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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. *University of California, Berkeley*, 1985, History
Dissertation: "The Revival of Religion during the French Revolution (1794-1799)"
Directed by Lynn Hunt
- M.A. *University of California, Berkeley*, 1981, History
- B.A. *Princeton University*, 1979, History, summa cum laude

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- University of Wisconsin-Madison*
Professor, July 1998-present
Associate Professor, July 1990-June 1998
Assistant Professor, September 1985-June 1990
- Northwestern University*
Advisory Professor, 2004-2005
- University of California, Berkeley*
Acting Instructor, 1984-85
Teaching Assistant, 1980-82, 1984

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Ed. with Jeffrey Merrick, *Family, Gender, and Law in Early Modern France*, University Park, Pennsylvania: Pennsylvania State Press, 2009.

The Family on Trial in Revolutionary France, Berkeley, California: University of California Press, 2004; paperback edition 2006.

Reclaiming the Sacred: Lay Religion and Popular Politics in Revolutionary France, Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1990.

Awarded the 1992 Herbert Baxter Adams Book Prize of the American Historical Association.

Articles and Book Chapters

Introduction (with Jeffrey Merrick) and *Making and Breaking Marriage: An Overview of Old Regime Marriage as a Social Practice* in *Family, Gender and Law in Early Modern France*, ed. Desan and Merrick (University Park, Pennsylvania: Pennsylvania State Press, 2009), xi-xxvi & 1-26.

Transatlantic Spaces of Revolution: The French Revolution, Sciotomanie, and American Lands, *Journal of Early Modern History* 12 (2008): 467-505.

The Social Revolution in French Revolutionary Families, (in Forum on *The Family on Trial in Revolutionary France*) *Journal of Social History* 40 (2007): 996-1003.

*Response to Forum on *The Family on Trial in Revolutionary France, Consortium on Revolutionary Era, 1750-1850: Selected Papers, 2006** (2007): 73-79.

The French Revolution and Religion, 1795-1815, in *The Cambridge History of Christianity: Enlightenment, Reawakening and Revolution, 1660-1815*, ed. Stewart J. Brown and Timothy Tackett (Cambridge University Press, 2006), 556-574.

Pétitions de femmes en faveur d'une réforme révolutionnaire de la famille, *Annales historiques de la Révolution française* 344 (avril/juin 2006): 27-46.

The Politics of Intimacy: Marriage and Citizenship in the French Revolution, in *Women, Gender, and Enlightenment*, ed. Sarah Knott and Barbara Taylor (Palgrave Press, 2005), 630-48.

Qu'est-ce qui fait un père? Illégitimité et paternité de l'an II au Code civil, *Annales: Histoire. Sciences sociales* 57 (2002): 935-64.

What's After Political Culture?: Recent French Revolutionary Historiography, *French Historical Studies* 23 (2000): 163-196.

Reconstituting the Social after the Terror: Family, Property, and the Law in Popular Politics, *Past and Present* 164 (1999): 81-121.

Awarded the 1999 William Koren Prize of the Society for French History.

"War between Brothers and Sisters": Inheritance Law and Gender Politics in Revolutionary France, *French Historical Studies*, 20 (1997): 597-634. Also reprinted in Gary Kates, ed., *The French Revolution: Recent Debates and New Controversies*, 2nd ed. (New York, Routledge, 2006), 219-253.

Cartes de la résurgence de la religion dans le département de l'Yonne pendant le Directoire, *Atlas de la Révolution française: Religion et Révolution*, eds. Claude Langlois and Timothy Tackett. Paris, 1996, p. 66.

The Family as Cultural Battleground: Religion vs. Republic under the Terror, in *The French Revolution and the Creation of Modern Political Culture*, vol. 4, *The Terror*, ed. Keith M. Baker. Oxford: Pergamon Press, 1994, pp. 177-193.

Introduction: Women's Experience of the French Revolution, in *Literate Women and the French Revolution of 1789*, ed. Catherine Montfort. Birmingham, Alabama: Summa Publications, 1994, pp. 19-30.

