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EDUCATION

Ph.D. (Early Modern European History), Columbia University, May 2005

M.A. (History), Columbia University, May 2001

B.A. (History), University of Maryland, College Park, December 1999

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2022- Professor of History, Concordia University
2014- Fellow, School of Irish Studies, Concordia University
2011-2022 Associate Professor of History, Concordia University
2008-2011 Assistant Professor of History, Concordia University
2006-2008 Postdoctoral Fellow, Moore Institute, National University of Ireland Galway
2005-2006 Visiting Assistant Professor of History, Pratt Institute
2005 Adjunct Assistant Professor of Humanities, The Cooper Union for the
 Advancement of Science and Art

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 2022 *Human Empire: Mobility and Demographic Thought in the British Atlantic World, 1500-1800*
 (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press)
 Awarded the 2023 John Ben Snow Foundation Prize by the North American
 Conference in British Studies
- 2009 *William Petty and the Ambitions of Political Arithmetic* (Oxford: Oxford University Press)
 Awarded the 2010 John Ben Snow Foundation Prize by the North American
 Conference on British Studies; reviewed by Steven Shapin, "Good Housekeeping",
 London Review of Books 33:2 (20 January 2011), 19-21

Edited collections

- 2016 Co-edited with Vera Keller, *Towards a History of Projects*, special issue of *Early Science
and Medicine* 21:5

Articles and book chapters

- 2021 "Improvement, Projecting, and Self-Interest in the Hartlib Circle, c.1640-1660", in Christine
 Zabel (ed.), *Historicizing Self-Interest in the Modern Atlantic World: A Plea for Ego?*,
 (London: Routledge), 25-43
- 2020 "Food, Population, and Empire in the Hartlib Circle, 1639-1660", in Emma Spary and Anya
 Zilberstein (eds.), *Food Matters: Critical Histories of the Food Sciences*, *Osiris* 35: 60-83

- 2018 “Restoration Politics, 1660-1691”, in Jane Ohlmeyer (ed.), *The Cambridge History of Ireland*, vol. II: *Early Modern Ireland, 1550-1730* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press), 96-119
- 2018 “Projecting the *Experiment*: Science and the Restoration”, in Janet E. Clare (ed.), *From Republic to Restoration: Legacies and Departures* (Manchester: Manchester University Press), 185-205
- 2016 “Moral Geometry in Restoration Ireland: Samuel Foley’s *Computatio Universalis* (1684) and the Science of Colonisation”, *Irish Historical Studies* 40:158: 192-207
- 2016 “Who Were the Pre-Malthusians?”, in Robert Mayhew (ed.), *New Perspectives on Malthus: 250th Anniversary Essays* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press), 25-51
- 2016 “Alchemy into Economy: Material Transmutation and the Conceptualization of Utility in Gabriel Plattes (c. 1600-1644) and William Petty (1623-1687)”, in Guillaume Garner and Sandra Richter (eds.), „Eigennutz“ und „gute Ordnung“: *Ökonomisierungen im 17. Jahrhundert [Wolffenbütteler Arbeiten zur Barockforschung, Bd. 54]* (Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz Verlag), 339-52
- 2015 “Statistics in the Hands of an Angry God? John Graunt’s *Observations* in Cotton Mather’s New England”, *The William and Mary Quarterly* 72:4: 563-86
- 2014 “Restoration Ireland, 1660-1688”, in Alvin Jackson (ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of Modern Irish History* (Oxford: Oxford University Press), 356-74
- 2014 “Political Arithmetic’s Eighteenth-Century Histories: Quantification in Politics, Religion, and the Public Sphere”, *History Compass* 12:3: 239-51
- 2013 “Population: Modes of Seventeenth-Century Demographic Thought”, in Carl Wennerlind and Philip J. Stern (eds.), *Mercantilism Reimagined: Political Economy in Early Modern Britain and Its Empire* (New York: Oxford University Press), 25-45
- 2013 “Political Arithmetic and Sacred History: Population Thought in the English Enlightenment, 1660-1750”, *Journal of British Studies* 52:4: 829-57
- 2013 “Governing Model Populations: Queries, Quantification, and William Petty’s ‘Scale of Salubrity’”, *History of Science* 51:2: 179-98
- 2008 “‘A Proportionable Mixture’: Sir William Petty, Political Arithmetic, and the Transmutation of the Irish”, in Coleman Dennehy (ed.), *Restoration Ireland: Always Settling and Never Settled* (Aldershot: Ashgate), 123-39
- 2007 “Transmutation, Inclusion, and Exclusion: Political Arithmetic from Charles II to William III”, *Journal of Historical Sociology* 20:3: 259-78
- 2006 “Alchemy in the Political Arithmetic of Sir William Petty (1623-1687)”, *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science* 37:2: 290-307
Featured in *Pour la Science*, November 2006-January 2007: 6

