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EDUCATION

- THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA** August 2016 – May 2021
Ph.D. in French (ABD)
Dissertation Title: "The Francophone North Atlantic: Identity, Religiosity, and Trauma in Francophone Canada."
Committee: Drs. Janet Horne, Alison Levine, Claire Lyu, and Richard Handler
- WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY DETROIT, MI** August 2013 – May 2016
M.A. in French
Thesis Title: "L'Idéologie fasciste et l'esthétique de l'image sous l'Occupation en France."
Director: Dr. Alina Cherry
Magna Cum Laude
- THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN DEARBORN, MI** August 2009 – April 2013
B.A. in French & Secondary Education
Minors: German, Political Science
Magna Cum Laude

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

FRENCH

- THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA** August 2016 – present
GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT
Representative Courses: French 1020, French 1050, French 2010, French 2020 Summer Language Institute
- HAMPDEN-SYDNEY COLLEGE FARMVILLE, VA** January 2019 – May 2019
VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF FRENCH
Representative Courses: French 102
- WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY DETROIT, MI** August 2013 – May 2016
GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT
Representative Courses: French 1010, French 1020
- SECONDARY SCHOOL FRENCH INSTRUCTOR STATE OF MICHIGAN** 2011 – 2013
- High School French Instructor (May 2013-June 2013)**
Avondale High School – Auburn Hills, MI
Representative Courses: French 1-5; AP French
- High School French Instructor (January 2013-April 2013)**
Stevenson High School – Livonia, MI
Representative Courses: French 1-5; AP French

Middle School French Instructor (December 2012)

Riverside Middle School – Dearborn Heights, MI
Representative Courses: 7th & 8th Grade French

High School French Instructor (December 2011-June 2012)

Divine Child High School – Dearborn, MI
Representative Courses: AP French, AP Government, German 3-4

GERMAN

**THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA BERLIN & WEIMAR, GERMANY
CO-INSTRUCTOR**

January 2019

January Term in Berlin and Weimar – “Germany Past and Present”
Office of Summer and Special Academic Programs

ENGINEERING

**THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA
CO-INSTRUCTOR**

January 2020 – May 2020

School of Engineering and Applied Science
ENGR 2595 Special Topics in Engineering: Design Like You Mean It

**THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA STUTTGART, GERMANY
CO-INSTRUCTOR**

Summer 2019, 2020*, 2021

Summer Program in Stuttgart – “Global Technology Practice”
Office of Summer and Special Academic Programs and The School of Engineering and Applied Science

*2020 Session – Cancelled due to COVID-19

PEDAGOGY & SPECIAL EDUCATION

**THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA
SATURDAY & SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM INSTRUCTOR**

June 2017 – present

Curry School of Education
Representative Courses: Global Perspectives of the 21st Century (Summer 2017);
Lively Linguistics (Spring 2018); Journeying Europe (Summer 2018); Literature as
Time-Travel (Spring 2019); Engaging Literature (Spring 2020)

**THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA
GRADUATE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT LIAISON**

2018 – 2019

Center for Teaching Excellence
Tasks include the design and delivery of pedagogical and professional development
initiatives for graduate students across the University, conducting teaching
observations, and acting as a mentor.

PUBLICATIONS

**MÉTIF: THE EMERGENCE OF A CONTINENTAL CULTURE / MÉTIF:
L'ÉMERGENCE D'UNE CULTURE CONTINENTALE**

Forthcoming 2022

Co-Author, alongside Drs. Michel Bouchard (UNBC), Sébastien Malette (Carleton
University), and Guillaume Marcotte (Université de Saint-Boniface).
Forthcoming. English edition: Queen's University Press; French edition: Presses de
l'Université Laval.

MEDIA POSITIONS

RADIO-CANADA ALBERTA JOURNALISTE-PIGISTE / FREELANCE January 2020 – present

JOURNALIST

Montly Contributor – *Francophonie des Amériques*, Ici Première – Edmonton, Alberta
Contributions include topics related to history and current events in Francophone North America.

THE NORTH AMERICAN FRANCOPHONE PODCAST

November 2019 – present

Host and Director – Streaming on Apple Podcasts and Spotify

This podcast highlights the multivocality and richness of Francophone North America in a broadcast format, including episodes about the culture, history, and traditions of Francophone peoples in Canada, the United States, and beyond

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ASSISTANTSHIPS

EUROPEAN STUDIES GRADUATE STUDENT PROGRAM ASSISTANT

August 2018 - present

THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

Assistant to the Program Director and Affiliated Faculty.

