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Positions

William H. Bonsall Professor of French, Stanford University	2016-
Senior Fellow (courtesy), Hoover Institution	2025-
Professor of Political Science (courtesy)	2021-
Professor of History (courtesy)	2011-
Professor of French	2013-
Associate professor of French	2010-2013
Assistant professor of French	2004-2010
Laurance S. Rockefeller Visiting Professor for Distinguished Teaching University Center for Human Values, Princeton University	2014-2015
Senior NEH Fellow, Department of Romance Languages, University of Chicago	2009-2010

Education

University of Pennsylvania Ph.D. in French	2004
Université de Genève, Switzerland Licence ès Lettres (French, English, Latin)	1999

Prizes and awards

American Academy of Sciences and Letters, Member	2025
Selma V. Forkosch Prize, best article published in the <i>Journal of the History of Ideas</i> in 2022	2023
W. Warren Shelden University Fellow in Undergraduate Education	2013-23
Dean's Distinguished Teaching Award, Stanford University	2011
Oscar Kenshur Book Prize, for <i>The Terror of Natural Right</i> ASECS/The Center for Eighteenth-Century Studies at Indiana University	2010
William Koren, Jr. Prize, honorable mention, best published article in French history	2009
Walter J. Gores Award, highest award for excellence in teaching, Stanford University	2006
Naomi Schor Prize, best graduate student paper, <i>Nineteenth-Century French Studies</i>	2003

Fellowships and grants

National Fellowship on the Future of Liberal Education, Teagle Foundation Executive Board [link]	2025-
Cornerstone: Learning for Living Grant, Teagle Foundation, PI	2021-2023
Changing Human Experience, Stanford (History of Democracy; Representing Change)	2020-2022
Hoffman-Yee Grant, Stanford HAI, co-PI ('Time Machine' for History of Concepts)	2020-2023
Stanford Fellow	2019-2021
ACLS Digital Extension Grant, PI	2016-2017
Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery Project Grant, co-PI	2015-2017
The Europe Center, Freeman-Spogli Institute (FSI), Stanford, Research grant	2014-2015
National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Digital Humanities Implementation Grant for "Networks in History," PI	2013-2015
NEH "Digging into Data" Challenge Grant, for "Digging Into the Enlightenment," PI	2010-2011
National Forum on the Future of Liberal Education Fellow, Teagle Foundation	2010-2012

William H. and Frances Green Faculty Fellow, Stanford	2009-2010
NEH Fellowship at a Digital Humanities Center (ARTFL project), University of Chicago	2009-2010
Presidential Fund for Innovation in the Humanities Grant, Stanford	2008-2011
Stanford Humanities Center Fellowship	2008-2009
Fulbright Fellowship (at Université Paris III-Sorbonne Nouvelle)	2002-03

Books

The Revolution To Come: A History of an Idea from Thucydides to Lenin (Princeton University Press, 2025). Paperback 2026. Translations (forthcoming): Spanish, Turkish, Bengali.

Best of Books 2025: Politics, [Open Magazine](#)

Reviews: [Foreign Affairs](#), [Wall Street Journal](#), [Polis](#), [H-France Forum](#), [Intellectual History Review](#), [Times Literary Supplement](#), [POLIS](#), [LSE Review of Books](#), [History Today](#)

Interview: [Thought Economics](#)

Podcasts: [Historically Thinking](#), [The Bunker](#), [Review of Democracy](#), [Classical Wisdom](#), [IVY](#), [The Civics Agora](#), [Diplomatic Immunity](#), [New Books Network](#)

On the Spirit of Rights (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2019). Paperback 2021. Korean translation, 2022.

Reviews: [New York Review of Books](#), [Times Higher Education](#), [Global Intellectual History](#), [Choice](#), [Dutch Review of Books](#), [Opera historica](#) (discussion forum), [Eighteenth-Century Studies](#), [H-France](#), [The Regensburg Forum](#) (and [part 2](#)).

The Enlightenment: A Genealogy (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2010). Paperback.

Reviews: [Eighteenth-Century Studies](#) (review article), [Modern Language Notes](#), [Journal of Modern History](#), [Journal of European Studies](#), [The European Legacy](#), [Modern Intellectual History](#), [Annales HSS](#), [Annales historiques de la Révolution française](#), [Contributions to the History of Concepts](#), [History Today](#).

The Terror of Natural Right: Republicanism, the Cult of Nature, and the French Revolution (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2009). Paperback 2010.

Reviews (selection): [The Nation](#), [American Historical Review](#) (featured review), [Annales HSS](#), [Journal of Modern History](#), [Social History](#), [Journal of Social History](#), [Modern Intellectual History](#), [Annales historiques de la Révolution française](#), [French Forum](#), [La vie des idées](#), [H-Net](#), [H-France](#), [Esprit Créateur](#), [Small Wars Journal](#), [The European Legacy](#).

Edited volumes

Cambridge History of Rights, vol. 4 (on 17th and 18th centuries), with Jennifer Pitts (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2025).

Power and Time: Temporalities in Conflict and the Making of History, with Stefanos Geroulanos and Natasha Wheatley (Chicago: University of Chicago, Press, 2020).

Reviews: [Contemporary European History](#), [H-Diplo](#), [George L. Mosse Program in History](#), [History and Theory](#)

Networks of European Enlightenment, with Chloe Edmondson (Liverpool: Oxford Studies in the Enlightenment, 2019).

Reviews: [H-France](#), [MLN](#).

Let There be Enlightenment, with Anton Matytsin (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2018).

Reviews: [Journal of Jesuit Studies](#), [History: Reviews of New Books](#), [H-France](#), [Eighteenth-Century Studies](#), [Journal of Ecclesiastical History](#), [The European Legacy](#), [Anglican and Episcopal History](#)

Scripting Revolution, with Keith Baker (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2015).

Reviews: [European Review of History](#), [H-Diplo](#), [H-France](#), [Annales. Histoire, Sciences sociales](#), [Histoire sociale/Social History](#), [International Review of Social History](#), [Journal of World History](#), [Journal for the Study of Radicalism](#)

The Super-Enlightenment: Daring To Know Too Much, SVEC 2010:01 (Oxford: Voltaire

Foundation, 2010).

Reviews: [American Historical Review](#), [Journal of Modern History](#), [Eighteenth-Century Studies](#), [Dix-huitième siècle](#), [French Studies](#), [Annales historiques de la Révolution française](#), [Modern Language Notes](#), [The English Historical Review](#), [Journal for Eighteenth-Century Studies](#).

Myth and Modernity, with Bettina Lerner, Yale French Studies 111 (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2007).

Articles and book chapters

“The Marian Monogram: Marie-Antoinette and the Political Theology of Counterrevolution” (revise and resubmit).

