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Citizenship: Canadian **US status:** resident alien since 1994

Education

B.A. McGill University, 1972: Joint Honours, History and Political Science
M.A. Concordia University, 1975: with distinction, History
Ph.D. McGill University, 1985: with distinction, History
Diploma in Translation, McGill, 1986

Employment

Research assistant, History of McGill Project, 1975-1976
Teaching Assistant, Department of History, McGill University 1975-1976, 1985
Free-lance Translator French-English, English-French, 1984-1987
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History, McGill University, 1987-1988
Assistant to Associate Professor (tenured), Department of History, McMaster University, 1989-1994
Associate Professor (tenured), Department of History, University at Buffalo, SUNY, 1994-2012
Visiting Associate Professor, Department of History, Yale University, fall 1997
Professor, Department of History, University at Buffalo, SUNY, 2012-present

Fellowships

Doctoral Fellowship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, 1977-1980
Doctoral Fellowship, Ministère de l'Éducation du Québec, 1977-1980
Research Fellowship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, 1988-1989
Fellowship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, 1990-1991
Fellowship, Program in Agrarian Studies, Yale University, 1994-1995
Grant-in Aid, Hagley Library and Archives, May 1998
Senior Fellowship, Stanford Humanities Centre, 2000-2001 (declined)
Fellowship, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, 2000-2001
Henry Belin Du Pont Research Grant, Hagley Library and Archives, Wilmington, Delaware, March 2019, June 2019 (\$1,200)
College of Arts and Sciences research grant, 2019 calendar year (\$5,000)

Honours

George Rudé Prize, best dissertation on a European subject, Inter-University Center for European Studies, Montreal, 1987
 Nominated for Governor General's Award for Canadian Non-Fiction translation, 1993
 The Koren Prize, awarded by the Society for French Historical Studies, for the best article in French history appearing in an American, British, or Canadian journal during the previous year, 1994
 H-France Distinguished Service Award, 2021 (\$1,000)

Books

The Physiocrats and the World of the Enlightenment (Cambridge University Press, 2012, Paperback release January 2014)
The Land and the Loom: Peasants and Profit in Northern France, 1680-1800 (Durham, Duke University Press, 1993)

Translation

Louise Dechêne, *Habitants and Merchants in Seventeenth-Century Montreal*, trans. Liana Vardi (Montreal and Kingston, McGill Queens University Press, 1993), nominated for the Governor General's award for non-fiction translation.

Work-in-Progress

Book manuscript *The Liberal Nobility During the French Revolution*, Cambridge University Press is interested in publishing it.

Articles

"Du Pont de Nemours and the Directory," solicited for publication of the proceedings of the Du Pont de Nemours and the World conference held in Paris 14-15 December 2017. The collection of the papers is under contract with Oxford University Press's *Studies In the Enlightenment*.
 "Du Pont de Nemours' Autobiographical Writings", *Selected Papers from the 2009 Consortium on the Revolutionary Era* (publication has been indefinitely delayed because of death of editor).
 "Physiocratic visions," in *Studies on Voltaire and the Eighteenth Century*, January 2010, pp.97-122
 "Rewriting the Lives of Eighteenth-Century Economists" *The American Historical Review* June 2009, pp.652-661
 "Forum: Growth in a Traditional Society: a Comparative Assessment", *Historical Methods*, 33:1 (Spring 2000), my portion: pp.30-50.
 with Jonathan Dewald, "The French Peasantry, 1400-1800," in Tom Scott, ed., *The Peasantries of Europe* (London, Longmans, 1998), pp.21-48.

