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**EDUCATION**

- 2012** Ph.D. in History, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville  
*Dissertation:* "Intimate Frontiers: Indians, French, & Africans in the Mississippi Valley, 1673-1803."  
*Fields:* Early America, Arkansas, Native American History, and Latin American History
- 2011** Doctorat D'Études Anglophones, *très honorable*, Université du Maine, France
- 2006** M.A. in English Language, Literature, and Civilization, *with honors*  
Université du Maine, Le Mans, France
- 2005** *Maîtrise* in English Language, Literature, and Civilization,  
Université du Maine, Le Mans, France
- 2004** *Licence* (B.A.) in English Language, Literature, and Civilization  
Université Mouloud Mammeri, Tizi-Ouzou, Algeria

**ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENTS**

**University of Central Arkansas, Conway:**

Assistant Professor, Department of History, 2012- Present

Courses Taught:

HIST 6303 *Frontiers and Borderlands in North America*

HIST 5355/4355 *The Role of Arkansas in the Nation*

HIST 5327/4327 *The American West*

HIST 4391 *Special Topics in Early American History*

HIST 3340 *American Indian History*

HIST 3310 *Social Science Topics in Arkansas History*

HIST 2301 *First Year Seminar: American Nation I*

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**University of Arkansas, Fayetteville:**

Instructor, Department of History, 2009- 2012

Courses Taught:

HIST 3383 *Arkansas and the Southwest*

HIST 3983 *Early American Frontiers*

HIST 3203 *Colonial Latin American History*

Graduate Assistant, Department of History, 2007-2009

Courses Taught:

HIST 2013 *History of American People 1877 to Present*

HIST 2003 *History of American People to 1877*

HIST 1123 *World History II*

HIST 1113 *World History I*

Editorial Assistant, *Arkansas Historical Quarterly*, 2006-2007

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Projects in Progress:**

Annotated edition and translation: *Documenting the Frontier: Jean Bernard Bossu's Nouveau Voyages en Amérique*. In preparation and under discussion with University of Alabama Press.

Journal Article: "Redefining Identity in the Frontiers: African and Indian Slaves in French Louisiana." Under revisions for re-submission.

### **Essays:**

"Women in Colonial Arkansas, 1673 to 1803," in *Arkansas Women: Their Lives and Times*, Eds. Cherrisse Jones-Branch & Gary Edwards (Athens: University of Georgia Press, forthcoming)

"Change and Continuity: French and Indian alliance in the Mississippi Valley after the Treaty of Paris 1763," in *Evolution of French America: the Creole Corridor, 18th to 19th Centuries*, Eds. Tang Villerbu & Guillaume Teasdale (Paris: Indes Savante, forthcoming)

"'The Happiest Consequences': Sexual Unions and Frontier Survival of French and Quapaws at the Arkansas Post," *Arkansas Historical Quarterly* 70 (Spring 2011): 45-56.

### **Book Reviews:**

George Edward Milne, *Natchez Country: Indians, Colonists, and the Landscapes of Race in French Louisiana* (University of Georgia Press, 2015) in *Arkansas Historical Quarterly*, (Submitted)

F. Todd Smith, *Louisiana and the Gulf South Frontier 1500-1821* (Louisiana State University Press, 2014) in *Journal of Southern History*, (Submitted)

Sophie White, *Wild Frenchmen and Frenchified Indians*, in *Louisiana History* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2013), (Forthcoming)

Gilbert C. Din, *Populating the Barrera: Spanish Immigration Efforts in Colonial Louisiana* (University of Louisiana at Lafayette Press, 2014) in *Arkansas Review: A Journal of Delta Studies*, 46: 2 (August, 2015): 130-132.

Gary B. Mills, *The Forgotten People: Cane River's Creoles of Color* (Louisiana State University Press, 2013) in *Arkansas Review: A Journal of Delta Studies*, 45: 1 (April, 2014): 64-65.

Brett Rushforth, *Bonds of Alliance: Indigenous and Atlantic Slavery in New France* (University of North Carolina Press, 2012) in *Arkansas Historical Quarterly* 72: 1 (Spring 2013): 74-75.

Lawrence N. Powell, *The Accidental City: Improvising New Orleans* (Harvard University Press, 2012) in *Arkansas Review: A Journal of Delta Studies* 44: 1 (April, 2013): 57-58.

### **Encyclopedia Articles:**

“Jean Bernard Bossu,” *Encyclopedia of Arkansas History and Culture* (Central Arkansas Library System, 2010)

“French Explorers and Settlers,” *Encyclopedia of Arkansas History and Culture*, (Central Arkansas Library System, 2009)

### **PRESENTATIONS AND COLLOQUIA**

**2015** Panel Chair, “Border and Biology in the Early South,” Southern Historical Association Annual Conference, Little Rock, Arkansas, November 11-13.

Panel Moderator, “Integrating Instructional Technology in the History Classroom” Arkansas Association of College History Teachers Annual Conference, Little Rock, Arkansas, October 1-2.