“*Stasis* in Ithaca? A Thucydidean Reading of the Odyssey,” *Classical Philology* (forthcoming).

“Plutarch and Machiavelli: The Politics of Prudence,” *Political Theory* (2025) [[link](#)].

Kaitlyn Zhou, Haishan Gao, Sarah Chen, **Dan Edelstein**, Dan Jurafsky, and Chen Shani, “Rethinking Word Similarity: Semantic Similarity through Classification Confusion,” NAACL 2025 [[link](#)].

“Bodin,” in *Dictionnaire Rousseau*, ed. Bruno Bernardi and Christophe Martin (Paris: Classiques Garnier, forthcoming).

“How Republics Die: Plutarch on the Intra-Elite Rivalries That Destroyed the Roman Commonwealth,” *History of Political Thought* 45, no. 3 (2024): 401-24 [[link](#)].

“*C’est la faute à Voltaire*: Revolution and Enlightenment,” in « *L’écriture est la peinture de la voix* » : *Hommage à Nicholas Cronk*, ed. Gillian Pink and Thomas Wynn (Liverpool: Liverpool University Press, 2024).

“The Ages of Revolution,” in Bryan Banks and Cindy Ermus, eds., *Age of Revolutions: A Global History, 1650 to the Present* (Charlottesville: UVA Press, forthcoming).

“On the Liberties of the Ancients: Licentiousness, Equal Rights, and the Rule of Law,” with Benjamin Straumann, *History of European Ideas* 49, no. 6 (2023): 1037-60 [[link](#)]

“Roman Rights Talk: Subjective Rights in Cicero and Livy,” with Benjamin Straumann, *History of Political Thought* 43, no. 4 (2022): 637-59 [[link](#)]

“A Hidden Legacy: Enlightenment Rights Talk, Nineteenth-Century Constitutions, and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,” in *Enlightenment Legacy: The Rights of Man in a Global Perspective* (Turin: Fondazione 1563, 2022), 29-41 [[link](#)]

“Why College? An Education for Freedom,” with Debra Satz, in *Academic Ethics Today*, ed. Steven M. Cahn (Lanham: Rowan & Littlefield, 2022), 243-50.

“Rousseau, Bodin, and the Medieval Corporatist Origins of Popular Sovereignty,” *Political Theory* 50, no. 1 (2022): 142-68 [[link](#)]

“A ‘Revolution’ in Political Thought: Translations of Polybius Book 6 and the Conceptual History of Revolution,” *Journal of the History of Ideas* 83, no. 1 (2022): 17-40 [[link](#)].

“Social Welfare and the Natural Order: On the Theological and Liberal Origins of Socioeconomic Rights,” *Social Rights and the Politics of Obligation in History*, ed. Steven L. B. Jensen and Charles Walton (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2022), 47-62.

“The Historical Sublime,” *History and Human Flourishing*, ed. Darrin McMahon (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2022).

“Mapping the Republic of Letters: History of a Digital Humanities Project,” in Simon Burrows and Glenn Roe, *Digitizing Enlightenment* (Liverpool: Oxford Studies in the Enlightenment, 2020).

“Back to the Future: Digital Humanities as an Analogue Practice?” *Early Modern Theater Practices and the Digital Archive*, eds. Sylvaine Guyot and Jeffrey S. Ravel (MIT Press, 2019) [[link](#)]

“Voltaire’s European Correspondents: An Enlightenment Network?” in Lise Andries and Marc André Benier, *L’Avenir des Lumières/The Future of Enlightenment* (Paris: Ed. Hermann, 2019).

“The Ancient Constitution and the Roman Law: On Benjamin Straumann’s *Crisis and Constitutionalism*,”

- Global Intellectual History* 3, no. 3 (2018): [\[link\]](#)
- “Nature or Nation? Rights Conflicts in the Age of the French Revolution,” in David A. Bell and Yair Mintzker, *Rethinking the Age of Revolutions: France and the Birth of the Modern World* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018), 1-40.
- “Future Perfect: Political and Emotional Economies of Revolutionary Time,” in *Power and Time* [\[link\]](#).
- “The Aristotelian Enlightenment,” in *Let There be Enlightenment*, 187-201.
- “Introduction: Historical Network Analysis and Social Groups in the Enlightenment,” with Chloe Edmondson, in *Networks of European Enlightenment* [\[link\]](#).
- “How England Fell Off the Map of Voltaire’s Enlightenment,” with Biliana Kassabova, *Modern Intellectual History* 17, no. 1 (2018): 29-53 [\[link\]](#).
- “Christian Human Rights in the French Revolution,” *Journal of the History of Ideas* 79, no. 3 (2018): 411-26 [\[link\]](#).
- “Retiring the ‘Radical Enlightenment,’” responses to Henry C. Clark, “How Radical Was the Political Thought of the *Encyclopédie*?” in “Liberty Matters: A Forum for the Discussion of Matters Pertaining to Liberty” (March 2018) [\[link\]](#).
- “Red Leviathan: Authority and Violence in Revolutionary Political Culture,” *History & Theory* 56, no. 4 (2017): 76-96 [\[link\]](#).
- “Historical Research in a Digital Age: Reflections from the Mapping the Republic of Letters Project,” with Paula Findlen et al., *American Historical Review* 122, no. 2 (2017): 400-24 [\[link\]](#).
- “Revolution in Permanence and the Fall of Popular Sovereignty,” in *The Scaffold of Sovereignty*, ed. Zvi Ben-Dor Benite, Stefanos Geroulanos, and Nicole Jerr (New York: Columbia University Press, 2017), 371-92.
- “Early-Modern Rights Regimes: A Genealogy of Revolutionary Rights,” *Critical Analysis of Law* 3, no. 2 (2016): 221-42 [\[link\]](#)
- “Is There a ‘Modern’ Natural Law Theory? Notes on the History of Human Rights,” *Humanity* 7, no. 3 (2016): 345-64 [\[link\]](#)
- “The French Enlightenment Network,” with Maria Comsa, Melanie Conroy, Chloe Edmondson, and Claude Willan, *Journal of Modern History* 88, no. 3 (2016): 495–534 [\[link\]](#)
- “Not Church History?” Forum on Samuel Moyn’s *Christian Human Rights*, in *The Immanent Frame* (2015) [\[link\]](#)
- “Intellectual History and Digital Humanities,” review essay, *Modern Intellectual History* 13, no. 1 (2015): 237-46. [\[link\]](#)
- “What Was the Terror?” *Oxford Handbook of the French Revolution*, ed. David Andress (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015).
- “From Constitutional to Permanent Revolution: 1649 and 1793,” in *Scripting Revolution*, 118-30.
- “Enlightenment Scholarship by the Numbers: dfr.jstor.org, Dirty Quantification, and the Future of the Lit Review,” *Republics of Letters* 5, no 1 (2014) [\[link\]](#)
- “Political Thought,” *The Cambridge Companion to the French Enlightenment*, ed. Daniel Brewer (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014).
- “Enlightenment Rights Talk,” *Journal of Modern History* 84, n. 3 (2014): 1-36 [\[link\]](#).
- “To Quote or Not to Quote: Citation Strategies in the *Encyclopédie*,” with Robert Morrissey and Glenn Roe, *Journal of the History of Ideas* 74, no. 2 (2013): 213-36 [\[link\]](#).
- “A Response to Jonathan Israel,” in *Self-Evident Truths? Human Rights and the Enlightenment*, Oxford Amnesty Lectures 2009, ed. Kate Tunstall (London: Bloomsbury Press, 2012).
- “Do We Want a Revolution Without Revolution? Reflections on Political Authority,” *French Historical Studies* 35, no. 2 (2012): 269-89. [\[link\]](#)
- “The Classical Turn in Enlightenment Studies,” review essay, *Modern Intellectual History* 9, no. 1 (2012):

