

Claudius O. and Mary W. Johnson Distinguished Professorship in History



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Laurie Mercier's research and teaching explore the intersections of class, race, gender, and region in the 20th-century United States, and her work has led to four books and more than 60 articles and chapters. Her co-authored book *Speaking History: The American Past through Oral Histories, 1865-2001* was selected a Choice Outstanding Academic Title by the Association of College and Research Libraries. Her two current book projects focus on memory and work in women's oral histories, and on gender boundaries in industrial workplaces in western Canada and the U.S. Pacific Northwest.

Mercier involves undergraduate and graduate students in special projects that offer unique opportunities for their scholarly development while contributing significant materials for educators and communities, such as digital resources about racial and ethnic groups and museum exhibitions.

At WSU since 1995, Mercier has directed or co-directed major public history projects supported by grants totaling more than \$1 million, including digital histories of the Columbia River Basin funded by the Department of Education, Institute of Museum and Library Services, and National Endowment for the Humanities. Her work reaches broad audiences, including via a monthly regional radio show.

A former president of the Oral History Association, she served as associate director of the Center for Columbia River History and co-director of the Center for Social and Environmental Justice at WSU Vancouver. She was a Fulbright Research Fellow and has served on the boards of numerous editorial and professional organizations and lectured at international venues, from Ukraine to South Africa and Australia to Japan.



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