JEWISH STUDIES GRADUATE STUDENT PROGRAM ASSISTANT

August 2019 – May 2020

THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

Assistant to the Program Director and Affiliated Faculty.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY RESEARCH ASSISTANT

2017 – 2018

THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

Assistant to Dr. Jeffrey Olick (William Kenan, Jr. Professor of Sociology and Chair of Sociology)

Research: Translation of Maurice Halbwachs from French to English

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICS RESEARCH ASSISTANT

April 2017 – August 2017

THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

Assistant to Dr. David Leblang

Research: German National Elections Data and Translation from German to English

LANGUAGE SERVICES

LANGUAGE INSTRUCTOR AND ORAL PROFICIENCY COACH SPEAK!

September 2019 – present

LANGUAGE CENTER CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA

Personal immersive courses, tutoring, and group classes.

BUSINESS FRENCH ORAL EXAMINER CCI PARIS ÎLE-DE-FRANCE

November 2017; May 2018; May 2019

PARIS, FRANCE & CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA

Examiner of B1 Speakers.

SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETER UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

16 – 17 November 2017

Special Interpreter to François Jullien (Philosopher; Current Chair of Fondation Maison des Sciences de l'homme – Paris, France)

COMMUNITY EDUCATOR ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE DE CHARLOTTESVILLE August 2016 – April 2019
Engagement with community events, summer classes, private consultation.

SYNC® FRENCH LANGUAGE NAVIGATION TESTER AND VOICE TALENT September 2014 – June 2016
P3 & FORD MOTOR CO. DEARBORN, MI AND SOUTHFIELD, MI
Project for Ford Canada and P3 North America.

POLITICS & COMMUNITY ORGANIZING

POLITICAL CAMPAIGN MANAGER FARMINGTON, MI April 2016 – August 2016
Dr. Anil Kumar for Congress
11th Congressional District Director of Interns and Community Organizers;
Director of Field Office

FIELD ORGANIZER AND COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR DETROIT, MI August 2014 – May 2016
American Federation of Teachers – AFT Local 6123
Graduate Employees' Organizing Committee

BILINGUAL SENATE INTERN OTTAWA, ONTARIO Summer 2011
Parliament of Canada
Office of Senator Joan Fraser (Montréal, QC)
Special Obligations: Senate Bill 101

ORIENTATION LEADER DEARBORN, MI September 2010 – April 2013
The University of Michigan-Dearborn
Special Obligations: Organization of newly-admitted students, tours for families and prospective students, preparation of Orientation and Admissions Office materials.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

THE HAPPY COOK CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA November 2019 – present
Professional cooking classes, merchandise, restocking, and culinary product knowledge.

THE HENRY FORD GREENFIELD VILLAGE MUSEUM DEARBORN, MI April 2016 – August 2016
Pottery, Glassblowing, Mills, Machine Shop, and Tinsmith Shop

HONORS & FELLOWSHIPS

SENIOR JUNIOR FELLOW 2019 – 2020
The Society of Fellows at The University of Virginia
Elected by The Society of Fellows Junior Fellows

JUNIOR FELLOW 2018 – 2019
The Society of Fellows at The University of Virginia
Nominated by Dr. Deborah McGrady (Department of French)

MAPPING THE SOUTH ATLANTIC FELLOWSHIP Spring 2018
Virginia Foundation for the Humanities – Charlottesville, VA
Fellowship to participate in a digital humanities mapping seminar under the purview of Dr. S. Max Edelson (UVA History)

JEWISH STUDIES FELLOWSHIP

Department of Religious Studies – The University of Virginia – Charlottesville, VA
Awarded to explore intersections between French Studies and Jewish identity.

2017-2018; 2018-2019; 2019-
2020; 2020-2021

UVA GSAS ARTS, HUMANITIES, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES (AHSS) SUMMER RESEARCH AWARD

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
The University of Virginia – Charlottesville, VA
Awarded for my summer research project “Transatlantic Reactions: Mapping the Ideological and Literary Currents of World War II Québec.”
Research conducted in Canadian National Archives and Québec Provincial Holdings.

