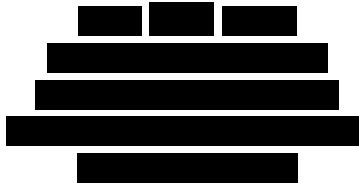


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EMPLOYMENT

- Purdue University Northwest (formerly Purdue University North Central), 2009-present
Professor of History (tenured), 2009-present
Associate Dean, College of Humanities, Education, and Social Sciences, July 2025-Present
Director, Concurrent Enrollment Programs, November 2024-present
Interim Chair, Department of English and World Languages, July 2021-December 2024, July 2025-present
Interim Dean, College of Humanities, Education, and Social Sciences, November 2024-June 2025
Chair, Department of History, Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, June 2022-December 2024
Interim Dean, Honors College, July-December 2019
Interim Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, 2014-2017
Interim Dean, College of Liberal Arts, Spring, 2012
Assistant Dean, College of Liberal Arts, 2011-2014
Chair, Department of Social Sciences, 2009-2014
Member of the Graduate School (Purdue University), 2011-present
- Agnes Scott College 1998-2009
Interim Chair, History Department, 2006-2007
Associate Professor of History, 2004-2009
Assistant Professor of History, 1998-2004
- University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point*
Lecturer (full-time), Department of History Fall 1997
- University of Wisconsin-Madison*
Teaching Assistant, Department of History, Fall 1996
Lecturer (part-time), Department of History, Spring 1996
Teaching Assistant, Integrated Liberal Studies, Spring 1995
Teaching Assistant, Department of Theatre, 1991-1992

EDUCATION

Ph.D. *University of Wisconsin-Madison*, 1997

Department of History
M.A. *University of Wisconsin-Madison*, 1991
Department of History
B.A./B.S. *Pacific Lutheran University*, Tacoma, WA, 1989
Majors: B.A. in History, B.S. in Mathematics, cum laude

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE AT PURDUE UNIVERSITY NORTHWEST

Purdue Northwest was founded in 2016 through the merger of two regional institutions in the Purdue University system. PNW enrolls approximately 6,700 students, has 370 full-time faculty members, and offers over seventy undergraduate and graduate degree programs on two campuses in Northwest Indiana.

Associate Dean, College of Humanities, Education, and Social Sciences, July 2025-present

Accomplishments:

- Collaborate and advise on College budgetary decisions
- Serve as a point of contact for College graduate/professional programs including Psy.D., Masters in Psychology, Masters in Social Work, Masters in Couple and Family Counseling; Masters in Communication, Masters in History; Master of Science in Education; Masters in Mental Health Counseling).
- Coordinate with Gabis arboretum on related events
- Work with the Center for Academic Success (with direct supervision of seven CHES advisors) in all matters related to student recruitment and orientation, enrollment, retention, and student success
- Coordinate concurrent enrollment programs
- Coordinate and support writing center

Interim Dean, College of Humanities, Education, and Social Sciences, November 2024-June 2025

The college includes approximately 120 full-time faculty in six units including: Behavioral Sciences; Communication and Creative Arts; English and World Languages; History, Philosophy, Politics, and Economics; Psychology; School of Education and Counseling

The college has undergraduate and graduate programs including a Psy.D., Masters in Psychology, Masters in Social Work, Masters in Couple and Family Counseling; Masters in Communication, Masters in History; Master of Science in Education; Masters in Mental Health Counseling.

Accomplishments

- Worked with assistant to the dean and budget manager to oversee a budget of approximately \$14.5 million dollars within a responsibility centered management system; the college operates profitably
- Hired permanent chairs for three departments as well as multiple tenure-track faculty members
- Served as Executive Director for Concurrent Enrollment Programs

- Managed an office staff of eight including marketing, assessment, and outreach programs
- Worked with Development office on Purdue Day of Giving strategies
- Worked with admissions, academic advising, and marketing to ensure optimal use of advisors, appropriate dissemination of materials and information about programs in CHESS, and to develop an appropriate campaign for our new graduate programs

Associate Dean/Director, Arts and Humanities

July 2024-December 2024

Accomplishments

- Inaugural Associate Dean overseeing two academic units, the Department of English and World Languages and the Department of History, Philosophy, Politics, and Economics
- Worked with a budget manager to oversee a combined budget of \$4.8 million dollars within a responsibility centered management system; the units operate profitably
- Worked with faculty to create strategic plans for History, Philosophy, Politics, English, and Spanish
- Worked with English faculty to update writing labs and am working with the Director of the Writing Center to revamp assessment of the center and gain College Reading and Learning Associate (CRLA) accreditation.
- Worked with First Year Writing Director to create internal mentoring program for new faculty hires
- Worked with faculty to create programs to hire students as research assistants and teaching aids. Embedded upper-level students in First Year Experience courses to serve as mentors to incoming students.
- Worked with Associate Chair to develop programs and opportunities for majors and other interested students to come together to meet with each other and with faculty.

Interim Chair, Department of History, Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, June 2022-June 2024

Accomplishments

- Chairing a department which includes BA degrees in History, Social Sciences Education, Political Science, Philosophy, and Liberal Studies; an MA degree in History; and minors in History, Political Science, Philosophy, Economics, and Philosophy, Ethics, and Religion.
- Worked with budget manager to oversee \$2.2 million dollar budget and work within a new responsibility centered management (RCM) system; the department operates profitably
- Supervised seventeen full-time faculty along with several visiting instructors and adjunct faculty
- Worked with faculty to update History, Philosophy and Liberal Studies degrees, develop four-year rotations of upper-level courses, and craft Mission, Vision, and

Values statements

- Worked with History faculty on marketing for the MA in History
- Hired an associate chair (of the Department of History, Philosophy, Politics and Economics as well as the Department of English and World Languages) to oversee recruitment and retention efforts for both units

