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EDUCATION

THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA - CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA *August 2016 - present*

Ph.D. in French (ABD)

Dissertation Title: "The Francophone North Atlantic: Identity, Religiosity, and Trauma in Francophone Canada."
Committee: Drs. Janet Horne, Alison Levine, Claire Lyu, and Richard Handler

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY - DETROIT, MI *August 2013 - May 2016*

M.A. in French

Thesis Title: "L'Idéologie fasciste et l'esthétique de l'image sous l'Occupation en France."
Director: Dr. Alina Cherry
Magna Cum Laude

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN - DEARBORN, MI *August 2009 - April 2013*

B.A. in French & Secondary Education

Minors: German, Political Science
Magna Cum Laude

ACADEMIC POSITIONS & REPRESENTATIVE COURSES

FRENCH

THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA - CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA - GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT

Representative Courses

French 1020, French 1050, French 2010, Summer Language Institute

August 2016 - present

HAMPDEN-SYDNEY COLLEGE - FARMVILLE, VA - VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Representative Courses

French 102

January 2019 - May 2019

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY - DETROIT, MI - GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT

Representative Courses

French 1010, French 1020

August 2013 - May 2016

SECONDARY SCHOOL FRENCH INSTRUCTOR - STATE OF MICHIGAN

High School French Instructor (May 2013-June 2013)

Avondale High School - Auburn Hills, MI

Representative Courses: French 1-5; AP French

2011-2013

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: 7th & 8th 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

GERMAN

THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA - BERLIN & WEIMAR, GERMANY - CO-INSTRUCTOR

January Term in Berlin and Weimar - "Germany Past and Present"
Office of Summer and Special Academic Programs

August 2016 - present

ENGINEERING

THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA - CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA - CO-INSTRUCTOR

ENGR 2595 Special Topics in Engineering: Design Like You Mean It

January 2020 - May 2020

ACADEMIC POSITIONS & REPRESENTATIVE COURSES (CONTINUED)

ENGINEERING

THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA - STUTTGART, GERMANY - CO-INSTRUCTOR

Summer Program in Stuttgart – “Global Technology Practice”

Office of Summer and Special Academic Programs and The School of Engineering and Applied Science

2020 Session Cancelled due to COVID-19

Summer 2019, 2020, 2021*

PEDAGOGY & SPECIAL EDUCATION

THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA - CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA - CURRY SCHOOL OF EDUCATION - SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM INSTRUCTOR

Representative Courses: Global Perspectives of the 21st Century (Summer 2017); Lively Linguistics (Spring 2018); Journeying Europe (Summer 2018); Literature as Time-Travel (Spring 2019); Global Cultures (Spring 2020)

June 2017 - present

MEDIA POSITIONS

RADIO-CANADA ALBERTA - JOURNALISTE-PIGISTE/FREELANCE JOURNALIST

Monthly Contributor: Francophonie des Amériques - Ici Première - Edmonton, Alberta

Contributions include topics related to history and current events in Francophone North America.

January 2020 - present

THE NORTH AMERICAN FRANCOPHONE PODCAST

Host and Director - Streaming on Apple Podcasts and Spotify

This podcast highlights the multivocality and richness of Francophone North America in a broadcast format, including episodes about the culture, history, and traditions of Francophone peoples in Canada, the United States, and beyond.

Interviews with salient public figures are also integral to the podcast.

November 2019 - present

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ASSISTANTSHIPS

THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA - EUROPEAN STUDIES GRADUATE STUDENT PROGRAM ASSISTANT

Assistant to the Program Director and Affiliated Faculty.

August 2018 - present

THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA - JEWISH STUDIES GRADUATE STUDENT PROGRAM ASSISTANT

Assistant to the Program Director and Affiliated Faculty.

August 2019 - May 2020

THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA - DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY RESEARCH ASSISTANT

*Assistant to Dr. Jeffrey Olick (William Kenan, Jr. Professor of Sociology and Chair of Sociology)
Research: Translation of Maurice Halbwachs from French to English*

2017 - 2018

THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA - DEPARTMENT OF POLITICS RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Assistant to Dr. David Leblang

Research: German National Elections Data and Translation from German to English

April 2017 - August 2017

LANGUAGE SERVICES

LANGUAGE INSTRUCTOR AND ORAL PROFICIENCY COACH - SPEAK! LANGUAGE CENTER

Personal immersive courses, tutoring, and group classes.

