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Universities:

London School of Economics
PhD in International History, Congratulatory Viva
American Association of University Women Graduate Fellowship
Wellesley College Fellowship for study abroad

St. Anne's College, Oxford University
BA Honours, MA (Oxon.)

Wellesley College
BA with Highest Honors, Phi Beta Kappa
Durant Scholar, Wellesley Scholar, Erasmus Prize
Academy of American Poets campus competition, second prize, judge Robert Pinsky
National Merit Scholar

Positions held:

Lecturer/ Assistant/ Associate Professor of History, University of Illinois at Chicago, 1984-
Visiting Associate Professor of History, Dept. of Political Science, University of Chicago, Winter 1993
Teaching Fellow, Core Curriculum, Harvard University, 1983-4 (Professors John Clive and Patrice Higonnet)
Teaching Fellow, Department of History, Tufts University, 1983 (Professor Henri Laurent)
Lecturer in Modern History, Trinity College, Oxford University, 1980-1 (Anthony Nicholls)

Selected Publications:

(In press), "Representations of the Poison Gas War on the Eastern and Southeastern Fronts, 1915-1917,"
Genocide in the Early Modern and Imperial Worlds, from c. 1535 to World War One, vol. ii of *The Cambridge World History of Genocide*, general editor, Benedict Kiernan.

"Révélations sur les Prémices de la Shoah," *Historia*, Jan.-Feb. 2017.

The Popular Front and Central Europe: the Dilemmas of French Impotence, 1918-1940,
Cambridge University Press, paperback, 2002, hardcover 1992.
A selection of the American Council of Learned Societies' Humanities E-Book Project,
2001
George Louis Beer Prize of the American Historical Association, 1992

"The Reorientation of French Diplomacy: the Case of Jacques Seydoux, 1920-1924" in *The English Historical Review* (OUP), September 2002.

“La diplomatie et l’armée françaises face au problème de la barrière de l’est (1923-1926)”, *Revue d’Histoire diplomatique* (Editions de la Sorbonne), October 2001.

Review essay, “The Historian, War and the Counter-factual”, in *War In History*, 2001.

Review of Ernest May, *Strange Victory*, in *The English Historical Review* (OUP), April 2001.

“Une Mésentente Cordiale” in *Bâtir Une Nouvelle Sécurité*, ed. Jacques Bariéty and Maurice Vaisse, Service Historique de l’Armée de Terre/Centre d’histoire du monde germanique et danubien de l’Université de Paris-IV, Paris, 2001.

“Gamelin & the Fall of France” in *The Historical Dictionary of World War II France: the Occupation, Vichy and the Resistance*, ed. Bertram Gordon, Greenwood Press, 1998.

Review essay of Pierre Péan, *Une jeunesse française, François Mitterand 1934-1947*, in *The Journal of Modern History*, March 1997.

"Strategy and Scapegoatism: Reflections on the French National Catastrophe, 1940" in *Historical Reflections/ Réflexions historiques*, Winter 1996; reprinted in *The French Defeat of 1940: Reassessments*, ed. Joel Blatt, (Oxford, 1998, 2000); reprinted in *The Second World War, Vol. 1, The German War, 1939-1942*, ed. Jeremy Black, (Oxford, 2007).

"Léon Blum au moment de la menace hitlérienne" in *Léon Blum, Socialiste Européen*, Editions Complexes, Brussels, 1995.

Review of Arno Klarsfeld, *Touvier, un Crime français* in *History of European Ideas*, July 1995.

"Maurice Gamelin, Italy and the Eastern Alliances," *The Journal of Strategic Studies*, December 1991.

"Léon Blum and Czechoslovakia," *French History*, March 1991.

"Une Mission diplomatique en Europe centrale," *Les Cahiers Léon Blum*, December, 1990.

"The Cut-Price War on the Peripheries," in *Paths to War*, ed. by Robert Boyce & E.M. Robertson, Macmillan, 1989.

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In progress, an archival study and several articles. Relying on archives in ten countries, *The Zyklon Trail: On the Origins of Medicalized Killing in Auschwitz-Birkenau* will consider such themes as the influence of imperialism on medicine and warfare, the evolution of strategies of inflicting mechanized death on civilians alongside technological developments in mass death 1915-18, and their sequel in the Third Reich. Two articles will explore Vichy French military intelligence reports from October 1940 on the use of Zyklon in the first ethnic gassings in the Second World War as well as Hitler’s role in Pearl Harbor.

