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CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION:

Ph.D., French Literature, Cornell University, 1989 M.A., French, McMaster University, Canada, 1984 B.A. (Honours), French and Russian, McMaster University, Canada, 1983

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Chair, Dept. of Foreign Languages and Literatures, The University of Memphis, 2014 to present.

Assistant Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, The University of Memphis, 1999-2013

Associate Professor of French, Dept. of Foreign Languages and Literatures, The University of Memphis, 1995 to present Assistant Professor of French, Dept. of Foreign Languages and Literatures, The University of Memphis, 1989-1995

OTHER UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE:

Head, French Section, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, 1995-1999 Acting Chair, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, Spring 1995 Co-Director, Foreign Language Fair, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, 1994-2002 Director, Governor's School for International Studies, 2002-2003 Interim Director, International Studies Program, 2002-2003

HONORS/AWARDS

Tournées French Film Festival Grant, French Embassy (\$2200), 2016, 2017, 2018

Faculty Research Grant, University of Memphis, 2014-2015

Love of Learning Grant, Phi Kappa Phi (\$500), 2013

College of Arts and Sciences Travel Enrichment Grant (\$500), 2013

Contest Administrator of the Year, National French Contest, American Association of Teachers of French, 2011

Grant from French embassy for 2010 "Célébrons le Français" event for high school students (\$500), 2010

Named "Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques" by the French government, 2009

French Film Festival Grant (with Dr. Denis Grélé), French Embassy (\$1800), 2007-2011

Program Grant, French Embassy (\$650), 2009

Program Grant, French Embassy (\$650), 2008

Program Grant, French Embassy (500€), 2007

Program Grant, French Embassy (500€), 2006

CIBER Faculty Development Program (Antwerp, Belgium), University of Memphis CIBER, 2006

Small Grant Award, American Association of Teachers of French (\$700), 2005

Professional Development Assignment, The University of Memphis, Spring 2005

Jacqueline Elliott Award, Tennessee Foreign Language Teaching Association, 2002

International Educator Award, The University of Memphis, Center for International Programs, 2002

Honors Program Grant, The University of Memphis, 2000

Professional Development Assignment, The University of Memphis, Fall 1996

Faculty Research Grant, Memphis State University, 1993

Canadian Studies Enrichment Grant, Canadian Embassy, 1992

Center for the Humanities Fellowship, Memphis State University, 1992

NEH Summer Seminar, 1991

Summer Fellowship, Memphis State University, Center for the Humanities, 1990

Honors Societies: Pi Delta Phi, Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Beta Delta

COURSES TAUGHT:

Elementary French Intermediate French

French for Reading Knowledge

French Conversation and Composition

Advanced Grammar

Introduction to French Literature

19th Century French Literature

20th Century French Literature

Contemporary French Novel

French Literature in Translation

The French Connection (Honors Program)

French Civilization

Contemporary France French-Canadian Literature French for Commerce I and II

French for Commerce (IMBA) I and II

Readings in French Business Faith, Reason and Imagination

French Stylistics Literary Criticism

Seminar in International Studies

Honors Forum

Contemporary France and the Francophone World

Advanced Conversation

RESEARCH/SCHOLARSHIP:

Books (authored, edited)

The Contemporary Novel in France (edited, with an introduction and annotated bibliography).

Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 1995.

<u>Understanding "Les Fleurs du Mal": Critical Readings</u> (edited, with an introduction and one chapter).

Nashville: Vanderbilt University Press, 1997.

<u>French XX Bibliography</u>, Vol. 48 (1997), editor. Selinsgrove: Susquehanna Univ. Press; London, Toronto: Associated Univ. Presses.

<u>French XX Bibliography</u>, Vol. 49 (1998), editor. Selinsgrove: Susquehanna Univ. Press; London, Toronto: Associated Univ. Presses.

<u>French XX Bibliography</u>, Vol. 50 (1999), editor. Selinsgrove: Susquehanna Univ. Press; London, Toronto: Associated Univ. Presses.

<u>French XX Bibliography</u>, Vol. 51 (2000), editor. Selinsgrove: Susquehanna Univ. Press; London, Toronto: Associated Univ. Presses.

<u>French XX Bibliography</u>, Vol. 52 (2001), editor. Selinsgrove: Susquehanna Univ. Press; London, Toronto: Associated Univ. Presses.

