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## EMPLOYMENT

2013-present James C. Carey Fellow and Visiting Assistant Professor  
History Department, Kansas State University

2021-present Associate Editor, *Kansas History: Journal of the Central Plains*

2016 Interim Director, International and Area Studies, Kansas State University

2013-2015 Non-Residential Fellow, Center for European Studies, Duke University

2013 Visiting Assistant Professor, History Department, Duke University

2013 Graduate Faculty (term member), Duke University

2012 Junior Fellow, Internationales Forschungszentrum Kulturwissenschaften, Vienna, Austria

2011 Instructor, North Carolina State University

## EDUCATION

2012 Ph.D. History, Duke University

2012 Graduate Certificate in European Studies, Duke University

2010 Sponsored Participant, School of Criticism and Theory, Cornell University

2008 M.A. in History, Duke University

2004 B.A. with honors in History, minor in Latin language, Oberlin College

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

*Georges Sorel's "Study on Vico": Translation, Edition, and Introduction* (co-authored with Tommaso Giordani)  
Radboud Studies in the Humanities, Brill. 2019. Print & OA: <https://brill.com/view/title/32626>

### Peer Reviewed Articles & Book Chapters

2024 “French Socialism from the 1830s to 1920” in Andress et al. eds. *Routledge Handbook of French History*. Forthcoming.

2023 “Against the Hierarchy of Knowledge: Georges Sorel, Education, and Revolution.” Advance publication, *French History*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/fh/crac039>

2022 “Violence and Resistance to the State: Georges Sorel’s *Reflections on Violence*.” *New Political Science*, 44:1, 90-104. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07393148.2022.2028119>

2019 “Le mot du poète, le mot primitif: Aimé Césaire and Vico’s Civic Humanism,” Ghaffar ed. *History, Imperialism, Critique: New Essays in World Literature*, Routledge, 29-47 [Book Chapter].

2017 “Violence in Translation: Georges Sorel, Liberalism, and Totalitarianism from Weimar to Woodstock.” *History of Political Thought*, 38:4, 733-763.

2016 “Georges Sorel’s Diremption: Hegel, Marxism, and Anti-Dialectics.” *History of European Ideas*, 42:7, 937-50.

2016 “Liberalism and Rationalism at the *Revue de métaphysique et de morale*, 1902-1903.” *French Historical Studies*. 39:4, 749-780.

2014 “L’institution et l’esthétique: Sorel, Vico, & Croce.” *Mil-neuf-cent: Revue d’histoire intellectuelle*. no 32, 125-147.

2010 “Georges Sorel, Émile Durkheim, and the Social Foundations of *la morale*.” *Proceedings of the Western Society for French History*, vol 38, 201-215.

## Publications in Progress

Edited volume under contract (Routledge). *The Metaphysician of Syndicalism: Georges Sorel, Marxism, and Myth*. Co-editor with Tommaso Giordani.

Monograph: *Autonomy and Violence: Georges Sorel and the Problem of Liberalism*, in progress.

Article: “An American Mirror: Georges Sorel and William James.” Revising for resubmission to *Journal of the History of Ideas*.

Chapter: “Georges Sorel: Myth against Utopia” in Bachmetjevas, Hoisinki, Steinkrüger eds. *The Concept of Utopia and its Functions*. Under review.

## Reviews

2023 “Rent is a Problem for Democracy: Sheldon Stromquist’s *Claiming the City: A Global History of Municipal Socialism*” *Age of Revolutions*.

2021 “Bernard Cattanéo, *Mésentente cordiale*: Les Anglais vus par les Français au tournant du XXe siècle.” *H-France*, 21, no 209 (November).

2020 “Vittorio Hösle, Vico’s New Science of the Intersubjective World.” *History of Humanities*, 5.2, 552-554.

2020 “Matthew M. Maguire, *Carnal Spirit: The Revolutions of Charles Péguy*.” *H-France*, 20, no. 166 (September).

