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## EMPLOYMENT

Princeton University, Sidney and Ruth Lapidus Professor in the Era of North Atlantic Revolutions, Department of History (2010- ). Associated appointment in the Department of French and Italian.

Johns Hopkins University, Dean of Faculty, School of Arts & Sciences (2007-10). Responsibilities included: Oversight of faculty hiring, promotion, and other employment matters; initiatives related to faculty development, and to teaching and research in the humanities and social sciences; chairing a university-wide working group for the Johns Hopkins 2008 Strategic Plan.

Johns Hopkins University, Andrew W. Mellon Professor in the Humanities (2005-10). Principal appointment in Department of History, with joint appointment in German and Romance Languages and Literatures.

Johns Hopkins University. Professor of History (2000-5).

Johns Hopkins University. Associate Professor of History (1996-2000).

Yale University. Assistant Professor of History (1991-96).

Yale University. Lecturer in History (1990-91).

*The New Republic* (Washington, DC). Magazine reporter (1984-85).

## VISITING POSITIONS

École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Visiting Professor (Spring, 2018)

Tokyo University, Visiting Fellow (June, 2017).

École Normale Supérieure (Paris), Visiting Professor (Spring, 2005).

## EDUCATION

Princeton University. Ph.D. in History, 1991. Thesis advisor: Prof. Robert Darnton.  
Thesis title: "Lawyers and Politics in Eighteenth-Century Paris (1700-1790)."  
Princeton University. M.A. in History, 1987, with grade of "distinction" on general examinations.  
Ecole Normale Supérieure (Paris). Visiting student in History (1983-84).  
Harvard University. A.B. in History and Literature, 1983, magna cum laude. Phi Beta Kappa.

## TEACHING

Undergraduate lecture courses: "France and its Empire, 1500-1815," "The French Revolution," "The Origins of European Nationalism, 1500-1815," "European History, 1500-1789," "European History, 1789-2000," "A History of Modern Warfare in the West."  
Undergraduate seminars: "French Politics in the Age of Enlightenment," "France in America, 1535-1803," "Modern Western Political Thought," "The French Enlightenment," "The Art of Historical Narrative," "The Social History of Language," "Theories of History," "The Age of the Atlantic Revolutions."  
Graduate seminars: "The Old Regime and the French Revolution," "The Social History of Ideas in Early Modern France," "Eighteenth-Century France and Britain," "Introduction to French Cultural History," "Nationalism in Eighteenth and Nineteenth-Century Western Europe," "Approaches to the Enlightenment," "War and Peace in Revolutionary and Napoleonic Europe," "The Revolutionary Self," "The First French Empire, 1535-1804," "Power and Violence in Early Modern France," "The French Revolution and the World," "Sixteenth and Seventeenth Century France," "Revolutionary Lives."

## HONORS AND AWARDS

John and Constance Birkelund Fellow at the Dorothy and Lewis B. Cullman Center for Scholars and Writers. Year-long residential fellowship (2018-19).  
Old Dominion Professorship, Council of the Humanities, Princeton University. Year-long residential fellowship (2014-15).  
Louis Gottschalk Prize, American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (2008). For best book of the year in eighteenth-century studies (for *The First Total War*).  
Finalist, *Los Angeles Times* History Book Prize (2008) (for *The First Total War*).  
"The Bookless Future" (see below) chosen for *Best Technology Writing: 2006* (University of Michigan Press, 2006).  
John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship (2004-5).  
Leo Gershow Prize, American Historical Association (2003). For best book of the year on seventeenth or eighteenth-century European history (for *The Cult of the Nation in France*).

Frederick Burkhardt Fellowship, American Council for Learned Societies. Grant to support year's leave (2002-3).

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. Year-long residential fellowship (1998-99).

N.E.H. Fellowship for University Teachers. Grant to support year's leave (1998-99).

Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton. Residential fellowship (declined) (1998-99).

Mellon Foreign Area Fellowship at the Library of Congress. One-semester residential fellowship (declined) (1998).

East-West Seminar, International Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies. Chosen as participant and awarded travel grant (1996).

Pinkney Prize, Society for French Historical Studies (1995). For best North American book of the year in French history (for *Lawyers and Citizens*).

Whitney Humanities Center, Yale University. Fellow of the Center (1994-96).

Center for Advanced Studies in the Behavioral Sciences. Residential fellowship (declined) (1994).

Morse Fellowship, Yale University. Full year's paid leave (1993-94).

N.E.H. Travel to Collections Grant (1992).

Dissertation chosen as Princeton University's nominee for the Council on Graduate Studies's "distinguished dissertation" award (1991).

Porter Ogden Jacobus Fellowship, Princeton University. For highest scholarly achievement in the Graduate School (1990).

Whiting Fellowship, Princeton University. For high scholarly achievement (1989).

Social Science Research Council Fellowship. For thesis research in France (1988-89).

Bourse Chateaubriand. French government grant. For thesis research in France (1998-99).

Fulbright Fellowship. For thesis research in France (declined) (1998-99).

Mellon Fellowship. For three years of graduate study (1985-90).

Ecole Normale Fellowship, Harvard University. For study in France (1983-84).

ITT International Fellowship. For a year of study in France (1983-84).

Dana Reed Prize, Harvard University. For best undergraduate journalism (1982).

#### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

American Historical Association: Elected Council Member, Research Division (2015-18); co-chair (ex officio), Working Group on Digital History (2015-18); Committee on Evaluation of Digital Publications (2014); Executive Committee, Europe Section (2010-13).

*The Journal of Modern History*, Editorial Board member (2017-20).

*The American Historical Review*, Editorial Board member (2012-15).

Oxford University Press U.S.A, Delegate (board member) (2008- ).

*The New Republic* magazine, Contributing Editor (2003-14).

Review Panels: European Research Council (2008-10); Cullman Center for Scholars and Writers, New York Public Library (2003- ).

Visiting Committees: Harvard University History Department (chair), spring 2016, and interim committee (chair), spring 2019; University of Pennsylvania History Department, fall 2015; University of Virginia History Department, spring 2010.

Judge: J. Anthony Lukas Book Prizes, Columbia School of Journalism (2003); Koren Article Prize, Society for French Historical Studies (2004-6); Gershoy Prize, American Historical Association (2004-7); Cowen Prize, University of Virginia Press (2004-), Gottschalk Prize, American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (2008-10).

Advisory Boards: *Revue internationale de l'histoire de la profession d'avocat* (2015-); *History: The Journal of the Historical Association* (2015- ); The Papers of Thomas Jefferson (2014- ); Book Series "Conflits et Résolution de Conflits," Presses du Septentrion, France (2011- ); Institute on Napoleon and the French Revolution (2006- ); *History Compass* of the Institute of Historical Research, London (2003- ); *H-France* Book Review (2002- ); The Tocqueville Society (2001- ); The Nationalism Project (2000- ); *Law and History Review* (2001-12); *French Historical Studies* (1997-2000).

Organizer: Conference on "Fighting, Suffering and Dying During the Wars of the Revolution and the Empire," Universities of Aix and Marseilles, April 2017 (organizing committee); conference on "Fighting Words: Polemical Literature in the Age of Revolutions," Princeton University, April 2016; Conferences on "Franco-American Historiographical Exchanges," Princeton University and École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, March 2016 and November 2016 (with Philip Nord and Antoine Lilti); symposium on "Rethinking the Age of Revolutions: New Perspectives on the Origins of Modern Political Culture," Princeton University, April 2015; conference on "Democracy and the Novel," Princeton University, April 2014 (with Peter Brooks and Goran Blix); symposium on "Constitution-Writing in the Long Eighteenth Century," Princeton University, April 2014; symposium on "1763: The First Global War and Its Consequences," Princeton University, April 2013; conference on "The Empire: A Failure of Sovereignty," University of Brussels, October 20-22, 2011 (organizing committee); conference on "Napoleon in the Mirror of History," Johns Hopkins University, April, 2004 (with Elena Russo); conference on "The Eighteenth Century in the Year 2000: The State of French Enlightenment and Revolutionary Studies at the End of the Twentieth Century," Johns Hopkins University, April, 1998 (with Wilda Anderson and Roger Chartier).

Princeton University: Chair, Dean of Faculty search committee (2017); Chair, Judicial Committee (2015- ); Chair, Student Appeals Committee (2016- ); Faculty Fellow, Society of Fellows (2014-17); Executive Board, Program in European Cultural Studies (2013-17); Board Member, Center for Jewish Life (2015-17); Board Member, Program in History and the Practice of Diplomacy (2015- ); Old Dominion Faculty Fellow (2013-15); Affiliate, European Union Program (2012- ); Fellow, Forbes College (2010- ); First-year advisor, Forbes College (2010-11, 2013-14); Dale Fellowship Committee (2011).

Princeton University, Department of History: Director, Shelby Cullom Davis Center for Historical Studies (2020-24); Executive Board, Shelby Cullom Davis Center for Historical Studies (2010- ); Director, Center for Collaborative History (2017- ); Modern European search committee (2016-17, chair); North African search committee (2010-11); reappointment committees (2011, chair; 2012, 2013, 2015); co-organizer, modern European History colloquium (2010-14, 2017-18); co-organizer, Eighteenth-Century Seminar (2011- ); graduate language exams; graduate field exams (18 to date); Ph.D. committees (6 to date); senior thesis prize committees (2014, 2016, 2017).

Johns Hopkins University: Undergraduate Ethics Board (2000-5); Ad hoc tenure and promotion committee chair (2001, 2002); Ad hoc tenure and promotion committee member (2001); Task Force on Graduate Education (2005-7).

Johns Hopkins University, Department of History: Director of Undergraduate Studies (1999-2001); Director of Graduate Studies (2005-7); Modern American search committee (1997-98); Modern European search committee (1999-2000); Modern Jewish search committee, chair (2000-1); French and Francophone search committee, chair (2006-7); library liaison (1996-2007); prize committees; fellowship committees; graduate field exams (35 students); graduate Ph.D. committees (15 students); graduate language exams.

Yale University, Department of History: Director of Senior Essay Program (1992-3); Director of Undergraduate Studies (1994-6); graduate language exams; graduate admissions; prize committees; graduate field exams (7 students).

