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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

The Popular Front and Central Europe: the Dilemmas of French Impotence, 1918-1940,

Cambridge University Press, 1992; reissued as a paperback, Cambridge, 2002.
George Louis Beer Prize of the American Historical Association, 1992

Selection of the American Council of Learned Societies' Humanities E-Book Project, 2001

"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, Oxford University Press, April 2001.

"Une Méésentente Cordiale" in Bâtir Une Nouvelle Sécurité, ed. Jacques Bariéty and Maurice Vaïsse, 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 Mitterrand 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 Complexe, 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, two full-length, archival studies: one, a book on the First World War for the educated public and the second, a substantial scholarly monograph, *Reparations and Security in Europe, 1919-1933*, the subtext of which will be the transformation of German anti-Semitism in the final stages of the First World War and the immediate post-war (reoccupation of the Ruhr). Relying on archives in some 10 countries, the book on the First World War will consider such developments as the evolution of strategies of inflicting mechanized death upon civilians, changing medical paradigms, the influence of imperialism on medicine and warfare, and technological developments in the production of mass death during the First World War and their sequel. The most recently completed chapters for the First World War book concerns the problems of changing German medical paradigms in the Armenian genocide and of the poison gas war conducted by German scientists led by Fritz Haber.

Additionally, I have in the last year been at work on a shorter text to commemorate the centenary of the First World War. *Bolimów / Bolgako June 1915* centers on a scene from a novel by André Malraux depicting a little known historical episode from the First World War, in which a German regiment refused to continue a poison gas assault and instead carried stricken Russians to waiting German field ambulances. The text is diachronic and also evokes the Syrian crisis of 2013-14 and the question of high tech warfare against unprotected, defenseless targets.

Fellowships and Honors since the PhD

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

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

“Bolimów / Bolgako, June 1915,” 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 1915. Commentators: Santanu Das and Jay Winter

“The Experimental Poison Gas War 1915-1917,” paper presentation, University of Plymouth, Plymouth, UK, “Alternative Spaces of War: 1914 to the Present,” July 1915. 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, “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.

Referee in economic & military history: French Historical Studies.

Referee in modern European history: Cambridge University Press, English Historical Review.

Service to the Wider Profession

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

Board of Institute for the Humanities, University of Illinois at Chicago, 1993-5.