April 2017

UVA GSAS RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
The University of Virginia – Charlottesville, VA
Awarded for professional development during dissertation writing.

August 2016

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES SUMMER SCHOLAR

NEH in Avignon, France
Program Title: *La Théâtralité et la réalité dans le théâtre français moderne*
Under the direction of Dr. Mary Ann Frese Witt, North Carolina State University

Summer 2014

CANDACE BEUTELL GARNER ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Wayne State University – Detroit, MI
Recognition of excellence in French Studies and Education.

August 2014

THE HONOR SCHOLAR AWARD

The University of Michigan – Dearborn, MI
Representative of a 4.0 in French Studies, as well as significant contributions to the university.

April 2013

MICHIGAN DIFFERENCE MAKERS COMMUNITY AWARD

The University of Michigan – Dearborn, MI
Awarded for work in Metro Detroit and Windsor/Essex (Canada) regions.

July 2012

UNIVERSITY PARTNERS LEADERSHIP AWARD

Leadership Detroit – Detroit, MI and Windsor, Ontario
Representative of volunteer efforts to promote dialogue between Metro Detroit and Windsor/Essex (Canada) university and social communities.

June 2012

MEDIA APPEARANCES & COVERAGE**RECURRING MEDIA APPEARANCES****THE NORTH AMERICAN FRANCOPHONE PODCAST**

Host and Director
This podcast highlights the multivocality and richness of the North American Francophone world through interviews with scholars, artists, musicians, and activists.

November 2019 – present

MONTHLY RADIO CHRONICLES RADIO-CANADA ALBERTA

January 2020 – present

Monthly Contributor – *Francophonie des Amériques*, Ici Première – Edmonton, Alberta

I present a series of cultural interviews that inform listeners about the history of Franco-American populations.

Contributions include topics on the history and current events relating to Francophones in North America, with specific emphasis on Canada and the United States.

(All interviews conducted in French)

TELEVISION INTERVIEWS

TV5 UNIS TOURNÉE GÉNÉRALE

11 March 2020

Toronto, Ontario

Interview discussing my status as a Franco-Michigander for the Mois de la Francophonie.

(Interview conducted in French)

RDI INFO

12 August 2018

Montréal, Québec

Invited on the one-year anniversary of the Unite the Right Rally in Charlottesville to conduct two interviews for RDI Info.

(Both interviews conducted in French)

RADIO-CANADA TELEVISION & TVA NOUVELLES

13 – 14 August 2017

Following the 2017 Alt-Right Events in Charlottesville that I witnessed firsthand, I was called upon to conduct a series of television interviews. These included:

- Montréal: Radio-Canada Television Skype Interview, 13 August 2017

- Québec/Montréal/Ottawa: TVA Nouvelles (LCN) Skype Interview, 14 August 2017

(All interviews conducted in French)

RADIO

RADIO-CANADA SASKATCHEWAN POUR FAIRE UN MONDE

8 October 2020

Regina, Saskatchewan

Interview with Doris Labrie and Emmanuel Masson, Canadian political activist following the Vice Presidential Debate between Kamala Harris and Mike Pence. Available online as "Élections américaines: Retour sur le débat vice-présidentiel USA."

(Interview conducted in French)

RADIO-CANADA ONTARIO MATINS SANS FRONTIÈRES

7 October 2020

Windsor, Ontario

Interview with Mathieu Cordeau broadcast on air and published online as "Les élections américaines sous la lentille d'une électricienne du Michigan. Discussion published and broadcast hours before the debate between Kamala Harris and Mike Pence.

(Interview conducted in French)

RADIO-CANADA SASKATCHEWAN POUR FAIRE UN MONDE

24 June 2020

Regina, Saskatchewan

Discussion with Doris Labrie on the French language in North America.

