

GREGORY HANLON: Curriculum Vitae September 2026

1 : Education and Degrees

1983 Doctorat du 3e cycle, Université de Bordeaux III

1979 Master of Arts, University of Toronto

1977 Licence ès Lettres, Université de Bordeaux III

Thesis; *Culture et comportements des élites urbaines en Agenais-Condomois au 17e siècle*. Jury composed of **Georges Dupeux** (president), **Paul Butel**, **Jean-Pierre Poussou** (thesis director) and **Emmanuel Le Roy Ladurie** (outside examiner). Awarded a ‘mention très bien à l’unanimité’

Areas of expertise; Early Modern France, Early Modern Italy, Military History, Criminal Justice History, Religious History, Demographic history, Material History, Art History, Behavioural History from an evolutionary perspective, Historical Geography

2: Academic Employment Dates

2022 Distinguished Research Professor, **Dalhousie University**

2019 George Munro Professor of History, **Dalhousie University** (ongoing)

2018 Professeur invité, **Université de Montpellier III** (single month)

2016 Professeur invité, **Université de Paris I – Sorbonne Panthéon** (single month)

2011 Professeur associé, **Ecole des Hautes Etudes des Sciences Sociales Paris** (single month)

2011 Professeur associé, **Université de Montpellier III** (single month)

2010 Professeur associé, **Université de Bordeaux III** (single month)

2006 University Research Professor, **Dalhousie University** (renewed 2011-2016)

1997 Full Professor, **Dalhousie University**

1996 Professeur associé, **Ecole Nationale des Chartes** (single month)

1996 Professeur associé, **Université de Paris IV - Sorbonne** (six months)

1993 Professeur invité, **Université Laval** (single term)

1992 Associate Professor, **Dalhousie University** (tenured)

1990 Assistant Professor (Tenure Track), **Dalhousie University**

1989 Assistant Professor (Sessional), **Dalhousie University**

1988 Visiting Assistant Professor, **University of California, Berkeley**

1983 Assistant Professor, (Part Time), **York University**

3: Books (single-author)

In press: La Bella Figura: Aesthetic sensibility in Baroque Italy, 388 pp.

Published books

- **Death Control in the West: sex ratios and neonatal infanticide in Italy, France and England, 1500-1800**, Routledge, 2023. Contains four contributions by Dalhousie University students.
- **European Military Rivalry 1500-1750: Fierce Pageant**, Routledge, London & New York, 2020

- **Italy 1636: Cemetery of Armies**, Oxford University Press, Oxford & New York, 2016. Paperback edition 2018. (Italian translation by Simone Caffari complete: **Italia 1636: Sepolcro degli Eserciti**, published November 2018 with LEG Editore, Gorizia, Italy)
- **The Hero of Italy: Odoardo Farnese, duke of Parma, his soldiers and his subjects in the Thirty Years War (1633-1637)**, Oxford University Press, March 2014. Paperback edition published 2019. (Italian translation by Simone Caffari, **L'Eroe d'Italia: Il Duca Odoardo Farnese, I suoi soldati e I suoi sudditi nella Guerra dei Trent'Anni**, ACIES Edizioni, Milan, 2017)
- **Human nature in Rural Tuscany: an early modern history**, Palgrave-Macmillan, 2007 (Italian translation by Simone Caffari, published by Pascal Editrice, **Vita rurale in Terra di Siena: Natura umana e storia**, Siena, 2008)
- **Early Modern Italy 1550-1800; Three seasons in European History**, London & New York, Palgrave, 2000 (Italian translation, Il Mulino, **Storia dell'Italia moderna**, Bologna, 2002)
- **The Twilight of a Military Tradition: Italian Aristocrats and European Conflicts, 1560-1800**, London, University College London Press, (now Taylor & Francis) and New York, Holmes & Meier, 1998. Reprinted and still available from Taylor and Francis.
- **Confession and Community in 17th-century France: Catholic and Protestant Coexistence in Aquitaine** Philadelphia, University of Pennsylvania Press, 1993. Reprinted in 2016 as one of the publisher's important books.
- **L'Univers des gens de bien: Culture et comportements des élites urbaines en Aquitaine au 17e siècle**, Bordeaux, Presses universitaires de Bordeaux, 1989

Reference Work

- **Early Modern Italy: A Comprehensive Bibliography in English and French**, formerly published electronically at www.EarlyModernItaly.com, 12th edition, summer 2016, 1,109 pages, 21,190 titles; open access on my Academia.edu page.

