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## Teaching Experience

2017-present Associate Professor of French and Comparative Literature,  
Arkansas State Univ.  
2003-2017 Associate Professor of French, Arkansas State Univ.  
1998-2003 Assistant Professor of French and Spanish, Arkansas State  
Univ. – Courses taught:

### *Graduate*

Special Topics: Cinéma français (undergraduate/graduate)  
Les limites du littéraire au Québec  
Roman du Proche Orient d'expression  
française  
Science et décadence  
Methods of World Literature Study (English, team-taught)  
Lovecraft and the Tradition of the Weird Tale (English,  
graduate and undergraduate)

### *Undergraduate*

Advanced Grammar  
Composition  
Conversation and Phonetics  
Advanced Conversation/Advanced Oral Communication  
Introduction to French Literature  
French Civilization  
Contemporary France  
Survey of French Literature I, II  
Special Topics: L'argent et le devenir de la France moderne  
Le roman d'apprentissage québécois  
Le roman français du XXI<sup>e</sup> siècle  
Le roman et le conte comiques  
Théorie et pratique de la traduction  
Culture, société et langue au Québec

- Le hasard et le déterminisme dans le roman  
 français et francophone  
 Le roman français contemporain  
 Images de l'enfance  
 Flaubert et Maupassant  
 Balzac et Zola  
 Le rire avant la Révolution  
 Contes cruels  
 Le comique en texte et image  
 La comédie depuis la Révolution  
 Les amours impossibles à l'époque  
 romantique  
 L'inexplicable  
 La nouvelle au XIX<sup>e</sup> siècle  
 Elementary and Intermediate French and Spanish (including  
 on-line basic French)  
 Explorations of Popular Culture (English)  
 World Literature to 1660 (English)  
 World Literature since 1660 (English)  
 Special Topics (International Studies): French Cinema  
 Special Topics (Spanish): Teoría y práctica de la traducción
- 1991-1995      Assistant Professor of French, Univ. of Alabama – Courses  
 taught:  
*Graduate*  
 Nineteenth-Century Novel  
 Nineteenth- and Twentieth-Century Theatre  
 Special Topics: Le comique théâtral  
*Undergraduate*  
 Advanced Grammar  
 Survey of Nineteenth- and Twentieth-Century Literature  
 Intermediate French
- 1990-1991      Assistant Professor of French, Moorhead State Univ. (now  
 Minnesota State Univ., Moorhead), Moorhead, MN – taught  
 undergraduate courses, including French Civilization
- 1989-1990      Lecteur (English), Université Paul Valéry, Montpellier,  
 France – taught conversation and translation courses to  
 French students

## Administrative Experience

- 2005-2008            Departmental coordinator (*de facto* Chair under administrative consolidation), Dept. of Languages, Arkansas State Univ.
- 2003-2005            Interim Chair, Dept. of Languages, Arkansas State Univ.
- 2004-2005            Interim Director, Office of International Programs, Arkansas State Univ. (concurrent with above position)

## Education

Ph.D., Comparative Literature, Univ. of Michigan, 1989

A.M., Comparative Literature, Univ. of Michigan, 1984

B.A. with Honors, English, Univ. of Iowa, 1978

*Other study:* Quebec culture summer seminar at Université Laval (Quebec City) and McGill Univ. (Montreal) organized by the American Assoc. of Teachers of French (2001); business French summer seminar at Chambre de Commerce et d'Industrie de Strasbourg (2000), fellow at the International School of Theory in the Humanities (Santiago de Compostela, Spain, 1998); post-doctoral graduate work in the Dept. of Spanish, Italian, & Portuguese, Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (1997-98); summer study at Université Stendhal (Grenoble, France, 1985); language courses at Univ. of Illinois at Chicago (1979-81)

## Publications

Entries on the following authors accepted for the *Dictionnaire des conteurs et nouvellistes du XIX<sup>e</sup> siècle*, ed. Noëlle Benhamou (Paris: Honoré Champion, forthcoming [2028]): Alphonse Allais, George Auriol, Eugène Chavette, Émile Durandea, Étienne Grosclaude, Charles Leroy, Jules Moinaux, Eugène Mouton, Alexandre Pothey, Armand Silvestre, Léon Xanrof.