Interim Chair, Department of English and World Languages

July 2021-June 2024

Accomplishments

- Inaugural chair of this department which includes BA degrees in English literature, writing, and teacher certification as well as in Spanish language and literature, and minors in English, Spanish, and French and a certificate in digital media
- Worked with budget manager to oversee \$2.6 million dollar budget and work within a new responsibility centered management (RCM) system; the department operates profitably
- Supervised twenty-three full-time faculty as well as several visiting instructors and adjunct faculty
- Worked with faculty to redesign Spanish major
- Identified two program coordinators to work with English and Spanish on curriculum and assessment issues
- Developed Research Scholars program (for the academic year and summers) to support student research with faculty

Interim Dean, Honors College

July-December 2019

Accomplishments

- Collaborated with college staff and representatives from Enrollment Management and Student Affairs to streamline admissions process for Honors College students
- Worked with staff and the Office of Admissions to facilitate the development of marketing materials for recruitment; led to an over 100% increase in students
- Worked with budget manager and other staff to analyze annual budget and identify opportunities for streamlining and optimization
- Engaged with the Career Center and the Office of Institutional Research to ascertain appropriate methods for identifying and quantifying alumni experiences
- Analyzed college curriculum and worked with associate deans to restructure it to maximize opportunities for students
- Developed methods to increase diversity of the college with respect to students and curricular offerings
- Cooperated with Interim Provost and other college deans to identify sources for recruitment and retention scholarships

Interim Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

2014- 2017

Accomplishments

- Collaborated with faculty and other stakeholders to establish a Center for Faculty

Development and Leadership

- Oversaw annual budgets up to \$12.8 million
- Hired a new director of Academic Success and Transition and worked with the director to revamp advising for undeclared or undecided students contributing to an overall increase in retention
- Worked with the Office of Research to restructure internal grants and raise the overall amount of internal grants by 200%
- Chaired and/or participated in hiring committees resulting in a diverse group of administrators including the Provost, Director of the School of Engineering, and Direct of Academic Success and Transition
- Chaired and/or participated on multiple committees leading toward the unification of two branch campuses in the Purdue system including: faculty and staff compensation, sponsored program cost distribution, college and departmental structure, promotion and tenure policies and procedures, summer budget modeling, the graduate school, concurrent enrollment, and academic advising
- Worked with faculty and staff to adopt a new course evaluation system
- Liaised with Human Resources on all issues concerning faculty
- Collaborated with faculty fellows on projects focused on improving undergraduate research, first-year experience courses, and supplemental instruction in gateway courses

Assistant Dean, College of Liberal Arts

2011-2014

Accomplishments

- Coordinated with the chairs of the four departments in the College of Liberal Arts (Communications, Education, English and Modern Languages, Social Sciences) to standardize departmental policies and procedures
- Provided leadership in conflict management and coordinated a university-wide grievance policy
- Worked with department chairs and assistant deans to improve faculty mentoring
- Attended regular meetings with the deans and the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs to discuss academic issues

Chair, Department of Social Sciences

2009-2014

Accomplishments

- Oversaw the scheduling and staffing of courses in the fields of Anthropology, Child Development and Family Studies, Gender Studies, History, Interdisciplinary Studies, Latin American and Latino Studies, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Social Work, Sociology, and Women's Studies
- Worked with faculty to develop a five-year departmental strategic plan
- Chaired faculty searches leading to the successful hiring of a diverse group of full-time faculty
- Collaborated with faculty representatives from several disciplines to propose three new degree programs within the department (history, psychology, and social

work) all of which received state approval from the Indiana Commission on Higher Education

- Developed a departmental mentoring program contributing to all faculty achieving promotion and/or tenure during this period

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

Teaching with Artificial Intelligence, Center for the Enhancement of Teaching & Learning at Auburn University, November 2025.

Academic Leadership Academy, The Pennsylvania State University, June 2024.

Adult Mental Health First Aid, training, March 2024.

Fostering a Culture of Belonging, micro-credential, Association of College and University Educators (ACUE), 2023.

Effective Teaching Practices, Association of College and University Educators (ACUE), 2018-2019.

Management Development Program, Harvard Graduate School of Education, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, 2015

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Divination in Enlightenment France. In *Routledge Studies in Modern European History*. Abingdon, Oxon: Routledge, under contract (expected December 2026).

Magic, Witchcraft, and Ghosts in the Enlightenment, ed. Michael R. Lynn. In *Routledge Studies in the History of Witchcraft, Demonology, and Magic*. Abingdon, Oxon: Routledge, 2022. Available in hardback, paperback, and e-book.

The Sublime Invention: Ballooning in Europe, 1783-1820. London: Pickering and Chatto, 2010; paperback edition, Hoboken: Taylor and Francis, 2015. Also available as e-book.

Popular Science and Public Opinion in Eighteenth-Century France. Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2006; paperback edition, 2013. Also available as e-book.

Articles and Book Chapters (Peer Reviewed):

