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EDUCATION

MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY, MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Doctor of Philosophy, Modern European History, 1997.

Major Fields: Old-Regime Europe, Nineteenth-Century Europe, Twentieth-Century Europe.

Minor Field: North and Sub-Saharan Africa. Dissertation: *Counterrevolutionary Catholicism in Western France: The Battle of Belief at Machecoul, 1774-1914* (Ann Arbor: University Microfilms, 1997).

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA, GRAND FORKS

Master of Arts, European History, 1992.

Major Fields: Early Modern and Modern Europe. Thesis: "Marxism Baptized? The Catholic Media and the Worker-Priest Movement in France, 1943-54."

NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY, FARGO

Bachelor of Arts, History, 1987.

Concentrations: Europe and the United States. Minor: Philosophy-Humanities.

TEACHING

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, MACOMB

Associate Professor of History, 2003-2009.

Offered: General Honors 301: The Enlightenment as Contested History; History 126, Western Civilization since 1648; History 491/301, Research and Writing in History; History 426(G), The Age of Enlightenment, Europe, 1648-1789; History 427(G), The French Revolution and Napoleon; History 482, Special Topics in European History: A History of Paris; History 541, Readings Seminars in European History: Ritual in Early Modern Europe; Religion, Science, and Enlightenment.

MARIST COLLEGE, POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

Assistant Professor of History, 1998-2003.

Courses Offered: History 135, The Origins of Modern Times (Western Civilization since 1600); History 222, Modern Europe, 1815-1945; History 249, Early Modern Europe, 1400-1815; History

280, Africa since 1800; History 292, Special Topics: The First World War; History 305, Research Methods; History 348, The French Revolution and Napoleon.

CARDINAL STRITCH UNIVERSITY, MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Instructor of History, Programs in Management, 1997-1998.

Courses Offered: History 225, Western Civilization II, 500-1600; History 230, Western Civilization III, since 1600.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE

Visiting Professor of History, 1997.

Courses Offered: History 206, Europe since 1815; History 358, France since 1848.

RESEARCH AND ARCHIVAL EMPLOYMENT

INSTITUTE FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF LEARNING, MILWAUKEE

Researcher, 1998.

Research Area: Milwaukee Teachers' Organizations and Race Relations in the 1960s and 1970s.

MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Archivist's Assistant, 1992-1993, 1996.

Archival Focus: Native American and African-American Catholic Missions.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOK

Small-Town Martyrs and Murderers: Religious Revolution and Counterrevolution in Western France, 1774-1914. Milwaukee: Marquette University Press, 2006. ISBN 0-87462-311-1. 292 Pages. Bibliography.

This book considers an infamous massacre that unfolded during the French Revolution in the small town of Machecoul (Loire-Atlantique). As a microhistory, it explores the relationship between local religious culture and counterrevolutionary violence committed in this small town, as well as the town's collective memory of revolution and counterrevolution in the nineteenth century. Research for the project was conducted at *les archives nationales* (CARAN), Paris; *Les archives départementales de Loire-Atlantique*, Nantes; *Les archives épiscopales de Nantes*; *Les archives paroissiales de Machecoul*; *Les Archives municipales de Machecoul*; *Les archives collégiales de Machecoul*; and *Le centre des recherches sur l'histoire du monde Atlantique*, Nantes.

ARTICLE

“A Trend That Has No Trend.” *Historically Speaking*. Volume 8, no. 2 (November/December 2006), pages 8-10.

ARTICLE

“Waging War for the Lord: Counterrevolutionary Ritual in Rural Western France, 1801-1906.” *The Catholic Historical Review*. Volume 88, no.1 (Winter 2002), pages 17-41. Available online via Project Muse: http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/catholic_historical_review/v088/88.1woell.html

BOOK CHAPTER

“Creating a Counterrevolution: Cultural Conflict in Western France on the Eve of the Revolution.” *Proceedings of the Consortium on Revolutionary Europe: Selected Papers*, 2001. Edited by Donald Horward. Tallahassee: Florida State University Press, 2003. Pages 201-210.

BOOK CHAPTER

“A Constitutional Church in Crisis: Parish Politics and the Coming of Counterrevolution in Rural Western France, 1791-1793.” *Proceedings of the Consortium on Revolutionary Europe: Selected Papers*, 2000. Edited by Donald Horward. Tallahassee: Florida State University Press, 2001. Pages 77-86.

BOOK CHAPTER

“Reviving the Vendée: The Separation of Church and State in a Western Parish.” *Proceedings of the Western Society for French History*. Edited by Barry Rothaus. Greeley: Northern Colorado University Press, 1998. Volume 25, Pages 110-119.

BOOK CHAPTER

“Prelude to a Massacre: The Ecclesiastical Oath Crisis at Machecoul.” *Proceedings of the Western Society for French History*. Edited by Barry Rothaus. Greeley: Northern Colorado University Press, 1997. Volume 24, pages 233-244.

BOOK REVIEW

Review of *Catholic and French Forever: Religious and National Identity in Modern France* (University Park, 2005) by Joseph F. Byrnes. *Church History*. Volume 78, no. 2 (June 2009), pages 421-423.

BOOK REVIEW

Review of *Les sacrements dans la France des XVIIe et XVIIIe siècles. Pastorale et vécu des fidèles* [Collection le temps de l'histoire] (Aix-en-Provence, 2007) by Marcel Bernos. *The Catholic Historical Review*. Volume 95, no. 2 (April 2009), pages 372-373.

