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EDUCATION

Rutgers University, Ph.D. History, 2005

Dissertation: “The Fantasms of Science: Psychological Research in the French Third Republic, 1880–1935”

Committee: Bonnie G. Smith
Donald R. Kelley
Joan W. Scott (Institute for Advanced Study)
Elizabeth A. Wilson (Emory University)

Minor Field: Global and Comparative History

Committee: Michael Adas
Allen Howard

University of Colorado, Boulder, M.A., 1996

University of Idaho, B.A., *summa cum laude*, 1993

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Weber State University, Associate Professor, Department of History, 2014–present

Weber State University, Assistant Professor, Department of History, 2008–2014

Idaho State University, Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History, 2005–2007

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Unruly Spirits: The Science of Psychic Phenomena in Modern France. University of Illinois Press, 2010.

Reviewed in: *American Historical Review*, *Journal of Modern History*, *Isis*, *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences*, *Social History of Medicine*, *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*, *Canadian Journal of History*, *Nova Religio*

Articles, Chapters, Translations, and Reviews

"Janet, Pierre (1859–1947)." In *Bloomsbury Encyclopedia of Philosophers*. London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2020. <http://dx.doi.org/10.5040/9781350984967.001>.

"The Medium is the Message: Enunciation and the Scriptural Economy of Scientific Psychology," *History of the Present* 6.1 (Spring 2016).

"On Animal Societies: Biology, Sociology, and the Class Struggle in France," *South Atlantic Quarterly* 115.2 (April 2016).

"L’histoire n’est jamais sûre," preface to Evrard Renaud, *La Légende de l'Esprit: Enquête sur 150 ans de parapsychologie* (éditions Trajectoire, 2016).

Review of *Affectivity and the Social Bond: Transcendence, Economy and Violence in French Social Theory* by Tiina Arppe. *H-France Review* 15, no. 76 (May 2015).

Review of *Investigating the Supernatural: From Spiritism and Occultism to Psychical Research and Metapsychics in France, 1853–1931* by Sofie Lachapelle. *Journal of Modern History* 85, no. 1 (March 2013).

"Science, Seduction, and the Lure of Reality in Third Republic France," *History of the Present* 1.2 (Fall 2011).

"Story of the Eye: The Fantasy of the Orgy and Its Limit," *American Imago* 59.1 (Spring 2002): 73–89.

"Strategic Re-membering: The Boundary Politics of Mourning in Post-Great War France," *Rethinking History* 1.1 (Spring 1997): 21–34.

Translation of Tzvetan Todorov "Totalitarianism: Between Religion and Science," *Totalitarian Movements and Political Religions* 2.1 (Summer 2001): 28–42.

RECENT PRESENTATIONS

"Before Charcot: On the Re-emergence of Hypnosis as an Experimental Method in Nineteenth-Century France," Society for Literature, Science, and the Arts, Irvine, CA, November 2019.

"*Le physique et le moral*: Vitalism and Psychical Research in Late Nineteenth-Century France," Society for Literature, Science, and the Arts, Toronto, Canada, November 2018.

"From the Embodied Self to the Social Body: Exteriorization, Telepathy, and *la Force Vitale* in Belle Époque France," Society for Literature, Science, and the Arts, Phoenix, AZ, November 2017.

"*Finis sociologiae*: Jean Izoulet and the Chair of Social Philosophy at the Collège de France," Western Society for French History Conference, Chicago, IL November, 2015.

"From Corporate Order to Organic Solidarity: Biology and Social Thought in France," Social Science Lunch Seminar, School of Social Science, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ, February 2015.

"On Animal Societies: Alfred Espinas and Organicism in French Thought," Writing, Inquiry, and Theory Reading Group, School of Social Science, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ, February 2015.

"Bataille, Caillois, and Organicism at the College of Sociology," works-in-progress seminar, Rutgers University, Department of History, New Brunswick, NJ, January 2015.

"The Medium is the Message: Theodore Flournoy and Helène Smith," Law and History Reading Group, School of Social Science, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ, January 2015.