- "Imagining the Harvest in Early Modern Europe," *The American Historical Review*, vol. 101, 5 (December 1996), 1356-97, reprinted in James C. Scott, ed., *At the Cutting Edge: The Best of Agrarian Studies* (Yale University Press, 2001)
- "Construing the Harvest: Farmers, Gleaners, and Officials in Early Modern France," *The American Historical Review*, vol. 98, 5 (December 1993), 1424-1447 (awarded the Koren Prize from the Society for French Historical Studies)
- "Le Peuple and its Historiography: Rethinking the Early Modern French Peasantry," *Proceedings of the Western Society for French History*, XVII (1991), 503-509
- "Peasants and the Law: A Village Appeals to the French Royal Council, 1768-1791," *Social History*, XIII, 3 (October 1988), 295-313
- "The Abolition of the Guilds during the French Revolution," *French Historical Studies*, XV, 1 (Fall 1988), 703-717
- "The Agricultural Revolution" (4,500 words), *Scribner's Encyclopedia of Modern Europe 1789-1914* (2006)
- "Turgot Translator and Linguist" *Selected Papers from the Turgot Conference, Caen, June 2003* (Paris, INED publications, forthcoming??)
- "Physiocracy's Scientific Fallacies", *Gimon Conference on French Political Economy 1650-1848*, Stanford University, digital publication,
- "Land Tenure" (7,500 words), "Serfdom" (6,500 words) *Encyclopedia of European Social History* (2000)

Book Reviews

In *The American Historical Review*, *Journal of Modern History*, *H-France*, *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, *Canadian Journal of History*, *Journal of World History*, *The Harvard Business History Review*, *The Art Bulletin*, *Journal of Peasant Studies*, *Journal of Economic History*, *Journal of European History of Economic Thought*, *Historia Agraria*.

Manuscript and grant reviews

Rochester University Press, Cornell University Press, American Philosophical Society, *French Historical Studies*, *Eighteenth-Century Studies*, *Journal of European Economic Thought*, *Central European History*, *Canadian Journal of History*, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Awards to Scholarly Publications Program (ASPP) Canada, Swiss National Research Foundation, Flanders National Research Foundation, NSF, Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge University, research fellowship review.

Editor

Fiction and Film for French Historians, 6 issues annually, on [H-France](#) (on-line French historians' listserv and publications) 2010-ongoing, over 100,000 hits a year.

Conference Papers and Comments

Panel Organizer, Session in Honour of Michael Sibalís: *Rebellions and coups from the Directory to 1835*. Paper: "Pierre Samuel Du Pont de Nemours: the Conseil des

- anciens, *L'Historien*, and the coup of 18 Fructidor V." Joint meeting of the Society for French Historical Studies and the George Rudé Society, Auckland, N.Z, July 2020.
- "The Chevalier Turgot, from Knight of Malta to Governor of Guyana," French Colonial Historical Society, Buffalo, NY, May 2020.
- Commentator on Session "Mind, Body, and Soul," Western Society for French History, Bozeman, Montana, October 2019.
- Commentator on Session "Town and Country in New France," Western Society for French History, Portland, ME, November 2018.
- Commentator on Session "Building and Leveraging the Infrastructure State in the Eighteenth-Century French Atlantic," Meeting of the Society for French Historical Studies, Pittsburgh, March 2018.
- Commentator on Session "Diplomatie, colonies et relations internationales," Le Siècle de Du Pont de Nemours Colloquium, Paris, 15 December 2018
- "Feudalism and the Liberal Nobility," Western Society for French History, Las Vegas, November 2017
- "Agronomy and the Liberal Nobility at the end of the Old Regime," Society for French Historical Studies, Washington, DC, April 2017
- Commentator, panel on "The Circulation of Goods and Ideas in the Eighteenth-Century French Atlantic," Western Society for French History, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, November 2016
- "The Election of Parisian Nobles to the Estates General," Society for French Historical Studies, Nashville, March 2016
- "Vergennes' Translation Bureau," Western Society for French History, Chicago, November 2015
- "The Liberal Nobles and America," Society for French History, St. Andrews, Scotland, June 2015
- "The Liberal Nobility during the Legislative Assembly," Society for French Historical Studies, Montreal, April 2014
- Commentator, session "Information Technologies During the French Revolution," Society for French Historical Studies, Cambridge, Mass, April 2013
- Commentator, session "Threats to Society and Self in Seventeenth-Century France," Western Society for French History, Banff, October 2012
- "Faith and Physiocracy," International Conference on Economies of Enlightenment, Oslo, September 2012
- Commentator, session "Religion, Politics, and Family: Official Discourse and Practical Realities from Old Regime to Revolution," Society for French Historical Studies, Los Angeles, March 2012
- Commentator, session "Setting Official Boundaries: Crime, Medicine and Surveying During the Old Regime," Society for French Historical Studies, Charleston, SC, February 2011
- Commentator, session "French Exploration: History and Pedagogy," Northeastern Association For Eighteenth Century Studies, Buffalo, October 2010
- Session chair, "Ecrire la ville II", International Conference: Les histoires de Paris XVIIe-XVIIIe siècles, Quebec City, September 2010
- "Jacques Turgot: Between History and Memory", 17th Rudé Seminar in French History, Sydney, Australia, July 2010
- "Du Pont de Nemours' Autobiographical Writings", Consortium on the Revolutionary Era,

