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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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2019 – Present	Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Texas at San Antonio
2018 – Present	Faculty Affiliate, Centre for Community Disaster Research, Mount Royal University
Fall 2018	Visiting Scholar, Center for Biology & Society, Arizona State University
2015 – 2019	Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Lethbridge
2014 – 2015	Professor of History (entry level), Department of Social Sciences, Florida Southwestern State College

## EDUCATION

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Florida State University, Institute on Napoleon and the French Revolution

Ph.D. History, May 2014

Dissertation: “Pestilence and Politics: A Global History of the Marseille Plague”

Advisor: Darrin M. McMahon, Dartmouth College

Major Field: Early Modern/Modern Europe (eighteenth century focus)

Minor Fields: History of Science, Medicine & the Environment / Atlantic World / Middle East and Mediterranean

- Doctoral Comprehensive Exams passed with Distinction, October 2010

M.A. History, May 2010

Thesis: “The Good Friday Fire of 1788: Implications of a Disaster in Spanish Colonial New Orleans”

Advisor: Rafe Blaufarb

Florida International University

B.A. History and B.A. Psychology, December 2005, *Magna cum laude*

Certificate in European Studies

Certificate in Premodern Cultures & Civilizations

Senior Thesis: “The Growth and Evolution of James Madison’s Political Thought Until the End of the American Revolutionary Period”

- Awarded the History Department’s Senior Seminar Prize for Senior Thesis, April 2005
- Awarded 1 of 5 Outstanding Scholars of Honorable Mention Awards by the Honors Council, Dec. 2005
- Dean’s list, 2002-2005

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Books

#### *Monographs*

*The Great Plague Scare of 1720: Disaster and Society in the Eighteenth-Century World* (under advance contract with Cambridge University Press).

#### *Edited Volumes*

*Environmental Disaster in the Gulf South: Two Centuries of Catastrophe, Risk, and Resilience*. Baton Rouge: LSU Press, 2018. Editor.

### Peer-Reviewed Articles and Chapters

“Understanding Environmental Disaster and Disease in the Long Eighteenth Century,” *Pre-Modern Environment & Disease*, edited by Lori Jones. London: Routledge, forthcoming 2020.

“The History of Science and the Science of History: Computational Methods, Algorithms, and the Future of the Field,” with Abraham H. Gibson. *Isis* 110, no. 3 (September 2019): 555-66.

“Swamp Things: Invasive Species as Environmental Disaster in the Gulf South,” with Abraham H. Gibson. In *Environmental Disaster in the Gulf South: Two Centuries of Catastrophe, Risk, and Resilience*, edited by Cindy Ermus. Baton Rouge: LSU Press, 2018.

“The Spanish Plague That Never Was: Crisis and Exploitation in Cádiz During the *Peste* of Provence.” Special issue on Humans and the Environment in the Long Eighteenth Century, *Eighteenth-Century Studies* 49, no. 2 (January 2016): 167-93.

“The Plague of Provence: Early Advances in the Centralization of Crisis Management.” *Arcadia: Environment & Society*, no. 9 (2015).

“Reduced to Ashes: The Good Friday Fire of 1788 in Spanish Colonial New Orleans.” *Louisiana History: The Journal of the Louisiana Historical Association* LIV, no. 3 (Summer 2013): 292-331.

### Selected Digital Humanities Projects and Publications

*Age of Revolutions Online Academic Publication*. Co-founder, Co-Executive Editor, and contributor. 2015-present. [www.AgeofRevolutions.com](http://www.AgeofRevolutions.com).

“Environmental Disaster in the Gulf South: Scholarship on Catastrophe, Risk, and Resilience.” *LSU Press Blog*. February 2018.

“A Second Revolution Around the Sun: Year End Review.” *Age of Revolutions Online Academic Publication*. December 2017.

“AoR Anniversary: Celebrating Our First Revolution Around the Sun,” with Bryan Banks. *Age of Revolutions Online Academic Publication*. November 2016.

Interview for *Process Blog for American History: The Blog of the Organization of American Historians (OAH)*, with Bryan Banks. April 2016.

“Plague Cultures: The *Peste* of Provence and the Glorious Revolution.” *Age of Revolutions Online Academic Publication*. December 2015.

### Op-Ed Pieces & Scholarly Journalism

“The Cuban Revolution and Me,” *In Cuba Today* (also on [www.AgeofRevolutions.com](http://www.AgeofRevolutions.com)), July 5, 2016. Cover story.

“What does it mean to be ‘a product of the Cuban Revolution,’” *The Miami Herald*, July 25, 2016.