4: Principal Articles and Book chapters

L'infanticide néonatale dans la campagne Toscane : Torrita di Siena de 1580 à 1770, chapter for a book on **Historical infanticide in Europe** published by Peter Lang, Pascal Hepner ed. 2026.

The first Morean War (Venice versus the Ottoman Empire) 1684-1699, commissioned chapter of 35 pages for **"The Great Turkish War of 1683-1699"**, edited by Michael Hochedlinger, 2025. Only the German version is available at present.

Neo-natal infanticide by married parents in historical Europe 1500-1800, **Encyclopedia of Domestic Violence**, edited by Todd Shackelford, Springer, 2023

Historians and the evolutionary approach to Human Nature, **The Cambridge Handbook of Evolutionary Perspectives on Human Nature**, eds. Lance Workman, Will Reader & Jerome H Barkow, Cambridge University Press, 2020, 489-506

Geoffrey Parker's Universal Soldier revisited: European military history and human universals, in **Early Modern War Narratives and the Revolt in the Low Countries**, eds R Fagel, L Alvarez Francés & B Santiago Belmonte, Manchester University Press, Manchester, 2020, 202-214

Human nature under the judicial microscope, in **Le fonti della storia dell'Italia preunitaria: casi di studio per la loro analisi e 'valorizzazione'**, ed. Gerassimos Pagratis, Papazissis Publishers, Athens, 2019, 651-666

La nature humaine sous le microscope judiciaire de l'Ancien Régime, **Actes de l'Académie nationale des Sciences, Belles-Lettres et Arts de Bordeaux 2018**, 5 série, vol. 43, 2019

La Contre-Réforme au quotidien dans le diocèse d'Agen 1666-1669, in **Clairac et la Réforme : Actes du Colloque de 2018**, Société Académique d'Agen, 2019, 127-131

History from an Evolutionary Perspective: a symposium essay, **Evolutionary Studies in Imaginative Culture**, 1/1, 2017

Routine infanticide in the West 1500-1800, **History Compass**, 2016/11, 1-14

Destruction and Reconstruction in the duchy of Parma during the Thirty Years' War, **Storia Economica**, 19, 2016, 249-278

La guerre des milices en Italie du Nord (1635-1637), **Les Milices dans la première modernité**, S. Brunet & JJ Ruiz Ibanez eds, Rennes, 2015, 117-126

Parma sotto il duca Odoardo il Grande (1622-1650), **Storia di Parma vol. 4: I Farnese**, ed. Giuseppe Bertini, Parma, Monte Universitaria Parma, 2015, 163-194. (English text available on my Academia.edu webpage)

Tornavento 22 June 1636: Sources for a battle, in **Battaglie: l'evento, l'individuo, la memoria**, Alessandro Buono & Giovanni Civalè, Palermo, 2014, 39-58.

The Aristocracy in Arms: the duke of Parma goes to war, 1635-1637, **European History Quarterly**, 44, April 2014, 205-222

Piacenza's "assedio alla larga" during the Thirty Years' War, **Nella Morsa della Guerra. Assedi, occupazioni militari e saccheggi in età preindustriale**, Guido Alfani & Mario Rizzo eds, Milan, 2013, 75-84

Wartime mortality in Italy's Thirty Years' War : the duchy of Parma, **Histoire : Economies et Sociétés**, 2012, n.4, pp. 3-22.

La décadence rurale du Seicento italien, **Les Passions d'un historien: Melanges en l'honneur de Jean-Pierre Poussou**, Presses de l'Université de Paris-Sorbonne (PUPS), Paris, 2010, pp. 565-577

The Facts of Life in Rural Counter-Reformation Tuscany, **Journal of Interdisciplinary History**, XL 2009, pp. 1-31

In praise of refeudalization: Princes and feudataries in north-central Italy from the sixteenth to the eighteenth century, **Sociability and its discontents: civil society, social capital and their alternatives**

in Early Modern Europe, Nicholas Eckstein & Nicholas Terpstra eds, Brepols, Turnhout, 2009, pp. 213-226.

The Italian States, **in A Companion to Eighteenth-century Europe**, ed. Peter H. Wilson, Blackwell Publishing, Oxford 2008, pp. 304-321

Decline of the Italian military aristocracy: from sword to surplice, **Italian Politics and Society**, #60, Spring 2005, pp. 52-57

La féodalité bénigne d'un fief toscan au XVIIe siècle, **Pouvoirs, contestations et comportements dans l'Europe moderne: Mélanges en l'honneur du professeur Yves-Marie Bercé**, Paris, Presses de l'Université de Paris-Sorbonne, 2005, pp. 881-893.

