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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Instructional Professor, Social Sciences Collegiate Division, University of Chicago, 2022–present.

Postdoctoral Fellow in the History of Science and Technology, Department of History, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 2021–2022.

William C. Widenor Teaching Fellow, University of Illinois, Department of History, 2019–2020.

Teaching Assistant, Department of History, University of Illinois, 2016–2017.

Lecturer, Department of History and Religious Studies, California State University, Los Angeles, 2014–2015.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Department of History, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 2021.
Dissertation: *Adventures in the Archaic: Bataille, Devereux, Eliade, and Lefebvre after 1945*
Committee: Tamara Chaplin, Jean-Philippe Mathy, Mark Micale, Behrooz Ghamari-Tabrizi

M.A., History Department, California State University, Los Angeles, 2014.

RESEARCH FIELDS

European intellectual history
Human and social sciences
Colonialism and postcolonialism
Environmental humanities

PUBLICATIONS

Adventures in the Archaic: Primitivism, Degrowth, and the French Social Sciences, 1945–1975, forthcoming with the University of Chicago Press in January 2026.

“Resurrecting the Archaic: Symbols and Recurrence in Henri Lefebvre’s Revolutionary Romanticism,” *Modern Intellectual History* 18.2 (2021): 474–496.

Review of Michael C. Behrent, *Becoming Foucault: The Poitiers Years*, in *History: Reviews of New Books* 52.5 (2024): 97–99.

Review of Henri Ellenberger and Emmanuel Delille, *Ethno-psychiatrie*, in *History of Psychiatry* 29.4 (2018): 499–501.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

Postdoctoral Fellowship in the History of Science and Technology, Department of History, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 2021–2022.

Nina Baym Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Graduate College, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 2020–2021.

Joseph Ward Swain Publication Prize for “Resurrecting the Archaic,” published in *Modern Intellectual History*, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 2020.

William C. Widenor Teaching Appointment, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 2019–2020.

Robert L. Platzman Memorial Fellowship, University of Chicago, 2018.

Outstanding Graduate Student, College of Natural and Social Sciences, California State University, Los Angeles, 2013–2014.

INVITED TALKS

“Among the Archaic Animals: Sacrifice in Georges Bataille’s History of Religion,” Department of History, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, November 2019.

“Georges Devereux Among the American Mohave: The Archaic Origins of Ethnopsychiatry,” Department of French Studies, University of California, Los Angeles, October 2017.

“Through the Lens of Chris Marker: The Third World in Paris, 1953–63,” University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, October 2017.

“A Certain Idea of France, an Uncertain Idea of Time: Cultural Traversals in Early 1960s Paris,” Department of French Studies, Brown University, April 2014.

WORKSHOPS

Annual Research Panel, History Graduate Student Association, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, April 2021.

Professionalization Seminar, Department of History, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, September 2020.

Teaching Assistant Orientation, History Graduate Student Association, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, August 2020.

TEACHING

“Power, Identity, Resistance III,” University of Chicago, Spring 2024.

“Power, Identity, Resistance II,” University of Chicago, Winter 2024.

“Power, Identity, Resistance I,” University of Chicago, Autumn 2023.

“Power, Identity, Resistance III,” University of Chicago, Spring 2023.

“Power, Identity, Resistance II,” University of Chicago, Winter 2023.

“Power, Identity, Resistance I,” University of Chicago, Autumn 2022.

“Europe in the World,” University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Spring 2022.

“Technology in Western Society,” University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Spring 2022.

“Europe in the Twentieth Century,” University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Fall 2021.

“Modern European Thought and Society,” University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Spring 2020.

“Modern Tales of Primitive Culture,” University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Fall 2019.

“Western Civilization since 1660,” Teaching Assistant to Tamara Chaplin, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Spring 2017.

“The Holocaust in Historical Perspective,” Teaching Assistant to Peter Fritzsche, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Fall 2016.

“World Civilizations II,” California State University, Los Angeles, Spring 2015.

“Introduction to Comparative Religions,” California State University, Los Angeles, Winter 2015.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Assistant, Anke Pinkert’s book manuscript *Remembering 1989*, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 2021.

Workshop Facilitator, “Success in Graduate School,” University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 2020.

Grading Committee, History Graduate Student Association, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 2017–2018.