Outside reader, Ph.D. dissertations of Paul Cohen, Princeton University (2000); Julie Landweber, Rutgers University (2001); Charles Walton, Princeton University (2002); Adrian O'Connor, University of Pennsylvania (2009); Nathan Perl-Rosenthal, Columbia University (2011); Félix Blanc, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (2014); René Koekkoek, University of Utrecht (2016).

Consultant: National *Geographic Atlas of World History* (1997); New Orleans Museum of Art exhibition on the Louisiana Purchase (2001); Penguin Custom Editions (2001); National Endowment for the Humanities, site visit to Freie Universität, Berlin (2003); Capgemini Consulting and Association of French University Presidents (2009).

Memberships: American Historical Association, Society for French Historical Studies, American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies.

#### DISSERTATION SUPERVISION

- Darrin McMahon (Yale University, 1997, co-directed with John Merriman). Mary Brinsmead Wheelock Professor of History, Dartmouth College. Revised thesis published as *Enemies of the Enlightenment: The French Counter-Enlightenment and the Making of Modernity* (Oxford University Press, 2001).
- Matthew Lauzon (Johns Hopkins University, 2002, co-directed with Anthony Pagden). Associate Professor, University of Hawaii. Revised thesis published

- as *Signs of Light: French and British Theories of Linguistic Communication, 1648–1789* (Cornell University Press, 2010).
- Neil Safier (Johns Hopkins University, 2003, co-directed with Anthony Pagden). Associate Professor, Brown University, and Director, John Carter Brown Library. Revised thesis published as *Measuring the New World: Enlightenment Science and South America* (University of Chicago Press, 2008).
  - Anoush Terjanian (Johns Hopkins University, 2005, co-directed with Anthony Pagden). Associate Professor, East Carolina University. Revised thesis published as *Commerce and its Discontents in Eighteenth-Century French Political Thought* (Cambridge University Press, 2012).
  - Jason Kuznicki, “Scandal and Disclosure in the Old Regime” (Johns Hopkins University, 2005). Researcher, Cato Institute.
  - Jeremy Caradonna (Johns Hopkins University, 2007). Associate Professor, University of Alberta. Revised thesis published as *The Enlightenment in Practice: Academic Prize Contests and Intellectual Culture in France, 1670-1794* (Cornell University Press, 2012).
  - Mary Ashburn-Miller (Johns Hopkins University 2008). Associate Professor, Reed College. Revised thesis published as *A Natural History of Revolution: Violence and Nature in the French Revolutionary Imagination 1789-1794* (Cornell University Press, 2011).
  - Edward Kolla (Johns Hopkins University, 2010). Revised thesis published as *Sovereignty, International Law, and the French Revolution* (Cambridge University Press, 2017). Associate Professor, Georgetown University in Qatar.
  - Claire Cage (Johns Hopkins University, 2011). Revised thesis published as *Unnatural Frenchmen: The Politics of Priestly Celibacy and Marriage, 1720-1815* (University of Virginia Press, 2015). Associate Professor, University of South Alabama.
  - Christopher Tozzi (Johns Hopkins University, 2013). Revised thesis published as *Nationalizing France's Army: Foreign, Black, and Jewish Troops in the French Military, 1715-1831* (University of Virginia Press, 2016). Formerly tenured Associate Professor, Howard University.
  - William Brown (Johns Hopkins University, 2016), “Learning to Colonize: State Knowledge, Expertise, and the Making of the First French Empire, 1661-1715.” Visiting Assistant Professor, Miami University of Ohio.
  - Katlyn Carter (Princeton University, 2017). “Practicing Politics in the Revolutionary Atlantic World: Secrecy, Publicity, and the Making of Modern Democracy.” Post-doctoral fellow, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
  - David Moak (Princeton University, 2017). “La capitale d’hiver: Tourism, Consumer Capitalism, and Urban Transformation in Nice (1760-1860).” Lecturer, Princeton University.
  - Benjamin Sacks (Princeton University, in progress, co-directed with Linda Colley).
  - Paris Spies-Gans (Princeton University, in progress, co-directed with Linda Colley).

- Benjamin Bernard (Princeton University, in progress).
- Matthew McDonald (Princeton University, in progress).
- Netta Green (Princeton University, in progress).
- Jeremy Teow (Princeton University, starting 2018).
- Jin-Woo Choi (Princeton University, starting 2018, co-directed with Anthony Grafton).

## BOOKS

*The Idols of the Age of Revolutions: Charisma and Power in the Atlantic World, 1750-1830.* Under contract, Farrar, Straus and Giroux.

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*The West: A New History*, co-written with Anthony Grafton, W. W. Norton, 2018 (hardcover and two-volume paperback editions).

*Shadows of Revolution: Reflections on France, Past and Present* (collection of previously published essays). Oxford University Press, 2016 (hardcover and E-Book).

*Napoleon: A Concise Biography*, Oxford University Press, 2015 (hardcover and E-Book). Paperback forthcoming, 2018, as *Napoleon Bonaparte: A Very Short Introduction*.

*The First Total War: Napoleon's Europe and the Birth of War As We Know It.* Houghton Mifflin (Boston), Bloomsbury (London), Mariner Paperback (Boston), 2007; E-Book 2014.

- French translation: *La première guerre totale: L'Europe de Napoléon et la naissance de la guerre moderne*, trans. Christophe Jaquet, Champ Vallon (Seysseil, France), 2010.
- Portuguese translation: *Primeira guerra total: A Europa de Napoleão e o nascimento dos confrontos internacionais como os conhecemos* trans. Miguel Soares Palmeira, Editora Record (Rio de Janeiro), 2012. Introduction excerpted online in *Folha de São Paulo*, Brazil's top circulation newspaper.
- Spanish translation: *La primera guerra total: La Europa de Napoleón y el nacimiento de la guerra moderna*, trans. Álvaro Santana Acuña, Alianza (Madrid), 2012.
- Awarded Louis Gottschalk Prize (see above); *Los Angeles Times* History Book Prize finalist (see above).
- Reviews in *The New Yorker*, *Le Monde*, *The Times*, *The Daily Telegraph*, *The Guardian*, *The Nation*, *The Washington Post*, *Libération*, *El País*, *Letras libres*, etc.; review essays in *War in History* (by Michael Broers) and *World Affairs* (by Andrew Bacevich).
- Subject of scholarly forum on H-France electronic discussion list (essays by Jeremy Black, Annie Jourdan, Jeremy Popkin and Howard

Brown, with response by David Bell, September 2007); H-Diplo electronic discussion list (essays by Charles Esdaile and Charles Maier, with response by David Bell, December, 2007); *Controverses!*, Institut d'Histoire de la Révolution Française online (essay by Pierre Serna, with response by David Bell, November, 2008); discussion panels at Council of European Studies, 2008 and École Normale Supérieure, Paris, 2007.

*The Cult of the Nation in France: Inventing Nationalism, 1680-1800*, Harvard University Press, 2001; paperback, 2003; E-Book 2009; ACLS Humanities E-Book (<http://www.humanitiesebook.org>).

- Chinese translation, Zhejiang University Press, forthcoming 2018.
- Awarded Leo Gershoy Prize (see above).
- Reviews in *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *London Review of Books*, etc.; review essay in *Revue d'histoire moderne et contemporaine* (by Steven Englund).
- Subject of panel, Western Society for French History, 2002
- Pirated Spanish translation of chapter 3 in *Istor*, 2003.

*Lawyers and Citizens: The Making of a Political Elite in Old Regime France*, Oxford University Press, 1994; ProQuest Ebrary 2016; paperback 2017.

- Awarded Pinkney Prize (see above).

#### E-BOOK

*La biblioteca senza libri*, Quodlibet (Macerata, Italy), 2013. Italian translation by Andrea Girolani of "The Bookless Library" (see below), with a reply by Riccardo Ridi.

#### EDITED WORKS

*Rethinking the Age of Revolutions: France and the Birth of the Modern World*, with Yair Mintzker, in press, Oxford University Press (hardcover and paperback editions, 2018).

*Raison universelle et culture nationale au siècle des lumières*, with Ludmila Pimenova and Stéphane Pujol, Honoré Champion publishers (Paris), 1999.

Special issue of *French Historical Studies* (vol. XXXI, no. 2) on "War, Culture and Society," with Martha Hanna. spring 2008.

"The Specter of Napoleon," section of *MLN*, vol. 120, no. 4 (2005), pp. 711-773.



ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

(\*) peer reviewed

- “Lilla, Liberalism, and American Politics,” roundtable on Mark Lilla’s *The Once and Future Liberal, Tocqueville*<sup>21</sup> (completed and forthcoming).
- “La guerre moderne et post-moderne,” in Bruno Cabanes et al. (eds.), *Histoire de la guerre (XIXe-XXe siècles)*, Le Seuil (completed and forthcoming).
- “Toussaint Louverture, the Haitian Revolution, and the Global Enlightenment” (in Japanese translation), *Clio* (Tokyo) (completed and forthcoming).
- “The Atlantic Revolutions,” in David Motadel (ed.), *Waves of Revolutions*, Cambridge University Press (completed and forthcoming).
- “Charismatic Authority in Revolutionary France,” in David A. Bell and Yair Mintzker (eds.), *Rethinking the Age of Revolutions: France and the Birth of the Modern World*, Oxford University Press (completed and forthcoming).
- “A Lawyer and Citizen Revisited: The Case of Claude-Joseph Prévost (1672-1750),” in Mita Choudhury and Daniel J. Watkins (eds.), *Belief, Politics, and Society in Enlightenment France: Essays in Honor of Dale K. Van Kley* (completed and forthcoming)
- “Armies and Armed Peoples,” in Joanna Innes et al. (eds.), *Re-imagining democracy in the Mediterranean*, Oxford University Press (completed and forthcoming).
- “L’impossible dictateur: Robespierre et le problème du charisme révolutionnaire,” in Guillaume Mazeau and Virginie Martin (eds.), *Mélanges en l’honneur de Jean-Clément Martin* (completed and forthcoming).
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- “France: The Death of the Elephants,” *Dissent* magazine, online, February 2, 2017.
- “Mr. Boswell Goes to Corsica: The Birth of Modern Political Charisma,” *Princeton Alumni Weekly*, May 11, 2016. Reprinted in *Tredyffrin Easttown History Quarterly*, vol. 53, no 3 (2017).
- “The Sound of Munich,” *The National Interest*, May-June 2016, pp. 34-42.
- “Revolutionary France and the Origins of Nationalism: An Old Problem Revisited,” in Lotte Jensen (ed.), *The Roots of Nationalism: National Identity Formation in Europe, 1600-1815*, University of Amsterdam Press, 2016, pp. 67-86.
- “The Origins of Modern Militarism, 1789-1815,” in Alan Forrest, Karen Hagemann and Michael Rowe (eds.), *War, Demobilization and Memory: The Legacy of War in the Era of Atlantic Revolutions*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2016, pp 30-47.
- “In Defense of Criticism,” *H-France Salon*, vol. VII, no. 20 (2015).
- “Afterword,” in Keith Michael Baker and Dan Edelstein (eds.), *Scripting Revolution*, Stanford University Press, 2015, pp. 345-354.
- “The French Dilemma,” *Dissent*, Spring, 2015, pp. 119-26.
- “Global Conceptual Legacies,” in David Andress (ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of the French Revolution*, Oxford University Press, 2015, pp. 642-58.
- “On *The New Republic*,” *The Los Angeles Review of Books*, December 29, 2014.
- “Foreword,” to Laure Murat, *The Man Who Thought He Was Napoleon*, University of Chicago Press, 2014, pp. xi-xiii.
- “Nations et empires dans la culture politique européenne des Lumières au début du XIXe siècle,” and “Conclusions,” in François Antoine et al. (eds.), *L’empire*

