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Positions

Assistant Professor of History, University of Southern California

Provost's Postdoctoral Fellow in the Humanities, University of Southern California, 2011-2012

Education

Columbia University (PhD in History with distinction, 2011)

Sorbonne-Université de Paris IV (*Maîtrise* in modern history, *mention très bien*, 2005)

Harvard University (A.B. in History, *magna cum laude*, 2004)

Book projects

Citizen Sailors: Becoming American in the Age of Revolution (Harvard University Press, publication expected October 2015; editor: Joyce Seltzer)

Corresponding Republics: Letter Writing and Revolution, ca. 1760-1815 (mss in revisions)

Articles in peer-reviewed publication

Perl-Rosenthal, Nathan. "Generational Turns." *American Historical Review* vol. 117, no. 3 (Jun., 2012): 804-813.

- Invited comment on *AHR Forum*, "Historiographical Turns in Critical Perspective"

Perl-Rosenthal, Nathan and Evan Haefeli, eds. "Trans-National Connections." *Early American Studies* vol. 10, no. 2 (Spring, 2012): 227-238.

- Introduction to a special issue of *EAS* on "Anglo-Dutch Revolutions"

Perl-Rosenthal, Nathan. "Private letters and public diplomacy: the Adams family network and the Quasi-War, 1797-1798." *Journal of the Early Republic* vol. 31, no. 2 (Summer, 2011): 283-311.

Perl-Rosenthal, Nathan. "Notes Towards a Franco-American Mediterranean 'From Below.'" *Research in Maritime History* 44 / *Rough Waters: American Involvement with the Mediterranean in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries*, ed. Marzagalli et al. (2010).

Perl-Rosenthal, Nathan. "'The divine right of republics': Hebraic Republicanism and the Debate over Kingless Government in Revolutionary America." *William and Mary Quarterly* no. 66, vol. 3 (Jul, 2009): 535-564.

- Winner of the Richard L. Morton Prize, Omohundro Institute for Early American History and Culture.
- Reprinted in J.M. Opal, ed., *Common Sense* (Norton, 2011)

Non-peer-reviewed publications

Review of *Adams Papers*, vols. 14-16, Harvard U.P., *Journal of American History* (forthcoming)
"Dossier sur le réseau des Roland" in Sophie Wahnich, *La Révolution française : un événement de la raison sensible (1787-1799)* (Hachette, 2012), 232-233.

Review of Sophia Rosenfeld, *Common Sense: A Political History*, *Journal of the Early Republic* vol. 32, no. 4 (Winter, 2012): 747-750.

Review of Jack Rakove, *Revolutionaries: A New History of the Invention of America, The New Republic: The Book* (www.tnr.com/book), Aug. 11, 2010.

Review of Eric Nelson, *The Hebrew Republic: Jewish Sources and the Transformation of European Political Thought, The Book* (www.tnr.com/book), May 5, 2010.

Prizes and selected competitive fellowships

University of Southern California Provost's Postdoctoral Fellowship in the Humanities (2011-2013; accepted first year only)

Bernard and Irene Schwartz Postdoctoral Fellowship, New-York Historical Society / New School for Social Research (2011-2012; declined)

Richard L. Morton Prize, Omohundro Institute for Early American History and Culture (for best article by a graduate student in the *William and Mary Quarterly* in 2009) (2010)

Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship (2010-2011)

Mrs. Giles Whiting Foundation Dissertation Fellowship (2010-2011; declined)

Mellon Short-Term Research Fellowship, Library Company of Pennsylvania (2010-2011; declined)

Mellon Short-Term Research Fellowship, Massachusetts Historical Society (2010-2011)

Howard and Natalie Shawn Summer Research Fellowship, Columbia University (2010)

Society of the Cincinnati Fellowship, McNeil Center for Early American Studies, University of Pennsylvania (2009-2010)

George Lurcy Foundation Fellowship to France (2008-09)

Knickerbocker Chapter of the NY State Daughters of the American Revolution Prize (2009)

First Prize, Colonial Society of Pennsylvania Essay Contest (2007)

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship in Dutch (2007-08)

Reid Hall Summer Fellowship for research in Paris (2007)

Mellon Fellowship in Humanistic Studies (2005-06)

Hofstadter Faculty Fellowship, Columbia University (2005-10)

J. William Fulbright Scholarship for a year of study in France (2004-05)

Williams-Lodge Scholarship for a year of study in Paris (2004-05)

Thomas T. Hoopes Prize for “outstanding scholarly work” in senior thesis (2004)

Courses taught

University of Southern California

History 100: The American Experience [1492-2000]. F2012; F2013; F2014; S2015

History 312: The French Revolution. Spring 2012.