Book reviews

- [2023] “The Wages of Numeracy”, essay review of Jennifer L. Morgan, *Reckoning with Slavery: Gender, Kinship and Capitalism in the Early Black Atlantic*. *Intellectual History Review* (forthcoming)
- [2023] Jim Handy, *Apostles of Inequality: Rural Poverty, Political Economy, and the Economist, 1760-1860*. *Agricultural History Review* (forthcoming)
- 2022 Seiichiro Ito, *English Economic Thought in the Seventeenth Century: Rejecting the Dutch Model*. *Oeconomia: History, Methodology, Philosophy* 12:1: 167-169
- 2022 Charlotte Sussman, *Peopling the World: Representing Human Mobility from Milton to Malthus*. *Philological Quarterly* 101:1-2: 139-141
- 2021 Ralph Bauer, *The Alchemy of Conquest: Science, Religion, and the Secrets of the New World*. H-Environment, H-Net Reviews

- [<https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=55859>]
- 2020 Hugh Goodacre, *The Economic Thought of William Petty: Exploring the Colonial Roots of Economics. History of Political Economy* 52:1: 197-199
- 2018 Julian Hoppit, *Britain's Political Economies: Parliament and Economic Life, 1660-1800. History: The Journal of the Historical Association* 103:358: 874-876
- 2017 Dmitri Levitin, *Ancient Wisdom in the Age of the New Science: Histories of Philosophy in England, c. 1640-1700. Journal of British Studies* 56:1: 157-9
- 2015 Eamon Darcy, *The Irish Rebellion of 1641 and the Wars of the Three Kingdoms* and John Gibney, *The Shadow of a Year: The 1641 Rebellion in Irish History and Memory. The Canadian Journal of Irish Studies* 38:1-2: 316-20
- 2014 Brodie Waddell, *God, Duty and Community in English Economic Life, 1660-1720. History: The Journal of the Historical Association* 99:335: 330-2
- 2014 William Peter Deringer, "Calculated Values: The Politics and Epistemology of Economic Numbers in Britain, 1688-1738". *Dissertation Reviews*, 19 March [dissertationreviews.org/archives/8122]
- 2013 Ted H. Miller, *Mortal Gods: Science, Politics, and the Humanist Ambitions of Thomas Hobbes. Journal of British Studies* 52:4: 1064-5
- 2013 John Patrick Montaña, *The Roots of English Colonialism in Ireland. Journal of Modern History* 85:3: 676-8
- 2013 Michael Brown and Séan Patrick Donlan (eds.), *The Laws and Other Legalities of Ireland, 1689-1850. History: The Journal of the Historical Association* 98:331: 452-4
- 2012 John Cunningham, *Conquest and Land in Ireland: The Transplantation to Connacht, 1649-1680. American Historical Review* 117:5: 1662-3
- 2012 Sophus A. Reinert, *Translating Empire: Emulation and the Origins of Political Economy. History of Economic Ideas* 20:2: 191-3
- 2012 Carl Wennerlind, *Casualties of Credit: The English Financial Revolution, 1620-1720. History of Economic Thought and Policy* 2:1: 162-3
- 2010 K. Theodore Hoppen (ed.), *Papers of the Dublin Philosophical Society, 1683-1709. Irish Historical Studies* 145: 135-6
- 2009 Thomas E. Jordan, *A Copper Farthing: Sir William Petty and His Times. Irish Historical Studies* 143: 444
- 2007 Julian H. Franklin (ed.), *Jean Bodin. History of Economic Ideas*, 15:2: 322-3
- 2006 Mark Stoyale, *Soldiers and Strangers: An Ethnic History of the English Civil War. Canadian Journal of History*, 41:2: 363

Works submitted, accepted, or under contract

Edited collection

Co-edited with Vera Keller (University of Oregon) and Kelly Whitmer (Sewanee), "Knowledge and Power: Projecting the Modern World," Special Issue of *Journal for the History of Knowledge*; to be published 2025 [announcement: <https://journalhistoryknowledge.org/announcement/view/171>]

Book chapters

"Between Irish Plantation and the Plantation Complex: The Down Survey (1654-8), Projecting, and the Origins of Political Arithmetic", 10,000-word book chapter solicited for inclusion in Nicholas B.