"Silencing Scandal: Hector Malot's *Les millions honteux*," *Dix-Neuf* 26.2 (2022): 110-119.

"Entre illusion et réalité, le corps dans 'Le jeûne' et 'La mort d'un paysan' d'Émile Zola," *Roczniki Humanistyczne* 70.5 (2022): 51-61.

“Dédoublément, séduction et idéal chez Catulle Mendès,” in *Romanciers fin-de-siècle*, ed. Edyta Kociubińska (Leiden, The Netherlands: Brill, 2021), pp. 165-173.

“Testament, loi et justice chez Malot,” in *Hector Malot: la morale et le droit*, ed. Francis Marcoin (Paris: Magellan, 2014), 185-198.

“Villiers de l’Isle-Adam, Pater, and the Hard, Gemlike Flame,” in *Symbolism, Its Origins and Its Consequences*, ed. Rosina Neginsky (Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2010 [appeared in 2011]), 328-335.

“Le rire de l’ogre : comique et grotesque dans le roman et conte québécois,” in *Culture québécoise et valeurs universelles*, ed. Yvan Lamonde et Jonathan Livernois (Québec: Presses de l’Université Laval, 2010), 387-395.

“Arthur Symons and the Intransitivity of French Decadence,” in *Regards des Anglo-Saxons sur la France au cours du long XIX<sup>e</sup> siècle*, ed. Odile Boucher-Rivalain and Catherine Hajdenko-Marshall (Paris: L’Harmattan, 2008), 195-204.

“Eating Her Heart Out: An Anthropophagic Reading of Rosa Montero’s *La hija del Caníbal*,” *Revista Hispánica Moderna*, 55.2 (2002 [appeared in 2005]): 457-66.

“Toca, por favor: el museo textual de Macedonio Fernández,” *Hispanófila* 139 (2003): 83-96.

“Lieux de mémoire: l’imaginaire québécois à travers le roman, 1900-1970” (with Renée Norrell), in *Le Québec aujourd’hui, identité, société et culture*, ed. Marie-Christine Weidmann Koop (Sainte-Foy, Québec: Presses de l’Université Laval, 2003), 195-211.

“Gaming and Value Structure in Valle-Inclán: A Note on the *Sonata de estío*,” *Bulletin of Spanish Studies* 8 (2003): 421-425.

“La ansiedad de la ingestión: el latinoamericanismo antropófago,” *Confluencia*, 18.2 (2003): 20-31.

“El cuerpo político grotesco en *El árbol de la ciencia*,” *Cincinnati Romance Review* 19 (2000): 111-16.

“The Dialogic Self: Language and Identity in Annie Ernaux,” *Studies in Twentieth-Century Literature* 23 (1999): 297-314.

"The Veiled Laugh: Women, the Body, and the Comic in Nineteenth-Century France," in *Performing Gender and Comedy: Theories, Texts and Contexts*, ed. Shannon Hengen (Amsterdam: Gordon and Breach, 1998), 47-58.

"Carmen and Exotic Nationalism: *España à la française*," *Romance Notes* 38 (1997): 45-52.

"That Sudden Shrinking Feeling: Exchange in *La peau de chagrin*," *French Review* 70 (1997): 543-53.

"Edison's Comic Dualism," in *Jeering Dreamers: Villiers de l'Isle-Adam's L'Eve future at Our Fin de Siècle*, ed. John Anzalone (Amsterdam: Rodopi, 1996), 167-75.

"Comic Complicity: Rereading Gender in Armand Silvestre," *Romance Quarterly* 43 (1996): 14-24.

"Machines and Malaise: Technology and the Comic in Villiers and Allais," *Nineteenth-Century French Studies* 24 (1995-96): 192-202.

"Capricious Exuberance: Gender and Mediation in Musset's Comedies," *Dalhousie French Studies* 33 (1995): 27-34.

