

# Jacob Melish

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## **EDUCATION**

- Ph.D. History, University of Michigan–Ann Arbor, 2005. Chair: David Bien.  
D.E.A. Diplôme d'Études Approfondies (equivalent to a M.A.). History, École des  
Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, 1992. Director: Roger Chartier.  
B.A. History with honors, and Philosophy. Tulane University, New Orleans, 1990.

## **ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

Associate Professor, History, University of Northern Colorado, 2017 to the present.  
Assistant Professor, History, University of Northern Colorado, 2011–2017.  
Field Service Assistant Professor of Early Modern European and World History, University of Cincinnati, 2010-2011.  
Visiting Assistant Professor, History, University of Cincinnati, 2007-2010.  
Adjunct Professor, History, University of Massachusetts Boston, Simmons College, and Wheelock College, Boston, various semesters, Spring 2006–Summer 2007.

## **PUBLICATIONS** – Juried/Peer Reviewed (abstracts listed at end of CV)

- “Antisemitism in a City without Jews: Crime, Print and a Used-Clothes Dealer in Early Modern Paris.” *Cultural and Social History* 13, no. 4 (2016): 451-66.  
“The Power of Wives: Managing Money and Men in the Family Businesses of Old Regime Paris.” In *Women and Work in Eighteenth-Century France*, edited by Daryl Hafer and Nina Kushner, 77-90. Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2015.  
“Women and the Courts in the Control of Violence between Men: Evidence from a Parisian Neighborhood under Louis XIV.” *French Historical Studies* 33, no. 1 (2010): 1-31.

## **CURRENT WORK**

- “Women’s Everyday Authority: Managing Men, Money & Sex in an Early Modern City.”  
Monograph manuscript near completion.

## **INVITATIONS: PRESENTER OR COMMENTATOR**

- Invited commentator/discussant. Panel: In and Around the Fronde: From Emotions and Inhabitants to Mazarin’s Navy. Western Society for French History. Portland, Maine. Nov. 2018.  
Invited participant. International Conference: Crime and Gender, Past and Future. Leiden University, The Netherlands. Jan. 2018. Travel and accommodation provided by conference organizers.  
Invited commentator/discussant. Panel on “Gender and Violence.” Western Association of Women Historians. Denver, CO. May, 2016.  
Invited presenter: “Women’s Violence in Early Modern Paris.” Crime and Gender, 1600-1900: Comparative Perspectives. International Conference, Leiden University, the Netherlands, Nov. 2015. Travel and accommodation provided by conference organizers.

## **CONFERENCE PAPERS**

- Accepted: "Working Women's Everyday Authority over Men in Early Modern Paris."  
Renaissance Society of America with sponsored by the Society for the Study of Early  
Modern Women and Gender, Dublin (and virtual?). April, 2021.
- Accepted but conference cancelled. Berkshire Conference on the History of Women,  
Genders & Sexuality. Baltimore, Maryland; Johns Hopkins. May, 2020.
- "How to Have a Lover When You're a Married Woman in Early Modern Paris." Berkshire  
Conference on the History of Women, Genders, and Sexualities. Hofstra University,  
Hempstead, NY. June, 2017.
- "Gave a Large Number of Kicks and Punches': Women's Violence and the Responses to It in  
Seventeenth-Century Paris." Society for French Historical Studies. Nashville, TN. March,  
2016.
- "Questioning 'Community': Archives & Responses to Women's Heterosexual Transgression in  
an Early Modern Neighborhood." Ten-minute papers then discussion. Research  
Roundtable: "Transgression, Gender & Community in Eurasia, 1600-1800." American  
Historical Association. Atlanta, GA, Jan. 2016.
- "Women's Violence in Early Modern Paris." Crime and Gender, 1600-1900: Comparative  
Perspectives. International Conference, Leiden University, the Netherlands, Nov. 2015.  
Travel and accommodation provided by conference organizers.
- "Antagonism and Solidarity: Workingwomen and Sexual Reputation in Early Modern Paris."  
Society for French Historical Studies. Colorado Springs, CO, April 2015.
- "Toleration of Women's Adultery in Early Modern Paris." Ten-minute papers then roundtable  
discussion. Research Roundtable: "Women, Sex & the Courts in Early Modern Eurasia."  
American Historical Association. New York City, Jan. 2015.
- "How to Do It: Wives' Adultery and Early Modern 'Privacy' among Working People." Western  
Society for French History. San Antonio, TX, Nov. 2014.
- "Women's Role in Managing the Pre-industrial Urban Economy: The Case of Paris." Berkshire  
Conference on the History of Women. Toronto, May 2014.
- "The Revenge of the Washing Woman: Adultery, Testimony, and the Construction of 'Popular  
Norms.'" Western Society for French History. Atlanta, GA, Oct. 2013.
- "Overcoming all Barriers? Managing the Husband, the Lover, and Everything Else in Early  
Modern Paris." Society for French Historical Studies. Boston, MA, March 2013.
- "Living with Representations: Murder, Religious Identity, and a Used-Clothes Dealer in the Old  
Regime." Sixteenth Century Society and Conference. Cincinnati, Ohio, October 2012.
- "Toward an Integrated Understanding of Old Regime Patriarchy: The Example of Violence and  
Women's Standing in Criminal Court." Society for French Historical Studies. Los  
Angeles, California, March 2012.
- "Cultural Uses of Social Marginals: Theft, Religion, and Representations of Used-Clothes  
Dealers in Early Modern Paris." Sixteenth Century Society and Conference. Fort Worth,  
Texas, October 2011.
- "Religion, Crime and Order: The Struggle of a Used-Clothes Dealer and Her Colleagues in Early  
Modern Paris." Society for French Historical Studies, Charleston, SC, Feb. 2011.
- "The Power of Wives: Managing Money and Men in the Family Businesses of Early Modern  
Paris." Society for French Historical Studies. Tempe, Arizona, April 2010.

