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### EXPERIENCE

SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY	Professor of American Studies, 2000-present; Department Chair, 2000-2015
MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY	Professor of History, 1991-2000; Department Head, 1991-1997
EÖTVÖS LORÁND UNIVERSITY, Budapest, Hungary	Otto M. Salgo Professor of American Studies, 1994- 1995
RICE UNIVERSITY	Visiting Associate Professor of History, 1990-1991
MERCER UNIVERSITY/ ATLANTA	Assistant, then Associate Professor of History, 1974- 1990; Chair, Division of Social Sciences, 1984-1987
HONG KONG BAPTIST UNIVERSITY	Fulbright Lecturer in American Studies, 1979-1980

### EDUCATION

EMORY UNIVERSITY	PhD., American Studies, 1974 Dissertation: "The Covert Themes of American Anarchism: Time, Space, and Consciousness as Anarchist Myth." Committee: Robert H. L. Wheeler (director), Albert E. Stone, James Harvey Young
FORDHAM UNIVERSITY	A.B., English, 1969

### PUBLICATIONS

#### *Books:*

*ALEXIS DE TOCQUEVILLE AND AMERICAN INTELLECTUALS: FROM HIS TIME TO OURS.* Rowman and Littlefield, 2006 (American Intellectual Culture Series). A *CHOICE* Outstanding Academic Title.

*ONE DIES, GET ANOTHER: CONVICT LEASING IN THE AMERICAN SOUTH, 1866-1928*. University of South Carolina Press, 1996. University of South Carolina Press submission for Francis Parkman Prize and Avery O. Craven Award.

*ALEXIS DE TOCQUEVILLE*. Twayne, 1994 (World Authors Series).

*UNDERSTANDING MARITAIN: PHILOSOPHER AND FRIEND* (Co-editor and contributor). Mercer University Press, 1988.

*Articles, Chapters:*

“Francis Lieber, Slavery, and the ‘Genesis’ of the Laws of War,” *Journal of Southern History*, 77, no. 2 (May 2011), 325-48.

“From Oblivion to Apotheosis: The Ironic Journey of Alexis de Tocqueville,” *Journal of American Studies* 45, no. 1 (February 2011), 21-37.

“Too Many Tocquevilles: The Fable of Tocqueville’s American Reception,” *Journal of the History of Ideas* 69, no. 2 (April 2008), 245-68.

“Alexis de Tocqueville’s Post-Civil War Reputation,” *Society* 43, no. 1 (November/December 2005), 75-81.

“Foreword to the Brown Thrasher Edition” of Robert E. Burns, *I Am a Fugitive From a Georgia Chain Gang!* Reprint of 1932 edition. University of Georgia Press, 1997.

“Melville’s ‘Descartian Vortices’,” *ESQ: A Journal of the American Renaissance* 36, no. 4 (1990), 315-27.

“Maritain’s American Illusions,” *From Twilight to Dawn: The Cultural Vision of Jacques Maritain*, ed. Peter Redpath (Notre Dame: American Maritain Association; University of Notre Dame Press, 1990).

“Nominalism, Usury, and Bourgeois Man,” *Freedom in the Modern World*, ed. Michael Torre (Notre Dame: American Maritain Association; University of Notre Dame Press, 1989).

“Political Economy and Cultural Theory in Tocqueville’s Abolitionism,” *Slavery and Abolition* 10 (September 1989), 151-71.

“Maritain’s Democratic Vision: ‘You Have No Bourgeois’” *Understanding Maritain: Philosopher and Friend*, ed. Deal W. Hudson and Matthew J. Mancini (Macon, GA: Mercer University Press, 1988), 133-51.

“Maritain and the Ambivalence of the ‘Modern’ World” (co-author with D. W. Hudson), *Understanding Maritain*, 1-13.

“Race, Economics, and the Abandonment of Convict Leasing,” *Journal of Negro History* 63 (Fall 1978), 339-52.

*Encyclopedia articles:*

“Democracy in America,” *Oxford Encyclopedia of American Political and Legal History*, ed. Donald Critchlow (Oxford University Press, 2012).

“Convict Leasing in Louisiana,” *KnowLA: The Online Encyclopedia of Louisiana History and Culture* (Louisiana Humanities Council). <http://www.knowla.org/entry/767/>

“I Am a Fugitive From a Georgia Chain Gang!” *New Georgia Encyclopedia*, ed. John Inscoe (University of Georgia). Online. Reprinted in *The New Georgia Encyclopedia Companion to Georgia Literature*, ed. Hugh Rupperburg and John C. Inscoe (University of Georgia Press, 2007).

“Convict Labor,” *Encyclopedia of North Carolina*, ed. William S. Powell (University of North Carolina Press, 2006).

“Convict Leasing,” *Encyclopedia of the United States in the Nineteenth Century*, ed. Paul Finkelman (Scribner’s, 2000).

