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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

Professor of History, 2003-2015 (Tenured in 2007, Promoted to Full in 2012).

Courses Offered: General Honors 301: The Enlightenment as Contested History; History 116, World History since 1500; History 126, Western Civilization since 1648; History 201, Historical Methods; History 310: Crime, Policing, and Punishment; History 326: Old Regime Europe, 1648–1789; History 491/301, Research and Writing in History; History 426(G), The Enlightenment, 1721–1784; History 427(G), The French Revolution and Napoleon; History 482, Special Topics in European History: A History of Paris; History 500, Historical Theory and Methods; History 540, Research Seminar in European History: The *Cahiers de Doléances* of the French Revolution; History 541, Readings Seminars in

European History: Ritual in Early Modern Europe; Religion, Science, and Enlightenment; and Violence in Europe, 1500–1815; The Origins of the French Revolution and the Caribbean Slave Revolt, 1897–1804; The First Public Sphere and the Rise of Human Rights.

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**

Воок

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.

#### **A**RTICLES

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

"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.

#### **BOOK CHAPTERS**

"Religion and Revolution." In *The Oxford Handbook on the French Revolution*. Edited by David Andress. Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, 2015. Pages 254-271.

"The Origins and Outcomes of Religious Schism, 1790-99." A Companion to the French Revolution. Edited by Peter McPhee. Oxford: Wiley Blackwell, 2013. Pages 145-160.

"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.

"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.

"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. Greely: Northern Colorado University Press, 1998. Volume 25, Pages 110-119.

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

#### **BOOK ESSAY**

On Murder in Aubagne: Lynching, Law, and Justice during the French Revolution (Cambridge and New York, 2009) by D. M. G. Sutherland. H-France Forum. Volume 5, no. 3 (Summer 2010), pages 70-73. Available online at: <a href="http://www.h-france.net/forum/forumvol5/sutherland3.pdf">http://www.h-france.net/forum/forumvol5/sutherland3.pdf</a>

#### **BOOK REVIEWS**

Review of *Priests of the French Revolution: Saints and Renegades in a New Political Era* (University Park: Penn State University Press, 2014) by Joseph F. Byrnes. *The Catholic Historical Review*, Volume 102, no. 1 (January 2016).

Review of *Blondel de Nouainville: L'itinéraire d'un noble normand (1753-1793)* (Cherbourg-Octeville: Éditions Isoète, 2012) by Didier Michel. H-France, Volume 13 (February 2013). Available online at: <a href="http://www.h-france.net/vol13reviews/vol13no24woell.pdf">http://www.h-france.net/vol13reviews/vol13no24woell.pdf</a>

Review of *Monsters of the Gévaudan: The Making of a Beast* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2011) by Jay M. Smith. *History: Review of New Books*, Volume 40, no. 4 (October 2012), pages 117-118.

Review of *History and the Enlightenment* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2010) by Hugh-Trevor Roper, edited by John Robertson. *Journal of World History*, Volume 23, no. 3 (September 2012), pages 695-699.

Review of *Policing Public Opinion in the French Revolution: The Culture of Calumny and the Problem of Free Speech* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2009) by Charles Walton. *History: Reviews of New Books.* Volume 38, no. 4 (October 2010), pages 139-140.

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.

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.

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

Review of *Living The French Revolution 1789-99* (Basingstoke and New York, 2006) by Peter McPhee. *H-France*, March, 2008.

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.

**Review of** *The French Revolution 1784–1804* (New York, 2003), by P. M. Jones. *H-France*, September, 2004.

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.

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.

### 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

### Colorado Springs, 2015.

Paper: "Religious Reform and Institutional Crisis in 1789 and 1790: Why the Civil Constitution Was Often Dead on Arrival in Small-Town France."

### Cambridge, Mass., 2013.

Paper: "Storm before the Storm along the Rhône: Religious Crisis in Vienne before and after the Civil Constitution of the Clergy, 1789-1799."

#### 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, 2011.

Paper: "Circumscribing Democracy during the French Revolution: The Politics of Parish Closure in Small-Town Normandy, 1790–1792."

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

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY GRADUATE RECRUITMENT GRANT

Western Illinois University's School of Graduate Studies, 2016.

A competitive in-house grant for recruiting graduate students for the history program in the spring of 2017.

THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL JOHN HALLWAS LECTURE IN THE LIBERAL ARTS Western Illinois University, 2016.

Title of Lecture: "The Public Sphere of Past and Present, and the Place of the Liberal Arts."

University Research Council Grants and Summer Stipends

Western Illinois University, 2004, 2006, 2009, 2011, and 2015.

Collectively these grants enabled me to conduct primary research at 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, Clermont-Ferrand, Nancy, and Rouen in the summer of 2009, Paris in the fall of 2011, and Lyon and Angers in the summer of 2015. All the research is part of a long-term project tentatively titled "Revolution at the Crossroads: Small-Town Religion and the Making of a Modern France, 1789–1801." The project explores how the various religious crises unfolding in French small towns in the 1790s shaped not only the dynamics and outcome of the French Revolution but also religion's place in modern France's public sphere.

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 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.