BOOK REVIEW

Review of *Commemorating the Dead in Revolutionary France 1789-99* (New York, 2007) by Joseph Clarke. *The American Historical Review*. Volume 113 (February 2009), pages. 215-216.

BOOK REVIEW

Review of *Living The French Revolution 1789-99* (Basingstoke and New York, 2006) by Peter McPhee. *H-France*, March, 2008. Available online at <http://h-France.net/vol8reviews/vol8no46woell.pdf>.

BOOK REVIEW

Review of *Consciences épiscopales en exil (1789-1814)* (Paris, 2004) by Bernard de Brye. *The Catholic Historical Review*. Volume 93 (October 2007), pages 985-986. Available online via Project Muse: http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/catholic_historical_review/v093/93.4woell.html

BOOK REVIEW

Review of *The French Revolution 1784-1804* (New York, 2003), by P. M. Jones. *H-France*, September, 2004. Available online at <http://www.h-france.net/vol4reviews/woell.html>

BOOK REVIEW

Review of *Educating the Faithful: Religion, Schooling, and Society in Nineteenth-Century France* (DeKalb, 2000), by Sarah A. Curtis. *The Catholic Historical Review*. Volume 87, no. 4 (October 2001), pages 753-754. Available online via Project Muse: http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/catholic_historical_review/v087/87.4woell.html

BOOK REVIEW

Review of *France and the Cult of the Sacred Heart: An Epic Tale for Modern Times* (Berkeley, 2000), by Raymond Jonas. *The Journal of Social History*. Volume 35, pages. 739-741 Available online via Project Muse: http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/journal_of_social_history/v035/35.3woell.html

PARTICIPATION IN PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

THE WESTERN SOCIETY FOR FRENCH HISTORY'S ANNUAL MEETINGS

Indianapolis, Indiana, 2001.

Paper: "Peasants into Counterrevolutionaries: Parish Preaching and Teaching in the Insurgent West, 1801-1914."

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, 1997.

Paper: "Reviving the Vendée."

Charlotte, North Carolina, 1996.

Paper: "Prelude to a Massacre."

THE SOCIETY FOR FRENCH HISTORICAL STUDIES' ANNUAL MEETINGS

St. Louis, 2009.

Paper: "Ritual amid Revolution and Resistance: The Politics and Polemics of Sacramental Practice during the Oath Crisis, 1790-1793."

St. Louis, 2009.

Chair and Commentator for Panel, "Sovereignty and Violence in Late Eighteenth-Century Avignon," featuring papers by Eric F. Johnson, Edward James Kolla, and Mary Ashburn Miller.

Champaign-Urbana, 2006.

Commentator for Panel, "Anti-Clericalism and the Church from Pre- to Post-Revolutionary France," featuring papers by Patricia Turner et al., Joseph Byrnes, and David Garrioch.

Stanford, 2005.

Paper: "Revolution and Religion in Small-Town France: District Seats as Centers of Schism and Scandal, 1791-1792."

Milwaukee, 2003.

Paper: "Two Tales of Small-Town Murder: Competing Narratives of Counterrevolutionary Violence in Modern French Historiography."

Washington, D.C., 1999.

Paper: "Justice or Genocide: Republican Retribution in the War of Vendée, 1793-1799."

Ottawa, Ontario, 1998.

Paper: "Fighting for the Future, Praising the Past: A Festival in the Counterrevolutionary West."

THE CONSORTIUM ON REVOLUTIONARY EUROPE'S ANNUAL MEETINGS.

Huntsville, Alabama, 2008.

Paper: "Pressing Religion during the French Revolution."

Auburn, Alabama, 2001.

Paper: "Creating a Counterrevolution."

Huntsville, Alabama, 2000.

Paper: "A Constitutional Church in Crisis."

THE AMERICAN CATHOLIC HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL SPRING MEETING.
Milwaukee, 2007.

Paper: "Poet, Priest, and Patriot of Burgundy: The Curious Case of the Abbé Chauchot, A Revolutionary *Curé*."

HONORS AND AWARDS

UNIVERSITY RESEARCH COUNCIL GRANTS AND SUMMER STIPEND

Western Illinois University, 2004, 2006, and 2009.

These grants enabled me to conduct primary research at the departmental archives located in Rennes, Toulouse, and Grenoble, France during the spring and summer of 2004, Bordeaux and Dijon in the spring and summer of 2006, and Clermont-Ferrand, Nancy, and Rouen in the summer of 2009 as part of a long-term project tentatively titled "The Small-Town Revolution: Religious Crises and the Making of the State and Citizenship in Modern France, 1789-1799." The project explores how the various religious crises of the French Revolution, particularly as they unfolded in small towns, helped shape the centralized state, democratic citizenship, and the relationship between the two in modern France.

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES' SUMMER SEMINAR FELLOW

"Revolution and the Making of Identities: France and Haiti, 1787-1804," The Newberry Library, 2006.

Led by Professor Jeremy Popkin, this seminar considered the transformation of individual and collective identities within the context of revolution both in France and in Haiti. The seminar included an opportunity to examine the extensive French revolutionary pamphlet collection held at the Newberry Library as part of a new project on revolution and religious culture in small-town France.

THE REVEREND JOHN P. RAYNOR FELLOWSHIP

Marquette University, 1995-1996.

This grant enabled me to conduct secondary research and to write my dissertation during the academic year.

THE SMITH FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

Marquette University, 1994-1995.

This travel grant enabled me to conduct primary research for my dissertation in Paris and Nantes, France during the academic year.