<u>French XX Bibliography</u>, Vol. 53 (2002), editor. Selinsgrove: Susquehanna Univ. Press; London, Toronto: Associated Univ. Presses.

<u>French XX Bibliography</u>, Vol. 54 (2003), editor. Selinsgrove: Susquehanna Univ. Press; London, Toronto: Associated Univ. Presses.

<u>French XX Bibliography</u>, Vol. 55 (2004), editor. Selinsgrove: Susquehanna Univ. Press; London, Toronto: Associated Univ. Presses.

<u>French XX Bibliography</u>, Vol. 56 (2005), editor. Selinsgrove: Susquehanna Univ. Press; London, Toronto: Associated Univ. Presses.

<u>French XX Bibliography</u>, Vol. 57 (2006), editor. Selinsgrove: Susquehanna Univ. Press; London, Toronto: Associated Univ. Presses.

- <u>French XX Bibliography</u>, Vol. 58 (2007), editor. Selinsgrove: Susquehanna Univ. Press; London, Toronto: Associated Univ. Presses.
- <u>French XX Bibliography</u>, Vol. 59 (2008), editor. Selinsgrove: Susquehanna Univ. Press; London, Toronto: Associated Univ. Presses.
- <u>French XX Bibliography</u>, Vol. 60 (2009), editor. Selinsgrove: Susquehanna Univ. Press; London, Toronto: Associated Univ. Presses.
- <u>French XX Bibliography</u>, Vol. 61 (2010), editor. Selinsgrove: Susquehanna Univ. Press; London, Toronto: Associated Univ. Presses.

Refereed publications

- "Sartre, Cixous, Derrida: Three approaches to the novels of Jean Genet." entralogos 1 (1987): 34-43.
- "Post-Feminist and Anti-Woman: The Revolutionary Republican Women in France, 1793-1794." Feminist Nightmares:

 Women At Odds, edited by Susan Weisser and Jennifer Fleischner. New York: New York University Press, 1994: 225-241.
- "Alexandre Jardin's <u>Le Petit Sauvage</u>: An Experiment in 'Traditional' Narrative." <u>LIT: Literature, Interpretation, Theory</u> 5 (1994): 247-260.
- "Teaching, Reading and Writing Marguerite Duras's <u>Moderato cantabile</u>." <u>Tennessee Philological Bulletin</u> 31 (1994): 62-70.
- "Voyage and immobility in Jean-Marie Gustave Le Clézio's <u>Désert</u> and <u>La quarantaine</u>." <u>World Literature Today</u> 71.4 (Autumn 1997): 709-716.
- "Baudelaire et l'étudiant américain." <u>Bulletin Baudelairien</u> 34.1-2 (déc. 1999): 65-76.
- "The Symbol of Paris': Writing the Eiffel Tower." The French Review 73.6 (May 2000): 1130-1140.
- "Taking French into the Next Century: The Development, Production, and Dissemination of Multimedia Instructional and Promotional Materials." Global Business Languages 9 (2004): 3-14. [Co-authored with Eileen M. Angelini and Steven Loughrin-Sacco]
- "The Teaching of Business French: Textbooks, Reference Tools, and Pedagogical Aids." CD-ROM published by the American Association of Teachers of French (2005).
- "Issues and Trends in the Teaching of Business French for the Twenty-First Century." <u>Global Business Languages</u> 10 (2005): 140-149.
- "Strategies for the Design of the Second-Semester Business French Class," <u>Global Business Languages</u> 12 (2007): 133-147.
- "Understanding La Francophonie in the Context of the Business French Curriculum," Global Business Languages 15 (2010): 67-91.
- "The <u>Kaskaskia Manuscripts</u>: Documenting 18th-Century Life in the Pays des Illinois." <u>AATF Selected Proceedings</u> (2015): 1-13.
- "Creating a Perfect Society on the Mississippi: The *Invitation serieuse aux habitants des Illinois*," <u>Le Journal (Center for French Colonial Studies)</u> 35.4 (Fall 2019): 4-11.

Interview

"Etats-Unis: Au pays des Illinois. Entretien avec Will Thompson." Zigzag Magazine 2 janvier 2013. http://www.zigzag-francophonie.eu/ETATS-UNIS-Au-pays-des-Illinois.