- Lynn, Michael R. and Leslie Tuttle, “An Archive of ‘What If?’ Magic and Doubt in Théophraste Renaudot’s *Conférences*,” *Magic, Ritual and Witchcraft*, 21:1 (2026), forthcoming. Part of the “Forum on Belief” edited by Michael R. Lynn and Leslie Tuttle.
- Lynn, Michael R. and Leslie Tuttle, “Introduction to the Forum on Belief,” *Magic, Ritual and Witchcraft* 21:1 (2026), forthcoming.
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- “Jean-Baptiste Alliette and the *Ecole de Magie* in Late-Eighteenth-Century Paris.” In *Magic, Witchcraft, and Ghosts in the Enlightenment*, ed. Michael R. Lynn. Abingdon, Oxon: Routledge, 2022: 100-122.
- “Introduction: Magic, Witchcraft and Ghosts in the Age of Reason,” In *Magic, Witchcraft, and Ghosts in the Enlightenment*, ed. Michael R. Lynn. Abingdon, Oxon: Routledge, 2022: 1-11.
- “Burning Questions: Spontaneous Human Combustion in Early Modern Europe,” *Gesnerus: Swiss Journal of the History of Medicine and Sciences* 76 (2019): 36-57.
- “The Curious Science: Chiromancy in Early Modern France,” *Magic, Ritual and Witchcraft* 13 (2018): 447-480.
- “Experimental Physics in Enlightenment Paris: The Practice of Popularisation in Urban Culture,” in *Science and Spectacle in the European Enlightenment*, Christine Blondel and Bernadette Bensaude-Vincent, eds. (Aldershot: Ashgate, 2008): 65-74.
- “Consumerism and the Rise of Balloons in Europe at the End of the Eighteenth Century,” *Science in Context* 21 (2008): 73-98.
- “Sparks for Sale: The Culture and Commerce of Fireworks in Early Modern France,” *Eighteenth-Century Life* 30 (2006): 74-97.
Winner of the Percy G. Adams Article Prize (2006) from the Southeast American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies
- “Selling Science: Balloons, Commerce, and Mass Culture in Eighteenth-Century France,” *Proceedings of the Western Society for French History* 30 (2004): 212-221.

“Electrifying Ladies: Women and Popular Science in France, 1750-1790,” *Consortium on Revolutionary Europe, 1750-1850: Selected Papers*, 2001 (2003): 103-111.

“The Fashion for Physics: Public Lecture Courses in Enlightenment France,” *The Historian* 64 (2002): 335-350.

Reprinted in *A Lutheran Vocation: Philip A. Nordquist and the Study of History at Pacific Lutheran University*, eds. Robert Ericksen and Michael Halvorson (Tacoma, WA: Pacific Lutheran University Press, 2005): 91-111.

“Divining the Enlightenment: Public Opinion and Popular Science in Old Regime France,” *Isis: Journal of the History of Science Society* 92 (2001): 34-54.

"Enlightenment in the Public Sphere: The Musée de Monsieur and the Creation of Scientific Culture in Late Eighteenth-Century Paris," *Eighteenth-Century Studies* (special issue on "Sites and Margins of the Public Sphere") 32 (1999): 463-476.

Anthologized in *The Enlightenment*, eds., Dena Goodman and Kathleen Wellman (New York: Houghton Mifflin, 2003), 106-115.

"The Consumption of Natural Philosophy in Enlightenment France," *Proceedings of the Western Society for French History* 23 (1996): 105-113.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Divination in Enlightenment France – book length manuscript

When discussing the power of reason in the Age of Enlightenment, scholars frequently concentrate on the writings by philosophes against religion. Characterized by the philosophes as an attack against superstition, this has become the major example of how members of the Enlightenment sought to rationalize their surroundings. However, the irrational itself is a broader category beyond just religion. This book explores the relationship between the Enlightenment and magic/superstition through a series of case studies focusing on astrology, chiromancy, cartomancy, oneiromancy, geomancy, and other forms of divination. Even as religion suffered from enlightened volleys against it, subjects such as magic retained their popularity. I argue that the irrational in the Enlightenment needs to be balanced against the usual emphasis on the rise of rationality during the eighteenth century.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Encyclopedia Entries:

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“Haller, Albrecht von,” “Maupertuis, Pierre Louis Moreau de,” “Réaumur, René-Antoine Ferchault de,” and “Tournefort, Joseph Pitton de,” in *The Encyclopedia of Life Sciences*, ed. William Bynum, et al. (London: Nature Publishing Company, 2001). Also available in electronic format (www.els.net).

Book Reviews:

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2. Malcolm Walsby, *L'imprimé en Europe occidentale, 1470-1680* (Rennes: Presses universitaires de Rennes, 2020). *The Sixteenth-Century Journal* 56:1 (2025): 169-171.
3. Mark Waddell, *Magic, Science and Religion in Early Modern Europe* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2021). *Isis: Journal of the History of Science Society* 114:2 (2023): 432-433.
4. Julia M. Gossard, *Young Subjects: Children, State-Building, and Social Reform in the Eighteenth-Century French World* (Montreal & Kingston: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2021). *The Sixteenth-Century Journal* 53:3 (2022): 835-837.
5. Philip Mansel, *King of the World: The Life of Louis XIV* (Chicago: Chicago University Press, 2020). *The Sixteenth-Century Journal* 52:4 (2021): 1104-1106.
6. Brian P. Copenhaver, *Magic and the Dignity of Man: Pico della Mirandola and His Oration in Modern Memory* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2019). *The Sixteenth-Century Journal* 52:3 (2021): 762-764.
7. C. Scott Dixon and Beat Kümin, eds., *Interpreting Early Modern Europe* (Abingdon, Oxon: Routledge, 2019). *The Sixteenth-Century Journal* 52 (2021): 238-240.
8. Genevieve Lloyd, *Reclaiming Wonder: After the Sublime* (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2018). *Contemporary Political Theory* 19:2 (2020): 138-140.
9. Oded Rabinovitch, *The Perraults: A Family of Letters in Early Modern France* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2018). *The Sixteenth-Century Journal* 50 (2019): 893-895.
10. Chad Denton, *Decadence, Radicalism, and the Early Modern French Nobility: The Enlightened and Depraved* (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2017). *Journal of the History of Sexuality* 28 (2019): 302-304.
11. Clare Brant, *Balloon Madness: Flights of Imagination in Britain, 1783-1786* (Woodbridge, Suffolk: Boydell Press, 2017). *Eighteenth-Century Studies* 53 (2019): 368-370.
12. Jutta Wimmler, *The Sun King's Atlantic: Drugs, Demons and Dyestuffs in the Atlantic World, 1640-1730* (Leiden; Boston: Brill, 2017). *The Sixteenth Century Journal* 49 (2018): 1177-1179.
13. Mi Gyung Kim, *The Imagined Empire: Balloon Enlightenments in Revolutionary Europe* (Pittsburg: University of Pittsburg Press, 2017). *Isis: Journal of the History of Science Society* 109 (2018): 178-179.
14. Virginia Krause, *Witchcraft, Demonology, and Confession in Early Modern France* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015). *The Sixteenth-Century Journal* 48 (2017): 195-197.

