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Education

Doctor of Philosophy, History, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan

Master of Arts, History, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan

Bachelor of Arts, Communications, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Experience (brief)

Professor, History Department, Delta Community College, University Center, MI, 2010-present.
Tenure, granted July 1, 2015. *Discipline Coordinator/Chair*, January 2015-present.

Professional/Institutional Service

Current (brief)

History Discipline, *Coordinator*, Delta College, 2015-present. Delta refers to discipline chairs as coordinators.

Humanities Learning Center, *Advisory Board Member*, 2021-present; *Director*, Delta College, 2015-2021.

Historical Society of Saginaw Board of Directors, *Executive Committee*, 2020-present;
Chairperson, October, 2017-2020; *Vice-Chairperson*, January, 2017-October, 2017.

Board of Editors, *Michigan Historical Review*, 2019-present (term ends in 2022).

International Travel Committee, *Member*, Delta College, 2019-present.

Women's History Month Committee, *Member*, Delta College, 2006-present.

International Travel/Study Scholarship Committee, *Member*, Delta College, 2018-present.

Previous

Michigan American Council of Education Women's Network, *Institutional Representative*, Delta College, 2018-2020.

Delta College Senate, *Elected Senator*, Delta College, 2012-2014, 2017-2020, *Senator Alternate*, 2015-2016.

Sabbatical Leaves and Grants Committee, *Elected Member*, Delta College, 2017-2020.

Wayne State University Alumni Advisory Board, *Member*, 2017- 2020.

American Association of University Professors—Delta College chapter, *Past-President*, 2016-2018, *President*, 2014-2016.

American Historical Association, Tuning Project, *Member*, 2015-2016.

Historical Society of Michigan, Annual Conference, *Planning Committee Member*, 2015.

NPR Public Radio Advisory Board, *Member*, Delta College, 2013-2016.

Presentations

--A selection of the 50+ scholarly presentations I have given in the past decade

Speaker, “Mixing It Up: Michigan Barmaids Fight for Civil Rights,” Castle Museum After Hours, Historical Society of Saginaw County, July 21, 2022.

Moderator, “Performing and (Re) imaging Medieval England,” 36th Annual International Conference on Medievalism, Virtual Conference, November 5, 2021.

Panelist, “Pleibol: In the Barrios and the Big Leagues—Intergenerational Stories of Latinos/as Baseball in Saginaw, Michigan,” Smithsonian Institute, Virtual Roundtable, March 31, 2021.

Speaker, “Women Fight for the Vote,” Humanities Learning Center Brown Bag, Delta College, Michigan, virtual program launched September 15, 2020, <https://youtu.be/rWJ9B68kKv4>.

Speaker, “Misbehaving Women: Civil and Uncivil Reactions to Sexism,” American Association of University Women, Saginaw, Michigan, March 16, 2019.

Speaker, “Florentine Holiday—Travel Like the Roaming Historian,” private talk for Wayne State University patrons, Detroit, Michigan, (scheduled March 31, 2019).

Speaker, “From Stockbroker to Professor to Roaming Historian,” AHA Career Diversity Series, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan, November 5, 2018.

Speaker, “Heart of the Renaissance: Historical Sites & Culture in Florence, Italy,” Humanities Learning Center Brown Bag, Delta College, Michigan, April 9, 2018.

Presenter, “Blogging as a Form of Historical Writing in the Online Classroom,” THATCamp, Delta College, Michigan, August 21, 2017.

Speaker, “The Struggle for Women’s Suffrage,” The March Continues Political Action Group, Saginaw, Michigan, September 16, 2017.

Speaker, “Alice Freeman Palmer: Her Life,” Saginaw Community Group, Michigan, April 2, 2017.

Speaker, “Labor Law and Women’s History,” The March Continues Political Action Group, Saginaw, Michigan, March 4, 2017.

Speaker, "Travel Through History in Italy," Humanities Learning Center, Delta College, Michigan, February 22, 2017.

