

ALEXANDER, Robert S.

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

## FACULTY CURRICULUM VITAE

**Date:** May 2024

Robert Alexander  
Faculty of Humanities: History

### EDUCATION/DEGREES

B.A., History, University of Western Ontario	1977
M.A., History, University of Toronto	1981
Ph.D., History, University of Cambridge	1987
M.A. Thesis: "Vauban and Absolutism"	
Ph.D. Thesis: "The French Federations of 1815"	

### MAJOR FIELD(S) OF SCHOLARLY OR PROFESSIONAL INTEREST

Modern French Social and Political History  
Modern European History

### MEMBERSHIPS AND OFFICES HELD IN LEARNED AND PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

Member, Society for French Historical Studies  
Member, Society for the Study of French History  
Member, Western Society for French History  
Office, C.H.A. Committee for the Learned's Conference at Victoria, 1989-90  
Review Board of *Napoleonica: the journal*, 2022-

### SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, HONOURS, AND AWARDS

1975-77, Dean's Honours List  
1978-80, Ontario Graduate Student Scholarship  
1982-85, St. John's College (Cambridge) Studentship  
1982-86, SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship  
1989-90, SSHRC General Research Grant  
1989-91, SSHRC Research Grant  
1992-94, SSHRC Research Grant  
1992-93, SSHRC General Research Grant  
1994-95, SSHRC General Research Grant  
1995-96, SSHRC General Research Grant  
1996-97, SSHRC Conference Travel Grant

1997-98, SSHRC General Research Grant  
2006, SSHRC General Research Grant  
2014-15 Internal Research Grant  
2015-16 Internal Research Grant

### APPOINTMENTS AT UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

1988-91	Assistant Professor	History
1991-2002	Associate Professor w/Tenure	History
2002-22	Full Professor	History
2022-4	Emeritus & Adjunct Professor	History

### SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

#### Articles

“The Fédérés of Dijon in 1815,” Historical Journal 30, 2 (1987): 367-90.

“The Federation of 1815 and the Continuity of Anti-Bourbon Personnel,” Proceedings of the Western Society for French History 17 (1990): 286-94.

“Restoration Republicanism Reconsidered,” French History, v. 8, n. 4 (Dec. 1994), pp. 442-69.

“The Hero as Houdini: Napoleon and Nineteenth-Century Bonapartism”, Modern and Contemporary France, 8, n. 4 (Nov. 2000), pp. 457-67.

“Five Recent Works on French Political History from 1789 to 1851”, a review article published in The Historical Journal, 46, 3 (2003), pp. 765-73.

“Party Formation and the Provincial Liberal Opposition Press During the Second Bourbon Restoration”, *Select Papers of the Consortium on Revolutionary Europe* (2005).

#### Books, Chapters, and Monographs

H. A. C. Collingham, The July Monarchy: A Political History of France, edited by R. S. Alexander (London and New York: Longman, 1988).

R. S. Alexander, Bonapartism and Revolutionary Tradition in France (Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press, 1991).

“Napoleon Bonaparte and the French Revolution,” in P. Pilbeam, ed., Themes in Modern European History, 1780-1830 (Routledge, 1995), pp. 40-64.

“No, Minister: French Restoration Rejection of Authoritarianism,” in D. Laven and L. Riall, eds., Napoleon's Legacy (Berg, 2000), pp. 29-47.

R. S. Alexander, Napoleon, (London: Arnold, 2001).

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**Papers, Lectures, and Addresses**

“Continuity of Revolutionary Personnel: The fédérés of Dijon and Rennes,” paper read at the Historical Institute (London), early modern and modern European sections. December 1987.

“The Federations of 1815 and the Continuity of Anti-Bourbon Personnel, 1789-1830,” paper given at the 68th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Historical Association (1-3 June 1989) at Laval University, Quebec.

“The Federations of 1815 and the Continuity of Anti-Bourbon Personnel, 1789-1830,” paper given at the Annual Meeting of the Western Society for French History (19 October 1989) at New Orleans, U.S.A.

“Revolutionary Bonapartism and the Middle Class in Restoration Toulouse,” paper given at the 37th Annual Conference of the Society for French Historical Studies (21-23 March 1991) at Vancouver.

“Republicanism during the Second Restoration,” paper given at the 38th Annual Conference of the Society for French Historical Studies (19-21 March 1992) at El Paso, Texas.