61-71. [\[link\]](#)

- “In 1795: Of Gods and Revolution,” in *Romantik und Revolution: Zum politischen Reformpotential einer unpolitischen Bewegung*, ed. Klaus Ries (Heidelberg: Universitätsverlag Winter, 2012), 105-114.
- “Historiographie américaine récente de la Révolution française,” in *La République et son droit (1870-1930)*, ed. Annie Stora-Lamarre, Jean-Louis Halpérin, and Frédéric Audren (Besançon: Presses universitaires de Franche-Comté, 2011).
- “Terreur et droit naturel,” in *La République et son droit*.
- “Introduction to the Super-Enlightenment,” in *The Super-Enlightenment: Daring To Know Too Much*, SVEC 2010:01 (Oxford: Voltaire Foundation, 2010), 1-33.
- “The Egyptian French Revolution: Freemasonry, Antiquarianism, and the Mythology of Nature,” in *The Super-Enlightenment*, 215-41.
- “Humanism, *l'Esprit Philosophique*, and the *Encyclopédie*,” *Republics of Letters* 1, no. 1 (2009): [\[link\]](#).
- “The Birth of Ideology from the Spirit of Myth: Georges Sorel among the *Idéologues*,” in *The Re-Enchantment of the World: Secular Magic in a Rational Age*, ed. Joshua Landy and Michael Saler (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2009).
- “War and Terror: The Law of Nations from Grotius to the French Revolution,” *French Historical Studies* 31, no. 2; special issue on “War, Culture, and Society,” ed. David A. Bell and Martha Hanna (2008): 229-62. [\[link\]](#)
- “*Hostis Humani Generis*: Devils, Natural Right, Terror, and the French Revolution,” *Telos: A Quarterly Journal of Critical Thought* 141 (2007): 57-81. [\[link\]](#)
- “The Law of 22 Prairial: Introduction and Translation,” *Telos* 141 (2007): 82-100.
- “Editors’ Preface: Mythomanies,” with Bettina Lerner, in *Myth and Modernity*, Yale French Studies 111 (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2007), 1-4.
- “The Modernization of Myth, from Balzac to Sorel,” in *Myth and Modernity*, 32-44.
- “Hyperborean Atlantis: Jean-Sylvain Bailly, Madame Blavatsky, and the Nazi Myth,” *Studies in Eighteenth-Century Culture* 35 (2006): 267-91. [\[link\]](#)
- “Antonin Artaud,” in *The Columbia History of Twentieth-Century French Thought*, ed. Lawrence Kritzman (New York: Columbia University Press, 2005).
- “Expositions,” in *Columbia History of Twentieth-Century French Thought*.
- “Between Myth and History: Michelet, Lévi-Strauss, Barthes, and the Structural Analysis of Myth,” *Clio: A Journal of Literature, History, and the Philosophy of History* 32, no. 4 (2004): 1-18.
- “Moving Through the Looking-Glass: Deleuzian Reflections on the Series in Mallarmé,” *L'Esprit Créateur* 40, no. 3 (2000): 50-60. [\[link\]](#)

Interviews

- “Digital Keys for Unlocking the Humanities’ Riches,” by Patricia Cohen, *New York Times* (Nov. 16, 2010) [\[link\]](#)
- “Si l’on parlait de la République?,” by Pierre Serna, *Annales historiques de la Révolution française* 364, n. 2 (2011): 211-238 [\[link\]](#)
- “Of Pirates, Empire, and Terror: An Interview with Lauren Benton and Dan Edelstein,” by Samuel Moyn, *Humanity* 2, no. 1 (2011): 75-84 [\[link\]](#)
- “Big Data and Culturonomics,” by Kurt Anderson, *Studio360* (Aug. 9, 2013) [\[link\]](#)
- “Mapping the Republic of Letters,” by Meredith Hindley, *Humanities* 34, no. 6 (2013) [\[link\]](#)
- “Rethinking History,” by John Hooper, *Intelligent Life* (Nov./Dec. 2014) [\[link\]](#)
- “On Human Rights,” by Robert P. Harrison, *Entitled Opinions* (May 2018) [\[link\]](#)

“Stanford Scholar Examines the Roots of Human Rights,” by Alex Shashkevich, *Stanford Report* (Jan. 2019) [[link](#)]

“Religion, Rationality, and Democracy,” by Michael McFaul, *World Class* (Jan. 2019) [[link](#)]

New Books Network (on *On the Spirit of Rights*), by Alexandra Ortolja-Baird (Sept. 2020) [[link](#)]

“‘The Present’ is Merely a Fragile Consensus” (on *Power and Time*), by Jonathon Carlin, *JHI blog* (June 2021) [[link](#)]

“On the Evolution of ‘Revolution,’” by Glauco Schettini, *JHI blog* (March 2022) [[link](#)]

“Is Studying Civics The Path To Civility?,” by Larry Mantle, *AirTalk*, KPCC radio (Sept. 2023) [[link](#)]

“Making the Case for Civic Education,” by Ethan Elkind, *State of the Bay*, KALW radio (Aug. 2024) [[link](#)]

News publications

“Can the U.S. Avoid the Sallust Snare?” *The National Interest* (Dec. 1, 2025) [[link](#)]

“What are the Values of a University?” *Inside Higher Ed* (Feb. 27, 2024) [[link](#)]

“The Return of Ideology,” *The National Interest* (Dec. 4, 2023) [[link](#)]

“By Abandoning Civics, Colleges Helped Create the Culture Wars,” with Debra Satz, *New York Times* (September 3, 2023) [[link](#)]

“In the Ruins of Western Civilization,” *The Hedgehog Review* (July 28, 2022) [[link](#)]

“Mind Over Major,” *Stanford Magazine* (July 19, 2022) [[link](#)]

