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EDUCATION

- ❖ Dual B.A. Sciences Po Paris/Columbia University in the City of New York 2013-2017
GPA 4.029, Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa.
- ❖ M.A. in History, EHESS 2017-2019
- ❖ M.A. in History and Anthropology of Science and Health, EHESS 2019-2020

POSITIONS

- ❖ Ph. D. Scholarship, History of Science, EHESS 2020-2023
- ❖ Visiting Fellow, Centre Marc Bloch (Berlin) 2023
- ❖ DAAD Doctoral Fellow, Leibniz-Institut für Europäische Geschichte (Mainz) 2023-2024
- ❖ Teaching and Research Fellow, Sciences Po Paris 2024-2025

PUBLICATIONS

Edited anthologies and thematic issues

- Main editor of the collective book *Roots and Remedies. Medicinal Plants, Empire(s), and the Industrialization of Drug Production* (with Pr. Lucas Richert, sent for review). 2026
- Co-editor of the special issue “Health and Nature,” *Histoire, médecine et santé* (with Léo Bernard and Céline Pessis). 2026

Peer-reviewed articles

- “Paracelsus’ Doctrine of Signatures Reconsidered,” *Journal of the History of Ideas*, accepted. 2025
- “Paracelsus, his *Herbarius*, and the relevance of medicinal herbs in his medical thought.” *Daphnis. Zeitschrift für Deutsche Literatur und Kultur der Frühen Neuzeit* 49-3 (2021): 324–378. 2021

Book chapters

- “(A)symmetry and translation: post-, decolonial, secular studies, the ontological turn and Carlo Ginzburg’s principle of accommodation,” in Étienne Anheim, Carlo Ginzburg, Martin Rueff (eds.), *Proceedings of the International Colloquium held at Cerisy in September 2022*. 2026
- “The specific properties of medicinal herbs in Paracelsus’ works”, in Andrew Weeks (ed.), *Paracelsus and the Forgotten Reformation* (Brill). 2025

Critical notes and book reviews

“Coloniality between Ontology and Materiality. On <i>Colonialité. Plaidoyer pour la précision d’un concept</i> by Michel Cahen,” à paraître	2026
« Mohamed Amer Meziane, <i>Au bord des mondes. Vers une anthropologie métaphysique</i> », <i>Revue d’anthropologie des connaissances</i> , 17-3 (2023).	2023

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Advisor for the Humanities Board, Podcast <i>Roots & Remedies</i> (dir. Lucas Richert)	2024-...
Editorial Board Member of the <i>Revue d’Anthropologie des Connaissances</i> (1 st francophone journal for <i>Science and Technology Studies</i>)	2024-...
Initiator of an International Permanent Network of Researchers on Medicinal Plants and Industrialization	2024-...
Secretary of the Société d’Anthropologie des Connaissances	2023-...
Member of the Administration Council of the RUCHE (French Network for Environmental Historians)	2023-...
Elected Student Representative at the Scientific Council and the Graduate Student Council of the EHESS	2021-2024

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Young Researcher Prize of the Villa des Treilles (6000€)	2024
IEG Mainz Doctoral One Year Fellowship, declined	2023
Fellowships from the CIERA, IFRA-SHS (Frankfurt), LabExTepsis	2022
CUNY Earth Institute Undergraduate Fellowship , School of GS Merit Scholarship	2015-2017

TEACHING

Total hours of teaching: 278 hours

❖ Teaching and Research Fellow at Sciences Po Paris (B.A. Students) Course “Narratives, Representations and Uses of the Past” (48 hours); Course “History of the Long European 19 th Century” (48 hours).	2024-2025
❖ Teacher at the EHESS (M.A. Students, Master in History of Science) Course “Scientific Edition: History and Perspective” (24 hours); Course “Sources and Methodology for the History and Social Studies of Science” (24 hours); Course “Dissertation Writing Workshop” (24 hours).	2022-2023
❖ Teaching Assistant at the University of Toulouse – Jean Jaurès (B.A. Students).	2021-2022

Course “Methodology for History” (24 hours) and “History of Contemporary Europe” (24 hours).

- ❖ Teaching Assistant at Sciences Po Paris (Reims, Euro-African and Euro-American Campus, B.A. Students). 2021-2022
 Course “**Science and Societies**” (in English, 32 hours total).
 - Jury of the exam for the **dual degree social sciences/life sciences** (Sciences Po Paris/URCA).
- ❖ Teaching Assistant at **Columbia University** in the City of New York (B.A. Students). Spring 2017
 Course “**GIS for Sustainable Development**” (37 hours, plus realization of interactive maps for Pr. Giovanni Graziosi’s projects).