Justice in the age of lordship: a feudal tribunal in 17th-century Tuscany, **Sixteenth Century Journal**, 2004, pp. 1005 - 1033

Glorifying War in a peaceful city: Festive representation of combat in Baroque Siena (1590-1740), **War in History**, 11, 2004, 249-77

L'équilibre confessionnel en Aquitaine au lendemain de l'Edit de Nantes: Un tableau en demi-teintes, **Bibliothèque de l'Ecole des Chartes**, 160, 2003, pp. 629-40

Infanticidio dei coppie sposati nella Toscana moderna, secoli XVI-XVIII, **Quaderni Storici**, 2003, pp. 453-498

The Decline of Violence in Early Modern Italy: a model, G. Ruggiero ed., **A companion to the worlds of the Renaissance**, Oxford, 2002, pp. 139-155

La fin de la vocation militaire de la noblesse italienne, **Histoire socioculturelle des armées: Centre d'études d'histoire de la défense, cahier #7**, Vincennes, 1998, pp. 29-42

The Demilitarization of an Italian Provincial Nobility; Siena 1560-1740, **Past and Present**, #155, 1997 pp. 64-108

Wills, Inheritance and the Moral Order in Seventeenth-century Aquitaine, **Journal of Family History**, 15, 1990, 149-161, co-authored with Elspeth Carruthers

Exorcisme et cosmologie tridentine; trois cas agenais en 1619, **Revue de la Bibliothèque nationale**, 1988, pp.12-27, co-authored with Geoffrey Snow

Catholics and Protestants in 17th-century Aquitaine, **Canada's Huguenot Heritage**, Toronto 1987

Rituels de l'agression en Aquitaine au 17e siècle, **Annales; Economies, Sociétés, Civilisations**, 1985, pp.244-268

Piété populaire et intervention des moines dans les miracles et les sanctuaires miraculeux en Agenais-Comdomois au 17e siècle, **Annales du Midi**, 1985, pp.115-127

La fortune des marchands et des négociants de Libourne à la veille de la Révolution, **Actes du 29e congrès d'études régionales du Sud-Ouest**, 1977, Bordeaux, 1979, pp.17-24, co-authored with Jean-Paul Jourdan

Review Articles

The Decline of Violence in the West: from Cultural to Post-Cultural History, **The English Historical Review**, 128, 2013, pp. 367-400

The Perils of Patriarchy, **Journal of Social History**, December 1996, pp. 503-52

Principal Encyclopedia Articles

Infanticide in Renaissance Italy, **Routledge Handbook of Renaissance Italy**, New York, 2021

Italian Wars (1494-1559); Early Modern Italy; Milan; **Europe 1450 to 1789: Encyclopedia of the Early Modern World**, Scribner's, New York, 2003.

5: Book Reviews

The Darker Angels of our nature : Refuting the Pinker theory of History and Violence, Philip Dwyer and Mark Micale eds, Bloomsbury, 2022, reviewed in the *English Historical Review*, 2024

La Guerre du roi aux portes de l'Italie, 1515-1559, Julien Guinand, Presses Universitaires de Rennes, 2021, published in *Military History Journal*, 2021

Out of our Minds : What we think and how we came to think it, Felipe Fernández-Armesto, University of California Press, 2019, for the *Evolutionary Journal for Imaginative Studies*, submitted and edited

Pretty/Ugly: Why we like some songs, faces, foods, plays, pictures, poems etc., and dislike others, Charles Maurer and Daphne Maurer, Cambridge Scholars Press, 2019, forthcoming in *Evolutionary Studies in Imaginative Culture*, 2020

Rendre les Armes : le sort des vaincus, XVIe-XVIIIe siècles, by Paul Vo-Ha, Champ Vallon, 2017, forthcoming in the *Journal of Military History*, 2019

“Moia la carestia”: La scarsità alimentare in età preindustriale, Maria Luisa Ferrari & Manuel Vaquero Piñeiro, Il Mulino, Bologna, 2015, in *Società e Storia*, 2017

Waging War: Conflict, Culture and Innovation in World History, by Wayne Lee, Oxford University Press, 2016, in *U.S. Military History Review*, 3/1 2016, 86-90.

Aspects of Violence in early modern Europe, Jonathan Davies ed., Farnham, Ashgate Publishing, 2014, in *The English Historical Review*.

Violence: a modern obsession, by Richard Bessel, London, 2015, in *The English Historical Review*, 2016.

