

**Education**

PhD	Medieval Studies, Yale University
BA	History, Princeton University

**Work History**

2010—	Instructor, writing program, School of Continuing Studies, University of Toronto
2009—	Graduate Faculty, Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science, University of Toronto
1995-2014	Senior Scientist, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Toronto
2004-2010	Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of Toronto
1991-1993	Postdoctoral Fellow, Alcohol Research Group, University of California, Berkeley

**Writer's grants and awards**

2019	Recommender Grant, Ontario Arts Council
2014	Toronto Arts Council
2012	Canada Council for the Arts
2011	Ontario Arts Council
2005	Short-listed for the Governor General's Award for <i>The Incendiary: The Misadventures of John the Painter</i>

**Books**

- *All or Nothing: A Short History of Abstinence in America* (Toronto: McClelland & Stewart, 2010)
- *The Incendiary: The Misadventures of John the Painter* (London: Profile Books; Toronto: McClelland & Stewart; New York: Thunder's Mouth Press, 2004)
- *Craze: Gin and Debauchery in an Age of Reason* (London: Profile Books; New York: Four Walls Eight Windows; paperback: Random House Trade, 2002)

**Newspaper and magazine articles**

- "The Beer Store's Republican Connection," *Toronto Star*, 6 October 2011
- "The People's Palaces," *History Today*, March 2011
- "Praise the Lord. Let's Fornicate," *Globe and Mail*, 12 February 2011
- "Addiction Fatigue Syndrome," *Globe and Mail*, 18 December 2010
- "United States of Abstinence: How Saying No Became a Distinctly American Practice," *Playboy*, December 2010
- "Three for Thought: What you Need to Know about . . . Drunkenness. Cheers, Mr. Gibson," *Globe and Mail*, 5 August 2006
- "Britain's First Terrorist," *BBC History Magazine*, March 2005
- "Weed Reading," *Globe and Mail*, 13 March 2004
- "Wild Women," *BBC History Magazine*, October 2003
- "Author and Audience," *Blackwell's Review*, January 2003
- "An Oasis of Georgian Charm amid London's Suburban Sprawl," *Globe and Mail*, 5 August 2000

**Selected book reviews (newspapers and magazines)**

- *Drink: The Intimate Relationship Between Women and Alcohol*, by Ann Dowsett Johnston, and

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- Demons: Our Changing Attitudes to Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drugs*, by Virginia Berridge, *Literary Review of Canada*, March 2014
- *The War on Science: Muzzled Scientists and Willful Blindness in Stephen Harper's Canada*, by Chris Turner, *National Post*, 11 October 2013
- *Try to Control Yourself: The Regulation of Public Drinking in Post-Prohibition Ontario 1927-44*, by Dan Malleck, *Literary Review of Canada*, October 2012
- *The End of Illness*, by David Agus, *Globe and Mail*, 4 February 2012
- *The Table Comes First: Family, France, and the Meaning of Food*, by Adam Gopnik, *Globe and Mail*, 17 January 2012
- *Grand Pursuit: The Story of Economic Genius*, by Sylvia Nasar, *Vancouver Sun*, 2 December 2011
- *Memoirs of an Addicted Brain: A Neuroscientist Examines his Former Life on Drugs*, by Marc Lewis, *Globe and Mail*, 11 October 2011
- *Machiavelli: A Biography*, by Miles J. Unger, *National Post*, 18 June 2011
- *No Regrets: The Life of Edith Piaf*, by Carolyn Burke, *Globe and Mail*, 10 May 2011
- *God and Sex: What the Bible Really Says*, by Michael Coogan, *Globe and Mail*, 14 December 2010
- *Superconnect: Harnessing the Power of Networks and the Strength of Weak Links*, by Richard Koch and Greg Lockwood, *National Post*, 18 September 2010
- *Last Call: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition*, by Daniel Okrent, *Globe and Mail*, 12 June 2010
- *We've Got Issues: Children and Parents in the Age of Overmedication*, by Judith Warner, *Globe and Mail*, 13 March 2010
- *Hergé: The Man who Created Tintin*, by Pierre Assouline, *Globe and Mail*, 5 February 2010
- *Empire of Illusion: The End of Literacy and the Triumph of Spectacle*, by Chris Hedges, *National Post*, 9 October 2009
- *The Atmosphere of Heaven: The Unnatural Experiments of Dr Beddoes and his Sons of Genius*, by Mike Jay, *Globe and Mail*, 22 August 2009
- *Addiction: A Disorder of Choice*, by Gene M. Heyman, *Globe and Mail*, 15 August 2009
- *Lost in Cyburbia: How Life on the Net Has Created a Life of its Own*, by James Harkin, *National Post*, 2 May 2009
- *The Age of Anxiety: A History of America's Turbulent Affair with Tranquilizers*, by Andrea Tone, and *Try to Remember: Psychiatry's Clash over Meaning, Memory, and Mind*, by Paul R. McHugh, *Globe and Mail*, 31 January 2009
- *Shakespeare's Wife*, by Germaine Greer, *Toronto Star*, 27 April 2008
- *In the Realm of Hungry Ghosts: Close Encounters with Addiction*, by Gabor Maté, *Globe and Mail*, 16 February 2008
- *Jane Boleyn: The Infamous Lady Rochford*, by Julia Fox, *Toronto Star*, 13 January 2008
- *Some Family: The Mormons and how Humanity Keeps Track of itself*, by Donald Harman Akenson, *Globe and Mail*, 1 December 2007
- *Hubbub: Filth, Noise and Stench in England, 1660-1770*, by Emily Cockayne, *Toronto Star*, 15 July 2007
- *U-Turn: What if you Woke up One Morning and Realized you Were Living the Wrong Life?* by Bruce Grierson, *Toronto Star*, 22 April 2007
- *The Brain that Changes itself: Stories of Personal Triumph from the Frontiers of Brain Science*, by Norman Doidge, *Globe and Mail*, 7 April 2007
- *Dancing in the Streets: A History of Collective Joy*, by Barbara Ehrenreich, *Toronto Star*, 4 March 2007