“Enough With the Culture Wars,” *Inside Higher Ed* (March 30, 2022) [[link](#)]

“The Initiation,” *Inside Higher Ed* (June 30, 2015) [[link](#)]

“The Humanities are an Existentialism,” *Inside Higher Ed* (January 21, 2014) [[link](#)]

“Lost in the Middle of Liberal Education,” *Inside Higher Ed* (January 21, 2011) [[link](#)]

“The University vs. Liberal Education,” *Inside Higher Ed* (October 14, 2010) [[link](#)]

“How is Innovation Taught? On Liberal Education and the Knowledge Economy,” *Liberal Education* 96, no. 1 (2010) [[link](#)]

“Third Way in Liberal Education,” *Inside Higher Ed* (March 30, 2010) [[link](#)]

“Gerrymandering the Canon,” *Inside Higher Ed* (February 16, 2010) [[link](#)]

“Only English Spoken,” *Inside Higher Ed* (October 26, 2009) [[link](#)]

“*Iphigenia* and the iPhone,” *Inside Higher Ed* (August 13, 2009) [[link](#)]

“Republicans Rewrite History in Crying ‘Socialism,’” *San Jose Mercury News* (March 14, 2009) [[link](#)]

“Law and Disorder,” in “Thinking Twice: Terror,” *Stanford Report* (March 4, 2009) [[link](#)]

Book reviews

Capitalism and the Emergence of Civic Equality in Eighteenth-Century France, by William H. Sewell, Jr. *Journal of Modern History* (2022) [[link](#)]

Men on Horseback: The Power of Charisma in the Age of Revolution, by David A. Bell. *H-Diplo Roundtable* (2021) [[link](#)]

You Say You Want a Revolution? Radical Idealism and its Tragic Consequences, by Daniel Chirot, *Journal of Modern History* 94, no. 1 (2022) [[link](#)]

The Frankenstein of 1790 and Other Lost Chapters from Revolutionary France, by Julia V. Douthwaite. *Journal of Modern History* 87, no. 1 (2015): 189-191 [[link](#)]

The Shock of the Ancient: Literature & History in Early Modern France, by Larry F. Norman. *H-France Forum* 7, no. 2 (2012) [[link](#)]

From Deficit to Deluge: The Origins of the French Revolution, ed. Dale Van Kley and Thomas Kaiser. *Journal of Modern History* 84, no. 3 (2012): 740-43 [[link](#)]

Montesquieu and the Logic of Liberty: War, Religion, Commerce, Climate, Terrain, Technology, Uneasiness of Mind, the Spirit of Political Vigilance, and the Foundations of the Modern Republic, by Paul A. Rahe.
American Historical Review 115, no. 4 (2010): 1225-26 [[link](#)]

A Revolution of the Mind: Radical Enlightenment and the Intellectual Origins of Modern Democracy, by Jonathan Israel.
Journal of Modern History 83, no. 1 (2011): 143-45 [[link](#)]

Scènes d'aumône: misère et poésie au XIX^e siècle, by Anne-Emmanuelle Berger.
French Forum 30, no. 3 (2005): 145-147.

Balzac, romancier du regard, by Takao Kashiwagi.
Nineteenth-Century French Studies 33, no. 3-4 (2005): 15-16.

Invited lectures

Panel discussions of *The Revolution to Come*

Clements Center for National Security, UT Austin	March 2026
Oxford Political Theory Seminar/Enlightenment Workshop, Oxford	November 2025
Columbia University, Maison Française	October 2025
The New School, NY	October 2025
Remarque Institute, NYU	October 2025
French-Speaking Worlds, Stanford University	May 2025
Hoover History Lab, Stanford University [recording]	April 2025
“Revolution: The History of an Idea.” Political Theory, University of Notre Dame	November 2024
“The Dual Power in the French Revolution.” Interdisciplinary Workshop on France, University of Chicago	November 2024
“Revolutions and Historical Thought.” Institute for the Humanities, University of Illinois Chicago	November 2024
“Plutarch and Machiavelli: The Politics of Prudence.” Political Theory Workshop, University of California, Berkeley	October 2024
“The Last of the Polybians: On the American Revolution.” “The Just City” ERC research project, Universität Zürich	May 2023
“The Ages of Revolution.” Trinity Hall History Society, Cambridge University	May 2023
Dept. of History, University of Lausanne	May 2023
“Enlightenment Revolutions.” “Pamphlets and Patrons” workshop, Universität Trier	May 2023
“Copy/Paste: Comparative Constitutionalism as Intellectual History.” International Association of Law Libraries, Robert Crown Law Library, Stanford	October 2022
“On the Enlightenment Legacy of Rights.” Turin Humanities Program, Fondazione 1563, Turin	September 2022
“Liberal Education in the Digital Age.” Samsung Forum, San Jose	March 2022
“A Typology of Political Narratives: Cosmologies, Plots, Scripts, and Genres.” Historisches Institut, Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena	Feb. 2022
“On the Mysterious Case of Natural Rights in Beccaria’s <i>On Crimes and Punishments</i> .” Dept. of Political Science, Columbia University	Oct. 2021
“Intellectual History and Digital Humanities.” TRANSFICCIÓN research group, Universidad de Zaragoza	September 2021
“Revolutionary Dictatorship.” Department of History, Dartmouth College	March 2021

“Enlightenment Revolutions.”	
Shelby Cullom Davis Center, Princeton University	April 2021
Department of French, Columbia University	Nov. 2020
“Voltaire’s European Correspondence Network.”	May 2019
Bodmer Lab, University of Geneva	
“Liberty as Equality: Rousseau and Roman Constitutionalism.”	April 2019
George Rousseau Lecture (inaugural), Magdalen College, University of Oxford	
Panel discussions of <i>On the Spirit of Rights</i>	
American Society for Legal History, Boston	Nov. 2019
University of Vienna	May 2019
University of Geneva	May 2019
Enlightenment Workshop, Oxford	April 2019
European University Institute (EUI), Florence	April 2019
H-France webinar	April 2019
EHESS/German Historical Institute, Paris	April 2019
Huntington Library/USC, Los Angeles	March 2019
“Natural Constitutionalism and American Rights.”	November 2018
Legal History Workshop, University of Minnesota	
“The Historical Sublime.”	June 2018
Humanities and Human Flourishing Project, University of Pennsylvania, Shawnee, NJ	
“The Politics of Rights, 1572-1789.”	March 2018
Seminar in the History of Political Ideas, Institute of Historical Research, London, UK	
“Constitutionalism and Human Rights, 1789-1948.”	November 2017
Ca’ Foscari University of Venice, Italy	
“How the Romans Abolished Slavery in the Enlightenment.”	April 2017
Center for the Humanities, Wesleyan University	
“Reading Texts in the Age of Data.”	January 2017
Presidential Panel, <i>MLA</i> , Philadelphia	
“Rights of Man vs <i>Droits de l’homme</i> .”	
Keynote lecture, Georges Rudé Seminar, Western Sydney University, Australia	July 2016
Department of History, Princeton University	March 2016
“On Permanent Revolution.”	
European Studies Lecture Series, University of Oregon	May 2016
“Mapping the Republic of Letters,” with Paula Findlen.	October 2015
Art History and Communication/Interacting with Print, McGill University	
“Who Was the Enlightenment? Social Networks and Digital Humanities.”	
Department of French, University of Pennsylvania	January 2016
Keynote lecture, <i>East Central/American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies</i>	November 2015
Keynote lecture, AALAC Collaborative Workshop, Wellesley	October 2015
Keynote lecture, <i>International Society of Eighteenth-Century Studies</i> , Rotterdam	July 2015
“In the Name of the People: Popular Sovereignty and Permanent Revolution.”	February 2015
Mellon Sawyer Seminar on Political Will, Cornell University	
“When did ‘Rights’ Become Rights? The Fall and Rise of a Revolutionary Concept.”	
Department of French, Dartmouth College	October 2015
Department of French, Bryn Mawr College	March 2015
Department of German and Romance Languages and Literatures	March 2015
Johns Hopkins University	
Early Modern History Seminar/School of Languages, Literatures and Cultural Studies	March 2015

