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### EDUCATION:

Ph.D. History. June 1993, Indiana University.  
 Major in Modern European History, Concentration in French History, Minor in Early  
 Modern European History, and Outside Minor in West European Studies.  
 Dissertation: "Learning to be German: Primary Schooling in Alsace-Lorraine, 1870-  
 1918." Directed by ~~Prof. William B. E. Foley~~ Prof. William B. E. Foley in Akron;

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Professor of History, 2003-17; History Department Chair, 2002-05; Associate Professor  
 of History, 1998-2003; Assistant Professor of History, 1993-98.  
Associate Instructor. Indiana University. Taught beginning French, World History, 1986-  
 87, 1989-91.  
Editorial Assistant, *American Historical Review*. Copy-edited, proofread, selected  
 book reviewers, medieval to modern Europe, 1992-93.  
Graduate Assistant, West European Center. Assisted in the preparation of the Center's  
 Title VI grant and advised undergraduates in West European Studies, 1988-89.  
Research Assistant. Assisted Professor David Pace with his book on French public  
 opinion and the atom bomb, 1988-89.

### FELLOWSHIPS AND OTHER DISTINCTIONS:

NEH Summer Institute, North African cultures, 2014.  
 Professeur invité, Université du Maine, Le Mans, Summer 2014, Fall 2012.  
 Buchtel College (University of Akron), Summer Research Grant, 2014.  
 Hoover Presidential Library Scholar, Summer 2002.  
 Sally A. Miller Humanities Center Grants-in-Aid, Summers 2002, 2000.  
 University of Pittsburgh, Visiting Scholar, 2000-01.  
 NEH, University Teachers' Fellowship, 1999-2000.  
 Buchtel College (University of Akron), Chairs' Award for Distinguished Research, 1999.  
 University of Akron Summer Research Grants, 2020, 2015, 2012, 2009, 2006, 1998.  
 Spencer Foundation Small Grants, Summers 1997, 1994.  
 University of Akron Educational Research and Development Grant, 1993.





Teaching/ Advising Commentary:

“The Responsibilities of White Male Faculty Members,” in *H-France Salon, Structural Racism in French/Francophone Studies*, edited by Emily

Bertram M. Gordon, *War Tourism: Second World War France from Defeat and Occupation to the Creation of Heritage*

no. 3 (September 2011): 380-81.

Christine Haynes, *Lost Illusions: The Politics of Publishing in Nineteenth-Century France* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2010) for *Business History Review* 84 (August 2010): 604-06.

Peter Merriman, *Driving Spaces: A Cultural-Historical Geography of England's M1 Motorway* (Oxford: Blackford, 2007); and John A. Jakle and Keith A. Sculle, *Motoring: The Highway Experience in America* (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2008) for the *Journal of Historical Geography* 35 (2009): 402-03.

Sharif Gemie, *Brittany 1750-1950 : The Invisible Nation* (Cardiff : University of Wales Press, 2007), for the *American Historical Review* 113 (June 2008) : 927-28.

Eric T. Jennings, *Curing the Colonizers: Hydrotherapy, Climatology, and French Colonial Spas* (Durham: Duke University Press, 2006), for [H-Travel@h-net.msu.edu](mailto:H-Travel@h-net.msu.edu) (2007).

John K. Walton, ed., *Histories of Tourism: Representation, Identity, and Conflict* (Clevedon, UK: Channel View Publications, 2005), for the *Journal of Social History* (Fall 2007): 220-21.

Eileen S. DeMarco, *Reading and Riding: Hachette's Railroad Bookstore Network in Nineteenth-Century France* (Bethlehem: Lehigh University Press, 2006), for the *American Historical Review* 112 (February 2007): 285-86.

Véronique Pouillard, *La publicité en Belgique, 1850-1970: Des courtiers aux agences internationales* (Brussels: Académie Royale de Belgique, 2005), for *Le mouvement social* (<http://mouvment-social.univ-paris1.fr/document.php?id=242>).

