, 1990-96
Assistant Professor, Brandeis University, 1981-89
Lecturer and Academic Counselor, University of Michigan, 1979-81

Fellowships and Grants

Visiting Fellow, Oriel College, Oxford University, 2015-2016
College Arts and Humanities Institute, Indiana University, Research Grant,
2008-2009
John Simon Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship, 1995-96 (taken 1996-97)
All Souls College, Oxford University, Visiting Fellowship, 1996
American Council of Learned Societies, Research Fellowship, 1996-97
Directeur d'études invité, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris,
May 1993, April-May, 2004, February-March, 2016
American Council of Learned Societies, Research Fellowship, 1989-90
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for University Teachers,
1989-90
American Council of Learned Societies, Summer Research Fellowship, 1983
Ann Arbor Research Club, summer 1982
Department of History, University of Michigan, Fellowship, 1981
Bourse Chateaubriand (French Government Fellowship) 1977-78
Center for Western European Studies, Ann Arbor, Fellowship, 1975-76

Publications

The Ceremonial City: Toulouse Observed, 1738-1780 (Princeton University
Press, 1995; paperback edition, 1996)
*Public Life in Toulouse, 1463-1789: From Municipal Republic to Cosmopolitan
City* (Cornell University Press, 1989)
Tocqueville and Beyond: Essays on the Old Regime in Honor of David D. Bien,
Robert A. Schneider and Robert Schwartz, eds. (University of Delaware

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Press, 2003)

- Interdisciplinary Perspectives on French History and Literature*. Special Issue of *French Historical Studies*, Robert A. Schneider and Whitney Walton, eds. (Summer 2005)
- “History, Literature and the History of French Literature,” (with Whitney Walton) in *Interdisciplinary Perspectives on French History and Literature*.
- “Gallicans Not Magistrates: The Dupuy Cabinet in the Age of Richelieu,” in *Social Relations, Politics, and Power in Early Modern France: Robert Descimon and the Historian’s Craft*, Barbara Diefendorf, ed. (Kirksville, MO: Truman State University Press, forthcoming).
- “Friends of Friends: Intellectual Sociability in the Age of Richelieu,” in *Men and Women Making Friends in Early Modern France*, Lewis Seifert and Rebecca Wilkin, eds. (Burlington, VT: Ashgate Press, 2015).
- “Political Power and the Emergence of Literature: Christian Jouhaud’s Age of Richelieu,” *French Historical Studies* 25, no. 2 (Spring 2002):357-380.
- “Rites de mort à Toulouse: les exécutions publiques (1738-1780),” in *L’exécution capitale: une morte donnée en spectacle, XVIe-Xxe siècle* R. Bertrand and A. Carol, eds. (Aix-en-Provence, 2003), pp. 129-150.
- “Disclosing Mysteries: The Contradictions of *Raison d’Etat* in Seventeenth-Century France,” in *Das Geheimnis am Beginn der europäischen Moderne*, Gisela Engel, et al., eds., (Verlag Vittorio Klostermann, Frankfurt-am-Main, 2002), pp. 159-178.
- “Men of Letters and Self-Censorship: Tocqueville’s Critique of the Enlightenment in Historical Perspective,” in *Tocqueville and Beyond* (University of Delaware Press, 2003).
- “Introduction,” (with Robert Schwartz), in *Tocqueville and Beyond*, pp. 21-36.
- “Paris,” “Louis XIII,” “Marie de Medici,” “Literary Journals,” “Duels,” in *Dictionary of Early Modern Europe* (Charles Scribner & Sons, 2003)
- “The Duel,” *Encyclopedia of the Renaissance*, Paul Grendler and J.H.M. Salmon (Charles Scribner & Sons, 2004).
- “Spectacles,” *Encyclopedia of the Enlightenment*, Alan Kors, ed. (Oxford University Press, 2003)
- “The Post-Modern City from an Early Modern Perspective” (Review article of *The City: Los Angeles and Urban Theory at the End of the Twentieth Century*, Scott and Soja, eds.) *American Historical Review*, 105 (December, 2000): 1668-1675.
- “Duels,” *Encyclopedia of Social History*, Peter Stearns, ed. (New York, 1994)
- “Les parlementaires dans la vie sociale de Toulouse,” in *Les parlements de province* (Framespa, 1996), pp. 657-664.
- “In Search of Eighteenth-Century Paris,” *Eighteenth-Century Life*, 19(November, 1995).
- “Crown and *Capitoulat*: The Municipal Government of Toulouse, 1500-1789,” in Philip Benedict, ed., *Cities and Social Change in Early Modern France* (Unwin Hyman, 1989), pp. 195-220.