History 351: The American Revolution. Fall 2014.

History 454: Piracy and Privateering, ca. 1500-1800. Fall 2013

History 566: Historical Literature on North America to 1800. F2012; S2015.

Columbia University

Instructor, *The Art of Revolution: America and France, ca. 1765-1800*. Summer 2009.

Guest lecturer, *American Beginnings*. Fall 2010.

Teaching Fellow & guest lecturer, *Revolutionary America, ca. 1750-1815*. Fall 2006.

Public history experience

Co-author with Sam Erman (USC Law) of amicus curiae brief in *Tuaua v. United States*, a federal suit demanding recognition of birthright U.S. citizenship for American Samoans. Contributed portions on the history of nationality and birthright citizenship, pre-1850. http://www.equalrightsnow.org/citizenship_scholars

Instructor, seminar for 25 high school teachers on race and slavery in early Louisiana, Oct 18, 2010. Lincoln Center Theatre, New York, NY. Designed two-hour seminar to help high school teachers teach John Guare's *A Free Man of Color*.

Lecturer for "The Minuet in America," a Living History program at the New-York Historical Society on Franco-American cultural connections. New York, NY, Feb 16 and 23, 2008. Wrote lecture portion of lecture-demonstration; audience of roughly 80 per performance.

Conference organized

"Cities in Revolt: The Dutch-American Atlantic, ca. 1650-1830," Columbia University, 13 and 14 Nov 2009. Keynote address by Professor Jonathan Israel, Institute for Advanced Study. Raised ~\$20,000 in conference funds; invited participants; managed budget.

Presentations (* = by invitation)

- "Arrest All the Anglophones: Views of American Sailors and Citizenship Abroad," *SHEAR Annual Conference*, Philadelphia, Jul 17-20, 2014
- "Revolutionaries at Sea: Nationality and Citizenship in the Caribbean, ca. 1792-1797," *WMQ-EMSI Annual Workshop*, Los Angeles, May 30-31, 2014.
- "U.S. consuls and the problem of American maritime labor in the Mediterranean, ca. 1795-1815," *Les consuls, figures de l'intermédiation marchande en Europe et dans le monde méditerranéen (XVIIe-XIXe siècle)*, Nice, France, Apr 10-12, 2014
- * "Arrest all the Anglophones": Sailors and the Making of American Nationality, ca. 1790s," UCLA Atlantic history seminar, UCLA, Feb 13, 2014
- * "All at Sea--or Not? Shipboard Language Diversity in the Caribbean, ca. 1750-1800," at *The Language Encounter in the French Americas, 16th-18th Centuries*, University of Toronto, Nov 1-2, 2013
- * "Letters before the Law: The Legal Meanings of Correspondence on Shipboard," at *1757 Bordeaux-Dublin Letters Conference*, New York University, Oct 24-26, 2013
- * "Ending Cosmopolitanism?: American Sailors in a French Revolutionary World, ca. 1792-1799," *French Culture Workshop*, Stanford University, Apr 18, 2013
- "An American Sailor in King Louis's Courts: William MacMaerst, 1777-1778," paper at *Omohundro Institute for Early American History*, Los Angeles, CA, Jun 15-17, 2012
- "French and foreign sailors before the law, ca. 1789-1795," paper at *Society for French Historical Studies*, Los Angeles, CA, Mar 22-24, 2012
- * "Sailors before the law and the making of republican cosmopolitanism, ca. 1776-1795," *USC Center for Law, History and Culture*, Mar 21, 2012