Miller and Ulrike Lindner (eds.), *Plantation Knowledge*, under contract with State University of New York Press; publication anticipated 2024

“Innovation, Science, and Its Public Expression”, 9,000-word book chapter under contract for inclusion in Brian Cowan (ed.), *A Cultural History of Fame in the Age of Enlightenment* (London: Bloomsbury Academic); submitted October 2021

NON-ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS (NEWS AND SOCIAL MEDIA)

Blog

2016- *Memorious: researching, writing, repeating the past*, memoriousblog.com
March 2016-present: 97 posts (approx. 800-2000 words/post), 27K visitors, 46.3K views

Magazine articles

- 2021 “Steven Pinker, Rational Thinker”, Slate.com, 30 September
[<https://slate.com/culture/2021/09/steven-pinker-rationality-book-review.html>]
Spanish translation: “Steven Pinker, pensador racional”, *Ojo en tinta*, 8 June 2022
[<https://www.ojoentinta.com/steven-pinker-pensador-racional/>]
- 2021 “The billionaire space race reflects a colonial mindset that fails to imagine a different world”, *The Conversation*, 15 August [https://theconversation.com/the-billionaire-space-race-reflects-a-colonial-mindset-that-fails-to-imagine-a-different-world-165235]
- 2019 Co-authored with Shannon Dea, “Can ‘progress studies’ contribute to knowledge? History suggests caution”, *The Conversation*, 11 August [https://theconversation.com/can-progress-studies-contribute-to-knowledge-history-suggests-caution-121410]
- 2017 “Publish and Perish”, Chronicle Review, *The Chronicle of Higher Education* 63:19, 13 January
[<http://www.chronicle.com/article/PublishPerish/238816>]

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

- 2023 John Ben Snow Foundation Book Prize, North American Conference on British Studies (for *Human Empire: Mobility and Demographic Thought in the British Atlantic World, 1500-1800*)
- 2020-2025 Insight Grant, Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada
- 2020-2021 Senior Fellowship (long-term), Huntington Library (Caltech-Huntington Humanities Collaboration “Interpreting Economic Change in Europe, c.1650-1900”)*
[*Cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic]
- 2015-2017 Seed Grant, Office of the Vice-President, Research and Graduate Studies, Concordia University
- 2014 Provost’s Circle of Distinction, Concordia University
- 2013-2015 (Co-applicant) Subvention grant for Groupe de recherche en histoire des sociabilités (GRHS), Université de Québec à Montréal
- 2013 Visiting Fellowship, Sydney Centre for the Foundations of Science, University of Sydney
- 2010 Fellow of the Royal Historical Society (elected)
- 2010 John Ben Snow Foundation Book Prize, North American Conference on British Studies (for *William Petty and the Ambitions of Political Arithmetic*)

- 2010-2014 Standard Research Grant, Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada
- 2010-2011 Mellon Fellowship (long-term), Huntington Library
- 2009-2010 Seed Grant, Office of the Vice-President, Research and Graduate Studies, Concordia University
- 2006-2008 Government of Ireland Postdoctoral Fellowship in the Humanities and Social Sciences, Irish Research Council for Social Sciences and Humanities
- 2004-2005 Visiting Fellowship, History Department, Harvard University
- 2004 Mellon Summer Seminar, “Intellectual History and Other Forms of History”, California Institute of Technology
- 2003-2004 Andrew W. Mellon Dissertation Research Fellowship, Institute of Historical Research, University of London
- 2001-2002 Kathleen M. Gash Fellowship in British History, Columbia University

