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## **EDUCATION**

Ph.D., European History, Auburn University (2003)

M.A., History, Missouri State University (1993)

B.A., Double Major: History and Political Science, *Cum Laude*, Missouri State University (1991)

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Associate Professor of History, University of Texas - Rio Grand Valley (2015 - Present)

Associate Professor of History, University of Texas-Pan American (2007-2015)

Assistant Professor of History, University of Texas-Pan American (2003-07)

Instructor of History, Auburn University (Summer 1998, 2001-03)

Instructor of History, Southern Union Community College, Opelika, AL (2002)

Teaching Assistant, Dept. of History, Auburn University (1994-97)

Teaching and Research Assistant, Dept. of History, Missouri State University (1991-93)

## **TEACHING AND EXAMINATION FIELDS**

Early Modern Europe (Major Field)

Modern Europe (Minor Field)

World History (Teaching Field)

Archival Science (Breadth Field)

## **PUBLICATIONS AND CURRENT PROJECTS**

### *Early Modern European History*

*The Peddler: The Trials and Tribulations of Jean Giraud and his Religious Community* (book manuscript in progress).

Translator and co-author with Leslie Tuttle, "Jacques Massard and Huguenot Prophecy," in *Early Modern Prophecies Collection* under contract with Brill.

"From the *Great Cat Massacre* to the *Today Show*: What French Cultural History Can Teach Us about Today's Work Place" (article manuscript in progress).

"Keeping the Faith: A Seventeenth-Century Peddler and his Protestant Community," *Journal of the Western Society for French History* (formerly *Selected Proceedings of the Western Society for French History* 42 (2014): 21 - 31. Go to: <http://quod.lib.umich.edu/cgi/p/pod/dod-idx/keeping-the-faith-the-story-of-a-seventeenth-century-peddler.pdf?c=wsfh;idno=0642292.0042.003>

“The Devil Does His Mischief: An Interesting Glimpse into the Huguenot World of Demonology during the Scientific Age,” *Journal of the Western Society for French History* (formerly *Selected Proceedings of the Western Society for French History* 39 (2011): 35-43; **Millstone Prize** (2012).  
Go to: <http://quod.lib.umich.edu/w/wsfh/0642292.0039.005/--devil-does-his-mischief-an-interesting-glimpse-into?rgn=main;view=fulltext>

“*Droit divin et humain: The Rhetoric of Huguenot Resistance*,” *Argumentum, Revue du Séminaire de Logique discursive, Théorie de l’argumentation et Rhétorique* 5 (2006/2007): 145-160.  
Go to: [http://fssp.uaic.ro/argumentum/numarul%205/09\\_Wirts.pdf](http://fssp.uaic.ro/argumentum/numarul%205/09_Wirts.pdf)

“*Cordeaux d’Humanité: Huguenot Artisans and the Ideology of Community*,” *Cahiers d’Histoire* 26 (Automne, 2006): 21-38.

### Archival Science

“Regional Archives in France and Challenges for the American Researcher,” *Provenance* (2000-2001): 43-56; **David B. Gracy II Award** (2001).

### Leadership Studies

“Faculty Collegiality and a Healthy Workplace: A Baseline Study of Campus Climates,” Kristine Wirts (Co-Investigator) with Shawn Saladin (Co-PI), Dora E. Saavedra (Co-PI), and Joanna Rampersad-Ammons (Co-Investigator), *research study in progress*.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### European History

“‘The Night to Save La Grave’: The Story of Peddler Jean Giraud and his Alpine Community during the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes,” Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Western Society for French History (Fall 2016)

“From the *Great Cat Massacre* to the *Today Show*: What French Cultural History Can Teach Us about Today’s Work Place,” Chicago, Social Science History Association (Fall 2016)

“A Pedler’s Pocket Watch: History and Time in the Seventeenth Century,” Chicago, IL; Western Society for French History (Fall 2015)

“Keeping the Faith: A Seventeenth-Century Merchant and his Protestant Community,” San Antonio, TX; Western Society for French History (2014)

“The Story of Jacques Massard: An Alpine Physician makes sense of a Maiden’s Miracle,” Conference on Revisiting Early Modern Prophecies (c.1500 – 1815); University of London – Goldsmiths (2014)

“A Huguenot Apocalypse: Prophecy and Politics in the French Alps,” Atlanta, GA; Western Society for French History (2013)