“Labor Systems: Convict Leasing,” *Macmillan Encyclopedia of World Slavery*, ed. Paul Finkelman and Joseph C. Miller (Macmillan Reference USA, 1998).

*Recent reviews:*

Talitha L. LeFlouria, *Chained in Silence: Black Women and Convict Labor in the New South*. *Journal of Southern History*. *Journal of Southern History* 78, no. 2 (May 2016), 460-61.

Henry W. Berger, *St. Louis & Empire: 250 Years of Imperial Quest & Urban Crisis*. *Missouri Historical Review* 110, no. 2 (January 2016), 141-42.

Ewa Atanassow and Richard Boyd, eds., *Tocqueville and the Frontiers of Democracy*. *American Political Thought* 4, no. 2 (Spring 2015), 328-31.

*Letters from America: Alexis de Tocqueville*, ed. and trans. Frederick Brown (Yale UP); *Alexis de Tocqueville and Gustave de Beaumont in America*, ed. Olivier Zunz, trans. Arthur Goldhammer (Univ. of Va. Press); *Alexis de Tocqueville on America After 1840*, ed. and trans. Aurelian Craiutu and Jeremy Jennings (Cambridge UP). *Journal of Southern History* 78, no. 3 (August 2012), 715-19.

W. Stuart Towns, *Enduring Legacy: Rhetoric and Ritual of the Lost Cause*. *Civil War Book Review*, Summer 2012.

Adam Arenson, *The Great Heart of the Republic: St. Louis and the Cultural Civil War*. *Missouri Historical Review*, 106, no. 3 (April 2012), 179-80.

Burrus M. Carnahan, *Lincoln on Trial: Southern Civilians and the Law of War*. *Journal of Southern History*, 78, no. 1 (February 2012), 185-86.

Stephen Cox, *The Big House: Image and Reality of the American Prison*. *The Historian*, 74, no. 1 (Spring 2012), 102-104.

- Bonnie Stepenoff, *The Dead End Kids of St. Louis: Homeless Boys and the People Who Tried to Save Them*. *Missouri Historical Review*, 106, no. 1 (October 2011), 53-54.
- James C. Cobb, *Away Down South: A History of Southern Identity*. *American Studies* 48 (Fall 2007), 140-41.
- Hugh Brogan, *Tocqueville: A Biography*. *Journal of American History* 94, no. 2 (September 2007), 562.
- Glenn Feldman, *The Disfranchisement Myth: Poor Whites and Suffrage Restriction in Alabama*. *American Studies* 47, no. 2 (Summer 2006), 123-24.
- Keith Edgerton, *Montana Justice: Power, Politics, and the Penitentiary*. *American Studies* 46, no. 3 (Fall 2005), 165-66.
- Harvey Mitchell *America After Tocqueville: Democracy Against Difference*. *Journal of Southern History* 70, no. 1 (February 2004), 140-41.
- Sheldon S. Wolin, *Tocqueville Between Two Worlds: The Making of a Political and Theoretical Life*. *Journal of American History* 89, no. 3 (December 2002), 1035-35.
- Mary Ellen Curtin, *Black Prisoners and Their World: Alabama, 1865-1900*. *The Alabama Review* 55, no. 4 (October 2002), 285-87.
- Judith Shapiro, *A New South Rebellion: The Battle Against Convict Labor in the Tennessee Coalfields, 1871-1896*. *Journal of Southern History* 66, no. 1 (February 2000), 143-44.
- David Oshinsky, *"Worse Than Slavery": Parchman Farm and the Ordeal of Jim Crow Justice*. *American Journal of Legal History* 42 (1998), 444-46.

#### RECENT CONFERENCE PAPERS AND INVITED LECTURES

- "Strategies for an Age of Austerity," American Studies Association, November 2013.
- "Another Sort of Explanatory Scheme: The Legacy of Gene Wise," Values and History: A conference honoring Thomas Haskell, Rice University, March 2013.
- "Tocqueville Twenty Ten," Workshop in Politics, Economy, and Society, Washington University in St. Louis, March 2011.
- "What's Wrong With Tocqueville Studies, and What Can Be Done About It," Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis, Indiana University, November 2009.
- "Tocqueville Scholarship as Stable Discourse," Southern American Studies Association, February 2009.
- "Genealogy of the Hague Convention," Mid-America Conference on History, September 2008.

