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Appointments

2016-present: Associate Chair, Department of History, Brigham Young University.

2013-present: Associate Professor, Department of History, Brigham Young University.

2012: Maître de conférences (visiting lecturer), École des hautes études en sciences sociales (School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences), Paris, France.

2007-2013: Assistant Professor, Department of History, Brigham Young University.

2005-2007: Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow, McNeil Center for Early American Studies, University of Pennsylvania.

2004-2005: Visiting Assistant Professor/Lecturer, Department of History, Northwestern University.

Education

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
Degree: PhD., History, 2004

Utah State University, Logan, UT
Degree: M.A., History, 1999
Degree: B.A., History, *magna cum laude*, 1998

Publications

Books

With Brett Rushforth, *Discovering Empire: France and the Atlantic World from The Era of the Crusades to the Age of Revolutions* (under contract with Oxford University Press).

The Acadian Diaspora: An Eighteenth-Century History (New York: Oxford University Press, 2012).

Journal Articles

With Matthew Mason and Mary Eyring, "Atlantic Studies and the Global Turn," *Early American Studies*, forthcoming summer 2017.

"Weird Science: Identity in the Atlantic World," *William and Mary Quarterly*, vol. 68, no. 2 (April 2011), 227-232.

"Exile on Spruce Street: An Acadian History," *William and Mary Quarterly*, vol. 67, no. 2 (April 2010), 249-278.

With Brett Rushforth, "Absolutely Atlantic: Colonialism and the Early Modern French State in Recent Historiography," *History Compass*, vol. 7 (2009), 1-17.

"'Des vassaux à désirer': les Acadiens et le monde atlantique français," *Outre-mers: revue d'histoire*, nos. 362-363 (June 2009), 111-139.

"Colonizing the *Patrie*: An Experiment Gone Wrong in Old Régime France," *French Historical Studies*, vol. 32, no. 2 (Spring 2009), 193-222.

*Honorable Mention, William G. Koren Prize, Society for French Historical Studies, 2009

"A Bondage So Harsh: Acadian Labor in the French Caribbean, 1763-1766," *Early American Studies*, vol. 5, no. 1 (Spring 2007), 95-131.

"'In Praise of the Third Estate': Religious and Social Imagery in the Early French Revolution," *Eighteenth-Century Studies*, vol. 34, no. 3 (April 2001), 337-362.

Essays

"Rethinking Failure: The French Empire in the Age of John Law," in Patrick Griffin, ed., *Experiencing Empire: Power, People, and Revolution in Early America* (Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, forthcoming 2017).

"Modernity Confronted: Rethinking the Age of Revolution with Toussaint Louverture," in Benjamin Marsh and Michael Rapport, eds., *Understanding and Teaching the Age of Revolutions* (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, forthcoming 2017).

"France and Empire," *Oxford Bibliographies Online: Atlantic History*, ed. Trevor Burnard (New York: Oxford University Press, June 24, 2013), www.oxfordbibliographiesonline.com.

"The Annunciation of Big Bubba, or, Reflections on Writing History in Two Worlds." *Common-place* vol. 12, no. 4 (July 2012, www.common-place.org).

"The Acadian Diaspora," *Oxford Bibliographies Online: Atlantic History*, ed. Trevor Burnard (New York: Oxford University Press, April 14, 2011, www.oxfordbibliographiesonline.com).

With Brett Rushforth, "Bridging the Continental Divide: Colonial America's 'French Quarter,'" *OAH Magazine of History* 25 (January 2011), 19-24.

"Idlers and Idolaters: Acadian Exiles and the Labour Systems of British North America, 1755-1763," in Susanne Lachenicht, ed., *Religious Refugees in Europe, Asia, and the Americas* (Munich: LIT-Verlag, 2007), 197-212.

Encyclopedia Articles

"French Empire," in John MacKenzie, ed., *Encyclopedia of Empire* (New York: Wiley-Blackwell, forthcoming 2015).

"Fort Beauséjour," "Fort Lawrence," "Isthmus of Chignecto," in Spencer Tucker, ed., *Encyclopedia of North American Colonial Warfare to 1775* (New York: ABC-CLIO/Oxford University Press, 2007).

Book Reviews

Ann M. Little, *The Many Captivities of Esther Wheelwright* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2016), *New England Quarterly*, forthcoming 2017.

