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Education:

January 1997: Ph.D., Department of History, Princeton University.

Dissertation: "Faith and Glory: Pierre-Daniel Huet and the Making of the Demonstratio evangelica (1679)" Advisor: Anthony Grafton

May 1989: M.A., History, State University of New York at Albany

January 1976: B.A., summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, State University of New York at Albany.

Positions Held:

From September 2007: Associate Professor, Department of History, American University, Washington, DC

From August 2001: Assistant Professor, Department of History, American University, Washington, DC

August 1999-July 2001: Lecturer, Department of History, University of the West Indies, Kingston, Jamaica

September 1997-June 1999: Mellon Fellow at the Society of Fellows in the Humanities, Lecturer in the History Department, Columbia University

Fall 1996-Spring 1997: Lecturer, History Department, Princeton University

Spring 1995-Spring 1996: Preceptor, History Department, Princeton University

Spring 1989-September 1992: Research Curator, "New Worlds, Ancient Texts: The Cultural Impact of an Encounter," New York Public Library Exhibition.

Fall 1987-Summer 1989: Teaching assistant, State University of New York at Albany

Other Professional Experience

2008-2011, Co-Editor, Proceedings, Western Society for French History

Summer 2008, Evaluator of book manuscript, University of Rochester Press

January 2008, Dissertation defense committee, History Department, The Johns Hopkins University

Fall 2007, evaluator of book manuscript, University of Chicago Press

2003-06, Governing Council, Western Society for French History; ad hoc committee on web redesign of Proceedings

Evaluator of submissions, Journal of the History of Ideas

2009-2010, Evaluator of book manuscript, The University of Chicago Press

January 2010, Evaluator of submission to special issue of *Atlantic Studies* on science in the Atlantic World

Awards, Prizes, and Fellowships:

Fall 2009: Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland

Summer 2008: Mellon Fund Research Support Award

2007-2008: Library Resident Research Fellow (Isaac Comly Martindale Fund), American Philosophical Society Library, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Spring 2004: Residential fellowship, Camargo Foundation, Cassis, France

Selma V. Forkosch Prize: Best Article (2002), "Thinking Geometrically in Pierre-Daniel Huet's *Demonstratio evangelica* (1679)," Journal of the History of Ideas

Summer 2003: Mellon Faculty Development Fund Award

FY2003: University Senate Research Award, American University

July 2001: Study and Travel Grant, University of the West Indies, Kingston, Jamaica

Summer 2000: Research Fellowship, Herzog August Bibliothek, Wolfenbüttel, Germany

1994: Mellon post-enrollment fellowship

1993/1994: Whiting Fellowship in the Humanities

1992/1993: Georges Lurcy Charitable and Education Trust Fellowship for study in France

1992: Intensive Latin Study Program, Rome

1991: Summer Seminar, "The Treatise of the Three Impostors," Leiden, The Netherlands

1989-1992: Fellowship, Department of History, Princeton University

1987-1988: Teaching assistantship, Department of History, State University of New York at

Albany

Current Project:

"A Caribbean Enlightenment"

I anticipate a book-length treatment that will explore three questions by bringing together and comparing developments in French and English colonies: What was "A Caribbean Enlightenment"? What might "Enlightenment" mean for Caribbeans — creole and European, resident and visiting, free and enslaved — who participated in this cosmopolitan intellectual culture? What does a Caribbean Enlightenment reveal about fundamental aspects and tensions of the Enlightenment more generally? The project is already underway with research in French, American, and British archives. Through a number of case studies, it will explore such phenomena as reading in Jamaica, the activities of Caribbean Jesuits, intellectual networks, the establishment (and failure!) of botanical gardens, and analysis of Caribbean periodicals and "improving" literature.

