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## Education

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| PhD | **University of California, Berkeley**<br>History | 2014 |
| M.A. | **University of California, Berkeley**<br>History | 2009 |
| M.Ed. | **University of Florida**<br>Specialization: Education in the Social Sciences | 2007 |
| B.A. | **University of Florida**<br>History and English, French Minor, High Honors | 2006 |

## Employment

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| Assistant Professor | **University of Nevada, Reno**<br>Department of History | 2014-present |
| Affiliated Faculty | **Cybersecurity Center**<br>University of Nevada, Reno | 2015-present |
| Affiliated Faculty | **Ozmen Institute for Global Studies**<br>University of Nevada, Reno | 2018-present |

## Selected Publications

### Manuscripts

Church, C. *Hacking Justice: Vigilantes, Outcasts, and Miscreants from the High Seas to Cyberspace* (under contract, Potomac Books).

### Books

Church, C. (2017). *Paradise Destroyed: Catastrophe and Citizenship in the French Caribbean.* Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press.
**Winner of the Alf Andrew Heggoy Prize from the French Colonial Historical Society.**

### Peer-Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters

Church, C. (revision). "Rhythms of Catastrophe, Iterations of Inequity: Disaster Memory, Dislocation, and Disparity during Pelée's Eruption of 1929." *Environmental History.*

Church, C. and Hepworth, K. (2018). "Racism in the Machine: Visualization Ethics in Digital Humanities Projects." *Digital Humanities Quarterly,* 12(4).

Church, C. (2018). "Last Resort of the Slave: Fire and Labor in the Late Nineteenth-century French Caribbean." *French History,* 32(4).

Church, C. (2018). "The 1928 Hurricane in Florida and the Wider Caribbean." *Environmental Disaster in the Gulf South: Two Centuries of Catastrophe, Risk, and Resilience.* Ed. Cindy Ermus. Baton Rouge: LSU Press.

Church, C. (2014). "« Strikingly French » : Martinique, agitation ouvrière et politique métropolitaine au tournant du siècle." *Le mouvement social: Revue d'histoire sociale.* No. 248. Trans. Myriam Faten Sfar and Emmanuelle Saussier. Paris : La Découverte. pp. 109-124

Church, C. (2007). "Testament to Torture: The Gangrene Affair during the Algerian War." *Journal of Undergraduate Research (8),* 3. Gainesville: University of Florida.

### Book Reviews

Church, C. (forthcoming). "A review of *Profession explorateur* by Jehanne-Emmanuelle Monnier." *American Historical Review.*

Church, C. (forthcoming). "Roundtable on *Seismic City* by Joanna L. Dyl." *H-Environment Roundtable Reviews.*

Church, C. (forthcoming). "A review of *The Flood Year 1927* by Susan Scott Parrish." *Journal of Mississippi History.*

Church, C. (2019). "A review of *Cultivation and Catastrophe* by Sonya Posmentier." *New West Indian Guide.*

Church, C. (2019). "A review of *Locating Guyane,* eds. Sarah Wood and Catriona MacLeod." *H-France Review.*

Church, C. (2017). "A review of *Indian River Lagoon* by Nathaniel Osborn." *Journal of Southern History.* February 2017. vol. LXXXIII.

Church, C. (2014). "A review of *Creole Citizens of France: the Trans-Atlantic Politics of Antillean Education and the Creole Movement Since 1945* by Sara Moon McDermott Thompson."  *Dissertation Reviews.* <www.dissertationreviews.org>.

### Digital Humanities / Public Engagement

Church, C. (2018). "Hurricane Maria One Year Later: Big Water and the Spectre of Colonialism." *Age of Revolutions*. Peer-reviewed academic history blog. *(one of the top 10 most viewed articles for 2018):* https://ageofrevolutions.com/2018/09/17/hurricane-maria-one-year-later-big-water-and-the-spectre-of-colonialism/.

Church, C. (2018). "Disasters, Citizenship, and the Janus-Faced Nature of the French Revolution." *Age of Revolutions*. Peer-reviewed academic history blog. https://ageofrevolutions.com/2018/06/27/disasters-citizenship-and-the-janus-faced-nature-of-the-french-revolution/

Church, C. (2017). "Rhythms of Catastrophe, Iterations of Inequity: Disaster Memory, Dislocation, and Disparity during Pelée's Eruption of 1929." *H-France Salon*, Volume 9, Issue 26. http://www.h-france.net/Salon/Volume9.html

Church, C. (2017). "UNR history professor's letter to students about Charlottesville." *Reno Gazette-Journal*, 16 August 2017. https://www.rgj.com/story/opinion/voices/2017/08/16/unr-history-professors-letter-students-charlottesville/573647001/

Church, C. and Curtis, D. (2017). *Online Edition of the Journals of Alfred Doten, 1849-1903.* Website. http://dotendiaries.org

Saul, S., Bottini, W., Church, C., McGinnis, S., Tarr, A., Brown, C., Kronfeld, M., Muhammad, I.,Steiner, E., and Goldstine, E. (2014).*Pryor's Peoria.* Website. http://www.becomingrichardpryor.com/pryors-peoria/.