- “The *Machine Ronde*: Providential Meanings of Technological and Early Scientific Metaphors in Seventeenth-Century Huguenot Texts,” Cambridge, MA; Co-hosted by Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology; 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Society for French Historical Studies Conference (2013)
- “The Creation of a Public Sphere: An Alpine Peddler during the Absolutist Age,” University of Sheffield, UK; International Conference on Market, Law, and Ethics, 1300-1850 (2012)
- “From the Pulpit to the People: Class Rhetoric and Ideology in Huguenot Sermons,” Chicago, IL; American Historical Association (2012)
- “The Devil Does His Mischief: An Interesting Glimpse into the Huguenot World of Demonology in the Scientific Age,” Portland, OR; Western Society for French History (2011)
- “The *Dialogues Rustiques*: Communicating Calvinism in Seventeenth-Century Rural France,” London, UK; Royal Society Conference on Circulating Ideas in Seventeenth-Century Europe: Networks, Knowledge and Forms (2010)
- “*Droit divin et humain*: The Rhetoric of Huguenot Resistance,” Colorado Springs, CO; The Western Society for French History (2005)
- “*Cordeaux d’Humanité*: Artisans and the Ideology of Community,” Springfield, MO; Twenty-Sixth Annual Mid-America Conference on History (2004)
- “The Bourgeoisie of the Heavens: Protestant Ideology in Seventeenth-Century France,” Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany; Fifth European Social Science History Conference (2004)
- “Symbolic Geography and Shifting Images of Otherness,” Panel Moderator and Commentator; Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany; Fifth European Social Science History Conference (2004)
- “A Wolf in Sheep’s Clothing: Animal Analogy and Metaphor in Huguenot Texts,” Newport Beach, CA; Western Society for French History (2003)
- “From the Pulpit to the People: Protestant Rhetoric and the Wheel of Life,” University of California at Los Angeles; Western Society for French History (2002)
- “The Huguenot Moment: Nominalism and Natural Rights in Hotman, Beza, and Mornay,” St. Louis University; Symposium on the Confessional Period (1997)
- “Rhetoric of Resistance: The Political Uses of Empiricism in the Polemical Works Huguenot Theorists,” the University of Salamanca, Spain; Second International Conference on Politics, Ideology, and Rhetoric (1997)
- “From Renaissance Monarchy to Absolute Monarchy: Huguenot Resistance and the Consultative Tradition in Early Modern France,” Springfield, MO; 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Mid-America Conference on History (1995)

### Pedagogy

“Incorporating Japanese Studies into the Undergraduate Curriculum: A Case Study,” San Diego State University, Japan Studies Institute (2008)

“Latin American Positivism – An Historical Perspective for Teaching,” Edinburg, TX; N.E.H. Annual Workshops, Humanities Perspectives on Latin American Thought and Philosophy (2007)

### Community Talks

“Nationalism and Empire: With a Specific Focus on the Current Crisis in Ukraine,” Panel Organizer and Moderator; Edinburg, TX; University of Texas – Pan American (2014)

“French Secularism’s Impact on the Gülen Movement,” Edinburg, TX, UTPA; Peace Through Faith Based Grassroots Organization? A Conference on Exploring the Gülen Movement (2010)

“French Nationalism and Gender Politics during the Belle Époque,” Edinburg, TX; University of Texas – Pan American; International Week (2006)

## **UNIVERSITY COURSES TAUGHT**

### Freshman and Sophomore Courses

Civilizations through the Centuries, Part I & II (UTRGV)

World History I & II (Auburn University)

Western Civilization II (Southern Union Community College, Opelika, AL)

History of Technology and Civilization, Part I & II (Auburn University)

Modern Europe: 1815-Present (Auburn University)

### Junior, Senior, and Graduate Courses

Historical Methods (UTRGV)

Graduate Seminar in Early Modern Europe (UTPA)

Graduate Seminar in the European Renaissance (UTRGV)

Special Topics in European History: Women in Western Civilization (UTPA)

Europe: 1648-1789 (UTRGV)

European Renaissance & Reformation (UTRGV)

Europe: 1850-1919 (UTPA)

Early Modern Europe (UTRGV)

\* *Member of the History Graduate Faculty* (2004-Present)

### Online Courses Developed

HIST 2331: Civilization through the Centuries I

HIST 3300: Historical Methods

HIST 3340: Early Modern Europe, 1350 – 1815

HIST 4370: The European Renaissance and Reformation

HIST 4375: The Age of Absolutism and the Enlightenment  
HIST 5383: Readings in European History (Blended)

*Student Field Trips for World History, Faculty Organizer*

The Shiv Shakti Temple and Shri Nanak Center of Edinburg (2013)  
Temple Emanuel of McAllen (2009, 2014)  
St. George the Great Martyr Orthodox Church (2009)  
Masjid Arridwan Mosque of Edinburg (2008-Present)

**WORKSHOPS AND FACULTY DEVELOPMENT**

*Quality Matters and other Workshops for Online Teaching*

Online Exemplary Course Program, UTPA (2012)  
Quality Matters ~ Applying the QM Rubric (APPQMR)(2014)

Quality Matters ~ Peer Reviewer Course (PRC)(2014)  
\* *Quality Matters Certified Peer Reviewer for Online Courses* (2014)