15. Stephen Gaukroger, *The Natural & the Human: Science and the Shaping of Modernity, 1739-1841* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016). Part of a book symposium including a response by the author in *Metascience* 26 (2017): 7-12 (full symposium *Metascience* 26 (2017): 3-20).
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18. W. Gregory Monahan, *Let God Arise: The War and Rebellion of the Camisards* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014). *Social History* 40 (2015): 249-250.
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28. Michael Fitzsimmons, *From Artisan to Worker: Guilds, the French State, and the Organization of Labor, 1776-1821* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010). *Canadian Journal of History/Annales canadiennes d'histoire* 46 (2011): 387-389.
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 68. W.G.L. Randles, *The Unmaking of the Medieval Christian Cosmos, 1500-1760: From Solid Heavens to Boundless Aether* (Aldershot: Ashgate, 1999). *The Sixteenth-Century Journal* 31 (2000): 481-483.
 69. Dominique Godineau, *The Women of Paris and Their French Revolution*, trans. Katherine Streip (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1998). *Women's Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal* 29 (2000): 405-408.
 70. Lynette Hunter and Sarah Hutton, eds., *Women, Medicine, and Science, 1500-1700: Mothers and Sisters of the Royal Society* (Thrupp, Stroud, Gloucestershire: Sutton, 1997). *British Journal for the History of Science* 32 (1999): 245-246.
 71. Henri-Jean Martin, *The French Book: Religion, Absolutism, and Readership, 1585-1715*, trans. Paul Saenger and Nadine Saenger (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1996). *Technology and Culture* 39 (1998): 137-139.
 72. David Sturdy, *Science and Social Status: The Members of the Académie des Sciences, 1666-1750* (New York: Boydell Press, 1995). *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 27 (1997): 686-687.

SEMINARS, INVITED PAPERS, WORKSHOPS

Invited participant in the Wisconsin School of French History Conference, “The Wisconsin School of History (1985-2024),” University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI, 20-21 September 2024.

Participant in the workshop on “The Magical Eighteenth Century,” Indiana Center for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, 16-18 May 2024. Competitive participation.

Invited participant in a manuscript workshop, *Sensible Instruments: Remaking Society through the Body in the French Enlightenment*, by Carolyn Purnell, as part of a project titled “Science, Enterprise and Law and the Birth of the Modern Commercial Republic,”

Huntington Library, San Marino, California, 12-15 January 2016.

Invited participant at international workshop on “Science et spectacle au temps des Lumières,” sponsored by the Centre de recherche en histoire des sciences et des techniques; presented paper, “Experimental Physics in Eighteenth-Century Paris: The Practice of Popularization in Urban Culture,” Paris, France, 19-20 May 2003.

Participant in the Folger Institute’s seminar on “Early Modern Paris,” Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, D.C., 22-23 February 2002. Competitive participation.

Invited paper, “Divining the Enlightenment: Popular Science and Public Opinion in Old Regime France,” Vann Seminar in Premodern History, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, 21 November 1999.

Participant in the Sixth International Summer School in History of Science in Uppsala, Sweden, 8-12 June 1998. The theme for the 1998 Summer School was “The Structure of Knowledge: Classifications of Science and Learning since the Renaissance.” Competitive participation.

CONFERENCES (paper presented unless otherwise indicated)

“Divination, Science, and Enlightenment in Eighteenth-Century France,” History of Science Society, annual meeting, New Orleans, LA, 13-16 November 2025.

Organizer and Chair, “Unnatural Nature: How to Believe in Monsters and Enlightenment,” American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, annual meeting, virtual, March 28-29 and April 4-5, 2025.

“Dreamers: Enlightenment, Oneiromancy, and Modernity.” American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, annual meeting, Toronto, CA, 4-6 April 2024.

Chair and Organizer, “The Edge of Enlightenment: Wonder, Superstition, and Modernity.” American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, annual meeting, St. Louis, MO, 9-11 March 2023.

Chair, “Natural Philosophy in Early Modern Europe.” History of Science Society, annual meeting, Chicago, IL, 17-20 November 2022.

“Magic, Tarot Cards, and the Detour to Modernity in Eighteenth-Century France.” Western Society for French History, annual meeting, Victoria, Canada, 3-6 November 2022.

Commentator for the panel “The Enlightenment and the Shadows of the Occult.” American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, annual meeting, Baltimore, MD, 31 March–2

April 2022.

“Magic and Modernity at the End of the Eighteenth Century: Alliette, Enlightenment, and Tarot Cards.” American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, annual meeting (virtual), 7-11 April 2021.

Co-organized (with Dr. Jean-Olivier Richard, University of Toronto) and chairing panel, “Science, Superstition, and the Rationalization of Magic in Eighteenth Century Europe and North America.” History of Science Society, annual meeting October 2020. Canceled due to Covid-19.

Chair and Organizer, “The Theory and Practice of Magic in Enlightenment Europe.” American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, annual meeting, Denver, CO, 21-23 March 2019.

Commentator, “Acolytes and Adversaries of Newton.” American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, annual meeting, Denver, CO 21-23 March 2019.

“Women on Fire: Analyzing Spontaneous Human Combustion.” American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, annual meeting, Cleveland, OH, 4-7 April 2013.