Church, C. (2013). "The Language of Citizenship and the Calculus of Disaster: Civic Duty and Economics following the 1891 Hurricane in the French Antilles." *H-France Salon*, Volume 5, Issue 11. http://www.h-france.net/Salon/h-francesalon.html

Church, C. (2012). "Gill Tract occupiers disregard democratic process." *Daily Californian.* 13 May 2012. http://www.dailycal.org/2012/05/13/gill-tract-occupiers-disregard-democratic-process/

### In the News

Luschei, S.  (2013). "When the book met the computer." *Daily Californian.* 14 November 2013. http://www.dailycal.org/2013/11/14/when-the-book-met-the-computer/

## Selected Invited Lectures, Conferences, and Presentations

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| "Preparing for the Professoriate: A Conversation on How to Realign Graduate Education with Careers in the Professoriate"<br>    AHA Career Diversity Initiative \| American Historical Association | January 2019 |
| "Neon Reno and Project-Based Digital Instruction: a Lightning Talk"<br>    Digital Projects Lightning Round \| American Historical Association | January 2019 |
| "Pirates and Hackers in Historical Perspective"<br>    Shaken and Stirred \| **Nevada Humanities Council / Nevada Arts Council** | October 2018 |
| "Hacking Justice: Vigilantism and Social Banditry from the High Seas to Cyberspace"<br>    Great Conversations \| **UNR College of Liberal Arts** | April 2018 |
| "Catastrophe and the Contours of Citizenship in the Nineteenth-Century French Caribbean"<br>    The Natural World in History \| **Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies** | April 2018 |
| "Vexations to the Flame: Labor and Alleged Incendiarism in the French Caribbean"<br>    Panel on Labor in the Colonies \| **Society for French Historical Studies** | March 2018 |
| "Thinking Race and Race Thinking around the "Francophone" Black Atlantic"<br>    Presidential Session \| **American Historical Association** | January 2018 |
| "Rhythms of Catastrophe, Iterations of Inequity: Disaster Memory, Dislocation, and Disparity during Pelée's Eruption of 1929." \| **Western Society for French History** | November 2017 |
| "Digitizing History: Project-Based Instruction for Digital (Non-)Natives."<br>    Teaching History in the 21st Century \| **UC Berkeley History-Social Science Project** | May 2017 |

"Visualizing Empire in the Age of Big Data: A Distant Reading of French Imperial Conquest, 1870-1914"          April 2017
　　Computing and the Practice of History | **University of California, Berkeley**

"History, Numbers, Numeracy: Opportunities and Obstacles in Quantitative and Digital History"          April 2016
　　Digital Humanities Panel | **Organization of American Historians**

"Economic Growth and Ecological Risk in Florida and the Wider Caribbean during the Roaring '20s"          February 2016
　　Atlantic Environments and the American South | **Rice University**

"Natural Language Processing and Optical Character Recognition: The View from the Humanities."          November 2015
　　Campus Conferences: Big Data | **University of Nevada, Reno**

"Catastrophe and Citizenship: Understanding French Colonial Culture using Computer-Assisted Techniques."          March 2014
　　Invited Lecture | **Eastern Illinois University**

"The Language of Citizenship and the Calculus of Disaster: Civic Duty and Economics          October 2013
following the 1891 Hurricane in the French Antilles.
　　Digital Humanities Panel | **Western Society for French History**

"La France et la question raciale dans les espaces tropicaux : les Antilles françaises sous la IIIème République"          March 2013
　　Invited Lecture  |  **Université Paris 8**

"Strikingly French: Labor Unrest, Metropolitan Politics, and Martinique at the Turn of the Century"          October 2012
　　History+ Conference | **University of California, Los Angeles**

"Cinders and Citizenship: Martinique and the Metropole in the Aftermath of the Great Fire of 1890"          October 2012
　　Panel on the History of the French Antilles | **Western Society for French History**

"Computing, the Practice of History, and the Digital Humanities at UC Berkeley"          June 2012
　　Digital Humanities Summer Institute | **University of Victoria, B.C., Canada**

"Building Databases for Humanities Research"          October 2011
　　The Humanities and Technology (THAT) Camp **| Google Campus: Mountain View, CA**

## Digital Humanities and Service Appointments

### Co-Director
*Nevada Center for Data and Design, University of Nevada, Reno*          2016-present
　　NDAD stands at the intersection of digital humanities, public history, and best design practices. Our
　　projects bring history alive via the latest advances in multimedia technology, including data-driven
　　visualizations, story-mapping, video, digital resource creation, and more.