- napoléonien: Une expérience européenne?* Armand Colin (Paris), 2014, pp. 21-28, 467-69.
- \* "Questioning the Global Turn: The Case of the French Revolution," in *French Historical Studies*, vol. 37, no. 1, 2014, pp. 1-24.
- "Inglorious Revolutions," *The National Interest*, no. 129, Jan.-Feb., 2014, pp. 31-38. Featured on "Arts and Letters Daily" website.
- "The Culture of War in Europe," 1750-1815, in Julian Swann and Joël Félix (eds.), *The Crisis of the Absolute Monarchy: France from Old Regime to Revolution, Proceedings of the British Academy*, vol. 184, Oxford University Press, 2013, pp. 147-65.
- "The Bookless Library: Don't Deny the Change, Direct it Wisely," *The New Republic*, August 2, 2012.
- "The Limits of Conflict in Napoleonic Europe—And Their Transgression," in Erica Charters, Eve Rosenhaft and Hannah Smith (eds.), *Civilians and War in Europe, 1640-1815*, University of Liverpool Press, 2012, pp. 201-208.
- \* "Autour de la guerre totale," *Annales historiques de la Révolution française*, no. 366 (2011), pp. 153-170 (with Hervé Dréville and Olivier Forcade).
- "A Grub Street Hack in Goes to War," in Charles Walton (ed.), *Into Print*, Pennsylvania State University Press, 2011, pp. 132-144.
- "La critique de l'honneur au siècle des lumières," in Hervé Dréville and Diego Venturino (eds.), *Penser et vivre l'honneur à l'époque moderne*, Presses Universitaires de Rennes, 2011, pp. 143-150.
- "Reimagining the Humanities: Proposals for a New Century," *Dissent*, Fall 2010, pp. 69-75.
- "Trapped by History: France and its Jews," *World Affairs*, vol. CLXXII, no. 1 (2009), pp. 24-34.
- "When the Levee Breaks: Dissenting from the Draft," *World Affairs*, vol. CLXX, no. 3 (2008), pp. 59-68.S
- Response Essay to reviews of *The First Total War* by Jeremy Popkin, Annie Jourdan, Jeremy Black and Howard Brown, *H-France Forum*, vol. II, no. 3 (summer, 2007).
- "Total War," *Military History*, vol. XXIV, no. 4 (April, 2007), pp. 38-47.
- "The Unrepresentable French," in Maija Jansson, ed., *Realities of Representation: State Building in Early Modern Europe and European America*, Palgrave/Macmillan, 2007, pp. 75-92.
- "Malesherbes et Tocqueville: Les origines parlementaires du libéralisme français," *The Tocqueville Review / La revue Tocqueville*, vol. XXVII, no. 2 (2006), pp. 273-82.
- "The Shorn Identity: How the French Forgot How to Assimilate," *The New Republic*, November 28, 2005 (selected by *The New Republic* as one of the magazine's top ten political articles of 2005).
- "Les origines culturelles de la guerre totale, 1750-1815," in Jean-Clément Martin, ed., *La Révolution à l'œuvre*, Presses Universitaires de Rennes, 2005, pp. 229-39.
- "The Bookless Future: What the Internet is Doing to Scholarship," *The New Republic*, May 2 & 9, 2005. Reprinted by the Center for History and New Media (<http://chnm.gmu.edu/resources/essays/essay.php?id=28>). Reprinted in

- Annual Editions: Mass Media 06/07* (New York: McGraw Hill, 2006); Brendan Koerner (ed.), *The Best of Technology Writing: 2006* (University of Michigan Press, 2006).
- "Class, Consciousness, and the Fall of the Bourgeois Revolution," *Critical Review*, nos. 2-3, 2004, pp. 323-51.
- "Ingleses bárbaros, mártires franceses" (pirated translation of Chapter 3 of *The Cult of the Nation in France*), in *Istor* (Mexico), vol. IV, no. 15 (2003), pp. 6-36.
- \* "Nation et patrie, société et civilisation : Transformations du vocabulaire social français, 1700-1789," in Laurence Kaufmann and Jean Guilhaumou, eds., *Raisons pratiques : L'invention de la société : Nominalisme politique et science sociale au XVIIIe siècle*, Éditions de l'École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (Paris), 2003, pp. 99-120.
- "La nation et la loi à l'époque de la Révolution française," in Bernard Cottret, ed., *Du patriotisme aux nationalismes (1700-1848)*, Créaphis (Paris), 2002, pp. 89-100.
- \* "Le Caractère national et l'imaginaire républicain à l'époque de la Révolution française," *Annales: Histoire, Sciences Sociales*, vol LVII, no. 4, 2002, pp. 867-888.
- "Dinastía y patriotismo en la Francia del siglo XVIII," in Pablo Fernández Albaladejo (ed.), *Los Borbones : Dinastía y memoria de la nación en la España del siglo XVIII*, Marcel Pons / Casa de Velázquez (Madrid), 2002, pp. 163-73.
- "Total History and Microhistory," in Sarah Maza and Lloyd Kramer (eds.), *The Blackwell Companion to Historical Thought*, Blackwells, 2002, pp. 262-76.
- "Jumonville's Death: War Propaganda and National Identity in Eighteenth Century France," in Colin Jones and Dror Wahrman, (eds., *The Age of Cultural Revolutions*, University of California Press, 2002, pp. 33-61.
- "Canon Wars in Eighteenth-Century France: The Monarchy, the Revolution, and the 'Grands Hommes de la Patrie,'" *Modern Language Notes*, vol. CXVI, no. 4, 2001, pp. 705-38.
- \* "The Unbearable Lightness of Being French: Law, Republicanism and National Identity at the End of the Old Regime," *The American Historical Review*, vol. CVI, no. 4, 2001, pp. 1215-35.
- "Violence, Terror, and War: A Comment on Arno Mayer's *The Furies*," *French Historical Studies*, vol. XXIV, n. 4 (2001), pp. 559-68.
- "Culture and Religion," in William Doyle (ed.), *Old Regime France*, Oxford University Press, 2001, pp. 78-104.
- "Tearing Down the Tower of Babel: Grégoire and French Multilingualism," in Richard H. Popkin and Jeremy D. Popkin (eds.), *The Abbé Grégoire and His World*, Kluwer Academic Publishers, 2000, pp. 109-129.
- "History: The Reciprocal Influences," *The Tocqueville Review*, vol. XXI, no. 1, 2000, pp. 93-102.
- Review Essay: "The Ordeal of Legitimacy: The Fitful History of French Jewry," *The New Republic*, February 28, 2000, pp. 37-41.
- "The French Republicans," *Correspondence*, winter 2000, p. 21. Japanese translation in *Asteion*, no. 53, 2000, pp. 163-67.

- "Jumonville's Death: Race and Nation in Eighteenth-Century France," in Bell et al., *Raison universelle et culture nationale* (see above), pp. 227-51.
- "Why Books Made a Revolution: A Reading of Robert Darnton," in Haydn Mason (ed.), *The Darnton Debate* (Studies on Voltaire and the Eighteenth Century, vol. 359), Voltaire Foundation, 1998, pp. 179-87.
- "Barristers, Politics and the Failure of Civil Society in Old Regime France," in Lucien Karpik and Terrence Halliday (eds.), *Lawyers and the Rise of Western Political Liberalism*, Clarendon Press, 1997, pp. 65-100.
- Review Essay: "How (and How Not) to Write Histoire Événementielle: Recent Work on Eighteenth-Century French Politics," *French Historical Studies*, vol. XIX, no. 4, 1996, pp. 1169-89.
- Review Essay: "Recent Works on Early Modern French National Identity," *The Journal of Modern History*, vol. LXVIII, no. 1, 1996, pp. 84-113.
- \* "Lingua Populi, Lingua Dei: Language, Religion and the Origins of French Revolutionary Nationalism," *The American Historical Review*, vol. C, no. 5, 1995, pp. 1403-37. Summarized in *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, September 4, 1996 (p. N6).
- "Bye, Bye Mitterrand: The Legacy of a Sentimentalist," *The New Republic*, March 20, 1995, pp. 24-7 (reprinted in *The Ottawa Citizen*).
- "Safeguarding the Rights of the Accused in Eighteenth-Century France," in Dale Van Kley (ed.), *The French Idea of Freedom: The Declaration of the Rights of Man*, Stanford University Press, 1994, pp. 234-64.
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- "Casualty of War: Military History Bites the Dust," *The New Republic*, May 7, 2007.
- "Décision 2007": Series of six short articles on the 2007 French presidential election, *The New Republic* on-line, April 19-May 7, 2007. Reprinted in *National Post* (Canada), May 8, 2007.
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Plenary paper, conference on "Enlightenment and Revolution in the Atlantic World," École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, June 5, 2018: "The Waves of Revolution in the Atlantic World, 1750-1830."