“Burning Questions: Spontaneous Human Combustion in Early Modern France.” Western Society for French History, annual meeting, Lafayette, LA, 21-24 October 2010.

Chair, “Justice, Religion, and Utopia in Eighteenth-Century France.” Western Society for French History, annual meeting, Lafayette, LA, 21-24 October 2010.

Organized panel, “Science and Spectacle in Eighteenth-Century Europe,” and presented a paper on that panel, “Controlling Spectacle and the Policing of Aeronautics in Europe at the End of the Eighteenth Century.” History of Science Society, annual meeting, Pittsburgh, PA, 6-9 November 2008.

“Selling the Sublime Invention: The Marketing of Balloons in Eighteenth-Century Europe.” American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, annual meeting, Atlanta, GA , 22-25 March 2007.

Commentator, “Rhetoric, Identity, and Sexuality in Europe and North America.” Consortium on Revolutionary Europe, annual meeting, Atlanta, GA, 2-4 March 2006.

Organized panel, “The Commercialization of Scientific Culture in Eighteenth-Century Europe,” and presented a paper on that panel, “Advertising Aeronautics: The Marketing of Balloons in Europe, 1783-1820.” History of Science Society, annual meeting, Minneapolis, MN, 3-6 November 2005.

“Fireworks, Commercialization, and Entertainment in Eighteenth-Century Paris.” American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, annual meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, 24-28 March 2004.

Chair, “Women and Children in the World of Science,” History of Science Society, annual meeting, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 20-23 November 2003.

“Sparking the Revolution: From Royal to Republican Fireworks in Early Modern France,” French Historical Studies, annual meeting, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 3-5 April 2003.

“Selling Science: Balloons, Commerce, and Mass Culture in Eighteenth-Century France.” Western Society for French History, annual meeting, Baltimore, Maryland, 2-5 October 2002.

“Electrifying Ladies: Women and Popular Science in France, 1750-1790.” Consortium on Revolutionary Europe, annual meeting, Auburn, Alabama, 22-24 February 2001.

“Electricity in the Air: The Geography of Popular Science in Eighteenth-Century Paris.” Northeast American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, annual meeting, Portland, Maine, 26-29 October 2000.

Organized panel on “Education and the Science of Society in France,” and presented a paper on that panel, “Education, Amusement, and Popular Science: The Dissemination of Knowledge in Eighteenth-Century Paris.” Southern Historical Association, annual meeting, Fort Worth, Texas, 3-5 November 1999.

“Popular Science and the Debate over the Divining Rod in Eighteenth-Century France.” International Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Tenth International Congress on the Enlightenment, Dublin, Ireland, 25-31 July 1999.

“The Dowsing Detective: Justice, Popular Science, and the State in France, 1692-1710.” French Historical Society, annual meeting, Washington, D.C., 18-20 March 1999.

Organizer, chair, and commentator for panel on “Science in the Public Sphere: Popular Dissemination, Audience Perceptions.” American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, annual meeting, Notre Dame, Indiana, 1-5 April 1998.

“Boulevard Physics: Natural Philosophy and the Credulity of the Parisian Public.” History of Science Society, annual meeting, San Diego, California, 6-9 November 1997.

“*Utilité* and *Spectacle*: The Popularization of Science in Parisian Culture.” Western Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, annual meeting, Berkeley, California, 14-16 February 1997.

Organized panel on “Science and the Public Sphere in Eighteenth-Century France,” and

presented a paper in that panel on "Popular Science in the Public Sphere: Pilâtre de Rozier and the Musée de Monsieur in Late Eighteenth-Century Paris." History of Science Society, annual meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, 7-10 November 1996.

"The Consumption of Natural Philosophy in Enlightenment France," Western Society for French History, annual meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada, 8-11 November 1995.

"The Popularization of Natural Philosophy in Enlightenment France," History of Science Society, annual meeting, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 26-29 October 1995.

Chair and commentator for panel, "Science, Medicine and Magic" Newberry Library, Center for Renaissance Studies, Graduate Student Conference, Chicago, Illinois, 9-10 June 1995.

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND HONORS (selected)

College of Humanities, Education and Social Sciences (Purdue University Northwest), Summer Scholarship Award, 2021 (\$7500; turned down to become Interim Chair, Department of English and World Languages)

Scholarly Course Release, competitive (Purdue University Northwest), 2019-2020 (turned down to become Interim Dean of the Honors College)

Certification from the Purdue University North Central Academy for Online Learning, 2011

Teagle Foundation First Year Seminar Assessment Grant (Agnes Scott College), 2008 (\$1000)

Bevier Public Health Initiative (Agnes Scott College), Course Development Grant, 2008 (\$4800), 2007 (\$5400)

Undergraduate Research Scholars Grant (Agnes Scott College), 2008 (\$2600), 2007 (\$3300), 2006 (\$1000), 2004 (\$4790), 2003 (\$5260), 2001 (\$1350)

Catherine Sims Grant for Course Development (Agnes Scott College), 2008 (\$2000), 2007 (\$2500), 2006 (\$2500)

Professional Development Grant (Agnes Scott College), 2007 (\$3000), 2006 (\$2500), 2004 (\$3000), 2003 (\$1000), 2002 (\$2500), 2001 (\$2400), 2000 (\$840), 1999 (\$3000)

Percy G. Adams Article Prize (2006) awarded by Southeast American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies for "Sparks for Sale: The Culture and Commerce of Fireworks in Early Modern France," *Eighteenth-Century Life* 30 (2006): 74-97.

