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FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor, Department of History, Boston University	2013- present
Assistant Professor, Department of History, Boston University	2006 - 2013
Peter T. Paul Assistant Professor, Boston University	2006 - 2009
Lecturer, History Department and Writing Program, Princeton University	2005 - 2006
Quin Morton Writing Fellow, Princeton Writing Program	2004 - 2005

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Department of History, Princeton University	Fall 2005
M.A., Department of History, Princeton University	Spring 2001
B.A. <i>summa cum laude</i> , University of California at Berkeley	Spring 1998

Major in History, Minor in American Literature
Phi Beta Kappa
High Honors in the History Department

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Becoming Americans in Paris: Transatlantic Politics and Culture between the World Wars.
New York: Oxford University Press, 2011. Paperback, September 2013. Chinese translation, forthcoming.

- Winner, Gilbert Chinard Book Prize, Society for French Historical Studies
- Winner, James P. Hanlan Best Book Award, New England Historical Association
- *Highly Recommended* Book Prize, Boston Authors Club Annual Awards, 2012

Books in Progress

Hidden Fronts: The Crash of the Yankee Clipper and American Entries into World War II.
Under contract with Oxford University Press.

The Familiar Made Strange: American Icons and Artifacts after the Transnational Turn.
Co-editor with Mark P. Bradley. Cornell University Press, forthcoming 2015.

Articles and Book Chapters

"V-J Day, 1945, Times Square." Chapter for *The Familiar Made Strange: American Icons and Artifacts after the Transnational Turn*. Brooke L. Blower and Mark P. Bradley, eds. Cornell University Press, forthcoming 2015.

"New York City's Spanish Shipping Agents and the Practice of State Power in the Atlantic Borderlands of World War II." *American Historical Review*, 119.1 (February 2014): 111-141.

"From Isolationism to Neutrality: A New Framework for Understanding American Political Culture, 1919-1941." *Diplomatic History*, 38.2 (April 2014): 345-376.

"The Life of Mary Anderson: An Intimate Response to the Turn-of-the-Century World of Transatlantic Migration." *Prospects*, 29 (2005): 185-217.

Review Essays

"Anti-Americanism Encore une Fois." *Diplomatic History* 37.3 (June 2013): 636-638.

"Thinking about Nationalism and Internationalism." *Reviews in American History*, 36.2 (June 2008): 178-185.

Other Works

"Graduation Advice Past and Present: A Commencement Address with Historical Perspective." *Perspectives*, Summer 2013.
http://www.historians.org/perspectives/issues/2013/1306/Graduation-Advice-Past-and-Present_A-Commencement-Address-with-Historical-Perspective.cfm

"A Paris Invented for the American Imagination." *Boston Globe*, June 16, 2011.
http://www.boston.com/bostonglobe/editorial_opinion/blogs/the_angle/2011/06/americans_in_pa.html

"Becoming Americans in Paris." *Wonders & Marvels*, May 2011.
<http://www.wondersandmarvels.com/2011/05/becoming-americans-in-paris.html>

INVITED LECTURES

“Spanish Ships and the Practice of State Power in the Atlantic Borderlands of World War II.” Dartmouth College lecture, November 7, 2013.

“V-J Day, 1945, Times Square.” Guest lecture, Leslie Butler’s intellectual history course, Dartmouth College, November 8, 2013.

Department of History Commencement Address, Boston University, May 18, 2013.

“Hidden American Histories of World War II.” CAS Leadership Advisory Board Meeting Presentation, Boston University, May 2, 2013.

“Devil’s Bargain: New York City’s Premier Spanish Shipping Agents and Allied Strategy during World War II.” Massachusetts Historical Society, Immigration and Urban History Seminar, September 18, 2012.

“The Politics of Everyday Anti-Americanism in Interwar Paris.” Seminar on French Politics, Culture, and Society, Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University, February 15, 2012.

“Transnational Migration since the Late Nineteenth Century.” Guest Scholar, History Connected, Teaching American History Grant Program for high school teachers, Reading, Massachusetts, Feb. 10, 2012

“Devil’s Bargain: New York City’s Premier Spanish Shipping Agent and Allied Strategy during World War II.” University of Connecticut Foreign Policy Seminar, October 7, 2011.

“American Expatriates in Interwar Paris: A Reconsideration.” Harvard Colloquium for Intellectual and Cultural History, Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University, November 19, 2009.

“Rethinking the 1950s: Rules and Rebels in Postwar America.” Boston University Evergreen Program lecture series on American Popular Culture, November 4, 2009.

“Down with Yankee Capitalism: The Sacco-Vanzetti Riots in Paris, France.” Institute for the Study of the Americas Seminar, University of London, March 13, 2008.