### Outreach and Program Coordinator          2012 – 2014
*Social Science Data Lab (D-Lab), University of California, Berkeley*
　　I helped plan, build, and run a data-intensive social science laboratory on the model of a Silicon Valley start-up.
　　I also provided workshops and consultations, and helped build tech infrastructure to support scholarly research.

### Digital History Coordinator          2011 – 2012
*History Department, University of California, Berkeley*
　　I provided one-on-one consultations on research design, gave workshops, and facilitated access to digital
　　humanities events across campus. For instance, I built a database for one of my colleagues and taught her
　　to use network analysis to explore scientists' relationship to food in the 18th century.

## Teaching Experience

### Selected Courses

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| **HIST 300a: Digitizing History**<br>University of Nevada, Reno | Reno, NV | **HIST 224: Pirates and Hackers**<br>University of Nevada, Reno | Reno, NV |
| **HIST 370: The Cultural History of Disasters**<br>University of Nevada, Reno | Reno, NV | **CH202: The Modern World**<br>University of Nevada, Reno | Reno, NV |

**HIST 462: The French Revolution**
University of Nevada, Reno | Reno, NV

**HIST106: European Civilization, 1648 to present**
University of Nevada, Reno | Reno, NV

**HIST 308: Web Design for Social Engagement**
University of Nevada, Reno | Reno, NV

**HIST 104: Digital Literacy in the Humanities**
University of Nevada, Reno | Reno, NV

### Selected Workshops and Intensive Courses

**Ethical Data Visualization: Taming Treacherous Data**
University of Victoria, B.C. | Digital Humanities Summer Institute | Summer 2018, 2019

**Network Analysis and Data Flows**
University of California, Berkeley | Berkeley, CA | Summer 2015, Summer 2016, Summer 2017

**Text Analysis with Voyant Tools**
THATCamp Reno | Reno, NV | Spring 2018
Eastern Illinois University | Charleston, IL | Spring 2013

**Introduction to XML for Humanities and Social Science Research**
The D-Lab at the University of California, Berkeley | Berkeley, CA | Spring 2013

**Introduction to Databases for Primary Source Research**
The D-Lab at the University of California, Berkeley | Berkeley, CA | Spring 2013

**Social Network Analysis**
The D-Lab at the University of California, Berkeley | Berkeley, CA | Fall 2012

**Databases for Historians: a Workshop Series**
University of California, Berkeley | Berkeley, CA | Spring 2012

## Fellowships, Awards, and Honors

- HGA Distinguished Alumnus | University of California, Berkeley | 2019
- D-Lab Founding Fellow | Social Science Data Lab | University of California, Berkeley | 2019
- Alf Andrew Heggoy Book Prize for *Paradise Destroyed* | French Colonial Historical Society | 2018
- Mousel-Feltner Award for Excellence in Research | University of Nevada, Reno | 2018
- Nevada Humanities Grant for Online Edition of Doten's Diaries | Nevada Humanities Council | 2017
- National Science Foundation, Convergence HDR: Developing a Core Shared Framework for Cross-Disciplinary Visualization in the Big Data Sciences (*Proposal Recommended for Funding*) | 2017
- Pryor's Peoria, Five of 2014's Most Compelling Digital History Exhibits and Archives | Slate Magazine | 2014
- Association for Computers and the Humanities, Travel Bursary | 2013
- Digital Humanities Summer Institute, Tuition Scholarship | University of Victoria | 2012, 2013

## Digital and Computational Research Skills

- *Programming* – Python, C++, php, Visual Basic, Javascript, jQuery, XML, SQL, Ruby, R
- *Qualitative* – ATLAS.ti, Dedoose, Natural Language Toolkit, Voyant Tools
- *Quantitative* – R, Excel, Database Management Software (MS Access/Base)
- *Spatial Analysis* – ArcGIS, Quantum GIS, Google Earth, KML, Google Maps API
- *Network Analysis* – Gephi, NetLogo, Voyant Concordance Networks
- *Web 2.0* – Drupal, Wordpress, Elgg, Django, BASH, HTML, CSS, XML, XHTML, XSLT, XPATH, REST APIs, Web scraping
- *Operating Systems* – Microsoft Windows, Linux
- *Version Control* – GitHub

## Professional Organizations

American Historical Association          Western Society for French History          French Colonial Historical Society