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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. History, University of California at Berkeley, December 2004
Primary Field: Early Modern Europe; Secondary Field: Late Modern Europe.
Dissertation: “The End of Bastardy: Illegitimacy in France from the Reformation through the Revolution” (dir. Prof. Peter Sahlins)
- M.A. History, University of California at Berkeley, May 1996
- B.A. Humanities, *cum laude*, with distinction in the major, Yale University, May 1991

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- University of Colorado at Boulder, History Department
Associate Professor with tenure, May 2012–Present
Assistant Professor, August 2004–May 2012
Instructor, July 2003–August 2004
- University of California at Berkeley, History Department
Graduate Student Instructor, ten semesters between 1995 and 2003
Graduate Student Researcher, intermittently between 1997 and 2003

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Book: Matthew Gerber, *Bastards: Politics, Family, and Law in Early Modern France* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2012). [Reviewed in *Choice*, *History*, *The Historian*, *The Journal of Family History*, *Parergon*, *H-France Review*, *The Journal of Modern History*, and *The American Historical Review*.]
- Articles: Matthew Gerber, “Bastardy, Race, and Law in the Eighteenth-Century French Atlantic: The Evidence of Litigation,” *French Historical Studies* 36:4 (Fall 2013), 571-600.
- Matthew Gerber, “On the Contested Margins of the Family: Bastardy and Legitimation by Royal Rescript in Eighteenth-Century France,” in Suzanne Desan & Jeffrey Merrick, eds., *Family, Gender, and Law in Early Modern France* (Penn State University Press, 2009).
- Matthew Gerber, “Family, Law & the State in Early Modern & Revolutionary France,” *History Compass* 7:2 (March 2009), 474–499.
(<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1478-0542.2008.00581.x/full>)
- Matthew Gerber, “Illegitimacy, Natural Law, and Legal Culture on the Eve of the French Revolution,” in *Proceedings of the Western Society for French History* 33 (2005): 240–257. (<http://hdl.handle.net/2027/spo.0642292.0033.015>)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Book Reviews: Matthew Gerber, review of *Des « arrests parlans »: les arrêts notables à la Renaissance entre droit et littérature*. Géraldine Cazals and Stéphan Geonget, eds. (Geneva: Droz, 2014), in *Renaissance Quarterly* 70:1 (Spring 2017), 314-16.
- Matthew Gerber, review of Leslie Tuttle, *Conceiving the Old Regime: Pronatalism and the Politics of Reproduction in Early Modern France* (Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, 2010), in *H-France Forum* 6 (Spring 2011): 26–30. (<http://h-france.net/forum/forumvol6/Tuttle1.pdf>)

CURRENT SUBMISSIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

- Books: Matthew Gerber, *The Trials of Widow Ogé: Property, Kinship, and Race in the Eighteenth-Century French Atlantic* (in preparation, estimated completion date: August 2020).
- Articles: Matthew Gerber, “Between Person and Property: The Ambiguous Status of Slaves in the Eighteenth-Century French Atlantic” (Completed, currently accepted by the editors for inclusion in *Voices in the Legal Archive in the French Atlantic Empire*, ed. Nancy Christie & Michael Gavraud, to be submitted for consideration by McGill-Queen’s University Press in April 2019)
- Matthew Gerber, « Une question de race ? Veuve Ogé devant le Conseil Privé au dix-huitième siècle » Currently under submission with *Revue d’Histoire Moderne et Contemporaine*.
- Matthew Gerber, “A Slip of the Pen: How the ‘Edict of March 1685’ became the ‘Code Noir’” (In preparation [2/3 done], estimated completion date: August 2019)
- Matthew Gerber, “A Colonial Matrilocalism? Creole Wives as Litigants in the Eighteenth-Century French Atlantic” (In preparation [2/3 done], estimated completion date: June 2019)

