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Bio Sketch:

My general field of study is early modern Europe, with a focus on early modern France and the French Revolution. My research and teaching interests include popular politics and political activism, especially during the French revolutionary and Napoleonic era; gender; family; the Enlightenment; the transnational circulation of ideas, people, and practices; early modern European popular culture and religion; historical methods and social theory.

Selected Publications:

- The French Revolution in Global Perspective, co-edited with Lynn Hunt and William Nelson (Cornell University Press, 2013)
- Family, Gender, and Law in Early Modern France, co-edited with Jeffrey Merrick, (Pennsylvania State University Press, forthcoming 2009)
- The Family on Trial in Revolutionary France, (University of California Press, 2004)
- Reclaiming the Sacred: Lay Religion and Popular Politics in Revolutionary France, (Cornell University Press, 1990)

Courses Taught:

Lecture Courses:

- History 119 - The Making of Modern Europe 1500-1815 - [Syllabus 2014 \(pdf\)](#)
- ILS 208 - Western Culture 1400-1815
- History 320 - Early Modern France 1500-1715
- History 352 - Eighteenth Century Europe - [Syllabus 2011 \(pdf\)](#)
- History 358 - The Old Regime and French Revolution - [Syllabus 2012 \(pdf\)](#)
- History 572 - Studies in European History

Undergraduate Seminars:

- History 223 - Freshmen Seminar: "Society and Gender in Early Modern Europe"
- History 283 - Honors Seminar: "Studies in History: French Culture, 1500-1800"; "European Enlightenment"
- History 600 - Advanced Seminar in History - Topics: "French & English Views of Foreigners, 1700-1815"; "Transatlantic Encounters in the Revolutionary Era, 1750-1815"; "Eighteenth-Century French Culture"; "The French Revolution" - [Syllabus 2008 \(pdf\)](#); "The European Enlightenment" - [Syllabus 2008 \(pdf\)](#); "Rights & Identity in Revolutionary Europe" - [Syllabus 2009 \(pdf\)](#); "Empire in the French Revolutionary Era" [Syllabus 2011 \(pdf\)](#); "Napoleon" [Syllabus 2012 \(pdf\)](#)
- History 680/690 - Honors Thesis Colloquium

Graduate Courses:

- History 703 - History and Theory - [Syllabus 2010 \(pdf\)](#)
- History 707 - Early Modern European History, 1500-1789 - Topics: "Old Regime and French Revolution" [Syllabus 2014 \(pdf\)](#); "Society and Popular Culture in Early Modern Europe"
- History 952 - Seminar in Comparative History: Gender, Race, and the Politics of Empire in the Transatlantic World, 1750-1850





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