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## *Curriculum Vitae*

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### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D., History, University of Pennsylvania (2013)

Dissertation: “The Specter of Skepticism and the Sources of Certainty in the Eighteenth Century, 1697–1772”

M.A., History, University of Pennsylvania (2009)

B.A., *Summa cum Laude*, honors in History, Classics minor, University of Pennsylvania (2007)

### **EMPLOYMENT**

Assistant Professor of History, Kenyon College (July 1, 2014–Present)

Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in the Humanities, Stanford Humanities Center and The Department of French and Italian, Stanford University (September 2013–August 2015)

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **BOOKS**

*The Specter of Skepticism in the Age of Enlightenment* (Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2016)

#### **BOOK MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION**

*Let There Be Enlightenment: The Religious and Mystical Sources of Rationality*, co-edited with Dan Edelstein, scheduled to be submitted for review to the Johns Hopkins University Press in 2016

*Age of Skepticism: Pervasive Doubt and the Origins of Eighteenth-Century Reason, Religion, and Political Thought*, co-edited with Jeffrey D. Burson, scheduled to be submitted for review the Oxford University Studies in the Enlightenment in 2016

#### **ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS IN PRINT**

“Of Beasts and Men: Debates about Animal Souls in Eighteenth-Century France,”

*Eighteenth-Century Thought* 6 (forthcoming in 2016)

“Reason and Utility in Eighteenth-Century French Religious Apologetics,” in *God in the Enlightenment*, ed. Robert Ingram and William Bulman (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016), 63–82

“Historical Pyrrhonism and Historical Certainty in the Early Enlightenment,” in *Pour et contre le scepticisme: Théories et pratiques de l’Antiquité aux Lumières*, ed. Elodie Argaud, Nawalle El Yadari, Sébastien Charles, and Gianni Paganini (Paris: Champion, 2015), 243–259

“Pyrrhonism or Academic Skepticism? Friedrich Wilhelm Bierling’s ‘Reasonable Doubt’ in the *Commentatio de Pyrrhonismo Historico* (1724),” *Sképsis* 7, no. 10 (2014) <http://revista-skepsis.com/skepsis/n10/7anton.pdf>

- “Fictional Letters or Real Accusations? Anonymous Correspondence in the Bayle-Jurieu Controversy,” *Societate si politica/Society and Politics* 7, no.2 (2013): 178–190
- “Skepticism and Certainty in Seventeenth- and Eighteenth-Century Speculations about the Plurality of Worlds,” *Science et Esprit* 65, no.3 (2013): 359–372
- “Bayle’s Protestant Critics at the Dawn of the Enlightenment,” in *Scepticism in the Eighteenth Century: Enlightenment, Lumières, Aufklärung*, ed. Sébastien Charles and Plínio Junqueira Smith (Dordrecht: Springer, 2013), 63–76
- “‘Curing’ Pyrrhonian Doubt: Anti-Skeptical Rhetoric in the Early 18<sup>th</sup> Century,” *Societate si politica/ Society and Politics* 6, no.1 (2012): 66–79
- “A reação protestante ao ceticismo de Bayle: os casos de Crousaz e Boulier,” trans. Plínio Junqueira Smith, *Integração: ensino pesquisa extensão*, no. 58 (2009): 235–244

#### ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS UNDER REVIEW

- “The Many Lives of Bayle’s *Dictionnaire historique et critique* in the Eighteenth Century,” under review for publication in *Libertinage et Philosophie au XVII<sup>e</sup> siècle* no. 14
- “Battling for Souls: Book Reviews and Religious Controversies in the *Mémoires de Trévoux*,” to be resubmitted to *Studies in Eighteenth-Century Culture*

#### BOOK REVIEWS

- Mara van der Lugt, *Bayle, Jurieu, and the Dictionnaire Historique et Critique* (2016) forthcoming in *H-France* in 2016
- Ulrich L. Lehner, *The Catholic Enlightenment: The Forgotten History of a Global Movement* (2016), forthcoming in *H-Albion* in 2016
- Correspondance de Pierre Bayle*. XI: *Août 1697-décembre 1698* and XII: *Janvier 1699-décembre 1702* (2014–15), ed. Elisabeth Labrousse, Antony McKenna, Hubert Bost, et al., *Modern Language Review* 111, no.3 (2016): 868–869
- Stéphane Van Damme, *À toutes voiles vers la vérité: Une autre histoire de la philosophie au temps des Lumières* (2014), *Journal of Modern History* 87, no. 4 (2015): 934–936
- Certitude et incertitude à la Renaissance*, edited by Florence Malhomme and Margaret Jones-Davies (2013), *Renaissance Quarterly* 67, no. 2 (2014): 651–652
- Dan Edelstein, *The Enlightenment: A Genealogy* (2010), *The European Legacy* 18, no. 2 (2013): 244–245

