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EDUCATION:

Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley, 1999 (History)
M.A. University of California, Berkeley, 1993 (History)
B.A. McGill University, 1990 (Honours History)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Permanent Academic Position:
University of Victoria, Department of History
Professor, 2020-
Associate Professor 2008-2020
Assistant Professor, 2002-08

Short-term Academic Appointments:
2019 Centre for Studies in Religion and Society, University of Victoria
2016 Centre for Reformation and Renaissance Studies, Victoria University, University of Toronto
2012-13 European Union Institutes for Advanced Study (EURIAS) fellow at the Institute for Advanced Study of Paris
2010 Centre for Studies in Religion and Society, University of Victoria
2005-06 Columbia University Institute for Scholars, Reid Hall, Paris
2003 Centre for Studies in Religion and Society, University of Victoria
2000-2001 Metcalf postdoctoral fellow, Victoria University at the University of Toronto
1999-2001 postdoctoral fellow, Department of History, University of Toronto

PUBLICATIONS:

Works-in-Progress:
“From Truth to Punishment: The Decline of Torture before the Enlightenment” book manuscript in progress

Books:
The Trial of Jeanne Catherine: Infanticide in Early Modern Geneva (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2021)
-awarded 2008 Roland H. Bainton Book Prize for History/Theology, Sixteenth Century Society
-shortlisted 2008 Wallace Ferguson Prize for Non-Canadian History, Canadian Historical Association

Articles:
“Adultère, indices médicaux et recul de la torture à Genève (XVIIe siècle),” Genre et histoire 16 (Fall 2015).

Editorial Work:
With Megan Armstrong, editors of *H-France Salon* volume honouring the career of Barbara B. Diefendorf (August 2017)

**FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, HONORS AND AWARDS:**

2019 Centre for Studies in Religion and Society, University of Victoria  
2017 University of Victoria Faculty of Humanities Faculty Fellowship  
2017 short-term residential fellowship Folger Library (declined)  
2016 Renaissance Society of America residential fellowship at the Centre for Reformation and Renaissance Studies, Victoria University, University of Toronto  
2016 Internal Research Grant, University of Victoria  
2012-13 European Union Institute for Advanced Study Fellowship  
2010 Centre for Studies in Religion and Society, University of Victoria  
2010, Internal Research Grant, University of Victoria  
2008 Roland H. Bainton Book Prize for History/Theology for *Laughing Matters*, Sixteenth Century Society  
2008 shortlisted, Wallace Ferguson Prize for Non-Canadian History for *Laughing Matters*, Canadian Historical Association  
2005-08 Faculty Standard Research Grant, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada  
2005 Research Travel Award, Society for French Historical Studies  
2004, Internal Research Grant, University of Victoria  
2003 Centre for Studies in Religion and Society, University of Victoria  
2000-2001 Metcalf Postdoctoral Fellowship, Victoria University at the University of Toronto  
1999-2001 Postdoctoral Fellowship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada  
1996-97 Mellon Dissertation Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley  
1995-96 Helen B. Bangle Scholarship, University of California, Berkeley  
1995 Gilbert Chinard Scholarship, Institut Français de Washington  
1997, 1995 Humanities Graduate Research Grant, University of California, Berkeley  
1994 Mellon Dissertation Prospectus Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley  
1993-96 Doctoral Fellowship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada  
1993 Canadian Journal of History Graduate Essay Prize  
1990 Isidore Finkelstein Graduation Prize, McGill University  
1988-90 James McGill Award, Faculty Scholar, McGill University  

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

2019-2022, member, executive council, Society for Sixteenth Century Studies  
2016-, member, editorial board, *Studies in Medieval and Reformation Traditions* for Brill  
2014-17, member, nominating committee, Society of Sixteenth Century Studies  
2011-, member, editorial board, *French History*  
2007-2010, member, Nancy Roelker prize committee, Society for Sixteenth Century Studies  

**PLENARIES, INVITED LECTURES:**
“Missing Babies and Tacit Toleration of Infanticide in Early Modern Europe,” University of California, Santa Barbara February 28, 2020
“Missing Babies and Tacit Toleration of Infanticide in Early Modern Europe,” Reed College, February 19, 2020
“How the Reformation Created Single Motherhood,” Centre for Studies in Religion and Society, University of Victoria, March 28, 2019
“Judicial Torture and the Will to Execute,” Department of History, Georgetown University, March 22, 2019
“Why did Judicial Torture Peak during the Renaissance?” Centre for Reformation and Renaissance Studies, University of Toronto, October 14, 2016
“Secret Pain: Torture Behind Closed Doors in Medieval and Early Modern Europe,” Medieval Secrets Conference, University of Victoria, March 1, 2014
“Gender and the Practice of Torture in Reformation Geneva,” Centre for Studies in Religion and Society, University of Victoria, Victoria, October 2010
“Europeans and the Truth-value of Torture Confessions,” Dean’s Lecture Series, University of Victoria, November 2006

PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS:

“A Seventeenth-Century Infanticide Trial,” at Making Stories: Honouring Libby and Tom Cohen, University of Toronto, November 3, 2019
“Appealing for Clemency: The Infanticide Trial of a Noblewoman in Geneva, 1686,” Annual Meeting of the Sixteenth Century Society, St. Louis, Missouri, October 18, 2019
“Cementing a Calvinist Identity in Reformation Geneva,” Annual Meeting of the Society for French History, Warwick, UK, July 9, 2018
“Mutual Reinforcement of Medical Evidence and Torture in Early Modern Criminal Trials,” Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting, New Orleans, March 24, 2018
“Speak of the Devil: Gender and Blasphemy before the Genevan Consistory,” Annual Meeting of the Sixteenth Century Society, Milwaukee, October 28, 2017
“Gender and the Prosecution of Adultery in Early Modern Geneva,” Gender and Crime, 1600-1900: A Comparative Perspective, Leiden University, Netherlands, November 28, 2015
“Why Did Protestants Lose their Sense of Humour: Comic Performance and the Reformation,”
Re/Creations: Text and Performance in Late Medieval and Early Modern Europe, UCLA Centre for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, April 10, 2015

“The Witch Who Wouldn’t Confess,” Witches of the West Symposium, University of Victoria, February 6, 2015

“Huguenot Identity through the Lens of Comic Performance and Song,” Annual meeting of the Society for Sixteenth Century Studies, New Orleans, October 18, 2014


“Protestants, Pain and Moral Regulation in Early Modern Europe,” Department of History Works in Progress, University of Victoria, January 17, 2014


“Farcical Laughter and Religious Conversion in Reformation Geneva and France” UVic Early Modern Research Collective meetnig, October 21, 2013


Roundtable presentation on “Pain during the Reformation,” Annual Meeting of the Sixteenth Century Society, Cincinnati, October 25, 2012

“Flattening the Ritual Rhetoric of Execution in Early Modern Geneva,” Annual Meeting of the Sixteenth Century Society, Dallas, October 2011

Commentator for panel “Negotiating Reformed Life from Geneva to Jakarta,” Annual Meeting of the Sixteenth Century Society, Montréal, October 2010

“Leapfrogging over Local Courts in Sixteenth-century France,” Annual Meeting of the Sixteenth Century Society, Montréal, October 2010

“Torture in Early Modern Francophone Europe,” Comparative History Workshop, Niagara-on-the-Lake, March 2010


“Narrative History,” Symposium in Honor of Natalie Zemon Davis’s 80th Birthday, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, November 2008


“La politique de la farce au XVle siècle,” presented at the Pouvoirs de langage, langages de pouvoir conference, University of Victoria, April 2008

“La farce et l’opinion public pendant la Renaissance,” presented at the Alliance Française de Victoria, April 2008


“Political Culture in French Cities,” Annual Meeting of the Sixteenth Century Society, Salt Lake City, October 2006

“What Made People Laugh: Satire and Comic Sensibilities during the French Renaissance,” Renaissance Medievalisms Conference, Centre for Reformation and Renaissance Studies, Victoria University, University of Toronto, October 2006


Commentator for panel “Exposing the Political in the Counter-reformation State,” Annual Meeting of the Sixteenth Century Society, Toronto, October 2004

“Farce, Honor and the Bounds of Satire,” Early Modern Research Collective, University of Victoria, March 2004

“Jesuits as a Modernizing Force in Early Modern France,” Centre for Studies in Religion and Society, University of Victoria, October 2003

“Basochiens during the League: A Case of Mistaken Identity,” Annual Meeting of the Society for French Historical Studies, April 2002

“Students as Brokers of Cultural Change in Early Modern France,” Centre for Reformation and Renaissance Studies, Victoria University, University of Toronto, November 2000

“Popular Culture in Crisis during the French Wars of Religion,” Early Modern Group, Department of History, University of Toronto, September 2000

“Student Violence and the Construction of Masculinity in France, 1550-1650,” Annual Meeting of the Society for French Historical Studies, Tempe, April 2000


“Clientage and Censorship in Dijon, 1600-1630,” Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, New York, January 1997