Robert Morrissey, *Empire by Collaboration: Indians, Colonists, and Governments in Colonial Illinois Country* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2015), *American Historical Review*, forthcoming 2017.

Nicolas Lombart, ed., *Les nouveaux mondes juridiques: du Moyen Age au XVIIe siècle* (Paris: Garnier, 2015), H-France, forthcoming 2017.

François Furstenberg, *When the United States Spoke French: Five Refugees Who Shaped a Nation* (New York: Penguin, 2014), *Journal of the Early Republic*, Fall 2016.

Gregory M.W. Kennedy, *Something of a Peasant Paradise?: Comparing Rural Societies in Acadie and the Loudunais, 1604-1755* (Montréal: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2014), *University of Toronto Quarterly* 85: 2 (Spring 2016).

Janet Polasky, *Revolutions without Borders: The Call to Liberty in the Atlantic World* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2015). *Passport: The Society for the History of American Foreign Relations Review*, 2016.

Rebecca Scott and Jean Hébrard, *Freedom Papers: An Atlantic Odyssey in the Age of Emancipation* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2012), *Journal of the Early Republic*, 2015.

Jean-François Benjamin Dumont de Montigny, *The Memoir of Lieutenant Dumont, 1715-1747: A Sojourner in the French Atlantic*, Gordon Sayre and Carla Zecher, eds., Gordon Sayre, trans. (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2012), *Journal of Southern History*, summer 2013.

Paul Mapp, *The Elusive West and the Contest for Empire, 1713-1763* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2010), H-Diplo Roundtable, Spring 2013.

Wim Klooster, *Revolutions in the Atlantic World: A Comparative History* (New York: New York University Press, 2009), *Atlantic Studies*, vol. 8, no. 1 (March 2011), 125-7.

Jean-François Mouhot, *Les réfugiés acadiens en France: l'impossible réintégration?* (Montreal: Septentrion, 2009), *Genèses: sciences sociales et histoire* 82 (March 2011), 162-3.

Bertrand Van Ruymbeke and Randy Sparks, eds., *Memory and Identity: The Huguenots in France and the Atlantic Diaspora* (Columbia, SC: University of South Carolina Press, 2003), *William and Mary Quarterly*, vol. 64, no. 1 (January 2006), 188-91.

Elizabeth Mancke and Carole Shammas, eds., *The Creation of the British Atlantic World* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2005), *Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History*, vol. 6, no. 3 (Winter 2005).

James Pritchard, *In Search of Empire: The French in the Americas, 1670-1730* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2004), *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, vol. 103, no. 3 (Summer 2006), 551-2.

Presentations

"The Rumford Files: Espionage, Reputation, and Friendship in the Age of Revolution, "Spies, Espionage, and Secret Diplomacy in the Early Modern Period, Bayreuth, Germany, October 5-7, 2017.

"Frenemies: Why France Matters in Early American History." Invited Lecture, Southern Utah University, March 20, 2017.

"Why Haitian Independence Matters." Haitian Independence Celebration, BYU Africana Studies Program, January 27, 2017.

Roundtable discussion of Rachel Laudan, *Cuisine and Empire: Cooking in World History*, American Historical Association Annual Conference, January 5-8, 2017, Denver, CO.

"Rumford's Progress: Nutrition and Power in the Revolutionary Atlantic," Space, Mobility, and Power in Early America and the Atlantic World, 1650-1850, December 8-10 2016, Université de Paris-Diderot, Paris, France.

"Epic Fail: An Atlantic History of Age of John Law." Invited lecture, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine, November 15, 2016.

"France and the Atlantic World: The Special Relationship," Department of History, University of Kent, Canterbury, United Kingdom, April 13, 2016.

"Modernity Confronted: Experiencing the Age of Revolution with Toussaint Louverture," American Historical Association Annual Conference, January 8, 2016, Atlanta, GA.

"Big Ideas and Little Stories: A West African Perspective." The Extraordinary Adventures of Monsieur le Papier: Len Rosenband and his Work," Utah State University, March 16, 2015

"Bloodletting: The French Empire at War, 1744-1763." Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture Colloquium Series, September 16, 2014.

"Discovering Empire: Some Thoughts on France and the Atlantic World." McNeil Center for Early American Studies, Summer Seminar Series, June 20, 2014.

"The Fox's Bearing...Is Better than the Lion's': A Journey Through the French Empire in the Age of John Law," Early Modern France and the Americas: Connected Histories, Boston College, May 3-4, 2014.