“Revolutionary Bonapartism,” paper given at the Historical Institute (London, England) on 1 June 1992.

“Ideology Confronts Church and State in the July Monarchy,” commentary given at the 20th Annual Conference of the Western Society for French Society (21-24 October 1992) at Orcas Island, Washington.

“Benjamin Constant and the Liberals of Strasbourg,” paper given at the annual conference of the Society for the Study of French History (April 1995) at Lancaster, U.K..

“Unenlightened Administrative Despotism in Restoration France,” paper given to the Napoleon's Legacy conference (April 1997) at the Historical Institute, London, U.K.

“Liberty and Repression in Restoration France: Blocking the Drive towards Administrative Despotism, 1814-1830,” paper given at the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for French Historical Studies (March 1998) at Ottawa, Canada.

“Whose Waterloo? The Napoleonic Saviour Defeats the Napoleonic Ogre,” delivered to the 48<sup>th</sup>

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Eighteenth Century”, delivered at the XXIXth annual conference of the Canadian Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (October 2003) at Vancouver.

Professorial Lecture entitled “Rethinking Revolutionary tradition’, delivered to the Humanities Centre, University of Victoria, 26 November 2003.

"The Political role of the Provincial Liberal Opposition Press during the Bourbon Restoration", delivered to the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Consortium on Revolutionary Europe 1750-1850 (February 2004) at High Point University, North Carolina.

“Il s’agit pour eux d’être ou de ne pas être: France debates military intervention in Spain in 1823”, delivered at annual conference of the Society for French Historical Studies at Montreal, 25 April 2014.

"Modern Alchemy: the combination of nationalist and internationalist discourses in French public debate over military intervention in Spain in 1822-3", delivered at the annual conference of the Society for the Study of French History at the University of St Andrews, Scotland, 30 June 2015.

"Modern Alchemy: Nationalist and Internationalist Discourses in French Public Debate over Military Intervention, 1820-1833", delivered to the History Department Works in Progress Seminar Series, 27 November 2015.

"Polar Opposites? Nationalist and Internationalist Discourses in French Public Debate over Military Intervention in Spain, 1822-3", delivered to the George Rudé Seminar at the University of Western Sydney, Australia, 16 July 2016.

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- One review of a proposed article for the Canadian Journal of History, 1996.
- Two reviews of proposed articles for French Historical Studies, 1996.
- Wrote an assessment of Sylvia Neely's Scholarship for the Department of History, Pennsylvania State University, 1998.
- Review of a book proposal for Cambridge University Press, 2000.
- Review of Proposed article for French History, 2002.
- Review of two proposed articles for *The Historical Journal* (2005).
- Review of a Killam Fellowship application (2005).
- Review of a proposed monograph for McGill-Queens Press (2007).
- Review of a book proposal for Blackwell (2007).
- Review of a proposed article for French History (2007).
- Review of a proposed article for *French Historical Studies* (2008).
- Review of book proposal for Cambridge University Press (2009).
- Review of book proposal for Palgrave MacMillan (2009).
- Review of book manuscript for Palgrave MacMillan (2011)
- Review of proposed article for *European History Quarterly* (2011)
- Review of proposed article for *French History* (2012)
- Review of two applications for promotion to full professor (at the University of Regina and at Dalhousie University) (2012)
- Attended 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Western Society for French History at Banff, Alberta, in October 2012.
- Review of Proposed Article for *History of Political Thought* (2013)
- Review of Proposed Article for *French History* (2013)
- Review of Proposed Article for *Journal of Military History* (2015)
- Review of Proposed Article for *French History* (2015)
- Review of Proposed Article for *Diplomacy and Statecraft* (2016)
- Review of Proposed Article for *French History* (2016)
- Review of Proposed Article for *Intellectual History Review* (2017)
- Review of Proposed Article for *Napoleonica: the journal* (2023)

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**TEACHING DUTIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA**

**Courses Taught**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Hours/Week</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>No. of Students</b>
1988/89	240/Y01	3	both	25