Robert R. Palmer Research Travel Fellowship (ASECS), 2006 (\$500)

Kemper Foundation Faculty Development Grant, Experiential Learning, 2006 (\$1000)

Dean's Discretionary Grant (Agnes Scott College), 2005 (\$3000)

Robert R. Palmer Research Travel Fellowship (ASECS), 2001 (\$500)

Jessie Ball DuPont Faculty Development Grant, Classroom Technology, 2001 (\$2500)

Agnes Scott College, Course Development Grant, Language Across the Curriculum, 2000 (\$2000)

Jessie Ball DuPont Faculty Development Grant, Course Development, 2000 (\$2500)

Governor's Teaching Fellow, Georgia, 2000

French Historical Studies Research Travel Award (FHS/WSFH), 1999 (\$2000)

Bernadotte E. Schmitt Grant (American Historical Association, 1998 (\$900)
University of Wisconsin-Madison, History Department Travel Grant, 1997, 1995
History of Science Society, Travel Grant, 1996

COURSES TAUGHT

Purdue University Northwest (undergraduate and graduate level):

Introduction to the Modern World (traditional, hybrid, and online versions)
Introduction to the Premodern World
Introduction to Historiography
Science and Society in Western Civilization, I
Magic, Religion and Witchcraft in Europe, 1400-1800
Magic and Witchcraft from Antiquity to Harry Potter
Renaissance and Reformation Europe
Enlightenment, Toleration, and the Invention of Human Rights in Eighteenth-Century Europe
(cross-listed with the Honors College)
Family, Sex and Marriage in Europe, 1200-1850
Science and Medicine in Society from the Black Death to Darwin
Enlightenment and the French Revolution
Research Seminar in History
The Witch in History
Martin Luther and the German Reformation
The Crusades

Agnes Scott College:

Europe from the Middle Ages to the French Revolution
Europe in Modern Times
Religion, Magic, and Science in Early Modern Europe
History on Film: Cinematic Approaches to the European Past
The Historical Imagination
Medieval Civilization
Renaissance and Reformation Europe
Enlightenment and Revolutionary Europe
Enlightenment and Revolutionary Europe – Global Connections (travel course)
Les Lumières et la Révolution Française – Language Across the Curriculum
Early Modern Britain
Family, Love, and Marriage in Premodern Europe
Science and Society from the Black Death to Darwin
The Witch in History: The Idea and Practice of Witchcraft in the Western Tradition

UNIVERSITY SERVICE (PURDUE UNIVERSITY NORTHWEST), selected

State-Wide Committees:

Indiana Dual Credit Advisory Council (PNW representative), Fall 2015-Fall 2016
 Chaired by Teresa Lubbers, Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education and Glenda Ritz, Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction
Committee on Online Purdue System-wide Courses, July 2014-December 2015

University Committees:

University Budget Advisory Committee, November 2024-2025
Space Allocation Advisory Committee, November 2024-2025
University Leadership Team, November 2024-2025
Academic Affairs Leadership Team, November 2024-2025
Deans' Council, 2011-2014, 2016-2017, 2019-2020, November 2024-2025
Search Committee for Associate Vice Chancellor of Human Resources, 2024-2025
Research Board, Internal Grant Review Committee, Fall 2020
Strategic Enrollment Management Committee, 2019-2020
Incentive Based Budget Model (RCM) committee, 2019-2020
Academic Affairs Leadership Team, 2016-2017, 2019-2020
University Promotion and Tenure Committee (elected), 2018-2019
Space and Utilization Advisory Group, 2016-2017
Accessibility Committee, 2016-2017
Student Success Collaborative Integration Committee, 2016-2017
Director of School of Engineering Search Committee, Chair, 2016-2017 (successful hire)
Provost Search Committee, Chair, Spring 2016 (successful hire)
Taskforce on Grant Overhead and Sponsored Programs, chair, August 2015-Spring 2016
Taskforce on Unifying Graduate Education, Spring 2015-Fall 2015
Taskforce on the Recruitment and Retention of Faculty, Fall 2014-Fall 2015
Taskforce on the Center for Teaching, Learning, and Technology, co-chair, 2014-2015
Higher Learning Commission Unification Committee, July 2014-March 2016
Taskforce on Continuing Education (Purdue North Central/Purdue Calumet), co-chair, July 2014-November 2014
Accessibility Committee, 2014-2016
Educational Policy Committee (Ex officio), 2014-2016
Assessment Steering Committee (Ex officio), 2014-2016
Faculty Grievance Mediation Committee, 2011-2016
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Advisory Council, 2011-2016
University Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2010-2016
Primary Promotion Committee, College of Liberal Arts, 2009-2016
Area Promotion Committee, University, 2009-2016
Taskforce on Space Utilization, 2014-2015
Primary Promotion Committee, College of Engineering and Technology, 2011-2015
Unification Steering Committee (Purdue North Central/Purdue Calumet), Spring 2014
Faculty Senate, 2010-2014

Primary Promotion Committee, College of Science, 2010-2014
Administrative Review Committee, 2012-2013
Bachelor of Arts in Instructional Design (online degree) Steering Committee, 2012-2013
Campus Parking and Appeals Committee, 2011-2013, chair, 2011-2013
Resources, Planning and Prioritizing Committee, 2010-2013; co-chair, 2010-2011
Higher Learning Commission, Committee on Final Report, 2010-2011
Educational Policy Committee, 2010-2011
Ad Hoc Committee on Grievance Procedures for Academic Personnel, 2009-2010

Honors College:

Interim Dean, Honors College
Honors Leadership Team, Fall 2019

College of Humanities, Education, and Social Sciences Committees (CHESS):

CHESS Search Committee for Assessment Data Coordinator, 2023
CHESS Search Committee for Lecturer (full-time) in Music/Band Director, Chair, 2022-2023
CHESS Search Committee for Associate Dean of Professional Programs and Director of the
School of Education and Counseling, Spring 2022
CHESS Sabbatical Review Committee, Chair, 2020-2021
Primary Promotion Committee (Department of English), 2020
CHESS Council (elected), 2018-2019; Chair (elected), 2018-2019
CHESS Council Curriculum Committee, 2018-2019
CHESS Council Budget Committee, 2018-2019