Translations

Translation of "Malintzin's Mirror," by Marc Nacht. <u>Review of Contemporary Fiction</u> 8.2 (Summer 1988): 211-216. Translation of "Why Kevin's Teacher Can't Teach," by Pierre Albertini. <u>Yale French Studies</u> 113 (2008): 149-164. Translation of the World War I diaries of Hugo Dixon. Shelby County Archives, 2012.

Book Reviews

Un captif amoureux by Jean Genet. The French Review 61.1 (Oct.1987): 148-149.

<u>Französische Literatur des 20. Jahrhunderts</u> edited by Wolf-Dieter Lange. <u>The French Review</u> 62.5 (April 1989): 883-884

<u>L'Esthétique de la nouvelle française au vingtième siècle</u> by Michel Viegnes. <u>The French Review</u> 63.4 (March 1990): 720-721.

Jean Genet by Harry E. Stewart and Rob Roy McGregor. The French Review 64.6 (May 1991): 1047-1048.

<u>Bibliographie critique de la nouvelle de langue française (1940-1985)</u> edited by Ren Godenne. <u>The French Review</u> 65.1 (Oct. 1991): 114-115.

Review article on <u>Nineteenth Century French Poetry: Introductions to Close Reading</u>, edited by Christopher Prendergast. <u>European Romantic Review</u> 2.2 (Winter 1992): 239-244.

Fanfan by Alexandre Jardin. The French Review 65.5 (April 1992): 857.

Les Filles du Calvaire by Pierre Combescot. The French Review 66.1 (Oct. 1992): 174-175.

<u>L'étoile errante</u> by J.-M. G. Le Clézio. <u>The French Review</u> 67.4 (March 1994): 704-705.

Symphonie grabuge by Jean Vautrin. The French Review 69.3 (Feb. 1996): 530.

La Quarantaine by J.-M. G. Le Clézio. The French Review 70.6 (May 1997): 952-953.

Poisson d'or by J.-M. G. Le Clézio. World Literature Today 71.4 (Autumn 1997): 748.

<u>L'énergumène</u> by Patrick Cahuzac. <u>The French Review</u> 72.1 (Oct. 1998): 155-156.

Le mystère des trois-frontières by Eric Faye. World Literature Today 72.4 (Autumn 1998): 794.

Le Jardin des Plantes by Claude Simon. The French Review 72.5 (May 1999): 947-948.

Mère Biscuit by Mathieu Riboulet. World Literature Today 73.4 (Autumn 1999): 697.

Terrasse à Rome by Pascal Quignard. The French Review 75.5 (April 2002): 1008-1009.

Le Tramway by Claude Simon. The French Review 76.4 (March 2003): 862-863.

Mademoiselle Liberté by Alexandre Jardin. The French Review 77.5 (April 2004): 1011-1012.

Paul P. by Jean-Pierre Saucy. The French Review 78.5 (April 2005): 1031-1032.

Un secret by Philippe Grimbert. The French Review 79.5 (April 2006): 1101-1102.

Les Mauvestis by Frédéric Valabrègue. The French Review 81.1 (October 2007): 198-199.

Julien Letrouvé colporteur by Pierre Silvain. The French Review 82.4 (March 2009): 880-88.

