

ALEXANDER, Robert S.

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

FACULTY CURRICULUM VITAE

Date: May 2024

Robert Alexander
Faculty of Humanities: History

EDUCATION/DEGREES

B.A., History, University of Western Ontario	1977
M.A., History, University of Toronto	1981
Ph.D., History, University of Cambridge	1987
M.A. Thesis: "Vauban and Absolutism"	
Ph.D. Thesis: "The French Federations of 1815"	

MAJOR FIELD(S) OF SCHOLARLY OR PROFESSIONAL INTEREST

Modern French Social and Political History
Modern European History

MEMBERSHIPS AND OFFICES HELD IN LEARNED AND PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

Member, Society for French Historical Studies
Member, Society for the Study of French History
Member, Western Society for French History
Office, C.H.A. Committee for the Learned's Conference at Victoria, 1989-90
Review Board of *Napoleonica: the journal*, 2022-

SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, HONOURS, AND AWARDS

1975-77, Dean's Honours List
1978-80, Ontario Graduate Student Scholarship
1982-85, St. John's College (Cambridge) Studentship
1982-86, SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship
1989-90, SSHRC General Research Grant
1989-91, SSHRC Research Grant
1992-94, SSHRC Research Grant
1992-93, SSHRC General Research Grant
1994-95, SSHRC General Research Grant
1995-96, SSHRC General Research Grant
1996-97, SSHRC Conference Travel Grant

1997-98, SSHRC General Research Grant
2006, SSHRC General Research Grant
2014-15 Internal Research Grant
2015-16 Internal Research Grant

APPOINTMENTS AT UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

1988-91	Assistant Professor	History
1991-2002	Associate Professor w/Tenure	History
2002-22	Full Professor	History
2022-4	Emeritus & Adjunct Professor	History

SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Articles

“The Fédérés of Dijon in 1815,” Historical Journal 30, 2 (1987): 367-90.

“The Federation of 1815 and the Continuity of Anti-Bourbon Personnel,” Proceedings of the Western Society for French History 17 (1990): 286-94.

“Restoration Republicanism Reconsidered,” French History, v. 8, n. 4 (Dec. 1994), pp. 442-69.

“The Hero as Houdini: Napoleon and Nineteenth-Century Bonapartism”, Modern and Contemporary France, 8, n. 4 (Nov. 2000), pp. 457-67.

“Five Recent Works on French Political History from 1789 to 1851”, a review article published in The Historical Journal, 46, 3 (2003), pp. 765-73.

“Party Formation and the Provincial Liberal Opposition Press During the Second Bourbon Restoration”, *Select Papers of the Consortium on Revolutionary Europe* (2005).

Books, Chapters, and Monographs

H. A. C. Collingham, The July Monarchy: A Political History of France, edited by R. S. Alexander (London and New York: Longman, 1988).

R. S. Alexander, Bonapartism and Revolutionary Tradition in France (Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press, 1991).

“Napoleon Bonaparte and the French Revolution,” in P. Pilbeam, ed., Themes in Modern European History, 1780-1830 (Routledge, 1995), pp. 40-64.

“No, Minister: French Restoration Rejection of Authoritarianism,” in D. Laven and L. Riall, eds., Napoleon's Legacy (Berg, 2000), pp. 29-47.

R. S. Alexander, Napoleon, (London: Arnold, 2001).

R.S. Alexander, Re-writing the French Revolutionary Tradition (Cambridge: University Press, 2003).

'Benjamin Constant as a Restoration Politician', in Helena Rosenblatt, ed., The Cambridge Companion to Constant (Cambridge: University Press, 2009), pp. 146-70.

Europe's Uncertain Path 1814-1914: State Formation and Civil Society (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2012).

'Bonapartism', in A. Forrest and P. Hicks, eds., *The Cambridge History of the Napoleonic Wars, v. III: Experience, Culture and Memory* (Cambridge: University Press, 2022), pp. 512-31.

Other Publications

"Soldiers of the French Revolution," book review for History of European Ideas, Vol. 14, no. 3 (1992), pp. 451-52.

