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Education

University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA **2001-2009**

05/2009 **PhD** in History
Dissertation: "A Colonial Fountain of Youth: Imperialism and France's
Crisis of Depopulation, 1870-1940"
Thesis Director: Dr. Jennifer Sessions
12/2002 **MA** in History

Occidental College, Los Angeles, CA **1996-2000**

05/2000 **BA** in Diplomacy and World Affairs; Minor in French
1998-99 Junior year abroad at the Université de Haute Bretagne, Rennes II
All classes taken in French

Academic Employment

University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

2026 – Present Professor of History
2016-2026 Associate Professor of History
2009-2016 Assistant Professor of History

Augustana College, Rock Island, IL

Spring, 2009 Visiting Instructor

University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

2007-2009 Coordinator of the History Writing Center
2002-05; 2006-09 Graduate Instructor
2001-02 Research Assistant

Publications

Books

Andersen, Margaret Cook. *Fertile Expectations: The Politics of Involuntary Childlessness in Twentieth-Century France*. Manchester, UK: Manchester University Press, 2025.

Andersen, Margaret Cook and Melissa Byrnes, editors. *Fertility, Family, and Social Welfare between France and Empire – The Colonial Politics of Population*. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2023.

Andersen, Margaret Cook. *Regeneration through Empire: French Pronatalists and Colonial Settlement in the Third Republic*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2015.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Andersen, Margaret. "The Politics of Population in the French State" In *The Oxford Handbook of Modern French History* (under contract)

Cook Andersen, Margaret. "Childhood and Family in European Overseas Empires, 1850–1945." In *Oxford Bibliographies in Modern European History*. Ed. Monica Black. New York: Oxford University Press, (forthcoming).

Andersen, Margaret. "Gender." In *The Oxford Handbook of Modern Transimperial History* (forthcoming)

Andersen, Margaret. "An 'ingenious' innovation for a pronatalist age: Artificial insemination and French demographic concerns." In *The Routledge Handbook of the Belle Epoque* (forthcoming)

Andersen, Margaret Cook. "Lipiodol and Fertility Medicine in Interwar Colonial Algeria." In *Fertility, Family, and Social Welfare between France and Empire – The Colonial Politics of Population*, edited by Margaret Andersen and Melissa Byrnes. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2023.

Andersen, Margaret Cook and Melissa Byrnes. "Introduction" In *Fertility, Family, and Social Welfare between France and Empire – The Colonial Politics of Population*, edited by Margaret Andersen and Melissa Byrnes. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2023.

Andersen, Margaret. "'Denied the Joys of Motherhood': Infertility and Medicine in French Interwar Advice Columns" *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* 97, no. 4 (Winter 2023): 560-84.

Andersen, Margaret. "Kinderreicher Familien or Famille Nombreuse? Pronatalism in Interwar Alsace" *French History* 34, no. 1 (March 2020), 63–81.

Andersen, Margaret. "Race, Migration, and Fears of Communism in 1948 Morocco" *Journal of Contemporary History* 55, no. 1 (2020) 145-160.

Andersen, Margaret Cook. "The *Office de la Famille Française*: Familialism and the National Revolution in 1940s Morocco" *French Politics, Culture, and Society* 34, no. 3 (Winter 2016): 44-62.

Andersen, Margaret Cook. "French Settlers, Familial Suffrage, and Citizenship in 1920s Tunisia" *Journal of Family History* 37, no. 2 (April 2012): 213-31.

Andersen, Margaret Cook. "Creating French Settlements Overseas: Pronatalism and Colonial Medicine in Madagascar" *French Historical Studies* 33, no. 3 (Summer 2010): 417-44.

Other Articles

Andersen, Margaret. "Baby Boom or Bust?" *History Today* (July, 2021) 13-15.