(Interview conducted in French)

- RADIO-CANADA ONTARIO MATINS SANS FRONTIÈRES** 22 May 2020
Windsor, Ontario
Interview with Mathieu Cordeau discussing my experience growing up in Metro Detroit listening to Radio-Canada Windsor. This interview was a part of the station's programming celebrating its 50th anniversary.
(Interview conducted in French)
- RADIO-CANADA SASKATCHEWAN POUR FAIRE UN MONDE** 20 March 2020
Regina, Saskatchewan
« Quand Détroit célèbre la francophonie »
Interview with Doris Labrie discussing Detroit's Francophone legacy, and continued cultural traditions, including the Marche du Nain Rouge.
(Interview conducted in French)
- RADIO-CANADA ONTARIO MATINS SANS FRONTIÈRES** 28 January 2020
Windsor, Ontario
Interview discussing The North American Francophone Podcast.
(Interview conducted in French)
- RADIO-CANADA SASKATCHEWAN POUR FAIRE UN MONDE** 2 December 2019
Regina, Saskatchewan
Interview discussing The North American Francophone Podcast and the status of North American French studies with Doris Labrie.
(Interview conducted in French)
- RADIO-CANADA BRITISH COLUMBIA CULTURE ET CONFITURE** 30 November 2019
Vancouver, British Columbia
Interview with Mireille Langlois discussing The North American Francophone Podcast, growing up in a bilingual French-English household in Metro Detroit, and the status of North American French studies.
(Interview conducted in French)
- RADIO-CANADA ALBERTA LE CAFÉ SHOW** 28 November 2019
Edmonton, Alberta
Interview with Benoît Michaud about hosting The North American Francophone Podcast and the subjects relating to launching a Francophone history and culture podcast for an English-speaking audience.
(Interview conducted in French)
- RADIO-CANADA INTERVIEWS FOLLOWING THE 'UNITE THE RIGHT' RALLY IN CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA** 13 – 14 August 2017
Following the 2017 alt-right rally in Charlottesville, I was brought on-air to speak as an eyewitness. These interviews included:
- Radio-Canada Montréal Afternoon Radio News Interview, 13 August 2017
- Radio-Canada Québec City Afternoon Radio News Interview, 13 August 2017
- Radio-Canada Gravel le matin interview, 14 August 2017
- Radio-Canada Ottawa Afternoon Radio News Interview, 14 August 2017
(All interviews conducted in French)

CONFERENCES & TALKS

GUEST LECTURER “THE QUIET REVOLUTION”

26 October 2020

Invited as a guest lecturer to HIUS 4501, "Canada and the United States" by Dr. Alan Taylor at The University of Virginia.
(In English)

GUEST LECTURER THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA EVANSVILLE, IN

3 April 2020

Invited as a guest lecturer to Dr. Alexandra Natoli's Francophone cultures class.
(In English and French)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATION “BANAL BASILICAS: THE POST- RELIGIOUS LANDSCAPE OF QUÉBEC.”

March 2020*

25th Carolina Conference for Romance Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
(In English and French)
*Cancelled due to COVID-19

CONFERENCE PRESENTATION “SERVIAM: ADRIEN ARCAND’S VISION OF A FASCIST CANADIAN STATE.”

March 2020*

American Comparative Literature Association Annual Meeting – Revisions of Fascism II: Comparative Fascisms – Chicago, IL.
(In English and French)
*Cancelled due to COVID-19

CONFERENCE PRESENTATION “ADRIEN ARCAND’S VISION OF A FASCIST CANADIAN STATE.”

April 2019

First Annual Far-Right and Antifascism Conference – The University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA
(In English and French)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATION “(DE)SANCTIFICATION OF SPACE: THE (POST-)RELIGIOUS LANDSCAPE OF QUÉBEC.”

February 2019

Charles F. Fraker 2019 Conference – Complex Spaces: Navigating Text & Territory
The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
(In English and French)

GUEST PANELIST « COLLOQUE: FRANCE-QUÉBEC DES RELATIONS DIRECTES ET PRIVILÉGIÉES DEPUIS PLUS DE 50 ANS »

June 2018

Union Française de Montréal – Montréal, QC
Invited as a panelist discussing the transnational influences between Québec and France in literature.
(In French)

GUEST LECTURER « QUÉBEC ET LE MONDE »

March 2018

Alliance Française de Charlottesville – Charlottesville, VA
Invited to discuss Québec's role in the Francophone world during French Language Week 2018
(In French and English)

