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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Columbia University

Professor of History and French, 2021 – present

Associate Professor of History and French, 2018-2021

Cornell University

Associate Professor of History, 2014 – 2018

Assistant Professor of History, 2008 – 2014

Visiting Assistant Professor of History, Spring 2007

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Cornell University, Modern European History, 2007

M.A. Cornell University, 2003

B.A. Brown University, History and Modern Culture & Media, 1999
(*magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa)

FIELDS OF INTEREST

European Cultural and Intellectual History • History of Modern France • Gender and Sexuality
Historiography • History of Psychiatry and Psychoanalysis • Social and Political Theory
Law and Society • Religion, Secularism, and Modernity

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Disalienation: Politics, Philosophy, and Radical Psychiatry in Postwar France (Chicago UP, 2021)

French translation : *Désaliénation : Politique, philosophie, et psychiatrie radicale en France*
(Éditions du Seuil, forthcoming in 2024, trans. Patrick DiMascio)

The Law of Kinship: Anthropology, Psychoanalysis, and the Family in France (Cornell UP, 2013).

Winner of the 2013 Berkshire Conference of Women Historians Book Prize

Finalist for the 2012-2013 Laurence Wylie Prize in French and Francophone Cultural Studies

French translation: *La loi de la parenté: La famille, les experts, et la république*
(Éditions Fahrenheit: 2016; trans. Ninon Visonneau)

Selected Peer-Reviewed Articles

- "Frantz Fanon, Institutional Psychotherapy, and the Decolonization of Psychiatry," *The Journal of the History of Ideas*, Vol. 81, Issue 2 (April 2020), 303-325.
- "François Tosquelles and the Psychiatric Revolution in Postwar France," *Constellations*, Vol. 23, Issue 2 (June 2016) (Special Issue on "Psychoanalysis and Critical Theory"), 212-222.
- "The Biopolitics of Dignity," *The South Atlantic Quarterly*, Vol.115, No.2 (April 2016) (Special Issue: "Life After Biopolitics"), 313-330.
Reprinted in *Christianity and Human Rights Reconsidered*, ed. Sarah Shortall and Daniel Steinmetz-Jenkins (Cambridge University Press, 2020), pp.119-135.
- "Catholics, the 'Theory of Gender,' and the Turn to the Human in France: A New Dreyfus Affair?" *The Journal of Modern History*, Vol.87, No.4 (December 2015), 892-923.
- "Liberté, Égalité, Hétérosexualité: Race and Reproduction in the French Gay Marriage Debates," *Constellations*, Vol.22, Issue 3 (September 2015), 447-461.
- "Lévi-Strauss's Structuralist Social Contract," *Yale French Studies* 123 (July 2013), 145-165 (Special Issue: "Rethinking Lévi-Strauss (1908 – 2009)").
- "'China In Our Heads:' Althusser, Maoism, and Structuralism," *Social Text* 110, Vol.30, No. 1 (Spring 2012), 51-69 (Special Issue: "China and the Human").
- "French Sexual Politics from Human Rights to the Anthropological Function of the Law," *French Historical Studies* 33.1 (Winter 2010), 129-156.

Book Chapters

- "Populism and Gender Ideology" (co-written with Stéphanie Hennette-Vauchez) in *The Oxford Handbook of Women and International Law*, ed. J. Jarpa Dawuni, Nienke Grossman, Jaya Ramji-Nogales, Hélène Ruiz Fabri (Oxford UP, forthcoming in 2024).
- "The Political Laboratory of Institutional Psychotherapy" for *Francesc Tosquelles: Curing the Institutions*, catalogue for the American Folk Art Museum (AFAM), 2023.
- "Fanon and Institutional Psychotherapy" in *Frantz Fanon's Psychotherapeutic Approaches to Clinical Work: Practicing Internationally with Marginalized Communities*, ed. Lou Turner & Helen Neville (Routledge, 2019), 23-38.
- "Structuralism" in *The Cambridge History of Modern European Thought, Vol. II: The Twentieth Century*, ed. Warren Breckman and Peter Gordon (Cambridge UP, 2019), 464-489.
- "Republicanism and the Critique of Human Rights" in *France since the 1970s: History, Politics and Memory in an Age of Uncertainty*, ed. Emile Chabal (Bloomsbury Academic, 2014), 225-243.