"The Grand Dérangement as Refugee Crisis." Graduate/Faculty Seminar, Université de Paris VIII, November 8, 2013.

"Here Be Monsters: Power and the Atlantic World." Roundtable Presentation, Annual Conference of the French Colonial Historical Society, Sydney/Fortress of Louisbourg, Nova Scotia, Canada, June 13-16, 2013.

"Rethinking Failure: The French Empire in the Age of John Law." Conference in Honor of T.H. Breen, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, June 1, 2013.

Book Talk on *The Acadian Diaspora*, Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture/College of William and Mary, February 27, 2013.

"The Losers' Laboratory: Gorée Island and the French Empire after 1763," Annual Conference, Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, San Marino, CA, June 9, 2012.

"The Earthworm and the Eagle: Toussaint Louverture, Napoleon Bonaparte, and the First French Empire." BYU French and Italian Department Symposium, October 19, 2010.

"Medieval Expansionism and the Origins of the French Atlantic, 1000-1450." French Colonial Historical Society Annual Meeting, June 17, 2010, Université de Paris VIII, Saint-Denis, France.

"Discovering Empire: France and the Atlantic World from the Age of Columbus to the Rise of Napoleon." French Atlantic History Group, McGill University/Université de Montréal, Montréal, QC, Canada, March 4, 2010 (joint presentation with Brett Rushforth).

"Achille's Last Stand: An Atlantic Narrative That Wasn't." Atlantic Narratives Symposium, University of Miami/Florida International University, Coral Gables, FL, February 4-5, 2010.

"The French State in an Atlantic World: A Fifteenth-Century Case." American Historical Association Annual Conference, New York, NY, January 3, 2009.

"Over Charles White's Dead Body: Acadians, Attorneys, and a Case of Mistaken Identity in Early National Philadelphia." *Être et se penser Français: Nation, sentiment national et identités dans le monde atlantique français du XVIIe au XIXe siècle*, Centre d'études nord-américaines, École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS), Paris, France, October 17, 2008.

"Exile on Spruce Street." *William and Mary Quarterly*/EMSI Workshop: Writing Early American History, Huntington Library, San Marino, CA, May 22, 2008.

"Discovering Empire: France in the Atlantic World to 1804," Annual Conference of Front Range Early American Consortium, Denver, CO, October 13, 2007 (joint presentation with Brett Rushforth).

"Ethnic Cleansing with a Touch of Class: Reordering the Wartime Borderlands in Eighteenth-Century Nova Scotia and Twentieth-Century Arizona." Joint Annual Conference, Society of Early Americanists/Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, Williamsburg, June 9, 2007 (Roundtable Organizer, "Moving People, Making Peoples: Coerced Migration in Early America").

"Imperialist, Colonize Thyself: Norms and Alternatives in the French Atlantic." *The French Atlantic World: An Overview of the Field/Le monde atlantique française: état des lieux*, Université de Montréal/McGill University, September 29, 2006.

"Toward a New Southern History: Empire, Enlightenment, and France's Encounter with *Terra Australis Incognita*." Atlantic History Workshop, New York University, September 26, 2006.

"Cheaper than Slaves: Acadian Labor and the Reconstruction of France's Caribbean Empire, 1763-1766." Annual Conference of the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, Québec City, June 10, 2006.

"Cheaper than Slaves: Acadian Labor and the Reconstruction of France's Caribbean Empire, 1763-1766." McNeil Center for Early American Studies Seminar, Philadelphia, November 4, 2005.

"Conspiracy, Coercion, and Community in the Acadian Colony of Poitou, 1773-1778." Annual Conference of the British Group in Early American History, "Diasporas, Migration, and Identities," Clare College, University of Cambridge, September 9-11, 2005.

"The Acadian Diaspora, 1763-1785." The Isaac Winslow House, Marshfield, MA, October 1, 2005 (Public Lecture).

"Conspiracy, Coercion, and Community in the Acadian Colony of Poitou, 1773-1778." Atlantic History Workshop, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, May 14, 2005.

"Conspiracy, Coercion, and Community in the Acadian Colony of Poitou, 1773-1778." Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture Colloquium, Williamsburg, VA, November 9, 2004.

"Empire *Ex Nihilo*: French Ambition and Acadian Labor in the Caribbean, 1763-1766," Lost Colonies, University of Pennsylvania, March 27, 2004.

