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EXPERIENCE

SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY	Professor Emeritus of American Studies, 2017- ; Professor, 2000-2017; 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 Professor, 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
NORTH SYRACUSE CENTRAL H.S.	Proud member of the Class of '65

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

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

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:

“Gene Wise and American Studies: An Unfinished Legacy,” in *Az Emberi sors és a történelem kereszteződésében (At the Crossroads of Human Fate and History)*, ed. Nóra Deák, et al. (*Festschrift* for Tibor Frank), 2nd Edition (Budapest: ELTE BTK Angol-Amerikai Intézet, 2019), 367-82.

“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: 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” (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:

“Pig Law,” *The Mississippi Encyclopedia*, ed. Ted Ownby, Charles Reagan Wilson, et al.
(University Press of Mississippi, 2017).

“Democracy in America,” *Oxford Encyclopedia of American Political and Legal History*, ed.
Donald T. Critchlow and Philip R. VanderMeer (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).

Selected 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.
- Karin A. 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.
- Richard Wolin, *The Terms of Cultural Criticism: The Frankfurt School, Existentialism, Poststructuralism*. *New Political Science* 15, no. 3 / 4 (December 1994).
- Giles Gunn, *Thinking Across the American Grain: Ideology, Intellect, and the New Pragmatism*. *Postmodern Culture*, 2, no. 3 (May 1992).

RECENT CONFERENCE PAPERS AND INVITED LECTURES

“Except as a Punishment” Colloquium and Teaching Workshop, Exploring Unfree Labor in the U.S. South, 1865 to the Present, University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee, January 2023.

Keynote, “Convict Leasing in the South,” A Day of Remembrance: fourth anniversary of the discovery of the Sugar Land (Texas) 95, mass grave of convict-leasing victims. Society of Justice and Equality for the People of Sugar Land, February 2022.

“Strategies for an Age of Austerity,” Committee on Departments and Programs, 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

2018: MARY C. TURPIE PRIZE of the American Studies Association, for outstanding teaching, advising, and program development in American Studies

2012: ELIZABETH KOLMER AWARD of the Mid-America American Studies Association, for outstanding mentorship and advancement of the field 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 of the American Library Association

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)

Trevin Jones, "African American Prison Writers: Masculinity, Identity, and Spirituality"

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"

Nicholas Porter, "Professional Wrestling in America, 1877-1920"

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"

Cathryn Stout, "A Mighty Hard Row: Racism And Resistance in the British Caribbean And U.S. South, 1940-1970"

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

Saint Louis University Library Associates, Faculty liaison

Other service (selected)

AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION: Committee on Departments, Programs and Centers; Regional Chapters Committee

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

Southern Historical Association

Society for U. S. Intellectual History