

# Carter Charles, PhD

## Curriculum Vitae

Assistant Professor  
Department of Church History & Doctrine  
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## Education, degrees

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- 2013** PhD – American Studies, University Bordeaux Montaigne (UBM), France.  
Dissertation title: “The Political Integration of the Mormons in the United States, from Reed Smoot to Mitt Romney” (*summa cum laude*, 544 pages, in French).
- 2007** MA – American Studies, UBM, France.  
- Thesis title: “‘The Kingdom of God on Earth’: Latter-day Saints, Politics and the Republican Party” (*summa cum laude*, 122 pages, in French).
- 2005** MA – Anglophone Studies, UBM, France.  
- Thesis title: “Priesthood and Leadership in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints” (*cum laude*, 125 pages).
- 2004** BA – Linguistics, Literature and History of Anglophone Countries, UBM, France.
- 2003** Certificate in Letters, Exchange Student, Oklahoma University (USA) - Studied:  
– 19<sup>th</sup> Century US History and Literature: African-American History; Civil War Literature.  
– Political Science: History of Congress; Congressional Politics.  
– Sociology: Social Problems in the United States.  
– Linguistics: Fundamentals of Phonetics and Phonology.

## Professional experience

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- 2018-** **Assistant Professor**, Dpt. of Church History & Doctrine, Brigham Young University.  
**Courses taught:**  
– Religion 225 – Foundations of the Restoration: Survey of the history and doctrine of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.  
– Religion 324 – Doctrine and Covenants: Religious and historical study of canonical revelations specific to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.  
– CREOL 340 – Introduction to Haitian Literature and Culture (course taught every Winter as an affiliate faculty in Center for Language Studies).
- 2014-18** **Teaching Professor** (Tenured), Joint-appointment: Department of Anglophone Studies and Department of Applied Modern Languages, University Bordeaux Montaigne, France.  
**Undergraduate courses taught:**  
○ **American History:**  
- “The Making of the United States: From Colonization to Independence” (delivered

- lectures and taught students to study historical documents and write analytical essays).
- “The Cherokees” (taught students to study historical documents and write analytical essays).
  - “The Progressive Era” (taught students to study historical documents and write analytical essays).
  - “The Young American Republic, from Independence to Th. Jefferson 1783-1808” (taught students to study historical documents and write analytical essays).
  - “The United States and the Pacific World” (taught students to study historical documents and write analytical essays).
  - “A History of African Americans from Brown to Obama: Fighting for a Post-Racial Future, 1950-2010” (taught students to study historical documents and write analytical essays).
  - **“English Language and Cross-Cultural Business”**
    - French-English translation  
Taught the rules of translation and guided students through practice.
    - Business English  
Taught students to use English in business and cross-cultural contexts.

#### **Graduate courses taught:**

- **Master’s Program of “Global Security and Trilingual Analyst”**
  - “Religion in International Relations” (delivered lecture every Fall between 2014 and 2018).  
Taught students how to take religion – and the absence thereof – into account when dealing with other peoples.
  - “Religion and the Law: French, American and International Contexts” (delivered lecture once a year between 2014 and 2016).  
Taught the history of laws protecting beliefs, religion and freedom of conscience.
  - “Ideologies in American International Relations” (delivered lecture once a year between 2014 and 2018).  
Taught students how John Winthrop’s “City upon a Hill” principle informs US diplomacy.
- **Master’s Program of “Religion and Cultures”**
  - Gender and Religion (2016-2018).  
Taught graduate students how questions of gender and sexuality affect religions and how religions address them.
- **Master’s Program of “Business, Language and Cross-Cultural Studies”**
  - Languages and Cultures in Practice (taught once a year between 2014 and 2018).  
Taught students how to integrate cultural studies theories and language into marketing

strategies.

- Translation, Story-Telling and Business Consulting in Practice.

Taught graduate students how to translate and advise businesses on linguistic and localization strategies that will help them grow.

**2013-14 Tenured High School Teacher – Nationally Certified Teacher of English as a Second Language**, Bordeaux, French Ministry of Education.

- Taught English as a second language and Anglophone culture.