"Lafayette and the Liberal Ideal," Canadian Journal of History XXVIII (August 1993), pp. 451-52.

"Peasantry and Society in France since 1789," History of European Ideas, vol. 21, n. 1 (Jan. 1995), pp. 108-10.

"Napoleon's Integration of Europe," The Eighteenth Century: A Current Bibliography.

"The New Regime," The Eighteenth Century: A Current Bibliography.

"Napoleon and his Collaborators," The Historian, 64 n. 3-4 (2002), pp. 867-8.

"Lendemain d'Empire. Les Soldats de Napoleon dans la France du XIXe Siecle", H-France, September 2004.

"Heritages de la Revolution francaise a la lumiere de Jaures", Modern and Contemporary France, 12 n.3 (2004), pp. 414-5.

"Assassinations, Politics and Miracles. France and the Royalist Reaction of 1820", The University of Toronto Quarterly, 74:1 (Winter 2004-2005).

"Liberalism under Siege: The Political Thought of the French Doctrinaires", French Studies, LIX, n.2 (2005), pp. 1-2.

"The Saint-Napoleon: Celebrations of Sovereignty in Nineteenth-Century France', in European History Quarterly, 37 (2007), pp. 631-3.

"Liberal Values: Benjamin Constant and the Politics of Religion", in H-France, 2009.

"Nouvelle Histoire du Premier Empire: IV: Les Cent Jours 1815", in *The English Historical Review*, CXXVI, issue 523 (2011), pp. 1550-2.

"French Liberalism from Montesquieu to the Present Day", in H-France, v. 13 (May 2013), n. 63.

"Napoleon and the Revolution", in H-France, v. 13 (July 2013), n. 92.

"1815: La Terreur Blanche", in H-France Forum (November 2018).

"Our Friends the Enemies: The Occupation of France after Napoleon", H-Diplo Roundtable Review (November 2019).

Papers, Lectures, and Addresses

“Continuity of Revolutionary Personnel: The fédérés of Dijon and Rennes,” paper read at the Historical Institute (London), early modern and modern European sections. December 1987.

“The Federations of 1815 and the Continuity of Anti-Bourbon Personnel, 1789-1830,” paper given at the 68th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Historical Association (1-3 June 1989) at Laval University, Quebec.

“The Federations of 1815 and the Continuity of Anti-Bourbon Personnel, 1789-1830,” paper given at the Annual Meeting of the Western Society for French History (19 October 1989) at New Orleans, U.S.A.

“Revolutionary Bonapartism and the Middle Class in Restoration Toulouse,” paper given at the 37th Annual Conference of the Society for French Historical Studies (21-23 March 1991) at Vancouver.

“Republicanism during the Second Restoration,” paper given at the 38th Annual Conference of the Society for French Historical Studies (19-21 March 1992) at El Paso, Texas.

“Revolutionary Bonapartism,” paper given at the Historical Institute (London, England) on 1 June 1992.

“Ideology Confronts Church and State in the July Monarchy,” commentary given at the 20th Annual Conference of the Western Society for French Society (21-24 October 1992) at Orcas Island, Washington.

“Benjamin Constant and the Liberals of Strasbourg,” paper given at the annual conference of the Society for the Study of French History (April 1995) at Lancaster, U.K..

“Unenlightened Administrative Despotism in Restoration France,” paper given to the Napoleon's Legacy conference (April 1997) at the Historical Institute, London, U.K.

“Liberty and Repression in Restoration France: Blocking the Drive towards Administrative Despotism, 1814-1830,” paper given at the 44th Annual Meeting of the Society for French Historical Studies (March 1998) at Ottawa, Canada.

“Whose Waterloo? The Napoleonic Saviour Defeats the Napoleonic Ogre,” delivered to the 48th Annual Meeting of the Society for French Historical Studies (April 2002) at Toronto, Canada.

“Fear and Loathing in the Restoration Isère under Louis XVIII”, paper given to the 49th Annual Meeting of the Society for French Historical Studies (April 2003) at Milwaukee.

Commentary for the Session entitled “Soldiers and Civilians: Civil-Military Relations in the

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Eighteenth Century”, delivered at the XXIXth annual conference of the Canadian Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (October 2003) at Vancouver.

