

Curriculum Vitae

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Education / Qualifications

1987 – BA First Class Honours, American History and Politics, University of East Anglia
1990 – MA, The Johns Hopkins University
1998 – PhD, The Johns Hopkins University
2013 – *Habilitation à Diriger des Recherches*, Université Paris 7 - Denis Diderot

Employment

1991-92 – Adjunct Professor, Department of History, Towson State University, Maryland
1992- 2014 – Lecturer / Senior Lecturer / Associate Professor, Department of History, Swansea University
2014-present – Professor of American Civilisation, Department of English Studies, Jean Moulin University, Lyon 3

Teaching

License (BA)

Year 2 (LLCE License 2): The American Revolution, 1764-1791
Year 3 (LLCE License 3): The Past in the Present: American History on Film

Masters

LLCE Masters 1: Liberty and Slavery in Early America, 1607-1791
LLCE Masters 2: The United States Declaration of Independence, 1776
MEEF 2A (Masters in Teaching): Barack Obama's American History
LANSAD (English for non-specialists): The Works of Thomas Paine. American Rhetoric, 1776-1963
Agrégation (National Advanced Teaching Qualification): Anglophone Civilisation (Option): La Glorieuse Révolution, 1688-1701 (2015-17)

Agrégation Agrégation (National Advanced Teaching Qualification): Anglophone
Civilisation (Option): De l'antiesclavagisme à l'abolition de l'esclavage aux Etats-Unis :
idées, arguments et écrits des militants noirs et blancs, 1776-1865

Doctoral

PhD completed

Richard HALL. "Reassessing the failure of the Braddock Plan of 1755," Swansea University (Royaume-Uni), June 2014.

PhDs in progress

Stéphanie DAUTREY (starting 2017). "Renouer avec les racines africaines dans la période post-transmutatoire de la 'One Drop Rule': Barack Obama et l'héritage bi-racial en politique."

Quentin DUGAND (starting 2018). "L'idéologie guidant la politique étrangère menée par Barack Obama, 2009-2017."

PhD theses examined

Membre du jury, Isabelle SICARD, "Vers la tolérance religieuse : le Massachusetts de l'intolérance à la séparation entre Eglise et Etat dans la période post-révolutionnaire, 1776-1833," Université Paris VII - Denis Diderot, 18 novembre 2016

Président du jury, Emilie ROMAN, "Le bicentenaire de la révolution américaine. Représentations audiovisuelles de la mémoire," Université Aix-Marseille, 26 juin 2015

Membre du jury, Florent ATEM, "Silences et Dissidences dans les journaux de l'expédition Lewis et Clark," Université Aix-Marseille, 22 mai 2015

Areas of research (key words)

American civilisation; British civilisation; British Atlantic History; political, social, economic history; history of ideas; Glorious Revolution; England/Britain in seventeenth and eighteenth centuries; American colonies; American Revolution: Early United States; Barack Obama

Publications

Books

Barack Obama: American Historian (London, New York: Bloomsbury, 2018) – available 9 August

The Tobacco-Plantation South in the Early American Atlantic World, in the series *The Americas in the Early Modern Atlantic World* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2013)

British America, 1500-1800: Creating Colonies, Imagining an Empire (London: Arnold Press; New York: Oxford University Press, 2005; London: Bloomsbury, 2010)

Edited document collection

The American Colonies and the British Empire, 1607-1783, 8 Volumes (London: Pickering and Chatto, Major Works Series, 2010-11)

Articles and chapters in books

“‘A total contradiction to every principle’: American Revolutionaries and the Glorious Revolution,” for Edward Vallance, ed., *Remembering Early Modern Revolutions* (London: Routledge, 2018) – available in September

“‘Breadth’ and ‘Depth’: Some Remarks on Atlantic History and Vast Early America,” *XVII-XVIII. Revue de la Société d’études anglo-américaines des XVII^e et XVIII^e siècles*, No. 74 (2017): <https://journals.openedition.org/1718/820>

“Origines des colonies britanniques et les fondations de l’indépendance américaine,” *Outre-Terre: Revue européenne de géopolitique*, Numéro spécial, “Identités britanniques”, 49 (février 2017), 443-56

“‘[T]he way to make a huge fortune, easily and without risk’: Economic Strategy and Tactics among Tobacco-South Planters in the Early National United States,” Pierre Gervais, Yannick Lemarchand, and Dominique Margairaz, eds., *Building a Fragmented World: Merchant Management in the Age of Commerce, 1650-1850* (London: Pickering and Chatto, 2014), 153-70

“‘It cannot be expected that I can defend every man’s turnip patch’: Embargoes, the War of 1812 and Inequality and Poverty in the Chesapeake,” *Revue Française d’Etudes Américaines*, Numéro special, “Wars of 1812,” 139 (2^e Trimestre 2014), 16-29

