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APPOINTMENTS

2014-present York University, Dept. of History – Associate Professor from July 2019
2021- Associate Member Graduate Faculty, IHPST, University of Toronto

EDUCATION

2014 Ph.D. History (Program in History of Science), Princeton University
2007 M.A. History, University of Toronto
1999 A.B. History and Literature, Harvard University, *Magna Cum Laude*

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Book *Sailing School: Navigating Science and Skill, 1550-1800* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2019)

Selected Refereed Journal Articles and Book Chapters

2022 “Distilling Water, Distilling Data: Questionnaires in Dutch East India Company Record-keeping,” *Intellectual History Review* 32.3 (2022), 531-551.
2020 “Sailors, States, and the Creation of Nautical Knowledge,” in *A World at Sea: Maritime Practices in Global History, 1500-1900*, edited by Lauren Benton and Nathan Perl-Rosenthal, 89-107. Philadelphia, University of Pennsylvania Press, 2020.
2013 “Expert Records: Nautical Logbooks from Columbus to Cook,” *Information & Culture: A Journal of History* 48 no. 3 (2013), 281-322.

SELECTED RESEARCH FUNDING AND AWARDS

2022-27 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council/SSHRC Insight Grant, principal investigator, for *Sailing for the French: Labour, Trade, and Mobility in the Indian Ocean World*, an international team project that will reinterpret 18th-c. merchant records using ArcGIS and digital humanities.
2021 LA&PS Dean’s Award for Distinction in Research, Emerging Researcher
2020 Leo Gershoy Award for the best book in the fields of 17th- and 18th-century western European history, American Historical Association

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

2022 “Water vs. wood: Desalination Machines and Shipboard Space, ca. 1695,” “Sea Machines,” Daniels Faculty of Architecture, U. of Toronto, Feb. 3, 2022
2020 “Estimates and Instruments: The Case for Comparative Maritime History,” E.G.R. Taylor Lecture, Society for Nautical Research/Hakluyt Society, (London, UK), Oct. 8, 2020
2020 “For Merchants and Mariners - The Business of Nautical Manuals,” John Seltzer and Mark Seltzer Memorial Lecture, Fisher Rare Book Library (U. Toronto/virtual), Nov. 5, 2020
2019 “Lieutenant Riou saves the *HMS Guardian*: Navigating the High Seas in 1789.” Public lecture. Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, Halifax, Nov. 3, 2019
2019 “Master and Commander” evening at Montgomery’s Inn, Toronto, Oct. 2019

GENERAL INTEREST WRITING

2019 “My Writing Desk,” *Literary Review of Canada*, December 2019, p. 28
<https://reviewcanada.ca/magazine/2019/12/my-writing-desk/>
2019 “How European Sailors Learned Celestial Navigation.” Aeon, July 2, 2019
<https://aeon.co/essays/how-european-sailors-learned-celestial-navigation>