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## **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. St. Louis University, 2009

American History with minor in early modern European History.

M.A. University of Missouri-Columbia, 1993

American History with minor in modern European History.

B.A. Boston University, 1991

History/Sociology with minor in French.

Université de Grènoble (France), 1990

French History courses applied towards degree at B.U.

# **EXPERIENCE**

**SchoolREboot.com**, principal, consultant. Provide under-performing school districts, colleges and universities with independent, dynamically innovative administrative services. Also offer offering hands-on support designed to promote holistic programs, governing structures, and fiscal stability.

#### Harris-Stowe State University

Assistant Professor of American History, Urban American History, World History, Social Movements, Labor History and Civil Rights, Documentary Making for History, 2001--2014.

Webster University

Adjunct Instructor of 20<sup>th</sup> Century U.S., African American History, St. Louis History, History of Food, Film and History, and U.S. Civil War, 2001--present.

Fontbonne University

Adjunct Instructor of Western Civilization, the French Revolution, and American History, 2000-2002, 2010--present.

St. Louis University

Instructor of Western Civilization I and II, American History I and II, 1997-2004.

St. Louis Community College

Instructor of American History, African American History, 1996-2004. French Language Instructor, 1999. Online courses.

East Central College

Instructor of American History, 1994-2000.

LEC French Exchanges/Bureau des Echanges Culturél, R.F. General Coordinator. Responsible for creating a host family database with 500+names, matching host families with French students, facilitating month-long cultural exchanges, program finances in excess of \$200,000/year, and acting as guide/instructor of American culture, language and history for French teenagers, 1996-2000.

#### EF Educational Tours

Led college students on 10 day tours of Paris and the Loire Valley. Developed all foreign contacts and booked all activites, 1996-1998.

#### St. Louis Public Schools Adult Education Program.

French Instructor, 1993-1995.

#### Saint Louis Public Schools—Gateway Technical Institute

American History, Western Civilization, Geography, Ethics and Public Speaking. Sociology and Literature. 1992-1993.

# **BUSINESS EXPERIENCE**

Elsesser Properties. Real Estate Developer, 1996-present. Bought, rehabbed, sold or rented condominiums in St. Louis, MO. Elected Treasurer of Maryland House Condominiums for two consecutive terms. Have worked on neighborhood stabilization committees, managed personnel, screened tenants, reviewed contracts, report on annual budgets, and revised Condo Association bylaws.

Talent Plus/CENTRO Models, 2002-present. Print and television model, professional host and guest speaker. Clients include: Anheuser Busch, Bacardi Rum, Best Western Hotels, Chateau on the Lake, Edward Jones, Dillards, Drury Hotels, KMOV, May Company, Neiman Marcus, Nordstrom's, Saks 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, St. Louis Post Dispatch.

EBAY Power Seller. Online sales of books, videos, art and antiques. 2006-present.

**Fundraising**. Big Brother/Big Sisters (Boston and St. Louis); Crossroads School; Forest Park Forever; Pedal the Cause for Siteman Cancer Center; Clinton for President (1996), Harmon for Mayor (1997), Slay for Mayor (2001), Leiber for Congress (2014).

LEC French Exchanges-French Department of Education. General Coordinator. Responsible for creating a host family database with 500+names, matching host families with French students, facilitating month-long cultural exchanges, program finances, and acting as guide/instructor of American culture, language and history for French teenagers, 1996-2000.

Furet Art Consultants. Sales Director. Represented 13 graphic illustrators and 2 commercial film and animation studios to local advertising firms. Coordinated all projects and talent, handled all business transactions. 1994-1996.

Laumeier Sculpture Park, Assistant Director of Development. Organized mailing lists, fundraisers and special events. 1994

## ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Chapter President, HSSU-NEA Elected for 2014-2016.

Charter Member, St. Louis BikeShare

Member of exploratory commission to establish a bike-share program in St. Louis by 2016. 2014.

Director, "Organize or Perish!" short video, 2014.

Collective Bargaining Unit Negotiator (Harris-Stowe NEA) Negotiator for 2014-2015 University Faculty Contract, with specialties in Academic Freedom clause, Healthcare and Benefits (including the first Domestic Partner Clause) and clauses pertaining to shared governance.

St. Roch's School, Girls Soccer Coach 2007-2012.