“¿Qué significa ser ‘un producto de la revolución cubana’?”, *El Nuevo Herald & En Cuba Hoy* (cover story), July 25, 2016.

### Book Reviews

Review of *A Not-So-New World: Empire and Environment in French Colonial North America*, by Christopher M. Parsons (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2018) for H-Environment Roundtable Reviews (January 2020).

Review of *Liberty or Death: The French Revolution*, by Peter McPhee (Yale University Press, 2016) in *Canadian Journal of History /Annales canadiennes d’histoire* (Winter 2017), 592-94.

Review of *Natural Interests: The Contest over Environment in Modern France*, by Caroline Ford (Harvard University Press, 2016) in *Canadian Journal of History /Annales canadiennes d’histoire* (Autumn 2017), 349-51.

Review of *Assumed Identities: The Meanings of Race in the Atlantic World*, edited by John D. Garrigus (Texas A&M University Press, 2010) in *Louisiana History: The Journal of the Louisiana Historical Association* Vol. LIV, No. 2 (Spring 2013), 216-18.

### TEACHING AWARDS

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2014 – 2015	Nominated for the Faculty of the Year Award Florida Southwestern State College
2013 – 2014	Nominated for the Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award Florida State University
2012 – 2013	Awarded the Joe Richardson Award for Excellence in Teaching Florida State University

### IN THE MEDIA

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- TV Interview for *CTV Lethbridge*, to discuss vulnerability of Gulf South to “natural” hazards (August 31, 2017).
- Live appearance on *Al Jazeera English* “NewsHour” to discuss disaster management of Hurricane Harvey in context of Gulf South’s larger history of disaster (August 30, 2017).
- Radio interview on CJOC FM Lethbridge News 94.1, on the history of modern disasters and Hurricane Harvey (August 30, 2017).
- Interviewed for feature article in *Lethbridge News Now*, “Learning the lessons of a catastrophic storm,” by Geoff Smith (August 30, 2017).

- Invited Q & A for *The Atlantic*, “Why the Gulf Coast Is Uniquely Vulnerable to Disasters: It isn’t just because of the weather, a historian argues,” by Alexis C. Madrigal (August 29, 2017).
- Included under “Scholars and Writers” in *The Atlantic*’s, “How to Track the Ongoing Fallout from Harvey: An annotated list of trusted sources on the hurricane and its aftermath” *The Atlantic* (August 28, 2017).
- Interview for the Reddit’s *AskHistorians* Podcast, “La Peste! The Great Plague of Marseille,” (May 6, 2017).
- Interview for series, *Catastrophe is Our Bedtime Story* with Michael Egan of McMaster University, “Catastrophe in the Age of Revolutions,” (October 28, 2016).

## **PLENARIES & INVITED LECTURES**

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### **Plenaries**

- “Communicating Disease: Information Networks During the Plague of Provence,” The Enlightenment in Motion Symposium, Mount Royal University (March 17, 2017).

### **Invited Talks**

- “On *Environmental Disaster in the Gulf South: Two Centuries of Catastrophe, Risk, and Resilience*,” Author book talk at Louisiana Book Festival (November 10, 2018).
- “Disruptions in Time: Historical Reflections on Disaster, Revolution, and the Digital Humanities,” Department of History, Florida International University (October 25, 2018).
- “The Great Plague Scare of 1720: Disaster and Society in the Eighteenth-Century World,” Center for Biology and Society, Arizona State University (August 28, 2018).
- “The Spectre of Death: An Early Modern Epidemic in Transnational Context,” for forum, *Early Modern Plagues: Histories of Resilience*, Arizona State University (April 11, 2017).
- “Plague and Crisis in the Eighteenth-Century,” Arizona State University’s Institute for Humanities Research (April 10, 2017).
- “Plague Cultures: Managing the 1720 Plague of Provence in France,” Department of Modern Languages, University of Lethbridge (October 3, 2016).

## **CONFERENCE PAPERS, CHAIRED SESSIONS, & ROUNDTABLES**

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### **Roundtables**

- “Using Digital Tools to Do Public History,” Society for French Historical Studies, Indianapolis, IN (April 4-6, 2019).
- Academic Blogging Roundtable: “Networks, Perspectives, and Trajectories,” American Historical Association, Chicago, IL (January 3-6, 2019).
- “Disaster and Crisis: Eighteenth-Century Perspectives” for roundtable, “Eighteenth-Century Environments” (Science Studies Caucus), American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Orlando, FL (March 22-25, 2018).
- “Home of Disaster: Katrina, BP, and the Gulf South, 5 and 10 Years Later: A Roundtable Discussion,” Louisiana Historical Association, Lafayette, LA (March 5-7, 2015).