Andersen, Margaret Cook. "Beneath the Pavement the Beach: Paris in 1968" (published online 2020) UT Department of History: Series on Global Histories of Protest, Violence, and Race. <https://history.utk.edu/beneath-the-pavement-the-beach-paris-in-1968/>

Andersen, Margaret Cook. "Luxury or Right? Artificial Insemination by Donor in 1970s France" *Nursing Clio* (April 9, 2020) <https://nursingclio.org/2020/04/09/luxury-or-right-artificial-insemination-by-donor-in-1970s-france/>

Andersen, Margaret Cook, "Family Allowances and the Principle of Universalism in Post-War Morocco" *Europe Now* (published on-line March 1, 2018) <https://www.europenowjournal.org/2018/02/28/family-allowances-and-the-principle-of-universalism-in-post-war-morocco/>

Andersen, Margaret Cook. "Histoire des politiques natalistes à Madagascar" *Africa4 : Regards croisés sur l'Afrique* published on-line by *Libération* July 27, 2016 https://www.liberation.fr/debats/2016/07/27/histoire-des-politiques-natalistes-a-madagascar_1816900/

Andersen, Margaret Cook. "Barnave, Antoine"; "Grégoire, Henri"; "Haitian Revolution"; "Toussaint l'Ouverture, Pierre Dominique." In Gregory Fremont-Barnes edition *Encyclopedia of the Age of Political Revolutions and New Ideologies, 1760-1815* Oxford: Greenwood Press, 2007.

Book Reviews

Review of *Transnational Coupling in the Age of Nation Making during the 19th and 20th Centuries* by Nicole Leopoldie *Connections* (May 13, 2026) https://www.connections.clio-online.net/publicationreview/id/reb-157094?utm_source=con&utm_medium=htmlnl&utm_campaign=mailings-2026-5&utm_content=subject

Review of *Quand nos grand-mères donnaient la vie: La maternité en France dans l'entre-deux-guerres* by Françoise Thébaud *H-France* Vol. 25:85 (November 25)

Review of *Mother Trouble: Mediations of White Maternal Angst after Second Wave Feminism* by Miranda Brady George *L Mosse Blog, University of Wisconsin Madison* (March 3, 2025). <https://mosseprogram.wisc.edu/2025/03/03/andersen/>

Review of *America's French Orphans: Mobilization, Humanitarianism, and the Protection of France, 1914-1921* by Emmanuel Destenay *French History* 39, No. 1 (March 2025).

Review of *Empire Unbound: France and the Muslim Mediterranean, 1880-1918* by Gavin Murray-Miller, *Nineteenth-Century French Studies* 52, No. 1-2 (2023).

Review of *Reproductive Citizens: Gender, Immigration, and the State in Modern France, 1880-1945* by Nimisha Barton *French Politics, Culture, and Society* 40, No. 2 (Summer 2022): 135-137.

Review of *Les Circulations européennes à l'âge des empires coloniaux au XIX^e siècle* by Virginie Chaillou-Atrous and Françoise Le Jeune eds. *H-France* 21, No. 96 (June 2021).

Compte revue de *Gouverner les Mœurs: La Lutte contre l'avortement en France, 1890-1950* par Fabrice Cahen *Clio. Femmes, Genre, Histoire* 50 (December 2019).

Review of *Madeleine's Children: Family, Freedom, Secrets, and Lies in France's Indian Ocean Colonies* by Sue Peabody *English Historical Review* 134, No. 568 (April, 2019).

Review of *The Colonial Politics of Global Health: France and the United Nations in Postwar Africa* by Jessica Lynne Pearson *H-Diplo* (February 2019).

Review of *Citizenship and Antisemitism in French Colonial Algeria, 1870-1962* by Sophie B. Roberts *H-Diplo* (July, 2018).

Review of *Childbirth, Maternity, and Medical Pluralism in French Colonial Vietnam, 1880-1945* by Thuy Linh Nguyen *American Historical Review* 123, No. 3 (June 2018): 931-932.

Review of *Medical Imperialism in French North Africa: Regenerating the Jewish Community in Colonial Tunis* by Richard C. Parks *H-France* 17, No. 241 (December 2017).

Review of *A Frenchwoman's Imperial Story: Madame Luce in Nineteenth-Century Algeria* by Rebecca Rogers *H-France* 14, No. 89 (Summer 2014).

Review of *Eyes to the South: French Anarchists and Algeria* by David Porter *African Conflict and Peacebuilding Review* 3, No. 1 (2013).