Guest Scholar, "Labor Law and the 1885 Saginaw Valley Lumber Strike," Saginaw County Historical Association, Michigan, July 12, 2016.

Speaker, "Publishing and Conducting and Oral History in the Digital Age," Bay County Genealogical Association, Bay City, Michigan, March 9, 2016.

Invited Presenter, "The Many Careers of the History PhD," American Historical Association, Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, January 8, 2016.

Speaker, "The Economic Crisis of 1929," Public Broadcasting Service event, Delta College, Michigan, December 17, 2015.

Presenter, "Last Call: Barmaids Fight for Equal Rights," Historical Society of Michigan State Conference, Saginaw, Michigan, September 26, 2015.

Presenter, "Immigration to Michigan: Uncovering Family History," LifeLong Learning Workshop, Delta College, Michigan, May 5, 2015.

Speaker, "Women Who Dared," Lunch and Learn Series, Historical Society of Saginaw, Michigan, March 3, 2015.

Presenter, "Digital Pedagogy for History: Lightning Round," American Historical Association Annual Meeting, New York, New York, January 3, 2015.

Speaker, "Scandals of the 1920s," Public Broadcasting Service event, Delta College, Michigan, December 18, 2014.

Speaker, "*Goesaert v. Cleary*: Michigan Women Fight for Civil Rights," Humanities Learning Center Brown Bag Series, Delta College, September 24, 2014.

Guest Speaker, "Misbehaving Women: a History," Frankenmuth Historical Society, Michigan, July 24, 2014.

Presenter, "Banners and Battles: the War of 1812," Humanities Learning Center, Delta College, Michigan, February 14, 2014.

Mentor, "Interviewing in the Job Market in the Twenty-First Century," American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., January 3, 2014.

Presenter, "The Power to Protect Themselves: Michigan Workers' Attempts for Protective Labor Legislation," Humanities Learning Center Colloquium Series, Delta College, November 6, 2013.

Television and Radio Scholarship

--A selection of my 30+ television and radio appearances

Narrator and Content Creator, *Historia*, a weekly history program on local Public Broadcasting Service/NPR radio station, FM 90.1, runs twice weekly. For this program, I create my own history stories, as well as read pieces written by other historians.

Radio pieces, "Noted Women in American History," local Public Broadcasting Service/NPR radio station, FM 90.1, ran twice weekly for month of March 2018.

Guest expert, *The Follow-Up*, (a news program discussing current topics) local Public Broadcasting Service television station, Q-TV, October 24, 2017.

Panelist, *Currently Speaking: a Program of Public Opinion*, local Public Broadcasting Service television station, Q-TV, December 13, 2016. This was final airing of the show; I appeared on the show as a regular commentator for three seasons.

Radio piece, "Ford's \$5 Day: Attempts to Americanize Workers," local Public Broadcasting Service/NPR radio station, FM 90.1, ran twice weekly for month of October 2015.

Radio piece, "The Riots of 1967," local Public Broadcasting Service/NPR radio station, FM 90.1, ran twice weekly for month of July 2015.

Panelist, Interview with author of *The Divide: American Injustice in the Age of the Wealth Gap*-- Matt Taibbi, *Currently Speaking: a Program of Public Opinion*, local Public Broadcasting Service television station, Q-TV, March 24, 2015.

Consultant and on-camera scholar, *Settling In: Immigrants and Cultures that Built Mid-Michigan*, documentary on immigration, local Public Broadcasting Service television station, Q-TV, debuted February 28, 2015.

Radio piece, "Michigan's 1912 Workmen's Compensation Law," local Public Broadcasting Service/NPR radio station, FM 90.1, ran twice weekly for month of January 2015.

Radio piece, "*Goesaert v. Cleary*: Michigan Women Fight for Civil Rights," local Public Broadcasting Service/NPR radio station, FM 90.1, ran twice weekly for month of September 2014.

Radio piece, "Title IX," local Public Broadcasting Service/NPR radio station, FM 90.1, ran twice weekly for month of March 2014.