Paul Erker, *Vom nationalen zum globalen Wettbewerb: Die deutsche und die amerikanische Reifenindustrie im 19. und 20. Jahrhundert* (Paderborn: Ferdinand Schöningh, 2005), for the *American Historical Review* (April 2006): 441-42.

Nicolas Marty, *Perrier, c'est nous! Histoire de la source Perrier et de son personnel* (Paris; Les Editions de l'Atelier, 2005), for *H-France Review* Vol. 6 (February 2006), No. 13 (can be found at <http://h-france.net>).

Harvey Levenstein, *We'll Always Have Paris: American Tourists in France since 1930* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2004), for the *Business History Review* 79 (Autumn 2005).

Timothy Baycroft, *Culture, Identity, and Nationalism: French Flanders in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries* (Suffolk, U.K. and Rochester, N.Y.: The Boydell Press for the Royal Historical Society, 2004) for *H-France Review* Vol. 5 (August 2005), No. 80 (can

be found at <http://h-france.net>).

Robert J. Young, *Marketing Marianne: French Propaganda in America, 1900-1940* (New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 2004) for the *American Historical Review* (December 2004): 1539-40.

Robert Zaretsky, *Cock and Bull Stories: Folco de Baroncelli and the Invention of the Camargue* (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2004) for *H-France Review* Vol. 4 (December 2004), No. 122 (can be found at <http://h-france.net>).

Herbert R. Lottman, *The Michelin Men: Driving an Empire* (London: I.B. Taurus, 2003), for the *Business History Review* 78 (Autumn 2004).

Laura Lee Downs, *Childhood in the Promised Land: Working-Class Movements and the Colonies de Vacances in France, 1880-1960* (Durham, N.C.: Duke University Press, 2002) for *H-France Review* Vol. 3 (February 2003), No. 14 (can be found at <http://h-france.net>).

Robert J. Smith, *The Bouchayers of Grenoble and French Industrial Enterprise, 1850-1970* (Baltimore, Md.: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2001) for *H-France Review* Vol. 2 (June 2002), No. 50 (can be found at <http://h-france.net>).

David Allen Harvey, *Constructing Class and Nationality in Alsace, 1830-1945* (DeKalb: Northern Illinois University Press, 2001), for the *American Historical Review* (April 2002): 630-31.

Laurent Tissot, *Naissance d'une industrie touristique: Les Anglais et la Suisse au XIXe siècle* (Lausanne: Editions Payot, 2000), for the *Business History Review* 75 (Winter 2001): 903-05.

Michael Torigian, *Every Factory a Fortress: The French Labor Movement in the Age of Ford and Hitler* (Athens, OH: Ohio University Press, 1999), for *International Labor and Working Class History* 59 (Spring 2001): 151-53.

Kevin McQuillan, *Culture, Religion, and Demographic Behavior: Catholics and Lutherans in Alsace, 1750-1870* (Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press, 1999) for the *American Historical Review* (June 2001): 1067-68.

Jane F. Fulcher, *French Cultural Politics and Music: From the Dreyfus Affair to the First World War* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1999), for *The Historian* 63 (Fall 2000): 190-91.

Jacques Gandouly, *Pédagogie et enseignement en Allemagne de 1800 à 1945* (Strasbourg: Presses Universitaires de Strasbourg) 45