Conference Presentations

- "The Lonely Lady: Women in the Novels of Jean Genet," at Cornell University, conference on Women and the Romance Literatures, March 13, 1987.
- "At Home in the Text: Meeting Genet's Female Characters," at Cornell University, <u>The Romance Studies Colloquium</u>, February 9, 1989.
- "From the New Novel to the Newer Novel: Trends in Contemporary French Prose Fiction," at Rollins College, <u>Southeast Conference on Foreign Languages and Literatures</u>, February 23, 1990.
- "Phallic Women and Pregnant Men: Jean Genet's Fantasmatic Mixture," at the University of Cincinnati, <u>Conference on Romance Languages and Literatures</u>, May 16, 1990.
- "Towards a Theory of Post-Feminism," at Memphis State University, <u>Language: Future Tense</u>, <u>An Interdisciplinary Conference on the Language Arts</u>, September 15, 1990.
- "The Literature of the Eiffel Tower," at the University of Oklahoma, <u>Conference on Nineteenth Century French Studies</u>, October 13, 1990.
- "Post-Feminism: Theory and Non-Practice," at the <u>Southern Humanities Council Conferenceon Gender, Race, and Identity</u>, Chattanooga, Tennessee, March 2, 1991.
- "What is a (Wo)man: Reading Jean Genet's Novels," at the <u>American Comparative Literature Association Annual Meeting</u>, San Diego, California, March 9, 1991.
- "The Novel in France Today," at the <u>Tennessee Philological Association Annual Meeting</u>, Nashville, Tennessee, February 28, 1992.
- "Nuclear Explosion: Visions of the Family in Contemporary French Culture," at the <u>Twentieth Century French Studies</u> <u>Conference</u>, University of Pennsylvania, March 13, 1992.
- "What Does the Eiffel Tower Mean?," at the <u>American Comparative Literature Association Annual Meeting</u>, Bloomington, Indiana, March 27, 1993.
- "A Tour of 'La Tour," at the International Word and Image Conference, Ottawa, Ontario, August 19, 1993.
- "Alexandre Jardin's <u>Le Petit Sauvage</u>: An Experiment in 'Traditional Narrative'," at the <u>MLA Annual Convention</u>, Toronto, Ontario, December 29, 1993.

- "Teaching, Reading, and Writing Duras's <u>Moderato cantabile</u>," at the <u>Tennessee Philological Association Annual</u> Meeting, Nashville, Tennessee, February 25, 1994.
- "The Battle of the Eiffel Tower," at the Annual Meeting of the <u>Society for French Historical Studies</u>, Boston, Massachusetts, March 22, 1996.
- "Crisis? What Crisis? Authors and Critics on the French Novel Today," at the <u>13th International Colloquium on</u> Twentieth Century French Studies, University of Maryland, March 29, 1996.
- "Liquid Death: A Reading of Sartre's 'Le Mur,'" at the <u>Cincinnati Conference on Romance Languages and Literatures</u>, Cincinnati, Ohio, May 10, 1996.
- "Children's Literature for Adults: A Reading of Alexandre Jardin's <u>Le Petit Sauvage</u>," at the <u>FILLM 20th International Congress</u>, Regensburg, Germany, August 12, 1996.
- "The 'Crisis' of the Novel in Contemporary France," at the <u>Fifth Conference of the ISSEI</u>, Utrecht, The Netherlands, August 20, 1996.
- "Teaching Foreign Language for Business: The Pros and Cons at One Institution," at the MLA Annual Convention, Washington, December 30, 1996.
- "Voyages and immobility in the recent fiction of J.-M. G. Le Clézio," at the <u>Puterbaugh Conference honoring Jean-Marie Gustave Le Clézio</u>, University of Oklahoma, February 21, 1997.
- "Tourists and La Tour: A Century of Visiting the Eiffel Tower," at the <u>ACTFL/AATF Meeting</u>, Nashville, November 23, 1997.
- "Baudelaire and the American Student," at the <u>L'ère de Baudelaire</u> symposium honoring Claude Pichois, Vanderbilt University, April 3, 1998.
- "Choosing a Business French Textbook: Confronting the Possibilities," at the <u>Annual Meeting of the American Association of Teachers of French</u>, Montreal, July 25, 1998.
- "The Eiffel Tower as Cultural Icon," at the <u>Annual Conference of the Tennessee Foreign Language Teaching Association</u>, Nashville, November 7, 1998.
- "Student Reactions to the International MBA Internship Experience at The University of Memphis," at the <u>17th Annual</u> EMU Conference, San Diego, March 13, 1999.
- "From the Eiffel Tower to Disneyland Paris," at the <u>Annual Meeting of the American Association of Teachers of French</u>, St. Louis, July 12, 1999.
- "Teaching Business French: Textbooks and Pedagogical Materials," at the <u>Annual Meeting of the American Association</u> of Teachers of French, St. Louis, July 12, 1999.
- "World's Scariest Language Mistakes," at the TFLTA Annual Conference, Nashville, November 6, 1999.
- "Business French," at the TFLTA Annual Conference, Nashville, November 6, 1999.
- "From Foreign Language Major to International MBA Graduate: The Road Less Traveled," at the MLA Annual Convention, Chicago, December 29, 1999.
- "Business French: Past, Present and Future," at the <u>Annual Meeting of the American Association of Teachers of French</u>, Denver, July 2001.
- "Incorporating Business French into the Curriculum," at the <u>Annual Meeting of the American Association of Teachers of French</u>, Denver, July 2001.
- "The National French Exam in Tennessee, 2002," at the <u>TFLTA Annual Conference</u>, Nashville, November 2001.
- "What is 'Art' in Yasmina Reza's 'Art'?," at the <u>Blue Ridge International Conference on the Humanities and the Arts</u>, Boone, NC, April 2002.
- "Development of a Business French Curriculum," workshop and presentation at Louisiana State University, May 2002.
- "The National French Contest: Information for Teachers," at the <u>TFLTA Annual Conference</u>, Nashville, November 2002.
- "Incorporating a Business Language Component into the High School French Curriculum," at the <u>Annual Meeting of the American Association of Teachers of French</u>, Martinique, July 2003.
- "On the Threshold of Competency: A Humorous Look at Language (In)Competence," keynote address, <u>TFLTA Annual Conference</u>, Nashville, November 2003.
- "Infusing Business Content into High School Foreign Language Classes," at the <u>TFLTA Annual Conference</u>, Nashville, November 2003.
- "Le français des affaires au niveau secondaire," at the <u>Annual Meeting of the American Association of Teachers of French</u>, Atlanta, July 2004.
- "New Materials and Resources for the Teaching of Business French," at the <u>CIBER Business Language Conference</u>, Park City, Utah, April 2005.
- "What's Hot Off the Press: National Commission on French for Business and Economic Purposes (co-presented with Eileen Angelini)," at the <u>Annual Meeting of the American Association of Teachers of French</u>," Québec City, July 2005.