*Leadership Trainings/Workshops*

ADVANCE Leadership Institute, UTPA (2013)  
Leadership Education Acceleration Program (LEAP), University of Texas System Leadership  
Institute (2011)

*Pedagogy Workshops*

AASCU Japan Studies Institute, San Diego State University (2008)  
NEH Foreign Film Series, UTPA (2009)  
N.E.H. Annual Workshops, “Humanities Perspectives on Latin American Thought and Philosophy,”  
UTPA (2006 – 2007)

**GRANTS AND AWARDS**

*Teaching and Course Development*

Faculty Development Council Grant, Group Proposal for “Peer Reviewer Certification for Online Teaching,” UTPA (AY 2013-2014)  
Online Exemplary Course Program Grant Recipient, UTPA (2012)  
Japan Studies Institute Award, AASCU (2008)

*Leadership*

Faculty Research Council Grant, Co-Investigator with Shawn Saladin (Co-PI), Dora E. Saavedra (Co-PI), and Joanna Rampersad-Ammons (Co-Investigator), Faculty Collegiality and a Healthy Workplace: A Baseline Study of Campus Climates (AY 2013-2014)

*Scholarship*

Millstone Prize, Top Paper in Interdisciplinary History presented at the WSFH (2012)  
Faculty Research Council Grant, UTPA (2009-10)  
Undergraduate Research Initiative Grant, UTPA (2008, 2009)

Bernadotte Schmitt Award for International Research, American Historical Association (2007)  
College of Arts and Humanities Research Grant, UTPA (2007)  
David B. Gracy, II Award for Top Published Paper, Society of Georgia Archivists (2003)  
Departmental Research Grant, Auburn University (2003)  
Scharnagel Dissertation Fellowship, Dept. of History, Auburn University (2001)  
Newberry Library Research Grant (1998)  
Malcolm C. McMillan Award, Dept. of History, Auburn University (1997)  
Milo Howard Research Grant, Dept. of History, Auburn University (1997)  
Auburn University Research Grant, Graduate School, Auburn University (1997)  
Huguenot Society of America, Research Grant (1997)  
Harry S. Truman Library Institute, Research Grant (1993)  
Regents Academic Scholarship, Missouri State University (1988-91)  
Violin Scholarship, Department of Music, Missouri State University (1987-91)

## **ARCHIVAL RESEARCH**

Archives Départementales de Meurthe-et-Moselle  
Bibliothèque Nationale de France  
Bibliothèque Publique et Universitaire de Genève  
Archives Départementales, Isère.  
Archives Municipales de Grenoble / Bibliothèque Municipale de Grenoble  
Bibliothèque de la Faculté de Théologie Protestante de Montpellier  
Bibliothèque Municipale de Montpellier / Bibliothèque Municipale de Lyon  
Bibliothèque Municipale de Valence / Bibliothèque Municipale de Vienne  
Newberry Library Collection of French Political Pamphlets

## **SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

### *University*

Traffic and Parking Committee, UTRGV (2015-2016)  
Excess Repetition Credit Hour Committee, UTPA (2014)  
University Climate Committee, UTPA (2013-2016)  
Grievance Officer, Pan American University Faculty Association, TFA (2009-11)  
University Taskforce on Summer Teaching (UTPA), Secretary (2010)  
International Programs Scholarship Committee (2009-10)  
Bordeaux Study Abroad Grant Committee (2009-10)  
Minnie Piper Stevens Award Committee (2006-08)  
Faculty Development Council, UTPA (2003-06)

### *College*

COAH College Council, Dept. Representative (2006-07), Chair Elect (2009-2010), Chair (2010)  
COAH Tenure and Promotion Committee (2008-09)  
COAH Tenure and Promotion Policy Committee, UTPA (2007-08)  
FESTIBA (College Festival of Books and Arts), Events Participant (2007-09)

### *Department*

Department Annual Review Committee, Member (2014-2015)  
Department Graduate Committee, Member (2014-2015), Interim Graduate Director (2006-2008)  
Graduate Faculty, (2004-2016)  
History Department Policy Committee, (2015-2016)  
Online Teaching Group, Founding Member and Organizer (2014)  
Department Outreach Committee, (2011-14), Chair (2012-13)  
Department Personnel and Recruitment Committee, (2008-11), Chair (2008-09)  
Department Tenure and Promotion Committee, UTPA (2007-09), Chair (2007-08)  
History Department Search Committee, Nine Searches, UTPA (2006-09), (2015-2016) Chair (2007-08, 2008-09)  
History Department Student Scholarship Committee (2015-2016)  
Curriculum Committee, Dept. of History and Philosophy, UTPA (2003-04, 2006)  
Event Organizer, National Day of Silence (2007) and Women's History Month, (2005-09)

### **Professional Associations**

Western Society for French History  
American Historical Association  
French Historical Studies Association  
Social Science Historical Association

*References Available Upon on Request*