

BRYAN A. BANKS
Columbus State University

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

2024 – Present	Interim Dean of Libraries and the Graduate School, <i>Columbus State University</i>
2023 – 2024	Chair of the Department of History, Geography, and Philosophy, <i>Columbus State University</i>
2022 – 2023	Acting Director of the Faculty Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning, <i>Columbus State University</i>
2020 – 2022	Assistant Director of the Center for Experiential Learning, <i>Columbus State University</i>

FACULTY POSITIONS

2024 – Present	Associate Professor of History, <i>Columbus State University</i>
2018 – 2023	Assistant Professor of History, <i>Columbus State University</i>
2016 – 2018	Assistant Professor of History, <i>SUNY Adirondack</i>
2015 – 2016	Visiting Lecturer, <i>Georgia State University</i>
2013 – 2015	Visiting Lecturer, <i>Florida Atlantic University</i>
2010 – 2012	Graduate Instructor, <i>Florida State University</i>

EDUCATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2024-Present	Mentorship Dr. Leslie Sharpe, Dean of Libraries, GA Tech Mentorship Dr. Catherine Lewis, Associate Provost of Libraries, Archives, and Museums, Kennesaw State University
2025	Essential Leadership Skills for Deans Development Institute, Academic Impressions
2022-3	Executive Leadership Institute, University System of Georgia
Fall 2014	Ph.D. History, <i>Florida State University</i> (Awarded with Distinction) Dissertation: “Progressive Protestants: Representations and Remembrance in France, 1685-1815” Committee: Darrin M. McMahon (Chair) Comprehensive Exam Fields: 18th Century Atlantic World, Modern European History, Early Modern Christianity, Modern Middle Eastern History (Passed with Distinction)
2011	M.A. History, <i>Florida State University</i>
2009	B.A. History, Minor in French, <i>Georgia State University</i> Intensive French Language Training Program, <i>Université de Versailles-</i>

PUBLICATIONS

BOOK

The Great Pigeon Massacre of 1789: Digital Humanities and the Environmental Origins of the French Revolution. [Under Contract with Johns Hopkins University Press]
Co-edited with Cindy Ermus, *The Global Age of Revolutions: A History from 1650 to the Present.* Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2026.

Write to Return: Huguenot Refugees on the Frontiers of the French Enlightenment, Quebec: McGill-Queens University Press, 2024.

Co-edited with Erica Johnson, *Freedom and Faith: The French Revolution and Religion in Global Perspective.* New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2017.

ARTICLES/BOOK CHAPTERS

Co-authored with Carolina Alonso, Melanie Robin Conroy, Andrew E. Johnson, Paul A. Vierthaler, and Alistair Winsor, “Interdisciplinary Opportunities and Public Digital Humanities” in *The Future of Digital Humanities: An Edited Collection.* Nijmegen: Radboud University Press.

“Inventing the Refugee Crisis: Huguenots and the Rise of Refugee Identity,” Accepted for Publication at *Itinerio*, 2026.

2021, co-authored with Erica Johnson Edwards, “Religion and Revolution in Europe,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Religion and Europe*, edited by Grace Davie and Lucian Leustean. (Oxford University Press).

2020, “Jeanne de Lartigue: Calvinist Refugee and Wife of Montesquieu,” in *The “Wives” of Western Philosophy*, edited by Jennifer Forestal and Menaka Philips. New York: Routledge.

2020. “Pierre Bayle’s Revolutionary Script *sans* Scripture: Protestant Particularism and the English and Siamese Revolutions of 1688” in *Revolution as Reformation: Protestant Faith in the Age of Revolutions*, edited by William Harrison Taylor and Peter Messer. University of Alabama Press.

2018. Banks, Bryan A. “Huguenots in the Atlantic.” In *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Latin American History.* Oxford University Press.

2018. “The French Protestant Enlightenment of Rabaut Saint-Étienne: *Le vieux Cévenol* and the Sentimental Origins of Religious Toleration,” *French History*, 32, Issue 1, (3 March 2018); 25–44.

2017. “Real and Imaginary Friends in Revolutionary France: Quakers, Political Culture, and the Atlantic World,” *Eighteenth-Century Studies* vol. 50, no. 4 (2017); 361-79.

