

# Claire-Marie Brisson

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## Education

**Ph.D.** in French (ABD) – The University of Virginia – Charlottesville, VA  
Specialization: Transatlantic literature and cultural history between France and Québec (1929-1945)  
August 2016 – present

**M.A.** in French – Wayne State University – Detroit, MI  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Thesis: *L’Idéologie fasciste et l’esthétique de l’image sous l’Occupation en France.*  
August 2013 – May 2016

**B.A.** in French and Secondary Education – The University of Michigan – Dearborn, Michigan  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Minors: German and Political Science  
August 2009 – April 2013

## Academic Positions

**Graduate Teaching Assistant**  
Department of French – The University of Virginia – Charlottesville, VA  
Representative Courses: French 1020, French 1050, Summer Language Institute  
August 2016 – present

**Graduate Teaching Assistant**  
School of Engineering and Applied Science – The University of Virginia – Charlottesville, VA  
Representative Courses: ENGR 2595 Special Topics in Engineering: Design Like You Mean It  
January 2020 – May 2020

**Graduate Co-Instructor**  
Summer Program in Stuttgart – “Global Technology Practice”  
The University of Virginia – Office of Summer and Special Academic Programs and The School of Engineering and Applied Science  
May 2019 – June 2019

**Visiting Assistant Professor**  
Department of Modern Languages – Hampden-Sydney College – Hampden-Sydney, VA  
Representative Courses: French 102  
January 2019 – May 2019

**Graduate Co-Instructor**  
January Term in Berlin and Weimar – “Germany Past and Present”  
The University of Virginia – Office of Summer and Special Academic Programs  
Berlin, Germany and Weimar, Germany  
January 2019

**Summer Enrichment Program Instructor**

June 2017 – present

Curry School of Education – The University of Virginia – Charlottesville, VA  
Representative Courses: Global Perspectives of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (Summer 2017);  
Lively Linguistics (Spring 2018); Journeying Europe (Summer 2018); Literature as  
Time-Travel (Spring 2019)

**Graduate Teaching Assistant**

August 2013 – May 2016

Department of French – Wayne State University – Detroit, MI  
Representative Courses: French 1010, French 1020

**High School French Instructor**

May 2013 – June 2013

Avondale High School – Auburn Hills, MI  
Representative Courses: French 1-5; AP French

**High School French Instructor**

January 2013 – April 2013

Stevenson High School – Livonia, MI  
Representative Courses: French 1-5; AP French. Student Teaching Placement.

**Middle School French Instructor**

December 2012

Riverside Middle School – Dearborn Heights, MI  
Representative Courses: 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade French

**High School French Instructor**

December 2011 – June 2012

Divine Child High School – Dearborn, MI  
Representative Courses: AP French, AP Government, German 3-4

**Administrative Positions****Graduate Student Program Assistant**

August 2019 – present

Jewish Studies at The University of Virginia – Charlottesville, VA  
Assistant to the Program Director and Affiliated Faculty.

**Program Assistant**

January 2019

January Term in Berlin and Weimar – “Germany Past and Present”  
The University of Virginia – Office of Summer and Special Academic Programs  
Berlin, Germany and Weimar, Germany

**Graduate Professional Development Liaison**

2018 – 2019

Center for Teaching Excellence (UVA) – Charlottesville, VA  
Tasks include the design and delivery of pedagogical and professional  
development initiatives for graduate students across the University, conducting  
teaching observations, and acting as a mentor.

**Graduate Student Program Assistant**

August 2018 – present

European Studies at The University of Virginia – Charlottesville, VA  
Assistant to the Program Director and Affiliated Faculty.

**Research Assistant and Translator**

2017 – 2018

Department of Sociology – The University of Virginia – Charlottesville, VA  
Assistant to Dr. Jeffrey Olick (William Kenan, Jr. Professor of Sociology and  
Chair of Sociology)  
Research: Translation of Maurice Halbwachs from French to English

**Research Assistant**

Department of Politics – The University of Virginia – Charlottesville, VA  
Assistant to Dr. David Leblang  
Research: German National Elections Data and Translation from German to English

April 2017 – August 2017

**Other Professional Experience****Language Instructor and Proficiency Coach**

Speak! Language Center – Charlottesville, VA  
Personal immersive courses, tutoring, and group classes

September 2019 - present

**Business French Oral Examiner**

CCI Paris-Île-de-France – Paris, France and Charlottesville, VA  
Level Tested: French B1 (Business French)

November 2017; May 2018

**Simultaneous Interpreter**

School of Architecture – The University of Virginia  
Special interpreter to François Jullien (Philosopher; Current Chair of Fondation  
Maison des sciences de l'homme – Paris, France)

16-17 November 2017

**Community Educator and Oral Proficiency Coach**

Alliance Française de Charlottesville – Charlottesville, VA  
Engagement with community events, summer classes, private consultation