September 2019 - present

BUSINESS FRENCH ORAL EXAMINER - CCI PARIS ÎLE-DE-FRANCE

*Paris, France & Charlottesville, VA
Examination of B1 speaking ability.*

November 2017; May 2018; May 2019

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 - ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE DE CHARLOTTESVILLE

Engagement with community events, summer classes, private consultation.

August 2016 - April 2019

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

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

POLITICS & COMMUNITY ORGANIZING

POLITICAL CAMPAIGN MANAGER - FARMINGTON, MI

*Dr. Anil Kumar for Congress
11th Congressional District Director of Interns and Community Organizers; Director of Field Office*

April 2016 - August 2016

FIELD ORGANIZER AND COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR - DETROIT, MI

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

August 2014 - May 2016

BILINGUAL SENATE INTERN - OTTAWA, ONTARIO

*Parliament of Canada
Office of Senator Joan Fraser (Montréal)
Special Obligations: Senate Bill 101*

Summer 2011

ORIENTATION LEADER - DEARBORN, MI

*Parliament of Canada
Office of Senator Joan Fraser (Montréal)
Special Obligations: Senate Bill 101*

September 2010 – April 2013

OTHER EXPERIENCE

THE HAPPY COOK - CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA

Professional cooking classes, merchandise, restocking, and culinary product knowledge.

November 2019 - present

THE HENRY FORD - GREENFIELD VILLAGE MUSEUM PRESENTER - DEARBORN, MI

Pottery, Glassblowing, Mills, Machine Shop, and Tinsmith Shop

April 2016 - August 2016

HONORS & 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.*

2018-2020

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, Department of History at The University of Virginia.*

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.*

2017-2021

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

*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.*

Summer 2014

CANDACE BEUTELL GARNER ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

*Wayne State University, Detroit, MI
Recognition of excellence in French Studies and Education.*

August 2014

HONORS & FELLOWSHIPS (CONTINUED)

THE HONOR SCHOLAR AWARD

*The University of Michigan, Dearborn, MI
Representative of a 4.0 in French Studies, as well as significant contributions to the university.*

April 2013

MICHIGAN DIFFERENCE MAKERS COMMUNITY AWARD

*The University of Michigan, Dearborn, MI
Awarded for work in Metro Detroit and Windsor/Essex (Canada) regions.*

July 2012

UNIVERSITY PARTNERS LEADERSHIP AWARD

*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.*

June 2012

MEDIA APPEARANCES & COVERAGE

RECURRING MEDIA APPEARANCES

THE NORTH AMERICAN FRANCOPHONE PODCAST

*Host and Director
Streaming on Apple Podcasts and Spotify; Content available on Twitter and Facebook
This podcast highlights the multivocality and richness of Francophone North America in a broadcast format, including episodes about the culture, history, and traditions of Francophone peoples in Canada, the United States, and beyond.
Interviews with salient public figures are also integral to the podcast.*

November 2019 - present

MONTHLY RADIO CHRONICLES – RADIO-CANADA ALBERTA

*Le Café Show – Edmonton, Alberta
Monthly Contributor – Francophonie des Amériques, Ici Première – Edmonton, Alberta
I present a series of cultural interviews that inform listeners about the history of Franco-American populations.
Contributions include topics on the history and current events relating to Francophones in North America, with specific emphasis on Canada and the United States.
(All interviews conducted in French)*

January 2020 - present

INTERVIEWS & COVERAGE

TELEVISION

TV5 UNIS - TOURNÉE GÉNÉRALE

*Toronto, Ontario
Interview discussing my status as a Franco-Michigander for the Mois de la Francophonie.
(Interview conducted in French)*

11 March 2020

RDI INFO

*Montréal, Québec
Invited on the one-year anniversary of Charlottesville to conduct two interviews for RDI Info.
(Both interviews conducted in French)*

