

## Curriculum Vitae

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### **Education:**

Ph.D., History, 1992  
Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri  
Dissertation: "Politics in Eighteenth-Century Suffolk," directed by Richard W. Davis, Derek Hirst second reader.

A.M., History, 1988  
Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri

M.A., History, 1984  
Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Illinois  
Thesis: "The Society of Supporters of the Bill of Rights," directed by H. Arnold Barton

B.A., History, 1982  
Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Illinois

### **Books:**

"Thomas Dunckerley," in *British Freemasonry, 1717–1813*, 5 vols, Róbert Péter, gen. ed. (London: Pickering and Chatto), 2016, 71-80, 107-117.

*Thomas Dunckerley and English Freemasonry*, (London: Pickering & Chatto, 2012).

*Parliamentary Politics of a County and its Town: General Elections in Suffolk and Ipswich in the Eighteenth Century*, (Westport, Connecticut: Greenwood Press, 2002).

### **Articles & Entries:**

With Andrew Prescott, "James Anderson: A Child of his Time," *Reflections on 300 Years of Freemasonry*, (Lewis Masonic, 2017).

With Andrew Prescott, "Searching for the Apple Tree," *Reflections on 300 Years of Freemasonry*, (Lewis Masonic, 2017).

"Hidden in Plain Sight: The Order of the Eastern Star in the Historiography of American Women's Associations," *Journal for Research into Freemasonry and Fraternalism*, vol. 4, no. 1-2, (2013), 146-59.

"Thomas Dunckerley," in Eric Saunier, ed., *La Loge et le Quai: Les Franc-maçons, les Ports et la Mer*, Exhibit Catalogue, (Paris: Musée de la Franc-maçonnerie, March-December 2015).

"Thomas Dunckerley," *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*, (2014), September 2014

"Robert Thomas Crucefix, Redux," *Journal for Research into Freemasonry and Fraternalism*, (Autumn 2013), 73-97.

Cecile Révauger and Charles Porset, eds., *Le Monde Maçonique au XVIIIe siècle*, 3 vols. (Paris: Honoré Champion, 2013).

34 entries: “Arthur Beardmore (286),” “George Bellas (321),” “Robert Bernard (329),” “Thomas Boddington (394),” “Francis Lewis Bourgeois (517),” “Solomon Bush\* (595),” “John Churchill (798),” “Daniel Coxe (893),” “James Craik (902),” “Thomas Dunckerley (1051),” “Solomon Etting\* (1135),” “Michael Gratz\* (1137),” “George Greive (1343),” “Jeremiah Gridley (1351),” “Richard Gridley (1353),” “John Horne Tooke (1462),” “Rufus King (1605),” “Henry Knox (1616),” “Watkin Lewes (1785),” “Joseph Mawbey (1922),” “James McHenry (1932),” “James Monroe (1999),” “Richard Montgomery (2016),” “Isaac Moseley (2047),” “Isaac Moses\* (2045),” “Charles Pelham (2179),” “Peter Pelham, jr. (2181),” “Peter Pelham III (2182),” “Samuel Peters (2200),” “Jonas Phillips\* (2211),” “Henry Price (2283),” “Ebenezer Sibly (2544),” “Arthur St. Clair (2578),” “Pontious Stelle (2590),” “John Wilkes (2802),” and “Watkin Williams Wynn (2838).” \*with William Weisberger

“Marranos, Masons, and the Case of the Mislaid Text,” *Heredom*, 20, (2013), 229-52.

“Thomas Dunckerley: A True Son of Adam,” *Ars Quatuor Coronatorum*, 124, (2012), 95-134.

With Andrew Prescott. 'Souer Dunckerley'. *La Pensée et les Hommes* (55e année, nos 82-83. Publication spécial “Les femmes et la franc-maçonnerie des lumières à nos jours XXVIIIe et XIXe siècles.” Cécile Révauger and Jacques Charles Lemaire, eds., (Gilly, Belgium: Bietlot, 2011), 257-80.

'Caché mais bien en vue: l'Ordre de l'*Eastern Star* dans l'historiographie des sociétés féminines américaines'. *La Pensée et les Hommes* (55e année, nos 82-83. Publication spécial “Les femmes et la franc-maçonnerie des lumières à nos jours XXVIIIe et XIXe siècles.” Cécile Révauger and Jacques Charles Lemaire, eds., (Gilly, Belgium: Bietlot, 2011), 365-84.

“The Revival of a Patriotic Order: Knights Templar in England and New York,” *Knight Templar Magazine*, 56, 12 (December 2010), 21-3; 57, 1, (January 2011), 21-27; 57, 2, (February 2011), 11-16.