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND DISTINCTIONS

- Center for Humanities & Arts Fellowship, CU Boulder, Spring 2016
- National Endowment for Humanities Fellowship, August 2014-July 2015
- GCAH Travel Grant, CU Boulder, Summer 2013
- GCAH Travel Grant, CU Boulder, Summer 2012
- Kayden Research Grant, University of Colorado at Boulder, summer 2010
- GCAH Travel Grant, University of Colorado at Boulder, summer 2010
- Junior Faculty Development Award, University of Colorado at Boulder, July 2006–June 2007
- NEH Summer Seminar on “Revolution and the Making of Identities: France and Haiti, 1787-1804,” dir. Jeremy Popkin, June–July 2006
- Mellon Foundation Paleography Institute, July 2006 (declined)
- Newberry Library Travel Grant, Newberry Library Consortium, Oct. 2005
- Mellon Foundation Dissertation Write-Up Fellowship, Aug. 1999–May 2000
- Humanities Graduate Research Grant, Summer 1999

Ehrman Fund Fellowship, Aug. 1998–May 1999
French-American Foundation Bicentennial Fellowship, Sept. 1997–June 1998
Fulbright Dissertation Research Fellowship, Oct. 1997–Mar. 1998 (declined)
Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, U.C. Berkeley, 1997
Mellon Foundation Pre-Dissertation Summer Research Grant, summer 1996
Ehrman Fund Summer Grant (for language training in Germany), summer 1995
Regents' Fellowship, U.C. Berkeley, Aug. 1994–May 1995

ACADEMIC PAPERS DELIVERED

- “Slavery, Race, and Proprietary Encroachment in the Eighteenth-Century French Caribbean.” Society for French Historical Studies Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, March 2017
- “The Spread of French Slave Law: How the Edict of March 1685 Became the Code Noir.” Society for French Historical Studies Conference, Washington, DC, April 2017
- “The Uses of Creole Identity in Eighteenth-Century French Transatlantic Litigation.” American Historical Association Annual Conference, Denver, CO, January 2017.
- “Colonial Capital and the Immobilization of Wealth in the Eighteenth-Century French Transatlantic.” Western Society for French History Conference, Cedar Rapids, IA, November 2016.
- “Marital Conflict and Creole Identity in the Early Modern French Transatlantic.” Western Society for French History Conference, Chicago, IL, November 2015.
- « Une bâtardise à la coloniale ? Race et parenté dans l'espace transatlantique à l'époque moderne » Presentation (in French) to a research seminar, "Société et pouvoir en France à l'époque moderne," dir. Fanny Cosandey, Elie Haddad, & Mathieu Marraud, at the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, France, 15 May 2015.
- “Colonial Appeals to the Conseil Privé in Pre-Revolutionary France.” Society for French Historical Studies Conference, Montreal, Canada, April 2014.
- “Constructing Racial Difference: The Maisons de la Providence of Cap-Français.” Western Society for French History Conference, Atlanta GA, October 2013.
- “Royal Law in the Colonies: A Disputed Marriage in Eighteenth-Century Guadeloupe.” Society for French Historical Studies Conference, Cambridge, MA, April 2013.
- “Of Concubinage and Colonies: The Regulation of Sexuality in French Colonial Policy in the Early Eighteenth Century.” Western Society for French History Conference, Banff, AB, Canada, October 2012.
- “The Royal Council Confronts the Question of Race: *Jamet v. Guerre (1772)*.” Western Society for French History Conference, Portland, OR, November 2011. (A portion of this paper has been revised into “Bastardy, Race, and Law in the Eighteenth-Century French Atlantic: The Evidence of Litigation,” my article currently under referee review with *French Historical Studies*.)
- “Colonial Fortunes in a Metropolitan Court: the Curious Case of Antoine Casse.” Society for French Historical Studies Conference, Charleston, SC, February 2011. (A portion of this paper has been revised into “Bastardy, Race, and Law in the Eighteenth-Century French Atlantic: The Evidence of Litigation,” my article currently under referee review with *French Historical Studies*.)