- “Tocqueville in the Underworld,” Panel: History and Sociology, Mid-America Conference on History, September 2007.
- “The Agony of Francis Lieber: The Tragedy Behind General Orders No. 100,” Southern Historical Association, November 2006.
- “‘Too Good to Check’: Myths of Tocqueville’s Reputation,” Keynote, Myth and Memory Symposium, Rhode Island College, March 2006.
- “Cool Hand Luke Is a Fugitive From a Chain Gang,” Southern American Studies Association, February 2005.
- “The Dark Ages of Tocqueville Scholarship,” Mid-America Conference on History, October 2004.
- “The United States on the World Stage: Teaching American History in the Secondary Classroom,” Workshop. Innovations in Collaboration: A School-University Model to Enhance History Teaching, K-16, Sponsored by American Historical Association, Organization of American Historians, National Council for Social Studies, June 2003.
- “Tocqueville in the 1950s,” Hungarian Association for American Studies, Budapest, March 2003.
- “The United States on the World Stage: Teaching American History in the Secondary Classroom,” Five workshops with lectures co-directed with faculty from Rhode Island College, January-October 2002.
- “Alexis de Tocqueville and the Kansas-Nebraska Act,” Mid-America Conference on History, September 2001.

#### **AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2012: ELIZABETH KOLMER AWARD (given to a senior faculty member for outstanding mentorship and advancement of the field of American Studies in the 11-state MAASA region)
- 2014; 2008; 2002: MELLON FACULTY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS for research
- 2007: *Alexis de Tocqueville and American Intellectuals* selected an Outstanding Academic Title for 2006 by *CHOICE* magazine
- 2003: SLU2000 SUMMER RESEARCH STIPEND
- 1997: EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH AWARD, College of Humanities and Public Affairs, Missouri State University
- 1994-1995: OTTO M. SALGO ENDOWED CHAIR IN AMERICAN STUDIES, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest

1994, 1998: MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY RESEARCH GRANTS

1990: EXTERNAL FACULTY RESEARCH FELLOW, Murphy Institute of Political Economy,  
Tulane University

1979-1980: FULBRIGHT SENIOR LECTURESHIP, Hong Kong Baptist University

## **TEACHING AND SERVICE**

*Courses at Saint Louis University*

Undergraduate courses:

Prisons in American Culture  
Crossroads: Introduction to Honors (Honors Program)  
Decade of Crisis: The American 1890s

Graduate seminars:

Perspectives in American Studies  
American Intellectuals in a Dynamic Culture, 1870-1920  
The Practice of American Studies  
The American South  
Tocqueville's America  
Mythbusting and Mythmaking in Recent American Studies Scholarship  
Reading *Moby-Dick*

*Dissertations directed:*

Kent Bunting, "The Koan of Seiwa En: History and Meaning in the Japanese Garden at the Missouri Botanical Garden"

Bayard Clark, "Forgotten Eyewitnesses: English Women Travel Writers and the Economic Development of America's Antebellum West"

Robin Hanson, "The National Cemetery: Race and Sectional Reconciliation in a Contested Landscape"

Bryan Jack, "Parting the Red Sea: The St. Louis African American Community and the Exodusters" (revised version published as *The St. Louis African American Community and the Exodusters*, University of Missouri Press)

David McFarland, "Ignorant Farmer or Virtuous Yeoman: Rhetorical Ambivalence in the Agrarian Reform Movement, 1840-1860"

Rebecca Odom, "Negotiating Hyphenated Identities: Transnational Identity Formation of the German-American Residents of St. Charles, Missouri, During World War I"

Patricia Rooney, "The National World War II Memorial: Exploring the Form and Context of a Neo-Classical Revival Aesthetic"

Burton St. John, "The Tension Between Public Relations and Journalism: The Unfinished Business About Using Propaganda to Move Crowds"

Alicja Sowinska, "Eastern Europe in the Making of American National Identity"

David Suwalsky, S.J., "'North of Yankee Country': Antebellum Kansas and the Missourians of the Platte Purchase Country"

Jamie Schmidt Wagman, "Our Pill, Ourselves: American Anxieties Surrounding Oral Contraception, 1956-2000"

Ying Ye, "Black Initiative in Black Education Prior to and During the Civil War"

*Major Service Activities at Saint Louis University*

Faculty Senate, Executive Committee

Faculty Senate, Academic Affairs Committee, Chair

Faculty Council (College of Arts and Sciences), Humanities Chairs representative, four terms

Faculty liaison, Saint Louis University Library Associates

*Other service (selected)*

AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION: Committee on Departments, Programs and Centers

HUNGARIAN-AMERICAN FULBRIGHT COMMISSION: Board of Directors (ambassadorial appointment)

MAASTRICHT CENTER FOR TRANSATLANTIC STUDIES: Board of Directors

SOUTHERN AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION (SASA), and MID-AMERICA AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION (MAASA): Executive board member and president

Committee to review the journal *American Studies* (twice) on behalf of MAASA

*MISSOURI HISTORICAL REVIEW*: Board of Editors

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

American Studies Association

Southern American Studies Association

- Secretary-Treasurer, 1981-1985
- Executive Board, 1985-1987 and 2008-2012
- President 1999-2001

Mid-America American Studies Association

- President, 2002-2003

American Historical Association

Organization of American Historians

Society for U. S. Intellectual History

Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (SHEAR)

Labor and Working-Class History Association (LAWCHA)