12 August 2018

RADIO-CANADA TELEVISION & TVA NOUVELLES

*Following the 2017 Alt-Right Events in Charlottesville that I witnessed firsthand, I was called upon to conduct a series of television interviews. These included:
- Montréal: Radio-Canada Television Skype Interview, 13 August 2017
- Québec/Montréal/Ottawa: TVA Nouvelles (LCN) Skype Interview, 14 August 2017
(All interviews conducted in French)*

13-14 August 2017

RADIO

RADIO-CANADA SASKATCHEWAN - POUR FAIRE UN MONDE

*Regina, Saskatchewan
Interview with Doris Labrie discussing the diversity of the French language in North America.
(Interview conducted in French)*

24 June 2020

RADIO-CANADA ONTARIO - MATINS SANS FRONTIÈRES, WINDSOR

*Windsor, Ontario
Interview with Mathieu Cordeau discussing my experience growing up in Metro Detroit listening to Radio-Canada Windsor. This interview was a part of the station's programming celebrating its 50th anniversary.
(Interview conducted in French)*

22 May 2020

MEDIA APPEARANCES & COVERAGE (CONTINUED)

RADIO-CANADA SASKATCHEWAN - POUR FAIRE UN MONDE

Regina, Saskatchewan

20 March 2020

« *Quand Détroit célèbre la francophonie* »

Interview with Doris Labrie discussing Detroit's Francophone legacy, and continued cultural traditions, including the Marche du Nain Rouge.

(Interview conducted in French)

RADIO-CANADA ONTARIO - MATINS SANS FRONTIÈRES, WINDSOR

Windsor, Ontario

28 January 2020

Interview discussing The North American Francophone Podcast.

(Interview conducted in French)

RADIO-CANADA SASKATCHEWAN - POUR FAIRE UN MONDE

Regina, Saskatchewan

2 December 2019

Interview discussing The North American Francophone Podcast and the status of North American French studies with Doris Labrie.

(Interview conducted in French)

RADIO-CANADA BRITISH COLUMBIA - CULTURE ET CONFITURE

Vancouver, British Columbia

30 November 2019

Interview with Mireille Langlois discussing The North American Francophone Podcast, growing up in a bilingual French-English household in Metro Detroit, and the status of North American French studies.

(Interview conducted in French)

RADIO-CANADA ALBERTA - LE CAFÉ SHOW

Edmonton, Alberta

28 November 2019

Interview with Benoît Michaud about hosting The North American Francophone Podcast and the subjects relating to launching a Francophone history and culture podcast for an English-speaking audience.

(Interview conducted in French)

RADIO-CANADA INTERVIEWS FOLLOWING THE 'UNITE THE RIGHT' RALLY IN CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA

Following the 2017 alt-right rally in Charlottesville, I was brought on-air to speak as an eyewitness.

13-14 August 2017

These interviews included:

- Radio-Canada Montréal Afternoon Radio News Interview, 13 August 2017

- Radio-Canada Québec City Afternoon Radio News Interview, 13 August 2017

- Radio-Canada Gravel le matin interview, 14 August 2017

- Radio-Canada Ottawa Afternoon Radio News Interview, 14 August 2017

(All interviews conducted in French)

CONFERENCES & TALKS

VIRTUAL GUEST LECTURER - THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA, EVANSVILLE, IN

Invited as a guest lecturer to Dr. Alexandra Natoli's Francophone cultures class.

3 April 2020

(In English and French)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATION - "BANAL BASILICAS: THE POST- RELIGIOUS LANDSCAPE OF QUÉBEC."

25th Carolina Conference for Romance Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

March 2020

(In English and French)

**Cancelled due to COVID-19*

CONFERENCE PRESENTATION - "SERVIAM: ADRIEN ARCAND'S VISION OF A FASCIST CANADIAN STATE."

March 2020

American Comparative Literature Association Annual Meeting – Revisions of Fascism II: Comparative

Fascisms – Chicago, IL.

(In English and French)

**Cancelled due to COVID-19*

CONFERENCE PRESENTATION - "ADRIEN ARCAND'S VISION OF A FASCIST CANADIAN STATE."