### **Conference Papers & Panel Organization**

- “Understanding Disaster and the Environment in the Long Eighteenth Century,” Symposium on Disasters and Catastrophes in the Enlightenment, Mount Royal University (March 9, 2018).

- “Plague and the Port City: Movement and Migration During an Eighteenth-Century Crisis,” Western Society for French History, Reno, NV (November 2-4, 2017). (“Disasters and Dislocation in France and the Empire,” *H-France Salon*, Vol. 9, Issue 26.)
- “The 1720 Plague of Provence and Bourbon Reform in the Eighteenth Century,” American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Minneapolis, MN (March 30-April 2, 2017).
- “Cities and Disasters in the Eighteenth Century,” American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Minneapolis, MN (March 30-April 2, 2017).
- “Bourbon Centralization in Spain During the Plague of Provence, 1720-1724,” Association for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies, San Diego, CA (March 17-20, 2016).
- “The *Peste* of Provence and the Centralization of Crisis Management in the Early Eighteenth Century,” Society for French Historical Studies, Colorado Springs, CO (April 16-19, 2015). (“Learning from the Courte Durée: Moments in Mediterranean Environmental History,” *H-France Salon*, Vol. 7, Issue 8.)
- “The Politics of Disaster: Risk and Exploitation in Spain during the Marseille Plague and Beyond,” American Historical Association, Washington DC (January 2-5, 2014).
- “Plague in the Port City: The Marseille Plague of 1720 in Transnational Perspective,” American Association for the History of Medicine, Atlanta, GA (May 16-19, 2013).
- “Pestilence and Politics: The 1720 *Peste* of Provence in Cádiz and Marseille,” Society for French Historical Studies, Cambridge, MA (April 4-7, 2013).
- “The Good Friday Fire of 1788: Implications of a Disaster in Spanish Colonial New Orleans,” Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, Charleston, SC (February 25-27, 2010).
- “The Fire of 1788: Managing Disaster in a Spanish Colonial Urban Landscape,” Florida Conference of Historians, Wakulla, FL (February 18-20, 2010).

### Chaired Sessions

- “Plants as Case Study in the History of Philosophy, Sciences, and Medicine, 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> Centuries,” History of Science Society, Seattle, WA (Nov. 1-4, 2018)
- “The Growth of Trade, Economic Liberalism, and Attitudes to Absolute Monarchy at the End of the Old Regime,” Western Society for French History, Reno, NV (Nov. 2-4, 2017).
- “Consent and Coercion in Revolutionary and Napoleonic Policy,” Society for French Historical Studies, Washington, DC (April 20-23, 2017).
- “Cities and Disasters in the Eighteenth Century,” American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Minneapolis, MN (March 30-April 2, 2017).
- “Gender and the Birthrate in Modern France and Empire,” Society for French Historical Studies, Nashville, TN (March 3-6, 2016).
- “Visualizing Rural Life and Labor in a Time of Industrial Agriculture, 1945 to the present,” Society for French Historical Studies, Nashville, TN (March 3-6, 2016).

### RESEARCH GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

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2017	Office of Research & Innovation Services Grant, University of Lethbridge Research Fund (ULRF) For research in Italy and France
2016	Office of Research & Innovation Services Grant, University of Lethbridge Research Fund (ULRF) For research travel in Portugal, England, and Italy
2015 – 2016	New Faculty Start-Up Research Fund For research travel in France and Spain

- 2013 – 2014 Ben Weider Fellowship  
One-year dissertation-writing grant and tuition
- 2011 Weider Dissertation Research Fellowship  
Travel and dissertation research in Spain, France, & England
- 2011 McKnight Dissertation Research Grant  
To supplement dissertation research fellowship
- 2008 Ben Weider Research Grant  
For Masters Thesis research in New Orleans
- 2008 Florida State University Research Grant in History  
For Masters Thesis research in Seville, Spain
- 2007 – 2012 McKnight Doctoral Fellowship  
Full tuition and annual stipend throughout graduate program

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### University of Texas at San Antonio

- HIS6423 History of Disasters  
HIS2563 Introduction to European Civilization

### University of Lethbridge, Department of History

- HIST4990 Crisis and Catastrophe in History  
HIST3153 The Old Regime and the French Revolution  
HIST3850 Women & Gender in Early Modern Europe  
HIST2222 History in Practice  
HIST2102 Early Modern Europe, 1500-1800  
HIST1000 The Western World