“Thomas Dunckerley all at Sea,” in *La Franc-maçonnerie et les ports*, Eric Saunier, ed., (Presses Universitaires de Bordeaux, Collection Monde maçonnique, 2010), 165-82.

“Sir John Coxe Hippisley: That ‘Busy Man’ in the Cause of Catholic Emancipation,” in *Public Life and Public Lives. Essays in Modern British Political and Religious History in Honor of Richard W. Davis, Parliamentary History*, Nancy LoPatin-Lummiss, ed., (Basil Blackwell, January 2008), 82-95.

“Like Moths to a Flame, British Radicals and the American Revolution,” *Franc-maçonnerie politique au siècle Lumières: Europe-Amériques. Lumières, n°7* Cecile Révauger, ed., (Pessac, France: Presses Universitaires de Bordeaux, 2006), 71-82.

“Dr. Ebenezer Sibly, Masonic Polymath,” *Marking Well: Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons Sesquicentennial*, Andrew Prescott, ed., Centre for Research into Freemasonry, (Sheffield: University of Sheffield, 2006), 107-24.

“Adam Smith,” and “Charles Wentworth, Marquis of Rockingham,” in *Reader's Guide to British History*, David Loades, ed., 2 vols. (New York: Routledge, 2003). vol. 2, 1129-30, 1192-3.

“Ebenezer Sibley and the Royal Ark Masons in Ipswich,” *1650-1850: Ideas, Inquiry and Aesthetics in the Early Modern Era* 9 (2003), 23-40.

“Of a Public Nature: Dissent and Reform in the General Election of 1790.” *Parliamentary History*, 16, 3 (1997), 289-307

"Dunwich, the Acquisition and Maintenance of a Borough." *Suffolk Institute of Archaeology and History*, 38, 3 (Winter 1995), 317-30.

**Book Reviews:**

Ric Berman, *The Foundations of Modern Freemasonry: The Grand Architects*, (Eastbourne, UK: Sussex Academic Press, 2012), *The Scriblerian and the Kit Cats*. 48/1-48/2, (Spring/Autumn 2015), 140-41.

Henrik Bogdan and Jan A.M. Snoek, eds., *Handbook of Freemasonry*, (Leiden: Brill, 2014), *The Journal for Research into Freemasonry and Fraternalism*, 5, 2, (2014), 239-40.

Julie Flavell, *When London was Capital of America*, *The Historian*, 73, 3, (Fall 2011), 610-11.

Adrian Randall, *Riotous Assemblies: Popular Protest in Hanoverian England*, *The Historian*, 71, 1 (Summer 2009), 167-8.

Christopher Michael Woolgar, "The Senses in Late Medieval England," *The Historian*, 70, 3 (Fall 2008), 606-7.

R. W. Weisberger, D. Hupchick, and D. L. Anderson, eds. "Profiles of Revolutionaries in Atlantic History," *The Social Science Journal*, 45, 1, (March 2008), 203-5.

Lita-Rose Betcherman, "Court Lady and Country Wife: Two Noble Sisters in Seventeenth-Century England" *The Historian*, 69, 1, (Spring 2007), 144-5.

Margot Finn, "The Character of Credit: Personal Debt in English Literature, 1740-1914," *The Historian*, 67, 2 (Summer 2005), 351.

Marjorie Swann, "The Culture of Collecting in Early Modern England: Curiosities and Texts." *The Historian*, 65, 4 (Summer 2003), 1057.

Steven Pincus, "Protestantism and Patriotism: Ideologies and the Making of English Foreign Policy 1650-1668," *The Historian*, 61, 1 (Fall 1998), 210-11.

Michael Braddick, "The Nerves of State: Taxation and the financing of the English state, 1558-1714," *The Historian*, 60, 4 (Summer 1998), 898-9.

David Hancock, "Citizens of the World: London Merchants and the Integration of the British Atlantic Community, 1735-1785," *The Historian*, 60, 1 (Fall 1997), 166-7.

Gregory Claeys, "The Politics of English Jacobinism," *The Historian*, 59, 1 (Fall 1996), 181-2.

**Electronic Reviews:**

Paul Langford, "The Eighteenth Century, 1688-1815," [H-Net Review](http://www.h-net.msu.edu) H-Net Humanities & Social Sciences On-Line <http://www.h-net.msu.edu> March 2003.

Monica Scheuermann, "In Praise of Poverty: Hannah More Counters Thomas Paine and the Radical Threat," [H-Net Review](http://www.h-net.msu.edu) H-Net Humanities & Social Sciences On-Line <http://www.h-net.msu.edu> December 2002.

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### **Conferences & Presentations:**

“James Anderson and the Myth of 1717,” *World Conference on Fraternalism, Freemasonry and History*, Bibliothèque Nationale de France, Paris, 25-27 May, 2017.