- “Forces Empowering Working Women: The Example of Peacekeeping in a Parisian Neighborhood under Louis XIV.” Western Society for French History. Quebec City, Quebec, Canada, November 2008.
- “Cash and Relations between Working Spouses in Late-Seventeenth-Century Paris.” Society for French Historical Studies. Urbana-Champaign, Illinois, April 2006.
- “Everyday Foundations of Riot: Group Identities and Outsiders in the Paris of Louis XIV.” Western Society for French History, Colorado Springs. Colorado, October 2005.
- “Sabines in the Streets: Working Women and the Control of Inter-Male Violence in the Paris of Louis XIV.” American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies. Boston, MA, Mar. 2004.
- “Creating Legal Consciousness: City Courts and a Faubourg of Late-Seventeenth-Century Paris.” Western Society for French History, Indianapolis, Indiana, November 2001.
- “Men’s Opposition to Violence in the Faubourg St.-Antoine, Paris, During the 1670s.” Society for French Historical Studies. Scottsdale and Tempe, Arizona, March 2000.
- “‘Au voleur! au meurtrier!’ Molière et les dépositions de témoins comme textes littéraires.” Centre International de Rencontres sur le XVII<sup>ème</sup> Siècle, Miami, Florida, April 1998.
- “Order and Neighborhood: A Microhistory of Social Regulation in the Age of Reason.” Western Society for French History. Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada, October 1997.

### **NON-JURIED PAPERS**

- “Chapter 3. Women’s Management of the Pre-industrial Urban Economy.” Faculty Colloquium, Department of History, University of Northern Colorado. Sept. 25, 2014.
- “Living with Anti-Jewish Representations: A Social and Cultural History for a Marginalized Woman in Early Modern Paris.” Faculty Colloquium, Department of History, UNCO. April 18, 2013.
- “Religion, Crime, and Social Representations: The Used-Clothing Dealers of Old-Regime Paris.” Greater Cincinnati French History Group. Cincinnati, Ohio, March 13, 2011.
- “Women’s Words and the Control of Inter-Male Violence in the Streets of a Parisian Faubourg Under Louis XIV.” Seminar on Women and Culture in the Early Modern World. The Humanities Center, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, May 3, 2007.

### **CONFERENCE PANELS ORGANIZED**

Accepted May 2020 > April 2021.

Renaissance Society of America with sponsored by the Society for the Study of Early Modern Women and Gender, Dublin (and virtual?). April, 2021.

Accepted but conference cancelled. Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Genders & Sexuality. Baltimore, Maryland; Johns Hopkins. May, 2020.

“Reconceptualizing Authority: Non-Elite Women in Early Modern England, France, and New Spain”

June 2017. Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Genders, & Sexualities. Hofstra U. “Women’s Adultery in the Sexual Cultures of Early Modern Korea and France.”

March 2016. Society for French Historical Studies. Nashville, TN.

“Amazons, Murderers, Neighborhood Toughs and Husband-Beaters: Women’s Use of Violence in Early Modern France.”

Jan. 2016. American Historical Association. Atlanta, GA.

Co-organized with Sanne Muurling (Leiden University, Netherlands).

Research roundtable preceded by ten-minute presentations.