“Yeoman Farmers in a Planters’ Republic: Socioeconomic Conditions and Relations in Early National Prince George’s County, Maryland,” *Journal of the Early Republic*, 29:1 (Spring 2009), 63-99

“‘The torment with the servants’: Management and Labor in a Southern Maryland Plantation Household in the Early Nineteenth Century,” *Maryland Historical Magazine*, 102:3 (Fall 2007), 131-55

“‘Similarities and Continuities: Free Society in the Tobacco South before and after the American Revolution,” Eliga Gould and Peter S. Onuf, eds. *Empire and Nation: The American Revolution in the Atlantic World (Anglo-America in the Trans-Atlantic World)*, (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2004), 136-58, 341-45

“‘Objects of distress’: Inequality and Poverty in Early Nineteenth-Century Prince George’s County », *Maryland Historical Magazine*, 96:2 (Summer 2001), 141-62

“‘Distribution of Wealth in Prince George’s County, Maryland, 1800-1820,” *Journal of Economic History*, 60:3 (September 2000), 847-55

“‘Landlessness and Tenancy in Early National Prince George’s County, Maryland,” *William and Mary Quarterly*, 3rd Series, 62:3 (July 2000), 569-98

“‘One must differentiate oneself a little’: Economy, Society and Refinement in Early National Prince George’s County, Maryland,” *Borderlines: Studies in American Culture*, 5:3 (1998), 253-73

“‘Harriet Beecher Stowe and American Slavery,” *New Comparison: A Journal of Comparative Literary Studies*, 7 (Summer 1989), 33-45

Contributions à des ouvrages de référence

“Chesapeake Region,” in eds. Ken Wachsberger and Jordan Goodman, *Tobacco: Scribner’s Turning Points in History Series* (Michigan: Macmillan Reference USA: Farmington Hills, 2005), 117-25

“Maryland” and “Tobacco,” in *Colonization and Settlement (1585-1763)*, Volume 2, in Billy G. Smith, ed., *The Facts on File Encyclopedia of American History* (New York: Facts on File Inc., 2003), 209-11, 373-75

“Chronology,” in Jack P. Greene et J. R. Pole, eds., *A Companion to the American Revolution* (Oxford: Blackwell, 2000), 707-42

“African American History: Colonial Beginnings to 1860,” “American Revolution: Character, Scope, Significance,” “Colonial History: Colonies, Settlement, and Growth, 1) Chesapeake Bay,” “Colonial History: Society,” “Colonial History: Slavery and Indentured Servitude,” in Peter J. Parish, ed., *Reader’s Guide to American History* (London: Fitzroy Dearborn, 1997), 14-16, 37-38, 140-42, 148-49, 152-53

Book reviews in the following journals:

American Historical Review; Economic Journal; English Historical Review; History: A Journal of the Historical Society; Institute of Historical Research [on-line reviews]; Journal of American History; Journal of American Studies; Journal of Early American History; Journal of Economic History; Journal of Southern History; William and Mary Quarterly

Recent seminars and conferences

“‘A total contradiction to every principle’: American Revolutionaries and the Glorious Revolution,” Remembering Early Modern Revolutions: England, North America, France, and Haiti, One-day conference at the Institute for Historical Research, London. June, 2017

“The ‘pursuit’ of happiness: Migration, Allodialism, Agrarianism, and an American Pastoral Ideal,” Annual Conference of the French Association for American Studies, University of Strasbourg, June, 2017

“Barack Obama, American Historian,” Triangle, Atelier Amérique du Nord, Ecole Nationale Supérieure de Lyon, April 2017

“‘Breadth’ and ‘Depth’: Some Remarks on Atlantic History and Vast Early America,” in a session with Bertrand van Ruymbeke on “Empire in the English-speaking world: round table on Empire and Atlantic History,” Annual Conference of the *Société d’études anglo-américaines des XVII^e et XVIII^e siècles*, “L’Empire/Empire,” January 2017

“‘[A]n instance of despotism to which no parallel can be produced in the most arbitrary ages of British history’: Thomas Jefferson, Natural Rights, and Trade and Navigation Laws in the British-American Empire,” Biennial Conference of the European Early American Studies Association, Université Paris VII - Denis Diderot, December 2016

“‘A total contradiction to every principle’: The American Revolution and the Glorious Revolution, Keynote Address, *Journée d’Etude* on “The Glorious Revolution: Transatlantic Perspectives,” Université Toulouse - Jean Jaurès, May 2016; *Journée d’Etude* on “The Glorious Revolution,” Université de Poitiers, 7 April 2016; *Journée d’Etude* on “The Glorious Revolution,” Ecole Normale Supérieure de Lyon, January 2016