First Annual Far-Right and Antifascism Conference – The University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

April 2019

(In English and French)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATION - "(DE)SANCTIFICATION OF SPACE: THE (POST-)RELIGIOUS LANDSCAPE OF QUÉBEC."

Charles F. Fraker 2019 Conference – Complex Spaces: Navigating Text & Territory – The University

February 2019

of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

(In English and French)

CONFERENCES & TALKS (CONTINUED)

- GUEST PANELIST - "COLLOQUE: FRANCE-QUÉBEC DES RELATIONS DIRECTES ET PRIVILÉGIÉES DEPUIS PLUS DE 50 ANS "
- June 2018*
- Union Française de Montréal – Montréal, QC*
Invited as a panelist discussing the transnational influences between Québec and France in literature.
(In French)
- GUEST LECTURER - QUÉBEC ET LE MONDE
- 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 - "PARIS-QUÉBEC-WASHINGTON : COLLABORATIONS HISTORIQUES, RELATIONS DIRECTES ET PRIVILÉGIÉES ET ENTRAIDE RÉCIPROQUE"
- March 2018*
- 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 - "CANADA AND THE US"
- November 2017*
- HUIS 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 - "MAPPING MEANING THROUGH TECHNOLOGY"
- November 2017*
- AAEEBL Southeast Regional Conference – Charlottesville, VA*
(In English)
- GUEST LECTURER - "TEXTE, IMAGE, CULTURE"
- December 2017*
- FREN 3032, "Texte, image, culture" – The University of Virginia – Charlottesville, VA*
Invited two times to speak on twentieth century poetry by Commonwealth Professor of French, Dr. John Lyons.
(In French)
- GUEST LECTURER - "TEXTE, IMAGE, CULTURE"
- September 2017*
- FREN 3032, "Texte, image, culture" – The University of Virginia – Charlottesville, VA*
Invited two times to speak about Albert Camus' "L'Étranger" by Commonwealth Professor of French, Dr. John Lyons.
(In French)
- GUEST LECTURER - "QUÉBEC FRENCH: EXAMPLES OF PRONUNCIATION, SLANG, AND CULTURAL PRODUCTS"
- March 2017*
- Presented to introductory French students at Virginia Commonwealth University – Richmond, VA*
(In French and English)
- GUEST LECTURER - "QUÉBEC FRENCH IN CONTEXT"
- February 2017*
- FREN 3030, "The Sounds of French" – The University of Virginia – Charlottesville, VA*
(In French)
- CONFERENCE PRESENTATION - "IMMACULATE BODIES: FASCIST AESTHETIC DOMINANCE IN LENI RIEFENSTAHL'S *OLYMPIA*"
- November 2016*
- The 58th Midwest Modern Language Association Annual Convention St. Louis, MO*
(In English and German)
- CONFERENCE PRESENTATION - "FASHIONING A COLLECTIVE PERCEPTION: DECODING FASCIST AESTHETICS IN OCCUPIED FRANCE"
- March 2016*
- The 10th Annual Graduate Student Association Conference – Louisiana State University – Baton Rouge, LA*
(In French and English)
- TED TALK - "LIFE AS A POLYGLOT"
- April 2015*
- TEDx Wayne State University – Detroit, MI*
(In English)

ENDORSEMENTS

MICHIGAN TEACHING CERTIFICATE

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

*2013-2020; in renewal
process*

PROFESSIONAL INSTRUCTION OF BUSINESS FRENCH CERTIFICATE

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

June 2017

LEADERSHIP & VOLUNTEERING

VOLUNTEER

*The Modern Language Association Annual Conference
9-12 January 2020
Seattle, Washington*

January 2020

VOLUNTEER

*Venable Elementary School – Charlottesville, VA
After-school French program for Kindergarten – 4th 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

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

2017-2018

GRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE AND COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR

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

2014-2016

LANGUAGES & PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

LANGUAGES

*French, native fluency
English, native fluency
German, advanced reading, writing, & speaking
Latin, intermediate reading
Italian, elementary reading & speaking
Dutch, elementary reading & speaking*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

*Modern Language Association
American Council for Québec Studies
American Historical Association
American Comparative Literature Association
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*