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“Mortification on Parade: Penitential Processions in Sixteenth- and Seventeenth-Century France,” *Renaissance and Reformation*, 10(February, 1986): 123-146.

“Swordplay and Statemaking: Aspects of the Campaign against the Duel in Early Modern France,” *Statemaking and Social Movements*, C. Bright and S. Harding, eds. (University of Michigan Press, 1984): 265-296.

In Preparation

Dignified Retreat: Writers and Savants in the Age of Richelieu (Currently under consideration at a university press)

This study takes the form of a series of investigations into the cultural and intellectual forces that converged to create a consensus behind the need for a strong monarchy and a refurbished, genuinely French culture in the period between the end of the Wars of Religion and the *Fronde*.

Publications in Capacity of *AHR* Editor

“The *AHR* at 111: A New Editor Looks Back to the Future,” in *Perspectives in History*, October 2005.

“On Film Reviews in the *AHR*,” *Perspectives in History*, May 2006.

“The Golden Age of the Scholarly Journal is Now,” *Perspectives in History*, September 2006.

“Recent Changes in the *AHR*,” *Perspectives in History*, September 2007.

“Confessions—and More—of the Editor of the *AHR*,” *Perspectives in History*, November 2008.

“An Open Letter to Professor X: ‘Please don’t quit the AHA because the *AHR* did not review your book’,” *Perspectives in History*, May 2009.

“Scholarly Journals in the Digital Age: One Editor’s Reflections of the Moment,” *Perspectives in History*, January 2011.

“Introduction: The Question of Modernity,” *AHR* Roundtable, “Historians and the Question of Modernity,” *American Historical Review*, vol. 116, no. 3 (June, 2011): 631-637.

“In Back Issues,” in numerous issues of *American Historical Review* since October 2009.

“*AHR* Conversation,” in *American Historical Review* (December 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015); participant as moderator.

Papers and Selected Presentations

- “When did the French begin to speak French, and How? A Seventeenth-Century Story.” Invited talk for the Annual Department of History Meeting, Oxford University, 2 May 2016.
- “‘Contre’ la République des Lettres.” Ecole des Hautes Etudes, Paris, 23 March, 2016.
- “Montmorency, 1632: Rebelle et Mécénat.” Ecole des Hautes Etudes, Paris, 11 March, 2016.
- “Otium, L’Honnêteté et La Réforme de la Langue au Temps de Richelieu.” Ecole des Hautes Etudes, Paris, 22 March, 2016.
- “Optics and Topics: Reflections on the Future of Historical Scholarship.” Invited Talk, Department of History, Boston College, Boston, MA, 9 October, 2015.
- “Paris, 1624: Eloquence, Conformism and Repression in the Age of Richelieu.” Paper presented at Institute for Historical Research, University of Texas, Austin, 13 October 2014.
- “The Founding of the Académie Française: Calling a Venerable Institution into Question.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of French History, Montréal, Canada, 24 April 2014.
- “Producing Knowledge and Literature in the Age of Richelieu.” Paper presented in the Department of the History and Philosophy of Science, Indiana University, 11 April 2014.
- “Gallicans but not Magistrates: The Dupuy Cabinet.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of French History, Cambridge & Boston, April 2013.
- “Retreat and Agency among *Gens de Lettres* in the Age of Richelieu.” Paper presented at the Kentucky Foreign Language Conference, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, 9 April 2013.
- “Remembering and Forgetting: The Legacy of the Wars of Religion in Seventeenth-Century France.” Paper presented for the Center for the Study of Memory and History, Indiana University, 15 February 2013.
- “The ‘Many-Headed Beast, Monarchical Supremacy, and *Gens de Lettres* in the Age of Richelieu.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Western Society for French History,” Banff, Canada, 13 October

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2012.