Keynote Address, symposium on the work of Gilbert Chinard: "George Washington and the Two Corsicans: The Construction of Charisma in the Age of Revolutions." John Carter Brown Library, March 16, 2017.

Lewis Walpole Library Lecture, Yale University, October 6, 2016: "Mr. Boswell Goes to Corsica: Charismatic Authority in the Age of Revolutions."

George R. Havens Lecture, Ohio State University, March, 10, 2016: "Charismatic Authority in Revolutionary France."

Swanberg Lecture, University of Montana, October 19, 2015: "Napoleon and the Cult of Glory."

Keynote Address, UK and Ireland Society for the Study of French History conference June 28-30, 2015: "1715, 1815, 2015."

Talmon Lecture, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, April 28, 2015: "Mr. Boswell Goes to Corsica: Charismatic Authority in the Age of Revolutions."

Keynote Address, conference on Identity Formation in Early Modern Europe, Radboud University, Nijmegen (Netherlands), January 22-23, 2015: "Rethinking the Transition to Nationalism."

Keynote Address, conference on "Early Modern France and the Americas: Connected Histories," Boston College, May 2, 2014: "The Birth of Militarism in the West, 1789-1815."

Keynote Address, conference on "Enlightenment 2.1.4," University of California, Berkeley, February 21-22, 2014: "The Birth of Militarism in the West, 1789-1815."

Keynote Address, conference on "War, Demobilization and Memory: The Legacy of War in the Era of Atlantic Revolutions," King's College, London, May 30-June 1, 2013: "The Birth of Militarism in the West, 1789-1815."

Keynote Address, Pennsylvania Library Association, Pennsylvania State University, May 20, 2013: "E-Books and the Future of Libraries."

Keynote Address, Conference on "Cultures of War," Jordan Institute, New York University, November 30, 2012: "Cultures of War: Europe in 1812."

Keynote Address, Canadian Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies conference, University of Alberta, October 17-20, 2012: "Contre le tournant global : L'exemple de la Révolution française."

Keynote Address, conference on "The Idea of France," University of Pittsburgh, November 10-12, 2011: "Farewell 1789: The Idea of France and the Idea of Revolution."

Distinguished Lecture Series, Institute for the Humanities, Mississippi State University, October 5, 2011: "The Culture of War and Peace in Europe, 1750-1815."

Keynote Address, conference on "The Digital *Encyclopédie*: Translating the *Encyclopédie* in the Global Eighteenth Century," Fordham University and New York University, March 4, 2011: "'Du différent génie des peuples naissent les différens idiomes': The Problem of Language and National Character in Eighteenth-Century France."

Keynote Address, conference on "Civilians and War in Early Modern Europe," University of Liverpool (U.K.), June 18-20, 2009: "Civilians and the Coming of Total War."

Costello Lecture, Manhattan College, September 29, 2008: "The Culture of War and Peace in Europe, 1750-1815."

Burkhardt Lecture, Ball State University, February 22, 2008: "The Culture of War and Peace in Revolutionary Europe."

Arieli Prize Lecture, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, May 31, 2007: "A Tale of Two Nationalisms."

Keynote Address, conference on "Paris and the World," Missouri Southern State University, November 2-4, 2006: "The Crisis of French National Identity."

Keynote Address, Consortium on Revolutionary Europe, Lakeland, Florida, February 17-19, 2005: "What a Novel My Life Has Been': Literary Sensibility and the Secret of Napoleon's Success."

CEFAN annual lecture, Université Laval, Québec, October 26, 2002 : "Le sacre de la nation : France, 1680-1800. "

#### OTHER LECTURES AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"French and European Identities in the Age of the French Revolution and Napoleon," Panteion University, Athens, April 12, 2019.

"Charismatic Authority in the Age of the Atlantic Revolutions," Cullman Center for Writers and Scholars, March 20, 2019.

"Charismatic Authority in the French Revolution," European History and Politics Workshop, Columbia University, December 10, 2018.

"Toussaint Louverture and the Making of Modern Charisma," Wellesley College, Department of History, November 12, 2018.

Panel participant, "Pourquoi aimons-nous les chefs?" Festival du *Monde*, Opéra-Bastille (Paris), October 7, 2018.

"Can We Speak of Total War in 1789-1815?" conference on "Memories of the Thirty Years War," Lomonosov University (Moscow), October 4-5, 2018.

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"Atlantic and Global Perspectives," concluding roundtable for conference on Emigration and Exile in an Age of War and Revolution," German Historical Institute, Berlin, June 22-23, 2018.



Comment on papers by Nathalie Dessens and Maurizio Isabella, conference on “Emigration and Exile in an Age of War and Revolution,” German Historical Institute, Berlin, June 22-23, 2018.

“Le problème du pouvoir personnel dans la Révolution française.” École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, June 22, 2018.

“A character of convention’: L’autorité charismatique dans la révolution américaine.” Centre d’Études Nord-Américaines. Paris, June 11, 2018.

“La naissance de l’autorité charismatique moderne à l’époque des lumières,” École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, June 8, 2018.

“Charismatic Authority in the Age of Revolutions,” European University Institute, Florence, June 6, 2018.

Participant in symposium on “Universities at Risk,” Princeton University Center for Human Values, April 20-21, 2018.

“The Evolution of the Job Market in Early Modern French History,” symposium on graduate training in early modern French History, Florida State University, April 13, 2018.

Comment on papers by Leonard Hodges and Molly Corlett, Princeton-Oxford-Münster Early Modern History Workshop, March 27, 2018.

“The Birth of Modern Political Charisma,” University of Glasgow, March 22, 2018

“The Birth of Modern Political Charisma,” University of Cambridge, March 20, 2018.

Participant, panel discussion on Thomas Dodman’s *What Nostalgia Was*, Columbia University, January 17, 2018.

“France: Seduction and Politics,” with Elaine Sciolino, European Program, Princeton University, December 11, 2017.

Participant in Liberty Fund conference on Davila, Clarendon and civil war, Jekyll Island, Georgia, December 7-10, 2017.

Comment on paper by Jeffrey Freedman, Davis Center, Princeton University, November 10, 2017.

Comment on paper by Christina Koulouri, Center for Hellenic Studies, Princeton University, October 6, 2017.

“The Culture of War in Revolutionary and Napoleonic Europe,” Military History Discussion Group, Tokyo, June 24, 2017.

“La révolution haïtienne et les lumières globales,” seminar of Nobohito Nagai, Department of History, Tokyo University, June 22, 2017.

“Questioning the Global Turn: The Case of the French Revolution,” Global History Seminar, Institute of Advanced Studies, Tokyo University, June 16, 2017.

“Fake News in France and America,” Franco-American Foundation, May 11, 2017.

“Mr. Boswell Goes to Corsica: Charismatic Authority in the Age of Revolutions,” The Old Guard discussion group, Princeton NJ, May 3, 2017.

“The Charismatic Authority of Toussaint Louverture,” New York Eighteenth-Century French History Group, April 25, 2017.

Discussant, Workshop on “John Law and his System,” Columbia University, April 24, 2017.

Commentator, Panel on “Nineteenth-Century Legacies of the French Revolution,” Society for French Historical Studies, Washington DC, April 20-22, 2017.

Participant, Roundtable in honor of Alan Kors, Society for French Historical Studies, Washington DC, April 20-22, 2017.

Participant, Symposium on modern revolutions, Miami University of Ohio, March 30, 2017.

Participant, Roundtable on “War, Demobilization and Memory: Rethinking and Rewriting the History of War in the Era of Atlantic Revolutions,” Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, Charleston, February 23-26, 2017.

“The End of the Script; Furet, Baker, and Revolution,” conference in honor of Keith Michael Baker, February 3-4, 2017.

“La révolution haïtienne et les lumières globales,” seminar of Antoine Lilti, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, November 4, 2016.

“Le Furet américain : histoire d’un malentendu fructueux,” symposium on French-American Historiographical Exchanges, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (Paris), November 3, 2016.

“Charismatic Authority in Revolutionary France,” Dartmouth College, October 27, 2016.

“Conceptualizing ‘Atlantic Revolutions,’” Yale University, Department of History Graduate Colloquium, October 5, 2016.

Comment on paper by Yair Mintzker, Davis Center, Princeton University, September 16, 2016.

“‘To idolize an image which their own hands have molten’: George Washington and the Making of Revolutionary Charisma” Works-in-Progress Seminar, Davis Center for Historical Research, Princeton University, February 10, 2016.

Organizer and chair, panel on “Revolutions: The State of the Field,” American Historical Association conference, January 7-10, 2016.

Comment on paper by Arnaud Orain, Davis Center, Princeton University, November 20, 2015.

“The Birth of Militarism in the West, 1750-1815.” University of Montana, Department of History, October 19, 2015.

“A Lawyer and a Citizen Revisited: The Case of Claude-Joseph Prévost,” Conference in honor of Dale Van Kley, Newberry Library (Chicago), October 9-10, 2015.

“Arthur Goldhammer,” French-American Foundation, June 9, 2015.

“Charismatic Authority in the Age of Revolutions,” University of Haifa, April 29, 2015.

“Charismatic Authority in the Age of Revolutions,” conference on “Rethinking the Age of Revolutions,” Princeton University, April 16-17, 2015.

“The Armed Forces and Democracy in France,” conference on Democracy in the Mediterranean World, Athens, March 8-9, 2015.

“Men on Horseback: The Enlightenment Origins of Revolutionary Charismatic Authority,” conference on “Guerre, circulations et transferts culturels de la Renaissance à l’Empire,” Université de Paris I (Sorbonne), January 19-20, 2015.

Organizer and chair, panel on “The Future of the Book Review,” American Historical Association conference, Jan. 2-5, 2015.