#### CONFERENCE PAPERS PRESENTED

- “Troubles with Time: Universal History and Chronology at the Académie des inscriptions” to be presented at the American Historical Association (Denver, CO), January 2017
- “Contesting Time: Ancient Chronologies at the Académie des inscriptions” to be presented at the Society for the Study of the Humanities (Johns Hopkins University, MD), October 2016
- “Conflicting Chronologies at the Académie des inscriptions” presented at the Scientiae Conference on Disciplines of Knowing in the Early Modern World (Oxford University, UK), July 5, 2016
- “The Quarrel over Chronology at the Académie des inscriptions” presented at a conference entitled *The Long Quarrel: Ancients and Moderns in the Eighteenth Century* (University of Amsterdam), June 16, 2016
- “The Struggle for Light in the French Enlightenment” presented at the American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (Pittsburgh, PA), March 31, 2016

- “Whose Light Is It Anyway? The Struggle for Light in the French Enlightenment” presented at the Kenyon Faculty Seminar (Kenyon College), January 27, 2016
- “Enlightenment Bitterly Contested” presented at the French Culture Workshop (Stanford University, CA), October 8, 2015
- “The Many Lives of Bayle’s Dictionary in the Eighteenth Century” presented at the International Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (Rotterdam, Netherlands), July 27, 2015
- “The Many Lives of Bayle’s *Dictionnaire historique et critique* in the Eighteenth Century” presented at the American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (Los Angeles, CA), March 19, 2015
- “Voltaire’s Soul: Debates about the Nature of the Soul in the Enlightenment” presented at the International Society for the Study of European Ideas (Porto, Portugal), August 6, 2014
- “The Scientific Revolution Devours Its Children: The Legacy of Descartes in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century” presented at the Society for French Historical Studies (Montreal, Canada), April 25, 2014 and at the International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science (University of Ghent, Belgium), July 4, 2014
- “The Dark Side of Light: Reason, Faith, and Progress in the French Enlightenment” presented at the International Society for Intellectual History (Victoria University, Canada), June 25, 2014
- “Les débats sur le rapport de l’esprit et du corps selon Voltaire” presented at an international conference entitled Voltaire-philosophe (Paris, France), May 22, 2014
- “Whose Light Is It Anyway? Religion and Reason in the Age of Enlightenment” presented at a conference entitled Let There Be Enlightenment: The Religious and Mystical Sources of Rationality (Stanford University, CA), May 16, 2014
- “Of Beasts and Men: Debates about Animal Souls in the French Literature of the Early Eighteenth Century” presented at the American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies (Williamsburg, VA), March 20, 2014
- “Animal Souls in the French Literature of the Early Enlightenment” presented at the French Culture Workshop (Stanford University, CA), November 14, 2013
- “The Skeptical Consequences of Cartesian Dualism: The Decline of Metaphysics and the Rise of Probability” presented at the Quebec Seminar in Early-Modern Philosophy (Sherbrooke, Canada), September 28, 2013
- “Inoculating Young Skeptics: Anti-Skeptical Pedagogy in the Works of Jean-Pierre de Crousaz” presented at the World Congress in Philosophy (Athens, Greece), August 5, 2013
- “Anti-Skeptical Pedagogy in the Early Enlightenment” presented at the conference of the International Society for Intellectual History (Princeton University, NJ), June 7, 2013
- “Anti-Skeptical Epistemology: The Challenge of Pyrrhonism and the Rise of Probability” presented at the Scottish Seminar in Early-Modern Philosophy (University of Aberdeen, UK), May 2, 2013
- “Battling for Souls: Book Reviews and Religious Controversies in the *Mémoires de Trévoux*” presented at the American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (Cleveland, OH), April 5, 2013
- “Irreligion and Its Discontents: The Rhetorical Strategies of Apologetic Literature in the Early Enlightenment” presented at the conference God and The Enlightenment (Ohio University), October 5, 2012
- “Fictional Letters or Real Accusations? Anonymous Correspondence in the Bayle-Jurieu