- “Transgression, Gender & Community in Eurasia, 1600-1800.”  
Jan. 2015. American Historical Association. New York City.  
Research roundtable preceded by ten-minute presentations.  
“Women, Sex & the Courts in Early Modern Eurasia.”  
May 2014. Berkshire Conference on the History of Women. U. of Toronto.  
Co-organized with Dr. Hilda Smith (University of Cincinnati).  
“Working Women and Gender in Early Modern Europe & the British Atlantic.”  
March 2012. Society for French Historical Studies. Los Angeles, CA.  
“Women and the Law in Old Regime France.”  
“Women and Economic Power in Early Modern France.”  
Feb. 2011. Society for French Historical Studies. Charleston, SC.  
“Religious Minorities and Dissidents in Early Modern Paris.”  
April 2010. Society for French Historical Studies. Tempe, AZ.  
“Wives and Husbands: Business, Gender and Married Life in Early Modern France.”

### **PANELS CHAIRED BY INVITATION**

- [April 2021, Renaissance Society of America, Dublin (& virtual?)  
Panel: “Rethinking Sex Work in Early Modern Europe”]  
March 2016, Society for French Historical Studies, Nashville, TN  
Panel: “Forward Women and Their Contexts”  
October 2012, Sixteenth Century Society & Conference, Cincinnati, OH  
Panel: “Control of Dissent and Strategies of Evasion”  
October 2011, Sixteenth Century Society & Conference, Fort Worth, TX  
Panel: “Managing Violence and Dissent in Early Modern England and Germany”  
Panel: “Political and Religious Uses of Propaganda in Germany, France, and England”

### **PEER REVIEWING**

- Reviewer of journal article ms. “Out Front but Invisible: Women's work in Parisian guilds” for  
*Historická demografie* (July 2019).

### **SELECTED COURSES**

- European History survey, both halves  
World History survey, both halves  
The Atlantic World, 1500–1800 (Americas, Europe, West Africa)  
Introduction to History: Historical Research, Thinking, & Writing  
Sex & Gender in Modern Europe (since 1600) (*To 1600 also within teaching fields*)  
European Reformations: Religion and Society  
England & the World 1485-1690  
The European Enlightenment  
France/Empire/War to 1804  
Making of Modern France (1789–Present)  
Gender and History (*senior research seminar*)  
Early Modern Europe (*graduate level historiography seminar*)  
Graduate Writing Seminar

### **DOCTORAL COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS**

Sean Stephenson (Music). “Romantic Undertones in Revolutionary France: The Case for Tarare as Spark for the Revolution.” September 2019–Present.

### **SELECTED UNCO RESEARCH GRANTS.**

Summer 2015. Research, Dissemination & Faculty Development grant for research in France.

Spring 2015. Faculty Reassignment Awards (RSCW, one-course teaching reduction for research)

### **PRE-UNCO FUNDING**

The Bernadotte E. Schmitt Grant for Research in European, African, and Asian History.

American Historical Association, 1997.

Georges Lurcy Trust Fellowship for Research in France. University of Michigan, 1995–1996.

Arthur Lyon Cross Fellowship. University of Michigan, 1995.

Andrew W. Mellon Candidacy Fellowship. University of Michigan, 1994.

Regents Fellowship. University of Michigan, 1991–1994.

### **SERVICE**

#### **University of Northern Colorado**

##### **Department of History**

##### **Departmental Committee Memberships**

2019–present. Member, Graduate Committee.

2018–2019. Chairperson, Hewitt Committee.

2015–2017. Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee.

2012–2014, 2016–2017. Dept. Evaluation Committee:

Chairperson 2014

Member 2012–2014, 2016–2017.

2012–2015. Member, Bloch Holocaust & Byerly Award Committees.

2011–2015. Member, Graduate Studies Committee.

2012–2013. Member, Executive Committee (later abolished).

2011–2012. Member, Medieval Europe Search Committee.

##### **Other Departmental Service**

2020–present. Career Readiness Mentor.

2019–present. Faculty Advisor, History Club and Phi Alpha Theta.

2019 Spring. Mentor and evaluator for Adjunct Professor Chris Muscato.

2014–present. Primary author and presenter, “Major or Minor in History,” 30-minute PowerPoint presentation (15 slides) in selected history survey courses (8–10/year)

2012–present. Adviser to assigned History majors.

2019 Spring. Mentor and evaluator for Adjunct Professor Chris Muscato.

2018 Fall. Mentor and evaluator for Adjunct Professor Jamie Fogg.

2016–2017. Honors Program Liaison for History.

2013–2014. Presenter, “What You Can Do with a History Major.” History Career Fair.  
March 23, 2013 and April 17, 2014.