Fellowships and Honors since the PhD:

Research Affiliate, Center for European Studies, Harvard University, 2010-

Remarque Institute, NYU, Fellowship, 2005 (Declined)

Senior Fellow, Institute for the Humanities, University of Illinois, 2003-4

Choice of The Popular Front and Central Europe for the American Council of Learned Societies’ Humanities E-Book Project [original list], a list of classic texts in the humanities published in the last 75 years.

John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship, 1998-9

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for University Teachers, 1997-8

University Scholar, University of Illinois at Chicago, 1993-6

George Louis Beer Prize, American Historical Association, 1992

Junior Fellow, Institute for the Humanities, University of Illinois, 1988-9

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, 1987

University of Illinois Research Board Summer Travel Grants, 1985, 1987

Selected Professional Activities:

Historiches Seminar, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität, Freiburg, Proposed title: "Post Card Photography of Poison Gas Warfare against Civilians and Walter Benjamin's Polemic with Ernst Jünger on the War of the Future" Convenor: Jörn Leonhard, May 2019

"The Escalating Poison War of 1917," Invited talk (Ben Kiernan), Yale University, Genocide Studies Program, April 2017. Convenor: David Simon

"Down the Decades," one hour studio recording of a talking head appearance (sole commentator), Decades/CBS Digi-channels, Director: Diana Bodkins / "World War I: 28 June 1914 / 28 June 1919," Digital Broadcast, 28 June 2016; rebroadcast, 28 June 2017.

"Bolimów / Bolgako, June 1915," Invited talk (Timothy Snyder), Yale University, Russian and East European Reading Group, March 2016. Convenor: Paul Bushkovitz

"Two Small Photographs of the Great War," paper presentation, King's College, London, "War, Colonialism and Photography," sponsored by HERA [Humanities in the European Research Area], September 2015. Commentators: Santanu Das and Jay Winter

"The Experimental Poison Gas War 1915," paper presentation, University of Plymouth, Plymouth, UK, "Alternative Spaces of War: 1914 to the Present," July 2015. Commentator: Min Wild

"The Experimental Gas War on the Eastern Front in June 1915 as depicted in André Malraux's *Les Noyers de l'Altenburg*", paper presentation, Center for European Studies, Harvard University, CES conference: "Beyond the Western Front in World War I," April 2015. Commentators: Charles Maier and Thomas Weber

"The Redefinition of French Diplomacy: the Case of Jacques Seydoux, 1920-1924", Public lecture, UIC Institute for the Humanities, November 2003.

"Reparations and Security in Europe, 1920-1924", invited talk, the Remarque Institute of New York University, chair Tony Judt, October 2001.

"Helen Culver Ewing, 1910-1990: Hull House Volunteer and Friend of Jane Addams", Hull House Conference, University of Illinois at Chicago, October 2000.

"Les diplomates et les soldats français: visions d'une Europe d'après guerre", Centre Nationale des Recherches Scientifiques, conference on France's Wider European Presence in the 1920s, Paris, December 1999.

"The Post-war Social Contract", American Historical Association, Chair of a panel including Charles Maier, Volker Berghahn, Irwin Wall, Andrew Gordon and David Stebenne, January 1995.

"Léon Blum et l'Europe centrale," Invited Talk, "Léon Blum, Socialiste européen," Senate of the French Republic, Palais du Luxembourg, October 1993.

"France and the Origins of World War II," Public lecture, International Relations programme, University of Toronto, October, 1992.

"Methodology & Diplomatic History," Seminar presentation, University of Toronto, October, 1992.

"Launching World War II: the Case of the French General Staff," Invited talk, Center for West European Studies, University of California, Berkeley, October, 1991.

"The Alliance Diplomacy of the French General Staff: Czechoslovakia, Poland and Belgium, 1933-1940," Paper at the AHA, December, 1990. Co-panelists: Michael Geyer, Martin Alexander, Philip Bankwitz.

"Czechoslovakia, the Soviet Union and France, 1933-1938: a Western Perspective," Seminar for undergraduates and the History faculty, Palacky University, Olomouc, Czechoslovakia, May 1990.

"The French Military Mind Between the Wars: Maurice Gamelin," Annual Conference, Society for French Historical Studies, March 1987.

Service to the Wider Profession:

Referee in economic & military history: French Historical Studies; Referee in modern European history: Cambridge University Press, *English Historical Review*.

Midwest Regional Committee, Andrew Mellon Grants for Humanistic Studies, sponsored by the Woodrow Wilson Foundation, Committee Chair, 2001- , member 1995-2005.