**2013-14 Tenured High School Teacher – Nationally Certified Teacher of English as a Second Language**, Bordeaux, French Ministry of Education (granted tenured in 2007).

Taught English as a second language and Anglophone culture.

**2011-13 Temporary Lecturer and Researcher**, University Bordeaux 1 - Department of Letters, Modern Languages and Communication.

- Taught English for specific purposes and Anglophone culture.
- Conducted research on religion in the United States for PhD dissertation.

**2008-11 Adjunct, UBM**, Cultural and Anglophone Studies in a master's program of Management of Cultural Projects.

- Taught English for specific purposes and Anglophone culture.

**2006-11 Tenured High School Teacher – Nationally Certified Teacher of English as a Second Language**, Bordeaux, French Ministry of Education (granted tenured in 2007).

- Taught English as a second language and Anglophone culture.

## Selected publications

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### \*Selected publications since hiring in the department of Church History & Doctrine\*

**2021** Carter Charles, "Theodore Roosevelt, Reed Smoot, the Church, and Religious Tolerance." In Kenneth L. Alford, Lloyd D. Newell, and Alexander L. Baugh (eds.), *Latter-day Saints in Washington, DC: A Regional Studies Volume*. Provo and Salt Lake City, Utah: Religious Studies Center/Deseret Book, 2021, pp. 205-221.

**2020** Rachel Cope, Carter Charles, Jordan Watkins (eds.), "*How and What You Worship*": *Christology and Praxis in the Revelations of Joseph Smith*. Provo and Salt Lake City: Religious Studies Center/Deseret Book, October 2020.

Carter Charles, "'Thou Art an Elect Lady': How Christ Includes and Empowers Women in Doctrine and Covenants 25." In Rachel Cope, Carter Charles, Jordan Watkins (eds.), "*How and What You Worship*": *Christology and Praxis in the Revelations of Joseph Smith*. Provo and Salt Lake City: Religious Studies Center/Deseret Book, October 2020, pp. 194-220.

Carter Charles, (Solicited) Review of Max Perry Mueller, *Race and the Making of the Mormon People*. *Journal of Religious History* vol. 44, n° 3, September 2020, pp. 383-384.

**2019** Carter Charles, (Solicited) Review of Quincy D. Newell, *Your Sister in the Gospel: The Life of Jane Manning James, a Nineteenth-Century Black Mormon*. *BYU Studies Quarterly* vol. 58, no. 4, 2019, pp. 161-164.

Carter Charles, Pierre Vendassi, « Église de Jésus-Christ des Saints des Derniers Jours » (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints). In Anne-Laure Zwillling *et. al.* (eds.), *Les minorités religieuses en France* (Minority Religions in France), Paris, France: Éditions Bayard, September 2019, pp. 1182-1200.

Carter Charles, "Mormon Studies in Latin America and the Caribbean: State of the Field as of 2018." *Mormon Studies Review*, vol. 6, 2019, pp. 17–24. JSTOR,

- 2018 **Carter Charles**, “Mormon Studies in France: An Academic Tradition.” In David Morris, Kim Östman, Irén Annus, eds., *Mormonism in Europe: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives*. Americana eBooks, Hungary: Szeged University Press. (October 2018).