- “Mr. Boswell Goes to Corsica: The Transformation of Charisma in the Age of Revolutions,” Eighteenth-Century Centre, University of Warwick, December 4, 2014.
- “France in the Americas,” Historic Huguenot Street, New Paltz, NY, November 11, 2014.
- “Mr. Boswell Goes to Corsica: The Transformation of Charisma in the Age of Revolutions,” Cotsen Seminar, Society of Fellows, Princeton University, November 7, 2014.
- “Inequality: A Historical Perspective,” Humanities Colloquium, Princeton University, September 9, 2014
- Commentator on papers by Linda Colley and Keith Michael Baker, symposium on “Constitution-Writing in the Long Eighteenth Century,” Princeton University, April 11, 2014.
- Commentator on paper by Jérôme David, conference on “Democracy and the Novel,” Princeton University, April 11-12, 2014.
- Comment on paper by Simeon Evstaviev, Davis Center, Princeton University, March 7, 2014.
- “The Birth of Militarism in the West,” University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, November 14, 2013.
- “Aux origines du militarisme,” École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (Paris), October 29, 2013.
- Workshop participant, “Post-Independences: Comparative Perspectives, 1770-1870,” University of Pennsylvania, October 18, 2013.
- “Anti-Semitism and Anti-Judaism,” Everett Center, Chautauqua Institution, July 9, 2013.
- “France and the Jews,” Everett Center, Chautauqua Institution, July 8, 2013.
- Commentator, Post-Graduate Workshop, “The Atlantic World in the Age of Revolutions,” King’s College, London, May 30, 2013.
- “France and the Jews,” 55+ Speakers’ Series, Princeton, NJ, May 23, 2013.
- “France and the Seven Years War,” New Jersey Society for Colonial Wars, April 13, 2013.
- Comment, paper by Charly Coleman, Early Modern Workshop, Princeton University History Department, April 10, 2013.
- Participant, Plenary Panel on ““For Whom Do We Write? French History, Crossover Books, and Trade Publishing Today,” Society for French Historical Studies, Boston, April 4-6, 2013; video online as *H-France Salon*, vol. 5, no. 2 (2013).
- “The Impossible Dictator: Robespierre and the Problem of Charismatic Authority,” Harvard University, Center for European Studies, April 3, 2013.
- “The Princeton History Department in History,” conference on “The Department in History,” Princeton University, March 29, 2013.
- “Writing Early Modern History for a Larger Public,” panel on “Public History,” Princeton University History Department, March 12, 2013.
- “The Impossible Dictator: Robespierre and the Problem of Charismatic Authority,” New York University, Modern European Colloquium, March 1, 2013.

- “The Impossible Dictator: Robespierre and the Problem of Charismatic Authority,” Davis Center Work-in-Progress series, Princeton University, February 26, 2013.
- Comment on Peter Holquist’s “The ‘Laws and Customs of Land Warfare’ as a European ‘Culture of War’ 1868-1914,” Conference on “Cultures of War,” Jordan Institute, New York University, December 1, 2012.
- Participant, panel on James Whitman’s *The Verdict of Battle*, American Society for Legal History, St. Louis, November 8-11, 2012.
- Commentator, panel on “The Legal Foundations of the French Atlantic Empire,” conference on “Law and the French Atlantic,” Newberry Library, Chicago, October 4-5, 2012.
- “Against the Global Turn: The Case of the French Revolution,” Yale University Modern History Colloquium, September 19, 2012.
- Participant, “International Perspectives on the War of 1812” plenary session, Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, July 19, 2012.
- Panel Member, Panel on 2012 French Presidential Elections, Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University, May 1, 2012.
- “The Origins of ‘Ideology’: On the Exhaustion of Political Ideas in the 1790’s,” conference on “The Concept of Ideology Revisited,” Center for Human Values, Princeton University, April 27-8, 2012.
- Discussant, papers by Marius Buning and Graça Almeida Borges, Graduate Student conference on “Europe and the World,” Princeton University, April 13-14, 2012.
- “The Jews in France: A Paradoxical History,” Sacks-Wilner Holocaust Education Program Annual Lecture, Adath Israel Synagogue, Lawrenceville, New Jersey, March 25, 2012.
- Discussant, panel on Natalie Zemon Davis’s *Fiction in the Archives*, Columbia University School of Law, February 2, 2012.
- Participant, panel on the work of Margaret Jacob, American Historical Association, Chicago, January 5-8, 2012.
- “Terrorism as a Vocation: The Case of Charles-Philippe Ronsin,” American Historical Association, Chicago, January 5-8, 2012.
- Participant, Roundtable on “The Public Uses of History,” Center for Human Values, Princeton University, November 17, 2011.
- Commentator, panel on the French Revolution, conference on “Scripting Revolutions,” Stanford University, November 4-5, 2011.
- Participant, final roundtable, conference on “The Empire: A Failure of Sovereignty,” University of Lille III / University of Brussels, October 20-22, 2011.
- “Nations, Empires, Etats dans la culture politique européenne au temps des Lumières et de la Révolution française,” conference on “The Empire: A Failure of Sovereignty,” University of Lille III / University of Brussels, October 20-22, 2011.
- “La première guerre totale,” University of Lille III, October 19, 2011.
- “Jonathan Israel’s Enlightenment,” Eighteenth-Century Seminar, Princeton University and the Institute for Advanced Study, September 28, 2011.
- “The First Total War,” Moscow State University, March 14, 2011.

Commentator, panel on "Violence and Sovereignty in Europe, 1300-1800," American Historical Association, Boston, January 6-9, 2011.

"The Pen, the Sword, the Tribune and the Guillotine (Reflections on the State of French Revolutionary Studies)," Department of French and Italian, Princeton University, November 23, 2010.

"The Imminent End of War: 1750-2010," Weatherhead Center Cultural Politics Series, Harvard University, May 5, 2010.

"The French Revolution and Democracy," National History Center, April 26, 2010.

"William Doyle and the French Revolution," Society for French Historical Studies, Phoenix, April 8-10, 2010.

"The French Revolution and Democracy," panel on "Reinterpreting the French Revolution," American Historical Association, San Diego, Jan. 7-10, 2010.

"Beyond Furet: The Historiography of the French Revolution Reconsidered," conference in honor of Patrice Higonnet, Harvard University, May 30-31, 2009.

"The Terror Reconsidered," Princeton University, Department of History, December 3, 2008.

"La culture de l'honneur et la culture de l'ambition," Conference on "Penser l'honneur," Université de Metz, November 20, 2008.

"France, Nationalism and the Jews," Lavy Colloquium on Jewish Nationalism, Johns Hopkins University, November 6-9, 2008.

Commentator, conference on "Etre et se penser Français," Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, October 16-17, 2008.

Panelist, "A History of Violence," *Los Angeles Times* Festival of Books, April 26, 2008.

"The First Total War," Smithsonian Institution, March 27, 2008

Respondent, panel on *The First Total War*, Council on European Studies, Chicago, March 5-8, 2008.

"The Culture of War and Peace in Revolutionary Europe," Saint Mary's College of Maryland, February 28, 2008.

Comment on Donald Sutherland, "Murders in Provence," Work-in-Progress Seminar, University of Maryland, College Park, February 18, 2008.

"Bad French: The Politics of Language and National Identity in Modern France," American Historical Association, Presidential Panel on "The Uneven Development of Nations and Nationalism," Washington D.C., January 3-6, 2008.

Participant in Workshop, "'Closing the 'Passion Gap' in Graduate Education," American Historical Association, Washington D.C., January 3-6, 2008.

"The History of French Food," Johns Hopkins Alumni Association and French Culinary Institute, December 6, 2007.

"The First Total War," Undergraduate Humanities Colloquium, Johns Hopkins University, November 28, 2007.

"The Culture of War and Peace in Revolutionary Europe," University of Nevada, November 16, 2007.

"*Asterix* and French National Identity," University of Nevada, November 16, 2007.

"The Culture of War and Peace in Revolutionary Europe," University of North Carolina Military History Series, November 9, 2007.

“The Relevance of the French Revolution,” University of Notre Dame, November 6, 2007.

“The Culture of War and Peace in Revolutionary Europe,” University of Notre Dame, November 5, 2007.

“Vers la guerre contemporaine,” seminar of Professor Jean-Clément Martin, Université de Paris I (Sorbonne), October 31, 2007.

Respondent, roundtable on *The First Total War*, École Normale Supérieure (Paris), October 31, 2007.

Participant in Roundtable, “Hard vs. Soft: A Comparison of the French and American Revolutions and Lessons for Today,” Lafayette Symposium, French Embassy, Washington D.C., September 27, 2007.

“The Culture of War and Peace in Revolutionary Europe,” College Board Annual Conference, Las Vegas, July 14, 2007.

“The State of Military History Today,” University of Haifa, May 29, 2007.

“*Astérix* and National Identity,” Society for French Historical Studies, Houston, March 15-17, 2007.

Comment on papers by Lisa Leff, Vicki Caron and Richard Crane, Society for French Historical Studies, Houston, March 15-17, 2007.

Comment on papers by Sophia Rosenfeld, Lisa Graham and Janis Langins, Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, Washington D.C., March 3, 2007.

“The Culture of War and Peace in Revolutionary Europe,” Binghamton University, February 8, 2007.

“Napoleon’s Rise to Power,” Seminar of Professor Robert Morrissey, French Department, University of Chicago, January 24, 2007.

“The Culture of War and Peace in Revolutionary Europe,” Stanford University French Culture Group, November 14, 2006.

Participant in Roundtable on Warfare in France, conference on “Spaces of War,” University of Minnesota, October 26-28, 2006

Comment on papers by Alyssa Sepinwall, Paul Cohen and Christopher Endy, Western Society for French History, Long Beach, California, October 19-21, 2006.

Seminar on *The Cult of the Nation in France*, University of California, Irvine, October 19, 2006.

“The Culture of War and Peace in Revolutionary Europe,” Indiana Eighteenth-Century Seminar, May 10-13, 2006.

“The Culture of War and Peace in Revolutionary Europe,” Johns Hopkins University History Department Seminar, May 8, 2006.

“A Grub Street Hack Goes to War,” conference on “Selling Ideas: In Honor of Robert Darnton,” April 28-29, 2006.

Roundtable on nineteenth-century warfare, New York University, April 6, 2006.

“National Sentiment and Nationalism,” Presidential Panel on “The Age of Nations,” American Historical Association, Philadelphia, January 2006.

Participant, symposium on Project Muse, Johns Hopkins University Press, Baltimore, December 13, 2005.

Participant, conference on establishing post-doctoral programs in history of science education, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, New York City, December 9, 2005.