Educational Testing Service (ETS) AP U.S. History Reader, Louisville, KY, 2008 and 2009.

Elsesser Properties, LLC Principal. Real estate development and management. St. Louis, 1994-present.

Acting/Modeling, represented by Talent-Plus/Centro since 1994. Jobs have included industrial films, short low budget theatrical projects, spokesperson roles and hundreds of print images. Currently cast to play Pierre Laclede in "

4300 McPherson Block Association, President 2012-2014.

Maryland House Condo Association, Treasurer 1993-2001

Computer Proficiencies: MS Excel, MS Word, MS PowerPoint, MS MovieMaker, Blackboard, Jenzabar, iMovie, Final Cut Pro.

# PAPERS, PUBLICATIONS AND HONORARIUMS

"Sugar and Bison: Two Historic Examples of Food Production and Environmental Sustainability," paper for the Great Decisions Speaker's Series, Webster University, 2014.

"HLC Summary Report: Social and Behavioral Sciences, 2012-2013," co-written with Nancy Popkin.

"Organize or Perish! The Struggle for Shared Governance at Harris-Stowe State University," Keynote address at NEA Annual Conference on Higher Education, 2014.

"Platonists, Medieval Universities and the Early American Model of Education," paper present to the Barat Academy of St. Louis, 2013.

"Itinerant Professors and Permanent Administrators," charrette paper for Metro Council (Metropolis St. Louis), 2012.

"St. Louis in World War II," paper presented to the Wednesday Club of St. Louis, 2012.

"Colonial St. Louis," paper presented to the Wednesday Club of St. Louis, 2011.

"I see nothing in this world more dangerous than Negro cities ringed with white suburbs:" Post-war Race Relations and Segregation in St. Louis, Missouri State Historical Society Annual Meeting, 2011. Kansas City, Missouri.

"What Went Wrong with Our Schools? St. Louis Public Schools, 1954-2005" symposia paper at the State Historical Society Annual Meeting, 2010. Columbia, Missouri.

HSSU Presents, Host for a series of video interviews on the lives, experiences and perspectives of Harris-Stowe faculty, students and alumni, 2009.

Urban History Documentary Showcases, produced edited versions of student directed video projects, 2003-2010.

"They Didn't Have Busing on their Minds:" The Liddell Case, 1972-1983. Symposia paper delivered at Harris-Stowe State University, 2009.

Shattered Spirit: Civic Fragmentation in St. Louis, Missouri, 1939-1989. Doctoral Dissertation, 2009.

"Video Documentaries: An Alternative to the Term Paper." In G. Richards (Ed.), *Proceedings of World Conference on E-Learning in Corporate, Government, Healthcare, and Higher Education 2007* (pp. 1513-1514).

Energy bill: Pork 'n corn but no policy advancement. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, 6/29/2007.

Civilization in the West, textbook. Contract with Longman Publishing as a chapter reviewer and ancillary material writer, 2004.

Cartographic Renaissance: The Role of Art in Shaping a More Perfect World, colloquium paper delivered at St. Louis University, 2004.

An American Inquisition: Father John Cummings, the State of Missouri and the "Ironclad Oath", 1865-1867. Conference paper, Organization of American Historians, San Francisco, 2000.

"Textbooks don't Ignore Black History," St. Louis Post-Dispatch 2/26/2000.

Creating America: "American Lives" Biographical sketches of 10 great Americans, published with McDougal-Littell (a Houghton Mifflin Company), 1999, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2008.

## **CURATED WORK**

The Joseph Davis Collection. Sales, acquisitions and preservation of the largest collection of British Webley Revolvers in the USA. St. Louis, Missouri, 2010-present.

The Civil War in Missouri. Enclosed display of Civil War Artifacts, Harris-Stowe State University, 2011.

The Great War, 1914-1918. Enclosed display of WWI artifacts, St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley, 2004.

Furet Fine Art. Sales and curation of local artwork, 1994-1996.

Elliot Smith Fine Art. Cataloguing, mounting, framing and installing 20<sup>th</sup> century masters, 1992-1994.

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Fluent in written and spoken French, with some Latin.

Former marathon runner, now distance cyclist and mountain biker.

Ran and finished Boston Marathon in 1991and the Grenoble Marathon 1990. Numerous half marathons..

Avid skier, golfer and art collector.