"Paralyzed with Terror: Desire and Determinism in Zola," *French Forum* 19 (1994): 295-307.

"Regionalism and Value Structure in Erckmann-Chatrion," in *Regionalism Reconsidered*, ed. David Jordan (New York: Garland, 1994), 105-18.

"Spontaneous Generation: The Rumor in Gogol'," *Russian Language Journal* 126-127 (1983): 87-95.

## **In progress**

Book-length project on comic narrative of late nineteenth-century France.

## **Reviews**

Pasco, Allan H. *The Nineteenth-Century French Short Story: Masterpieces in Miniature*. *Nineteenth-Century French Studies* 49.1-2 (2020-2021), <https://www.ncfs-journal.org/warren-johnson/johnson-pasco-2020>.

Atkinson, Juliette. *French Novels and the Victorians*. *Nineteenth-Century French Studies* 47.1-2 (2018), <https://www.ncfs-journal.org/johnson-atkinson-2017>.

- Kohnen, Myriam. *Figures d'un polygraphe français: Hector Malot (1855-1881)*. *French Review* 91.3 (2018): 200-201.
- Takai, Nao. *Le corps féminin nu ou paré dans les récits réalistes de la seconde moitié du XIXe siècle: Flaubert, les Goncourt et Zola*. *French Review* 88.4 (2015): 290-291.
- Bauer, Roger. *La belle décadence: histoire d'un paradoxe littéraire*. *French Review* 88.2 (2014): 213-214.
- Berg, William J. *Literature and Painting in Quebec: From Imagery to Identity*. *French Review* 88.1 (2014): 215-216.
- Scharf, Fabian. *Émile Zola: de l'utopisme à l'utopie*. *French Review* 87.1 (2013): 242-243.
- Guérin-Marmigère, Stéphanie. *La poétique romanesque de Joris-Karl Huysmans*. *Nineteenth-Century French Studies* 40 (2011-2012): 188-190.
- Benhamou, Noëlle, ed. *Guy de Maupassant*. *French Review* 82 (2009): 1323-24.
- Hayward, Annette. *La querelle du régionalisme au Québec (1904-1931)*. *French Review* 82 (2009): 622-623.
- Newman, Karen. *Cultural Capitals: Early Modern London and Paris*. *Nineteenth-Century French Studies* 36 (2008): 323-324
- Clark, Roger. *Nana*. *French Review* 81 (2007): 175.
- Duffy, Larry. *Le grand transit moderne*. *French Review* 80 (2007): 1130-1131.
- Daunais, Isabelle. *Frontière du roman*. *French Review* 79 (2005): 162-63.
- Brasseaux, Carl A. *French, Cajun, Creole, Houma: A Primer on Francophone Louisiana*. *Arkansas Review* 36.2 (2005): 142-143.
- Weatherilt, Michael. *Maupassant's Boule de suif and the Other Tales of the Franco-Prussian War*. *French Review* 77 (2003): 155-156.
- Ponnau, Gwenhaël. *L'Ève future ou l'œuvre en question*. *French Review* 75 (2001): 165-66.

Dickinson, Linzy Erika. *Theatre in Balzac's La comédie humaine*. *Nineteenth-Century French Studies* 29 (2001): 350-351.

Lathers, Marie. *The Aesthetics of Artifice: Villiers's L'Eve future*. *French Review* 74 (2001): 807-08.

Le Feuvre, Anne. *Une poétique de la récitation: Villiers de l'Isle-Adam*. *Nineteenth-Century French Studies* 29 (2000-01): 180-81.

Doody, Terrence. *Among Other Things: A Description of the Novel*. *South Central Review* 17.3 (2000): 138-39.

*Alexandre Pouchkine, 1799-1837*. *Nineteenth-Century French Studies* 26 (1998): 486.

De Obaldia, Claire. *The Essayistic Spirit*. *Nineteenth-Century French Studies* 25 (1997): 423-24.

Zola, Émile. *Correspondance*, vol. 10. *French Review* 70 (1997): 473-74.