Publications:

Book:

Transforming the Republic of Letters: Pierre-Daniel Huet and European Intellectual Life, 1650-1720, August 2007, University of Rochester Press

Proceedings of the Western Society for French History, Volume 36 (2008, Quebec), co-edited with Donna F. Ryan, <http://quod.lib.umich.edu/w/wsfh/volumes.html>

Articles:

"Pratiquer l'amitié: l'érudit français et l'amateur jamaïcain, *Histoires croisées* (XVII^e-XVIII^e siècle)," Vivre et penser l'amitié dans les sciences. De Descartes à Lévi-Strauss (tr. Thomas Giraud; Paris: Éditions Hermann, forthcoming)

"Pascal in Jamaica: or, the French Enlightenment in Translation," Proceedings of the Western Society for French History 36, <http://quod.lib.umich.edu/cgi/t/text/text-index?c=wsfh;cc=wsfh;q1=2008;rgn=main;rgn1=date;view=text;idno=0642292.0036.006;hi=0>

Articles on Jean-Baptiste du Tertre, Jean-Baptiste Labat, Edward Long, Médéric-Louis-Élie Moreau de Saint Méry, and Thomas Thistlewood for the *Caribbean Encyclopedia*, ed. John Garrigus (forthcoming 2010)

"Of Sceptres and Censors: Biblical Interpretation and Censorship in Seventeenth-Century France," French History 20:2 (2006): 161-81.

"Cautious Curiosity: The Legacies of a Jesuit Scientific Education," History of Universities 19:2 (2004): 91-128.

"Sea Tales: Nature and Liberty in an English Seaman's Journal," Studies in Eighteenth-Century Culture 33 (2004): 193-219.

"Giulio Cesare Vanini (1585-1619)," Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy Online (2002).

"Thinking Geometrically in Pierre-Daniel Huet's Demonstratio evangelica (1679)," Journal of the History of Ideas 63:4 (2002): 599-617.

"An Anonymous Critique of Pierre-Daniel Huet's Demonstratio evangelica (1679)," LIAS: Sources and Documents Relating to the Early Modern History of Ideas 26:2 (1999): 205-211.

"Confessional Division and the Republic of Letters: The Case of Pierre-Daniel Huet (1630-1721)," Wolfenbütteler Forschungen (Fall 2001):39-57.

"François de La Mothe Le Vayer and the Defense of Pagan Virtue," The Seventeenth Century 15:1 (2000): 67-89.

"'Others laugh, even the learned': An *erudit*'s view of women and learning in seventeenth-century France," Proceedings of the Western Society for French History 24 (1996): 221-32.

"Amitié et animosité dans la République des Lettres: la querelle entre Bochart et Huet," Papers on French Seventeenth Century Literature/Biblio 17 (Fall 1994): 99-108.

"Tobacco," co-author of photo captions, sidebars in Anthony Grafton, New Worlds, Ancient Texts (Harvard University Press, 1992).

Reviews:

Jonathan Schorsch, Jews and Blacks in the Early Modern World, American Jewish History, 92:3 (2004), 388-91.

Donald M. Kelley, The Descent of Ideas: The History of Intellectual History, The European Legacy 9:6 (2004): 843.

John M. Headley, Tommaso Campanella and the Transformation of the World, The European Legacy 5:4 (2000): 605-06.

Ann Blair, The Theater of Nature: Jean Bodin and Renaissance Science, in Renaissance Quarterly 52 (1999): 249-50.

Louis Dupré, Passage to Modernity: An Essay in the Hermeneutics of Nature and Culture, in Renaissance Quarterly 50:4 (1997): 202-04.

Theodor Ludwig Lau, Meditationes philosophicae de Deo, Mundo, Homine, and Meditationes, Theses, Dubia philosophico-theologica, in Journal of the History of Philosophy (1994): 311.

