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**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

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**University of Chicago**, Chicago, IL

*Assistant Instructional Professor*, Social Sciences Collegiate Division, September 2022–present

**University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign**, Urbana, IL

*Postdoctoral Fellow*, Department of History, August 2021–June 2022

**California State University, Los Angeles**, Los Angeles, CA

*Lecturer*, Religious Studies and History Department, January 2015–June 2015

**EDUCATION**

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**University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign**, Urbana, IL

*Ph.D.*, Department of History, 2021

Dissertation: *Adventures in the Archaic: Bataille, Devereux, Eliade, and Lefebvre after 1945*

Committee: Tamara Chaplin, Jean-Philippe Mathy, Mark Micale, Behrooz Ghamari-Tabrizi

**California State University, Los Angeles**, Los Angeles, CA

*M.A.*, History Department, 2014

**RESEARCH FIELDS**

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

**PUBLICATIONS**

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- *Adventures in the Archaic: Primitivism, Degrowth, and the French Social Sciences, 1945–1975*, University of Chicago Press, 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.

**COURSES TAUGHT**

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- “Power, Identity, Resistance,” University of Chicago
- “Western Civilization,” University of Chicago
- “Europe in the World,” University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
- “Technology in Western Society,” University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
- “Europe in the Twentieth Century,” University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
- “Modern European Thought and Society,” University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
- “Modern Tales of Primitive Culture,” University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
- “World Civilizations,” California State University, Los Angeles
- “Introduction to Comparative Religions,” California State University, Los Angeles