Professorial Lecture entitled “Rethinking Revolutionary tradition’, delivered to the Humanities Centre, University of Victoria, 26 November 2003.

"The Political role of the Provincial Liberal Opposition Press during the Bourbon Restoration", delivered to the 34th Annual Meeting of the Consortium on Revolutionary Europe 1750-1850 (February 2004) at High Point University, North Carolina.

“Il s’agit pour eux d’être ou de ne pas être: France debates military intervention in Spain in 1823”, delivered at annual conference of the Society for French Historical Studies at Montreal, 25 April 2014.

"Modern Alchemy: the combination of nationalist and internationalist discourses in French public debate over military intervention in Spain in 1822-3", delivered at the annual conference of the Society for the Study of French History at the University of St Andrews, Scotland, 30 June 2015.

"Modern Alchemy: Nationalist and Internationalist Discourses in French Public Debate over Military Intervention, 1820-1833", delivered to the History Department Works in Progress Seminar Series, 27 November 2015.

"Polar Opposites? Nationalist and Internationalist Discourses in French Public Debate over Military Intervention in Spain, 1822-3", delivered to the George Rudé Seminar at the University of Western Sydney, Australia, 16 July 2016.

"Whose Humanity? Rival Concepts of Civilization in French Public Debate over Military Intervention in Spain and Greece, 1820-3", delivered to the George Rudé Seminar at the Australian National University, 5 July 2018.

Professional Activities

Attended the Second Conference of the Society for the Study of French History, University of Nottingham, 7-10 April 1988.

Attended Third Conference of the Society for the Study of French History, University of Manchester, 20-23 March, 1989.

Acted as a reader for papers submitted to the Learned Societies Conference (C.H.A.) held at University of Victoria, 1990.

Acted as chair for a session of the Western Society for French History conference in 1993.

One review of a proposed article for the Canadian Journal of History, 1993.

Two reviews of SSHRC postdoctoral research fellowships, 1994.

Two reviews of proposed articles for French Historical Studies, 1995.

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- One review of a proposed article for the Canadian Journal of History, 1996.
- Two reviews of proposed articles for French Historical Studies, 1996.
- Wrote an assessment of Sylvia Neely's Scholarship for the Department of History, Pennsylvania State University, 1998.
- Review of a book proposal for Cambridge University Press, 2000.
- Review of Proposed article for French History, 2002.
- Review of two proposed articles for *The Historical Journal* (2005).
- Review of a Killam Fellowship application (2005).
- Review of a proposed monograph for McGill-Queens Press (2007).
- Review of a book proposal for Blackwell (2007).
- Review of a proposed article for French History (2007).
- Review of a proposed article for *French Historical Studies* (2008).
- Review of book proposal for Cambridge University Press (2009).
- Review of book proposal for Palgrave MacMillan (2009).
- Review of book manuscript for Palgrave MacMillan (2011)
- Review of proposed article for *European History Quarterly* (2011)
- Review of proposed article for *French History* (2012)
- Review of two applications for promotion to full professor (at the University of Regina and at Dalhousie University) (2012)
- Attended 40th Annual Meeting of the Western Society for French History at Banff, Alberta, in October 2012.
- Review of Proposed Article for *History of Political Thought* (2013)
- Review of Proposed Article for *French History* (2013)
- Review of Proposed Article for *Journal of Military History* (2015)
- Review of Proposed Article for *French History* (2015)
- Review of Proposed Article for *Diplomacy and Statecraft* (2016)
- Review of Proposed Article for *French History* (2016)
- Review of Proposed Article for *Intellectual History Review* (2017)
- Review of Proposed Article for *Napoleonica: the journal* (2023)

TEACHING DUTIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA**Courses Taught**