2015. “The Protestant Origins of the French Revolution: Contextualizing Edgar Quinet in the Historiography of the Revolution, 1789-1865,” in *Proceedings of the Western Society for French History.*

BOOK REVIEWS

2024. Review of Patrick Griffin, *The Age of Atlantic Revolution: The Fall and Rise of a Connected World* (Yale University Press, 2023), *William & Mary Quarterly*. Vol. 81, No. 2 (April 2024); 446-448.
2021. Review Essay of Owen Stanwood, *The Global Refuge: Huguenots in an Age of Empire* (Oxford University Press, 2019), *Journal of Early American History*, Published online in 2021; in print 2022.
2021. Charles Palissot, *The Philosophes*, Jessica Goodman and Olivier Ferret, eds. Jessica Goodman et al., trans. (Open Book Publishers, 2021), *French History* Vol. 35, No. 3 (September 2001); 404-5.
2020. Alexander Bevilacqua and Frederic Clark, eds., *Thinking in the Past Tense: Eight Conversations* (Chicago: Chicago University Press, 2019), *H-France Review* Vol. 20, No. 73. < <https://h-france.net/vol20reviews/vol20no73banks.pdf>>
2019. Jeffrey D. Burson and Anton M. Matytsin, eds. *The Skeptical Enlightenment: Doubt and Certainty in the Age of Reason*. Oxford University Studies in the Enlightenment. (Liverpool, UK: Liverpool University Press, 2019), *French History* Vol. 33, No. 4. < <https://academic.oup.com/fh/article-abstract/33/4/636/5643535>>
2019. Mita Choudhury and Daniel J Watkins, eds. *Belief and Politics in Enlightenment France: Essays in Honor of Dale K. Van Kley*. Oxford University Studies in the Enlightenment. (Liverpool, UK: Liverpool University Press, 2019), *H-France Review* Vol. 19, No. 149. < <https://h-france.net/vol19reviews/vol19no149banks.pdf>>
2019. David A. Bell and Yair Minsker, *Rethinking the Age of Revolutions: France and the Birth of the Modern World* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2018), *History: Reviews of New Books*, June 2019 (vol. 47, no. 4). <<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/03612759.2019.1613616>>
2016. Mita Choudhury, *The Wanton Jesuit and the Wayward Saint: A Tale of Sex, Religion, and Politics in Eighteenth-Century France* (University Park: Pennsylvania State University Press, 2015), *History: Reviews of New Books*, November 2016 (vol. 44, no. 6).

DIGITAL PUBLIC HISTORY/WRITING

- Interview given, “Bibb City, GA Documentary,” Forthcoming.
- 2026, “Folklore Matters: The Truth in Tunnels Under Columbus, Ga,” *TEDX* Presentation. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FzbP7x5tKhw>
- 2026, “Cannonball Pedagogy,” American Historical Association’s *Perspectives Magazine*, May 2026. <https://www.historians.org/perspectives-article/cannonball-pedagogy/>
- 2026, “Sin City, Alabama,” Discovery Channel’s *Moonshiners: Rise and Shine*, January 2026. <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt39320198/>
- 2024, Bryan A. Banks, “Guardians of the Tapestry of Time,” American Historical Association’s *Perspectives Magazine*, May 29, 2024. <https://www.historians.org/perspectives-article/guardians-of-the-tapestry-of-time-reflections-on-the-close-of-another-academic-year-may-2024/>
- 2023, Bryan A. Banks, Jelani Cobb, Maura Elizabeth Cunningham, Francine Hirsch, Brian Rosenwald, and Laura Ansley, “Op-Ed Writing for Historians: How to Pitch, Write, Revise, and Get Your Ideas to the Public,” American Historical Association April 12, 2023. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X7gvVkM0rCo>