Trinity College Dublin, Ireland	
Political Theory Colloquium/History and Theory Colloquium, Cornell University	February 2015
Early Modern History Workshop, Columbia University	October 2014
“Where are Voltaire’s Letters Concerning the English Nation? Maps, Networks, and Literary History.”	
Department of Romance Languages, University of Pennsylvania	March 2015
Department of French and Italian, Princeton University	February 2015
Department of French, Yale University	February 2015
Department of French and Italian, Brown University	February 2015
“Data Visualization and the Digital Archive.”	November 2014
Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), New York City	
“Digital Humanities: Potential and Perils in Research and Training.”	November 2014
Humanities Center, University of Pittsburgh	
“How to Do Things with Data: Schemas, Networks, and the Enlightenment.”	November 2014
Modern European History Workshop, Brown University	
“Social Network Analysis for Humanistic Research: Beyond Gephi.”	November 2014
Center for the Humanities, Temple University	
“On the Origins of Permanent Revolution in Marx.”	October 2014
Intellectual and Cultural History Seminar, CUNY	
“Visualizing Data for Historical Research: An Introduction to <i>Palladio</i> .”	April 2014
Department of History, Harvard University	
“Adventures in Digital Humanities.”	April 2014
Department of History, Boston College	
“Digital Approaches to the Enlightenment.”	April 2014
Department of History, Boston University	
“Humanities + Design,” with Nicole Coleman.	April 2014
Keynote Lecture, <i>Humanities 2.0: New Tools for the Digital Age</i> , UC Berkeley	
“Natural Right in the French Enlightenment.”	October 2013
Fondazione Firpo, Turin	
“How to Read a Million Letters.”	April 2013
Institute for Quantitative Theory and Methods, Emory University	
“In the Name of Revolution.”	April 2013
Humanities Center, California State University at Chico	
“Digital Humanities and Intellectual History.”	April 2013
Modern Europe Workshop, History Department, Princeton University	
“How to Read a Million Letters and Other Adventures in Digital Humanities.”	April 2013
Center for Cultural Analysis, Rutgers University	
“Enlightenment Rights Talk.”	March 2013
Eighteenth-Century Interdisciplinary Salon, Washington University in St. Louis	
“The Jacobin Melodrama: On Political Theory as Literary Genre.”	March 2013
Interdisciplinary Project in the Humanities, Washington University in St. Louis	
“The Myth of Revolution: Reflections on Political Authority.”	February 2012
Colloquium on Intellectual History, Harvard University	
Presidential panel on “New Directions on Spatial History.”	January 2012
American Historical Association, Chicago	
“Mapping the Republic of Letters.”	November 2011
Early Modern Cosmopolitanisms series, UCLA	
“The Myth of Revolution.”	June 2011

Christian Delacampagne Memorial Opening Lecture Institute of French Cultural Studies, Dartmouth College	
Roundtable on <i>The Enlightenment: A Genealogy</i> . Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris	March 2011
“Comment écrire l’histoire du droit naturel à l’orée de la Révolution française?” Institut historique de la Révolution française, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne	March 2011
Roundtable on <i>The Enlightenment: A Genealogy</i> . Intellectual History seminar, New York University	February 2011
“Mapping the Republic of Letters.” Bard Graduate Center, New York	February 2011
“Rethinking the History of Natural Right.” Department of French, Hispanic, and Italian Studies, University of British Columbia	November 2010
Roundtable on <i>The Terror of Natural Right</i> . Center for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Indiana University	November 2010
“How to Think About Revolutions.” Davis Center for Historical Studies, Princeton University	October 2010
“Counter-Mythologies.” University Seminar on Early Modern France, Columbia University	October 2010
“Citation Strategies in the <i>Encyclopédie</i> ” and “Mapping the Republic of Letters.” Society for French Historical Studies, Plenary session, Arizona State University	April 2010
Roundtable on <i>The Terror of Natural Right</i> . Department of Rhetoric, University of California, Berkeley	February 2010
“Inventing the Enlightenment.” Department of French and Italian, University of Minnesota	February 2009
“The Super-Enlightenment.” Theorizing Early-Modern Studies (TEMS), University of Minnesota	February 2009
“Was the Enlightenment French After All?” Department of History, Johns Hopkins University	December 2008
“Terreur et droit naturel.” Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris	November 2008
“The Tyrant and the Outlaw: Inventing the Terror.” Modern France Workshop, University of Chicago	May 2007
“Ideology and the End of the Enlightenment.” Department of Romance Languages, Johns Hopkins University	November 2004

Papers delivered

Discussant, “Debating Sovereignty, Slavery, and Enlightenment in Spanish America (1627-1845)” <i>American Political Science Association</i> , Vancouver	Sept. 2025
“Savages, Barbarians, and Civilized: On the Genealogy of an Enlightenment Typology” Society for French Historical Studies, Paris	July 2025
“The Last of the Polybians.” Political Thought Workshop, Stanford	Dec. 2023
Discussant, “Rights of Others and Responsibilities toward Others in Modern Political Thought.” <i>American Political Science Association</i> , Los Angeles	Sept. 2023
Panelist, “Digital History and Collaborative Research: a Practitioners’ Roundtable.” Royal Historical Society (zoom)	May 2023