<b>Year</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Hours/Week</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>No. of Students</b>
	370A/F01	3	fall	22
	370B/S01	3	spring	16
	371A/S01	3	spring	16
	518/F01	3	fall	1
1997/98	240/Y02	3	both	60
	363/F01	3	fall	35
	364A/S01	3	spring	18
1998/99	240/Y01	3	spring	65
	363/S01	3	spring	32
	371A/S01	3	spring	18
1999/2000	240/Y01	3	both	65
	370A/F01	3	fall	35
	370B/S01	3	spring	32
	364B/S01	3	spring	18
2000-2001	240/Y01	3	both	65
	370B/F01	3	fall	34
	363/S01	3	spring	36
	371B/S01	3	spring	18
	519	2	spring	1
2001-2002	240/Y01	3	fall	65
	364A/F01	3	fall	21
2002-2003	363/F01	3	fall	40
	370A /F01	3	fall	40
	504A/F01	3	fall	3
	370B/S01	3	spring	40
	371A/S01	3	spring	20
2003-2004	240/Y01	3	both	64
	370B/F01	3	fall	40
	364B/F01	3	fall	20
	363/S01	3	spring	40
	495		both	1
2004-2005	240/Y01	3	both	60
	370A/F01	3	fall	40
	371B/F01	3	fall	20
	370B/S01	3	spring	40
	496		both	1
2005-2006	363/S01	3	spring	34
	364A/S01	3	spring	15
	504B/S01	3	spring	7
2006	240 Y01	3	fall	53
	370A F01	3	fall	34
2007-8	371A	3	spring	15



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<b>Year</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Hours/Week</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>No. of Students</b>
	240 Y01	3	spring	53
	496		both	1
	240 Y01	3	fall	55
	504B	3	fall	7

<b>Year</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Hours/Week</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>No. of Students</b>
	504B	3	spring	6
	240A	3	fall	49
	342B	3	fall	41
2018	342C	3	winter	34
	445A	3	winter	9
	342B	3	fall	22
	347A	3	fall	16
2019	240B	3	winter	29
	340A	3	winter	34
	490	3	winter	1
	240A	3	fall	43
	342C	3	fall	44
2020	340A	3	fall	38
	342B	3	fall	34
2021	342C	3	fall	29
	240B	3	spring	23
	445A	3	spring	16

### Graduate Student Supervision

<b>Year</b>	<b>Student</b>	<b>Degree Program</b>	<b>Type of Supervision</b>
1992-93	Jonathan Hawkins	M.A. History	(2)
1993-94	Denise Reynaud	M.A. English	(3)
1996	Kelly Eakins	M.A. Geography	(4)
1995-99	Stuart Kernaghan	M.A. History	(1)
1999	Brent Watson	Ph.D. History	(4)
1996-99	Samantha Hartley	M.A. History	(1)
2000-02	Dawn Dodds	M.A. History	(1)
2001	Andrea Lloyd	M.A. Geography	(4)
2002	Matthew Bera	M.A. History	(2)
2002	Elizabeth Sutherland	M.A. Political Science	(4)
2003-05	Valerie Deacon	M.A. History	(1)
2002-05	John Sterk	M.A. History	(2)
2004-06	Bronwen Magrath	M.A. History	(1)
2005	Peter Diamente	M.Sci. Chemistry	(4)
2006	Nicolas Jolicoeur	PhD, History (U. Montreal)	(3)
2007	S. Tedesko-Preston	M.A. French	(3)

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<b>Year</b>	<b>Student</b>	<b>Degree Program</b>	<b>Type of Supervision</b>
2016-19	Max Cameron	M.A. History	(1)
2019-23	Francis Fang	M.A. History	(1)

- \* (1) Chairman of supervisory committee (i.e. supervisor or co-supervisor);  
 (2) Member of supervisory committee;  
 (3) External examiner (indicate if at another university); or  
 (4) Chairman of examination committee.

## ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

### Department Committees and Responsibilities

1988-89	Library Committee
1989-90	Library Committee ARPT Committee
1990-91	Honours Committee
1991-92	Majors Advisor ARPT Committee
1992-93	Majors Advisor ARPT Committee
1993-94	Majors Advisor
1995-96	ARPT Committee
1996-97	Graduate Committee

1993-94	Majors Advisor.165	TD.0006	n1(ittee )TJ-9	-1.165	TD0
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2000-2001	Library Committee ARPT Committee
2002-2003	Chair Search Committee Graduate Committee
2003	Majors Advisor
2003-04	Majors Advisor ARPT Committee