Panel Commentator, African/African American Mini-Symposium, University of Central Arkansas, Conway, Arkansas, April 17.

**2014** Guest Speaker “The Origins and Role of the Griots in African Oral Tradition Cultures,” Griot Society Induction Ceremony, UCA, November.

Participant, Reacting To The Past Consortium, Barnard College/Columbia University, New York, June.

Invited Panelist, “Panel of Historians: History as a Profession in the Job Market,” University of Arkansas' History Organization of Graduate Students, Fayetteville, Arkansas, March 18.

**2013** Guest Speaker, “Why Study History? Knowledge, Identity and History in Oral Tradition Cultures,” Griot Society 's Induction Ceremony, University of Central Arkansas, Conway, Arkansas, November 18.

Invited Panelist, “Jean Bernard Bossu: A French-Quapaw Arkansan,” Arkansas Association for College History Teachers Conference, Little Rock, AR, October 3-4.

Invited Presentation, "Mobilité Internationale et Modalités d'Accueil des enseignants chercheurs aux États Unis," Video-conference des Présidents d'Universités et Euraxess, Cité Internationale Universitaire, Paris, France, January 29.

Invited Penalist, "Valoriser son doctorat en Université et à l'International," Video-conference, Université d'Angers, France, January 23.

**2012** Invited Presentation, “Change and Continuity: French and Indian alliance in the Mississippi Valley after the Treaty of Paris 1763,” Arkansas Association for College History Teachers Conference, Hot Springs, Arkansas, October 4-5.

Invited Panelist, “Consorts and Companions: French Settlers and Indian Women on the Frontier,” French Colonial Historical Society Annual Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, June 1-3.

**2011** Organizer and Panelist, “Intimate Encounter: When the French and Quapaw became “one” at the Arkansas Post,” Southern Historical Association Annual Conference, Baltimore, Maryland, October 27-30.

“The French and Indian ‘Wars’ in the Mississippi Valley Continued after the Treaty of Paris 1763,” French Colonial Historical Society Annual Conference, Toronto, Canada, June 2-4.

Invited Presentation, “Berbers in North Africa: A Social, Cultural, and Political History from 1962 to Present,” University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR, April 3.

**2010** Invited Presentation, “‘The Happiest Consequences’: Sexual Unions and Frontier Survival of French and Quapaws at the Arkansas Post,” Arkansas Seminar in Early American History, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas, November 4.

“Brothers in Arms: French and Quapaw Indians in Colonial Arkansas,” Society of Military History Annual Conference, Lexington, Virginia, May 20-23.

**2009** “French & Quapaw: Bound by a Struggle for a “Middle Ground” during the Conquest of Louisiana,” University of Alabama Graduate History Annual Conference, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, March 6-7.

“French and Quapaw: Sex, Marriage and the Birth of the ‘Common Ground,’” Southwest Historical Association Annual Conference, Denver, CO, April 8-10.

“Sex and Marriage between French and Quapaw Indians,” Missouri Conference on History, Springfield, Missouri, April 16-17.

**2008** “Français, Indiens et Africains: Mariage, Sexualité et Société dans La Louisiane Coloniale,” Forum Jeunes/Recherches, Université du Maine, France, June 8.

### **FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND HONORS**

Research Travel Grant, University Research Council, University of Central Arkansas, Conway, Arkansas, 2012 (\$5000).

*Prix de Thèse*, Best Dissertation Prize, Forum Jeunes Recherche, Université du Maine, Le Mans, France, 2012, (€1300).

Diane D. Blair Fellowship in Southern History, The Diane D. Blair Center for the Study of Southern Politics and Culture, Fayetteville, AR, 2007-2011 (\$24,000).  
Travel Grant, History Department, University of Arkansas, 2011 (\$1000).  
Dissertation Research Award, Fulbright College of Arts & Sciences, University of Arkansas, 2010 (\$5,000).  
Doctoral Travel Grants, University of Arkansas Graduate School, 2006—2010 (\$4000).  
Research Travel Grant, The Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana, 2009 (\$750).  
Mary D. Hudgins Travel Grant in Arkansas History, University of Arkansas, 2009 (\$1000).  
Mary D. Hudgins Research Fund, History Department, University of Arkansas, 2007 (\$1000).  
*Prix de Poster*, Poster Presentation Prize, Forum Jeunes/ Recherche, Université du Maine, France, June 2008, *first prize winner* (€500).  
J. Hillman Yowell Award for Outstanding Teaching by a Fulbright College Graduate Assistant, University of Arkansas, 2007.