Marriage, Religion, and Moral Order: The Catholic Critique of Divorce during the Directory, in *The French Revolution and the Meaning of Citizenship*, ed. Renée Waldinger, Philip Dawson, and Isser Woloch. Westport, Connecticut: Greenwood Press, 1993, pp. 201-210.

"Constitutional Amazons": Jacobin Women's Clubs in the French Revolution, in *Re-Creating Authority in Revolutionary France*, eds. Bryant Ragan and Elizabeth Williams, New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 1992, pp. 11-35. Reprinted as part of CD-ROM *Enfranchising Women: the Politics of Women's Suffrage in Europe 1789-1945*, TLTP History Courseware Consortium (Southampton, 1997).

Crowds, Community, and Ritual in the Work of E. P. Thompson and Natalie Davis, in *The New Cultural History*, ed. Lynn Hunt. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1989, pp. 47-71. (Translated into Korean, Japanese, and Portuguese.)

The Role of Women in Religious Riots during the French Revolution, *Eighteenth-Century Studies* (special issue on The French Revolution in Culture) 22 (1989): 451-68.

Redefining Revolutionary Liberty: The Rhetoric of Religious Revival during the French Revolution, *Journal of Modern History* 60 (1988): 1-27. Reprinted in *The Rise and Fall of the French Revolution*, ed. Timothy C. Blanning, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1996.

Religious Riots and Ritual during the French Revolution, *Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Western Society for French History*, Volume 14: 171-79. Flagstaff, 1987.

Encyclopedia Entries

"Women," "Divorce," and "Family" in Larousse's *Dictionary on the French Revolution* (forthcoming in French and English).

"Olympe de Gouges" and "Condorcet" in *Women, Gender, and, Enlightenment*, ed. Sarah Knott and Barbara Taylor (Palgrave Press, 2005).

Book Reviews

Book reviews in *American Historical Review* (2008); *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, (1998, 2000); *Contemporary Sociology* (1996); *The Eighteenth Century: A Current Bibliography* (1993); *Eighteenth-Century Studies* (1987, 1993, 1994, 1995); *The Historian* (2006); www.h-France.net (2008); *The Journal of Ecclesiastical History* (1993); *Journal of Family History*

(1997); *Journal of the History of Sexuality* (2006); *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* (1988, 1995); *Journal of Modern History* (1990, 1995, 2003, 2006, 2007); *Religious Studies Review* (1988); *Social History* (2005).

CURRENT PROJECT

I am currently studying foreign radicals who came to France during the revolutionary era. By focusing on the activism and writings of these foreign networks in the 1790s, this project probes the international circulation of revolutionary ideas and practices, explores the mentality and identity of these cosmopolitan activists, and asks how they influenced French politics and political culture. Also, since some of these outsiders strove to ignite revolution abroad, I am examining how their ideas, strategies, and interactions with French revolutionaries contributed to international conflict over European borders, regional and national identity, and forms of government.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Center for European Studies, Faculty Travel Grant, 2003-2004
William Koren Prize of the Society for French Historical Studies, 2000 (Best French History Article of 1999)
John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship, 1998-99
Humanities Institute, University of Wisconsin, Semester Fellowship, Fall 1998
Fulbright Research Fellowship for France, 1994-95
Bourse Jeanne Marandon, Société des Professeurs français et francophones d'Amérique, 1994-95
Romnes Faculty Fellowship, University of Wisconsin, 1994-1999
Herbert Baxter Adams Book Prize, American Historical Association, 1992 (for the best first book in European history)
Vilas Associate Award, University of Wisconsin, 1993-95
Graduate School Summer or Supplemental Grants, University of Wisconsin, 1998, 1994, 1992, 1989, 1987, 1986
Faculty Development Grant, University of Wisconsin, 1992
American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship, 1987-88
Humanities Institute, University of Wisconsin, Semester Fellowship, 1987
Harvard Divinity School Research Fellowship, 1987-88 (declined)
Prize for the best paper at the Conference of Midwest American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, 1986
Mabelle McLeod Lewis Memorial Grant, 1983-84
Humanities Graduate Research Grants, University of California, 1982 and 1984
Chateaubriand French Government Fellowship, 1982-83
Fulbright Dissertation Grant, 1982-83 (declined)
Thomas More-Jacques Maritain Institute Fellowship, 1982