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

“Trade & Culture.” A Roundtable presentation at the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, June 21, 2014.

“Thinking Across the Case Studies: Toward a Synthetic History of Americans Abroad.” Organization of American Historians conference, Atlanta, April 10-13, 2014.

“Explaining the Concept of Transnational History to Students.” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations conference, Washington, D.C., June 20, 2013.

"War and Transnational History." Princeton University conference in honor of the retirement of Daniel T. Rodgers, Department of History, May 3-4, 2013.

"V-J Day in Times Square: Reading Iconic American Texts after the Transnational Turn." Organization of American Historians annual conference, San Francisco, April 2013.

"Fields of Action" for the roundtable, "Insights from the Outside: Approaches to the Study of Americans Abroad," San Juan, American Studies Association conference, November 2012.

"Grant Wood, *American Gothic*: Making the Familiar Strange." Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations annual convention, Hartford, Connecticut, June 28-30, 2012.

"The Intrigues of Transatlantic Spanish Merchant Shipping during World War II." Association of Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies annual conference. Tufts University, March 23, 2012.

"Time and Place: New Narratives of Americans in the Second World War." U.S. Intellectual History Conference, New York City, November 17-18, 2011.

"Spanish Shipping Agents and the Pitfalls of American Neutrality during the 1930s." Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations convention, Washington, D.C., June 25, 2011.

"The Perils of Merchant Shipping during World War II." American Politics, World Politics conference at Clare College, Cambridge University, England, April 2011.

"What about Those Neutrality Acts? American Popular Thought on War and Isolation on the Eve of the Second World War." Organization of American Historians annual conference, Houston, March 17-20, 2011.

"Spanish Shipping Agents and Atlantic World Politics in the 1930s and 1940s." Boston University-Warwick Conference on the Atlantic World, March 25, 2011.

"Expatriate Paris Reconsidered: Experiments in Leftist Internationalism." BU-Cambridge-Princeton University conference, Rethinking American Liberalism, March 19-20, 2009.

"Strangers in Their Midst: Europeans Contemplate the Specter of Americanization." Boston University Humanities Foundation Fellows seminar, October 20, 2008.

"Exiles not Returned: The Internationalism of the Expatriate Left." American Studies in Global Perspective, Boston University conference, October 3, 2008.

"Rethinking the Americans in Paris Story." BU European Studies Seminar, April 29, 2008.

"Americans and Police Prefect Jean Chiappe's Purging of Paris, 1927-1933: Urban Moral Reform in an International Context." Immigration and Urban History Seminar, Massachusetts Historical Society, February 28, 2008.

"The Specter of Americanization in Interwar Paris." American Studies Association annual conference, Washington, D.C., November 4, 2005.

"Politics on Parade: The American Legion Returns to Paris." Workshop in American Studies, Princeton University, March 26, 2004.

OTHER APPEARANCES

Jobs Search Workshop panelist, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, Washington, D.C., June 21, 2014.

Chair, "Past Masters: The Career of Daniel T. Rodgers." OAH conference, Atlanta, April 10-13, 2014.

Jobs Search Workshop panelist, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, Washington, D.C., June 21, 2013.

Panel chair, "Spain in the World, 1870-1960." Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations conference, Washington, D.C., June 21, 2013.

Commentator, American Political History graduate student conference, BU, March 25, 2012.

Panel chair, Religion and American Politics conference, Boston University, March 22, 2012.

Panel chair, "The Global 1970s" conference, Boston University, November 10, 2011.

Speaker, BU Provost luncheon for Faculty Parents of Young Children, Oct. 14, 2011.

Commentator, Boston Seminar on the History of Women and Gender, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, October 13, 2011.

Guest speaker on theory and transnational history, AM 735, American and New England Studies Program, Boston University, March 2011.

Guest speaker on transnational history, AM 735, AMNESP, Boston University, April 2010.

Commentator, American Political History graduate student conference, BU, April 16, 2010.

Guest speaker on the academic job market for the "Learning the Ropes" workshops, American Studies graduate program, Boston University, April 2007 and 2008.

Panel chair, Political History conference, Cambridge University, England, March 2007.

Guest speaker on recent developments in transnational history, AM 735, American Studies Department, Boston University, January 25, 2007.

Invited speaker, "Writing History." Princeton University Writing Center, Nov. 14, 2005.

Panel chair, "Cast Out: A History of Vagrancy in Global Perspective," Shelby Cullom Davis Center conference, November 12, 2005.

Panel commentator, "Politics of Urban Space," graduate conference on urban history, History Department, Princeton University, April 22, 2005.

