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Education

- Ph.D.** in French (ABD) – The University of Virginia – Charlottesville, VA August 2016 – present
Specialization: Transatlantic Ideology – France and French-speaking Canada
- M.A.** in French – Wayne State University – Detroit, MI August 2013 – May 2016
Magna Cum Laude
Thesis: *L'Idéologie fasciste et l'esthétique de l'image sous l'Occupation en France.*
- B.A.** in French and Secondary Education – The University of Michigan – Dearborn, Michigan August 2009 – April 2013
Magna Cum Laude
Minors: German and Political Science

Teaching Experience

- Graduate Teaching Assistant** August 2016 – present
Department of French – The University of Virginia – Charlottesville, VA
Representative Courses: French 1020, French 1050, Summer Learning Institute
- Graduate Co-Instructor** May 2019 – June 2019
Summer 2019 Global Technology Practice in Stuttgart, Germany
University of Virginia School of Engineering and Applied Science – Office of Summer and Special Academic Programs
In partnership with Universität Stuttgart and Director Dr. Dana Elzey
- Visiting Instructor of French** January 2019 – May 2019
Department of Modern Languages – Hampden-Sydney College – Farmville, VA
Representative Courses: French 102
- Graduate Professional Development Liaison** 2018 – 2019
Center for Teaching Excellence (UVA) – Charlottesville, VA
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.
- Graduate Co-Instructor** January 2019
January Term in Berlin and Weimar – “Germany Past and Present”
The University of Virginia – Office of Summer and Special Academic Programs
Berlin, Germany and Weimar, Germany
- Summer Enrichment Program Instructor** June 2017 – January 2019
Curry School of Education – The University of Virginia – Charlottesville, VA
Representative Courses: Global Perspectives of the 21st Century (Summer 2017); Lively Linguistics (Spring 2018); Journeying Europe (Summer 2018); Literature as Time-Travel (Spring 2019)

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Department of French – Wayne State University – Detroit, MI
Representative Courses: French 1010, French 1020

August 2013 – May 2016

High School French Instructor

Avondale High School – Auburn Hills, MI
Representative Courses: French 1-5; AP French

May 2013 – June 2013

High School French Instructor

Stevenson High School – Livonia, MI
Representative Courses: French 1-5; AP French. Student Teaching Placement.

January 2013 – April 2013

Middle School French Instructor

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

December 2012

High School French Instructor

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

December 2011 – June 2012

Publications

Operation Shamrock: Ireland's European Contribution Post-1945
Peer Editing Stage

Forthcoming Fall 2019

Other Professional Experience**Graduate Program Assistant**

Jewish Studies Program
The University of Virginia – Charlottesville, VA

August 2019 – present

Program Assistant

Summer Term in Stuttgart – “Global Technology Practice”
The University of Virginia – Office of Engineering International Programs
Stuttgart, Germany

May – June 2019

Business Translator

Degesch America, Inc. – Weyers Cave, VA and Etobicoke, ON (Canada)
Translations of agricultural and pesticide warning labels and pamphlets.

January 2019 - present

Program Assistant

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

January 2019

Business French Oral Examiner

CCI Paris-Île-de-France – Paris, France and Charlottesville, VA
Level Tested: French B1 (Business French)

May 2018

<p>Graduate Student Program Assistant European Studies at The University of Virginia – Charlottesville, VA Assistant to the Program Director and Affiliated Faculty.</p>	August 2018 – present
<p>Research Assistant and Translator Department of Sociology – The University of Virginia – Charlottesville, VA Assistant to Dr. Jeffrey Olick (William Kenan, Jr. Professor of Sociology and Chair of Sociology) Research: Translation of Maurice Halbwachs from French to English</p>	September 2017 – 2018
<p>Simultaneous Interpreter School of Architecture – The University of Virginia Special interpreter to François Jullien (Philosopher; Current Chair of Fondation Maison des sciences de l'homme – Paris, France)</p>	16-17 November 2017
<p>Research Assistant Department of Politics – The University of Virginia – Charlottesville, VA Assistant to Dr. David Leblang Research: German National Elections Data and Translation from German to English</p>	April 2017 – August 2017
<p>Community Educator and Oral Proficiency Coach Alliance Française de Charlottesville – Charlottesville, VA Engagement with community events, summer classes, private consultation</p>	August 2016 – present
<p>Political Campaign Manager Dr. Anil Kumar for Congress – Farmington, MI 11th Congressional District Director of Interns and Community Organizers; Director of Field Office</p>	April 2016 – August 2016
<p>Historical Museum Presenter The Henry Ford – Dearborn, MI Pottery, Glassblowing, Mills, Machine Shop, and Tinsmith Shop</p>	April 2016 – August 2016
<p>SYNC® French Language Navigation Tester and Voice Talent P3 & Ford Motor Co. – Dearborn, MI and Southfield, MI Project for Ford Canada and P3 North America</p>	September 2014 – June 2016
<p>Field Organizer and Communications Chair American Federation of Teachers – Detroit, MI AFT Local 6123 – Graduate Employees' Organizing Committee</p>	August 2014 – May 2016
<p>Bilingual Senate Intern Parliament of Canada – Ottawa, Ontario Organized by the Ottawa Internship Program at The University of Michigan-Dearborn Placed in Office of Senator Joan Fraser (Montreal) Special Obligations: Senate Bill 101</p>	Summer 2011
<p>Orientation Leader The University of Michigan – Dearborn, MI Office of Admissions and Orientation Staff</p>	September 2010 – April 2013