Genevieve McEnerney Fellowship, 1979-80
Princeton University Class of 1916 Award, 1979
(varsity athlete with highest academic standing)
Phi Beta Kappa, 1979

TEACHING HONORS

Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching Award, University of Wisconsin, 2007
University of Wisconsin-Housing Association, Favorite Instructors, 2006-2007, 2008-2009
Kaplan Family Fellowship in History with Emily Schmitt for her senior thesis, 2006-2007
Hilldale Undergraduate/Faculty Research Awards, 1991, 1994, 2001
Wisconsin Student Association "100 Best Educators" List, 1991-92

PAPERS PRESENTED AND INVITED LECTURES (past 10 years)

British and American Radicals in Revolutionary Paris, American Historical Society, San Diego, January 2010

Diplomacy, Intimacy, and the Other: A Franco-American Diplomat Negotiates for Barbary Captives in Algiers, Society for French Historical Studies, St. Louis, March 2009

Women and Politics in Old Regime and Revolutionary France, Keynote Lecture, Conference on Political Women in Europe, 1500-1900, Umeå University, Sweden, November 2008

Gender and Women's History: The Last Twenty Years, Roundtable, Symposium in Honor of Natalie Zemon Davis's 80th Birthday, Cambridge, MA, November 2008

Social History across the Atlantic, Comment at Workshop on Reconstructing Social History in a Post-Structuralist World, Northwestern University, Center for Historical Studies, Evanston, IL, May 2008

Foreign Radicals and French Revolutionary Expansion: The Case of Joel Barlow, Hasty Pudding, and Italian Revolution, Western Society for French History, Albuquerque, November 2007

Mariage, républicanisme et genre, Journée d'études: Etat, mariage et ordre social à l'ère révolutionnaire: sexualisme ou conjugalisme? (1789-1848), Ecole normale supérieure, Lyon, July 2007

Roundtable on "Looking across the French-American Divide in the Age of Revolution," Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, Washington, DC, March 2007

Republicans versus Aristocrats in the State of Nature: The French Revolution and the American Frontier, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL, February 2007

Seminar on *The Family on Trial in Revolutionary France*, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL, February 2007

"*The Sweet Metaphysics of Love*": *Marriage, Divorce, and Gender Politics in the French Revolution*, Mackay History Lecture, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada, November 2, 2006

French Revolutionary Emigrés in America, History Department, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada, November 3, 2006

NEH Seminar for College Teachers on French and Haitian Revolutions: Discussion of *The Family on Trial in Revolutionary France*, Newberry Library, Chicago, July 2006

Forum on *The Family on Trial in Revolutionary France*, Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, Atlanta, March 2006

Spaces of the Revolutionary Imagination: The French Revolution and American Lands, University of California at Los Angeles, February 2006

Gender and the French Revolution, Roundtable at French History Day, University of California at Los Angeles, February 2006

Commentator on *Death and Suicide in Eighteenth-Century France*, Western Society for French History Annual Meeting, Colorado Springs, October 2005

The Politics of Love: Marriage, Divorce, and Gender Relations during the French Revolution, Rev. Henry Casper Lecture in European History, Marquette University, April 2005

Fantasies of the Foreign: The French Revolutionaries in Ohio, Miami University, March 2005

French Revolutionary Visions of America: Sciotomanie and the American Wilderness, University of Michigan, January 2005

Print Culture in the French Revolution, Roundtable for Early Modern European Studies, University of Wisconsin, January 2005

Discussion of *The Family on Trial in Revolutionary France*, Michigan French History Group, Ann Arbor, January 2005