- “Cultural Openings: The Cause of Language Reform in the Age of Richelieu.” Invited paper presented to the Early Modern Seminar, Hall Center for the Humanities, University of Kansas, 21 September 2012.
- “The Language of *Raison d’Etat* in the Age of Richelieu.” Paper presented at the Conference on “Languages of the Baroque,” Sponsored by the Renaissance Studies Center, Indiana University, Bloomington, 14 April 2012.
- “Engagement and Retreat in the Age of Richelieu,” Paper presented at the Institute for Historical Research, University of London, London, UK, 24 January 2011.
- “Friends of Friends: Intellectual Sociability in the Age of Richelieu,” Paper Presented at the University of Freiburg, Germany, 26 March 2011
- “Les identités nationales en Europe au XVI-XVIII siècles, » Université de Toulouse-Mirail, 14 April 2011.
- “Les effets des guerres de religion sur la culture politique du dix-septième siècle, » Paper presented at the University of Geneva, 9 May 2011.
- “In Montaigne’s Back Room: Retreat as a Mode of Engagement in the Age of Richelieu,” Paper presented at Plenary Meeting of History Seminar, National University of Ireland, Maynooth, 1 October 2009.
- “Erudition, History and the Republic of Letters: The Dupuy Cabinet,” Paper presented at annual meeting of Western Society for French History, Quebec City, Canada, 8 November 2008.
- “Speaking Truth to Power in the Age of Richelieu,” Plenary talk, Society for French History, Aberystwyth, Wales, 4 July 2008.
- “Can there be a History of Resentment?” Paper presented at the Modern European Workshop, IU, 28 March 2008.
- “The Rambouillet Salon: Literature, Sociability and Gender in the Age of Richelieu, Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of French History, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, 4 March 2008.
- “Writing Reason of State in the Age of Richelieu,” Paper presented at Early Modern Seminar, Department of History, Royal Holloway College, University of London, 12 February 2008.

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- “Cultural Openings in the Age of Richelieu,” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Western Society for French History, University of New Mexico, NM, 8-10 November 2007.
- “Writing France: Chapelain’s *La Pucelle* (1656),” Paper presented at the Seminar on the Book, Lilly Library, Indiana University, Bloomington, March 2007.
- “Pedantry and Publics in the Age of Richelieu,” Paper presented at Eighteenth-Century Seminar, Indiana University, October 2005.
- “The Formation of the Académie Française,” Paper for the Annual Meeting of the Society for French History, Paris, May 2004.
- “Ouvertures Culturelles à l’époque de Richelieu,” Paper presented at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes, Paris, May 2004.
- “Des Limites Culturelles à l’époque de Richelieu,” Paper presented at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes, Paris, May 2004.
- “La formation de l’Académie Française,” Paper presented at the Ecole Des Hautes Etudes, Paris, May 2004.
- “Openness and Discretion: Cultural Boundaries in the Age of Richelieu,” Paper for the Theorizing Early Modern Studies Workshop, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, October 21, 2002.
- “The Wars of Religion, the ‘Many-Headed Beast,’ and the Absolute State,” Paper for the Conference on Seventeenth-Century French Literary Studies, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, October 17-19, 2002.
- “Salon Culture in the Age of Richelieu,” James Vann Seminar, Department of History, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, October 20, 2001.
- “Court Culture outside the Court in Seventeenth-Century France,” Conference on Courts and Court Culture, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, October 13, 2001.
- “Men of Letters and the Political Order in the Age of Richelieu,” Department of Modern History, National University of Ireland at Maynooth, Ireland, April 2001.
- “Richelieu and Men of Letters: the *Recueil* of 1627,” Conference of the Society for French History, Tempe, Arizona, March 2000.
- “Reason and Mystery of State in Seventeenth-Century France,” Conference of the American Historical Association, Washington, D.C., January, 1999.