Tr., Antony McKenna, La lettre clandestine [<http://lancelot.univ-paris12.fr/lc2-3a.htm>]

Papers and Other Conference Presentations:

- “Buttons and Blood: Fusée-Aublet’s Critique of Slavery, East and West,” in a panel I organized, “Unfamiliar Texts of the Eighteenth-Century Caribbean,” for the annual meeting of the American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Albuquerque, NM, March 2010
- "A Caribbean Enlightenment?," Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, University of Edinburgh, 24 November 2009
- "Intellectual Friendship in Erudition and Enlightenment" at the colloquium "L'amitié et les sciences. De Descartes à Lévi-Strauss," 16-17 January 2009, sponsored by the École normale supérieure, CNRS, and Paris-Sorbonne III
- "Pascal in Jamaica: or, The French Enlightenment in Translation," annual conference of the Western Society for French History, 6-9 November 2008, Quebec
- "Reading and Enlightenment in Eighteenth-Century Jamaica," noontime paper series, McNeil Center, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, April 2008
- "The slave in the garden: slave presences in natural history writings on the seventeenth- and eighteenth-century," at Sciences et savoirs dans le monde atlantique francophone (XVIe-XVIIIe siècles) / Knowledge and science in the francophone Atlantic world (1500-1800), Montréal, Québec (Canada), 26-28 April 2007
- Also presented at the Association of Caribbean Historians, May 6-10, 2007, Jamaica
- "Birds of a feather: Natural History and Male Sociability in 18th-Century Jamaica," Seventh Symposium of the Social History Project, University of the West Indies, Jamaica, March 2006
- "The Frustrations of Father Le Pers, Jesuit Missionary, Naturalist, and Botanist in 18th-Century St. Domingue," Western Society for French History, October 2004
- Invited presentation of a chapter of Apollo's Children (now Transforming the Republic of Letters), European Seminar, Johns Hopkins University, October 2004
- Commentator, Panel on Early Modern Science, Annual Conference of the Western Society for French History, September 2004
- "From Erudition to Enlightenment: Defining Intellectual Culture in the 17th and 18th Centuries," Annual Conference, The Historical Society, June 2004
- Panel organizer, "Masters & Pupils: The Uses of Pedagogy in France, 17th-20th Centuries"; presenter of one of the panel's papers, "Friendship and Formation in 17th-Century Jesuit Education," Western Society of French History, October 2003
- "Poetry & Patronage: Neo-Latin Verse & the Making of a Citizen of the 17th-century Republic of Letters," Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting, March 2003
- "'That Extensive and Most Noble Knowledge': Reconstructing Networks of Botanical Exchange in the 18th Century Caribbean," From Bacon to Bartram: Early American Inquiries into the Natural World, Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, March 2002
- "Secret Quarrel, Public Stakes: A Story of Censorship in 17th-Century France," International Society for Intellectual History Annual Conference, Cambridge, England, July 2001
- "The Civilian Side of the Story: Governor Edward Trelawny and the War of Jenkins' Ear," 33rd

- Annual Conference of the Association of Caribbean Historians, Trinidad, April 2001.
- Draft of Introduction, Journal of a Voyage to New York in 1756 & of a Cruise around the West Indies in 1756 & 1757, Social History Project Symposium, 21 April 2001, University of the West Indies, Jamaica
- "Before and Beyond Kew Gardens: The Caribbean in Natural History and Early Imperial Science during the Eighteenth Century," History Department Staff / Post Graduate Seminar, University of the West Indies, Jamaica, November 17, 2000.
- "Fugitive Glimpses of Natural History in 18th-Century Jamaica," Social History Project Symposium, 15 April 2000, University of the West Indies, Jamaica.
- "What's (Self-) Love Got to Do With it?: Establishing the Limits of Reason in Seventeenth-Century France," 26th Annual Meeting of the Western Society for French History, November 1998.
- "The Twilight of the Christian Augustans: Neo-Latin Poetry and Intellectual Culture in Seventeenth-Century France," Society of Fellows, Columbia University, October 1998.
- "*Juste malgré lui?*: Pierre-Daniel Huet's *Origeniana* (1668) and the Limits of Religious Polemics," Annual Meeting of the Renaissance Society of America, March 1998.
- "Intellectual In-Between: A French *Érudit* in an Age of Transition," Society of Fellows, Columbia University, March 1998.
- "Confessional Division and the Republic of Letters: The Case of Pierre-Daniel Huet (1630-1721)," 40th Wolfenbüttel Symposium, "Gelehrtenkultur im Zeitalter des Konfessionalismus," Herzog August Bibliothek, Wolfenbüttel, Germany, June 1997.
- Also presented at "Out of New Babylon: The Huguenots and their Diaspora," Program in the Carolina Low-Country and the Atlantic World, College of Charleston, May 1997.
- "Others laugh, even the learned.': An *érudit's* view of women and learning in seventeenth-century France," Western Society for French History, October 1996.
- "A View from Abroad: A French *érudit* looks at seventeenth-century English intellectual life," British Studies Seminar, Princeton University, March 1996.
- "Josephus and Seventeenth-Century Christian Apologetics: Pierre-Daniel Huet defends the *testimonium flavianum*," annual meeting of the International Society for the Classical Tradition, Boston, Massachusetts, March 1995.
- "Amitié et animosité dans la République des Lettres: la querelle entre Bochart et Huet" at the colloquium on Pierre-Daniel Huet in Caen, France, November 1993.