ORGANIZATION OF SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

- Co-organizer of the panel “**Medicinal Plants, Industrialization, Plantation and Indigenous Knowledges**” at the International Congress of History of Science and Technology (University of Otago, New Zealand, 6/29-7/5), with Chanelle Adams (Université de Lausanne). 2025
- Co-organizer of the workshop “**Arzneipflanzen, Imperien und die Industrialisierung der Arzneimittelproduktion: Ein Symposium**”, (Mayence, *Leibniz-Institut für Europäische Geschichte*, 6/6-7), with Bernhard Gissibl. 2024
- Member of the **Scientific Council**, international colloquium of the French Society for Environmental History « La sueur et la poussière. Une histoire environnementale des mondes du travail » (Université Toulouse II – Jean Jaurès, 6/19-21).
- Co-organizer of the Graduate Students’ Day at the Centre Alexandre-Koyré (EHESS, Campus Condorcet, 5/19-20). 2022

COMMUNICATIONS

International colloquia and international invitations

- “Of Herbs and Pharmaceuticals: Rethinking the Rise of the Pharmaceutical Industry after the Plant Turn,” *Oxford Centre for the History of Science, Medicine, and Technology Departmental Seminar* (**Oxford University**, 1/27). 2025

“Scaling Up Medicinal Plant Production in the German Empire: Peasant Economies and Industrial Interests,” *The Madison Drug History Workshop* (University Wisconsin-Madison, 11/4). 2024

“Closer to Nature? The Gathering of Wild Medicinal Herbs, Domestic Peasant Economies and the Labor of Women, Children and Colonial Subjects in 20th-century Germany,” *Science, Technology, Humanity, and the Earth. 11th Conference of the European Society for the History of Science* (Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelone, 9/4-7).

Des *workscapes* aux chaînes de commodités globales : approvisionner l’Empire allemand en plantes médicinales (1884-1945), *La sueur et la poussière. Une histoire environnementale des mondes du travail. Colloque International du Ruche* (Université Toulouse II – Jean Jaurès, 6/19-21).

“L’Europe centrale, parc de l’Europe ? Géohistoire de l’appropriation des plantes médicinales par les entreprises, institutions scientifiques et militaires allemandes entre 1917 et 1945”, *Frontières et environnement : temps, espaces, méthodes. Colloque International du Ruche* (University of Haute-Alsace, 12/1-3).

Presentation of a scientific poster, “Decolonizing the (History of) the Knowledge of Medicinal Plants? The Case of Germany between the 1880s and 1945”, *Knowledge and Know-How Situated: Humanities and Social Sciences and the World* (École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, 11/8-10). 2022

“La symétrie à l’épreuve du principe d’accommodation : repenser le débat émique/étique à partir des travaux de Carlo Ginzburg”, intervention during the doctoral workshop of the colloquium *L’historien sur le métier. Conversations avec Carlo Ginzburg* (Centre international de Colloques de Cerisy, 9/9-15).

“L’Avicenne allemand : inventer la doctrine des signatures après la confrontation de Bâle”, *Symposium of Paracelsus Studies*, Paris (Paris, École nationale supérieure de chimie, 4/21).

“Herbal Remedies and Medicinal Virtues in Paracelsus”, *Paracelse et les apocryphes pseudo-Paracelsiens : enquête sur un atelier européen de fabrication de faux* (Fondation des Treilles, 4/22-27). 2019

Conferences

“Le pharmacien comme enquêteur : anatomie de l’anatomie d’une chaîne de commodités globale, » *Journée des jeunes chercheurs du CAK* (EHESS, 15-16 mai). 2024

“Cartographier la culture et la cueillette des plantes médicinales en Allemagne au tournant du XX^e siècle : enjeux techniques et méthodologiques,” *Karten-Arbeit*, Mayence (Leibniz Institut für Europäische Geschichte, 2/28-3/1).

“Industrialiser la production des plantes médicinales à l’heure du Plantationocène : colonisation, transplantation et non-scalabilité,” *Journée des jeunes chercheurs-euses du Cermes 3* (6/22). 2023

“(A)symétrie et traduction : regards croisés à travers les *postcolonial, decolonial, secular studies* et le tournant ontologique,” *Études décoloniales d’Amérique latine et des Caraïbes : apports, limites et débats* (École d’été Sorbonne alliance, 12-16 juin). 2022

“L’histoire comme conversion ? Les actants non-naturels à l’épreuve du temps historique”, *À la recherche du temps dans les dispositifs socio-techniques* (École thématique de l’IFRIS, Grenoble, 9/5-9).

“Beyond the Ersatz paradigm: Vegetal Drugs in the German and French pharmacopeias of the early 20th century”. *Ersatz, Gemeinsame Tagung des Driburger Kreises und der Nachwuchsvertretung der Gesellschaft für Technikgeschichte* (online, 9/16-17). 2021

Panelist, *Enquête dans un monde occidental singulier : l’anthroposophie entre analogisme, animisme et hybridations*, LAS, Collège de France (Paris, France).

“Les plantes qui soignent chez Paracelse : science, religion et magie au temps de la Renaissance botanique”, *Journée jeunes chercheurs de l’EHESS* (EHESS, Paris, 2/5). 2019

SKILLS

Languages

French (mother tongue), English (bilingual), German (advanced), Medieval Latin (reading skills), Arabic (beginner)

Computer skills

Geographic Information System (GIS): ArcGis/QGis (proficient)

Photo and video editing: Adobe Premiere, Adobe Photoshop (proficient)

Web Design: Java, CSS, HTML (beginner)

Other: Microsoft Office Suite (proficient)

Herbalism

2 years training in Herbalism (Brittany, France, 2020-2021)

1 year training in Botany at the Muséum National d’Histoire Naturelle (Paris, France, 2018-2019)