Endorsements

Michigan Teaching Certificate

French (FA) and Political Science (CD)
License Number: PV0000000865760

Valid until 2020; Renewable

Professional Instruction of Business French Certificate

Conferred by CCI Paris-Île-de-France – Paris, France

June 2017

Honors and Fellowships

Senior Junior Fellow

The Society of Fellows at The University of Virginia
Nominated by Dr. Deborah McGrady (Department of French)

2019 - 2020

Junior Fellow

The Society of Fellows at The University of Virginia
Nominated by Dr. Deborah McGrady (Department of French)

2018 – 2019

Mapping the South Atlantic Fellowship

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).

Spring 2018

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

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 August 2014
Wayne State University – Detroit, MI
Recognition of excellence in French Studies and Education.

The Honor Scholar Award April 2013
The University of Michigan – Dearborn, MI
Representative of a 4.0 in French Studies, as well as significant contributions to the university.

Michigan Difference Makers Community Award July 2012
The University of Michigan – Dearborn, MI
Awarded for work in Metro Detroit and Windsor/Essex (Canada) regions.

University Partners Leadership Award June 2012
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.

Conferences and Talks

Conference Presentation April 2019
“Adrien Arcand’s Vision of a Fascist Canadian State” – 1st Far Right and Antifascism Conference – The University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA
(In English and French)

Conference Presentation February 2019
“(De)Sanctification of Space: The (Post-)Religious Landscape of Québec.” – Charles F. Fraker 2019 Conference – *Complex Spaces: Navigating Text & Territory* – The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
(In English and French)

Special Correspondent – Television Interviews August 12, 2018
RDI Info – Radio-Canada Television – Montréal, QC & Charlottesville, VA
Invited on the one-year anniversary of Charlottesville to conduct two interviews for Radio-Canada. ([Link](#))
(In French)

Guest Panelist June 2018
Colloque: France-Québec des relations directes et privilégiées depuis plus de 50 ans — Union Française de Montréal – Montreal, QC
Invited as a panelist discussing the transnational influences between Quebec and France in literature.
(In French)

Guest Lecturer 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 — 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)

March 2018

Guest Lecturer

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)

November 2017

Conference Presentation

“Mapping Meaning through Technology” – AAEEBL Southeast Regional Conference – Charlottesville, VA

(In English)

November 2017

Guest Lecturer

FREN 3032, “Texte, image, culture” – The University of Virginia – Charlottesville, VA

Invited four times to speak on twentieth century poetry, as well as *L’Étranger* (Camus) by Commonwealth Professor of French, Dr. John Lyons.
(In French)

September & December 2017

Eyewitness & Correspondent

Following the 2017 Alt-Right Events in Charlottesville
Montréal, QC and Québec, QC

Radio-Canada TV Skype Interview - August 13, 2017

Radio-Canada Montréal Afternoon Radio News Interview - August 13, 2017

Radio-Canada Québec Afternoon Radio News Interview - August 13, 2017 Gravel

le Matin Radio-Canada Interview - August 14, 2017

TVA Nouvelles (LCN) Skype Interview - August 14, 2017

Radio-Canada Ottawa Radio News Interview - August 14, 2017

[Ici Radio-Canada Online News Interview](#) - August 14, 2017

(All interviews conducted in French)

August 2017

Guest Lecturer

“Québec French: Examples of Pronunciation, Slang, and Cultural Products.”

Virginia Commonwealth University – Richmond, VA

(In French and English)

March 2017

Guest Lecturer

FREN 3030, “The Sounds of French” – The University of Virginia –

Charlottesville, VA – Lecture: “Québec French in Contextualization”

(In French)

February 2017

Conference Presentation

“Immaculate Bodies: Fascist Aesthetic Dominance in Leni Riefenstahl’s *Olympia*” – The 58th Midwest Modern Language Association Annual Convention
St. Louis, MO

(In English and German)

November 2016

Conference Presentation

April 2016

“Fashioning a Collective Perception: Decoding Fascist Aesthetics in Occupied France” – The 36th Annual Cincinnati Conference on Romance Languages and Literatures – The University of Cincinnati – Cincinnati, OH
(In French and English)

Conference Presentation

March 2016

“Fascist Aesthetics in Occupied France” – The 10th Annual Graduate Student Association Conference – Louisiana State University – Baton Rouge, LA
(In French and English)

Leadership and Volunteering

Volunteer

January 2019 – present

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 – Charlottesville, VA

Co-Chair

August 2017 – May 2018

University Initiatives Committee
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Student Council at The University of Virginia – Charlottesville, VA

French Department Liaison

2017-2018

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Student Council at The University of Virginia – Charlottesville, VA

Graduate Representative and Communications Chair

2014-2016

American Federation of Teachers – Wayne State University Chapter
Detroit, MI

Professional Memberships

Modern Language Association
American Council for Québec Studies
Alliance Française de Charlottesville
American Federation of Teachers
University of Michigan Alumni Organization
University Partners Leadership Detroit Alumni Association

Languages

English (native fluency) – **French** (native fluency) –
German (advanced speaking, advanced reading) –
Italian (elementary speaking, intermediate reading) –
Latin (intermediate reading)