Invited speaker, on innovative history writing, Modern America Workshop, Princeton University, October 1, 2003.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Mellon Foundation Sawyer Seminar Grant	2014-2015
Frank and Lynne Wisneski Award for Excellence in Teaching, Boston University	2014
Publication Production Award, BU Center for the Humanities	2014
American Philosophical Society Franklin Research Grant	2013
Award from BU's Grants for Undergraduate Teaching and Scholarship Program	2013
Gilbert Chinard Book Prize, Society for French Historical Studies	2012
James P. Hanlan Best Book Award, New England Historical Association	2012
<i>Highly Recommended</i> book award, Boston Authors Club	2012
Peter T. Paul Career Development Professorship	2006 - 2009
Humanities Foundation Junior Fellowship, Boston University	2008
Humanities Foundation Grant, Boston University	2006 - 2007
Quin Morton Writing Fellow, Princeton Writing Program	2004 - 2005
Davis Merit Prize, Department of History, Princeton University	2003 - 2004
Rollins Prize, Department of History, Princeton University	2001 - 2004
Princeton University Graduate School Summer Writing Grant	2004
Travel Grants, Department of History, Princeton University	2000, 2002
Dissertation Prospectus Fellowship, Mellon Foundation	2001
Davis Merit Prize, Department of History, Princeton University	1999 - 2001
Highest Distinction in General Scholarship (<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>), U.C. Berkeley	1998
High Honors upon graduation, History Department, U.C. Berkeley	1998
Phi Beta Kappa Honors Society	1996

CONFERENCES, SEMINAR SERIES, and PANELS ORGANIZED

"Reinterpreting the Twentieth Century." A John E. Sawyer Seminar on the Comparative Study of Cultures, Department of History, Boston University, upcoming 2014-2015.

"Roundtable: New Perspectives on Trade." Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, June 18-21, 2014.

"Past Masters: The Scholarship of Daniel T. Rodgers." Special panel for the annual conference of the Organization of American Historians, Atlanta, April 10-13, 2014.

"Making the Familiar Strange: Transnational Readings of Iconic American Texts." Roundtable organized for the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations annual conference, June 28-30, 2012 and follow-up panel at the Organization of American Historians annual conference, April 11-14, 2013.

"New Narratives of the Second World War." Roundtable organized for the U.S. Intellectual History conference, New York City, November 17-18, 2011.

"Isolationism and Internationalism between the World Wars." Panel organized for the annual OAH conference, Houston, Texas, March 2011.

"Writing the City into History: Problems and Methods," head organizer for a graduate student urban history conference, Princeton University, April 22, 2005.

Modern America Workshop, co-organizer for a year-long series of colloquia for Princeton faculty and graduate students, 2001-2002.

COURSES

Undergraduate Lecture Courses

American Popular Culture: From the Late Nineteenth Century to the Present

Americans in the World: United States History in Transnational Perspective

Sex, Love, Family: Relationships in Recent American History and Pop Culture

Undergraduate Seminars

The Modern Metropolis: Approaches to Urban History

Postwar America: Issues in Political, Cultural, and Social History, 1945-1969

Graduate Seminars

American Historiography

Methods in Cultural History

Readings in American History

SERVICE and OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Peer reviewer for Pearson Longman, Oxford University Press,

Diplomatic History, *The Historical Journal*, and University of Massachusetts Press

Co-chair, Program Committee, 2015 SHAFR annual conference	2014-2015
Program Committee, 2014 SHAFR annual conference	2013-2014
Stuart L. Bernath Book Prize Committee, SHAFR	2013-2016
Director of Curriculum, Department of History, BU	2013-present
Faculty Director of History Department Website Redesign	2013
Director, History Department Course Title and Description Update Initiative	2013
Curriculum Committee, BU History Department	2012-present
BU College of Arts and Sciences Academic Conduct Committee	2009-present
History Department committee, Provost's Learning Assessment Initiative	2013-present
History Dept. committee to assess Transnational Ph.D. Track	2013
Peter T. Paul Professorship Nomination Committee, CAS	2013
Guest Scholar, Teaching American History Grant Program, Reading, Mass.	2012
Lawrence W. Levine Award Committee, Org. of American Historians	2010-2011
Greig Scholarship Selection Committee, BU College of Arts and Sciences	2011, 2012
History Department Website Advisory Committee	2010-2011
Delegate, History Department Chair Search, Boston University	2009
BU History Department Committee on Long Term Planning	2009
U.S. Political History Search Committee, BU History Department	2007-2008
History Department Senior Prize Committee, Boston University	2007, 2008

LANGUAGES

French (good proficiency), Spanish (fair proficiency), German (some)