The Business of War in Early Modern Europe, by David Parrott, Cambridge University Press, 2013, in the *European History Quarterly*, 2014

Il Governo di ogni giorno: Lucca, XVII-XVIII secolo, by Matteo Giuli, Rome, Ecole Francaise de Rome, 2013, in *The English Historical Review*, 2014

Violence and Punishment: Civilizing the body through time, by Pieter Spierenburg, Malden Mass., Polity Press, 2013, reviewed in *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, 2014, 379-81.

Jacques de Savoie-Nemours: L'apanage du Genevois au coeur de la puissance dynastique savoyarde au XVIe siècle, by Matthew A. Vester, Geneva, Droz, 2008, reviewed in *The English Historical Review*, 126, 2011, 677-79.

Between the Middle Ages and Modernity: Individual and Community in the Early Modern World, edited by Charles H. Parker and Jerry H. Bentley, Rowman and Littlefield, New York & Plymouth UK, 2007, reviewed in *The Journal of World History*, 21, 2010, p. 140-44.

European Warfare 1350-1750, edited by Frank Tallett and D.J.B. Trim, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge and New York, 2010, reviewed in *The English Historical Review*, 125, 2010, 1520-22.

Dentro la bottega: Culture del lavoro in una città d'età moderna, by Andrea Caracausi, Marsilio Editore, Venice, 2008, reviewed for *recensioni di storia.net*, 2009, 5 p.

The Pursuit of Glory: Europe 1648-1815, by Tim Blanning, Penguin, London and New York, 2008, *The English Historical Review*, 124, 2009, 979-81.

La Famille Borghese et ses fiefs: L'autorité négociée dans l'Etat Pontifical d'Ancien Régime, by Bertrand Forclaz, Ecole Française de Rome, Rome, 2006, reviewed in the *American Historical Review*, 113, 2008, 939-40.

Don Antonio de' Medici e I suoi tempi, by Filippo Luti, Olschki, Florence, 2006, reviewed in *Renaissance Quarterly*, 60, 2007, 152-53.

Stato, scienza, amministrazione, saperi; la formazione degli ingegneri in Piemonte dall'antico regime all'Unità d'Italia, by Alessandra Ferraresi, Il Mulino, Bologna, 2004, reviewed in the *American Historical Review*, 111, 2006, 1274-75.

Il Processo a Paolo Orgiano (1605-1607), edited by Claudio Povolo, Viella, Rome, 2003, reviewed in *Renaissance Quarterly*, 58 2005, 180-81.

Dynasty and Diplomacy in the Court of Savoy: Political culture in the Thirty Years' War, by Toby Osborne, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge & New York, 2002, reviewed in the *Canadian Journal of History*, 39, 2004, 120-22.

L'Eroica Tirreno: Guerra e dinastia medicea nella prima metà del '600, by Carla Sodini, Olschki, Florence, 2001, reviewed for *H-Italy*, May, 2002.

Civilizations, by Felipe Fernandez-Armesto, Macmillan, 2000, reviewed in the *National Post*, November 2000.

Voltaire's Bastards: the dictation of reason in the West, by John Ralston Saul, Vintage, New York, 1993, reviewed in the *Literary Review of Canada*, February 1995.

Words and Deeds in Renaissance Rome: Trials before the Papal Magistrates, University of Toronto Press, Toronto and Buffalo, 1993, reviewed in the *Literary Review of Canada*, 1994.

Absolutism and Society in seventeenth-century France : State Power and Provincial Aristocracy in Languedoc, by William Beik, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge & New York, 1985, reviewed in the *Annales du Midi*, 99, 1987

Jasmin's Witch, by Emmanuel Le Roy Ladurie, Le Seuil, Paris, 1983, reviewed in *The Canadian Journal of History*, 1984.

6: Other scholarly activities

2025: Recorded interview by **Faculti** entitled The Evolutionary Logic in History, speaking to my research over the last couple of decades. Uploaded to their site on June 23 2025.

2006– 2010: **Book reviews editor** for **H-Italy**, Early Modern period

2005 – present: **Co-instructor** for the Dalhousie University course on Baroque Civilization taught in the **Czech Republic** at Cesky Krumlov, for the entire month of June, in collaboration with the Fountain School of the Performing Arts. Taught eight years out of sixteen.

Assessor for SSHRC, Committee work for SSHRC, manuscript assessor for books and articles in Europe and North America, diverse committee work for the History Department, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, the University, research assessor for tenure and promotion files in other universities, etc.