PRESENTATIONS

Invited talks

- 2023 “Waste, Wealth, and White Paper: Historicizing Plantation in the Seventeenth Century”, Montreal British History Seminar, McGill University, 23 February
- 2022 “Land, Labour and Colonial Projecting: The Down Survey (1654-8) Reconsidered”, “Ireland and the Wider World” conference, Huntington Library, San Marino, April 9
- 2021 “Engines of Division: Land, Labor and Perpetual Motion in the Mid-Seventeenth-Century English Atlantic”, University of California Davis Early Science Workshop [online], 28 May
- 2019 “Relocating William Petty (1623-87): The Significance of Political Arithmetic in the Making of Population”, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, 15 November
- 2019 “Population before Quantification: Mobility, Mutability, and the Making of Political Arithmetic, 1500-1700”, British Studies Graduate Cluster, Northwestern University, Evanston, 1 October
- 2019 “English Colonial Projects and the Construction of Interest, c.1640-1690”, “Knowledge(s) of Self-Interest” workshop, Kulturwissenschaftliches Institut, Essen, 8 February
- 2018 “Population before Quantification in Early Modern England”, History Department Seminar, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, 8 October
- 2018 “Rethinking William Petty”, Spring Symposium: “The London Bills of Mortality”, Folger Institute, Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, 20 April
- 2017 “Rethinking Political Arithmetic: Two Transformations in Population Thought, c.1530-1830”, Montreal British History Seminar, McGill University, 16 November
- 2017 “Doing British Studies in the Age of Trump (and Brexit)” Roundtable, North American Conference on British Studies Annual Meeting, Denver, 4 November 2017
- 2017 “Perils and Promises of Mobility: Governing Vagrants and the Irish, c.1560-1620”, Department of History, Queen’s University, Kingston ON, 19 October
- 2017 “Science, Belief, and Knowledge: Or, What the History of Science Can Tell Us about Truth”, Social Science Day: What Is Truth?, John Abbott College, Montreal, 4 April
- 2016 “The Utopian Instrumentalism of Projects, or Global Crisis as Opportunity”, panel on “Environments”, symposium on “Political Thought in Times of Crisis, 1640-1660”, Folger Institute Center for the History of British Political Thought, Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, 3 December

- 2016 “Multitudes before Population: Demographic Ideas in Tudor England”, Seminar in Early Modern British History, USC-Huntington Early Modern Studies Institute, Huntington Library, San Marino, 29 October
- 2015 “The Social Circulation of Mortality Rates: London Bills, Colonial Anecdotes, and Communities of Demographic Interpretation, c.1660-1760”, Groupe de recherche en histoire des sociabilités/Research Group on the History of Sociabilities, Université du Québec à Montréal, 25 March
- 2014 “Natural Philosophy, Quantification, and Colonial Projects in Seventeenth-Century Ireland”, The Early Modern World: Works in Progress research seminar, McGill University, Montreal, 21 October
- 2013 “Political Arithmetic, Providence and the Protestant Interest in the Eighteenth-Century British Atlantic World”, History on Mondays seminar, Department of History, University of Sydney, 8 April
- 2013 “Eighteenth-Century Political Arithmetic: Between Policy and Providence”, “Health, Sexuality, Population: A Symposium to Welcome Professor Simon Szreter”, University of Sydney, 8 March
- 2011 “Religion and Early Social Science: Thinking about Population after La Peyrère”, Caltech-Huntington Humanities Seminar, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, 3 May
- 2011 “Three Aspects of Population in the Enlightenment”, Long Eighteenth Century Seminar, USC-Huntington Early Modern Studies Institute, Huntington Library, San Marino, 25 March
- 2008 “Sir William Petty (1623-1687): From Natural Philosophy to Social Science”, Montreal British History Seminar, Department of History, McGill University, Montreal, 23 October
- 2008 “William Petty’s Science”, Inter-Disciplinary Seminar on the History and Philosophy of Economic Thought, Department of Economics, University College London, 5 March
- 2007 “Science into Politics, Politics into Science: The Transformations of William Petty”, Research Seminar in Irish and British History, Trinity College Dublin, 5 March

Conference papers/talks

- 2023 (With Vera Keller, University of Oregon) “The Sciences of Projects: Entangled Forms of Knowledge in the Long Seventeenth Century”, *Scientiae: Disciplines of Knowing in the Early Modern World* (Tenth Annual Meeting), Czech Association of Scientific and Technical Societies, Prague, 8 June
- 2022 “Perpetual Motion and Labour in the British Atlantic World: Cressy Dymock’s ‘Marriage of Strength and Time’ (1648-78)”, History of Science Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, 18 November
- 2022 “Irish Plantation as a Knowledge-Making Project: The Down Survey (1654-8) Revisited”, “Plantation Knowledge” workshop, Global South Studies Center, University of Cologne, 16 June
- 2022 “Revisiting the ‘Projecting Age’”, “Presidential Session Roundtable: New Horizons in Enlightenment Studies”, American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies annual meeting, Baltimore, 31 March
- 2021 “The ‘Projects’ Project” roundtable, Applied Arts of Alchemy conference, Science History Institute, Philadelphia [online], 21 May