#### Independent Studies:

- HIST5990 Space and the City in Eighteenth-Century Europe  
HIST3990 Women Writers in the Eighteenth Century  
HIST3990 War in the Vendée  
HIST3990 Resilience and Community in Historical Disasters

### Florida Southwestern State College, Department of Social Sciences

- WOH1030 History of World Civilizations, 1815 to the Present  
WOH1012 History of World Civilizations to 1500

### Florida State University, Department of History

- EUH4452 Old Regime and the French Revolution, 1715-1795 (TA)  
EUH2000 Ancient and Medieval Civilizations (Instructor of Record)

## **TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS**

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Early Modern Europe; Modern Europe; French Revolution; Age of Revolutions; Eighteenth-Century Europe; History of France; Atlantic World, 1500-1800; Mediterranean World; Women and Gender in Early Modern & Modern Europe or Eurasia; History of Medicine; The Enlightenment; History of Disasters; Environmental History; History of Science; Transnational History

**FOREIGN LANGUAGES**

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Spanish (native)  
 French and Italian (moderate proficiency)  
 Portuguese and Catalan (reading knowledge)

**FACULTY SERVICE**

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2019 – 2020	Department Library Liaison, University of Texas at San Antonio
2016 – 2019	Chair Selection Committee, University of Lethbridge
2015 – 2019	Website Committee and Co-Content Manager, University of Lethbridge
2015 – 2017	Search Committee, University of Lethbridge
2015 – 2016	Student Awards Committee, University of Lethbridge
Fall 2015	Colloquium Organizational Committee, University of Lethbridge
Spring 2015	Prize Committee for the annual Holocaust Memorial Week Poetry and Short Story Writing Contest, Florida Southwestern State College
Fall 2014	General Education Assessment for 2014-2015, Florida Southwestern State College

**GRADUATE STUDENTS**

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2017 – 2019	Graduate committee for Zoey Lorne, “The Construction and Regulation of Gendered Crimes in Scottish Witchcraft Cases, 1560-1661,” University of Lethbridge (MA, Fall 2019).
2015 – 2017	Graduate committee for Rae Stauffer, “Space and Edinburgh: Identifying Spatial and Social Relationships in the ‘Guid Toun’ of the Early Modern Period,” University of Lethbridge (MA, Fall 2017).

**SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

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March 27, 2018	Guest lecture on “Historians in the Media,” for seminar on History in Practice, University of Lethbridge
March 14, 2018	Guest lecture on “Disaster in Historical Perspective” for seminar on Gender, Poverty, and Disaster, University of Lethbridge
Nov. 27, 2017	Co-organized and hosted workshop “So You Want to Go to Graduate School,” University of Lethbridge
October 26, 2016	Co-organized and hosted workshop “So You Want to Go to Graduate School,” University of Lethbridge
October 2016	Mentor and referee for <i>The Meeting of the Minds Graduate Journal</i>
July 2016	Reviewed article submission for possible publication in <i>Arcadia: Environment &amp; Society</i>
April 7, 2016	Co-organized/hosted Student Workshop on Academic Conferences
2015 – present	Co-founder, editor, and contributor for AgeofRevolutions.com, collaborative online academic publication
October 30, 2015	Co-organized and hosted workshop on How to Apply to and Survive Graduate School, University of Lethbridge
May 2015	Reviewed article submission for possible publication in <i>Louisiana History</i> journal
Nov. 25, 2014	Professional Development Workshop on Assignments and Assessment, Florida Southwestern State College
Nov. 7, 2014	Professional Development Symposium, Florida Southwestern State College

Nov. 3, 2014	Completed workshop on Critical Thinking in the Classroom, Florida Southwestern State College
Sep. 5–6, 2014	Completed Great Teachers Seminar (GTS), organized by Florida Southwestern State College, Cape Coral, Florida
2008 – 2010	Successfully completed the Preparing Future Faculty Program (PFF) at Florida State University, and the course, Teaching College History.
March 2011	Volunteer for conference organizational committee Consortium on the Revolutionary Era in Tallahassee
March 2009	Volunteer for conference organizational committee American Society for Environmental History in Tallahassee
April 2005	Volunteer for conference organizational committee Medieval Academy of America in Miami

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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American Historical Association  
American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies  
Ibero-American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies  
Society for French Historical Studies  
Western Society for French History  
American Society for Environmental History  
Association for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies  
American Association for the History of Medicine  
Institute on Napoleon and the French Revolution Fellow  
Masséna Society Fellow

### **REFERENCES**

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Available upon request