7: Prizes and distinctions (beyond research funding)

1984 **Prix Tonnadre**; 5,000 FF awarded by the **Société académique d'Agen**, for my thesis, Culture et comportements des élites urbaines en Agenais-Condomois au 17^e siècle

1992 **Brewer Prize**; \$1,000 U.S., awarded by the **American Society for Church History**, for the best book manuscript in any field of religious history in 1992

1995 Runner-up (after initial tie) for the prize awarded by the **American Huguenot Society** for the book, *Confessions and Community in Seventeenth-century Aquitaine*

1998 **Marraro Prize**; \$500.00 U.S., awarded by the **Society for Italian Historical Studies**, for the best book in Italian history published in 1998, *Twilight of a Military Tradition: Italian Aristocrats & European Conflicts*

2006-2016; **University Research Professor**, honorific title given by **Dalhousie University**, with no reduction in teaching hours, and no significant pay increase, alas!; Title renewed for 5 years in 2011.

2007 **International conference around my book**: *The Twilight of a Military Tradition*, held at the Palazzo Reggia di Venaria, Turin, Italy, 30 November – 1 December 2007, under the title, “Riflessioni sulla ‘Piedmontese exception’”. Papers published under the title, *Il Piemonte come eccezione?*, Paola Bianchi ed., Turin, 2008.

2017 Induction into the **Académie Nationale des Sciences, Belles-Lettres et Arts de Bordeaux**. Inaugural presentation on May 17, 2018

2019 **Munro Professor of History**, honorific distinction, Dalhousie University, renewed 2024

2020 Helion & Company (UK) published a **military boardgame** based on my 2016 book, *The Battle of Tornavento, 22nd June 1636*. This must be a distinction of a sort!

2022 **Distinguished Research Professor**, honorific distinction from **Dalhousie University**

2023 Induction into the **Cavalieri del Fiume Azzurro**, platform for a Thirty Years’ War re-enactors group, **Tercio de Savoia**, with diploma and medallion, in Lonate Pozzolo, Lombardy.

8: Invited Lectures by University (History departments, unless otherwise specified)

Canada: University of Toronto; York University; Université de Moncton (3 times)

United States: University of California at Berkeley (History); University of California at Berkeley (Psychology)

Great Britain: Oxford University (twice); University of Reading; University of Dundee; University of Glasgow; University of Durham; University of York; University of Leeds; University of Sheffield; University of Hull; Institute for War Studies, University of London; University of St Andrews; University of Edinburgh; Birkbeck College London.

Ireland: University College of Cork; National University of Ireland at Galway.

Belgium: Universitet Leuven.

Netherlands : Universitet Leiden.

France: Université de Paris IV – Sorbonne (many times) ; Université de Paris X – Nanterre (twice) ; Université de Bordeaux III – Michel Montaigne (three times) ; Ecole des Hautes Etudes de Sciences Sociales à Paris (six times) ; Ecole nationale des Chartes à Paris; Université de Strasbourg ; Université de Montpellier III – Paul Valéry (twice); Université de Grenoble II – Pierre Mendès-France (twice) ; Université de Rouen ; Université de Provence, Maison Méditerranéenne des Sciences de l’Homme; Université de Toulouse (twice); Université de Caen, Université d’Angers, Université de Lille Charles de Gaulle, Institut d’Histoire du Septentrion; Université de Paris I Panthéon – Sorbonne; Centre d’Histoire Rurale, Université de Caen : Université de Rennes II ; Université de Poitiers ; Université de Lyon II - Lumière.

Italy: Università degli Studi di Pavia (many times) ; Università degli Studi di Bari – Aldo Moro (twice); Università degli Studi di Bari (facoltà di Economia) ; Università degli Studi di Parma (twice); Università degli Studi di Bologna (three times); Università degli Studi di Siena; Università degli Studi di Firenze; Università degli Studi di Torino; Università degli Studi di Urbino – Carlo Bo; Università degli Studi di Pisa; Università degli Studi di Verona; Università degli Studi di Padova; Università degli Studi di Perugia (facoltà di Giurisprudenza); Università di Macerata (facoltà di Giurisprudenza); Università Bocconi di Milano; Università degli Studi di Milano Statale (twice); Università di Roma – La Sapienza; Università Orientale di Napoli; Università degli Studi di Camerino; Università degli Studi di Piemonte Orientale, Vercelli; Accademia Nazionale di Scienze, Lettere e Arti di Modena; Università degli Studi di Messina (twice); Università degli Studi di Genova; Società italiana di Storia militare, in Florence; Università degli Studi di Pavia, Università Ca’ Foscari di Venezia.

Japan : Meiji University, Tokyo.