### **TEACHING AND RESEARCH FIELDS**

Arkansas and Southern History  
Early America/ Frontiers and Borderlands  
Native Americans / American West  
African American History  
Colonial and Modern Latin America

### **STUDENTS SUPERVISION**

#### **Masters Candidates Comprehensive Exam Committee Member:**

Daniel Klotz, American History, University of Central Arkansas, Fall 2015  
Mathew Millsap, American History, University of Central Arkansas, Spring 2015  
Mathew Foster, American History, University of Central Arkansas, Summer 2014

#### **Masters Candidate Thesis Reading Committee:**

Meaghan Morelock, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville  
History of Colonial Louisiana, *in progress*

### **SERVICE**

#### **Profession:**

Member, Arkansas Association for College History Teachers Paper Prize Committee, 2014 –  
Reviewer, Journal Article for the *Traversea*, January, 2015.  
Reviewer, Book Chapter, *Kenya At Fifty: Milestones, Challenges And Prospects*, Eds. Michael Kithinji *et al.*, September 2014.  
Humanities Scholar, On the Trial of the Arkansas Travelers: Digitizing Family Records from Early Arkansas Post, funded by the Arkansas Humanities Council grant proposed by the World Center for Languages, Literatures and Cultures at the University of Arkansas, in collaboration with the Special Collections Division of Mullins Library, 2012 -  
Reviewer, Entry for *Encyclopedia of Arkansas History & Culture*, November 2012.  
Reviewer, Journal Article for the *Louisiana History*, August, 2012.

## **University of Central Arkansas:**

### University

Faculty Advisor, UCA Muslim Students Association, August 2015 -  
Judge, 2015 Study Abroad Photo Contest, August 2015.  
Member, Information Services Advisory Committee, 2014 -  
Faculty Mentor, UCA Griot Society, September 2014 -  
Judge, Arkansas History Day, April 2013 and 2014.  
Attendee, UCA Griot Society's Induction Ceremony, November 18, 2013.  
Attendee, UCA Minority First Year Student Dinner, September 2013 and 2014.

### Liberal Arts College

Member, CLA Outstanding College Student Committee, 2014 –  
Member, Mid-Tenure Peer Review Committee, Dr. Knox, World Languages Dpt., fall 2014.  
Co-Coordinator, Southern and Arkansas Studies Program, 2013 -  
Member, African & African American Studies Advisory Committee, 2013 -  
Attendee, Annual Liberal Art College History Symposium, March, 2013.  
Participant, Workshop on Conference Presentations for Graduate Students, by Dr. Elizabeth Harper, English Department, October 2012.

### History Department

Member, Advancement Committee, fall 2015.  
Presenter, Bear Facts Day, UCA, March 7, 2015  
Member, Assistant Professor East Asian History Interview Committee, 2015  
Member, Assistant Professor African American History Search Committee, 2014  
Member, Reacting to the Past Institute, Barnard College/University of Columbia, 4-8 June 2014  
Chair, Visiting Assistant Professor Asian History Search Committee, summer 2014  
Member, Visiting Assistant Professor African American History Search Committee, May 2014  
Member, Graduate Studies Committee, 2013 -  
Member, BSE Program Admission Interview Committee, 2012 and 2013.  
Faculty Advisor, Undergraduate Majors and Minors, 2013 -  
Attendee/Participant, Phi Alpha Theta initiation ceremonies, September 2012 and 2013.

### Community

Participant, Community Tamalada, Conway Jr. High School, December 6, 2014.  
Consultant, Grant Proposal on Economics in the Native American Communities, Rebecca May, NBCT, Greenbrier Eastside Elementary, November 2014.  
Interviewee, National History Day Project on Native American Rights, with three tenth graders at eStem Public Charter School, UCA, February 25th, 2014.

## **University of Arkansas, Fayetteville:**

Member, Search Committee, Fulbright College Dean Position, 2009.  
Cohort Leader, Graduate Student Orientation, 2009 and 2010.

## **PROFESSIONEL AFFILIATIONS**

**Arkansas Historical Association:** attended annual meetings in Little Rock, 2007; Eureka Springs, 2008; Little Rock, 2011; Fayetteville, 2012; Helena 201; and Washington, 2014.

**Arkansas Association for College History Teachers:** attended annual meetings in Hot Springs, 2012; Little Rock, 2013, and 2014;

**Southern Historical Association:** attended annual meeting in New Orleans, LA, 2008; Baltimore, MD, 2011; and St. Louis, MO, 2013.

**Southern Intellectual Historical Circle:** attended annual meetings in Chapel Hill, NC, 2008; Lawrence, KS, 2009; Colombia, SC, 2010; Tuscaloosa, AL, 2011; and Fayetteville, AR, 2014.

**French Colonial Historical Society:** attended annual meetings in Toronto, Canada, 2011; and New Orleans, LA, 2012.

## **LANGUAGES**

Berber and French (mother tongues)

Arabic and English (fluent)

Italian and Spanish (intermediate speaking and reading)

Chinese (conversational beginner)

## **REFERENCES**

Wendy Lucas, Associate Professor of History, University of Central Arkansas  
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Morris Arnold, Federal Judge Eight Circuit Court of Appeals and Independent Scholar of Early Arkansas History, Little Rock, Arkansas, [marnold@ce8.uscourts.gov](mailto:marnold@ce8.uscourts.gov)

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200 Avenue République, 92001, France, [helene.aji@u-paris10.fr](mailto:helene.aji@u-paris10.fr)

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