- “Total Peace Total War: Europe, 1750-1815,” John U. Nef Lecture, Committee on Social Thought, University of Chicago, November 10, 2005.
- “The Bookless Future: What the Internet is Doing to Scholarship,” Meeting of the Advisory Board, Milton S. Eisenhower Library (Johns Hopkins University), October 22, 2005.
- “La colonisation de l’Amérique du Nord vue de la France des Lumières,” conference on “Histoire, Nations, Empires: 18<sup>e</sup>-19<sup>e</sup> siècles,” Université de Paris-I (Sorbonne), June 2, 2005.
- “Malesherbes and Tocqueville: The Parlementaire Tradition in the Making of French Liberalism,” Tocqueville Bicentennial Conference, Cérisy, May 26-31, 2006, and Yale University, September 29-October 1, 2005.
- Participant in Liberty Fund conference on Alexis de Tocqueville, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, April 28-May 1, 2005.
- “The Enlightenment Origins of Total War,” Early Modern Research Group, University of Buffalo, April 27, 2005.
- “The Unrepresentable French, 1603-1800,” Conference on “Parliaments, Peoples, and Power,” Yale University, April 7-9, 2005.
- “The American and French Revolutions,” Conference on “Genesis of Revolutions: the Twin Births of Republican Nations,” French-American Foundation, Paris, March 21, 2005.
- “Régénération, représentation et guerre révolutionnaire,” seminar of Antoine Lilti et al., École Normale Supérieure, March 18, 2005.
- “Malesherbes et Tocqueville: Aux origines du libéralisme français,” Seminar of Antoine Lilti et al., École Normale Supérieure, March 11, 2005.
- “Le sacre de la nation au dix-huitième siècle,” École Normale Supérieure, March 10, 2005.
- “Les origines culturelles de la guerre totale, 1750-1815,” Seminar of Gilles Pécout et al., École Normale Supérieure, March 3, 2005.
- Comment on papers by Thierry Lentz, Jean De Franceschi and Brian Keaney, Consortium on Revolutionary Europe, Lakeland, Florida, February 17-19, 2005.
- “The Exterminating Angels: Reconsidering the Vendée,” Baltimore-Washington Old Regime France Group, February 4, 2005.
- “Napoleon and the Mystique of War,” conference on Napoleon’s Legacies, Yale University, December 2-4, 2004.
- “Declaring Peace: France, 1790,” George Mason University Graduate Colloquium, November 22, 1790.
- “‘What a Novel My Life Has Been’: Literary Sensibility and the Secret of Napoleon’s Success,” Florida State University, October 28, 2004.
- “The Enlightenment Origins of Total War,” University of Delaware History Workshop, October 19, 2004.
- Comment on papers by David Geggus, Gene Ogle and Jacques de Cauna, Conference on “The Haitian Revolution after 200 Years,” John Carter Brown Library, June 17-20, 2004.

- “The ‘Jumonville Affair and the Origins of French Nationalism,” Conference on the 250th Anniversary of the Jumonville Affair, Braddock Road Preservation Association, Jumonville, Pennsylvania, May 28, 2004.
- “What a Novel My Life Has Been’: Literary Sensibility and the Secret of Napoleon’s Success,” Conference on “Napoleon and his Legend,” Johns Hopkins University, April 17, 2004.
- “The Cultural Origins of Total War, 1750-1815,” invited lecture, Rice University, February 19, 2004.
- “Les origines culturelles de la guerre totale, 1750-1815,” Conference on “La Révolution à l’oeuvre,” Université de Paris-I (Sorbonne), January 29-31, 2004.
- “The Rise and Fall of the Bourgeois Revolution,” Johns Hopkins University History seminar, November 3, 2003.
- “Love of Nation in a Time of Crisis,” final conference on “Official and Vernacular Identifications in the Making of the Modern World,” Yale University, October 2-5, 2003.
- “A Tale of Two Universalisms? Nationhood and Mission in France and America,” Dartmouth Summer Institute in French Studies, July 7, 2003.
- “Napoleon and the Culture of War in Revolutionary Europe,” Shifrin Military History Lecture Series, United States Naval Academy, April 24, 2003.
- Commentator on papers by Douglas Palmer, Annette Chapman-Adisho, and Mary Kathryn Cooney, Society for French Historical Studies, Milwaukee, April 4, 2003.
- Participant in roundtable, “A Critical Tribute to the Work of Dale Van Kley,” Society for French Historical Studies, Milwaukee, April 3, 2003.
- “Class, Consciousness, and the Fall of the Bourgeois Revolution,” Stanford University History Colloquium, March 6, 2003.
- “Napoleon and the Culture of War in Revolutionary Europe,” invited lecture, University of California, Berkeley, March 5, 2003.
- “Le sacre de la nation,” invited lecture, Centre Américain de l’Institut des Sciences Politiques, Paris, February 25, 2003.
- “The French Revolution,” invited lecture, Columbia University, Contemporary Civilizations Program, February 12, 2003.
- Participant in roundtable discussions, Conference on “Official and Vernacular Identifications in the Making of the Modern World,” New York, February, 2002.
- “La mort de Jumonville: La nation et la race dans la propagande de la Guerre de Sept Ans,” Canadian Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Québec City, October 27, 2002.
- “Le sacre de la nation : France, 1680-1800,” invited lecture, Université de Montréal, October 25, 2002.
- Respondent, panel on my book *The Cult of the Nation in France*, Western Society for French History, Baltimore, October 3-5, 2002.
- Participant in Workshop, “Official and Vernacular Identifications in the Making of the Modern World,” Saint-Petersburg (Russia), October 10-13, 2002.



- "A Tale of Two Universalisms?," conference on The Revolutionary Tradition in France and America, Whitney Humanities Center, Yale University, September 20-22, 2002.
- "Jumonville's Death': Nation and Race in Eighteenth-Century France," History Department, University of Georgia, April 8, 2002.
- "The Cult of the Nation in France," History Department, University of Georgia, April 8, 2002.
- "The Enlightenment Origins of Human Rights," University of Memphis, lecture series on Human Rights, March 15, 2002.
- "The Cult of the Nation in France," presentation to Mellon Seminar, University of California at Los Angeles, February 5, 2002.
- Participant in Workshop, "Foreigners and Citizens: France, the Americas, and Europe, 18th-20th Centuries," Fort-de-France, Martinique, December 14-17, 2001.
- "The Cult of the Nation in France," Tocqueville Society Council Meeting, November 10-11, 2001.
- Comment on papers by Patrice Gueniffey and Ted Margadant, conference on French Revolutionary Violence, University of Maryland, October 26, 2001.
- Comment on papers by Malick Ghachem, Joshua Schreier and Michael Shurkin, Society for French Historical Studies, Chapel Hill, March, 2001.
- "Le cadre culturel du nationalisme français," Research seminar of Professor Jean-Pierre Jessenne, Université de Rouen, December, 2000.
- Participant in roundtable on Arno Mayer's *The Furies*, Institute for French Studies, New York University, December 1, 2000.
- "National Character and the Republican Imaginary in Eighteenth-Century France," Davis Center for Historical Studies, Princeton University, November 17, 2000.
- "The Unbearable Lightness of Being French: Law, Republicanism and National Identity at the End of the Old Regime," Vann Seminar, Emory University, November 5, 2000.
- Participant in roundtable on French Revolutionary political culture, New England Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Portland, Maine, October 26-28, 2000.
- "The Unbearable Lightness of Being French: Law, Republicanism and National Identity at the End of the Old Regime," Departmental Seminar, University of Maryland, College Park, October 18, 2000.
- "Dynasty and Patriotism in Eighteenth-Century France," conference on "The Establishment of the Bourbons: Dynasty and Memory in the Spanish Nation in the Eighteenth-Century," Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, May, 2000.
- "The Great Men and the French Monarchy," Journée d'études on "The Grands hommes," Department of Romance Languages, Johns Hopkins University, April, 2000.
- Comment on papers by Darrin McMahon, Alyssa Sepinwall and Joseph Byrnes, Society for French Historical Studies, Tempe, Arizona, March, 2000.
- "Les relations franco-indiennes dans la Nouvelle France," Alliance Française d'Annapolis, March 2000.

- Comment on J.G.A. Pocock, *Barbarism and Religion*, Johns Hopkins History Department Seminar, February, 2000.
- "La nation et la loi à l'époque de la Révolution française" conference on "Patriotism in the Atlantic World, 1750-1850," Université de Versailles-Saint-Quentin, November, 1999.
- "The Nation and the Law in Eighteenth-Century France," American Society for Legal History, Toronto, October, 1999.
- "The National and the Sacred in Early Modern France," plenary session, conference on "France: History/Story," University of Birmingham (Great Britain), July, 1999.
- "Le cadre culturel du nationalisme français," Research seminar of Dr. Bernard Cottret, Université de Paris IV (Sorbonne), 1999.
- "Le cadre culturel du nationalisme français," Research seminar of Dr. Roger Chartier, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, April, 1999.
- Comment on papers by Rafael Blaufarb, Gregory Brown and Vivian Gruder, Society for French Historical Studies, Washington, March, 1999.
- "The National and the Sacred in Early Modern France," French Studies Program, University of Chicago, March, 1999.
- "The Relevance of French Revolutionary Studies as the Year 2000 Approaches," Consortium on Revolutionary Europe, Charleston, February, 1999.
- "Jumonville's Death: Race and Nation in Eighteenth-Century France," American Historical Association, Washington, D.C., January 1999.
- "Why Books Caused a Revolution: A Reading of Robert Darnton," Washington Baltimore Old Regime French History Group, December, 1998.
- "Legitimacy and the State in Early Modern France," Western Society for French History, Boston, November, 1998.
- "Jumonville's Death: Race and Nation in Eighteenth-Century France," Center for European Studies, Harvard University, April, 1998
- "Jumonville's Death: Race and Nation in Eighteenth-Century France," Catholic University, April, 1998.
- "Jumonville's Death: Race and Nation in Eighteenth-Century France," University of Pennsylvania, March, 1998.
- "Jumonville's Death: Race and Nation in Eighteenth-Century France," Washington Baltimore Old Regime French History Group, February, 1998
- "The Languages of National Belonging in Eighteenth-Century France," Joint History Seminar of Johns Hopkins University and the University of Maryland, November, 1997.
- Participant in roundtable on nationalism, Society for the History of the Early Republic, State College, Pennsylvania, July, 1997.
- Comment on papers by Carla Hesse, Sarah Maza and Barbara Taylor, conference on "Dissolving Boundaries: History Writing towards the Third Millennium," University of Warwick, June, 1997.
- Comment on paper by Elizabeth Eisenstein, Society for French Historical Studies, Lexington, Kentucky, March 1997.