- Savannah, GA, February 2009
- Commentator, Session, "Privilege and the Contradictions of French Society," Western Society for French History, Quebec City, November 2008
- "Mirabeau's Sacrifice: Physiocratic Political Philosophy" at International Society for Eighteenth Century Studies/Enlightenment Congress, Montpellier, France, July 2007
- "Economists and the Senses" at the sixth annual Bloomington Eighteenth-Century Workshop, conference: *Sensing and Feeling: The Embodiment of Experience in The Eighteenth Century*, Bloomington, IN, May 2007
- Commentator, session on "Market Culture(s) in the Early Modern Atlantic World", American Society for Legal History, Baltimore, MD, November 2006
- Commentator, session on "Rural Life and Authenticity in Overseas and Metropolitan France" Western Society for French History, Long Beach, CA, October 2006
- Moderator, "Round Table on French Political Economy", Western Society for French History, Long Beach, California, October 2003
- "Physiocracy and Physiology", International Meeting of the Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Los Angeles, August 2003
- "Turgot traducteur", International Turgot Conference, Caen, May 2003
- Commentator Session, "Debating with the Court," New York State Association of European Historians, Buffalo, September 2002
- Commentator Session "From the Physical Body to the Political Body in Early Modern France and New France", Society for French Historical Studies, Toronto, April 2002
- "The Theory and Practice of Translation of Jacques Turgot", American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Colorado Springs, April 2002
- "Physiocracy and Culture", International Society for the History of Economic Thought, Montreal, March 2002
- "Was there a Physiocratic Aesthetic?" School of Historical Studies, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, October 2000
- Physiocratic Culture", paper presented at the Decanal Conference of the Program in Agrarian Studies, Yale University, May 2000
- "The Physiocrats and the First Partition of Poland", Society for French Historical Studies, Tempe, Arizona, April 2000
- "The Monarch as Hero: Du Pont de Nemours's *L'Empereur Joseph Second*", Society for French Historical Studies, Washington DC, March 1999, and British Society for the Study of French History, Edinburgh, March 1999
- "Challenging Physiocracy from Within: Turgot and Pastoral", American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Notre Dame, April 1998
- "The Culture of Physiocracy", The American Historical Association, Seattle, January 1998, Emory Vann Seminar, Atlanta, February 1998
- Roundtable discussion of Philip Hoffman's, *Growth in a Traditional Economy*, Social Science History Association, Washington, DC, October 1997
- Roundtable on "Peasants in European History," Social Science History Conference, New Orleans, October 1996
- Commentator, session "La Sociabilité sur la place du marché et la vie du quartier à Paris aux 17e-18e siècles," Annual Meeting of the Canadian Historical Association, St. Catherines, June 1996