- "L'avenir du français des affaires aux Etats-Unis," at the <u>Annual Meeting of the American Association of Teachers of French</u>, Québec City, July 2005.
- "French Goes Global," at the TFLTA Annual Conference, November 2005.
- "The Second Semester Business French Class," CIBER Business Language Conference, Atlanta, April 2006.
- "French Goes Global," Arkansas Foreign Language Teaching Association Annual Meeting, Hot Springs, April 2006.
- "Celebrating French... Outside the Classroom," AATF Annual Convention, Milwaukee, July 2006.
- "International Linkages for Business and Government," <u>AATF Annual Convention</u>, Milwaukee, July 2006. [Co-Presenter]
- "Promotion et innovation: deux enjeux pour l'enseignement et l'apprentissage du français à l'étranger," <u>Expolangues</u>, Paris, January 26, 2007. [Co-Presenter]
- "Where in the World is Business French?," AATF Annual Convention, Baton Rouge, July 13, 2007.
- "Member Recruitment," <u>AATF Annual Convention</u>, Baton Rouge, July 15, 2007. [Workshop; Co-Presenter]
- "Vive le Français au Tennessee," TFLTA Annual Conference, Nashville, November 2-3, 2007.
- "Incorporating La Francophonie into the Business French Curriculum," <u>CIBER Business Language Conference</u>, St. Petersburg, Florida, April 10, 2008.
- "Current Trends in French for Business and Economic Purposes," <u>AATF Annual Convention</u>, Liège (Belgium), July 2008.
- "What about la Francophonie," TFLTA Annual Conference, Nashville, November 7, 2008.
- "An in-depth Comparative Analysis of Current Business French Textbooks," <u>CIBER Business Language Conference</u>, Kansas City, April 4, 2009.
- "Defining Art in Yasmina Reza's "Art"," AATF Annual Convention, San José, California, July 2009.
- "Text Selection for the Business Language Class." <u>CIBER Doctoral Symposium on Foreign Language Pedagogy for Business and the Professions</u>, Purdue University, October 10, 2009.
- "Cultural Literacy and the Business French Class." CIBER Business Language Conference, Philadelphia, March 2010.
- "Very Short Short Stories and Other Micro-Texts for the French Classroom." <u>TFLTA Annual Conference</u>, November 2010.
- "Where on Earth is 'La Francophonie." TFLTA Annual Conference, November 2011.
- "French Heritage Sites in the Midwest Today." <u>AATF Annual Convention</u>, Chicago, July 5, 2012 [panel].
- "What do we mean by 'La Francophonie'?" AATF Annual Convention, Chicago, July 7, 2012.
- "When the Mississippi was French." TFLTA Annual Conference, November 2012.
- "L'héritage français aux USA." <u>AATF webinar</u> (co-presenter), September 2013.
- "Backward Design and Text Selection for the Business French Classroom." <u>CIBER Business Language Conference</u>, Park City, UT, April 25, 2014
- "Old Mines: The Enduring French Heritage in the Missouri Ozarks." <u>AATF Annual Convention</u>, New Orleans, July 20, 2014
- "On y parle français, vraiment?" TFLTA Annual Conference, Franklin, TN, November 7, 2014.
- "Être Français au bord du Mississippi au XVIIIe siècle." <u>American Association of Teachers of French</u>, Saguenay Québec, July 2015.
- "Issues in Higher Education Foreign Language Education in Tennessee (panel)." <u>TFLTA Annual Conference</u>, Franklin, TN, November 2015.
- French Colonial Historical Society, Ottawa (May 2016): "Three Centuries of French Heritage in Old Mines, Missouri." <u>French Colonial Historical Society</u>, Ottawa, May 2016.
- "Outsider Portrayals of the Old Mines Creole French Community." <u>Center for French Colonial Studies</u>, Ste. Genevieve, MO. October 2016.
- "French Missouri," Annual conference of the American Association of Teachers of French, St. Louis, July 2017
- "Creating a Perfect Society on the Mississippi: the Invitation serieuse aux habitants des Illinois," Annual conference of the Society for Utopian Studies, Memphis, November 2017.
- "Teaching la Francophonie," Annual convention of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, Nashville, November 2017
- "DOM, TOM, ROM et DROM: comprendre la France d'outre-mer," Annual Convention of the American Association of Teachers of French, Martinique, July 2018.
- "L'invitation serieuse aux habitants des Illinois par un Habitant des Kaskaskia," Center for French Colonial Studies conference, Ste. Genevieve, MO, October 2018.
- "Explorons la Francophonie." Tennessee Foreign Language Teaching Association, Franklin, November 2018.
- "The Old Mines-Ste. Genevieve Connection." Ste. Genevieve History Conference, Ste. Genevieve, Missouri, September 2019.