Annals of Revolt: 1789, Chicago Humanities Festival, November 2004

Roundtable on *the French Revolution*, (by authors of recently published books), Western Society for French History annual meeting, Lubbock, TX, October 2004

Fantasies of the Foreign: The French Revolution, Fraud, and American Land Speculation, Western Society for French History annual meeting, Lubbock, TX, October 2004

Commentator and organizer of panel on *Women and Wealth: Managing, Inheriting, Collecting*, Western Society for French History annual meeting, Irvine, CA, October 2003

What Makes a Father? Illegitimacy and Paternity in the French Revolution, Wisconsin Symposium on Legal History: Law, Family, and State Organization in the Early Modern Atlantic World, University of Wisconsin-Madison, November 2002

Redefining the Bonds of Family and Nature: Illegitimate Children in the French Revolutionary Courts, American Society for Legal History, Chicago, November 2001

The Politics of Intimacy in the French Revolution, Feminism and Enlightenment Colloquium, University of London, May 2001

From Bastard to Citizen: Illegitimacy and Unwed Motherhood in Revolutionary France, University of Michigan, March 2001

Freedom of the Heart: Divorce and Marriage in the French Revolution, University of Georgia, French Studies Seminar, December 2000

Chair and organizer, *Historians and Historiography of the French Revolution*, Western Society for French History annual meeting, Los Angeles, November 2000

The Political Power of Love: Marriage and Regeneration in the French Revolution, Chicago Eighteenth-Century Studies Group, Northwestern University, March 2000

Chair and organizer, *Private Lives, Public Spheres: Urban Sociability, Divorce, and Democracy in the Eighteenth Century*, French Historical Studies annual meeting, Phoenix, March 2000

Forging Family and Republic after the Terror, Symposium on "The Impossible Settlement: Problems of a New Order in Post-Revolutionary France," Emory University, November 1999

What Makes a Father? Paternity during the French Revolution, Western Society for French History annual meeting, Pacific Grove, CA, November 1999

Chair and organizer, *Parenting and Mentoring in the Eighteenth Century*, American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies annual meeting, Milwaukee, March 1999

Family, Property, and the Law in Thermidorean Politics, French Historical Studies annual meeting, Washington, DC, March 1999

What's After Political Culture? French Revolutionary Historiography since the Bicentennial, Transatlantic Encounters, New York French History Seminar, September 1998

COURSES TAUGHT

Undergraduate

History 119, The Making of Modern Europe (1400-1815)
Integrated Liberal Studies 208, Western Civilization since 1500
History 223, Freshmen Seminar, Women and Gender in Eighteenth-Century France, as part of
First-Year Interest Group (FIG)
History 283, Freshmen Honors Seminars: French Culture, 1500-1800; Enlightenment: What does
it mean to be human?
History 320, Early Modern France (1500-1715)
History 352, Eighteenth-Century Europe
History 358, The Old Regime and the French Revolution
History 572: Reading Topics courses on Popular Culture in Early Modern Europe; Politics and
Culture in Eighteenth-Century Europe; Eighteenth Century France: Society, Culture,
and Revolution
History 600, Topical Research Seminars on The Enlightenment; Eighteenth-Century French
Culture; French Revolution; French and British Attitudes toward Foreigners, 1700-1815;
Transatlantic Encounters in the Revolutionary Era, Rights and Identity in the
Revolutionary France, etc.
History 680/690: Senior Thesis Colloquium

Graduate Seminars

History 703, History and Theory
History 707, The Old Regime and the French Revolution; Society and Popular Culture in Early
Modern Europe; Social History of Early Modern Europe
History 952, Gender, Race, and the Politics of Empire in the Transatlantic World, 1750-1850