"Conversations with Power: The Acadians' Atlantic, 1755-1785." International Seminar on the History of the Atlantic World, Harvard University, August 19, 2003.

"'Like the Jews March'd out of Egypt': Acadian Refugees, Religious Difference, and Imperial Politics in Eighteenth-Century British North America." Strangers in a Strange Land: Diaspora, Travel, Migration, Exile, University of Minnesota, March 16, 2003.

"From Exile to Ethnic: The Acadian Diaspora and the Problem of Identity in the Early Modern Atlantic World." Citizens, Nations, Cultures: Transatlantic Perspectives, Maastricht, Netherlands, October 19, 2002.

Chair/Comment

Comment, "Transmitting Knowledge in the Eighteenth Century," Society for French Historical Studies Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., April 22-24, 2017.

Comment, "French Ideas in the Early American Republic," American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN, March 30-April 2, 2017.

Comment, "'Navigating Difference: Diversity and Movement in Port Cities," Port Cities in the Early Modern World, McNeil Center for Early American Studies/Program in Early American Economy and Society, Philadelphia, PA, November 7, 2015.

Comment, "Consumption, Desire, and Commodification in French Louisiana," Southern Historical Association Annual Conference, November 3, 2012, Mobile, AL.

Comment, "Circuits of Commerce: Market Development and Slavery in Old Regime and Revolution," Western Society for French History Annual Conference, Banff, Alberta, Canada, October 11-13, 2012.

Comment, "What Explains Voting at the U.S. Constitutional Convention?" Paper by Jeremy Pope and Shawn Treier, BYU Political Science Colloquium, June 2, 2011.

Chair/Comment, "Defining Race, Nation and Frenchness in the French Atlantic World," Society for French Historical Studies Annual Conference, February 11, 2011, Charleston, SC.

Chair, "Dangerous Peoples," Contest for Continents: The Seven Years' War in Global Perspective, Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, Niagara, NY, October 23, 2009.

Chair/Comment, "Transatlantic Crossings," Mid-Atlantic Conference on British Studies, Baltimore, MD, April 14, 2007.

Interviews

CBC New Brunswick, "Information Morning," July 11 and 12, 2012. Interviews on *Acadian Diaspora*.

Radio Canada-Acadie, "Place Publique," "Libre Echange," June 22, 2012. French-language Interviews on *Acadian Diaspora*.

KBYU, "Thinking Aloud," June 13, 2012. Interview on *Acadian Diaspora*.

KBYU, "Morning Show Live," March 12, 2012. Interview on rehabilitation of Napoleon Bonaparte's legacy in modern France.

Radio Canada-Acadie, "Place Publique," February 4, 2012. French-language interview about discovery of new documents on Acadian history.

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

Mary Fulton Young Scholar Award, BYU College of Family, Home, and Social Sciences, 2015-2018.

American Philosophical Society/British Academy of the Humanities and Social Sciences Grant for Research in Great Britain, 2015

Kennedy Center Research Grant, BYU, 2015

Students' Choice Award, Outstanding Teacher, BYU History Department, 2013

Maître de conférences (visiting lecturer), École des hautes études en sciences sociales (School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences), Paris, France, Spring 2012.

Kennedy Center Research Grant, BYU, 2012.

Collaborative Research Grant, American Council of Learned Societies (funds for leave and travel, calendar year 2011).

Honorable Mention, William G. Koren Prize, Society for French Historical Studies, 2009 (for "*Colonizing the Patrie: An Experiment Gone Wrong in Old Regime France*," one award per year internationally)

Kennedy Center Travel Grant, BYU, 2009

Chair Award, Outstanding Teacher, BYU History Department, 2008

Mentored Environment Grant, Brigham Young University, 2008 (\$20,000 for mentor-student research in the Centre des archives d'outre-mer, Aix-en-Provence, France)

Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship, McNeil Center for Early American Studies, University of Pennsylvania, 2005-2007 (one award per year internationally).

Dissertation Year Fellowship, The Graduate School, Northwestern University, 2003-2004

Janet Mead and Thomas A. Unterman Dissertation Fellowship, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences, Northwestern University, 2002-2003

Michael Kraus Research Grant, American Historical Association, 2002

Lacey Baldwin Smith Award, Outstanding Seminar Instructor, Department of History, Northwestern University, 2001-2002

Steering Committee of the Graduate Certificate in Eighteenth-Century Studies Prize, Northwestern University, 1999-2000.