- * “Seamen, Privateering and the Fall of Atlantic Maritime Cosmopolitanism, ca. 1793-1808,” *McNeil Center for Early American Studies*, Feb 17, 2012
- “Cosmopolitans Afloat: Franco-American Maritime Culture, 1778–1800,” paper at *American Historical Association*, Chicago, IL, Jan 5-8, 2012
- “Franco-American Maritime Contacts during the French Revolutionary Wars,” paper at *Western Society for French History*, Portland, OR, Nov 10-12, 2011
- “Risky business: Mariners’ commercial ventures in the Anglo-American Atlantic, ca. 1700-1830,” paper at *Comptes et profits marchands d'Europe et d'Amériques, 1650-1850*, Paris, France, Jun 8-10, 2011
- * ““What I was after was my liberty”: Mutiny and Politics in the American Continental Navy, 1775-1783,” paper at *Mutiny and Maritime Radicalism*, Amsterdam, 17-18 Jun, 2011
- “Private epistolarity and the making of a Jacobin network, ca. 1790-1791,” paper at *Society for French Historical Studies*, Charleston, S.C., Feb 10-11, 2011
- * “Powderhorns and Patriots: Watermarks in Letters as a Source for Political Organizing in the Late Eighteenth Century.” At *Seminar on the History of Material Texts*, University of Pennsylvania, 7 Feb 2011.
- “‘Citizens of the world’: colonial development and the European political imaginary, ca. 1600-1800,” paper at *L’impact du monde atlantique sur les « Anciens Mondes » en Europe et en Afrique du XVe au XIXe siècle*, Nantes, France, June 7-9, 2010.
- “A Democratic Navy for a Democratic Revolution?,” paper at *Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting*, Washington, DC, Apr 7-10, 2010.
- * “Decoding the False Missive: *The Federalist* and Epistolary Culture,” paper at *Paris III/Paris VII journée d’étude on The Federalist*, Paris, France, Feb 6-7, 2010.
- “Paper and Messengers: Epistolarity and Material Culture in the American Revolution and the *Patriottentijd*,” paper at *Cities in Revolt: the Dutch-American Atlantic, ca. 1650-1815*, New York, NY, Nov 13-14, 2009.
- “Private letters, public purposes: personal correspondence and the Jacobin club network,” paper at *France, Then and Now: An Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Workshop*, Paris, France, April 16-17, 2009.
- * “From Commercial Correspondences to Political Networks in the Atlantic Revolutions, ca. 1760s-1790s.” At *journée d’étude L’Atlantique franco-américain à l’âge des Révolutions, 1763-1815*, University of Chicago Center, Paris, 20 Mar 2009.
- * “Private correspondence, networks, and political organizing in the Atlantic Revolutions.” At *History Research Seminar*, Newcastle University, UK, 5 Mar 2009.
- “‘Conversing at a distance by the Pen’: Correspondence Circles and Friendship in the American Revolution, ca. 1770-1775,” paper at *Amity, Enmity and Emotion: European Association for Early American Studies Biannual Meeting*, Venice, Italy, Dec 13-14, 2008.
- * “Corresponding Republics?: Epistolary Networks, Social Practice and Eighteenth-Century Revolution.” At *Atlantic History Workshop*, Leiden University, NL, 8 Dec 2008.
- “Y a-t-il une Méditerranée franco-américaine « d’en bas » ?,” paper at *Rough waters/L'irruption des Etats Unis en Méditerranée*, Nice, France, Oct 17-18, 2008.
- “‘Conversing at a distance by the Pen.’ Correspondence Circles and Political Friendship in the Early French Revolution, ca. 1788-90,” paper at *New Paradigms for Revolutionary Studies*, South Bend, IN, Oct 6-7, 2008.

“The Power of a Minuet: Social Dance and Political Hierarchy in Revolutionary America, ca. 1760s-1790s,” paper at *James L. and Shirley A. Draper Graduate Student Conference on Early American Studies*, Storrs, CT, Sep 18-20, 2008.

Participant (by application), *British Political Thought in an Age of Globalization, c. 1750-1800*, Washington, DC, Apr 10-12, 2008.

“‘I will not disappoint those islanders if I can help it:’ US independence and John Adams’s policy towards St. Domingue, 1798-99,” paper at *Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting*, New York, NY, Mar 28-31, 2008.

“American independence and the idea of the ‘Hebrew Republic’: Reinterpreting Thomas Paine’s *Common Sense*,” paper at *Political Hebraism: Jewish Sources in the History of Political Thought*, Jerusalem, Israel, Dec 26-29, 2006.

“Inventing the International Order in the 1790s: France and the U.S.,” paper at *Western Society for French History*, Long Beach, CA, Oct 19-21, 2006.

Service to the university and profession

University of Southern California
 Executive Committee (2014-2015)
 Graduate Committee (2012-2013; Fall 2013)
 Member of qualifying exam and/or dissertation committee for: Nicholas Gliserman, S. Alexander Smith, Juliette Parsons, Christina Copland;

Society for French Historical Studies
 Local Arrangements Committee, 2012 Annual Meeting (Los Angeles)

Columbia University
 Graduate Education Committee Representative, History Department, Columbia University (2007-2008)
 Graduate Student Advisory Council Representative, Columbia University (2006-2007)

Other
 Manuscript review for: NYU Press; *William and Mary Quarterly*; *Journal of the Early Republic*

Languages

French (fluent reading, writing, speaking)
 Dutch (advanced reading, writing, speaking)
 Hebrew (advanced reading and speaking)
 Italian, Spanish, Latin, Danish (basic reading)
 Arabic-Moroccan colloquial (basic speaking)

Professional memberships

American Historical Association
Organization of American Historians
Society for French Historical Studies
Association of Caribbean Historians
Omohundro Institute of Early American History & Culture

References (additional available on request)

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