Recent Awards

2022	University of Tennessee Humanities Center Book Proposal Workshop
2021	University of Tennessee Humanities Center Manuscript Review Program
2020	University of Tennessee, Professional and Scholarly Development Award
2018	American Philosophical Society, Franklin Research Grant
2018	University of Tennessee, Riggsby Research Funds
2017-18	University of Tennessee Humanities Center Fellowship
2017	University of Tennessee, Professional and Scholarly Development Award
2015	Quest Scholar of the Week, April 2015
2014	University of Tennessee, Professional Development Award
2012	National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Stipend
2010	University of Tennessee, Professional Development Award
2006	University of Iowa, Graduate College Summer Fellowship

2005-06	University of Iowa, T. Anne Cleary International Research Grant
2005-06	University of Iowa, Department of History, Laurence Lafore Fellowship
2005	Council for European Studies at Columbia University, Florence Gould pre-dissertation research grant
2005	University of Iowa, Stanley International Research Grant
2005	University of Iowa, Student Government, Research Travel Grant

Conferences and Invited Talks

06/2006	<u>Presenter:</u> "Blood donation and civic duty in post-war Algeria" <i>French Colonial Historical Society</i> , Maynooth, Ireland
03/2026	<u>Presenter and Panel Organizer:</u> "Saving Infants: Rh Disease and Twentieth-Century Blood Transfusion Practices in France" <i>Society for French Historical Studies</i> , Philadelphia, PA
03/2026	<u>Moderator:</u> Roundtable on "Communicating the significance of the history of gender and sexuality to students, colleagues, and the public" <i>Society for French Historical Studies</i> , Philadelphia, PA
03/2026	<u>Chair:</u> Panel on "Liberty and Humanitarianism in French World War Activity" <i>Society for French Historical Studies</i> , Philadelphia, PA
08/2025	<u>Presenter:</u> "'Rhesus Danger': Thinking about Rh Disease in Mid-Century Britain and France" <i>European Association for the History of Medicine and Health</i> , Berlin, Germany
03/2025	<u>Presenter and Panel Organizer:</u> "Pronatalism and Motherhood in Post-war France", <i>European Social Science History Conference</i> , Leiden, The Netherlands
11/2024	<u>Presenter:</u> "Anonymous Births and Adoption Dramas: State Investigations into Adoption Practices in Mid-Twentieth Century France" <i>Western Society for French History</i> San Francisco, CA
03/2024	<u>Presenter and Panel Organizer:</u> "From Exhausted Motherhood to Voluntary Motherhood: Planning and Spacing Births in Post-war France" <i>Society for French Historical Studies</i> , Hempstead, NY
08/2023	<u>Presenter:</u> "Wartime Amenorrhea and Demographic Crisis in France, 1914-1945" <i>European Association for the History of Medicine and Health Conference</i> Oslo, Norway
03/2023	<u>Presenter:</u> "Saving Babies, Saving the Race: Motherhood, French Adoption Organizations, and the Question of Abandonment in the Mid-Twentieth Century" <i>Society for French Historical Studies</i> , Detroit, MI
11/2022	<u>Presenter:</u> "Lipiodol, Fertility Medicine, and the Civilizing Mission in Colonial Algeria" <i>Western Society for French History</i> , Victoria, BC, Canada
06/2022	<u>Presenter:</u> "Child Adoption, the d'Heucqueville Foundation, and Recovery after the Great War" <i>Society for French Studies</i> , Belfast, Northern Ireland
03/2022	<u>Commentator:</u> "The colonial politics of population" <i>Society for French Historical Studies</i> Charlotte, NC
03/2022	<u>Presenter:</u> "Childless in a Pronatalist Age: Infertility in Interwar Women's Magazines" <i>Society for French Historical Studies</i> Charlotte, NC