## **Presentations**

"The Comic as Playfulness in Fin-de-Siècle Narrative," Nineteenth-Century French Studies Colloquium, Reno, NV, October-November 2025.

"Villiers de l'Isle-Adam and the Comic in the Age of Mechanical Reproduction," Nineteenth-Century French Studies Colloquium, Durham, NC, September 2024.

"Twilight Zones: Nodier, Time, and the Liminal Fantastic," Nineteenth-Century French Studies Colloquium, Baltimore, MD, November 2023.

"An Alternative America: Gratuitous Expenditure in Verne's *Le testament d'un excentrique*," Nineteenth-Century French Studies Colloquium, New York, NY, November 2022.

"Irony and Illusion in Villiers and Nodier," Nineteenth-Century French Studies Colloquium, Sarasota, FL, October 2019.

"Reputation and Ridicule in Pigault-Lebrun," Nineteenth-Century French Studies Colloquium, Los Angeles, CA, October 2018.

"Colloquium Interruptum: Dialogic Discontinuity in the Fin-de-Siècle Comic," Nineteenth-Century French Studies Colloquium, Charlottesville, VA, November 2017.

"Getting Down and Dirty: Burial and Materiality in Maupassant's Tales,"  
Nineteenth-Century French Studies Colloquium, Providence, RI, October 2016.

"The Parasite Within: Erckmann-Chatrion and Cultural Hybridity,"  
Nineteenth-Century French Studies Colloquium, Princeton, NJ, November 2015.

"The Idyll of the North: Land and Cultural Identity in Harry Bernard,"  
Arkansas Philological Society Conference, Jonesboro, AR, October 2015.

"Speed Reading: Accelerated Narrative Rhythm and the Experience of the  
Comic," International Conference on Narrative, Chicago, March 2015.

"Exotic Cruelty: Maupassant's 'Châli' and Intercultural Competence,"  
Nineteenth-Century French Studies Colloquium, San Juan, Puerto Rico, October  
2014.

"The Decadent Domestic Economy: Spatiality and Exchange Systems in  
Huysmans and Villiers de l'Isle-Adam,"  
Nineteenth-Century French Studies Colloquium, Richmond, VA, October 2013.

"Of Cabbages and Cloportes: Flaubert's Aleatory Comic in *Bouvard and  
Pécuchet*,"  
Nineteenth-Century French Studies Colloquium, Raleigh, NC, October  
2012.

"Engaging the Reader in Late Nineteenth-Century French Comic Narrative,"  
International Conference on Narrative, Las Vegas, March 2012.

"The Moral Economy of Hector Malot,"  
Nineteenth-Century French Studies Colloquium, Philadelphia, October 2011.

"Maupassant's Cruelty,"  
International Conference on Narrative, St. Louis, April  
2011.

"The Comic as Process,"  
Nineteenth-Century French Studies Colloquium, New  
Haven, CT, October 2010.

"Coucou, cocu! The Modernist Comedy of Georges Feydeau,"  
Nineteenth-Century French Studies Colloquium, Salt Lake City, October 2009.

"Villiers de l'Isle-Adam, Pater, and the Hard, Gemlike Flame,"  
International Conference on Symbolism, Monticello, IL, April 2009.

"Le rire de l'ogre: comique et grotesque dans le roman et conte québécois," conference of the Association Internationale des Études Québécoises, Quebec City, October-November, 2008.

"Daudet's Remappings," Nineteenth-Century French Studies Colloquium, Nashville, TN, October 2008.

"Comic Voices," Nineteenth-Century French Studies Colloquium, Mobile, AL, October 2007.

"Paris et le comique fin-de-siècle," congrès de la Société des Études Romantiques "La vie parisienne," Paris, June 2007. Text available in proceedings of the Congrès de la Société des Études Romantiques "La vie parisienne," Paris, June 2007, <[http://etudes-romantiques.ish-lyon.cnrs.fr/wa\\_files/Johnson.pdf](http://etudes-romantiques.ish-lyon.cnrs.fr/wa_files/Johnson.pdf)>.