Courses Taught

Brigham Young University

History 220: United States to 1877

History 362: France and the Atlantic World to 1804

History 370: Colonial America

History 294: The Age of the French Revolution

History 490: Revolutionary America; Microhistory: An Approach to the Early Modern Past.

Master's Thesis Advising

Andrew Skabelund (French Studies, Brigham Young University, 2012), "Governing Gorée: France in West Africa after the Seven Years' War" (committee member, Marc Olivier, chair).

Michael Joseph Walker (History, Brigham Young University, 2012), "'La Grande Arche Des Fugitifs?': Pierre Bayle, Huguenot Religious Refugees, and the Limits and Extents of Dutch Tolerance in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries" (committee member; Craig Harline, chair).

Undergraduate Thesis Advising

Committee Chair, Jeff Robbins, "Benjamin Thompson and the Loyalist Diaspora," Undergraduate Honors Thesis, BYU, 2011.

Committee Co-Chair (with Jonathan Steinberg, University of Pennsylvania), Tara Westover, "Macaulay and the Age of Reform, 1823-1833," Undergraduate Honors Thesis, BYU, 2008.

Professional Service

Advisory Council, McNeil Center for Early American Studies, 2015-present.

Conference Program Committee, Port Cities in the Early Modern World, McNeil Center for Early American Studies/Program in Early American Economy and Society, Philadelphia, PA, November 5-7, 2015.

Conference Organizer/Program Co-Chair, Emerging Histories of the Early Modern French Atlantic, Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, Williamsburg, VA, October 16-18, 2015.

Program Committee, Annual Conference, French Colonial Historical Society, Sydney/Fortress of Louisbourg, Nova Scotia, Canada, June 13-16, 2013.

Co-Director (with Eric Hinderaker, University of Utah), Rocky Mountain Seminar in Early American History, 2008-2012.

Manuscript Referee: Éditions du Septentrion/Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences, Bedford St. Martin's Press, University of Toronto Press, Routledge, Brill, *William and Mary Quarterly*, *Révue d'histoire de l'Amérique française*, *Acadiensis*, *Proceedings of the Western Society for French History*, *Revue européen des migrations internationales*, *Journal of the Early Republic*, *Journal of Early American History*.

Program Committee, 15th Annual Conference, Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, Salt Lake City, UT, June 2009.

Andrew W. Mellon and Barra Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship Selection Committees, McNeil Center for Early American Studies, 2005-2006.

Departmental, College, and University Service

Associate Chair, Department of History, 2016-
 Member, FHSS Space Committee, 2016-
 Director, BYU Paris France Study Abroad Program, Fall 2013
 Chair, Open Field Faculty Search Committee, 2012-3
 Member, Library and Scholarly Communications Advisory Council, 2012-2015
 Member, Scholarship Committee, 2011-2012
 Member, Swensen/Jensen Lectureship Committee, 2011-2012
 Undergraduate Studies Coordinator, 2009-2010
 Member, Faculty Awards Committee, 2008-2009
 Member, Student Awards Committee, 2007-2008
 Member, Swensen Lectureship Committee, 2007-2008

Community Service

Faculty Co-Chair, Board of Directors, USGA (BYU/Utah Valley Gay-Straight Alliance), 2014-

"Regional Distinctions and Imperial Ties in British North America." Presentation for Alpine School District, American Fork, UT, October 11, 2011.

"Getting Medieval: Why the Middle Ages Matter in American History." Presentation for Alpine School District, American Fork, UT, September 13, 2011.

"The Thirteen Colonies: An Alternative Perspective." Presentation for Alpine School District, American Fork, UT, September 14, 2010.

"The French Atlantic: A Case for Diversity in Colonial History." Presentation for Alpine School District, American Fork, UT, August 10, 2010.

"New France in Comparative Perspective." Presentation for Alpine School District, American Fork, UT, September 8, 2009.

"The Uncertainty Principle: Slave Owners and Slave Rebels at War in Early America." Lecture for AP History students and teachers, Logan High School, Logan, UT, November 6, 2007.

"The Seven Years' War and the Unintended Consequences of World Domination." Presentation for Alpine School District, American Fork, UT, December 4, 2007.

Professional Associations

American Historical Association
Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture
Organization of American Historians
McNeil Center for Early American Studies
Society for French Historical Studies
French Colonial Historical Society