- 06/2021 Presenter: “Family Formation and the Law during the French Baby Boom” *Society for French Studies* Belfast, Northern Ireland (moved online)
- 03/2021 Presenter: “‘Recuperating’ Births for France: Fertility Medicine and Demography in Interwar France” *European Social Science History Conference*, Leiden, the Netherlands (moved online)
- 05/2020 Presenter: “Infertility and Colonial Medicine in North Africa, 1920-1940” *French Colonial Historical Society*, Buffalo, NY (cancelled due to COVID-19)
- 03/2020 Presenter: “‘Recuperating’ Births for France: Fertility Medicine and Demography in Interwar France” *European Social Science History Conference*, Leiden, The Netherlands (cancelled due to COVID-19)
- 04/2019 Presenter and Panel Organizer: “‘Thirsting for Motherhood’: Fertility Treatments and the Female Body in Interwar France” *Society for French Historical Studies*, Indianapolis, IN
- 11/2018 Presenter: “International Adoption, Family Formation, and Alternative Paths to Motherhood in Post-War France” *Western Society for French History*, Portland, ME
- 01/2018 Presenter and Panel Organizer: “Claiming Family Benefits across Borders: Race and Algerian Migrants in Post-World War II Morocco” *American Historical Association*, Washington D.C.
- 10/2017 Presenter: “Gender and Family Policy in the Borderlands: the case of Alsace, 1919-45” *Western Society for French History*, Reno, NV
- 06/2017 Presenter: “Georges Marchal: Histoire d’un communiste présumé et la politique familiale au Maroc” *Société d’histoire coloniale française*, Aix-en-Provence, France
- 12/2016 Invited Talk: “The French Revolution” *Knoxville Rotary Club*
- 11/2016 Invited Panelist: “Roundtable on the Job Market - The Search Committee Perspective” *University of Iowa, Graduate History Society*, Iowa City, IA
- 11/2016 Presenter: “Family Allowances and Migration in the French Empire” *Western Society for French History*, Cedar Rapids, IA
- 11/2016 Commentator: Panel “Imperial Social Sciences: Ethnography, Anthropology, and Psychiatry in Colonial Rule” *Western Society for French History*, Cedar Rapids, IA
- 11/2016 Chair: Panel: “Political Transitions and New Perspectives in Twentieth-Century French West Africa” *Western Society for French History*, Cedar Rapids, IA
- 09/2016 Invited Talk: “Motherhood for the Nation: French Family Policy, Gender, and Reproduction in 1940’s Morocco” *Sewanee, University of the South*
- 05/2016 Presenter: “Compensating the Family, Honoring Mothers: French Family Policy in Morocco, 1940-1945” *French Colonial Historical Society*, Ottawa, ON, Canada
- 03/2016 Presenter and Panel Organizer: “Masculinity, Migration, and Family Policy in Colonial Morocco, 1940-1956” *Society for French Historical Studies*, Nashville, TN
- 03/2016 Commentator: Panel “Negotiating Violence in Twentieth-Century Algeria” *Society for French Historical Studies*, Nashville, TN
- 10/2015 Discussant: “Reflections on Charlie Hebdo” *Pi Delta Phi, University of Tennessee*, Knoxville, TN

- 09/2015 Invited Talk: "The Algerian Revolution: Terror, Torture, and the End of French Colonial Rule" *Haslam Scholars Lecture Series*, Knoxville, TN
- 09/2015 Presenter: "Human Rights in the Era of French Decolonization: The Use of Resettlement Camps in the Algerian War" *UT Conference: Disasters, Displacement and Human Rights*, Knoxville, TN
- 04/2015 Presenter: "Family Benefits across Borders: Algerian Migrants and Pronatalism in 1940s Morocco" *Society for French Historical Studies, Annual Meeting*, Colorado Springs, CO [conference missed due to family/medical reasons]
- 11/2014 Presenter: "The Privileged among Us: French Settler Objections to Family Benefits in 1940's Morocco" *Western Society for French History, Annual Meeting*, San Antonio, TX
- 10/2014 Invited Talk: "Huguenots and the Wars of Religion in Sixteenth-Century France" *John Sevier Chapter of the Huguenot Society of Manakintown*, Knoxville, TN
- 04/2014 Presenter: "The National Revolution in Morocco: The *Office de la Famille Française* and Settler Family Policy" *Society for French Historical Studies, Annual Meeting*, Montréal, Canada
- 10/2013 Presenter: "Poverty as a Feminist Issue: Mme. Pégard, the 'Surplus Woman' and Colonial Emigration in Fin-de-Siècle France" *Western Society for French History, Annual Meeting*, Atlanta, GA
- 04/2013 Presenter: "Algeria and the Myth of the Prolific Settler in the Early Third Republic" *Society for French Historical Studies, Annual Meeting*, Cambridge, MA
- 04/2013 Chair: Panel, "Une Histoire Française? Pieds-Noirs, Harkis and the Fifth Republic" *Society for French Historical Studies, Annual Meeting*, Cambridge, MA
- 03/2012 Commentator: Panel entitled "French Imperialism and Historical Revisionism through Film" *Society for French Historical Studies, Annual Meeting*, Los Angeles, CA
- 03/2012 Presenter and Panel Organizer: "'You'll Make Your Home Where No Home Can Be': Women and Colonial Emigration in the Third Republic." *Society for French Historical Studies, Annual Meeting*, Los Angeles, CA
- 10/2011 Chair: Panel entitled "Decline and Fall." *Southeast World History Association, Annual Meeting*, Maryville, TN
- 10/2011 Presenter: "Creating a 'Labor Reservoir': Pronatalism in Colonial Madagascar, 1898-1905." *Southeast World History Association, Annual Meeting*, Maryville, TN
- 03/2011 Invited Presenter: "The Family Vote: Ideas of Citizenship in France and Tunisia after the Great War." *Young Harris College History Conference*, Young Harris, GA
- 02/2011 Presenter and Panel Organizer: "Supporting the *Famille Nombreuse*: French Familialist Organizations in North Africa in the 1920s and 1930s." *Society for French Historical Studies, Annual Meeting*, Charleston, SC
- 04/2010 Presenter: "Depopulation on either Side of the Mediterranean: French Pronatalists and the Ligue des Familles Nombreuses Françaises de l'Afrique du Nord." *Society for French Historical Studies, Annual Meeting*, Tempe, AZ