"Arthur Symons and the 'Intransitivity' of French Decadence," invited presentation at colloquium "An Anglo-American Vision of France," Cergy-Pontoise, France, April 2007.

"Le rire en hiver : le comique nordique de François Barcelo," colloquium "Identités du nord," Rouen, France, March 2007.

"The Quebec Novel and the Quebec Imaginary," lecture, Universidad de Huelva, Spain, March 2007.

"Science and Decadence: Verne, Flaubert, Huysmans, Villiers," Nineteenth-Century French Studies Colloquium, Bloomington, IN, October 2006.

"Noir avant noir: le cinéma de contrastes chez Sjöström et Gance," Colloque "Couleurs et lumières du Nord," Stockholm, Sweden, April 2006.

"Histoires Comiques: Modernity and Archaism in Nineteenth-Century Comic Narrative," Nineteenth-Century French Studies Colloquium, Austin, TX, October 2005.

"Stéréotype et Identité dans *Nulle part au Texas* de François Barcelo," American Council for Québec Studies, Quebec City, November 2004.

"Terre des Prodiges: The Imaginary America of Gustave Aimard," Nineteenth-Century French Studies Colloquium, St. Louis, October 2004.

"Comic Expectation in Linder and Veber," South Central Modern Language Assn., Hot Springs, AR, October-November 2003.

"Tracking Shots: The Analytic of Motion in *La bête humaine*," Nineteenth-Century French Studies Colloquium, Tucson, AZ, October 2003.

"Méliès/Allais : le goût du discontinu," Colloquium: La production de l'immatériel (Société des Études Romantiques et Dix-neuviémistes), Lyon, France, May 2003.

"The Object of Desire in the Age of Mechanical Reproduction," Nineteenth-Century French Studies Colloquium, Columbus, OH, October 2002.

"Montre-moi ton or' : Circulation, Visibility, and Representation in *Eugénie Grandet*," South Central Modern Language Assn., San Antonio, TX, November 2000.

"Zola's 'New Economy': Money and the Material in *Au Bonheur des Dames*," Nineteenth-Century French Studies Colloquium, Champaign-Urbana, IL, October 2000.

"Le récit comme saucisson: enchaînement de valeurs dans *Salut Galarneau!* de Jacques Godbout," Cincinnati Romance Languages Conference, Cincinnati, OH, May 2000.

"Eating Her Heart Out: An Anthropophagic Reading of Rosa Montero's *La hija del Caníbal*," Cincinnati Romance Languages Conference, Cincinnati, OH, May 2000.

"Funny Money: Exchange and the Fin-de-Siècle Comic," Nineteenth-Century French Studies Colloquium, London, Ontario, Canada, October 1999.

"Échange et idéologie dans *Le rouge et le noir*," Cincinnati Romance Languages Conference, Cincinnati, OH, May 1999.

"El cuerpo político grotesco en *El árbol de la ciencia*," Cincinnati Romance Languages Conference, Cincinnati, OH, May 1999.

"Quaking with Laughter," invited lecture at the Univ. of Illinois at Chicago, March 1999.

"*Terrains Vagues*: On the Margins of Patrick Modiano," Cincinnati Romance Languages Conference, Cincinnati, OH, May 1998.

"Gaming and Value Structure in Valle-Inclán's *Sonata de otoño*," Cincinnati Romance Languages Conference, Cincinnati, OH, May 1998.

"Villiers's *Points de Suspension*," Nineteenth-Century French Studies Colloquium, Athens, GA, October 1997.

"Male-Order Shopping: Circulating Around *Au Bonheur des Dames*," Kentucky Foreign Language Conference, Lexington, KY, April 1997.

"*Tu causes, tu causes*: Language and Self in Ernaux," Cincinnati Conference on Romance Languages and Literatures, Cincinnati, OH, May 1996.

"*Carmen* and Exotic Nationalism: *España à la française*," Kentucky Foreign Language Conference, Lexington, KY, April 1996.

"That Sudden Shrinking Feeling: Exchange in *La peau de chagrin*," Nineteenth-Century French Studies Colloquium, Wilmington, DE, October 1995.