2019 “Julia Moses, *The First Modern Risk*: Workplace Accidents and the Origins of European Social States.” *Labor: Studies in Working Class History*, 16.4.

2018 “*Propaganda Expert*” (Bessner), *The Globe Post* May 21, 2018.

2016 “Forum on Knox Peden, Spinoza Contra Phenomenology.” *Journal of Politics, Religion, and Ideology*.

2015 “John Merriman, Massacre: The Life and Death of the Paris Commune.” *The French Review*, 89.1. 150-151.

2015 “Alexandre Kojève, The Notion of Authority.” *German Studies Review*, 38.2, 438-439.

2013 “Perry Anderson, The New Old World.” *Polygraph* 23/24. 173-185.

2013 “Malcolm Miles, Herbert Marcuse: An Aesthetics of Liberation.” *Capital & Class*, 37.2

2012 “Jeremy Jennings, Revolution and the Republic.” *Journal of History and Cultures*, #1

2012 “*The Baffler #19*” US Intellectual History Blog.

## Other Publications

2017 Blog post: “*Imagining the Worker’s Revolution*” *Age of Revolutions*.

2017 Blogging at *JHIBlog*.

2013 Translation: Jean-Clement Martin, “The French Revolution and its Historiographies” in Middell and Aulinas eds. *Transnational Challenges to National History Writing*, Palgrave 2013.

2013 Translation: Lluís Roura Aulinas, “Colonisation, Decolonisation, and Imperial Historiography of the Iberian Peninsula” in Middell and Aulinas eds. *Transnational Challenges...*

2012 Interview: “Gewalt des Mythos, Mythos der Gewalt” with *science.orf.at* May 31<sup>st</sup>

2009 Translation: Mallet, Edme-François. “Diction.” The Encyclopedia of Diderot & d'Alembert Collaborative Translation Project.

## PRESENTATIONS

### Panels Organized

2023 “Writing the Future in the *fin-de-siècle*” Society for French Historical Studies/Western Society for French History

2017 “Positivism and Scale: Problematic Subjects in Late Nineteenth-Century European Intellectual History” American Historical Association (AHA)

2016 “Historiography as Political Intervention in the Third Republic” WSFH

2013 “French Liberalism Against Itself 1890-1980” WSFH

2013 “Science, Technology, and Liberal Pedagogy as Practice” International Society for Intellectual History

2011 “Philosophers, Educators, Travelers: French Human Sciences in Debate” WSFH

### Conference Presentations (selected)

2022 “Narrating Class and Democracy at the *fin-de-siècle*” Nineteenth Century French Studies

2022 “Georges Sorel: Myth Against Utopia” The Concept of Utopia and its Function

2019 “Georges Sorel’s Revolutionary Institution” Society for French Historical Studies

2019 “Courrières: Violence at Work in the Third Republic.” Kansas Association of Historians, Manhattan

2018 “Aesthetics and Social Theory: Vico Between Sorel and Croce” European Studies Conference, University of Nebraska, Omaha

2018 “The Use of Pragmatism” SFHS

2017 “Georges Sorel, Benedetto Croce, and the Liberal Subject” AHA

2016 “Historiography as Action: Georges Sorel, Benedetto Croce, and Liberalism” WSFH

2015 “Embodied Reason in French Philosophy around 1900” WSFH

2015 “Reading Vico in the French Imperial Nation-State” SFHS

2014 “Georges Sorel on Art and Syndicalism” WSFH

2014 “Diremption: German Sources for Georges Sorel’s Anti-Dialectic” German Studies Association

2013 “La crise du libéralisme’ at the *Revue de métaphysique et de morale*.” WSFH

2013 “Translating Violence: Georges Sorel in German/Transatlantic Social Science” GSA

2013 “Children in the Workshop of Revolution” ISIH

2012 “The American Mirror: Georges Sorel, William James, and the Sociology of Knowledge” WSFH