- Controversy” presented at the International Society for the Study of European Ideas (Nicosia University, Cyprus), July 5, 2012
- “Pyrrhonism or Academic Skepticism? Friedrich Wilhelm Bierling’s ‘Reasonable Doubt’ in the *Commentatio de Pyrrhonismo Historico* (1724)” presented at the International Society for the Study of European Ideas (Nicosia University, Cyprus), July 4, 2012
- “Historical Fiction and Historical Certainty in the Quarrel of the Ancients and Moderns” presented at the American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (San Antonio, TX), March 23, 2012
- “Comment ‘guérir’ le pyrrhonisme: l’apologétique anti-sceptique au début du 18eme siècle” presented at the monthly research seminar “Littérature et savoirs au XVIIIe siècle” (Université de Paris-Ouest, France), January 19, 2012
- “Historical Pyrrhonism and Historical Certainty in the Early Enlightenment” presented at the International Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (Graz, Austria), July 27, 2011 and at the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Bucharest-Princeton Seminar in Early-Modern Philosophy (Bran, Romania), July 5, 2011
- “Skepticism and Certainty in Seventeenth- and Eighteenth-Century Speculations about the Plurality of Worlds” presented at the International Society for the Study of European Ideas (Cankaya University, Turkey), August 3, 2010
- “Bayle’s Protestant Critics at the Dawn of the Enlightenment” presented at the International Symposium on Scepticism and the Enlightenment (Universidade Sao Judas Tadeu, Brazil), December 2, 2009
- “Pierre-Sylvain Régis and the Cartesian Debates About the Soul” presented at the European Science Foundation: From Natural Philosophy to Science (Den Bosch, Netherlands), July 18, 2008

#### FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Labalme Faculty Research Grant: Awarded by Kenyon College for summer research on my second monograph (2016)
- Bourse Chateaubriand Fellow (UPenn and Université de Paris VIII, Vincennes – Saint-Denis): A highly competitive fellowship awarded by the Embassy of France in the USA (October 2011–May 2012)
- Institute for Humane Studies Research Fellow (UPenn): A competitive fellowship that provides research funding for doctoral students in any discipline (2010–11, 2011–12, 2012–13)
- University of Pennsylvania Dissertation Research Fellow (UPenn): A competitive research fellowship for graduate students in all departments of the university (July–August 2011)
- Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation Research Fellow (UPenn): A research fellowship awarded by the University of Pennsylvania for academic excellence (2009–10, 2010–11, 2012–13)
- Susan E. Snowden Fellow (UPenn): Awarded for academic excellence (2009–10)
- Vartan Gregorian Fellow (UPenn): Awarded for academic excellence (2007–08)
- Benjamin Franklin Fellowship (UPenn): A five-year fellowship awarded to incoming Ph.D. students (2007–11, 2012–13)
- Lynn M. Case Prize (UPenn): Awarded by the History Department for the best undergraduate thesis in European History for “Skepticism and Belief in Early-Modern France: The Fideism of Bishop Pierre-Daniel Huet” <http://repository.upenn.edu/curej/57/> (2007)
- Phi Beta Kappa Thesis Prize (UPenn): Awarded by the School of Arts and Sciences for the best undergraduate thesis in any discipline (2007)

Rose Undergraduate Research Award (UPenn): Awarded by the Center for Undergraduate Research and Fellowships for the best undergraduate thesis in any discipline (2007)  
Phi Beta Kappa (UPenn): Inducted at the end of junior year (2006)

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor for “Early Modern Europe,” Kenyon College, Fall 2015, Fall 2016  
Instructor for “The Practice and Theory of History: The French Revolution,” Kenyon College  
Fall 2016  
Instructor for “The Scientific Revolution and the European Enlightenment, 1600-1800,” Kenyon  
College, Spring 2016  
Instructor for “History of the Renaissance and the Reformation,” Kenyon College, Spring 2016  
Instructor for “Thinking about God in Modern Europe,” Kenyon College, Spring 2016  
Instructor for “Revolt, Rebellion, and Revolution in European Thought,” Kenyon College, Fall  
2015, Fall 2016  
Instructor for “Revolutionary Moments in French Thought,” Stanford University, Fall 2014  
Instructor for “Conceiving Other Worlds: Travel Narrative and Science Fiction in Early-Modern  
France,” Stanford University, Spring 2014  
Instructor for “Skepticism and Atheism in Early-Modern France,” Stanford University, Fall 2013  
Teaching Assistant for “Europe in a Wider World since 1500,” University of Pennsylvania,  
Spring 2010  
Teaching Assistant for “History of Imperial Russia, 1689–1905,” University of Pennsylvania,  
Fall 2009  
Grader for “History of European International Relations, 1914–Present,” University of  
Pennsylvania, Spring 2009  
Teaching Assistant for “History of European International Relations, 1648–1914,” University of  
Pennsylvania, Fall 2008  
Substitute lecturer for “Intellectual History of the 18<sup>th</sup> Century,” Lecture on La Mettrie’s  
*Machine Man* and *The System of Epicurus*, University of Pennsylvania, April 14, 2011  
Substitute lecturer for Intellectual History of the 17<sup>th</sup> Century, Lecture on Descartes’s *Passions  
of the Soul*, University of Pennsylvania, October 16, 2008

#### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

##### SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Organizer for panel entitled “Universal Histories Between Erudition and Enlightenment” the  
American Historical Association (Denver, CO), January 2017  
Organizer for panel entitled “Between Antiquity and Universality: The Uses of Ancient History  
in Enlightenment Historical Thought” at the Scientiae Conference on Disciplines of  
Knowing in the Early Modern World (Oxford University, UK), July 5, 2016  
Organizer and chair for a session entitled “Religion and Irreligion in the Enlightenment” at the  
American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (Pittsburgh, PA), April 5, 2016  
Organizer and chair for a session entitled “Eighteenth-Century Materialisms” at the Society for  
French Historical Studies (Nashville, TN), March 5, 2016  
Organizer (with Sébastien Charles) of a two-part session entitled “Pierre Bayle and the  
Enlightenment” / “Pierre Bayle et les Lumières” at the International Society for  
Eighteenth-Century Studies (Rotterdam, Netherlands), July 27 2015  
Organizer and chair for a session entitled “Pierre Bayle and the Enlightenment” at the American  
Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (Los Angeles, CA), March 19, 2015

- Organizer (with Dan Edelstein) of a conference entitled “Let There Be Enlightenment: The Religious and Mystical Sources of Rationality” (Stanford University), May 16–17, 2014  
<http://www.lettherebeenlightenment.com/>
- Organizer and chair for a session entitled “Mind, Body, and Human Nature in Early-Modern Thought” scheduled to take place at the Conference of the International Society for the Study of European Ideas (Porto, Portugal), August 6, 2014
- Chair for a session entitled “Intellectual History and the Enlightenment II” at the conference of the International Society for Intellectual History (Intellectual Hinterlands) (Victoria University, Canada), June 27, 2014
- Chair for a session entitled “Scientific Hinterlands” at the conference of the International Society for Intellectual History (Intellectual Hinterlands) (Victoria University, Canada), June 26, 2014
- Organizer and commentator for a session entitled “Suspending Political Judgment: The Skeptical Tradition and the Critique of Political Authority in Pre- and Post-Revolutionary France” / “L’époque politique: la philosophie sceptique et la critique de l’autorité politique dans la France pre- et post-révolutionnaire” at the Society for French Historical Studies (Montreal, Canada), April 2014
- Organizer and chair for a session entitled “Controversies and Debates in the Learned Journals of the French-Speaking World, 1685–1750” at the American Society of Eighteenth-Century Studies (Williamsburg, VA), March 21, 2014
- Session chair at the conference “Between Theory and Practice: the 19th century French Socialist Press at the Stanford University Libraries” (Stanford University), November 1–2, 2013
- Chair for a session entitled “Liberal Education and Values” at the conference of the International Society for Intellectual History (The Importance of Learning: Liberal Education and Scholarship in Historical Perspective) (Princeton University, NJ), June 7, 2013
- Chair for a session entitled “Forms of Knowledge, Scholarship, and Liberal Education” at the conference of the International Society for Intellectual History (The Importance of Learning: Liberal Education and Scholarship in Historical Perspective) (Princeton University, NJ), June 6, 2013

#### **SERVICE**

- Faculty Affairs Committee Member (Fall 2016–Present)
- Search Committee Member for Visiting Assistant Professor of South Asian History at Kenyon College, 2015–16
- Peer reviewer for *Cultural History*, November–December 2013
- Application reviewer for Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship in the Humanities, November–December 2013

#### **PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES**

- American Historical Association: member since 2010
- American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies: member since 2010
- International Society for Intellectual History: member since 2010
- Society for French Historical Studies: member since 2013
- Society for the History of Authorship, Reading, and Publishing: member from 2013 to 2014

#### OTHER RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Cataloguer of French Manuscripts, Rare Book & Manuscript Library, University of Pennsylvania, May 2008–August 2008

Student Associate, Rare Book & Manuscript Library, University of Pennsylvania, 2004–07

#### FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Native Fluency in Russian and French

Scholarly Proficiency in Latin and Spanish

#### PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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