Year	Course	Hours/Week	Term	No. of Students
1988/89	240/Y01	3	both	25
	240/Y02	3	both	40
	363/F01	3	fall	20
	367/S01	3	spring	70
1989/90	240/Y02	3	fall	58
	363/F01	3	fall	42
	367/S01	3	spring	39
	370/S01	3	spring	36
1990/91	490	3	fall	2
	240/Y04	3	both	54
	363/F01	3	fall	31
	370/F01	3	fall	30
1991/92	371/S01	3	spring	34
	240/Y04	3	both	55
	363/F01	3	fall	34
	370/F01	3	fall	32
1992/93	371/S01	3	spring	32
	389/S06	3	spring	14
	490/Y01	3	both	1
	518/S01	3	spring	1
	240/Y04	3	both	51
	363/F01	3	fall	30
	370/F01	3	fall	32
1993	371/S01	3	spring	31
	490/F01	3	fall	3
	490/S01	3	spring	4
	495/Y01	3	both	1
	240/M01	10	summer	15
	240/Y04	3	both	55
	370/F01	3	fall	31
1993/94	388/F01	3	fall	24
	389/S01	3	spring	11
	240/Y02	3	both	58
	363/F01	3	fall	32
1995/96	371A/F01	3	fall	4
	370B/S01	3	spring	24
	518/S01	3	spring	2
	490	3	spring	1
	240/Y02	3	both	60
1996/97	240/Y02	3	both	60

Year	Course	Hours/Week	Term	No. of Students
	370A/F01	3	fall	22
	370B/S01	3	spring	16
	371A/S01	3	spring	16
	518/F01	3	fall	1
1997/98	240/Y02	3	both	60
	363/F01	3	fall	35
	364A/S01	3	spring	18
1998/99	240/Y01	3	spring	65
	363/S01	3	spring	32
	371A/S01	3	spring	18
1999/2000	240/Y01	3	both	65
	370A/F01	3	fall	35
	370B/S01	3	spring	32
	364B/S01	3	spring	18
2000-2001	240/Y01	3	both	65
	370B/F01	3	fall	34
	363/S01	3	spring	36
	371B/S01	3	spring	18
	519	2	spring	1
2001-2002	240/Y01	3	fall	65
	364A/F01	3	fall	21
2002-2003	363/F01	3	fall	40
	370A /F01	3	fall	40
	504A/F01	3	fall	3
	370B/S01	3	spring	40
	371A/S01	3	spring	20
2003-2004	240/Y01	3	both	64
	370B/F01	3	fall	40
	364B/F01	3	fall	20
	363/S01	3	spring	40
	495		both	1
2004-2005	240/Y01	3	both	60
	370A/F01	3	fall	40
	371B/F01	3	fall	20
	370B/S01	3	spring	40
	496		both	1
2005-2006	363/S01	3	spring	34
	364A/S01	3	spring	15
	504B/S01	3	spring	7
2006	240 Y01	3	fall	53
	370A F01	3	fall	34
2007-8	371A	3	spring	15
	370B	3	spring	36

Year	Course	Hours/Week	Term	No. of Students
2008	240 Y01	3	spring	53
	496		both	1
	240 Y01	3	fall	55
	504B	3	fall	7
	240 Y01	3	spring	58
	363 S01	3	spring	32
	364B	3	spring	15
2009	240 A01	3	fall	54
	504B	3	fall	5
	240 Y01	3	spring	55
	370A	3	spring	26
	504A	3	spring	1
2010	497	3	fall	1
	497	3	spring	1
	140 A01	3	fall	37
	363	3	fall	36
2011	371B	3	fall	12
	140 A01	3	spring	35
	504B	3	spring	4
	497	1.5	spring	1
	140 A01	3	fall	36
	370A	3	fall	19
	591	3	fall	1
2012	497	3	fall	1
	140 A01	3	spring	34
	370B	3	spring	13
	364A	3	spring	6
	497	1.5	spring	1
	140 A01	3	fall	21
2013	371A	3	fall	13
	140 A01	3	spring	19
	363	3	spring	24
2014	365	3	spring	44
	370B	3	spring	15
2015	342B	3	fall	38
	240A	3	fall	21
	240B	3	spring	24
	347A	3	spring	17
	342B	3	fall	19
	504B	3	fall	3
2016	342C	3	spring	25
2017	240B	3	spring	38
	340	3	spring	26