- "Identité et marginalisation d'une communauté francophone au Missouri: le cas de la Vieille Mine." Congrès de l'Institut d'Histoire de l'Amérique Française, Ottawa, October 2019.
- "Going Online: An Administrator's Perspective." Annual convention of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, Washington, DC, November 2019.

Other Presentations

- "The French Novel since 1968 and its American Reception," at Memphis State University, Pi Delta Phi Lecture, March 1, 1990.
- "The Eiffel Tower: Myth and Reality," at Memphis State University, Pi Delta Phi Lecture, March 21, 1991.
- "Jean Genet's Poetics of Gender," at the University of Mississippi, May 8, 1991.
- "Doing Things with Words: Avant-Garde Literature in Modern France," at Memphis State University, Pi Delta Phi Lecture, November 23, 1992.
- "A Cultural History of the Eiffel Tower," at Christian Brothers University, sponsored by L'Alliance Fran aise de Memphis, October 12, 1995.
- "The Crisis in Contemporary French Literature," at Union University, Jackson TN, March 13, 1997.
- "From the Eiffel Tower to Disneyland Paris: The Language of Description and Protest," at The University of Memphis, Language Forum, October 1998.
- "Culture and International Business: The Case Study of Disneyland Paris," at The University of Memphis, International Business and Foreign Language: A Workshop for Foreign Language Educators, February 26, 1999. Also presented at the same workshop on February 11, 2000.
- "World's Worst Language Mistakes," at L'Alliance Française de Memphis, March 22, 2001.
- "Whatever Happened to 'Freedom Fries': A Discussion of the Past Year in French-U.S. Relations," at L'Alliance Française de Memphis, October 23, 2003.
- "A Tour of La Francophonie," at L'Alliance Française de Memphis, May 15, 2008.
- "Paris and its Monuments," at St. Agnes Academy, March 2009.
- "When the Mississippi Was French," at L'Alliance Française de Memphis, December 2012.
- "When the Mississippi Was French," Marcus Orr Center for the Humanities Brown Bag Series, January 2015.
- "When the Mississippi Was French," Houston High School, February 2016.
- "Hugo Dixon's War Diaries: A Young Englishman in Germany Learning French during World War I," at Dixon Gallery and Gardens, Memphis, December 2016.
- "Ste. Genevieve, Missouri," at L'Alliance Française de Memphis, April 2019.