"*Les caprices du chandelier*: Gender and Mediation in Musset's Comedies," Nineteenth-Century French Studies Colloquium, Santa Barbara, CA, October 1994.

"Paralyzed with Terror: Revenge and Desire in Zola," Nineteenth-Century French Studies Colloquium, Lawrence, KS, October 1993.

"Theatre in the Mind" Presentation on Dumas *père* and *fils*, Alabama Shakespeare Festival, Montgomery, AL, June 1993.

"Regionalism and the Construct of Social Identity," Nineteenth-Century French Studies Colloquium, Binghamton, NY, October 1992.

"Narrative Seduction and the *mise en abyme* in Nerval's *Sylvie*," Conference on Narrative Literature, Ann Arbor, MI, April 1987.

## Grants and Fellowships

Travel support, Association Internationale des Études Québécoises, 2008.  
 Eleanor Lane International Travel Award, Arkansas State Univ., 2003, 2007  
 Fellowship from the Quebec government and the American Assn. of Teachers of French for study in Montreal and Quebec City, 2001  
*Boursier* of French government for study at the Chambre de Commerce de Strasbourg, 2000  
 Summer grant for on-line teaching workshop, Arkansas State Univ., 2000

Dean's Research Award, Arkansas State Univ., 1998-99, 1999-2000, 2000-01, 2002-03

Fellowship from the Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for study at the International School of Theory in the Humanities, 1998

University Fellowship, Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1997-98

Rackham Graduate School Dissertation Grant, Univ. of Michigan, 1989

Departmental grants from the Univ. of Michigan for study at the Université Stendhal, 1985

### **Other Administrative Service (Arkansas State Univ.)**

Member of Departmental Committees: Curriculum (1998- Chair 2002-2008, 2011- ), PRT (2003-2015), Assessment (2010-2015), Program Review Self-Study (2013-2014, 2023-2024)

Member of College Committees: College Hearing (1999- ), Curriculum (2002-2008, 2011- , Chair 2012- ), Grievance (Chair, 2021-2022).

Member of University Committees: Ad hoc General Education Taskforce (1999-2000, 2013-2014), University Hearing (2000-2002), Financial Aid and Scholarships (2000-2002), Technology Appropriations (2001-2008), Undergraduate Curriculum Council (2002-2006, 2012- ), Grants and Contracts (2002-2004), Student Affairs (2002-2004), Ad hoc International Education (2003), Ad hoc Strategic Planning Taskforce (2003-2004), Library (2003-2004), Enrollment Management (2004-2005), Ad hoc Retention Taskforce (2004-2005), International Students and Scholars (2004-2005, 2010-2022, Chair 2004-2005, 2013-2020, Vice-Chair 2009-2010), Research and Academic Affairs (2004-2005), Academic Hearing (2023- ).

Faculty Senator (2010-2016)

Faculty Coordinator, CY Cergy Paris Université exchange program (2001- )

Creator and Faculty Coordinator, Universidad de Huelva exchange program (2004-2008)

Departmental Library Liaison/Co-liaison (2003-2015, 2017- )

Member, MA Thesis Committee (Cameron Simmeron, 2024-2025)

Member, Honors Thesis Committee (Jessica DePetris, 2003-2004; Avery Jones, 2024-2025)

Webmaster for departmental sites (2003-2008, 2021-2025)

Chair, Director of International Programs search (2004)

Chair, Spanish faculty search (2001-2002, 2004-2005); member Spanish search committees (2010, 2011-12 [4 searches]), German search committee (2020)

### **Memberships**

Société des Amis Littéraires d'Émile Zola

AIZEN (Association internationale Zola et naturalisme)  
Société des Études Romantiques et Dix-neuviémistes  
Society of Dix-Neuviémistes  
American Assn. of Teachers of French  
International Walter Pater Society  
North American Victorian Studies Assn.  
Modern Language Assn.

## **Languages**

French: Near-native competency  
Spanish: High competency  
Russian: Basic knowledge