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Education

- Ph.D.** in French (ABD) – The University of Virginia – Charlottesville, VA August 2016 – present
Specialization: Transatlantic literature and cultural history of Francophone Canada (1929-1945)
- M.A.** in French – Wayne State University – Detroit, MI August 2013 – May 2016
Magna Cum Laude
Thesis: *L'Ideologie fasciste et l'esthetique de l'image sous l'Occupation en France.*
- B.A.** in French and Secondary Education – The University of Michigan – Dearborn, Michigan August 2009 – April 2013
Magna Cum Laude
Minors: German and Political Science

Academic Positions

- Graduate Teaching Assistant** August 2016 – present
Department of French – The University of Virginia – Charlottesville, VA
Representative Courses: French 1020, French 1050, Summer Language Institute
- Graduate Teaching Assistant** January 2020 – May 2020
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
- Graduate Co-Instructor** May 2019 – June 2019
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
- Visiting Assistant Professor** January 2019 – May 2019
Department of Modern Languages – Hampden-Sydney College – Hampden-Sydney, VA
Representative Courses: French 102
- Graduate Co-Instructor** 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

Summer Enrichment Program Instructor

June 2017 – present

Curry School of Education – The University of Virginia – Charlottesville, VA
Representative Courses: Global Perspectives of the 21st Century (Summer 2017);
Lively Linguistics (Spring 2018); Journeying Europe (Summer 2018); Literature as
Time-Travel (Spring 2019); Engaging Literature (Spring 2020)

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: 7th and 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

Media Positions**Journaliste-Pigiste/Freelance Journalist – Radio-Canada Alberta**

January 2020 – present

Montly Contributor – Francophonie des Amériques, Ici Première – Edmonton,
Alberta ([Link](#))
Contributions include topics on the history and current events relating to
Francophones in North America, with specific emphasis on Canada and the
United States.

The North American Francophone Podcast

November 2019 – present

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.

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

Summer in Stuttgart – “Global Technology Practice”
The University of Virginia – Office of Summer and Special Academic Programs
in conjunction with The School of Engineering and Applied Science
Stuttgart, Germany

May – June 2019 & 2020*
(*Cancelled due to COVID-19)

Program Assistant

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

Graduate Professional Development Liaison

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.

2018 – 2019

Graduate Student Program Assistant

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

August 2018 – present

Research Assistant and Translator

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

2017 – 2018

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
11th 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

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; 2020-2021

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

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

April 2017

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.

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

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 and Coverage

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. ([Link](#))

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) ([Link](#))

January 2020 – present

Radio Interview – Radio-Canada Saskatchewan

March 20, 2020

Pour faire un monde – Regina, Saskatchewan

« Quand Détroit célèbre la francophonie »

Interview discussing Detroit's Francophone legacy, and continued cultural traditions, including the Marche du Nain Rouge. Interview conducted with Doris Labrie. ([Link](#))

(Interview conducted in French)

Television Interview – TV5 Unis

March 11, 2020

Tournée Générale – Toronto, Ontario

Interview discussing my status as a Franco-Michigander for the Mois de la Francophonie. ([Link](#))

(Interview conducted in French)

Radio Interview – Radio-Canada Ontario

January 28, 2020

Matins sans frontières – Windsor, Ontario

Interview discussing The North American Francophone Podcast and my personal experience as a Franco-Michigander who grew up close to Windsor.

([Link](#))

(Interview conducted in French)

Radio Interview – Radio-Canada Saskatchewan

December 2, 2019

Pour faire un monde – Regina, Saskatchewan

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

([Link](#))

(Interview conducted in French)

News Article – Radio-Canada British Columbia

November 2019

Vancouver, British Columbia

Article Title: « L'Amérique française expliquée aux américains »

A brief article showcasing the work and research conducted through The North American Francophone Podcast. ([Link](#))

(In French)

Radio Interview – Radio-Canada British Columbia

November 30, 2019

Culture et Confiture – Vancouver, British Columbia

Interview 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 with Mireille Langlois. ([Link](#))

(Interview conducted in French)

News Article – Radio-Canada Alberta

November 2019

Edmonton, Alberta

Article Title: « Une voix anglophone... pour faire découvrir la francophonie nord-américaine! »

Article written to showcase the forthcoming interview conducted with Radio-Canada Alberta (Edmonton). ([Link](#))

(In French)

Radio Interview – Radio-Canada Alberta

November 28, 2019

Le Café Show – Edmonton, Alberta

Interview 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 with Benoît Michaud. ([Link](#))
(Interview conducted in 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](#))

(Both interviews conducted in French)

Eyewitness & Correspondent – Radio and Television Interviews

August 13-14, 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)

Conferences and Talks**Virtual Guest Lecturer**

3 April 2020

FREN 308, “The North American Francophone Legacy” – The University of Southern Indiana, Evansville, IN.

Invited as a guest lecturer to Dr. Alexandra Natoli’s Francophone cultures class.
(In English and French)

Conference Presentation

March 2020*

“*Banal Basilicas: The Post- Religious Landscape of Québec.*” – 25th Carolina

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

(In English and French)

(*Cancelled due to COVID-19)

Conference Presentation

March 2020*

“*Serviam*: Adrien Arcand’s Vision of a Fascist Canadian State.” – 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

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)

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 & 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)

Guest Lecturer

March 2017

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

Guest Lecturer

February 2017

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

Conference Presentation

November 2016

“Immaculate Bodies: Fascist Aesthetic Dominance in Leni Riefenstahl’s *Olympia*” – 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” – The 36th 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 10th 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

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

Leadership and 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

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)