- Comment on session "Political Discourse and the Public Sphere in an Age of Revolution,"
Western Society for French History, Las Vegas, November, 1995
- "Imagining the Harvest in Early Modern Europe," Yale Program in Agrarian Studies, April 1995,
and Old Regime Colloquium, Washington DC, April 1995
- "The Georgic Tradition in Early Modern Europe," Society for French Historical Studies,
Atlanta, March, 1995
- "Imagining the Harvest in Early Modern Europe," Yale Program in Agrarian Studies, April
1995
- "Art and the Harvest," Society for French Historical Studies, Wilmington, March 1994
- Comment on session "Medicine and Science in the Modern French Novel," Western Society for
French History, Missoula, October 1993
- Commentator session, New York State Association of European Historians, Rochester, October
1993
- "Women in Agriculture in Early Modern France," Western Society for French History, Orcas
Island, October 1992
- "The Political Economy of the Harvest," Society for French Historical Studies, El Paso, March
1992
- "Rethinking the Early Modern Peasantry," Western Society for French History, New Orleans,
October, 1989
- "Reexamining Proto-Industrial Crises: Credit and Land in Cambrésis, 1770-1789," Economic
History Association, Washington, September 1989
- Comment, session "Making the Silent Speak: Sources for Studying Collective Attitudes in
Europe," Annual Meeting of the Canadian Historical Association, Quebec City, June
1989
- "Georges Lefebvre and *Les Paysans du Nord* Revisited," Bicentennial of the French Revolution,
International Conference, Washington DC, May 1989
- "Trading Abroad: Some Thoughts on Rural Mobility in the Eighteenth Century," Western
Society for French History, Los Angeles, November 1988
- "The Abolition of the Guilds During the French Revolution," Western Society for French
History, Las Cruces, October 1987
- "A Village Appeals to the Conseil du Roi: Caudry vs. Montigny-en-Cambrésis, 1759-1791,"
Society for French Historical Studies, Minneapolis, March 1987
- "Beyond the Village: Rural Middlemen in Cambrésis," Western Society for French History,
Baltimore, November 1986

Invited Talks

- Gleaning Workshop, July 16-18 2020, Berlin, Germany **deferred until 2021**
- Invited foreign guest at Ecole des hautes études en sciences sociales, Paris, March 2015
4 seminar lectures
- "Faith and Physiocracy," International colloquium "Economies of Enlightenment: Physiocracy
and its Discontents," Oslo, September 2012.
- "The Festival of the Law, 3 June 1792," Séminaire d'histoire de France, Toronto, February 2012.
- "Quesnay and Condillac," Liberty Fund colloquium, "Condillac on Commerce, Government,
and Liberty", Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, April 2006

- “Economics and Culture in the Late French Enlightenment,” Centre for Economics and History, Cambridge University, March 2006, History Department, University of Reading, March 2006
- “Being Jacques Turgot”, Society for French Historical Studies, Paris, June 2004, Department of History, Naval Academy, Annapolis, and Washington Area Old Regime Group, September 2004.
- “Napoleon: successes and failures” Department of History, Université du Québec à Montréal, April 2004.
- “Physiocracy’s Scientific Fallacies”, Gimon Conference on French Political Economy, Stanford, April 2004
- "Conquering the Contingent: Physiocracy in Eighteenth-Century France", Seminar *Modern Times, Rural Spaces*, MIT, 26 October 2001
- "Du Pont de Nemours's aesthetic", paper presented in April 2000 at the Johns Hopkins University's History Department's European Seminar
- "Representations of Peasants in Early Modern Europe," Department of History, University of Windsor, January 1996
- "From Humanism to Enlightenment: Visions of Harvest in Early Modern Europe," Mount Holyoke Museum, November 1995 and Department of History, SUNY College Brockport.
- "Imagining the Harvest in Early Modern Europe," Old Regime Colloquium, Washington DC, April 1995
- “Art and the Harvest,” Departments of History and Art History, Wayne State University, March 1994
- "Women in Agriculture," Department of History, Cornell University, January, 1994
- "Deconstructing the Harvest: From *Ruth* to Millet," Conference in Honor of Leo Loubère, SUNY at Buffalo, March 1992
- "The Trial of Louis XVI," University of Moncton, October 1989