- 2021 “Fame and Celebrity in Eighteenth-Century Science”, “Cultural Histories of Fame and Celebrity in the Age of Enlightenment” roundtable, American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies annual meeting, online, 9 April
- 2019 “Engines of Division: Projects, Improvement, and Colonial Populations in the Mid-Seventeenth Century”, Northeast Conference on British Studies, Montreal, 5 October
- 2017 “Nature, the State, and the Governance of Populations, 1660-1830”, Law and Governance in Britain Conference, University of Western Ontario, London ON, 21 October
- 2016 “Specifying Situation: Environment as History, Policy, and Destiny”, Birmingham Centre for Reformation and Early Modern Studies conference “Green Britain: Nationhood and the Environment, 1500-1750”, Shakespeare Institute, Stratford-upon-Avon, 26 June
- 2015 “The Down Survey: Science and Political History in Stuart Ireland”, Early Modern History Workshop: Political History, North American Conference on British Studies Annual Meeting, Little Rock, 13 November
- 2014 “Governing Ireland in Restoration and Revolution: Two Projects of Scientific Colonialism”, Northeast Conference on British Studies Annual Meeting, Lewiston, 18 October
- 2013 “Observations that Traveled: Graunt’s *Observations* and the Uses of Quantification in Cotton Mather’s New England”, conference on “Travel, Science, and the Question of Observation”, Heyman Center for the Humanities, Columbia University, 19 October
- 2012 “Political Arithmetic and Sacred History: A Hidden Strand of Enlightenment Demographic Thought”, North American Conference on British Studies Annual Meeting, Montreal, 9-11 November
- 2012 * “Alchemy into Economy: Material Transmutation and the Conceptualization of Utility in Gabriel Plattes (c.1600-1644) and William Petty (1623-1687)”, “„Eigennutz“ und „gute Ordnung“. Ökonomisierungen der Welt im 17. Jahrhundert”, Kongress des Wolfenbütteler Arbeitskreises für Barockforschung, Herzog August Bibliothek, Wolfenbüttel, 22-25 August [*unable to attend; paper read by Robert Jütte, University of Stuttgart]
- 2012 “Population, Wealth, and Government: Three Seventeenth-Century Projects at the Disciplinary Margins”, “The New World of Projects”, Annual Conference of the USC-Huntington Early Modern Studies Institute, Huntington Library, San Marino, 24 June
- 2012 “Providence, Nature, and the Government of Populations: Or, What Political Arithmetic Really Was”, Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture conference: “The ‘Political Arithmetick’ of Empires in the Early Modern Atlantic World, 1500-1807”, University of Maryland, College Park, 16 March
- 2011 “Political Arithmetic and Sacred History: The Demography of ‘Obscure Time’ in the English Enlightenment”, Pacific Coast Conference on British Studies Annual Meeting, Seattle, 12 March
- 2010 “Mothers and Mistresses in Colonial Political Arithmetic”, Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, 20 November
- 2010 “The Idea of Population in the Enlightenment”, Canadian Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Annual Meeting, St. John’s, 16 October
- 2010 “Population Questions and the Scale of Salubrity”, symposium on “Scientific Instructions to Travelers, c.1500-1800”, National University of Ireland Galway, 8 October
- 2010 “The Economics of Alchemy and the Alchemy of Economics: Two Hartlibian Deployments

- of Transmutation”, “Alchemy and Economy: Circulations of Value” workshop, USC-Huntington Early Modern Studies Institute, Huntington Library, San Marino, 17 September
- 2009 “Population in Mercantilism”, “Rethinking Mercantilism” conference, Barnard College, Columbia University, New York, 26-28 March
- 2008 “Government as Improvement: William Petty’s Framework for Policy”, North American Conference on British Studies Annual Meeting, Cincinnati, 5 October
- 2007 “The Advancement of Policy: Art and Nature in William Petty’s Political Arithmetic”, History of Science Society Annual Meeting, Washington DC, 1-4 November
- 2007 “Transmuting Households in Ireland and America: William Petty’s Colonial Political Arithmetic”, “Crossing Cultures: A Conference on Early Modern Exchanges”, National University of Ireland Galway, 17 May
- 2006 “Transmutation, Inclusion and Exclusion: Political Arithmetic from Charles II to William III”, “Without Let or Hindrance’: Inclusion and Exclusion from the Medieval to the Modern”, Lancaster University, 8 July
- 2004 “‘A Proportionable Mixture’: William Petty, Political Arithmetic, and the Transmutation of the Irish, 1660-1687”, “Restoration Ireland” conference, University College Dublin and Trinity College Dublin, 9 September