August 2016 – April 2019

**Political Campaign Manager**

Dr. Anil Kumar for Congress – Farmington, MI  
11<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Director of Interns and Community Organizers;  
Director of Field Office

April 2016 – August 2016

**Historical Museum Presenter**

The Henry Ford – Dearborn, MI  
Pottery, Glassblowing, Mills, Machine Shop, and Tinsmith Shop

April 2016 – August 2016

**SYNC® French Language Navigation Tester and Voice Talent**

P3 & Ford Motor Co. – Dearborn, MI and Southfield, MI  
Project for Ford Canada and P3 North America

September 2014 – June 2016

**Field Organizer and Communications Chair**

American Federation of Teachers – Detroit, MI  
AFT Local 6123 – Graduate Employees' Organizing Committee

August 2014 – May 2016

**Bilingual Senate Intern**

Parliament of Canada – Ottawa, Ontario  
Office of Senator Joan Fraser (Montréal)  
Special Obligations: Senate Bill 101

Summer 2011

**Orientation Leader**

The University of Michigan – Dearborn, MI  
Office of Admissions and Orientation Staff

September 2010 – April 2013

**Endorsements****Michigan Teaching Certificate**

French (FA) and Political Science (CD)  
License Number: PV0000000865760

Valid until 2020; Renewable

**Professional Instruction of Business French Certificate**

Diplômes de français professionnel (DFP)  
Conferred by CCI Paris-Île-de-France – Paris, France

June 2017

**Honors and Fellowships****Senior Junior Fellow**

The Society of Fellows at The University of Virginia  
Elected by The Society of Fellows Junior Fellows

2019 – 2020

**Junior Fellow**

The Society of Fellows at The University of Virginia  
Nominated by Dr. Deborah McGrady (Department of French)

2018 – 2019

**Mapping the South Atlantic Fellowship**

Virginia Foundation for the Humanities – Charlottesville, VA  
Fellowship to participate in a digital humanities mapping seminar under the purview of Dr. S. Max Edelson (UVA History).

Spring 2018

**Jewish Studies Fellowship**

Department of Religious Studies – The University of Virginia – Charlottesville, VA  
Awarded to explore intersections between French Studies and Jewish identity.

2017-2018; 2018-2019; 2019-2020

**UVA GSAS Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences (AHSS) Summer Research Award**

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences – The University of Virginia – Charlottesville, VA  
Awarded for my summer research project “Transatlantic Reactions: Mapping the Ideological and Literary Currents of World War II Québec.”  
Research conducted in Canadian National Archives and Québec Provincial Holdings.

April 2017

**UVA GSAS Research and Professional Development Fund**

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences – The University of Virginia – Charlottesville, VA  
Awarded for professional development during dissertation writing.

August 2016

**National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Scholar** Summer 2014  
NEH in Avignon, France  
Program Title: *La Théâtralité et la réalité dans le théâtre français moderne*  
Under the direction of Dr. Mary Ann Frese Witt, North Carolina State University.

**Candace Beutell Garner Endowed Scholarship** August 2014  
Wayne State University – Detroit, MI  
Recognition of excellence in French Studies and Education.

**The Honor Scholar Award** April 2013  
The University of Michigan – Dearborn, MI  
Representative of a 4.0 in French Studies, as well as significant contributions to the university.

**Michigan Difference Makers Community Award** July 2012  
The University of Michigan – Dearborn, MI  
Awarded for work in Metro Detroit and Windsor/Essex (Canada) regions.

**University Partners Leadership Award** June 2012  
Leadership Detroit – Detroit, MI and Windsor, Ontario  
Representative of volunteer efforts to promote dialogue between Metro Detroit and Windsor/Essex (Canada) university and social communities.

## Publications

**“André Breton and the Legendary Topography of Québec”** *Forthcoming*  
*Under review.*

## Conferences and Talks

**Conference Presentation** March 2020  
“*Serviam*: Adrien Arcand’s Vision of a Fascist Canadian State.” – American Comparative Literature Association Annual Conference – Revisions of Fascism II: Comparative Fascisms – Chicago, IL (In English and French)

**Conference Presentation** April 2019  
“Adrien Arcand’s Vision of a Fascist Canadian State.” – First Annual Far-Right and Antifascism Conference – The University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA (In English and French)

**Conference Presentation** February 2019  
“(De)Sanctification of Space: The (Post-)Religious Landscape of Québec.” – Charles F. Fraker 2019 Conference – *Complex Spaces: Navigating Text & Territory* – The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI (In English and French)

**Special Correspondent – Television Interviews**

August 12, 2018

RDI Info – Radio-Canada Television – Montréal, QC & Charlottesville, VA  
Invited on the one-year anniversary of Charlottesville to conduct two interviews for Radio-Canada. ([Link](#)) (In French)

