

Yale Department of French

CAREER PLACEMENT

The Yale French Department supports its students entering the job market with a complete and energetic program of training and advising. An organizational meeting is held at the end of the spring semester to prepare candidates for the process that begins in the fall.

The Director of Graduate Studies is the Departmental Placement Officer. Working with a faculty committee and with each student's dissertation director, the DGS oversees all aspects of placement and advises students at each stage. This includes the preparation of all documents (letter, CV, dissertation abstract, syllabi, statement of teaching philosophy, etc.). The DGS is also able to review dossiers of recommendations before they are sent out. Once application materials are finished, the focus of the program shifts to performative skills, including job talks and rehearsals for interviews.

In the fall of each year, the Director of Graduate Studies offers an intensive preparation workshop for candidates, "Seminar on the Profession," available only to French department students who are on the job market.

The Yale Graduate School also provides a generous program of support and advising for job candidates. Students should avail themselves of those resources in order to gain a broader perspective, but the departmental support system is finely tailored to the specifics of the academic job market in French and Francophone Studies and connected fields. See Graduate Career Services: <https://gsas.yale.edu/resources-students/career-support-development>

Yale French Department alumni are to be found at a wide variety of institutions throughout the United States and beyond. They include numerous leaders in French and Francophone studies. The list below includes some graduates who have earned their PhDs from the Yale Department of French and entered academic jobs in recent years.

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2022

Tadas Bugnevicius, Lecturer in the Film and Media Studies Program, Yale University

Doyle Calhoun, Assistant Professor of Language and Culture Studies, Trinity College

2020

Ian Curtis, Assistant Professor of French, Kenyon College

Shanna Jean-Baptiste, Assistant Professor of French, Rutgers University

Imane Terhminam Assistant Professor of Francophone Studies, Cornell University

2019

Jennifer Carr, Faculty Academic Support Coordinator, formerly Instructor of French in the Department of Modern Languages & Classics, University of Alabama

2018

Catherine Chiabaut, Education Analyst, The Robertson Foundation

Robyn Pront, Visiting Assistant Professor in French at Connecticut College

Usha Rungoo, Assistant Professor of French, Harvard University; formerly Assistant Professor of French, Language and Cultures Department, State University of New York (SUNY) Purchase

2017

Elizabeth Hebbard, Assistant Professor of French at Indiana University

Laura Jensen, French Instructor, the Marlborough School (formerly Lecturer in French Studies at Smith College)

2016

Nathalie Batrville, Assistant Professor, Simone de Beauvoir Institute and Women's Studies, Concordia University; formerly Postdoctoral Fellow at Dartmouth Society of Fellows

Colin Foss, Assistant Professor of French, Austin College

Annabel Kim, Assistant Professor of Romance Languages and Literatures at Harvard University; formerly Provost's Postdoctoral Associate at Duke University

Kristin Graves Okoli, Assistant Professor of French, African and African American Studies, and Gender Studies at the University of Central Arkansas; formerly Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow at Tulane

Annie de Saussure, Assistant Professor of French, Lafayette College; formerly Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow of Francophone Studies at Bowdoin College

2015

Julie Elsky, Assistant Professor of French, Loyola University Chicago; formerly visiting Assistant Professor at MIT

Clémentine Fauré-Bellaïche, Assistant Professor of French, Brandeis University

Benjamin Hoffmann, Assistant Professor of French, The Ohio State University

Dustin Hooten, Software Engineer, CA Technologies

Selected Alumni: PhD's since 2003

Joseph Acquisto (PhD 2003), Professor of French, University of Vermont

James Austin (PhD 2003), Associate Professor of French and Film, Connecticut College

Jeffrey Boyd (PhD 2007), Organizing Director, Unite HERE

Jonathan Cayer (PhD 2012), Fellowship Instructor in World Languages, Literature & Culture, Augustana College, Rock Island (MI)

Roxanna Curto (PhD 2008), Associate Professor of French, University of Iowa

Marina Jill Davies (PhD 2005), Faculty, New York University in Paris; Colby College

Julia Elsky (PhD 2014), Visiting Assistant Professor of Cultural Studies (fall 2014), University of West Florida ; and Visiting Scholar of French Studies (spring 2015), MIT

Alexandra Gueydan (PhD 2008), Assistant Professor of French and Francophone Studies, Swarthmore College

Bettina Lerner (PhD 2004), Assistant Professor of French, CUNY

Mary Anne Lewis (PhD 2013), Assistant Professor of French & Francophone Studies, Ohio Wesleyan University

Anne Linton (PhD 2011) Assistant Professor of French, San Francisco State University

Brian Reilly, (PhD 2008), Assistant Professor of French, Fordham University

Joseph Mai (PhD 2004), Associate Professor of French, Clemson University

Laure Marcellesi (PhD 2008), Assistant Professor of French, Dartmouth College

Ryan Poynter (PhD 2006), Assistant Vice Provost for Undergraduate Academic Affairs, New York University

Erin Ponnou-Delafon Tremblay (PhD 2011), Assistant Professor of French, Illinois State University

Chapman Wing (PhD 2013), Assistant Professor of French, CUNY-Staten Island