Courses Taught:

American University:

- Renaissance and Revolutions (Honors)
- Renaissance and Revolutions (Lecture)
- Renaissance and Revolutions (Distance Education)
- Historians and the Living Past
- History through Autobiography (Honors Colloquium)
- Medieval Europe
- Religious Conflict in Early Modern Europe (Freshman / sophomore seminar)
- Interpreting the New World, 1492-1700 (Undergraduate / graduate course)
- The European Enlightenment (Undergraduate / graduate course)

Topics in Early Modern European History (Graduate course)
The Historian's Craft (Graduate course)

I have also directed graduate fields in The Enlightenment and Early Modern Britain; directed an undergraduate capstone project in Byzantine history; advised senior theses projects in eighteenth-century Caribbean history and seventeenth- and eighteenth-century French history; supervised a McNair student project on the Spanish Inquisition and an undergraduate independent readings course on religion in early modern Europe.

University of the West Indies:

States and Societies: Continuity and Change in Early Modern Europe (1350-1750)
Revolution and Industrialization in Nineteenth-Century Europe
Expectation and Experience: The European Encounter with the New World (1492-1750)
The European Enlightenment

Columbia University:

Contemporary Civilization I & II
The Enlightenment in European Culture

Princeton University (Teaching Assistant):

Eighteenth-Century France
Europe since 1700
Europe from Antiquity to 1700
Society and the Sexes in Early Modern Europe

State University of New York at Albany (Teaching Assistant):

Western Civilization I & II
World War II

Service, American University

2008-2009:

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
Advised Search Committee (Summer 2008) on Visiting Europeanist
Search Committee
Modern Europe and Modern British Search Committee

2007-2008:

Full EPC
EPC Curriculum Committee
Faculty Senate Committee on Curriculum and Academic Program (JCCAP)
Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
Organizer, The Lunch Bunch

2006-2007:

EPC Curriculum Committee
Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
Organizer, The Lunch Bunch

2005-2006:

Undergraduate Committee, History Department
EPC Steering Committee
EPC sub-committee on CAS centers
Organizer, The Lunch Bunch
Chair, Search Committee, Visiting Europeanist
Faculty representative, Code Review Board, December 2005

2004-2005: Junior leave

2003-2004:

Search Committee, Public History
Organizer, The Lunch Bunch
Commentator, CAS Student Research Conference

2002-2003:

Search Committee, Visiting Early Modern Europe
Undergraduate Committee, History Department
Search Committee, Modern British Historian
EPC Curriculum Committee
Organizer with Andrew Lewis, The Lunch Bunch
Commentator, History Day, Spring 2003

2001-2002:

University Committee, History Department
Commentator, History Day, Spring 2002
Commentator for Student Research Conference, College of Arts and Sciences
Faculty representative, Code Review Board, June 2002

Professional Affiliations: Association of Caribbean History, Renaissance Society of America, Western Society for French History, International Society for Intellectual History, American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, French Colonial Historical Society, American Historical Association

Languages: French (fluent reading), Latin (moderate), German and Italian (limited reading)