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- *The Great Negro Plot: A Tale of Conspiracy and Murder in Eighteenth-Century New York*, by Mat Johnson, *Toronto Star*, 18 February 2007
  - *Leonard Woolf: A Biography*, by Victoria Glendinning, *Toronto Star*, 7 January 2007
  - *The Library at Night*, by Alberto Manguel, *Globe and Mail*, 7 October 2006
  - *Villa Air-Bel: World War II, Escape, and a House in Marseille*, by Rosemary Sullivan, *Toronto Star*, 1 October 2006
  - *The Theatre of the World: Alchemy, Astrology and Magic in Renaissance Prague*, by Peter Marshall, *Globe and Mail*, 12 August 2006
  - *To Hell with All that: Loving and Loathing our Inner Housewife* by Caitlin Flanagan, *Dish: Midlife Women Tell the Truth about Work, Relationships, and the Rest of Life*, by Barbara Moses, and *Kiss Tomorrow Hello: Notes from the Midlife Underground by Twenty-Five Women over Forty*, edited by Kim Barnes and Claire Davis, *Toronto Star*, 14 May 2006
  - *Mondo Cocktail: A Shaken and Stirred History*, by Christine Sismondo, *Globe and Mail*, 3 December 2005
  - *Rum: A Social and Sociable History of the Real Spirit of 1776*, by Ian Williams, *Edmonton Journal*, 20 November 2005
  - *A Crack in the Edge of the World: America and the Great California Earthquake of 1906*, by Simon Winchester, *Edmonton Journal*, 23 October 2005
  - *The Hungry Years: Confessions of a Food Addict*, by William Leith, *Globe and Mail*, 10 September 2005
  - *The Incendiary* by Chris Cleave, *Edmonton Journal*, 14 August 2005
  - *Poisons: From Hemlock to Botox and the Killer Bean of Calabar*, by Peter Macinnis, and *The Elements of Murder: A History of Poison*, by John Emsley, *Globe and Mail*, 23 July 2005
  - *The Sociopath Next Door: The Ruthless versus the Rest of us*, by Martha Stout, and *Why We Lie: The Evolutionary Roots of Deception and the Unconscious Mind*, by David Livingstone Smith, *Globe and Mail*, 19 February 2005
  - *To Rule the Waves: How the British Navy Shaped the Modern World*, by Arthur Henman, *Toronto Star*, 14 November 2004
  - *The Roads to Modernity: The British, French, and American Enlightenments*, by Gertrude Himmelfarb, *Toronto Star*, 26 September 2004

### Selected journal articles

- “Faith in Numbers: Quantifying Gin and Sin in Eighteenth-Century England,” *Journal of British Studies* 50 (2011)
- “Men and Women Fighting Side by Side: Examples from an English Town, 1653-1781,” *Journal of Family History* 33 (2008): 156-172
- “A Time-Series Analysis of War and Levels of Interpersonal Violence in an English Military Town, 1700-1781,” *Social Science History* 31 (2007): 575-602
- “Women Behaving Badly: Gender and Aggression in a Military Town, 1653-1781,” *Sex Roles* 52 (2005): 289-298
- “‘My Pappa is out, and my Mamma is asleep’: Minors, their Routine Activities, and Interpersonal Violence in an Early Modern Town, 1653-1781,” *Journal of Social History* 36 (2003): 561-584
- “Marital Violence in a Martial Town: Husbands and Wives in Early Modern Portsmouth, 1653-1781,” *Journal of Family History* 28 (2003): 258-276

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- “‘Ask the Physician’: The Modern Relevance of an Eighteenth-Century Public Health Crisis,” *Addiction* 98 (2003): 139-140
- “Violence against and amongst Jews in an Early Modern Town: Tolerance and its Limits in Portsmouth, 1718-1781,” *Albion* 35 (2003): 428-452
- “On the Vanguard of the First Drug Scare: Newspapers and Gin in London, 1736-1751,” *Journalism History* 27 (2001-2002): 178-187
- “Can Legislation Prevent Debauchery? Mother Gin and Public Health in Eighteenth-Century England,” *American Journal of Public Health* 91 (2001): 375-384
- “Informers and their Social Networks in Eighteenth-Century London: A Comparison of Two Communities,” *Social Science History* 25 (2001): 563-587
- “Gin and Gender in Early Eighteenth-Century London,” *Eighteenth-Century Life* 24 (2000): 85-105
- “A Predatory Social Structure: Informers in Westminster, 1737-1741,” *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 33 (2000): 617-634
- “‘Damn you, you informing Bitch’: *Vox populi* and the Unmaking of the Gin Act of 1736,” *Journal of Social History* 33 (1999): 299-330
- “Old and in the Way: Widows, Witches, and Spontaneous Combustion in the Age of Reason,” *Contemporary Drug Problems* 23 (1996): 197-220