**\*Selected publications before joining BYU’s department of Church History & Doctrine\***

- Carter Charles**, *Tout savoir sur la religion mormone* (215-page introduction to Mormonism). Paris, France: Editions Pierre-Guillaume de Roux.
- 2016 **Carter Charles**, “Mormonism in America: Itinerary to Allegiance from Joseph Smith to Mitt Romney.” In Stephen Hunt (ed.), *Handbook of Contemporary Christianity: Movements, Institutions & Allegiance*, Leiden, Netherlands: Brill, 2016, pp. 441-460.
- 2014 **Carter Charles**, “[Mormon Temple Rituals, Women and Freemasonry](#).” In Pierre Mollier (ed.), *Ritual, Secrecy and Civil Society*, vol. 2, N°1, pp. 33-53. Washington D.C.: Wastphalia Press. (Translated and augmented version of « Mormonisme et franc-maçonnerie : Du rôle des femmes dans les rituels du temple mormon ». In C. Révauger, J. Lemaire (eds.). *Les femmes et la franc-maçonnerie. Des Lumières à nos jours*. Belgium: La Pensée et les Hommes, 2011, pp. 281-297.
- 2013 **Carter Charles**, “Joseph Smith, Sr.” Encyclopedic entry on the connection between Mormonism and American Masonry. In Charles Porset, Cécile Révauger (eds.), *Le monde maçonnique des Lumières, Dictionnaire Prosopographique*. Paris: Éditions Honoré Champion, 2013, pp. 2567-2570.
- 2012 **Carter Charles**, “Francophone Mormons and the Internet: The Discovery of a Space Fit for Religious Freedom and Constructive Dialogue.” In *Alternative Spirituality and Religion Review*, vol. 3, no. 1, pp. 15-41.
- Carter Charles**, “[Mitt Romney, les évangéliques et l’investiture du Parti républicain](#)” (Mitt Romney, Evangelicals and the Nomination of the Republican Party). [Online]. *Observatoire géopolitique du religieux*, Institute for International and Strategic Affairs (IRIS).
- 2011 **Carter Charles**, “[Des mormons et des chiffres : Statistiques et conversions dans l’Église de Jésus-Christ des Saints des Derniers Jours](#)” (Mormons and Numbers: Statistics and Conversion in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints). *Relioscope*, vol. 5, June. Fribourg, Switzerland.
- Carter Charles**, “Review – Joseph Smith” (by Robert V. Remini). In *Alternative Spirituality and Religion Review*, vol. 2, n°2, pp. 414-421.
- 2009 **Carter Charles**, “The Conversion of Mormon Missionaries to other Cultures as Observed in France, and in Haiti.” In Bernadette Rigal-Cellard (ed.), *Religions et mondialisation: exils, expansions, résistances*. Pessac, France: University of Bordeaux Press.

## **Graduate research evaluation and supervision**

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**\*Research evaluations since joining BYU’s department of Church History & Doctrine\***

- 2018 **(While at BYU) Outside Thesis Committee Member** – “Social Representations of Death among Members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Haiti: Post-Mortem Practices and Religious Experiences of the Converts” (in French), by Junior Baptiste, in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the BA in Sociology-Anthropology, National University of Haiti.

**\*Research evaluations before joining BYU’s department of Church History & Doctrine\***

**Graduate Research Supervisor and Thesis Committee Chair** – “Slave narratives in Jamaica” by Mathilde Gabriel in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the MA in

Anglophone Studies, UBM.

- 2017** **Graduate Research Supervisor and Thesis Committee Chair** – “Le Kenbwa, Avatar de l’identité guadeloupéenne?” (Kenbwa [a traditional religion]: Avatar of Guadeloupean Identity?) by Julie Andrade in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the MA in Religion and Culture, UBM.
- 2016** **Graduate Thesis Committee Member** – “Pentecostalism: A Fast-Growing Movement – Issues in Bordeaux and Saint Laurent du Maroni [French Guyana]” by Olivier Antinon in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the MA in American Studies, UBM.

## Selected presentations

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### \*Presentations since joining BYU’s department of Church History & Doctrine\*

- 2020** “‘Thou Art an Elect Lady’: How Christ Includes and Empowers Women in Doctrine and Covenants 25.” [Video presentation](#) given at the 2020 Sydney B. Sperry Symposium “*How and What You Worship*”: *Christology and Praxis in the Revelations of Joseph Smith*, October 23-24.
- 2019** “Third Millennium Religious Dynamics in the Twentieth Century: Jean Finot Challenges Weber” – Paper presented at the international conference “Re-Enchanting the World: Spiritualities and Religions of the Third Millennium” organized by CESNUR/University of Turin, September 5-7, 2019.
- “Latter-day Saint Women, Black Americans and the Limits of Integration” – Paper presented at the Mormon History Association conference “Isolation & Integration,” Salt Lake City, June 6-9, 2019.
- “Theodore Roosevelt and Albert J. Beveridge’s Defense of Latter-day Saints.” Paper presented at BYU Church History Symposium during the Washington D. C. Regional Study Tour, June 15, 2019.