- Empire: '*Sauvages nus*' as a model for French nudists." French Historical Studies conference, Arizona State University, April 2010, "Demanding Vacation au Naturel: European Nudism and Postwar Municipal Development on the Riviera."
- French Historical Studies conference, Rutgers University, April 2008, "'The Naked City' of Cap d'Agde: European Nudism and State Development of Beachfront Tourism in Languedoc."
- University of Akron Law School, April 2008, "The Legalization of Public Nudity in Twentieth-Century France."
- International Conference on New Directions in the Humanities, Paris, July 2007, "Au Naturel: Naturisme and Beachfront Tourism in Modern France."
- Colloque International: "Au nom du consommateur" sponsored by the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, June 2004, "Compagnies et consommateurs: Les plantations Michelin et la consommation occidentale."
- Brown University, Watson Institute conference on Ideologies of Plantation Agriculture, February 2004, "Indochinese Plantations and French Consumerism."
- Memorial Conference for Prof. William B. Cohen, Bloomington, IN, December 2003, "Hevea and the Hexagon: Rubber Plantations and Consumerism in Early Twentieth-Century France."
- French Historical Studies conference, Milwaukee, April 2003, "Savoring France: Tourism, Regionalism, and Gastronomy during the Interwar Years."
- French Historical Studies conference, Toronto, April 2002, "Advancing the Automobile: French and American Social Models, 1900-1940."
- France and America conference at the University of Southampton, UK, July 2001, "Advancing the Automobile: France and America in the Twentieth Century."
- University of Pittsburgh, Department of History, February 2001, "Touring the Trenches: World War I Battlefield Tourism."
- American Historical Association, Boston, January 2001, "History for the Tourists: The Role of Interwar Guidebooks in Creating a Narrative of the First World War."
- University of Pittsburgh, Department of History, October 2000, "Gender, Race, and the Tire: Michelin and Twentieth-Century France."
- International Congress of Historical Sciences, Oslo, August 2000, "Culture and Class Consciousness in the Cloak of Nationalism: World War I Battlefield Tourism."
- Oberlin College, Department of History, April 2000, "Nation Building in France and Germany, 1850-1940."
- Western Society for French History, Monterey, November 1999, "Gendering the Tire: The Michelin Man, 1898-1940."
- French and American Stereotypes conference, Brussels, May 1999, "The Michelin Man Discovers America."
- French Historical Studies, Washington, March 1999, "Americanizing France? Michelin and the American Way of Life after World War I."
- American Historical Association, Washington, January 1999, "Touring the Trenches: Michelin Guides to World War I Battlefields and Interwar French Tourism."
- American Historical Association, Atlanta, January 1996, "French and German Citizenship and Primary Schooling in Alsace-Lorraine, 1850-1918."

- History of Education Society, Minneapolis, November 1995, "Teachers as Builders of the Nation? Regionalism and Nationalism in Alsace-Lorraine, 1870-1918."
- History of Education Society, Chapel Hill, November 1994, "Children and Primary Schooling in France and Germany during World War I."
- Social Science History Association, Atlanta, October 1994, "Visualizing the Region and the Nation: Geography and Maps of Alsace-Lorraine."
- International Standing Committee for the History of Education, Amsterdam, August 1994, "The Social Impact of Primary Schooling in Alsace-Lorraine, 1870-1918."
- Ohio Academy of History, Kent, OH, April 1994, "The History Job Search from Ad to Offer."
- French Historical Studies, Chico, CA, March 1993, "National Myths and Local Realities: French Perceptions and Alsatian Identity."
- History of Education Society, Cambridge, MA, October 1992, "German Province with a German Past: Regionalism and Nationalism in the Primary Schools of Alsace-Lorraine, 1871-1914."
- French Historical Studies, El Paso, TX, March 1992, "Alsations and Lorrainers Into French(wo)men: French School Policy and Its Results, 1918-1940."

#### OTHER CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION:

- Commentator of a session on Fin-de-Siècle Marseille, at the Society for French Historical Studies meeting in Detroit, MI, March 2023
- Chair of session on French empire, at the Society for French Historical Studies meeting in Pittsburgh, April 2018
- Commentator of session on art and commerce in 20<sup>th</sup> century France, at the Western Society for French History conference in Chicago, 2015
- Chair of session on sport and education in Vichy France at the Western Society for French History conference in San Antonio, November 2014
- Commentator of a session on comparative automobilism in Canada and France at the Society for French Historical Studies conference in Montréal, April 2014.
- Commentator of a session on European business history at the Business History Conference, Columbus, Ohio, March 2013.
- Chair and commentator of a session on the Franco-Prussian War, Western Society for French History, Lafayette, LA, October 2010.
- Chair of a session on French tourism, Society for French Historical Studies conference, St. Louis, March 2009.
- Chair of a session on French business history, Western Society for French History