- "Collective Biography and National Identity in Eighteenth-Century France," Western Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, University of California, Berkeley, February, 1997.
- "Tearing Down the Tower of Babel: Grégoire and French Multilingualism" conference on "The abbé Grégoire and His Causes," University of California, Los Angeles, February, 1997.
- "The Fall of the Universal Tongue: Language and National Identity in Modern France," conference on "Language and Nationalism," Whitney Humanities Center, Yale University, November, 1996.
- Participant in East-West Seminar on "Universal Reason and National Culture," International Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Sèvres (France), July, 1996.
- "The National and the Sacred in Early Modern France," Society for French Historical Studies, Boston, March 1996.
- "Nationality, Religion and Language in Revolutionary France," Brown University, April, 1995.
- "The Legal Profession and Politics in French History," Yale University Law School Legal History Forum, March, 1995.
- "The Uses of Patriotism in the 1750's," Society for French Historical Studies, Atlanta, March 1995.
- "Language and Nationalism in Early Modern France," Whitney Humanities Center, Yale University, February, 1995.
- "Language and Nationalism in Early Modern France," University of California, Irvine, January, 1995.
- "Lingua Populi, Lingua Dei: Language, Nationality and Religion in Revolutionary France," American Historical Association, Chicago, January, 1995.
- "Language and Nation in Revolutionary France," Cornell University European History Colloquium, December, 1994.
- "Lawyers and the Remaking of Politics in Old Regime France," Cornell University, December, 1994.
- "Deux avocats bourguignons dans le tourbillon révolutionnaire," Académie des Arts, Belles-Lettres et Sciences de Dijon, December 8, 1993.
- Participant in workshop, "Lawyers and Liberal Politics," Oñati (Spain), July, 1993.
- Participant in workshop, "The Declaration of the Rights of Man," Center for the History of Freedom, Washington University, 1992-93.
- "The Law Clerks' `Kingdom of the Basoche' in Early Modern Paris," American Historical Association, December, 1992.
- "Order of Barristers/Republic of Letters: Problems of Association in a Society of Privilege," Western Society for French History, October, 1992.
- "From Vox Dei to Vox Populi: Lawyers and Politics in Early Modern France," New York Area French Historians Group, May, 1992.
- "De l'homme de loi à l'homme politique: Les avocats en 1789," research seminar of Dr. Edna Lemay, école des Hautes études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, January, 1992.
- "The Public Sphere and the World of the Law in Eighteenth-Century France," Society for French Historical Studies, Vancouver, March, 1991.

- "Des stratégies d'opposition sous Louis XV : L'affaire des avocats, 1730-31," research seminar of Professor Pierre Chaunu, Université de Paris IV (Sorbonne), May, 1989.
- "Une petite république absolument indépendante au milieu de l'état': Les avocats de Paris sous l'Ancien Régime," research seminar of Dr. Denis Richet, Ecole des Hautes études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, May, 1989.

#### PANEL CHAIR

- Panel on "Advising," symposium on graduate training in early modern French History, Florida State University, April 13, 2018.
- Panel on "Social Signalling," Harvard-Princeton Graduate Conference in Early Modern History, Harvard University, February 10, 2018.
- Roundtable on the 2017 French presidential election, Society for French Historical Studies, Washington DC, April 20-22, 2017.
- Panel on "The Life of Gilbert Chinard," Symposium on the work of Gilbert Chinard, John Carter Brown Library, March 16, 2017.
- Plenary Session on "Election 2016: How did we get here and what does it mean?" American Historical Association, Denver, January 7, 2017.
- Papers by Christopher Friedrichs and Johannes Dillinger, conference on "Elections Before Democracy," Princeton University, October 22, 2016.
- Papers by Robert Darnton, Maryam Waif-Khan, Deborah Krohn, and Sophie Rosenfeld, conference on "Europe Without Borders," Princeton University, May 13, 2016.
- "Global Minds, Global Orders," conference on "The Global 1860's," Princeton University, October 17, 2015.
- "The Act of Discovery Between Tradition and Revolution," conference on "Polymaths and Proofreaders: A Conference to Honor Anthony Grafton," Princeton University, May 9, 2015.
- Papers by Allan Tulchin and Nicolas Le Roux, conference on "Wars of Religion," Princeton University, April 23, 2015.
- "Political Theory and Practice," conference on "Rethinking the Age of Revolutions," Princeton University, April 16-17, 2015.
- "The Politics of Obligation," French Historical Studies conference, April 24-26, 2014.
- "Misfits and Misfires: The Other Wars of the French Revolution," French Historical Studies conference, April 24-26, 2014.
- Papers by Philippe Hamon and Carly Emerson, conference on "Democracy and the Novel," Princeton University, April 11-12, 2014.
- "Revolutionary Property," Society for French Historical Studies, Boston, April 4-6, 2013.
- "The Republican Idea in Revolutionary France," Society for French Historical Studies, Phoenix, April 8-10, 2010.
- "The Revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars," conference in honor of Isser Woloch, Columbia University, November 30, 2007.

- "The Politics of Information: Democracy, Censorship and Power in France and the United States," American Historical Association, Atlanta, January 4-7, 2007.
- "The Making of Modern Identities," North American Conference on British Studies, Baltimore, November 8-10, 2002.
- "The French Revolution: Possible Because Thinkable or Thinkable Because Possible," Western Society for French History, Baltimore, October 3-5, 2002.
- "Glorious Artisan: The Work of Orest Ranum," Society for French Historical Studies, Washington, March, 1999.
- "The Intellectual in Public Life," conference on "The University in the Public Eye," Yale University, September, 1995.

## REVIEWS

- "Pity is Treason" (Review of Ronald Schechter, *A Genealogy of Terror in Eighteenth-Century France*), *The New York Review of Books*, June 28, 2018.
- "The PowerPoint Philosopher" (review of Steven Pinker, *Enlightenment Now: The Case for Reason, Science, Humanism, and Progress*), *The Nation*, April 2, 2018.
- "Little Spartas" (review of Mike Rapport, *The Unruly City: Paris, London and New York in the Age of Revolution*), *The Nation*. February 12, 2018. Featured on "Arts and Letters Daily" website.
- "Le Pen's Long Shadow" (review of Jonathan Fenby, *Modern France*; Maurice Samuels, *The Right to Difference*; and Jean-Yves Camus and Nicolas Lebourg (eds.), *Far Right Politics in Europe*), *The Nation*, April 24, 2017.
- "Further, Father, Further!" (review of Mita Choudhury, *The Wanton Jesuit and the Wayward Saint*), *The London Review of Books*, November 10, 2016.
- "Haiti's Jacobin" (review of Philippe Girard, *Toussaint Louverture: A Revolutionary Life*), *The Nation*, November 21, 2016.
- Review of Richard J. Evans, *The Pursuit of Power: Europe 1815-1914*, *The Financial Times*, August 19, 2016.
- "Astonishing Scientific Advances" (review of Steve Jones, *No Need for Geniuses: Revolutionary Science in the Age of the Guillotine*), *The Guardian*, May 21, 2016.
- Review of Anders Engberg-Pedersen, *The Empire of Chance*, *The American Historical Review*, vol. 121, no. 2 (April, 2016).
- Review of Charly Coleman, *The Virtues of Abandon*, *The Journal of Modern History*, vol. 88, no. 1 (March, 2016).
- "A State Jew" (review of Pierre Birnbaum, *Léon Blum: Prime Minister, Socialist, Zionist*) *The London Review of Books*, November 5, 2015.
- "History's Black Hole" (review of Timothy Snyder, *Black Earth*), *The National Interest*, September-October, 2015. Featured on "Arts & Letters Daily" website.
- Review of Arnaud Guinier, *L'honneur du soldat*, H-France, vol. 15, no. 89, June, 2015.
- "Glory, Vanity, Liberty?" (review of Patrice Gueniffey, *Bonaparte*; Andrew Roberts, *Napoleon the Great*; Jenny Uglow, *In These Times*), *The Nation*, June 15, 2015.

- “Terror at the Dawn of Modern Europe” (review of Timothy Tackett, *The Coming of the Terror in the French Revolution* and Adam Zamoyski, *Phantom Terror*), *The Atlantic*, May, 2015.
- “The Fault is not in our ‘Stars,’ but in Ourselves” (review of Antoine Lilti, *Figures publiques*), Books&Ideas.net, January 8, 2015 (French translation: “Naissance du star system,” *La vie des idées*, March 4, 2015).
- “Shameless, Lucifer and Pug-Nose” (review of Michael Kwass, *Contraband: Louis Mandrin and the Making of a Global Underground*), *The London Review of Books*, January 8, 2015.
- Review of Hervé Drévilion, *L’individu et la guerre*, H-France, vol. 14, no. 209, December, 2014.
- “The Humanist as Hero” (review of Jean Guéhenno, *Diary of the Dark Years, 1940-1944*), *The New Republic*, October 13, 2014. Featured on “Arts & Letters Daily” website.
- “A Complex Story Reduced to a Simple Morality Play” (review of Eric Hazan, *A People’s History of the French Revolution*), *The Guardian*, September 13, 2014.
- “The Bourgeois Eric Hobsbawm” (review of Eric Hobsbawm, *Fractured Times*), *The National Interest*, September-October, 2014. Featured on “Arts and Letters Daily” website.
- “A Very Different French Revolution” (review of Jonathan Israel, *Revolutionary Ideas*), *The New York Review of Books*, July 10, 2014.
- “The Trump of War” (review of Frederick Brown, *The Embrace of Unreason: France, 1914-1940*, *The New Republic*, June 9, 2014. Featured on “Arts and Letters Daily” website.
- “The French Intifada” (review of Andrew Hussey, *The French Intifada: The Long War Between France and its Arabs*), *The Guardian*, March 1, 2014.
- “The President as Narcissist” (review of Philip Short, *Mitterrand: A Study in Ambiguity*), *The Guardian*, November 28, 2013.
- Review of Marie-Pierre Rey, *L’effroyable tragédie: Une nouvelle histoire de la campagne de Russie*, H-France, vol. 13, no. 183, November, 2013.
- “The Global Turn” (review of Emily S. Rosenberg, et al., *A World Connecting, 1870-1945*), *The New Republic*, October 7, 2013. Spanish translation, Asociación de Profesores de Historia del Uruguay, February 15, 2014. Russian translation, *Gefter.ru*, April 28, 2014.
- “Come and See for Yourself” (review of Lucien Jaume, *Tocqueville : The Aristocratic Sources of Liberty*), *London Review of Books*, July 18, 2013.
- “Is War Civilized?” (review of James Whitman, *Verdict of Battle*), *The New Republic*, March 11, 2013.
- Review of Marie-Cécile Thorat, *From Valmy to Waterloo: France at War, 1792-1815*, *French History*, vol. XXVI, no. 3 (2012).
- “The Conductor” (review of Peter McPhee, *Robespierre: A Revolutionary Life*), *The Book: An Online Review at the New Republic*, April 5, 2012.
- “Poker Lessons From Richelieu: A Portrait of the Statesman as Gambler” (review of Jean-Vincent Blanchard, *Eminence: Cardinal Richelieu and the Rise of France*), *Foreign Affairs*, vol. 91, no. 2 (March/April 2012), pp. 156-60. Featured on “Arts & Letters Daily” website.