### \*Presentations before joining BYU’s department of Church History & Doctrine\*

- 2018** “Mormonism in Haiti: A Foreign or a Home Religion?” – Paper presented at the Mormon History Association Conference, June. Boise, Idaho, USA.
- “Mormon Studies in France: A Durkheimian Tradition” – Paper presented at the conference “Towards Global Mormon Studies.” March 8-9. Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA, USA.
- 2016** “‘The Wisest Course’: Mormonism and the Challenge/Advantages of Secularism” – Paper presented during the seminar “Secularism and the Mormon Response.” July. The Wheatley Institution, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, USA.
- 2015** “The Mormon Church and LGBT Issues: Stepping Forward and Holding on to ‘Traditions’?” – Paper presented at the international conference on “Homosexuality and Monotheistic Traditions.” March 17-17, 2015. University Paris 8 and EHESS, Paris.
- 2014** “Satan’s Brother: Mitt Romney and Religion in U.S. Presidential Politics in the Media” - Paper presented at the international conference “Minority Religions and the Media.” December 4, 2014. National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS) Groupe Société Religion Laïcités, Paris.
- “‘Mormonism is neither a Church nor a religion’ or how American Protestantism Preserved its Hegemonic Religious Model against the ‘Mormon Menace’” – Paper presented at the Annual Congress of the French Association of American Studies (AFEAS). May 21-24, 2014. University Paris Sorbonne Nouvelle, Paris.
- 2012** “On the Wings of America or How Being Based in the United States Facilitates the

International Expansion of Mormonism” – Paper presented at the international conference “The Evolution of Mormonism from Sect to Church.” December 6-7, 2012. University Bordeaux Montaigne, Bordeaux.

- 2010** “Mormonism in American Context: From ‘Theocracy’ to ‘Mainstream’ Religion?” – Paper presented at the international conference « Profane in the Sacred. June 16-17, 2010. University Paris-Est Créteil, Paris.

## Citizenship

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### **Citizenship at Brigham Young University**

- 2020** Religious Education “Diversity and Inclusion” Committee member
- 2019-20** 2020 Sydney B. Sperry Symposium, Committee member  
Symposium title: “‘How and What You Worship’: Christology and Praxis in the Revelations of Joseph Smith.”
- 2019-** BYU Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Scholarship Committee member.
- 2019-** BYU-Religious Education: Friday Faculty Forum, Committee chair.
- 2018-19** BYU-Religious Education: Friday Faculty Forum, Committee member.
- 2019** BYU – French Judge for Marriott School Business Language Competition (Nov.).
- 2018** BYU – French Judge for Marriott School Business Language Competition (Nov.).
- 2018-** *BYU Studies Quarterly* Editorial board member.
- 2018-** Faculty advisor for TSOS-BYU (TSOS is a refugee awareness club whose acronym stands for “Their Story is Our Story”).

### **Citizenship in the academy**

- 2020-** Mormon History Association Book Award Committee member and chair
- 2019-** Mormon History Association
- Book Award Committee Member
  - International Committee Member
- 2018** Mormon History Association Program Committee Member
- 2018** Main organizer (with Julie Allen, Pierre Vendassi, Bernadette Rigal-Cellard, Lewis Clorméus and Caroline Kline) of the international conference “Decentered Mormonism: Assessing 180 Years of International Expansion” at Bordeaux Montaigne University, France, and sponsored by BYU Religious Education, BYU Kennedy Center, Church History Department of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Mormon History Association, and Claremont Graduate University.
- 2017-** Steering Committee Member of [Global Mormon Studies](#) network

### **Citizenship beyond the academy**

- 2018-** English-French and English-Creole Translator and Interpreter for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
- 2018-** Founding member and Vice-President of “Deux Mains, Haiti” (Haiti Tomorrow): France-based charity that promotes education and self-reliance in Haiti
- 2011-18** Founding member and President of “Deux Mains, Haiti”

## Languages

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- **Haitian Creole:** native
- **French:** native
- **English:** near-native
- **Spanish:** read, write, basic conversation
- **Brazilian Portuguese:** read, basic oral comprehension