Year	Course	Hours/Week	Term	No. of Students
	504B	3	spring	6
	240A	3	fall	49
	342B	3	fall	41
2018	342C	3	winter	34
	445A	3	winter	9
	342B	3	fall	22
	347A	3	fall	16
2019	240B	3	winter	29
	340A	3	winter	34
	490	3	winter	1
	240A	3	fall	43
	342C	3	fall	44
2020	340A	3	fall	38
	342B	3	fall	34
2021	342C	3	fall	29
	240B	3	spring	23
	445A	3	spring	16

Graduate Student Supervision

Year	Student	Degree Program	Type of Supervision
1992-93	Jonathan Hawkins	M.A. History	(2)
1993-94	Denise Reynaud	M.A. English	(3)
1996	Kelly Eakins	M.A. Geography	(4)
1995-99	Stuart Kernaghan	M.A. History	(1)
1999	Brent Watson	Ph.D. History	(4)
1996-99	Samantha Hartley	M.A. History	(1)
2000-02	Dawn Dodds	M.A. History	(1)
2001	Andrea Lloyd	M.A. Geography	(4)
2002	Matthew Bera	M.A. History	(2)
2002	Elizabeth Sutherland	M.A. Political Science	(4)
2003-05	Valerie Deacon	M.A. History	(1)
2002-05	John Sterk	M.A. History	(2)
2004-06	Bronwen Magrath	M.A. History	(1)
2005	Peter Diamente	M.Sci. Chemistry	(4)
2006	Nicolas Jolicoeur	PhD, History (U. Montreal)	(3)
2007	S. Tedesko-Preston	M.A. French	(3)
2007-9	E. Della Zazzera	M.A. History	(1)
2008-10	M. Robitaille	M. A. History	(1)
2009	K. Maximick	M.A. History	(3)
2011-13	S. Guenette	M.A. History	(1)
2015	S Chapco	M.A. History	(2)
2018	C. Freeman-Orr	M.A. History	(2)

Year	Student	Degree Program	Type of Supervision
2016-19	Max Cameron	M.A. History	(1)
2019-23	Francis Fang	M.A. History	(1)

- * (1) Chairman of supervisory committee (i.e. supervisor or co-supervisor);
 (2) Member of supervisory committee;
 (3) External examiner (indicate if at another university); or
 (4) Chairman of examination committee.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

Department Committees and Responsibilities

1988-89	Library Committee
1989-90	Library Committee ARPT Committee
1990-91	Honours Committee
1991-92	Majors Advisor ARPT Committee
1992-93	Majors Advisor ARPT Committee
1993-94	Majors Advisor
1995-96	ARPT Committee
1996-97	Graduate Committee
1997-98	Majors Advisor Planning Committee
1998-99	Majors Advisor Graduate Committee
1999-2000	ARPT Committee
2000	Chair Search Committee

2000-2001	Library Committee ARPT Committee
2002-2003	Chair Search Committee Graduate Committee
2003	Majors Advisor
2003-04	Majors Advisor ARPT Committee Library Committee
2004-05	Majors Advisory (until 15/09) Graduate Committee Chair Search Committee French language exam (March 2005)
2005-06	French language exam
2006	Library Committee
2007-8	Appointment Committee - European position
2008-9	Appointment Committee - US position
2010-11	Awards Committee
2011 (fall)	RPT Committee (fall) Lansdowne Committee (fall)
2012	RPT Committee (spring) Lansdowne Committee (spring)
2013	Lansdowne Committee (spring)
2014	RPT Committee (fall) Lansdowne Committee (fall)
2015	RPT (spring) Lansdowne Committee (spring) Departmental Library Representative (fall) Extraordinary Committee: Work-Life Balance (fall)

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2016	Library Rep (spring) Extraordinary Committee: Work-Life Balance (spring)
2017	Awards Committee ARPT Committee (Fall)
2018	Library Rep Awards Committee
2019	Majors Advisor ARPT Committee

OTHER INFORMATION

During the summer and fall of 2013 I commenced research on a new planned monograph. In 2014 I received an IRG for this project. In 2015 I received another IRG for it. It is now about half written.