Department of History and Philosophy Committees:

Coordinator of History Graduate Program, 2018-2019

Department of Social Sciences Committees:

Chair, Department of Social Sciences, 2009-2014
Chair, Psychology Search Committee, 2013-2014 (successful hire)
Chair, History Search Committee, 2012-2013 (successful hire)
Chair, Psychology Search Committee, 2012-2013 (successful hire)
Chair, Social Work Search Committee, 2012-2013 (successful hire)

COLLEGE SERVICE (AGNES SCOTT COLLEGE), selected

Faculty and College Committees:

Curriculum Committee, 2000-2001, 2005-2008; chair, 2006-2007
Academic Standards and Admissions, 2002-2005; chair 2003-2004
Judicial Review Committee, 2000-2003
Undergraduate Teacher Education Committee, 1999-2000

Campus Service:

Mortar Board, Faculty Advisor, 2006-2008
Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship Committee, 2005-2008
History Department, Interim Chair, 2006-2007
Strategic Planning Coordinating Committee, 2006-2007
Chair, Search Committee, History Department, Kirk Visiting Position in US History, 2006-2007
(successful hire)
College Marshall, 2005-2007
Teaching and Learning Center Advisory Group, 2004-2007
Search Committee, History Department, Position in Asian History, 2004-2005 (successful hire)
James Madison Fellowship Advisor, Fall 2004
Quality Enhancement Plan Committee (SACS re-accreditation), 2002-2003
Search Committee, Education Program, Position as Director of Education, Fall 2002
Language Across the Curriculum Advisory Group, 2000-2003
First-Year Seminar Advisory Group, 2000-2002
Faculty Technology Advocate, 2000-2001
Search Committee, History Department, Position in U.S. History, 2000-2001 (successful hire)
Summer Work Group on the Curriculum, Summer 2000
Search Committee, Office of the Dean of Students, Director of Residential Life, Spring 2000
William Marshall Scholarship Advisor, Spring 2000
Women's Studies Program, Sub-Committee on Curricular Review, 1999-2002
Spring Annual Research Conference (Agnes Scott College), Organizing Committee, 1999-2000

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Professional Organizations:

- American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies
 - Treasurer, July to October 2025, May 2026-
 - Finance Committee – 2023-present
 - Development Committee, 2023-present, chair, 2024-2025
 - James L. Clifford Prize for Outstanding Article on Eighteenth-Century Culture, Selection Committee, 2020-2022; chair 2021-2022
 - Traveling Jam Pot: Fund for Graduate Students Award Committee, 2015-2017; chair, 2016-2017
- Society for French Historical Studies
 - David H. Pinkney Prize Committee (most distinguished book on French history), 2023-2026; chair 2025-2026
 - List Editor for H-France (<http://www3.uakron.edu/hfrance>), c. 1700 members, 2002-2003

Institutional Accreditation:

Member, Peer Corps of Reviewers, Higher Learning Commission, 2015-2017

Reviewing:

Book manuscripts and proposals for Addison Wesley Longman Press, Bedford/St. Martins Press, Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Pearson Education, Penn State University Press, Prentice Hall, Smithsonian Institution, University of Virginia Press, Voltaire Foundation (Oxford University Studies in the Enlightenment)

Article manuscripts for *Aries: Journal for the Study of Western Esotericism*; *British Journal for the History of Science*; *Centaurus: Journal of the European Society for the History of Science*; *Eighteenth-Century Studies*; *European Romantic Review*; *French Historical Studies*; *French History*; *Interfaces: A Journal of Medieval European Literatures*; *Journal of Science Communication*; *Lychnos: Annual of the Swedish History of Science Society*; *Magic, Ritual, and Witchcraft*; *Science in Context*; *Studies in Eighteenth-Century Culture*; *Textual Practice*; and *Theatre Journal*

Grant proposals reviewed for the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada; the National Science Foundation; and the Israel Science Foundation

Miscellaneous:

Board of Directors, Ultimate History Project (<http://www.ultimatehistoryproject.com>), 2013-2019

Reader/Faculty Consultant for College Board (Educational Testing Service) Advanced Placement Examination in European History, 2002-2006.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Interviews:

Interviewed by Lauren Leffer (23 May 2025), for an article on spontaneous human combustion, published online by *Popular Science*, 3 June 2025 (<https://www.popsci.com/health/can-humans-spontaneously-combust-the-baffling-cases-explained/>)

Interviewed by Simi Sara (15 October 2024), to discuss spontaneous human combustion on “Mornings with Simi” on 980 CKNW, a talk and news radio show based in Vancouver, Canada.

Interviewed by Dr. Tom Roach (8 November 2022), to discuss edited volume, *Magic, Witchcraft, and Ghosts in the Enlightenment* (Routledge, 2022) for *The Roundtable Perspective*, airing on Lakeshore PBS (WYIN) and archived on YouTube. Aired 23 December 2022.

Interviewed by Dr. Christopher De Pree (20 April 2021), for an article on university observatories, “The Past, Present, and Future of College Observatories,” written by Christopher De Pree and Sarah Scoles, published in *Sky & Telescope Magazine*, April 2022, 28-33.

Interviewed by Lorraine Boissoneault for an article on popular science, “How 18th-Century Writers Invented the Genre of Popular Science,” published online by the *Smithsonian Magazine*, 13 February 2019 (<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/science-nature/18th-century-writers-created-genre-popular-science-enlightenment-180971481/>)

Interviewed by Juha Matias Lehtonen for an article on fireworks, “Ilotulitteet muistuttava valtioiden mahdista” (“Fireworks and the Power of States”) published in *Helsingin Sanomat* (largest daily newspaper in Scandinavia, based in Helsinki, Finland), 29 December 2016 (<http://www.hs.fi/paivanlehti/29122016/art-2000005024117.html>).