- “Sacramental Marriage & the Limits of Legal Fiction: the Case of Elisabeth Fiorelli.” Society for French Historical Studies Conference, Tempe, AZ, April 2010.
- “Delegitimizing Mercenary Violence: Callot’s *Miseries of War*.” Western Society for French History Conference, Boulder, CO, October 2009. (The original basis for “Drawing the Limits of Legitimate Violence,” my article in preparation.)
- “The Destruction of the Palatinate and the (De)legitimation of Violence in Early Modern France.” Western Society for French History Conference, Albuquerque, NM, November 2007.
- “A Fiscal Assault on Extramarital Offspring: the 1697 Tax on Bastards & Resident Foreigners.” Society for French Historical Studied Conference, Houston, TX, March 2007.
- “Child Abandonment and the Paternity Suit in Early Modern France.” Western Society for French History Conference, Long Beach, CA, October 2006 (This was a highly modified and condensed version of the paper I delivered to the Center for Medieval & Early Modern Studies Faculty Colloquium in 2005).
- “Child Abandonment and the Paternity Suit in Early Modern France.” Center for Medieval and Early Modern Studies Faculty Colloquium, University of Colorado at Boulder, December 2005.
- “Illegitimacy, Natural Law, and Legal Culture on the Eve of the French Revolution.” Western Society for French History Conference, Colorado Sprigs, CO, October 2005. (This was the basis for my subsequently published article of the same title.)
- "Bastards & Foundlings in the Discourse of Enlightened Reform: the example of the Academy of Metz essay competition of 1786." Society for French Historical Studied Conference, Stanford University, CA, March 2005.
- “Foundling Administration and Reform in Late Eighteenth-Century France.” All-UC Policy History Conference, U.C. Santa Barbara, CA, November 2001.
- “Natural Children, Unnatural Fathers: Bastards and Foundlings in the Discourse of the Enlightenment.” Colloquium on Law and Literature sponsored by the U.C. Berkeley French Department, November 2000.
- "Popular Pressure and Illegitimacy in the French Revolution." Society for French Historical Studies Conference, Scottsdale, AZ, April 2000.
- “Regeneration and Legitimation on the Eve of the French Revolution: the Case of Robespierre.” Western Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Conference, Berkeley, CA., February 1997.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Colorado at Boulder, Department of History (2003–present)

Courses Taught

History 1010: Western Civilization I, 4000 BCE–1715 CE
History 1012: Empire, Revolution, and Global War: European History Since 1500
History 2100: Revolution in History: the French Revolution

History 2112: Early Modern Societies
History 3110: Undergraduate Honors Colloquium
History 3212: Undergraduate Research Seminar (“Politics of Terror in Early Modern Europe”)
History 4020: Capstone Course on Comparative History: The American & French Revolutions
History 4212: Society, Politics & Culture in Early Modern Europe
History 4222/5222: War & the European State, 1618–1793
History 4223: Revolutionary France, 1750–1804
History 5012: Graduate Colloquium in Medieval & Early Modern Europe
History 5014: Graduate Seminar on Law and Legal Culture in Early Modern Europe
History 6012: Graduate Seminar on The French Revolution in Global Perspective
History 7052: Graduate Research Seminar: Getting Medieval? Violence in European History, c. 1000-present
History 7252: Graduate Research Seminar: Slavery, Race, and Revolution in European History
In addition to these courses, I have taught several independent studies at both the graduate and undergraduate level.

Graduate Student Committee Service

Completed Ph.D. Dissertations

Andrew Detch (History), secondary reader, 2018
Peter Veru (History), secondary reader, 2018
Paul Langston (History), secondary reader, 2013
Gene Tesdahl (History), secondary reader, 2012
Eloina Vargas (History), secondary reader, 2010
Susan Guinn-Chipman (History), secondary reader, 2009
John Stephan Edwards (History), secondary reader, 2007
Todd Upton (History), secondary reader, 2007
Kathleen Mulhern (History), secondary reader, 2006

Current Ph.D. Committee Membership

Sheena Barnes (History), secondary reader
Nik Georgacarakos (History), secondary reader

Ph.D. Comprehensive Exams

Jacob Flaws (History), 2017
Jillian Bjerke (History), 2017
Sheena Barnes (History), 2016
Michelle Penn (History), 2015
Lauren Romero (History), 2015
Abby Lageman (History), 2014
Andrew Detch (History), 2013
Nik Georgacarakos (History), 2010
John Stephan Edwards (History), 2005
Susan Cogan (History), 2005