Spring 2012–Spring 2014. Keeper of the Minutes for departmental meetings.

##### **College and University**

2019–present. Co-Fellow for HSS to the Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative Collegiate Program.

2018–(2021). HSS Curriculum Committee.

2016–2018. Faculty Perceptions of Administrators Committee, HSS representative.  
Fall 2016. Interim faculty rep. on Student Senate (by invitation of Student Body President).  
2015–2016. AA/EO Coordinator, Film Studies and English searches.  
2014. HSS Undergraduate Success Cmt—3-year term but committee put on hold.  
2015. Finalist Judge for Undergraduate Humanities Poster Presentations. Research Day, Center for Honors Scholars and Leadership. April 9, 2015.  
2013–2015. Office of Undergraduate Research:  
Panelist representing the humanities. “Presenting at Research Day.” March 4, 2015.  
Presenter, “Workshop on Research in the Humanities.” One hour. Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014.  
2014, March. Graduate School Research Excellence Awards Judge (abstracts level).  
2012, Mar. 3. Judge, 17th Annual History Day Competition.

#### University of Cincinnati, Department of History

Director of Advising for the History Major, 2010-2011.  
Established The Hilda L. Smith Fund for the History of Women, 2011.  
Chair, Outreach and Events Committee, 2009-2010.  
Convener, Faculty Research Forum, 2009-2010.

#### Profession

2019. Member, Prize Committee, Western Society for French History (Gargan, Love, and Millstone paper prizes; Millstone travel fellowship).  
2014-2015. Member. Local Arrangements Committee, Society for French Historical Studies Annual Conference.

#### **AFFILIATIONS**

American Historical Association  
Berkshire Conference on the History of Women  
Society for French Historical Studies  
Society for the Study of Early Modern Women and Gender  
Western Society for French History

#### **LANGUAGES AND MAJOR EXPERIENCE ABROAD**

Languages:                      Fluent French. Basic German and Spanish.  
Major Experience Abroad:    England: 1970–1986 then annual family visits (U.S. citizen).  
   France: 1990–1991, 1995-1996 then near annual research trips.

#### **ABSTRACTS OF PUBLISHED WORK**

“Antisemitism in a City without Jews: Crime, Print and a Used-Clothes Dealer in Early Modern Paris.” *Cultural and Social History* 13, no. 4 (2016): 451-66.

Seventeenth-century Paris had not had a Jewish community for centuries, yet Parisians created and circulated textual, and occasionally visual, anti-Jewish representations. Parisians made these concrete by projecting them onto a group of Christians, the used-garment dealers. Parisians were able to avoid questioning their society’s moral and Christian identity by associating theft, deceit and murder with the supposedly non-Christian dealers. The article examines the historical background to this, analyses the representations and, through one dealer and her family, suggests

their social and legal impact. This contributes to our understanding of early modern anti-Jewish representations, views of crime, identity and marginalization.

“The Power of Wives: Managing Money and Men in the Family Businesses of Old Regime Paris.” In *Women and Work in Eighteenth-Century France*, edited by Daryl Hafter and Nina Kushner, 77-90. Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2015.

Men formally owned most of the family businesses of the pre-industrial urban economy. Their wives, however, played powerful and essential roles. These women bargained and sold the business's goods and services, received the money, kept it in a safe place, kept the accounts, decided on the small loans essential to keeping the economy running, paid employees, planned for the financial future and advance of the business, defused tensions among the men in the business, which were often over money, and, when necessary, used force, and mobilized that of others, to get paid. Wives' financial responsibilities and dealings with customers led them to manage in various ways the men in the business, including their husbands, and the over-arching framework in which the business ran and developed. Thus, to a significant extent, it was these women who were managing the pre-industrial, urban economy. The chapter draws on eye-witness testimonies given during various court cases, and some literary sources.

“Women and the Courts in the Control of Violence between Men: Evidence from a Parisian Neighborhood under Louis XIV.” *French Historical Studies* 33, no. 1 (2010): 1-31.

Exceptionally detailed court cases from a neighborhood in early modern Paris show that workingwomen routinely criticized and broke up men's fistfights and other violent altercations. The royal government was thus partly dependent on women to help regulate male behavior and maintain order. Forces empowering women here included the royal criminal courts, whose penalties for much inter-male violence gave men an incentive to acquiesce to women's intervention; women's use of language and physical force; and the protection provided by their close male kin. These forces also empowered women in many other nondomestic relations with men. The article deepens our understanding of early modern gender relations, royal criminal courts, and community self-regulation, as well as of workingwomen's roles, sources of empowerment, goals, and contribution to a key aspect of the “civilizing process.”