- “Plutarch and Machiavelli: On the Politics of Prudence.” Feb. 2023
Center for Medieval and Early-Modern Studies, Stanford
- “Institutional Design for Liberal Education (or, The Great Curricular Heist: How Departments Carved Up Undergraduate Education).” Nov. 2022
“Education and the Humanities” workshop, Stanford
- “Pour une autre généalogie du libéralisme: Napoléon et les droits.” June 2021
Repenser les droits humains, Sorbonne Université, Paris
- “Political Liberty as Legal Equality: Rousseau and Roman Constitutionalism.” July 2020
International Political Science Association, Lisbon
- “Thomas Paine’s Republican Critique of the Terror.” Feb. 2020
University Center for Human Values (UCHV), Princeton
- “Political Liberty as Legal Equality: Rousseau and Roman Constitutionalism.” Nov. 2019
Center for Medieval and Early-Modern Studies (CMEMS), Stanford
- “A ‘Revolution’ in Political Thought: On Translating Polybius Book VI.” Oct. 2019
History of Political Thought workshop, Stanford
- “Counting the Ways They Differ: Speech Patterns of the Montagnards and Girondins,” July 2019
with Katherine McDonough.
International Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (ISECS), Edinburgh, UK
- “First He Took London, then He Took Berlin: Voltaire’s European Correspondents.” July 2019
International Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (ISECS), Edinburgh, UK
- “Marx Mediates Revolutions: 1793-1848-1917.” April 2017
Society for French Historical Studies, Washington, D.C.
- “Socio-Economic Rights in Eighteenth-Century France: A Hidden History.” March 2017
Socioeconomic Rights in History Workshop, Harvard Law School
- “Natural Constitutionalism and American Rights.” February 2017
Political Theory Workshop, Stanford
- “How to Study Networks Without ‘Edgy’ Data.” April 2016
Networks of European Enlightenment, Stanford
- “Natural Law and Order in the French Enlightenment.” April 2016
Law and Humanities workshop, Stanford
- “The Sans-Culottes, Marx, and the ‘Revolution in Permanence.’” September 2015
American Political Science Association, San Francisco
- “Future Perfect: Political and Emotional Economies of Revolutionary Time.” May 2015
Time and Political Authority, NYU-Berlin
- “When did Rights Become ‘Rights’? The Fall and Rise of a Revolutionary Concept.” April 2015
Rethinking the Age of Revolution, Princeton University
- “Early-Modern Social Network Analysis.” March 2015
The Republic of Letters Goes Digital, National University of Ireland
- “Mind the Gap: Between the Early-Modern and Modern Histories of Human Rights.” February 2015
History of Political Thought Project, Princeton University
- “Is there a ‘Modern’ Theory of Natural Law? Notes on the History of Human Rights.” December 2014
Laurance S. Rockefeller Fellows seminar, Princeton University
- Roundtable on David Armitage and Jo Guldi, *The History Manifesto* November 2014
Heyman Center for the Humanities, Columbia University
- “French Studies in the American University.” September 2014
The Future of French and Francophone Studies, Columbia University
- “(Super)natural Right Theory.” May 2014
Let There be Enlightenment: The Religious and Mystical Sources of Rationality,

Stanford University

- “Mapping the Republic of Letters.” April 2014
Society for French Historical Studies conference, Montreal
- “Data-Mining the Lit Review: dfr.jstor.org, Dirty Quantification, and the Case of Enlightenment Scholarship.” February 2014
Seminar on Enlightenment and Revolution, Stanford
- “Linked Data: The Next Frontier.” January 2014
American Historical Association, Washington, D.C.
- Roundtable participant, panel on “Sovereignty in 17th and 18th c. France.” January 2014
Modern Language Association, Chicago
- “Social Networks and Intellectual History.” September 2013
Workshop on Digital Humanities, Observatoire de Paris
- “From Gutenberg to Zuckerberg: Social Media in the Enlightenment.” September 2013
Conference on Computational Social Science, Stanford University
- “Enlightenment Rights Talk.” April 2013
Society for French Historical Studies conference, Cambridge, MA
- “‘Give Me Liberty or... What?’ Resistance Theory in Enlightenment Thought and the French Revolution.” January 2013
France and the Atlantic Republican Tradition workshop, Stanford
- “On the Cultural History of the *Declaration of the Rights of Man*” (in absentia) January 2012
Human Rights: The Historical Formation of a Research Field, Duke University
- “Mapping the Republic of Letters.” January 2012
American Historical Association, Chicago
- “Two Concepts of Revolutionary Authority.” November 2011
Scripting Revolution, Stanford University
- “Enlightenment Rights Talk.” October 2011
Enlightenment 2.1.3, UC Berkeley
- “Republicanism, Natural Right, and the Abolition of Slavery: Reflections on the *Déclaration des droits de l’homme et du citoyen*.” July 2011
International Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (ISECS), Graz, Austria
- “Digging Into the Enlightenment.” June 2011
Digging into Data Challenge Conference, Washington, D.C.
- “Revolutionary Authority and Political Violence.” March 2011
Terror and the Making of Modern Europe, Sciences Po, Paris
- “Where are the Letters Concerning the English Nation? Voltaire’s Correspondence.” March 2011
Republic of Letters Conference, Fondazione Cini, Venice
- “Mapping the Republic of Letters.” February 2011
Interdisciplinary Humanities Center, UC Santa Barbara
- “Thinking about Revolutions.” January 2011
Political Theory Workshop, Stanford
- “Social Networking in the Enlightenment.” January 2011
Modern Languages Association, Los Angeles
- Roundtable discussion on *Inventing Human Rights*, by Lynn Hunt September 2010
San Francisco Rights Conference, San Francisco State University
- “Mapping the Republic of Letters” (with Nicole Coleman). May 2010
Human-Computer Interaction Group, Department of Computer Science, Stanford
- “The Myth of Revolution: Reflections on Political Violence.” April 2010
Rethinking European Revolutions, European Studies Council, Yale University

