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## Susan Branson

### Professor, History

#### Degree

Ph.D., Northern Illinois University, 1992

#### Specialties

Early American women, Early American society and culture, science and American society

#### Publications

#### Books:

*"These Fiery Frenchified Dames": Women, Politics, and Culture in Early National Philadelphia* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2001).

*Dangerous to Know: Women, Class and Crime in the Early Republic* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2008).

#### Articles:

"Sex, Scandal, Violence, and Other Middle-Class Pastimes in The History of the Celebrated Mrs. Ann Carson," in *Class and Class Struggles in Early North America and the Atlantic World*, Simon Middleton and Billy G. Smith, editors. (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2008).

"From Daughters of Liberty to Women of the Republic: Women in the Era of the American Revolution" in Jay Kleinberg, Eileen Boris, and Vicki Ruiz, editors, *The Practice of U.S. Women's History: Narratives, Intersections, and Dialogues*, (New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 2007).

"Gendered Strategies for Success in the Early Nineteenth-Century Literary Marketplace: Mary Carr and the *Ladies' Tea Tray*," *Journal of American Studies*, 40, no.1 (April 2006): 35-51.

"An Outlaw and Her Ghost Writer: Enigmas of Female Celebrity in Early America," *Commonplace* (April 2005).  
<http://www.common-place.org/vol-05/no-03/tales/>

"The Political Education of Elizabeth Drinker," Pennsylvania History Special Issue Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Publication of Elizabeth Drinker's Diary, *Pennsylvania History*, 68, no.4 (autumn 2001): 465-482.

"Etrangers dans un pays etrange: Saint-Domingan Refugees of Color in Philadelphia," (co-authored with Leslie Patrick) in David Geggus, editor, *The Impact of the Haitian Revolution in the Atlantic World*, (University of South Carolina Press, 2002).

"American Women and the French Revolution: Gender and Partisan Festive Culture in the Early Republic," (co-authored with Simon Newman) in William Pencak, editor, *Riot and Revelry* (University Park: The Pennsylvania State University Press, 2002).

"'He Swore His Life was in Danger From Me': The Attempted Kidnapping of Governor Simon Snyder," *Pennsylvania History*, 67, no. 3 (summer 2000): 349-360.

"Women and the Family Economy in the Early Republic: The Case of Elizabeth Meredith" *Journal of the Early Republic*, 16, no. 1 (spring 1996): 47-71. \*Reprinted in Joseph M. Hawes and Elizabeth Nybakken, editors, *American Families in*



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10, no. 1 (Spring 1999): 47-71. Reprinted in Joseph M. Hawes and Elizabeth Nybakken, *Editors, American Families in Historical Perspective* (University of Illinois Press, 2001).

"Beyond Respectability: The Female World of Love and Crime in Nineteenth-Century Philadelphia," *Studies in Eighteenth-Century Culture* 25 (1996).

"A Working Woman: The Autobiography of Ann Baker Carson," (co-authored with Susan E. Klepp) in *Life in Revolutionary Philadelphia: A Documentary History*, edited by Billy G. Smith (University Park: Pennsylvania State University Press, 1995).

"St. Domingan Refugees in the Philadelphia Community in the 1790s," in *Amerindians, Africans, Americans: Three Papers in Caribbean History*, edited by Barry Higman (University of the West Indies Press, 1993).

## Recent Papers

"History and Empire: Architectural Style and American National Ambitions, 1798-1848," for European Early American Studies Association biannual conference. University of Paris-Diderot, December 2010

"Egyptomania: American Fashion and Architecture in Transatlantic Context, 1798-1848" for Visual Arts and Global Trade in the Early American Republic conference. Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, Massachusetts, November, 2010

"Flora and Femininity: Gendered Scientific Practice in the Early Republic," for British Group Early American History conference. Oxford University, September 2010

"Enlightened Women: Science Education in Eighteenth-Century America," Society of Early Americanists, Hamilton, Bermuda, March 2009

"Jefferson's Mammoth Cheese: Natural History and National Politics," East-Central/American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Georgetown University, November, 2008

## Teaching Appointments

Associate Professor, American History, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University: 2010-present

Associate Professor, American Studies, Syracuse University: 2005-2010

Associate Professor, Historical Studies, University of Texas at Dallas: 2003-2005

Assistant Professor, Historical Studies, University of Texas at Dallas: 1997-2003

Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Texas at Dallas: 1995-1997

Assistant Professor, Southwest Texas State University: 1993-1996 (on leave 1995-1996)

Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Texas at Dallas: 1992-1993

Instructor, Southern Methodist University: 1992

Instructor, University of Texas at Dallas: Spring 1992

## Research Interests

American social and cultural history, 18th and 19th century, science and American popular culture

## Research Grants and Awards

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, 2005-2006

Alumna of the Year, History Department, Northern Illinois University, 2005

Chemical Heritage Foundation Travel Grant, 2002

Isaac Comly Martindale Fund fellowship, American Philosophical Society, 2001

Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship, Library Company of Philadelphia, 2000

Southwest Texas State University Summer Research Grant, 1994

Philadelphia Center (McNeil Center) for Early American Studies fellowship, 1990-1991

## Recent Activities

### Work in progress

Monograph: Consuming Science: Natural Philosophy in American Culture and Society, 1700-1860

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