Ph.D. DISSERTATIONS DIRECTED

Franca Barricelli, "Civic Representations: Theatre, Politics, and Public Life in Venice,
1770-1806," 1994
Kenneth Jassie, "Popular Attitudes toward Justice and Authority during the Old Regime and
the French Revolution: Paris, 1720-1794," 1996
Michael Lynn (directed with Domenico Sella), "Enlightenment in the Republic of Science : The
Popularization of Natural Philosophy in Eighteenth-Century Paris," 1997
Jody LePage, "Politics and the Ideal Family in Early Nineteenth-Century France: The Public
Debate over Saint-Simonianism," 1997
Alan Krinsky (directed with Thomas Broman, History of Science), "Let Them Eat Horsemeat!:
Science, Philanthropy, State, and the Search for Complete Nutrition in
Nineteenth-Century France," 2001
Susan Nelson, "The *Querelle des Femmes* in Eighteenth-Century France" (in progress)
Sarah Robinson, "The Napoleonic Empire in the Netherlands" (in progress)
Jeff Hobbs (directed with Laird Boswell), "The Liberal Crucible: Grassroots Politics, State
Power and Political Culture in July Monarchy France, 1830-1835" (in progress)
James Coons, "The Fronde of the Prince: Condé, the Ormée, and the Construction of Absolutism
in Seventeenth-Century France" (in progress)
Katie Jarvis, "Political Poissardes: The Popular Activism and Cultural Representation of the
Dames des Halles, 1789-1799" (in progress)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Department Committees

U.S. Military History Search Committee, 2008-2009
Faculty Council, 1991-93, 1997-98, 2001-03, 2008-2009
Director, Graduate Program in Women's and Gender History, 2006-07
Undergraduate Council, 2006-07
Senior Thesis Prize Committee, 2006-07
Joint Committee on Teaching, 2006-07
Tenure Committee for Ned Blackhawk, 2005
Strategic Hiring Committee, 2004-2007
Joint Committee on Teaching Assistants, 2004-2006
Budget Committee, 1990-91, 1993-94, 1995-96, 2004-06
Graduate Council, Funding, and Fellowships Subcommittees, 1993-94, 1996, 1997,
2004-06, 2009-10
Tenure Committee for Francine Hirsch, 2004
Asian American Search Committee, 2004
Japanese History Search Committee, 2002-03
Sub-committee on Chair Elections, 2001
European Women's History Search Committee, 2001-02
Promotion Review Committee, Florence Bernault, 2001
Reading Committee, Anne Enke, 2001
Chair, European Women's History Search Committee, 1998-99
Assistant Professor Review Committee, 1997-98
Chair, Tenure Committee for Laird Boswell, 1997-98; 1998-99
Early Modern Europe Search Committee, 1997-98
Gender Equity Committee, 1995-98
Chair, Sexual and Ethnic Harassment Committee, 1995-97
Harvey Goldberg Foundation Committee, 1993-94
Women's History Conference Organizing Committee, 1993-94
Chair, European Women's History Search Committee, 1992-93
Sub-committee on Tenure Policy, 1991-92
Committee for Joint Degrees in History and History of Science, 1991-94
French History Search Committee, 1991-92.
European Social History Search Committee, 1989-90, 1990-91
Graduate Student Research Paper Award Committee, 1989
European Group Fellowship Committee, 1986-87, 1988-89, 1990-91, 1993-94, 1999-2000, 2001-02,
2002-03
History Workshop Committee, 1988-89
Director of Undergraduate Studies, 1988-91
Meetings for prospective history graduate students, History Club, 1985, 1986

University-wide Service

Institute for Research in the Humanities Fellowship Committee, 2009
L & S Honors Committee, 2008-2011
Beinecke Scholarship Committee, 2005-2007