SERVICE:

Department:

1990-1998	Coordinator, visit of Compagnie Beauclair theater troupe
1991-present	Member and/or Chair, numerous search committees
1991-1996	Chair, Department Language Lab Committee
1991-1999	Member, Department Curriculum Committee
1992-1995	Member, Department Advisory Council
1993-2011	Member, Business Language Workshop Committee
1995-present	Member, Department Tenure and Promotion Committee
2002-present	Coordinator, Culture Bowl competition, and Judge, University of Memphis Language Fair
2012-present	French Advisor
2012-2013	Faculty Coordinator, French summer study abroad program

University

1990-1992	College Council on Research and Graduate Studies
1990-1992	SCMLA 1992 Convention Committee
1992-1994	Faculty evaluator, Works in Progress Forum
1994-1996	College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee
1996-1998	Center for the Humanities Lecture Series Committee

1999-2001 Study Abroad Scholarship Committee

1998-2000 Presidental Task force on Academic Excellence and Character Development

1998-2004 General Education Committee

1999 Distinguished Faculty Award Review Committee 1999-2001 Presenter, International Teaching Assistant Workshop

1999-present CIBER Advisory Board

2003 President, University of Memphis chapter of Phi Kappa Phi

2003-2004 Truman Scholarship interview committee

2007-present Marshal coordinator, University Commencement Chair, Department of English Chair Search Committee

2008 Chair, Department of Political Science Chair Search Committee

2008, 2013 Distinguished Advising Award committee
 2007-present Panelist, New Student Orientation faculty panels
 Chair, Fulbright-hays Fellowship committee

2009-2010 "Memphis Reads" committee

2010-2011 Judaic Studies Chair of Excellence search committee

2010-2011 Vice-President, University of Memphis chapter of Phi Kappa Phi 2011-2014 President, University of Memphis chapter of Phi Kappa Phi

Community:

1999-2006	Editor, Newsletter of the Alliance Française de Memphis
1999-2001	Vice-President, Alliance Française de Memphis
2001-2006	President, Alliance Française de Memphis
2004-2015	Coordinator, "Célébrons le Français" event for high school students
2004-2012	Webmaster, Alliance Française de Memphis
2006-2012	Board Member, Alliance Française de Memphis
2006-2012	Webmaster, www.frenchtennessee.org [promotion of French in Tennessee]
2008-2015	Coordinator, Alliance Française de Memphis essay competition
2010-2012	Judge, Memphis City Schools "Think Show" at Overton High School

Professional Activities:

2019-present

1993-2012	Correspondent, Revue d'Histoire Littéraire de la France
1997-present	Member, AATF Task Force on the Promotion of French for Business and the Professions
1999-2002	Board Member, Tennessee Foreign Language Teaching Association
2000-2003	External Evaluator, AATF grant from U.S. Department of Education
2001-present	National French Contest, Tennessee Coordinator
2002-2003	Vice-President, Tennessee Chapter, AATF
2004-2006	President, Tennessee Chapter, AATF [AATF Outstanding Chapter of the Year for 2004]
2005-2017	Records Secretary, Tennessee Foreign Language Teaching Association
2006-2011	Vice-President, American Association of Teachers of French [two terms]
2007-2016	Webmaster, Tennessee Foreign Language Teaching Association
2007-2015	Webmaster, AATF Commission on French for Business and Economic Purposes
2009	ETS Praxis II French exam score standards committee
2010	Tennessee Department of Education Foreign Language licensure review committee
2010-present	Editor, La Gazette violette of the American Society of the French Academic Palms
2012, 2015, 2019	Outside reviewer, Proceedings of the AATF Convention
2017-2019	Board member, Center for French Colonial Studies
2018-2019	Vice-President, Center for French Colonial Studies
2018-present	Webmaster, Center for French Colonial Studies

Adjunct board member, American Society of the French Academic Palms

Active Memberships:

Alliance Française de Memphis American Association of Teachers of French (AATF) American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Center for French Colonial Studies Foundation for Restoration of Ste. Genevieve Old Mines Area Historical Society Tennessee Foreign Language Teaching Association (TFLTA)