- “From *Libertas* to *Liberté*? Fénelon, Rousseau, and the French Revolution.” February 2010
The Politics of Antiquity in the Early Enlightenment, University of Chicago
- “Terror Laws: Lessons from the French Revolution.” October 2009
 Forum on Contemporary Europe, Stanford University
- “Inventing the Enlightenment.” October 2009
 Interdisciplinary Colloquium in the Humanities, Stanford University
- “In 1795: Of Gods and Revolution.” June 2009
Romantik und Revolution, Historisches Institut, Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena
- “Naturalizing Philosophy: Myth and Enlightenment.” May 2009
 Seminar on Enlightenment and Revolution, Stanford University
- “Myth and Nature in the French Enlightenment.” December 2008
 Modern Language Association, San Francisco
- “Historiographie américaine récente sur la Révolution française.” November 2008
La République et son droit (1870-1930), Plenary lecture, Université de Besançon
- “La république naturelle des Jacobins.” November 2008
La République et son droit (1870-1930), Université de Besançon
- “The Egyptian French Revolution: Freemasonry, Antiquarianism, and the Mythology of Nature.” Oct. 2008
New Paradigms in Revolutionary Studies, University of Notre Dame
- “Law and Terror: Toward a Theory of Totalitarian Justice.” October 2008
Terrorism and Modernity, German Historical Institute/Tulane University
- “The Jacobin Republic of Nature.” July 2008
 Society for the Study of French History, University of Aberystwyth, UK
- “Two Concepts of Exceptionality: On Political Violence during the French Revolution.” April 2008
Terror and the Making of Modern Europe, Stanford University
- “Humanism in the *Encyclopédie*.” March 2008
Research conference on the ‘Encyclopédie,’ University of Chicago
- “Voltaire’s Republicanism.” March 2008
 American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Portland
- “Humanist Encyclopedism and *l’esprit philosophique*.” November 2007
The Republic of Letters: Between Renaissance and Enlightenment, Stanford
- “The Case of the Missing Constitution.” October 2007
 Western Society for French History, University of Colorado
- “Humanities Research and the Future of the Library” (w. Michael A. Keller and Charles Henry) Oct. 2007
 Stanford Humanities Center, Stanford University
- “Beyond the *bornes de l’esprit humain*: Traditional Authority and the Super-Enlightenment.” July 2007
 International Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (ISECS), Montpellier, France
- “Enemies of Humanity: Violence and Natural Right.” July 2007
 International Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (ISECS), Montpellier
- “Natural Right and Total War: On a Liberal Genealogy of the Terror.” December 2006
 Modern Language Association, Philadelphia
- “The Terror of Natural Right: *Droit des gens* in Revolutionary France.” October 2006
 Western Society for French History, California State University, Long Beach
- “Terror and Territory: National Sovereignty and Natural Right.” July 2006
 Society for the Study of French History, University of Sussex (UK)
- “Off With Their Heads: Death and the Terror.” May 2006
 French Culture Workshop, Stanford University
- “The Metaphysical Panopticon: The Great Terror and the Festival of the Supreme Being.” April 2006

Kentucky Foreign Language Conference, University of Kentucky

- “Restoring the Golden Age: The French Revolution and the Mythical Ideology of Nature.” February 2005
Debartolo Conference, University of South Florida
- “The Golden Age of Atlantis: Revolution, Science, and Millenium.” October 2004
Nineteenth-Century French Studies, Washington University
- “The Atlantis Theory: Jean-Sylvain Bailly and the Rise of Occult Orientalism.” April 2004
American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Boston College
- “The Re-invention of Mythology: Court de Gébelin and the Masonic Code.” December 2003
Modern Language Association, San Diego
- “Balzac and the Invention of Mythical Modernism: Rewriting Faust in *Le Père Goriot*.” October 2003
Nineteenth-Century French Studies, University of Arizona
- “Filling Saussure’s Shoes: C. S. Peirce and Literary Theory.” April 2002
Twentieth-Century French Studies, University of Connecticut
- “Reimagining the Romantic Imagination.” October 2001
Nineteenth-Century French Studies, University of Wisconsin at Madison
- “Against *Bricolage* as a Theory of Cultural Transmission.” March 2001
Twentieth-Century French Studies, University of California at Davis
- “La traversée des mythes dans *The Waste Land* de T. S. Eliot.” March 1999
Groupe d’études du XX^e siècle, Université de Genève

Digital projects

Humanities + Design (founding faculty director; 2013-): one of the three original research labs in the Center for Spatial and Textual Analysis ([CESTA](http://cesta.stanford.edu)) at Stanford. Dedicated to developing digital tools for humanistic research, and training graduate students in digital humanities: <http://hdlab.stanford.edu/>

The French Revolutionary Digital Archive (faculty advisor, 2006-2013), in collaboration with Stanford University Libraries, the Bibliothèque nationale de France, and ARTFL: full-text searchable versions of the *Archives parlementaires*, other revolutionary archives, and an image gallery of 14’000 prints: <http://frda.stanford.edu/>

Mapping the Republic of Letters (Principal Investigator, with Paula Findlen and Nicole Coleman; 2008-): funded by a three-year Presidential Fund for Innovation in the Humanities grant; an NEH “Digging Into Data Challenge” grant; by the Stanford Dean of Research; and by an NEH Digital Humanities Implementation grant, this project uses visualizations to map the correspondence networks, travel itineraries, imaginary geographies, and book distribution of early-modern Europe and America: <http://republicofletters.stanford.edu/>. See my [study](#) of Voltaire.

Republics of Letters (founder and editor, 2008-2017) is an online, peer-reviewed, open-access scholarly journal dedicated to the study of knowledge, politics, and the arts, in their changing historical and cultural configurations; sponsored by the DLCL at Stanford University: <http://rofl.stanford.edu>.

The Super-Enlightenment Project (faculty coordinator, 2009), in collaboration with Stanford University Libraries: a full-text searchable archive of “illumunist” late-eighteenth-century texts, with scholarly apparatus: <http://collections.stanford.edu/supere>.

Courses taught at Stanford

- “Classical Leadership.” Win. 2026
CLASSICS 147C/POLISCI 247C
- “Ancient Greece and Rome.” Spr. 2024
COLLEGE 115
- “Why College? Your Education and the Good Life.” 2020-
COLLEGE 101
- “Citizenship in the 21st-Century.” 2021-