2011 “Violence and Naïveté: Georges Sorel and the Narration of the American 1960s” Society for US Intellectual History

2011 “Education and the Social Sciences in Georges Sorel’s Thought” WSFH

2011 “Cet appareil hégélien: Georges Sorel’s Hegel, 1896-1906” American Comparative Literature Association

### Other Presentations

2019 Comment on Panel: “Gender, the Nation, and the Regulation of Bodies in Twentieth-Century France” SFHS

2017 Invited seminar: “Autonomy and Violence” Triangle Intellectual History Seminar, National Humanities Center, North Carolina

2016 Public lecture: “If Violence is the Answer, What was the Question? Georges Sorel and Liberalism” Workshop for Critical Inquiry, Missouri State University

2012 “Georges Sorel and the Jews: French Antisemitism and the Liberal Historians” Perilman Symposium, Duke University

2012 Public Lecture: “Georges Sorel: Violence, Autonomy, Statism” IFK, Vienna, Austria

2011 “The Ethics and Aesthetics of Revolution: Georges Sorel’s *Reflections on Violence*” Duke History Department Colloquium

2011 “Republican Anticlericalism, Catholic Modernism, and Sorel’s Intransigent Turn” Duke European History Colloquium

2010 “The High Priest and the Metaphysician: Georges Sorel and Émile Durkheim” Triangle Intellectual History Seminar & Triangle French Studies Seminar joint session

2009 Roundtable: Labor history across the world. Duke Labor and Civil Rights Working Group

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2018 NEH Summer Seminar Participant, “Invisible Bonds,” University of Chicago.

2018 Open/Alternative Textbook award, Center for the Advancement of Digital Scholarship, Kansas State University.

2012-2013 Center for European Studies Research Scholar, Duke University

2012-2013 Perilman Advanced Doctoral Research Grant, Center for Jewish Studies, Duke University

2012-2013 Kenan Institute for Ethics Graduate Fellowship, Duke University

2012 Duke-IFK Junior Fellow, IFK, Vienna

2011 Richard Watson Fellowship

2011 Gargan Prize. From Western Society for French Historical Studies

2010-2011 Franklin Humanities Institute Dissertation Working Group, Duke University

2010 Sponsorship to attend School of Criticism and Theory at Cornell University

2010 Duke University Center for International Studies, Summer Research Award

2008 Summer Research Grant, History Department Duke University

2007 Center for Canadian Studies Summer fellowship, Duke University

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Kansas State University (2013-Present)

Western Civilization: The Modern Era – most semesters, often as First Year Seminar

World History from 1450 – most semesters, often as FYS

Pirates, Plantations, and Postcolonial Nations: Caribbean History 1650-1950 – once a year

Games & History, several times

Upper-division sequences in modern European and French history.

The History of Rome, Spring 2017 (cross listed with Classical Studies)

Senior Research in International Studies, Spring 2016

### Duke University (2011-2013)

“The Enlightenment,” Spring 2013

“Jacobins, Nazis, and Nudists,” Research seminar. Spring 2013

“Violence and Non-Violence,” Research seminar. Fall 2012

“Intellectuals and Violence,” Research seminar. Fall 2011

### North Carolina State University (2011)

“Modern Europe, 1789-Present.” Spring 2011

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

Developing Scholars Program mentor, Kansas State University, 2022-23

Contributing Editor: Blog of the *Journal of the History of Ideas*, 2016-2019

Faculty discussant: Graduate Conference in Political Theory at Duke University, Feb 2015

Invited participant: “Élie Halévy and the Politics of the French Third Republic” at Franklin Humanities Center

Directed master’s thesis for Liberal Studies program, Duke University

Graduate student representative to Graduate Admissions Committee, History Department, Duke University

Graduate-Faculty Committee, History Department, Duke University

Teaching Certificate Sub-Committee, History Department, Duke University

Editorial collective, Polygraph: An International Journal of Culture and Politics

Rapporteur, Intellectual History Seminar, National Humanities Center

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