- KEYNOTE SPEAKER « PARIS-QUÉBEC-WASHINGTON : COLLABORATIONS HISTORIQUES, RELATIONS DIRECTES ET PRIVILÉGIÉES ET ENTRAIDE RÉCIPROQUE »** June 2018
 Union Française de Montréal – Montréal, QC
 Invited as a keynote speaker to discuss the connections between Québec and the United States culturally, linguistically, historically, and politically.
 (In French)
- GUEST LECTURER « TEXTE, IMAGE, CULTURE »** December 2017
 FREN 3032
 The University of Virginia – Charlottesville, VA
 Invited two times to speak on twentieth century poetry by Commonwealth Professor of French, Dr. John Lyons.
 (In French)
- GUEST LECTURER “CANADA AND THE US”** November 2017
 HIUS 4501, “Canada and the United States” – The University of Virginia – Charlottesville, VA
 Invited as a guest lecturer to Dr. Alan Taylor’s Canadian History class.
 (In English)
- CONFERENCE PRESENTATION “MAPPING MEANING THROUGH TECHNOLOGY”** November 2017
 AAEEBL Southeast Regional Conference – Charlottesville, VA
 (In English)
- GUEST LECTURER « TEXTE, IMAGE, CULTURE »** September 2017
 FREN 3032
 The University of Virginia – Charlottesville, VA
 Invited two times to speak about Albert Camus' "L'Étranger" by Commonwealth Professor of French, Dr. John Lyons.
 (In French)
- GUEST LECTURER “QUÉBEC FRENCH: EXAMPLES OF PRONUNCIATION, SLANG, AND CULTURAL PRODUCTS”** March 2017
 Presented to introductory French students at Virginia Commonwealth University – Richmond, VA
 (In French and English)
- GUEST LECTURER “QUÉBEC FRENCH IN CONTEXT”** February 2017
 FREN 3030, “The Sounds of French” – The University of Virginia – Charlottesville, VA
 (In French)
- CONFERENCE PRESENTATION “IMMACULATE BODIES: FASCIST AESTHETIC DOMINANCE IN LENI RIEFENSTAHL’S *OLYMPIA*”** November 2016
 The 58th Midwest Modern Language Association Annual Convention St. Louis, MO
 (In English and German)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATION “FASHIONING A COLLECTIVE PERCEPTION: DECODING FASCIST AESTHETICS IN OCCUPIED FRANCE” March 2016
The 10th Annual Graduate Student Association Conference – Louisiana State University – Baton Rouge, LA
(In French and English)

TED TALK “LIFE AS A POLYGLOT” April 2015
TEDx Wayne State University – Detroit, MI
(In English)

ENDORSEMENTS

MICHIGAN TEACHING CERTIFICATE 2013 – 2020; Renewal in-progress
French (FA) and Political Science (CD) License
Number: PV0000000865760

PROFESSIONAL INSTRUCTION OF BUSINESS FRENCH June 2017
Diplômes de français professionnel (DFP)
Conferred by CCI Paris-Île-de-France – Paris, France

LEADERSHIP & VOLUNTEERING

VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTOR 2020 – present
The NOUS Foundation - A Louisiana Non-Profit whose goal is to promote Francophone and Creolophone voices in Louisiana and beyond.
New Orleans, Louisiana

VOLUNTEER January 2020
The Modern Language Association Annual Conference
9-12 January 2020
Seattle, Washington

VOLUNTEER January – May 2019
Venable Elementary School – Charlottesville, VA
After-school French program for Kindergarten – 4th grade

CHAIR May – October 2018
Social Initiatives Committee
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Student Council at The University of Virginia

CO-CHAIR August 2017 – May 2018
University Initiatives Committee
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Student Council at The University of Virginia

VICE-PRESIDENT AND US VOLUNTEER CORRESPONDENT 2017 – present
Réseau Québec-Monde (Non-Governmental Organization)
Montréal, QC

FRENCH DEPARTMENT LIAISON

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Student Council at The University of Virginia

2017 – 2018

GRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE AND COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR

American Federation of Teachers
Wayne State University Chapter
Detroit, MI

2014 – 2016

LANGUAGES & PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

LANGUAGES

French, *native fluency*

English, *native fluency*

German, *advanced reading, writing, & speaking*

Latin, *intermediate reading*

Italian, *elementary reading & speaking*

Dutch, *elementary reading & speaking*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Modern Language Association

American Council for Québec Studies

American Historical Association

American Comparative Literature Association

Réseau Québec-Monde

Alliance Française de Charlottesville

Great Lakes French Canadians

American Federation of Teachers

University of Michigan Alumni Organization

University Partners Leadership Detroit Alumni Association