- Roundtable on popular culture in twentieth-century France, Western Society for French History, Lubbock, Texas, October 2004.
- Chair of a session on political economy in the Fifth Republic, Western Society for French History meeting in Los Angeles, November 2003.
- Chair of a session on the History of Aerospace, at “Realizing the Dream of Flight: A Symposium Honoring the Centennial of the Wright Brothers’ First Flight” of the US Centennial of Flight Commission, Cleveland, November 2003.
- Chair of a session on the French in America, Ohio Academy of History meeting in Canton, OH, April 2003.
- Commentator of a session on France and its peripheries in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Society for French History meeting in Milwaukee, WI, April 2003.
- Commentator of a session on imperialism and immigration at the Western Society for French History meeting in Baltimore, MD, October 2002.
- Chair of a session on regionalism at the Western Society for French History meeting in Indianapolis, IN, November 2001.
- Chair of a session on early modern state building at the Society for French Historical Studies meeting in Chapel Hill, NC, March 2001.
- Chair and Commentator of a session on national identity and World War I at the Ohio Academy of History, Columbus, April 2001.
- Commentator of a session on regionalism and immigration in modern France at the Society for French Historical Studies meeting in Tempe, AZ, March 2000.
- Commentator of a session of French tourism and nation building at the Western Society for French History meeting in Saskatoon, October 1997.
- Chair and Commentator of a session on French nationalism at the Western Society for French History meeting in Charlotte, NC, October 1996.
- Commentator of a session on French and German tourism at the Ohio Academy of History, April 1996.

COURSES TAUGHT:

- Culinary History of Modern France  
 Education and Society in the Modern World  
 France and America: Identities from the Revolutions to Globalization  
 France from Napoleon to de Gaulle  
 Global History: Encounters and Conflicts  
 Historical Background for Contemporary World Problems  
 Historical Methods: Consumerism  
 Historical Methods: Things and their Histories  
 Historical Methods: Rubber in Akron and the World  
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Western Cultural Traditions

Graduate Historiography

Graduate Reading and Writing Seminars in Modern Europe, Modern France, French Cultural History, European Cultural History, European Consumer and Mass Culture, French Empire at Home and Abroad, Europeans on the Move, and French Social History

PH.D. COMPREHENSIVE EXAM AND DISSERTATION COMMITTEES:

(University of Akron and Kent State University students combined)

Christa Adams  
 Jeff Barnes  
 Ryan Bixby  
 Erika Breisacher  
 Katie Brown  
 Ellen Connally  
 Ted Easterling  
 Rob Faith  
 Sevin Gallo  
 Dan Griesmer  
 Peter Guiler  
 Natalie Hall-Hines  
 John Henris  
 Chris Howard  
 Alex Jordan  
 Steven Kawczak  
 Suraj Lakshminarasimhan  
 Chris Lober  
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 Dionna Richardson  
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 Valerie Schutte  
 Michael Selzer  
 Pinar Odabasi Tasci  
 Lucius Wedge  
 Thomas Weyant  
 Eric Williams  
 Sarah Zabic  
 Nicole Zernich  
 David Zietsma

UNIVERSITY SERVICE:

Faculty Research Committee, 2015-

Distinguished Professor Review Committee, 202

Peer Review Committees (1-2 per year), 1993-  
M.A., Ph.D. exam and thesis committees, 1993-  
Honors Thesis committees, 1994-

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

University Website Sponsor and Editorial Board member, H-France, 2000-  
Editorial Board, *Journal of Tourism History*, 2015-  
Assorted Program Committees, 1999-  
Assorted Tenure and Promotion Reviews (no more than 2 per annum), 1999-  
Ohio Academy of History, book prize committee, 2012-14.