Campus talks

- 2019 “The Unnatural Origins of Self-Interest”, Social Justice Centre, Concordia University, 28 November
- 2014 “Government as Calculation in Seventeenth-Century Ireland”, History Department “Research Wednesdays” seminar series, Concordia University, 1 October
- 2012 “Political Arithmetic and Sacred History”, Early Modern Working Group, Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies in Society and Culture, Concordia University, 13 November
- 2010 “Reducing Multitudes to Number: Approaches to Population in Early Modern England”, faculty research colloquium, Department of History, Concordia University, 17 April
- 2009 “Alchemy, Politics, and Economics”, guest lecture, Department of Philosophy, Concordia University, 4 November
- 2006 “Alchemy and the Political Arithmetic of Sir William Petty”, Early Modern Europe Group, Department of History, Columbia University, 8 February
- 2005 “The Idiom of Alchemy in the Political Arithmetic of Sir William Petty (1623-1687)”, Early Science Working Group, Department of the History of Science, Harvard University, 3 March
- 2005 “Political Arithmetic before and after 1688”, Early Modern History Workshop, History Department, Harvard University, 8 February

TEACHING

Concordia University (2008-present)

Introductory lecture courses

Early Modern Europe, 1500-1800 (offered regularly since 2015)

Introduction to European History, c.400-1789 (offered regularly 2008-2014)

Advanced lecture courses

Ireland in the Early Modern Atlantic World (Winter 2022) (History/Irish Studies course)
Early Modern Utopias (Fall 2020)
Infidel, Heretic, Witch: Tolerance and Intolerance in the Early Modern World (Winter 2018)
Early Modern Britain and Ireland (offered occasionally since 2016)
The Scientific Revolution (offered regularly since 2012)
Reformation and Counter-Reformation in Europe (offered occasionally since 2010)
The Enlightenment (offered regularly since 2009)

Honors and graduate seminars

The Philosophy and Practice of History (Fall 2021)
Methodology and History (Winter 2017)
Revolutions in England, Scotland and Ireland, 1640-1660 (Fall 2015)
Knowledge and Power in Early Modern Europe (Winter 2014, Fall 2019)
History and Progress in the Enlightenment (Fall 2012)
Early Modern Utopias (Winter 2010, Winter 2018)
Science and Early Modern Culture (Fall 2008)

Liberal Arts College seminars

Political and Philosophical Foundations II [Political and moral thought, 17th-20th centuries] (current)
History of Science: Early Modern to Modern (Winter 2023)

Co-/ team-taught courses

Great Thinkers, Great Ideas, Great Debates (Liberal Arts College/Science College first year course)
“Galileo as progenitor of modern science”, with Mariana Frank, Dept. of Physics (Fall 2016, Fall 2017)

Pratt Institute

World Civilizations I: The Early Modern World, 1400-1800 (2005-2006)

The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art

The Making of the Modern World [Europe and the European world, c.1750-present] (Fall 2005)

RESEARCH SUPERVISION

PhD

[Current] 2023	Collin Bonnell (Ireland in the seventeenth-century Atlantic world) (External Examiner) Paddy Holt, “‘New Experiments in Vice’: Places of Experiment and Disorder in the Stuart Restoration (1660-1688)” (University of Sydney)
2020	(Thesis Examiner) Raymond Jess, “Situating Ireland: Time, Territory, and Identity in Post-Confederation Irish Canada”
2020	(External Examiner) Avital Lahav, “Responding to Disaster: The Significance of the

- Great Fire of London (1666) to Restoration England” (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
- 2016 (Thesis Examiner) Michael Rast, “Unsettled Island: Irish Nationalism, Unionism, and British Imperialism in the Shaping of Ireland’s Governance, 1909-1922”
- 2010 (Thesis Examiner) Evan May; dissertation: “‘For the Good Order to be had therby’: Civic Archives and the Creation of Community in Late Medieval London, c.1475-1525”