COLLEGE 102

“Paris: Capital of Enlightenment and Revolution” OSPPARIS 93 (Overseas Center, Paris)	2023
“Reinventing Republicanism: How Florence Turned an Ancient Idea into a Revolutionary Project.” OSPFLOR 72 (Overseas Center, Florence)	2019
“Humanities Core: Great Books, Big Ideas — Europe, Modern.” with Debra Satz/Keith Baker HUMCORE 13	2017-2020
“CAPITALS: How Cities Shape Cultures, States, and People,” with Adrian Daub and Lisa Surwillo. DLCL 100	2017-2020
“When Europe Spoke French: The Power of Culture and the Culture of Power.” French 208	Fall 2016
“Introduction to Graduate Studies: Criticism as Profession,” with Grisha Freidin. DLCL 396 (required course for incoming DLCL graduate students)	Fall 2013
“Honors Thesis Seminar.” DLCL 189A (required seminar for senior honors students)	Fall 2013
“Networks: Ecological, Revolutionary, Digital,” with Deborah Gordon. <i>Thinking Matters</i> (THINK 29)	2013, '14
“Education as Self-Fashioning.” <i>Thinking Matters</i> (THINK 36/A, ESF 3/A, ESF 15/A)	2012-2019
“The Age of Enlightenment.” MLA 285, graduate seminar for Masters in Liberal Education	Winter 2012
“Revolution! A Global History from 1640 to the Present,” with Keith Baker. FRENGEN 146/ HISTORY 104A	Fall 2011
“French Classics: The Novel.” FRENLIT 121	Winter 2010
“Coffee & Cigarettes: The Making of French Intellectual Culture.” FRENLIT 120/FRENLIT 38N (freshman seminar)	2010-12
“Inventing the Enlightenment.” FRENLIT 203, graduate seminar	2010, 2016
“Texts in History: Enlightenment to the Present.” HUMNITIES/FRENGEN 163	Spring 2008
“Revolutions in Prose: The 19 th -Century French Novel.” FRENLIT 204, graduate seminar	2007, '11, '12
“Research Seminar on the Digitized <i>Encyclopédie</i> ,” with Keith Baker. FRENGEN/HISTORY 345, graduate seminar	Spring 2006
“Introduction to the Humanities: Epic Journeys, Modern Quests.” IHUM 3	2004-2011
“Machiavelli and Sons.” FRENGEN 49N, freshman Seminar	Fall 2006
“The World According to Jean-Jacques: Rousseau, Rousseauism, and the Enlightenment.” FRENLIT 236, graduate seminar	Spring 2006
“Absolutism, Enlightenment, and Revolution in 17 th - and 18 th -Century France.” FRENLIT 131	Winter 2006
“Killing Romanticism: Nineteenth-Century French Poetry,” with Joshua Landy. FRENGEN 251, graduate seminar	Winter 2006

“Give me <i>Libertinage</i> or Death: The Politics of Pleasure.” FRENLIT 221, graduate seminar	Winter 2005
“Theological Poets: Gods, Laws, and Rhythms in European Romanticism.” FRENGEN 248, graduate seminar	Winter 2005
“Kings and Philosophers: Ruling and Writing in the Age of Enlightenment.” FRENGEN 48N, freshman seminar	Fall 2004

Professional service and activities

Positions

Co-Director, Stanford Civics Initiative [link]	2025-
Co-Director, ePluribus Stanford [link]	2024-
Nehal and Jenny Fan Raj COLLEGE Director, VPUE, Stanford	2024-
Allen D. Christensen Director of Stanford Introductory Studies (SIS), VPUE	2019-
Vice-Chair, Faculty Senate	2019-2020
Chair, Division of Literatures, Cultures, and Languages (DLCL)	2015-2019
Co-Director, Humanities Core [link]	2016-2019
Faculty director, Humanities + Design research lab, CESTA [link]	2013-23
Director, Stanford Summer Humanities Institute [link]	2011-
Co-Director, French Culture Workshop	2005-2020
Chair of Graduate Studies, French	2015-2017
Editorial board, Oxford University Studies in the Enlightenment, Voltaire Foundation	2015-
Editorial board, <i>French Historical Studies</i>	2015-2018
Editorial board, <i>Modern Intellectual History</i>	2015-
Faculty director, Education as Self-Fashioning (ESF)	2016-17, 18-19
Resident Fellow, Humanities (Ng) House	2015-2017
Member, Faculty Senate	13/14, 18/20, 23/25
Director, Department of French and Italian	2013-2014
Director of Undergraduate Studies, DLCL	2010-2014
Chair of Undergraduate Studies, French	2010-2014
Editor, Republics of Letters	2008-2016
Co-Director, Seminar on Enlightenment and Revolution	2007-2008
Academic Advisor, Undergraduate Advising Program	2004-2006
<i>Committees</i>	
Advisory Board, Stanford	2022-23
Steering Committee, Faculty Senate	19/20, 24/25
Faculty Steering Committee, Haas Center for Public Service	2019-2022
Search Committee (Digital Humanities), University of Geneva	2019
Co-chair, First-Year Shared Intellectual and Experience Design Team	2018-19
Advancement and Promotions (A&P), Humanities section, School of H&S	2015-19
First-year Exploration and Shared Intellectual Experience, co-chair	2018-19
Affordability Task Force (faculty sub-committee)	2018-19
Advisory Board, Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning (VPTL)	2016-2018

Breadth Governance Board, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education (VPUE)	2013-2017
Bing Overseas Studies Program (BOSP) Faculty Oversight Committee, VPUE	12-14, 23-25
Undergraduate Advisory Council (UGAC), VPUE	2012-2014
Andrew W. Mellon Post-Doctoral Fellowship, selection committee	2012-2013
Stanford Pre-Collegiate Studies (SPCS), Faculty Advisory Committee	2012-2014
Academic Council Committee on Libraries (C-LIB)	2011-2014
Master of Liberal Arts Program, Steering Committee	2011-2012
Humanities Curriculum Committee, School of Humanities & Sciences	10-14, 18-20
Study of Undergraduate Education at Stanford (SUES), subcommittee on breadth	2010-2011
DLCL Executive Committee	2010-2019
DLCL Undergraduate Affairs Committee, chair	2010-2014
DLCL website redesign committee, chair	2010-2012
Search Committee (digital humanities), DLCL & English	2011-2012
Search Committee, Academic Technology Specialist, DLCL	2011-2012
Search Committee (<i>Francophonie</i>), French and Italian	2010, 2013
Executive Committee, The Europe Center, Freeman-Spogli Institute	2010-2014
Executive Committee, France-Stanford Center	2009-2014
Interdisciplinary Studies in the Humanities, Steering Committee	2006-2007
Planning and Personnel Committee, DLCL	2006-2007
Program in Modern Thought and Literature (MTL), Committee in Charge	2005-2006
<i>Conferences and workshops organized</i>	
“Art and Power,” Stanford (with Andrei Pesic)	Feb. 2018
“Networks of European Enlightenment,” Stanford	April 2016
“Time and Political Authority,” NYU-Berlin (with Stefanos Geroulanos and Natasha Wheatley)	May 2015
“New Histories of Human Rights,” Princeton (with Jan-Werner Mueller)	Feb. 2015
“Let There be Enlightenment,” Stanford (with Anton Matytsin)	May 2014
“Scripting Revolution,” Stanford (with Keith Baker)	Nov. 2011
“French Republicanism” workshop, Stanford (with Keith Baker)	2008, 2012
“The Republic of Letters,” Stanford (with Jacob Soll and Paula Findlen)	Nov. 2007
“Empire Lost: France and Its Other Worlds,” Stanford (with Elisabeth Boyi)	April 2006

Research Affiliations

UCLA Center for 17th- & 18th-Century Studies and William Andrews Clark Memorial Library

The Europe Center, Freeman-Spogli Institute, Stanford

Bodmer Lab, comité scientifique, Université de Genève & Fondation Martin Bodmer

Languages

Native speaker of English and French; proficient in German and Italian; reading knowledge of Latin and Ancient Greek.