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- “Self-Censorship and Men of Letters: Tocqueville’s Critique of the Enlightenment in Historical Perspective,” Conference on Tocqueville and Beyond: Reflections and Revisions on the Old Regime,” Ann Arbor, MI, May, 1997.
- “Was there a Political Culture of Absolutism in Seventeenth-Century France?” Bristol University, December, 1996.
- “Intellectual Sociability in Seventeenth-Century Paris: Public Forums and Private Spaces,” Warwick University, UK, November, 1996.
- “Reason of State/Mystery of State: Political Discourse in the Age of Richelieu,” Institute for Historical Research, University of London, October, 1996.
- “The Cultural Foundations of Reason of State,” All Souls College, Oxford University, February, 1996.
- “The Intellectual as Patriot: Libertines and the *Patrie* in Early Seventeenth-Century France,” Conference of the Society for French History, Atlanta, GA, March, 1995.
- “Les parlementaires dans la vie sociale de Toulouse,” Conference on the *Parlements* of Provincial France, University of Toulouse, November, 1994.
- “*Secretum et Arcanum*: Un aspect de la culture politique au temps de Richelieu,” Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, May, 1993.
- “Les capitouls de Toulouse: Nobles et Bourgeois,” Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, May, 1993.
- “Political Culture under Richelieu,” Baltimore-Washington Old Regime Study Group, December, 1991.
- “La ville cérémonieuse,” Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, May, 1990.
- “Urban Development and Civic Life under the Old Regime: Implications for the French Revolution,” International Conference on the History of the French Revolution, Washington, D.C., May, 1989.
- “The Ceremonial City: Toulouse Observed, 1738-1789,” Conference of the Western Society for French History, Los Angeles, November, 1988.
- “Cultural Absolutism in Late Seventeenth-Century Toulouse,” Conference of the Society for French History, Los Angeles, December, 1985.

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“The Catholic Community of Seventeenth-Century Toulouse,” Conference of the
American Historical Association, Washington, D.C., December, 1982.

Teaching: Courses

Introduction to the Professional Study of History (graduate)
Civilization and Its Discontents
Culture and Society, 1400-1800 (graduate)
State and Society, 1450-1750 (graduate)
Religion, Magic and Witchcraft, 1000-2000
The Enlightenment
French Revolution
Early Modern France
Early Modern Europe
Historical Methods and Methodology (graduate and undergraduate)
European Nobilities, 1400-1900 (graduate)
World History, I & II
Age of Discovery (undergraduate Honors Course)
Revolutions & Revolts in World History
Europe from the Renaissance to Napoleon
Political Culture in Eighteenth-Century France and America (graduate course
taught with Americanist colleague)
Poverty and Charity in Late Medieval and Early Modern Europe (graduate course
taught with Medieval colleague)

Teaching: Dissertations Supervised to Completion

Charles Bashara, “This Holy Friendship: The Marian Assemblée of Toulouse and
The Jesuit Formation of the Clergy in Early Modern France, 1658-1762”

Andrew Moore, “French Observers of America, 1750-1830”

Evelyn K. Spratt, “French Identity in Early America: The Dupont Family”

Thomas Baughn, “James Madison: The French Connection”

Webster Tarpley, “Paolo Sarpi and the Start of the Thirty Years War”

Service: American Historical Association

Council, AHA, Ex-Officio Member, 2005-

Research Division, AHA, Member, 2005-

Finance Committee, AHA, Member, 2005-

Implementation Committee, AHA, Member, 2008-

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Home Arrangements Committee, American Historical Association, 1997, 2004

Service: Society for the Study of French History

Program Committee, Society for the Study of French History, 1998

Pinkney Prize Committee, Society for the Study of French History, 1999-2002

Editorial Board, *French Historical Studies*, 2001-2004

Service: University

Self-Study Committee for Middle States Review, Catholic University, 2000

Search Committees: Numerous at Catholic University

Search Committee: Ancient History, 2005-2006

Tenure Committee Chair for Ed Watts, 2006

Search Committee: Modern British History, 2008

Fellowship Committee: College Arts & Humanities Institute, IU, 2007-2010

Promotion Committee for Eric Robinson (2013)

Promotion Committee for Rebecca Spang (2014)

Graduate Fellowship Committee (2014)

Graduate Admissions Committee (2015)

Administration

Early Modern Section, IU Department of History, Chair, 2006-

Chair, Department of History, Catholic University 2001-2005

Acting Chair, Fall, 1998

Chair, Modern European Section, 1999-2005

Chair, M.A. program in Religion and Society in the Late Medieval and Early
Modern World

Committee on Appointments and Promotions, Arts and Sciences, CUA

Academic Senate, member, 2000-2005

Undergraduate Board, member, 2000-2002

Folger Library, Washington, D.C., executive committee, 2001-2005

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