MA

- [Current] Pavel Zagumenny (Enlightenment ideas of Eastern Europe)
- [Current] Riel Schryer (History of scientific racism, 18th century)
- [Current] Molly Taylor (English political and religious history, late 17th/early 18th century)
- [Current] Devyn Gwynne (representations of grief in the works of Kenelm Digby)
- [Current] Sólveig Hanson (midwifery and print in late 17th-century England and Ireland)
- 2023 (Thesis Examiner) Julian Sénéchal, “The Grande Rebeine of Lyon (1529): The Making of an Early Modern Food Riot”
- 2023 (Thesis Examiner) Casey Austin Williams, “The Theological Aesthetics of the English Reformation: The Development of English Heritage and Cultural Identity” (Department of Theology)
- 2023 (Thesis Examiner) Samuel Brouillette, “All in Good Conscience? Credit Relations and Power in Fifteenth-Century England”
- 2021 Hannah Sparwasser Soroka, “Anthropophagy in Three Keys: New World Cannibalism, the Blood Libel, and Corpse Medicine in the British Atlantic World, 1640-60”
- 2019 Rana Fahmy, “Re-Settling Woes and Rebellions: The Role of *Ireland’s Naturall Historie* in the Cromwellian Era”
- 2019 (Thesis Examiner) Kyle McCreanor, “Ireland and the Basque Country: Nationalisms in Contact, 1895-1939”
- 2018 (Thesis Examiner) Jon Page, “William ‘Abdullah’ Quilliam: Modernity and Faith as Lived by a Victorian Muslim”
- 2017 James Leduc, “Between Sovereignty and Conscience in the Early Modern World: Archbishop Richard Creagh and the Problem of Government in Tudor Ireland”
(Winner of Concordia’s Edward Eastman McCullough Award for best History MA thesis)
- 2016 (Thesis Examiner) Ariadne Woodward, “Sumptuary Legislation and Conduct Literature in Late Medieval England”
- 2016 (Thesis Examiner) Eva Kratochvil, “Crafting the Royal Image: Censorship and Portrayals of the Tudor Dynasty under Henry VIII”
- 2015 (Thesis Examiner) Geoffrey Little, “An Extensive and Unknown Portion of the Empire: the Montreal Natural History Society’s Survey of Rupert’s Land, 1827-1830”
- 2015 Tyson Lowrie, essay: “Broadcasting Peace: UN Peacekeeping Radio Operations, 1989-Present”
- 2015 Vanessa Hulewicz, essay: “Breeding Behavior: Etiquette and Companionate Marriage among the British Elite, 1870-1914”
- 2013 Thomas Reubens, essay: “Barebones of the Financial Revolution”

- 2012 (Thesis Examiner) Domenic Fazioli, "In the Name of God and Profit: An Examination of Fourteenth-Century Foreign Exchange Gains in the Trade between Florence and England"

Honours theses

- 2021 Molly Taylor, "Criminal and Wicked Consciences: Anti-Catholicism and Anti-Popery in Restoration London"
- 2016 Cynthia Panneton, "The Struggle of Friends: Toleration and Persecution of Quakers in Seventeenth-Century England and New England"
- 2016 Patrick Reed, "'Seized by Terror and Great Fear': Emotions as Ideology in Early Medieval Ireland"
- 2009 Christopher Schütze, "Sir William Osler's View: Medical Science, Institutionalization and Community in the Nineteenth Century"
- 2009 Etienne Stockland, "'Nature Doth Everywhere Geometrize': The Ontology of the Beehive in Seventeenth-Century English Natural History"
(Winner of Concordia's David Fox Memorial Prize for best History Honours thesis)

SERVICE

Group, workshop, and conference service

- 2019 Session organizer, "Defining and Distinguishing Subjects in Ireland and the Empire", Northeast Conference on British Studies (NECBS) Annual Meeting, Montreal, 5 October
- 2019 Chair, "Restoration Principles and Revolutionary Problems: Scottish and English Perspectives, 1660-1715", NECBS Annual Meeting, Montreal, 5 October
- 2018 Co-convenor (with Rachel Weil, Cornell University), Early Modern Workshop: "Populations: counting, classifying, moving and managing groups of people", North American Conference on British Studies, Providence, 25-28 October
- 2016 Commentator, panel on "Biopolitics and the Migration of Ideas in Early Modern Globalization", American Historical Society Annual Meeting, Atlanta, 7-10 January
- 2015 Commentator and chair, panel on "Improvement Projects and Empire in the Seventeenth-Century British Atlantic", American Society for Environmental History Annual Meeting, Washington, 19 March
- 2014 Scientific Committee, Canadian Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (CSECS) Annual Meeting, Montreal, 15-18 October
- 2013 Coordinator, Early Modern Working Group, Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies in Society and Culture, Concordia University
- 2012 Conference co-organizer (with Vera Keller, University of Oregon), "The New World of Projects", Annual Conference of the USC-Huntington Early Modern Studies Institute, Huntington Library, San Marino, 22-24 June 2012
- 2010 Chair, panel on "Mapping Europe", CSECS Annual Meeting, St. John's, 16 October
- 2010 Moderator, panel on "Broadening the Horizon", "Science and Its Histories" (Dibner History of Science Program conference), Huntington Library, San Marino, 25 September
- 2008 Session organizer, "Science, Empire and Political Economy in the Seventeenth and

Eighteenth Centuries”, North American Conference on British Studies Annual Meeting, Cincinnati, 3-5 October

Editorial board service

2023-2026 Advisory board, *Eighteenth-Century Studies* (Johns Hopkins University Press)
2017-2023 Associate editor, *Journal of British Studies* (Cambridge University Press)

