Adrian O'Connor
Curriculum Vitae

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Associate Professor of History
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Education:
Ph.D. – University of Pennsylvania (2009)
Dissertation: “Reading, Writing, and Representation: Politics and Education in France, 1762-1794”

 Majors: European Intellectual History (Honors) and Humanistic Philosophy
 Summa cum laude; Phi Beta Kappa

Teaching and Professional Experience:
Associate Professor (2017 - ): University of South Florida, St. Petersburg
Editor, The Historian (2018 - )
Assistant Professor (2011 – 2017): University of South Florida, St. Petersburg
Visiting Assistant Professor (2010 – 2011): University of South Florida, St. Petersburg
Substitute Assistant Professor (2010): Brooklyn College, CUNY, Brooklyn, NY

Courses Taught (since Fall 2010):
Western Civilization I & II
Medieval Culture
The French Revolution
20th Century Europe
Theory of History
From Terror to Terrorism
Introduction to the Humanities
The Enlightenment
19th Century Europe
World War II & the Holocaust
History of Assassination
History of Protest and Politics

Publications:
Book:

Articles and Book Chapters:
“From crise salutaire to J'ai vécu: political crises and concepts in revolutionary France,” to be included in Cesare Cuttica, Laszlo Kontler, and Clara Maier, eds., Crisis and Renewal in the History of Political Thought: From Ancient Greece to the Twenty-First Century (Brill: expected publication in 2020).

“Enlightenment and Education, Then and Now,” for a special issue of Inquiry: Critical Thinking Across the Disciplines (anticipated publication in 2019)


Book Reviews:

Works in Progress
“L’Entreprise de la robe rouge: sartorial priority, social hierarchy, and corporate individualism in Ancien Régime France,” an article-length study that examines a dispute that took place in the 1760s and 1770s in the Faculty of Law at the University of Paris as a point of entry into larger debates regarding social hierarchy and political society in pre-revolutionary France.

Society, Sentiment, and Statecraft in Revolutionary France: a book-length study of attempts to cultivate fraternal and civic sentiments through the institutions and interactions of a new constitutional regime after 1789. This study will examine the anticipated role of such sentiments as an ameliorative underpinning for the debate and discord of participatory and representative politics.

Conference Papers and Presentations:
“Action at a distance: petitions and the debate over political representation in revolutionary France,” Petitions in the Age of Atlantic Revolutions (c. 1760-c. 1840), Institute of Social Sciences, University of Lisbon, Portugal, 13-15 February 2019
“What goes around comes around: salutary crises, political possibilities, and regenerative dilemmas in revolutionary France,” Fifth International Conference of the European Society for the History of Political Thought, University of Heidelberg, 11-13 October 2018
Commentator for a panel entitled “New Perspectives on the Revolutionary and Napoleonic Era,” Society for French Historical Studies, Pittsburgh, PA, March 2018
“Une Véritable Question d’État’: Controversies over Ceremonial Robes and Corporate Citizenship at the University of Paris,” American Historical Association, Washington, D.C., 4-7 January 2018
“What do turning points look like? An eighteenth-century case study from the Faculty of Law at the University of Paris,” Society for the Study of French History, University of St. Andrews, 2015

“Through the Bonds of Sentiment’: Fraternité and the possibility of politics in the French Revolution,” European Society for the History of Political Thought, Central European University, 2014


“‘La science de la liberté n’est pas si simple’: Educational Reform and Revolutionary Politics in the Thought of Honoré de Mirabeau,” Society for French Historical Studies, St. Louis, MO, 2009


“‘L’Éducation devant préparer des Citoyens à l’Etat’: The question of national education in France during the 1760s,” Barnes Club Annual Conference, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, 2006

Awards and Fellowships:

USFSP Faculty Research Grant, 2019-2020
USFSP Faculty International Travel Grant, 2018-2019
NEH Summer Seminar Fellow, 2018
USFSP Faculty Research Grant, 2016-2017
USF Faculty International Travel Grant, 2014
University of South Florida St. Petersburg Faculty Merit Award, 2012
USFSP College of Arts & Sciences Excellence in Teaching Award, AY 2011-2012
University of Pennsylvania Arts and Sciences Graduate Fellowship, 2008-2009
Institut Français de Washington, Gilbert Chinard Fellowship, 2008
University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Graduate Fellowship, 2003-2008
University of Pennsylvania School of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Research Fellowship, 2007

Miscellaneous Professional Service, Talks & Publications

Manuscript reviewer for Politics, Religion, and Ideology; Women’s Writing

“What do you mean, controversy?” Thinking Through… Controversy, History & Politics 2017-2018 speaker series, 12 October 2017

“All that is solid melts into Sieyès,” Thinking Through… Research, History & Politics 2016-2017 speaker series, 6 October 2016

“Enlightened Emotions and Modern Politics,” invited talk to the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, St. Petersburg, FL, 18 September 2016

“Telling the Tale of Rights: a history of progress or peril?” Thinking Through… Rights, History & Politics 2015-2016 speaker series, 14 September 2015

“When the Mississippi River spoke French: New France as Atlantic Empire,” invited talk to the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America, Tampa, FL, 24 March 2015

“Culture & Cataclysm: From the Trenches to Total War,” inaugural lecture in the History & Politics Department series Thinking Through… World War I, 4 September 2014


“Elizabeth and the Unification of the Church of England,” Cathedral Church of St. Peter Speaker Series, St. Petersburg, FL, 4 March 2012