- 2023, Bryan A. Banks, “The Unessay: A Creative and Audience-Focused Assignment,” American Historical Association’s *Perspectives Magazine*, September 20, 2023. <https://www.historians.org/perspectives-article/the-unessay-a-creative-and-audience-focused-assignment-september-2023/>
- 2022, Bryan A. Banks interview, “Pillage d’Haïti : des historiens contre le *New York Times*: Non, ce n’est pas "une partie négligée de l’Histoire", disent les chercheurs,” *Arrêt Sur Images*, May 30, 2022. <https://www.arretsurimages.net/articles/pillage-dhaiti-des-historiens-contre-le-new-york-times>
- 2022, Bryan A. Banks, “Empowering Students Through Instructor Evaluations, *Inside Higher Education*, April 27, 2022. <https://www.insidehighered.com/advice/2022/04/28/instructor-asks-students-create-rubrics-assess-him-opinion>
- 2021, Bryan A. Banks, “What Folklore Erases: Under Columbus, GA,” *Public Books*, July 29, 2021. https://www.publicbooks.org/what-folklore-erases-under-columbus-georgia/?utm_content=bufferb7881&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=buffer
- 2020, Bryan A. Banks, Stacey Blersch, Patty Chappel, Amanda Rees, Eric Spears. “Keep Calm and Hire On (If You Get the Chance), *Chronicle of Higher Education*, May 4, 2020. < <https://www.chronicle.com/article/Keep-CalmHire-On-If-You/248700/>>
- 2017, Bryan A. Banks, “The Protestant Origins of the French Republican Revolution? The Case of Edgar Quinet,” *Journal of the History of Ideas Blog*, June 18, 2017. <https://jhiblog.org/2017/06/18/the-protestant-origins-of-the-french-republican-revolution-the-case-of-edgar-quinet/>
- 2015 – Present. Co-founder, Executive Director, and Contributor. AgeofRevolutions.com, Affiliate of Mellon Sawyer Seminar, *Forgotten Dreams and Misplaced Revolutions: Twentieth Century Revolutions in Latin America, the Caribbean, and the Middle East* at Brandeis University, 2017-8; *Liberté, Égalité Fraternité*, project with the Roy Rensselaer Center for History and New Media at George Mason University, and The Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, 1750-1850.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS

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| 2026-2027 | Gimon French Research Fellowship, Stanford University (2 Week Research Fellowship) |
| 2023-2024 | Governor’s Teaching Fellowship at the University of Georgia |
| 2022-2023 | University System of Georgia Executive Leadership Institute |
| 2022 | Faculty Teaching Innovation Award Winner |
| 2020-2021 | Recipient of one Columbus State University Interdisciplinary Initiative Grant |
| | 1) “Pedagogies of Podcasting: A Website Resource Project” with Dr. Aaron Gierhart (Education) |
| 2019-20 | Recipient of two Columbus State University Interdisciplinary Initiative Grants |
| | 1) “Memorializing the trans-Atlantic Slave Trade Project” with Dr. Mark McCarthy (Education/Cultural Literacy) |
| | 2) “Refugees: A Podcast Project” with Dr. Vy Dao (Sociology) |
| 2019 | Columbus State University Quality Enhancement Plan Fellow |

- 2016-8 Mapping Print, Charting Enlightenment Digital Humanities Project
Postdoctoral Fellowship [declined]
- 2013-14 Ben Weider Fellowship, The Institute on Napoleon and the French
Revolution
- 2012 Joe Richardson Award for Excellence in Teaching, Florida State University
- 2011 Congress of Graduate Students Conference Presentation Grant, Florida
State University
- 2009 International Education Fee (IEF) Study Abroad Scholarship, Georgia State
University