Other Media

- "Disalienation" for Podcast *Mad in America*, March 2023
<https://www.madinamerica.com/2023/03/uncovering-radical-psychiatry-and-institutional-psychotherapy-in-postwar-france-an-interview-with-camille-robcis/>
- "Institutional Psychotherapy in Post-War France" in series titled "Object Relations" for Podcast *Red Medicine* (with Samuel Kelly), July 2022:
<https://www.redmedicine.xyz/interviews/boris-groys-d7e54>
- "Politics and the Psyche," *Humanities*, Spring 2022, Vol. 43, Issue, 2.
<https://www.neh.gov/article/politics-and-psyche>
- "France and the Question of Consent," *Public Books*, 9/29/2021:
<https://www.publicbooks.org/france-and-the-question-of-consent/>
- Podcast on Michel Foucault's Discipline and Punish for *Writ Large*, 2022 (with Zachary Davis):
<https://www.writlarge.fm/episodes/discipline-punish>

Interview with J.J. Mull for the New Books in Psychoanalysis Podcast, June 2021:
<https://newbooksnetwork.com/disalienation>

Liberté, égalité, hétérosexualité: interview with Camille Regache for Binge.audio, Nov. 2019
<https://www.binge.audio/liberte-egalite-heterosexualite/>

"Why an IVF bill is the next fault line for the French Republic," *The Washington Post*, 14 Oct. 2019
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2019/10/14/why-an-ivf-bill-is-next-fault-line-french-republic/>

"What Is the Future of Psychoanalysis in the Academy?" *Psychoanalysis and History*, 20.1 (2018): 28-29

"Institutional Psychotherapy in France: An Interview with Camille Robcis," in *Hidden Persuaders*, September 28, 2017, <http://www.bbk.ac.uk/hiddenpersuaders/blog/robcis-interview/>

"PMA: aux sources du débat français," Interview with Lucie Delaporte, *Médiapart*, July 30, 2017
<https://www.mediapart.fr/journal/culture-idees/020717/pma-aux-sources-du-debat-francais?onglet=full>

"Les structures familiales de la République," Radio interview with Sylvain Bourmeau, "La Suite dans les idées," France Culture (Dec. 2016) <https://www.franceculture.fr/emissions/la-suite-dans-les-idees/les-structures-familiales-de-la-republique>

"Universalist Politics and Its Crises," *Vikerkaar* 3/2016 (Estonian version); Eurozine (English version), conversation with Aro Velmet: <http://www.eurozine.com/articles/2016-05-24-robcis-en.html>

"The Limits of Republicanism," *Jacobin*, January 26, 2015:
<https://www.jacobinmag.com/2015/01/charlie-hebdo-republicanism-racism/>

"Gender Trouble in France," an Interview with Kevin Duong, *Jacobin*, December 8, 2014:
<https://www.jacobinmag.com/2014/12/gender-trouble-in-france/>

"Jean Oury and the Clinique de La Borde: A Conversation with Camille Robcis," with Todd Meyers, *Somatosphere: Science, Medicine, and Anthropology*, June 2014:
<http://somatosphere.net/2014/06/jean-oury-and-clinique-de-la-borde-a-conversation-with-camille-robcis.html>

Interview with Roxanne Panchasi for the New Books in French Studies Podcast, February 2014
<http://newbooksinfrenchstudies.com/2014/02/05/camille-robcis-the-law-of-kinship-anthropology-psychoanalysis-and-the-family-in-france-cornell-up-2013/>

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Residential Fellowships

Heyman Center Faculty Fellowship, Columbia University, 2020-2021
 Faculty Fellowship, The Atkinson Center, Cornell University, Spring 2018
 Institute for Advanced Study (Member of the School of Historical Studies), Spring 2016
 Remarque Institute Fellowship, NYU, Fall 2015
 Faculty Fellowship, The Society for the Humanities, Cornell University, 2013-2014
 LAPA Fellowship, Program in Law and Public Affairs, Princeton University, 2011-2012
 Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship, Penn Humanities Forum, University of Pennsylvania, 2007-2008
 Pembroke Postdoctoral Fellowship, Brown University, 2007-2008 (declined)

Research Grants

Institute of Latin American Studies Travel Grant, Columbia University, 2023
 Humanities War and Peace Initiative Research Grant, Columbia University, Fall 2019
 National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, 2015-2016
 Mellon Foundation Sawyer Seminar on "Political Will" (co-organizer), 2014-2015
 Small Grant, Institute for Social Sciences, Cornell University, 2011, 2014, and 2016
 Research Grant, Einaudi Center for International Studies, Cornell University, summer 2011
 Alice Cook Award, Feminist Gender and Sexuality Program, Cornell University, 2010
 Humanities Research Grant, Society for the Humanities, Cornell University, 2010, 2012, 2013

Mary Isabel Sibley Research Fellowship, The Phi Beta Kappa Society, 2004-2005
John B. and Theta H. Wolf Travel Fellowship, Society for French Historical Studies, 2004
Social Science Research Council, International Dissertation Field Research Fellowship, 2003-2004
Institute for European Studies, Luigi Einaudi Research Fellowship, 2003-2004