“Arthur St. Clair: A Boy from Caithness,” Westmoreland County Historical Society Speaker’s Series, 11 May 2017.

“Alchemy in Five Easy Steps,” Saint Vincent College Honors Program, Scholar’s Roundtable, 29 March 2017.

With Andrew Prescott, “The Foundation of the Grand Lodge in London: Reconsidering its Context,” *Three Hundred Years of Freemasonry: Its Meaning at its Founding and Today*, Freemasonry and Civil Society Program, UCLA International Conference, 2017, 4 March 2017.

With Andrew Prescott, “James Anderson: A Child of his Time,” *Quatuor Coronati Tercentenary Conference on the History of Freemasonry*, University of Cambridge, 9-11 September, 2016.

With Andrew Prescott, “Searching for the Apple Tree,” Keynote Address, *Quatuor Coronati Tercentenary Conference on the History of Freemasonry*, University of Cambridge, 9-11 September, 2016.

With Andrew Prescott, “Searching for the Apple Tree,” *Charles A. Sankey Lecture in Masonic Studies*, Brock University, 20 March, 2016. <http://sankeylectures.ca/>

“The Masonic Empire of Thomas Dunckerley: England to Quebec and the Broad Oceans In-Between,” *Charles A. Sankey Lecture in Masonic Studies*, Brock University, 22 March, 2015. <http://sankeylectures.ca/>

“Dr Ebenezer Sibly’s Reanimating Solar Tincture, or Pabulum of Life,” *Fashionable Diseases Conference*, University of Newcastle and Northumbria University, 3-5 July, 2014.

“The Doctor’s Daughter,” Nineteenth Century Studies Association, *Urbanism and Urbanity*, Chicago, 20-24 March 2014

“So you want to do History?” Keynote lecture, *The Quarry Project*, George Washington Masonic Memorial, Alexandria, VA, 27-29 September 2013.

“Sympathetic Skepticism: Keeping a Scholarly Remove,” panel presentation. *The Quarry Project*, George Washington Masonic Memorial, Alexandria, VA, 27-29 September 2013.

“Robert Thomas Crucefix, Redux,” Fourth International Conference on the Study of Freemasonry, Edinburgh, UK, 24-26 May 2013.

“Thomas Dunckerley: A True Son of Adam,” 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Presentation, Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076, Freemasons’ Hall, London, UK, 23 June 2011.

“The Apotheosis of Thomas Dunckerley,” Third International Conference on the History of Freemasonry, 27-30 May 2011. George Washington Masonic Memorial, Alexandria, Virginia.

“The Revival of a Patriotic Order: Knights Templar in England and New York,” Worldwide Exemplification of Freemasonry, Grand Lodge of Indiana, Video lecture, 26 March 2011, URL: <http://www.matsol.info/>

“*Hidden in Plain Sight: The Order of the Eastern Star in the Historiography of American Women’s Associations*,” and, with Andrew Prescott, “*Sister Dunckerley*,” at *Les femmes et la franc-maçonnerie, des*

*Lumières à nos jours. Women and freemasonry since the Enlightenment.* Université de Bordeaux & MSHA et Musée d'Aquitaine, France, 17-19 June 2010.

“Marranos, Masons, and the Case of the Mislaid Text,” *Eleventh International Conference, The Origins of Freemasonry*, Canonbury Masonic Research Centre, London, UK, 24-25 October 2009.

“Samuel Vaughan on the Pennsylvania Frontier, 1787,” General Arthur St. Clair Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, Greensburg, Pennsylvania, 20 March 2010.

“The Synagogue and the Lodge: Aspects of the fraternal integration of Jews in early America,” Manchester Association for Masonic Research, Manchester, UK, 27 May 2009.

“Ebenezer Sibly: The Mystical Doctor,” *Tenth International Conference, Freemasonry & the Sciences*, Canonbury Masonic Research Centre, London, UK, 25 October 2008.

“Samuel Vaughan on the Pennsylvania Frontier, 1787,” LigonierValley Historical Society, Ligonier, Pennsylvania, 3 April 2006.

“Like Moths to a Flame, British Radicals and the American Revolution,” *La franc-maçonnerie entre réformes et révolutions à l'époque des Lumières: Europe, Amériques*, University of Bordeaux, France. 18 November 2005.

“Robert Edge Pine: Radicals' Artist,” *Thursday Evening Lecture Series*, Westmoreland Museum of American Art, Greensburg, Pennsylvania, 27 October 2005.

With Demmler Schenck. “Academic and Personal Ethics,” Milton Hershey School Year Round Experience, *Alliance Schools Workshops for Seniors*. Milton Hershey School, Hershey, Pennsylvania. 9 August 2005.