PRESENTATIONS

- “Age of Revolutions: 10th Anniversary Roundtable,” Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, Auburn University, 2024.
- “The Great Pigeon Massacre of 1789,” Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, Auburn University, 2024.
- “Digital Public Humanities: Opportunities and Obstacles for Collaborative Research,” American Historical Association, New Orleans, LA, Jan. 6-9, 2022.
- “Re-Humanizing Enslaved Africans in Higher-Ed History Courses Through Public-Facing, Project-Based Learning,” Columbus State University Tower Day Research Forum, November 2020.
- “The Children of *Cause Célèbre*: The Calas Affair and the Religious Family Romance of Eighteenth-Century France,” Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, Tallahassee, FL, Feb. 27-29, 2020.
- “Ending the ‘Exclusive Empire of Catholicism’: Jean-Étienne-Marie Portalis, Protestantism, and the Concordat of 1801,” Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, Atlanta, Georgia, February 28- March 2, 2019.
- Speaker on “Academic Blogging Roundtable: Networks, Perspectives, and Trajectories,” American Historical Association, Chicago, Illinois, January 3-6, 2019.
- “The So-Called Republican Reformed Religion: Huguenot Republicanism in the Seventeenth-Century Catholic Controversy,” Western Society for French History, Portland Maine, November 1-3, 2018.
- “Genealogies of the So-Called Reformed Religion,” *Repenser le refuge: Nouvelles perspectives pour l’étude du protestantisme francophone aux Provinces-Unies à l’époque moderne*, Leiden, Netherlands, October 25-26, 2018.
- “Revolutionary Script(ure): Pierre Bayle, Huguenot Refugees, and the 1688 Revolutions in England and Thailand,” Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Feb 22-24, 2018.
- “Subtle Protests: Rethinking the Edict of Toleration’s Reception in Calvinist France,” Society for French Historical Studies, Washington D.C., April 20-22, 2017.

- “Digital Approaches to Religious Tolerance in the Enlightenment,” George Rudé Seminar, Parramatta, Australia, July 15, 2016.
- “‘Even in Religion’: Rabaut Saint-Étienne and the Language of Religious Freedom in the French Revolution,” Society for French Historical Studies, Nashville, Tennessee, March 3–5, 2016.
- “Remembering the Old Cévenol: Memory and Religion in Rabaut Saint-Étienne’s Pre Revolutionary Politics,” Western Society for French History Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, Nov. 5-7, 2015.
- “The Right to Return: Huguenots, Property, and Politics in Revolutionary France,” Consortium on the Revolutionary Era Conference, High Point, NC, Feb 19-21, 2015.
- “The Protestant Origins of the French Revolution, 1789-1865,” Western Society for French History Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX, Nov. 13-15, 2014.
- “Enlightenment’s Revocation: Rethinking Protestantism in the Works of Antoine Court,” American Historical Association/American Society of Church History Joint Conference, Washington, D.C., Jan. 2-5, 2014.
- “Imaginary Friends in Revolutionary France: Quakers and French Political Culture, 1785-1793,” Western Society for French History Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, Oct. 25-6, 2013.
- “The Not So Simple Quaker in France: Louis-Abel Beffroi de Reigny’s Reflection on the Nation, 1793,” Society for the Study of French History Annual Conference, Cardiff, UK, June 30 – July 2, 2013.
- “Conservative or Conspiratorial? François-Martin Thiébauld’s Rebuke of Religious Equality and the ‘Contagious Delirium of Modern Philosophy’ in Revolutionary France,” Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, 1750-1850, Tallahassee, FL, Mar. 3-5, 2011.
- “Priests, Public Schools, and Politics: Rethinking Napoleonic Reform of Primary Education,” Western Society for French History, Lafayette, LA, Oct. 21-23, 2010.
- “Politics and Religion: Napoleon and the State-Sponsored Protestant Transformation,” Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, 1750-1850, Charleston, SC, Feb. 25-27, 2010.

CHAired SESSIONS

- Commentator, Besterman Lecture delivered by William Doyle, The Oxford Research Center for the Humanities (TORCH), Nov. 19, 2020.
- Chair, “The Meanings of Sacred Space in the French Revolution” panel, Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, Tallahassee, FL, Feb. 27-29, 2020.
- Chair and Commentator, “The Importance of Religion in the Atlantic Revolutionary World” panel, Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, Atlanta, Ga, Feb. 28 -March 2, 2019.
- Chair, “Piety and Disobedience: Women, Religion, and Authority in Early Modern France” panel, Society for French Historical Studies, Nashville, TN, March 3-5, 2016.

Chair and Commentator, “Early Modern Identity” panel, Southeast Regional History Graduate Student Conference at Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL, Apr. 03, 2010.