Advisory board service (grants)

2021-2024 Advisory board member, National Science Foundation project “Digitization and Analysis of the Bills of Mortality Data Set,” NSF award #2120311 (Principal Investigator: Dr. Jessica Otis, George Mason University)

Manuscript reviews

Article manuscripts

British Journal for the History of Science (Cambridge University Press)
Centaurus: Journal of the European Society for the History of Science (Brepols)
Church History (Cambridge University Press)
Critical Historical Studies (University of Chicago Press)
Early Science and Medicine (Brill)
Eighteenth-Century Studies (Johns Hopkins University Press)
Erasmus Journal of Philosophy and Economics (Erasmus University of Rotterdam)
The Historical Journal (Cambridge University Press)
History of Economic Ideas (Fabrizio Serra editore)
History of the Human Sciences (SAGE Publications)
History of Political Thought (Imprint Academic)
Irish Studies Review (Taylor and Francis)
Isis: A Journal of the History of Science Society (University of Chicago Press)
Journal of British Studies (Cambridge University Press)
Journal of the History of Economic Thought (Cambridge University Press)
Journal of the History of Ideas (University of Pennsylvania Press)
Population Studies (Taylor and Francis)
Mémoires du livre/ Studies in Book Culture (Université de Sherbrooke)
Synthèse: An International Journal for Epistemology, Methodology and Philosophy of Science (Springer)
The William and Mary Quarterly (Omohundro Institute for Early American Society and Culture)

Book manuscripts/proposals

Boydell and Brewer
Manchester University Press
Oxford University Press
Yale University Press

Grant reviews and prize committee service

The Leverhulme Trust (referee)
North American Conference on British Studies Huntington Library Fellowship committee
(member)
North American Conference on British Studies John Ben Snow Prize committee (member and
chair)

Department and university service

2023-2024	Departmental Ad-Hoc Committee on Teaching Assistantships
2022-2023	Concordia University Faculty Association representative, Department of History
2021-2022	Departmental Graduate Committee Concordia University Faculty Association representative, Department of History
2019-2020	Departmental Personnel Committee Doctoral Dissertation Awards Committee, Faculty of Arts and Science School of Graduate Studies representative, Faculty Tribunal Pool
2018-2019	Departmental Personnel Committee Departmental Undergraduate Curriculum Committee School of Graduate Studies representative, Faculty Tribunal Pool
2017-2018	Departmental Research Committee Departmental Student Engagement Committee
2016-2017	Departmental Speakers and Research Committee Departmental Student Engagement Committee Departmental Tenure Committee, School of Irish Studies
2015-2016	Graduate Program Director, History Departmental Tenure Committee, History Departmental Tenure Committee, School of Irish Studies Faculty of Arts and Science Representative (elected), Evaluation Committee for President and Vice-Chancellor
2014-2015	Graduate Program Director, History Departmental Teaching Assistant Coordinator Departmental Personnel Committee, School of Irish Studies Coordinator, History “Research Wednesdays” works-in-progress series
2013-2014	Graduate Program Director, History Departmental Teaching Assistant Coordinator Departmental Tenure Committee Employability Working Group, Humanities Focus Group, School of Graduate Studies
2012-2013	Departmental Ad-Hoc Committee for a new introductory-level course (Fall Term)
2011-2012	Departmental Graduate Committee Departmental Tenure Committee
2009-2010	Departmental Limited-Term Appointment Faculty Search Committee Departmental Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Departmental Speakers and Events Committee Faculty of Arts and Science Advisory Journalism Chair Search Committee (Extern)
2008-2009	Departmental Graduate Committee Departmental Ad-Hoc Committee for a new introductory-level course Tenure-Track Faculty Search Committee, School of Canadian Irish Studies (now School of Irish Studies)

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT/MEDIA APPEARANCES

Online media appearances

Interviewed by Dr. Eric Lybeck and Dr. Joanne Edge, “Freeze Peach Live!” podcast and YouTube channel [<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IT8W51VpGsY>], 28 July 2021

Interviewed by Tim O’Neill, “History for Atheists” podcast and YouTube channel [<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dGOcmAL8tX0>], 28 September 2021

Broadcast media appearances

Interviewed by Jock Wilson, “Sue and Andy on 770”, 770 CHQR Global News Radio (Calgary), 18 August 2021

Interviewed by Mary Hynes, “Tapestry”, CBC Radio [<https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-59-tapestry/clip/15873918-from-woods-stars>], 24 October 2021