Panel Chair, “*Epistémologie et pratiques des Humanités numériques,*” *Séance numérisation de fonds familiaux*, Sara Georgini (Boston University, Massachusetts Historical Society), “The Adams Papers @ Work: Rewiring Preservation, Access, and Early American Archives in the Digital Age,” 18 March 2016

“The Glorious Revolution and the American Revolution: Or, why the US Constitution is more ‘ancient’ than the British one,” Seminar Paper, Département d’Etudes Anglophone, Université Paris IV - Paris-Sorbonne, February 2014

“‘Now open, now hidden’: Asymmetrical Class War in the Early National Upper South,” at “On the Anvil of Labor History in the Revolutionary Era: Billy G. Smith and Fellow Artisans,” Conference at the McNeil Center for Early American Studies, University of Pennsylvania, November 2013

Panel Chair, “Southern Frontiers,” Annual Conference of the British Group in Early American History, University of East Anglia, September 2013

“‘I Don’t Stand to the Will’: Property, Gender, Class, and Race in an Early National Southern Community,” Seminar Paper, Department of History, University of Cambridge, March 2013

“The Glorious Revolution and the American Revolution: Or, why the US Constitution is more ‘ancient’ than the British one,” Seminar Paper, Department of History, University College Cork, February 2013

“The Grand British League and Confederacy: John Cartwright and the Geography of Sovereignty in Revolutionary America,” Biennial Conference of the European Early American Studies Association, Bayreuth University, December, 2012, with S. Max Edelson, University of Virginia

President of Book Club, Natalie Zacek, *Settler Society in the English Leeward Islands, 1670-1776* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010), Annual Conference of the British Group in Early American History, University of Kent at Canterbury, September 2011

“‘[T]he way to make a huge fortune, easily and without risk’: Economic Strategy and Tactics among Tobacco-South Planters in the Early National United States,” Conference on “Merchant Practice in the Age of Commerce, 1650-1850,” Université Paris VIII - Vincennes-St. Denis and University of Chicago Center in Paris, June 2011

Panel Chair, “Redefinitions of the Primitive,” Biennial Conference of the European Early American Studies Association, Université Paris VII - Denis Diderot, décembre 2010

“Credit and Debt in the Atlantic Tobacco Trade and its Effects on a Local Economy and Society: A Case Study of Post-Revolutionary Prince George’s County, Maryland,” Research Workshop on “Credit and Debt in the Revolutionary Atlantic World,” *Réseau pour le développement européen de l’histoire de la jeune Amérique*, University of Paris VII - Denis Diderot, April 2010

Other activities

Organisation of conferences, seminars, and study days

Member of *Pôle Scientifique du Comité d’Organisation* for the Annual Conference of the *Société des Anglicistes de l’Enseignement Supérieur*, “Confluence(s),” Université Jean Moulin – Lyon 3, June 2016

Organiser of seminar by Robert Olwell, University of Texas, Austin, “Regarding Jefferson: A Discussion of America’s Enduring Fascination with Thomas Jefferson,” June 2016

Co-organiser of *Journée d’étude* on “La Révolution Glorieuse,” Ecole Normale Supérieure de Lyon, Université Lumière - Lyon 2, Université Jean Moulin - Lyon 3, January 2016

Co-organiser of Conférence on “1812 in the Americas,” sponsored by the *Réseau pour le développement européen de l’histoire de la jeune Amérique* and l’Université de Bretagne Occidentale, Brest, June 2012

Co-organiser of the Biennial Conference of the European Early American Studies Association, Venice, December 2008

Co-organiser and host of the Annual Conference of the British Group in Early American History, Swansea University, September 2007

Honorary Member of the Scientific Committee of the European Early American Studies Association, 2012-présent

Member of the Scientific Committee of the European Early American Studies Association, 2008-2012

Member of the Scientific Committee of the British Group in Early American History, 2005-2012

President of the British Group in Early American History, 2006-2007

Participation in research groups and institutions

Member of the Editorial Committee of Studies in Democratic Culture, Palgrave Macmillan, USA, 2014-présent

Réfèrent, l’Université Jean Moulin – Lyon 3 for the *Institut des Amériques*, 2014-2016

Member of *Société d’études anglo-américaines des XVII^e et XVIII^e siècles*, 2016-présent

Member of *l’Institut d’Etudes Transtextuelles et Transculturelles*, Research Laboratory, Université Jean Moulin - Lyon 3, 2014-present

Member of *Réseau pour le développement européen de l’histoire de la jeune Amérique*, 2014-présent

Associate of the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, 2001-présent