INVITED LECTURES

- “The Atlantic Age of Revolutions,” Kiwanis Club, Columbus, Ga, December 2021.
- “The American Revolution in the French Imagination,” Sons of the American Revolution Chapter, January 2021.
- “Age of Revolutions: Digital Public Humanities,” Francis Marion University, Florence, SC (Digital), November 2020.
- “Was Minerva’s Owl Really a Phoenix? Thinking about the Digital Public Humanities,” Black Hills State University, Spearfish, SD, December 2019.
- “Writing Across Disciplines: Teaching Structure and Self-Assessment,” Consortium for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, Gordon State College, October 2015.
- “How to Succeed in a Doctoral Program,” Phi Alpha Theta, Florida Atlantic University, February 2015.
- “Protest and Progress: Understanding the Meaning of Protestantism in Eighteenth and Nineteenth Century France,” HIS 3150: Historical Methods at Florida Atlantic University, April 2014.
- “Quakers and the French Enlightenment,” Religious Society of Friends Library, London, UK, March 2013.

TEACHING

Courses taught:

History of the Book
History of Text Technologies
Digital Humanities
European History, 1500-1815
European History, 1815-Present
World History to 1500
World History after 1500*
US History Survey
History of Asia
Writing History
Historical Methods
Age of Enlightenment
The French Revolution
Age of Revolutions
Napoleon

British Empire
19th Century Europe
Senior Research Seminar: Refugees in World History
Histories of Vandalism: From the Ancient World to Banksy
History Podcasting
History and Film: Age of Piracy, 1650-1750

OTHER ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

2012 Research Assistant, British Archives at Kew (Research assistance led to the publication of a graphic history/textbook on the transatlantic slave trade. See Rafe Blaufarb and Liz Clarke, *Inhuman Traffick: The International Struggle Against the Transatlantic Slave Trade: A Graphic History*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014.

2010-2 Subject Area Tutor for FSU Student Athletic Academic Services, CRLA (College Reading and Learning Association) Certified — History, French, English, Philosophy, Comparative Religions, Sociology, & Anthropology

NON-COLLEGIATE EXPERIENCE

2014 – 2023 World History AP Grader

2013 – 2016 Summer Residency Assistant Coordinator, Frank Lloyd Wright’s Falling-water

2015 European and Art History Curriculum Author, National Network of Digital Schools

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2024 – 2026 SACSCOC Reaffirmation team member

2022 – Present Consortium on the Revolutionary Era Board Member

2021 Search Committee Chair, Assistant Professor of History

2020 – 2022 Assistant Director of the Quality Enhancement Plan, Center for Experiential Learning, Columbus State University

2020 Committee Member, Return to Campus Task Force: Academics & Research

2020 Search Committee Member, Assistant Professor of Geography/GIS

2019 – 2022 College of Letters and Sciences Grants Committee

2019 – 2021 Department of History and Geography Events Committee Chair

2018 – 2022 Department of History and Geography Events Committee Member

2018 – 2021 Snell Prize Committee for the European History Section of the Southern Historical Association

2018 – Present Board of Directors of the Consortium on the Revolutionary Era

2018 – Present Center for Global Engagement International Learning Community Sub-Committee, Columbus State University

2018 – 2019 Chair of French Lecturer Search Committee, Columbus State University

2017 – 2018 History Tutors Supervisor, SUNY Adirondack

2017 – 2018	Professional Recognition Committee Member, SUNY Adirondack
2013 – 2015	Writing Across the Curriculum Course Developer, Florida Atlantic University
2013 – 2015	Review Committee Member, Undergraduate Research Journal, Florida Atlantic University
2011 – 2013	History Graduate Student Association President, Florida State University
2011 – 2012	Coordinator of Southeast Regional Graduate Student Conference, Florida State University
2011	Assistant Coordinator of Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, 1750-1850 Annual Conference, Tallahassee, FL
2010	Judge, State of Florida History Fair
2009	Judge, The School of Arts and Sciences History Fair

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

America Library Association
 American Historical Association
 American Society of Church History
 Society for French Historical Studies
 Western Society for French History
 The Consortium on the Revolutionary Era
 Société de l'histoire du protestantisme français

LANGUAGES

English (native), French (fluent), German (beginner)

REFERENCES