Western European FLAS Fellowship Committee, 1999-2000, 2001-02, 2006-07
Early Modern European Studies Program, Advisory Board, 2004-
Center for European Studies, Fellowship Committee, 2002-2003, 2004-05
Center for the Humanities Board, 2001-04
Iwanter Prize Committee, 2002
Humanities Institute Review Committee, 2001
Humanities Divisional Committee, 1995-98, Vice Chair, spring 1998
Intradivisional Course Committee, 1997-98
Sexual Harassment Contact Person, 1992-97
Freshman Honors Advisor, 1995-96
Fulbright Evaluation Committee, 1995-96
Humanities Institute Fellowships Committee, 1992-94
Committee on Faculty Rights and Responsibilities, 1992-94
Faculty Appeals Committee, 1990-95
Recreational Sports Board, 1990-92
Individual Majors Committee, 1988-92
Faculty Senate, 1988-90
Search Committee, Multicultural Center Director, Dean of Students Office, spring 1989
Doing Research in the French Archives, presentation for Memorial Library series on research in
Western European history, February 1991
Head organizer and fundraiser for a series of events commemorating the French Revolution
bicentennial, spring semester

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Biographical Essay on Lynn Hunt, President of the AHA, co-authored with Bryant T. Ragan,
American Historical Association Program, January 2003, 2-10

Professional Committees and Boards

Editorial Board, *Journal of Modern History*, 2008-2011
Comité de lectures, *La Révolution française*, 2009-
Gilbert-Chinard Book Prize Committee, Society for French History, 2007-10; Chair, 2008-10
Clifford Article Prize Committee, ASECS, 2007-08
Editorial Board, Gouverneur Morris Papers, 2008-
Scholarly Council, Institute on Napoleon and the French Revolution, Florida State University,
2006-
Program Committee, Western Society for French History, 2004, 2005
Herbert Baxter Adams Prize Committee, 2002-05; Chair, 2005
Program Committee, Conference for the Society for French Historical Studies, 2002-03
Editorial Board, *Eighteenth-Century Studies*, 1998-2001
Editorial Board, *French Historical Studies*, 1997-2000
Nominating Committee, European Section, American Historical Association, 1996-
Governing Council, Western Society for French History, 1996-99
Governing Board, Geneva Consistory Project, 1998-

Reviewing

Applications for the American Council of Learned Societies, Fulbright Commission, Bourse Chateaubriand, SSHRC of Canada

Book manuscripts for Stanford University Press, Cornell University Press, Princeton University Press, Oxford University Press, D.C. Heath, MacMillan Press, Houghton and Mifflin, Bedford Books, Lyceum Press, Palgrave-MacMillan, Paramount Press, Saint Martin's Press, Duke University Press, Routledge Press, Yale University Press.

Article manuscripts for *American Historical Review*, *Eighteenth-Century Studies*, *French Historical Studies*, *Gender and History*, *History Compass*, *Journal of Modern History*, *Journal of Women's History*, *Studies in Eighteenth-Century Culture*, *William and Mary Quarterly*, *Women's History Review*

Talks and Presentations

University of the Air, Wisconsin Public Radio, *Family and Gender in the French Revolution*, February 2005

Discussion of *The Family on Trial in Revolutionary France*, Borders Book Store, October 2004

Jane Austen Festival, University of Wisconsin, *Revolutionary France in Austen's Time*, April 2001

NEH Workshop for High School Teachers, *Teaching Gender and the French Revolution*, January 2001

University on the Air, Wisconsin Public Radio, four-week course, *The French Revolution*, January 1998

Legacy of the French Revolution and Robespierre and the Terror in Revolutionary France, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, May 1995

Two-part lecture series on *The French Revolution: Politics and Culture*, University of Wisconsin Extension, Wisconsin Center, April 1990

Presentation on *The Images, Symbols, and Ideology of the French Revolution*, Outreach Workshop, University of Wisconsin Extension, St. Benedict's Center, March 1990

Leader of discussion about Simon Schama, *Citizens...*, Series on Comparative Revolutions, Center for the Study of the Constitution, February 1990

Radio interview on the French Revolution, Oklahoma Public Radio, November 1989

Radio interview for the bicentennial of the French Revolution, Wisconsin Public Radio, April 1989

Head organizer and fundraiser for a series of events commemorating the French Revolution bicentennial, spring semester 1989

Huguenots in America and France, Lecture for Wisconsin Genealogical Society, February 2, 1987

MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association
Consortium on the Revolutionary Era
Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies
Society for French Historical Studies
Western Society for the Study of French History

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