“Ebenezer Sibly: An Eighteenth Century Janus,” *Public Seminar Series*, Centre for Research into Freemasonry, University of Sheffield, UK, 9 June 2005.

“The Society of Supporters of the Bill of Rights,” *We Band of Brothers: Freemasonry in Radical Social Groups, 1700-2000*, Centre for Research into Freemasonry, University of Sheffield, UK. November 18-20, 2004.

“Sir Joshua Vanneck brings a new meaning to Dutch Treat.” Southern Conference of the American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 10 March 2000.

“Ebenezer Sibley and the Lost Ark or How to Steal and Election.” Eastern Conference of the American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies, Washington & Jefferson College, Washington Pennsylvania, October 1999.

“The Dance of an MP and his Constituents: Sir John Coxe Hippisley and the Electors of Sudbury,” Southern Conference on British Studies/Carolina Symposium, Birmingham, Alabama, November 1998.

“The Royal Ark Masons of Ipswich: A Mock-Masonic Group and the ‘Stolen’ Election of 1790,” Southern Conference on British Studies/Carolina Symposium, Little Rock, Arkansas, October 1996.

“Dissent and Reform in the General Election of 1790.” North Eastern Conference on British Studies, Boston, October 1994.

### ***Works in Progress***

#### *Books*

*The Siblys of London: A Family on the Esoteric Fringes of Georgian England*, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming).

*The Society of the Supporters of the Bill of Rights: The Radical Brotherhood*.

#### *Articles and Entries*

“Ebenezer Sibly,” in William Burns, ed., *Encyclopedia of the History of Astrology*, (ABC-CLIO, forthcoming).

“Stephen Freeman of Antigua and London: A Respectable Rosicrucian,” *Journal for Research into Freemasonry and Fraternalism*, 6, 1 (2015) in press

#### *Professional Recognition*

2015 Sabbatical  
2014 Fellow, Royal Historical Society, UK  
2011 Saint Vincent College Faculty Research Grant  
2008 Arthur St. Clair Historic Preservation Award  
2007 Promotion to Full Professor  
2006 Sabbatical  
2005 Saint Vincent College Faculty Research Grant  
2002 Thoburn Excellence in Teaching Award  
2001 Tenure  
2000 Quentin Schaut Faculty Award  
2000 Promotion to Associate Professor  
1994 Saint Vincent College Faculty Research Grant

#### *Professional Affiliations and Activities:*

- QC 2018 Conference, Academic Committee, Chair
- General Editor, *Journal for Research into Freemasonry and Fraternalism*, 2016.
- Board Member, Westmoreland County Historical Society, 2016.  
Chair, Board of Directors, 2017-present
- General Editor, *Journal for Research into Freemasonry and Fraternalism*, 2015-present.
- Nineteenth Century Studies Association, 2013-present.
- Affiliate, King’s College London, 2011-2015.
- Editorial Board, *Journal for Research into Freemasonry and Fraternalism*, 2013-present
- Participated in Oxford Internet Institute/Research Information Network study:  
Monica Bulger, Eric T. Meyer, Grace de la Flor, Melissa Terras, Sally Wyatt, Marina Jirotko, Katherine Eccles, Christine Madsen,  
*Reinventing Research? Information practices in the humanities*, (April 2011).
- Reviewed proposal for *John Theophilus Desaguliers* by Audrey Carpenter for Continuum Books. (published 2011).
- Academic Board, *International Conference on the History of Freemasonry*, 2009-present
- Organizer of St. Vincent College Chapter of AAUP, 2008.
- Scholar/Evaluator, Pennsylvania Humanities Council “Ringling Hammers, Ringling Voices” Ligonier Valley Historical Society, July 2006.
- Editorial Board, Westmoreland County Historical Society, 2005-present
- External Reviewer, Wheeling Jesuit University, Department of History, 2005.
- Institutional Representative, James Madison Memorial Fellowship 2004-present.

- Board Member, Regional Advisory Board for the European Union Center and the Center for West European Studies at the University of Pittsburgh, 2004-present.
- Selection Committee, James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation, 2003, 2004.
- Chair and Fundraising Chair, Westmoreland County Courthouse Centennial Committee, 2003-2007.
- Authored and administered a Pennsylvania State Community Development Grant to underwrite the centennial celebrations and book, *This American Courthouse*, Michael Cary and Tim Kelly, eds., (Latrobe, PA: Saint Vincent College Center for Northern Appalachian Studies, 2007).
- Senior Regional Sub-Editor (Great Britain, Empire and Commonwealth), *The Historian*, 1995-present.
- American Historical Association.