Prizes and Distinctions

Provost's Grant for Mid-Career Faculty who Contribute to the Diversity Goals of the University, 2021
John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship, 2020
Article "French Sexual Politics" commended by the Malcolm Bowie Prize Committee, Society for French Studies, 2011
Dissertation Awarded the Guilford Essay Prize and the Messenger-Chalmers Prize, both in 2007
Article "How the Symbolic Became French" awarded the Biddy Martin Graduate Prize in 2005 and the Gregory Sprague Prize from the Committee on Lesbian and Gay History in 2006
Graduate Fellow of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, 2006
Marjorie Harris Weiss Memorial Premium, Brown University, 1999

INVITED TALKS & KEYNOTES (selection from the last five years)

"Gender Wars at the 1995 Beijing Women's Conference"
Keynote in Conference on "Anti-Gender Politics," The University of Chicago, October, 2022
Invited Chair "Gender" at the Institut du Genre, Paris, March 2022
"Disalienation: Politics, Philosophy, and Radical Psychiatry in France"
Center for the Study of Psychoanalysis & Culture at the University of Buffalo, April 2023
The Geneva Graduate Institute, October 2022
Centre d'Histoire de Science Po, June 2022
Institute Pere Mata, Reus, Spain, May 2022
Yale Modern Europe Colloquium, April 2022
MIT Global Languages, February 2022
Richardson Research Seminar in the History of Psychiatry, Cornell Weill, February 2022
Kings College French Department, London, UK, May 2021
NYC History of Science Lecture Series, NYU and Columbia, October 2019
Harvard History of Science Seminar, September 2019
Berlin Institute for Cultural Inquiry (ICI), April 2018
"The Gender Panic: Populism, Reproduction, and Sexual Rights in France"
Institute for Historical Research, Modern French History Seminar, March 2023
University of Rochester, Margaret Parkhurst Morey Lecture, November 2022
Center for European Studies, Harvard University, November 2021
Cornell University, School of Criticism and Theory, July 2021
Université de Lausanne, Suisse, Octobre 2019
Modern Europe Colloquium, Yale University, March 2019
Russian State University for the Humanities, Moscow, Russia, November 2018
"Fanon and the Decolonization of Psychiatry," in "Fanon After Fanon," Wiser Public Positions Series, South Africa, April 2021
"Radical Psychiatry, Institutional Analysis, and the Commons," in Critique & Praxis 13/13, Columbia Center for Contemporary Critical Thought, December 2018
"The Figure of the Child in the French Gay Marriage Debates" in conference on "Writing History Through Children," Northwestern University, October 2018

LANGUAGES

Fluent in French and Spanish (native speaker), Italian, reading knowledge of German

DEPARTMENTAL AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (Selection from last 5 years)

Columbia University

Department of French

Director of Graduate Studies, 2022-present

Placement Officer, 2018 – 2020

Department of History

Graduate Admission Committee (GAC), 2023

Chair of Personnel Committee, 2019-2020

UNDED (Undergraduate Education Committee), 2020-2021

Honors and Prize Committee Chair, 2021

Institute for the Study of Sexuality & Gender (ISSG)

Member of the Executive Committee, 2018-present

Institute for Religion and Public Culture (IRCPL)

Member of the Faculty Advisory Committee, 2018-present

Presidential Scholars in Society and Neuroscience (PSSN)

Member of the Steering Committee, 2019-2020

Professional Service

Editorial Experience

Editorial Board of *Parapraxis*, 2022 – present

Editorial Board of *History & Psychoanalysis*, 2022 – present

Executive Editor of the Penn Series: “Intellectual History of the Modern Age,” 2014 – present

Executive Editor of the Cornell University Press Series: “Corpus Juris: The Humanities in Politics and Law,” 2015 - present

Editorial Board of *Modern Intellectual History*, 2015 - 2017

Webinar Director for H-France, 2017 – 2019

Journal and Press Consulting

Referee for Book Manuscripts: Duke University Press, Stanford University Press, The University of Chicago Press, Fordham University Press, Oxford University Press, Bloomsbury Publishing, Polity, Verso, Cornell University Press.

Referee for Articles: *French Historical Studies*, *Gender and History*, *Diacritics*, *Humanity*, *Psychoanalysis and History*, *Signs*, *New German*, *Modern Intellectual History*, *Social Movement Studies*, *Journal of the History of Ideas*, *Romanic*, *History of the Human Sciences*, *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*, *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences*, *Terrain*, *Theory & Event*.

Prize and Fellowship Committees

Laurence Wylie Prize in French and Francophone Cultural Studies, 2016 and 2018

The Jerrold Seigel Fellowship in Intellectual and Cultural History, 2018 - present

NEH Fellowships, Peer Evaluator for Modern European History, 2018

Columbia Institute for Ideas and Imagination Selection Committee, 2018-2023

Institute for Advanced Study Applications Evaluator, 2019-2022

American Academy in Berlin Applications Evaluator, 2018-2022