- Review of Thomas Kaiser and Dale Van Kley, eds., *From Deluge to Deficit*, H-France, vol. 12, no. 30, February, 2012.
- “Where Do We Come From?” (review of Jonathan Israel, *Democratic Enlightenment: Philosophy, Revolution, and Human Rights, 1750-1790*), *The New Republic*, March 1, 2012. Reprinted on History News Network (hnn.us).
- “The Dreyfus Affair Told From the Catholic Point of View” (review of Piers Paul Read, *The Dreyfus Affair*), *The Guardian*, February 18, 2012.
- Review of Roger Chickering and Stig Förster (eds.), *War in an Age of Revolution, 1775-1815*, *The English Historical Review*, vol. 126, no. 523 (2011), pp. 1546-48.
- “Conspiracy Porn” (review of Umberto Eco, *The Prague Cemetery*), *The New Republic*, December 1, 2011.
- “Simple Facts and Plain Truths” (review of Sophia Rosenfeld, *Common Sense: A Political History*), *The London Review of Books*, October 20, 2011. French translation, *BoOks: L’actualité par les livres du monde*, March 29, 2012.
- “La Môme Chose” (review of David McCullough, *The Greater Journey: Americans in Paris*), *The Book: An Online Review at the New Republic*, July 2, 2011.
- “The New Normal” (review of Alan Riding, *And the Show Went On*), *The New Republic*, March 3, 2011.
- “Does This Man Deserve Tenure?” (review of Mark Taylor, *Crisis on Campus*), *The Book: An Online Review at the New Republic*, September 6, 2010.
- “Hope and Play” (review of Natalie Zemon Davis, *A Passion for History*), *The Book: An Online Review at the New Republic*, August 25, 2010.
- “Pogroms of Words” (review of Frederick Brown, *For the Soul of France*), *The New Republic*, June 24, 2010.
- “Was Tolstoy Right?” (review of Dominic Lieven, *Russia Against Napoleon*), *The Book: An Online Review at the New Republic*, May 12, 2010. Featured on “Arts & Letters Daily” website.
- “Visions” (review of Larissa Juliet Taylor, *The Virgin Warrior*), *The Book: An Online Review at the New Republic*, January 11, 2010. Featured on “Arts & Letters Daily” website.
- “Handsome, Charming...” (review of Maurice Lever, *Beaumarchais*), *The London Review of Books*, October 22, 2009.
- “The Colbert Report” (review of Jacob Soll, *The Information Master*), *The New Republic*, October 6, 2009.
- “The Puritanical French” (review of Veronica Buckley, *The Secret Wife of Louis XIV*), *Slate*, August 31, 2009.
- “Becoming France” (review of Robert Gildea, *Children of the Revolution*), *The New Republic*, April 1, 2009.
- “The Potter, the Priest, and the Stick-in-the-Mud” (review of Ronald Fraser, *Napoleon’s Cursed War*), *The London Review of Books*, November 6, 2008.
- “Pacific Nationalism” (review of Patrick Geary, *The Myth of Nations*, and Anthony Marx, *Faith in Nation*), *Critical Review*, vol. XIV, no. 4 (2008).
- Review of Stephen Neff, *Law and the War of Nations*, *Journal of Modern History*, vol. LXXX, no. 2 (2008).

- “The Mirror of History” (review of John Burrow, *A History of Histories*), *Slate.com*, April 14, 2008. Reprinted on History News Network (hnn.com). Featured on “Arts & Letters Daily” website.
- “Bicycle History” (review of Graham Robb, *The Discovery of France*), *The New Republic*, February 13, 2008. Featured on “Arts & Letters Daily” website.
- “Un Dret Egal” (review of Lynn Hunt, *Inventing Human Rights*), *The London Review of Books*, November 15, 2007.
- “Utopia and Calculation” (review of Pierre Rosanvallon, *The Demands of Liberty*), *The New Republic*, October 22, 2007.
- Review of Michel Chaloult, *Les “Canadiens” de l’expédition Lewis et Clark, Recherches sociographiques*, vol. XLVIII, no. 2 (2007) (in French).
- “Veil of Tears” (review of John Bowen, *Why the French Don’t Like Headscarves*), *The New Republic*. March 5, 2007.
- “The Collaborator” (review of Carmen Callil, *Bad Faith*, and Richard Vinen, *The Unfree French*), *The Nation*, December 11, 2006.
- “One Does It Like This” (review of David Lawday, *Napoleon’s Master*), *The London Review of Books*, November 16, 2006.
- “The Gift” (review of Marcel Fournier, *Marcel Mauss*), *The New Republic*, October 16, 2006.
- “Twilight Approaches” (review of Benedetta Craveri, *The Age of Conversation\**), *The London Review of Books*, May 11, 2006.
- “When Terror Was Young” (review of David Andress, *The Terror*), *The New Republic*, April 17, 2006.
- Review of Laurent Dubois, *A Colony of Citizens*, *The Journal of Modern History*, vol. LXXVI, no. 1, 2006.
- “Profane Illuminations” (review of Leo Damrosch, *Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Restless Genius*, and Roger Pearson, *Voltaire the Almighty*), *The Nation*, December 5, 2005.
- Review of Jean-Yves Guiomar, *L’invention de la guerre totale*, and Michael Leggiere, *Napoleon and Berlin*, H-France, vol. 5, no. 93. September 2005.
- “Brushes with Power” (review of museum exhibition, “Jacques-Louis David: Empire to Exile”), *The New Republic*, August 22, 2005. Reprinted in *The Australian*, September 2, 2005.
- “Violets in their Lapels” (review of new books on Napoleon), *The London Review of Books*, May 23, 2005.
- Review of Wolfgang Kruse, *Die Erfindung des modernen Militarismus*, *The American Historical Review*, vol. CIX, no. 5 (2004).
- “French Fried” (review of John J. Miller and Mark Molesky, *Our Oldest Enemy*, and Kenneth R. Timmerman, *The French Betrayal of America*), *The Los Angeles Times Book Review*, October 24, 2004.
- “Just Like Us” (review of Steven Englund, *Napoleon: A Political Life*), *The New Republic*, May 17, 2004. Featured on “Arts & Letters Daily” website.
- Review of Patrick Weil, *Qu’est-ce qu’un Français, French Politics, Culture and Society*, vol. 21, no. 3, 2003.
- “Ruling the Roast” (review of Ben Rogers, *Beef and Liberty*), *The London Review of Books*, September 25, 2003.



- "History Robed in Reckless Rhetoric" (review of Reynald Secher, *A French Genocide: The Vendée*), *Los Angeles Times Book Review*, July 27, 2003.
- "Burghers and Kings" (review of Sarah Maza, *The Myth of the French Bourgeoisie*, and Timothy Tackett, *When the King Took Flight*), *The New Republic*, July 21, 2003.
- "Les Juifs" (review of Ronald Schechter, *Obstinate Hebrews*), *The Forward*, July 11, 2003. Hebrew translation, *Ha'Aretz*, July 18, 2003.
- Review of Daniel Moran and Arthur Waldron, *The People in Arms*, H-France and H-War, June and July, 2003.
- "Enlightenment's Errand Boy" (review of Lawrence Brockliss, *Calvet's Web*, and Colin Jones, *The Great Nation*), *The London Review of Books*, May 22, 2003.
- "The Napoleon Complex" (review of Dominique de Villepin, *Les cent-jours*), *The New Republic*, April 14, 2003. Italian translation: "La strana sindrome di Dominique de Villepin," *Il Foglio* (Milan), April 9, 2003. Swedish Translation: "Napoleonkomplexet," <http://www.smedjan.com>.
- "In France's 'Antisemitic Moment,' Lessons for Today?" (review of Pierre Birnbaum, *The Anti-Semitic Moment*), *The Forward*, February 21, 2003.
- "Odors and Ideas" (review of David Garrioch, *The Making of Revolutionary Paris*), *The New Republic*, September 23, 2002.
- "He Wouldn't Dare" (review of Richard Burton, *Blood in the City*), *The London Review of Books*, May 9, 2002.
- "Cherchez la Femme" (review of Carla Hesse, *The Other Enlightenment*), *The New Republic*, April 15, 2002. Hebrew translation, *Ha'Aretz*, May 24, 2002.
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- Review of James Livesey, *Making Democracy in the French Revolution*, H-France, vol. 2, no. 32, April, 2002.
- Review of Jean-Philippe Mathy, *French Resistance: The French-American Culture Wars*, *The American Historical Review*, vol. CVII, no. 1, 2002.
- "Words and Tumbrels" (review of Sophia Rosenfeld, *A Revolution in Language*), *The New Republic*, November 26, 2001. Featured on "Arts & Letters Daily" website.
- "When the Barracks Were Bursting with Poets" (review of Andy Martin, *Napoleon the Novelist*), *London Review of Books*, September 6, 2001.
- "Gory Days" (review of Antoine de Baecque, *Glory and Terror: Seven Deaths under the French Revolution*), *The New Republic*, August 6, 2001.
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