**Guest Panelist**

June 2018

*Colloque: France-Québec des relations directes et privilégiées depuis plus de 50 ans* — Union Française de Montréal – Montréal, QC  
Invited as a panelist discussing the transnational influences between Québec and France in literature. (In French)

**Guest Lecturer**

March 2018

Alliance Française de Charlottesville – Charlottesville, VA  
Invited to discuss Québec's role in the Francophone world during French Language Week 2018 (In French and English)

**Keynote Speaker**

March 2018

*Paris-Québec-Washington : collaborations historiques, relations directes et privilégiées et entraide réciproque* — Union Française de Montréal – Montréal, QC  
Invited as a keynote speaker to discuss the connections between Québec and the United States culturally, linguistically, historically, and politically.  
(In French)

**Guest Lecturer**

November 2017

HIUS 4501, “Canada and the United States” – The University of Virginia – Charlottesville, VA  
Invited as a guest lecturer to Dr. Alan Taylor's Canadian History class.  
(In English)

**Conference Presentation**

November 2017

“Mapping Meaning through Technology” – AAEEBL Southeast Regional Conference – Charlottesville, VA (In English)

**Guest Lecturer**

September &amp; December 2017

FREN 3032, “Texte, image, culture” – The University of Virginia – Charlottesville, VA  
Invited four times to speak on twentieth century poetry, as well as *L'Étranger* (Camus) by Commonwealth Professor of French, Dr. John Lyons.  
(In French)

**Eyewitness & Correspondent**

August 2017

Following the 2017 Alt-Right Events in Charlottesville  
Montréal, QC and Québec, QC  
Radio-Canada TV Skype Interview - August 13, 2017  
Radio-Canada Montreal Afternoon Radio News Interview - August 13, 2017  
Radio-Canada Québec Afternoon Radio News Interview - August 13, 2017  
Gravel le Matin Radio-Canada Interview - August 14, 2017  
TVA Nouvelles (LCN) Skype Interview - August 14, 2017  
Radio-Canada Ottawa Radio News Interview - August 14, 2017  
[Ici Radio-Canada Online News Interview](#) - August 14, 2017  
(All interviews conducted in French)

**Guest Lecturer**

“Québec French: Examples of Pronunciation, Slang, and Cultural Products.”  
Virginia Commonwealth University – Richmond, VA (In French and English)

March 2017

**Guest Lecturer**

FREN 3030, “The Sounds of French” – The University of Virginia –  
Charlottesville, VA – Lecture: “Québec French in Contextualization”  
(In French)

February 2017

**Conference Presentation**

“Immaculate Bodies: Fascist Aesthetic Dominance in Leni Riefenstahl’s  
*Olympia*” – The 58<sup>th</sup> Midwest Modern Language Association Annual Convention  
St. Louis, MO (In English and German)

November 2016

**Conference Presentation**

“Fashioning a Collective Perception: Decoding Fascist Aesthetics in Occupied  
France” – The 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Cincinnati Conference on Romance Languages and  
Literatures – The University of Cincinnati – Cincinnati, OH  
(In French and English)

April 2016

**Conference Presentation**

“Fascist Aesthetics in Occupied France” – The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Student  
Association Conference – Louisiana State University – Baton Rouge, LA  
(In French and English)

March 2016

**TED Talk**

“Life as a Polyglot” – TEDx Wayne State University – Detroit, MI  
(In English)

April 2015

**Leadership and Volunteering****Volunteer**

Venable Elementary School – Charlottesville, VA  
After-school French program for Kindergarten – 4<sup>th</sup> grade

January – May 2019

**Chair**

Social Initiatives Committee  
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Student Council at The University of  
Virginia – Charlottesville, VA

May – October 2018

**Co-Chair**

University Initiatives Committee  
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Student Council at The University of  
Virginia – Charlottesville, VA

August 2017 – May 2018

**Vice President and US Volunteer Correspondent**

Réseau Québec-Monde (Non-Governmental Organization)  
Montréal, QC

2017 – present

**French Department Liaison**

2017-2018

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Student Council at The University of  
Virginia – Charlottesville, VA

**Graduate Representative and Communications Chair**

2014-2016

American Federation of Teachers – Wayne State University Chapter  
Detroit, MI

**Professional Memberships**

Modern Language Association  
American Council for Québec Studies  
Réseau Québec-Monde  
Alliance Française de Charlottesville  
Great Lakes French Canadians  
American Federation of Teachers  
University of Michigan Alumni Organization  
University Partners Leadership Detroit Alumni Association

**Languages**

**English** (native fluency) – **French** (native fluency) –  
**German** (advanced speaking, advanced reading) –  
**Italian** (elementary speaking, intermediate reading) –  
**Dutch** (elementary speaking, elementary reading) –  
**Latin** (intermediate reading)