Interviewed for a documentary film, “The Fantastic Flights of Sophie Blanchard,” (Jen Sachs, Director/Producer), 27 August 2010. In production.

Digital Humanities Projects:

“French Playing Cards, 1650-1850.” Edited by Dr. Jeffrey Ravel, Professor of History at MIT. Acted as a consultant and provided text and images for sections on Tarot cards and cartomancy. This project is designed for the general reader. March 2023. <https://frenchplayingcards.mit.edu>

“Voltaire and the French Enlightenment: Digital Collections for the Classroom.” Provided introduction, discussion, and commentary on primary source items I curated from the Newberry Library collection. This project is designed for teachers and students in high school classes and introductory college classes. November 2018. <https://dcc.newberry.org/?p=14371>

“Magic and Witchcraft in Early Modern Europe: Digital Collections for the Classroom.” Provided introduction, discussion, and commentary on primary source items I curated from the Newberry Library collection. This project is designed for teachers and students in high school classes and introductory college classes. February 2018. <https://dcc.newberry.org/?p=14415>

Public Talks and Presentations – non-academic audiences (selected):

- “The French Revolution: Gender, Race, and Ethnicity,” Newberry Library Teacher’s Consortium, Newberry Library, Chicago, IL, 29 January 2026.
- “The History of Magic,” Munster Public Library, Munster, IN, 6 October 2024.
- “Wonders, Marvels, and the Natural World in Europe and North America, 1400-1800,” Newberry Library Teacher’s Consortium, Newberry Library, Chicago, IL, 31 October 2023
- “Magic, Witches and the Creation of Halloween,” Newberry Library Teacher’s Consortium, Newberry Library, Chicago, IL, 28 and 31 October 2022.
- “Violence, Terror, and the French Revolution,” Newberry Teacher’s Consortium, Newberry Library, Chicago, IL, 18 February 2022.
- “Magic and Witchcraft in Early Modern Europe,” Invited speaker for Institute Day at Homewood-Flossmoor High School, Flossmoor, IL, 5 November 2021.
- “Magic, Science, and Religion in Sixteenth and Seventeenth Century Europe,” Newberry Teacher’s Consortium, Newberry Library, Chicago, IL, 25 February 2021.
- “Voltaire and the Enlightenment,” Newberry Teacher’s Consortium, Newberry Library, Chicago, IL, 28 February 2020.
- “Toleration, Enlightenment, and the Invention of Human Rights,” Newberry Teacher’s Consortium, Newberry Library, Chicago, IL, 22 February 2019 and 1 April 2019.
- “Absolutism in Early Modern Europe,” Newberry Teacher’s Consortium, Newberry Library, Chicago, IL, 9 February 2018.
- “Witchcraft and Magic in Europe, 1450-1800,” Newberry Teacher’s Consortium, Newberry Library, Chicago, IL, 6 February 2017.
- “The Scientific Revolution: A Social and Cultural Assessment,” Newberry Teacher’s Consortium, Newberry Library, Chicago, IL, 5 February 2016.
- “The Cultural Enlightenment, 1650-1800,” Newberry Teacher’s Consortium, Newberry Library, Chicago, IL, 12 February 2015.
- “The French Revolution and Napoleon: Culture, Causes and Consequences,” Newberry Teachers’ Consortium, Newberry Library, Chicago, IL, 10 February 2014.

- “Spontaneous Human Combustion in Early Modern France,” Social Sciences Colloquium, Purdue University North Central, 15 November 2011.
- “Tudor History and *The Other Boleyn Girl*,” History Theme House Public Lecture, Agnes Scott College, 19 March 2008.
- “Halloween: A Cultural History,” History Theme House Public Lecture, Agnes Scott College, 29 October 2007.
- “Staring into Space: A Cultural History of Astronomical Observation, 1600-1800,” Bradley Observatory Open House Lecture Series, Agnes Scott College, 8 September 2006.
- “What’s Your Sign? Medical Astrology and the Usefulness (?) of Astronomy in Europe (14th-19th centuries),” Bradley Observatory Open House Lecture Series, Agnes Scott College, 9 December 2005.
- “The Sublime Invention: Balloons and Enlightenment in Europe, 1783-1820,” Dean’s Colloquium Dinner, Agnes Scott College, 5 October 2004.
- “Shocked Monks and Savant Dogs: Popular Science in Eighteenth-Century France,” ACME (Academic Colloquium and Monthly Exchange), Agnes Scott College, 14 September 2001.
- “Science, Pseudoscience, and History: Deciphering the Place of Science in History,” Campbell Science Forum, Agnes Scott College, 21 March 2001.
- “Caroline Herschel: Astronomy and Gender in Eighteenth- and Early Nineteenth-Century Europe,” Bradley Observatory Open House Lecture Series, Agnes Scott College, 12 November 1999.
- “Servants of Satan: The Witch in History from *Vinegar Tom* to Walt Disney,” Public lecture, Agnes Scott College, 30 October 1998.

PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

- Higher Learning Commission, “Standard and Open Pathways Reviewer Training,” 21-23 October 2015, Chicago, IL
- Higher Learning Commission, Annual Conference, “Beyond the Horizon.” 15-19 April 2015, Chicago, IL.
- Liberal Arts and Experiential Learning: Internships Across the Disciplines, Kemper Faculty Development Workshop, 15-17 August 2006, Agnes Scott College, Decatur, GA

31st Annual Conference on Higher Education and the Law, 17-18 July 2000, University of Georgia,
Athens, GA

Georgia Governor's Teaching Fellows Summer Symposium Program, 15-26 May 2000, University of
Georgia, Athens, GA

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies

History of Science Society

Phi Alpha Theta

Society for French Historical Studies

Western Society for the Study of French History