- 10/2009 Presenter: “Colonial Medicine and Population Growth in Madagascar, 1898-1905.” *Western Society for French History, Annual Meeting*, Boulder, CO
- 03/2009 Presenter and Panel Organizer: “Universal Suffrage Reconsidered: Metropolitan pronatalism and the establishment of familial suffrage in North Africa.” *Society for French Historical Studies, Annual Meeting*, St. Louis, MO
- 03/2008 Presenter: “French Depopulation from a Colonial Perspective: Dr. Ravelonahina’s Medical Thesis.” *James Jakobsen Graduate Conference*, Iowa City, IA
- 03/2007 Presenter: “Dr. René Ricoux and Pronatalist Visions of Colonial Algeria, 1880-1900.” *James Jakobsen Graduate Conference*, Iowa City, IA
- 10/2006 Presenter and Panel Organizer: “Depopulation, Masculinity, and Colonial Emigration in the Early Third Republic” *Western Society for French History, Annual Meeting*, Long Beach, CA
- 03/2006 Presenter: “A Colonial Fountain of Youth: Imperialism and France’s Crisis of Depopulation.” *Council for European Studies Annual International Conference*, Chicago, IL
- 03/2005 Presenter: “Feminism and France’s *Mission Civilisatrice*: The Militant Hubertine Auclert.” *Missouri Valley History Conference*, Omaha, NE

Teaching

University of Tennessee:

Undergraduate Courses:

HIST 299: France under Nazi Occupation: Collaboration, Resistance, and Daily Life

HIEU 242: Development of Western Civilization, 1715-Present

HIEU 319: Modern Europe, 1750-1914

HIEU 320: Contemporary Europe, 1900-Present

HIEU 336: France from the Belle Epoque to the European Union

HIEU 339: Humanitarianism and the Two World Wars

HIEU 340: Modern European Revolutions: France and Russia

HIEU 343: France from Old Regime to Revolution

HIST 407 & 408: Honors Seminar

HIEU 434: Modern European Imperialism

HIST 499: Senior Research Seminar: The Algerian Revolution

HIST 499: Senior Research Seminar: The People’s War: Britain during World War II

NORM 457: Normandy Scholars Seminar: Memory and the Second World War

Graduate Courses:

HIST 510: Foundations of Graduate Study in History

HIST 532: Modern European Imperialism

HIST 532: Gender, Sexuality, and the Family in Modern Europe

HIST 532: Population and the Modern European State

HIST 532: Humanitarianism and Human Rights in Modern European History

HIST 632: Race and Empire in Modern European History

Augustana College:

Europe since 1900

University of Iowa:

Graduate teaching assistant, Introduction to Western Civilization I
Graduate teaching assistant, Introduction to Western Civilization II
Graduate teaching assistant, Introduction to Western Civilization III
Graduate teaching assistant, Modern European Imperialism
Graduate instructor, Progress and Enlightenment
Graduate instructor, The French Revolutionary Tradition

Languages

Fluent written and spoken French
Beginning Spanish

Professional Affiliations

American Historical Association
European Association for the History of Medicine and Health
Western Society for French History
French Colonial Historical Society
Society for French Historical Studies
Society for French Studies
Council for European Studies
Southeast Chapter of the World History Association