Susan Guinn-Chipman (History), 2004

Completed Comprehensive M.A. Exams

Katrina Friesen (History), primary reader, 2010
Brian Kett (History), secondary reader, 2010
Melissa Fox (History), secondary reader, 2006
Sharon Curtis (History), secondary reader, 2006
Jay Manning Lebeck (History), secondary reader, 2006
Susan Duncan (History), secondary reader, 2004

Completed M.A. Thesis Students

Ashleigh Corwin (History), primary advisor, 2012

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Advising

Ryan Smith (History), primary advisor, Spring 2018
Joanna Toohey (History), secondary advisor, Fall 2017
Brett Stokes (History), primary advisor, Spring 2017
Carissa Sutter (History), primary advisor, Spring 2012
Anna Jackson (History), primary advisor, Fall 2010
Jennifer Belzer (History), primary advisor, Spring 2005
Elena Kazakova (French), secondary advisor, Spring 2006

Faculty Teaching Excellence Program, Workshops & Symposia Attended

Teaching in a Nutshell (September, 2010)
Teaching the First Day of Class (August, 2008)

University of California at Berkeley, Department of History (1994–2003)

Courses Designed & Taught

History 101: Research Seminar on Law and Society in Early Modern France and England
History 103: The French Revolution and its Legacy
History 103: The Politics of Terror in Early Modern Europe

Courses Assisted

History 5: Europe from the Renaissance to the Present
History 139: U.S. Immigration History

Peace Corps Cameroon (1992–1994), Freshwater Aquaculture Extension Agent:

Taught farmers (in French) how to build fish ponds and raise fish (*tilapia nilotica*) as a cash crop.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

University of Colorado at Boulder, Department of History
Associate Director of History Honors, May 2018-present
Director of History Honors, August 2011–July 2012, August 2016–May 2018
History Teaching and Learning Project, August 2016–present
Early American History Search Committee, August 2017–February 2018
History Club/Phi Alpha Theta Advisor, August 2008–July 2013
Early Modern Europe Search Committees, August 2005–March 2006, August 2007–
March 2008
Executive Committee, June 2004–May 2005
Graduate Studies Committee, August 2003–May 2004, August 2006–May 2007
Undergraduate Studies Committee, August 2012–July 2013
Post-Tenure Review Committee for Marcia Yonemoto, member, Spring 2014
Primary Unit Evaluation Committee for Celine Dauverd, member, Fall 2015
Post-Tenure Review Committee for Phoebe Young, Spring 2016

University of Colorado at Boulder, Center for Humanities & Arts
CHA Steering Committee, August 2018–present
Newberry Library Consortium Committee, August 2003–May 2009.

University of Colorado at Boulder, Rocky Mountain Interdisciplinary History Conference
Panel Chair, 2003, 2004, 2009
Paper Prize Judge, 2015, 2016

German Studies Association
Panel Commentator on Panel 189: Law and Legal Cultures Network (3): German
Commercial Law, at the GSA annual meeting in Denver, CO, October 2013.

Society for French Historical Studies
Panel Commentator on Panel 8A, “Revolutionary Possibilities? Family and the Legal
Regimes of Race in the Late Eighteenth-Century Outre-Mer,” at the SFHS annual
meeting in Pittsburgh, PA, March 2018

Panel Commentator on Panel 7A, “Engineering, Science, and Administration in the
Early French Colonies,” at the SFHS annual meeting in Charleston, SC, February 2011.

Western Society for French History
Council Member (October 2010–September 2013)
Prize Committee Member (October 2013–May 2014)
Panel Chair on Panel 5C, “Regime Change and Money: Uncertain Futures I,” at the WSFH
annual meeting, Cedar Rapids, IA, November 2016

Article Referee for *French Historical Studies*, *Law & History Review*, *Studies in Church History*

Textbook reviewer and book proposal reviewer for Oxford University Press

Fellowship & grant application reviewer for the Bourse Chateaubriand (2017–2018) and the
Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (2017)

Public Outreach Addresses

“A Brief History of Haiti,” presented to Mountainview United Methodist Church, Boulder, CO, 14 April 2010. I am not a member of this congregation, but I was asked to give this 30 minute presentation to members of the church who wanted historical background so that they might develop a five-year outreach program to the earthquake- and storm-torn country.

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association
Society for French Historical Studies
Western Society for French History

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

English, French, German, and Latin