Radio piece, "The 1919 Black Sox Scandal," local Public Broadcasting Service/NPR radio station, FM 90.1, ran twice weekly for month of November 2013.

Radio piece, "1885 Saginaw Valley Lumber Strike," local Public Broadcasting Service/NPR radio station, FM 90.1, ran twice weekly for month of June 2013.

Radio piece, "Women Who Dared to Fight for Civil Rights," local Public Broadcasting Service/NPR radio station, FM 90.1, ran twice weekly for month of March 2013.

Radio piece, "1937 Flint Sit-Down Strikes," local Public Broadcasting Service/NPR radio station, FM 90.1, ran twice weekly for month of November 2013.

Digital Scholarship

"Roaming Historian" website, *Creator and Content Writer*, 2015-present. Website encourages travel to and study of the history of diverse sites, cities, and cultures. URL: <http://roaminghistorian.com>

"Women Who Dared" website, *Creator and Content Writer*, 2014-present. Website highlights women who stepped out of their cultural confines to forward a more equitable society. It is potentially used as a tool to help recruit female students into male-dominated programs. URL: <http://womenwhodared.omeka.net/>

"Tri-Counties Oral History Digital Website," Delta Community College, *Creator and Director*, 2008-present. This website contains oral histories taken by Delta College students, as well as other print materials donated to the website. Transcriptions and audio recordings for oral histories are held at Delta College Archives. URL: <http://app.delta.edu/OralHistory/>.

Publications

Articles

French, Amy Holtman. "Gross Discrimination: Michigan's Barmaid Ban," *The Court Legacy* 23:1 (November 2016): 1-8.

French, Amy Holtman. "Mixing It Up: Michigan Barmaids Fight for Civil Rights." *The Michigan Historical Review*, 40:1 (Spring 2014): 27-48.

Book Reviews

French, Amy Holtman. "Freed Laborers in the Reconstruction South." Review of Baker, Bruce E. and Brian Kelly eds. *After Slavery: Race, Labor, and Citizenship in the Reconstruction South*. H-SHGAPPE, August 2014. URL: <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=41276>

Digital

French, Amy Holtman. "We've Come a Long Way...Maybe." *The Currently Speaking Blog*, October 20, 2015. URL: www.deltabroadcasting.org/blogs/currently-speaking

French, Amy Holtman. "Rewriting History." *The Currently Speaking Blog*, March 10, 2015. URL: www.deltabroadcasting.org/blogs/currently-speaking

_____. "Goesaert v. Cleary (1948)." *My Favorite History Source Blog*, January 11, 2015. URL: www.myfavoritesource.tumblr.com

Manuscript/Dissertation

French, Amy Holtman. *The Power to Protect Themselves': Gender, Protective Labor Legislation, and Public Policy in Michigan, 1883-1913*. Proquest Publications, 2013.

Editorial Experience

Visions of America, Volumes One and Two, Pearson/Longman Press, 2010, multi-chapter reviewer. I am acknowledged in this textbook under the “Reviewer” section.

Michigan Historical Review, Editor, 2019-present.

Honors

--A selection of the academic honors I have received

Rollin Gerstacker Award for Innovative Use of Technology in Teaching, Delta College, 2020.

American Association of University Professors Governance Award, Delta College Chapter, 2017.

Institutional Excellence Award, Liberal Arts Network for Development, (on behalf of Delta College’s Humanities Learning Center that I co-created), 2017.

Laughner Award for Creative Change and the League for Innovation Award, Delta College, 2014.

Karen MacArthur Endowed Teaching Chair Award, Delta College, 2013.

American Association of University Professors Exceptional Service Award, Delta College Chapter, 2012.

Robert DeVinney Endowed Teaching Chair Award, Delta Community College, 2008.

Research Interests

My work integrates the fields of American labor, gender, and legal history, challenging current assumptions, and exploring layperson’s presumptions of the legal system and rights.

Professional Affiliations

American Historical Association

Historical Society of Michigan

Organization of American Historians