"The Secret of Cohesion: The Persistence of Organicism in Interwar Social Thought," Western Society for French History, San Antonio, TX, November 2014.

"The Natural Law of Association: Alfred Espinas and Animal Societies" Society for French Historical Studies, Université du Québec à Montréal, April 2014.

"On Dispossession and the Discovery of Transference" Psychoanalysis and Critical Theory Workshop, New School for Social Research, New York, NY, November 2014.

"Animal Republic: On the Sociology of Anatomical Elements," Rocky Mountain European Studies Consortium Conference, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT, October 2013.

"Wounded Idealism and the New Social Body: Social Biology in France," Sawyer Seminar, "Biopolitics," Center for the Humanities, University of Wisconsin-Madison, May 2013.

"The Declaration of the Rights of Man," Weber Reads, Weber State University, Ogden, UT, January 2012.

"Where Science Ends: Théodore Flournoy, Psychology and the Other Lives of Hélène Smith," Other Lives, Other Voices: Bonnie Smith and the Mirror of History, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, March 2013.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, and HONORS

Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, Member, 2014–2015

American Philosophical Society, Franklin Grant, 2013
American Council of Learned Societies, Fellow, 2012–2013
Research, Growth, and Professional Development Grant, Weber State University, 2011
Hemingway New Faculty Grant, Weber State University, 2009
Fulbright Dissertation Research Grant (France), 1999–2000
Chateaubriand Dissertation Research Fellowship, 1999–2000 (declined)
Dean's Excellence Fellowship, Rutgers, 1997–98; 2000–2001
Phi Alpha Theta, University of Idaho, 1993
Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha of Idaho, 1992

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Senior Seminar, Weber State University, 2008-present
Historical Research Methods, 2010-present
Introduction to the Craft of History, 2020-present
Nineteenth-Century Europe, Weber State University, 2007–present
Twentieth-Century Europe, Weber State University, 2007–present
Modern France, Weber State University, 2007–present
Modern Germany, Weber State University, 2007–present
World History since 1500, Weber State University, 2007–present
World History to 1500, Weber State University, 2007–present
Capitalism and its Discontents: The History and Politics of Economic Thought, 2010
The Secular and the Sacred: Religion and the History of Social Theory, 2008
Foundations of Western Civilization (ancient–1750), Idaho State University, 2007
Development of Western Civilization (1750–present), Idaho State University, 2005–06
Old Regime and the French Revolution, Idaho State University, 2007
Modern France, Idaho State University, 2006
Twentieth-Century Europe, Idaho State University, 2005
English Expository Writing, Rutgers University, 2002–04
Nineteenth-Century Europe, Rutgers University, 2002
Development of Europe II (1750–present), Rutgers University, 1999

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

History Department Acting Chair, WSU, Spring, 2021
Admissions, Standards, and Student Affairs WSU Faculty Senate Committee 2018-21
College Ranking Tenure Committee, CSBS, WSU, 2018-21
History Department Faculty Search Committee, WSU, 2021
History Department Faculty Search Committee Chair, WSU, 2017
Weber Storytelling Festival Planning Committee, WSU, 2017-18
Utah History Day Faculty Liaison, 2012-2021
Post-tenure Policy Drafting Committee, CSBS, Weber State, 2013
Departmental Honors, Advisor, Department of History, Weber State, 2010-12
Committee on Adjunct Instruction, Department of History, Weber State, 2008-17
Utah Regional Phi Alpha Theta History Conference, Organizer, 2010

Phi Alpha Theta, Faculty Advisor, Weber State University, 2008–12
Research, Scholarship, and Professional Growth Committee, Weber State, 2010
Bedford/St. Martin's Press, Author of Instructional Materials, 2006
Institute for Advanced Study, School of Social Science, Research Assistant, 2004–05
Warren I. Susman Graduate Student Conference, Rutgers University, Chair, 1999
Journal of the History of Ideas, Editorial Assistant, 1998–99

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

French: Fluently read, spoken, and written

Spanish: Reading knowledge