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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2014-present Assistant Professor, History
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- 2012-2014 Lecturer, History
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- 2009-2010 Visiting Assistant Professor
Furman University
- 2007-2009 Lecturer, History
Furman University
- 2007 Instructor, History
University of Virginia
- 2005-2007 *Mitarbeiter*, Institut für Mittelalterforschung, Akademie der Wissenschaften,
Vienna, Austria
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EDUCATION

- 2009 PhD, Medieval European History
University of Virginia
Dissertation: *Gottschalk of Orbais: A Study of Power and Spirituality in a Ninth-Century Life*
- 2000 MA, Medieval Studies
Western Michigan University
Thesis: *Social and Political Violence in the Medieval Rhineland*
- 1994 BA, History, English Minor
University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point
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PUBLICATIONS

Book

- *Heresy and Dissent in the Carolingian Empire: The Case of Gottschalk of Orbais* (Oxford University Press, 2017)

Co-edited volume

- Richard Corradini, Matthew Gillis, Rosamond McKitterick, and Irene van Renswoude eds., *Ego Trouble: Authors and Their Identities in the Early Middle Ages*. Forschungen zur Geschichte des Mittelalters. Akademie der Wissenschaften, Vienna, 2010.

Peer-reviewed article

- “Confessions and the creation of the will: a weird tale,” *postmedieval: a journal of medieval cultural studies* 5:1, 2014.

Book chapters

- “Heresy in the Flesh: Gottschalk of Orbais and the Predestination Controversy in the Archdiocese of Rheims,” in Rachel Stone and Charles West, eds., *Hincmar of Rheims: Life and Work*. Manchester University Press, 2015.
- “Noble and Saxon: The Meaning of Gottschalk of Orbais’ Ethnicity at the Synod of Mainz, 829,” in Rosamond McKitterick, Richard Corradini, Irene van Renswoude and Matthew Gillis, eds., *Ego trouble: Authors and Their Identities in the Early Middle Ages*. Forschungen zur Geschichte des Mittelalters. Akademie der Wissenschaften, Vienna, 2010.

Translations

- Medieval Latin translations for Thomas Fudge, ed., *The Crusade against Heretics in Bohemia, 1418-1437: Sources and Documents for the Hussite Crusades*. Aldershot: Ashgate, 2002.

AWARDS/HONORS

2006	Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Year Fellowship, University of Virginia
2005	Fulbright (IIE) Award for Austria
1999	Mary Steckelberg Award for Latin, Department of Foreign Languages, Western Michigan University
1998	FLAS (Foreign Language and Area Studies) Award, Indiana University

RECENT AND UPCOMING TALKS

- “Lament and Praise in Abbo of Saint-Germain-des-Prés’s *Bella urbis Parisiaca*,” for the session “Confession in the Middle Ages, I: The Path to the Fourth Lateran Council,

1215,” International Medieval Congress, Leeds, July 4, 2017

- “~~Powers~~ Pleasures of Horror,” 14th Annual Marco Symposium, “Carolingian Experiments,” University of Tennessee, Knoxville, March 24-25, 2017
- “The Worm and the Corpse: A Carolingian Materiality of Sin,” for the session “Flesh and Materiality,” The Material World of the Early Middle Ages, Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon, October 7-9, 2016
- “Spawning Dark Age Theologies: Horror as a Historical Approach,” for the roundtable “Far Out!” 51st International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, May 12-15, 2016
- “Horror and Infidelity in the Stuttgart Psalter,” 34th International Conference of the Haskins Society, Carleton College, November 6-8, 2015
- “‘Ego autem sum vermis et non homo’: Carolingian Theologies of the Worm,” for the session “Dark Age Deity,” 50th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, May 14-17, 2015
- “What was the Worm for in a Dark Age?” Salongespräch, American Academy in Berlin, December, 1 2014
- “Headless and on the Road: Troublesome Monks in the Carolingian World,” Nach Rom gehen—Monastische Reisekultur im Mittelalter, Internationales Kolloquium am Stiftsarchiv St. Gallen, Kloster Einsiedeln, Switzerland, Sept. 3-6, 2014
- “Songs of Subversion and Grace: A Ninth-Century Spirituality of Dissent,” for the panel: “Shadow Cloister: Scandal, Subversion, and Theological Debate in Carolingian Monasticism,” 128th annual meeting of the American Historical Association and American Society of Church History, Washington, D.C., January, 2014.
- “*Confessions* and the Creation of the Will: A Weird Tale,” Research seminar in late antiquity, University of Tennessee, Knoxville. December, 2012.
- “The ‘Self’ as Missionary Strategy in the Ninth Century: The Case of Gottschalk of Orbais,” for the panel: “Conversion (2): Multiple Identities/Continuities of the Self,” 32nd annual meeting of the German Studies Association Meeting, St. Paul, Minnesota, September, 2008.
- “Grace May Be Divine, but Election is Performed: Gottschalk of Orbais and Self-Transformation,” Wittgenstein Week 2007, Institut für Mittelalterforschung, Akademie der Wissenschaften, Vienna, May, 2007.
- “The Many Faces of Gottschalk of Orbais: Strategies of Self-Representation in a Ninth-Century Life,” Early Medieval History Seminar, Institute for Historical Research, University of London, May, 2006.

- “*Imitatio Augustini* im neunten Jahrhundert? Gottschalk von Orbais und seine Bekenntnisschriften,” Patristischer- und Frühmittelalterlicher Arbeitskreis, Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Vienna, April 2006.
 - “A Fulda Heresy? Hrabanus Maurus’ *Liber de oblatione puerorum* and the Construction of a Carolingian Heresy,” Texts and Identities Conference IX, Vienna, Austria, January 2006.
 - “To Write the Kings: Classical Influences in Nithard’s *Res Gestae*,” 40th International Medieval Congress, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 2005.
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CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- Organizer for “Carolingian Experiments,” 2017 Marco Institute Symposium, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, March 24-25, 2017
 - Workshop Participant, “The Transformation of the Carolingian World, 850-1250,” Princeton University, May 10-11, 2016
 - Organizer for the session “Dark Age Deity,” 50th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 14-17, 2015
 - Co-organizer for “Cry Havoc!: War, Diplomacy and Conspiracy in the Middle Ages and Renaissance,” 2015 Marco Institute/Center for the Study of War and Society Joint Symposium, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, April 9-11, 2015
 - Moderator for session “Urban Spaces and Cityscapes II,” 11th Annual Marco Symposium *Reconceiving Pre-Modern Spaces*, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, March 6-8, 2014
 - Respondent for session “Emotions of War and Peace in the Carolingian World,” 40th Sewanee Medieval Colloquium, Sewanee, Tennessee, April 4-5, 2014
 - Moderator for session “Sainthood and Regional Identity II,” Medieval Academy of America Annual Meeting, Knoxville, Tennessee, April 4-6, 2013
 - Co-organizer for sessions, Carolingian Studies I-IV, 42nd International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May, 2007.
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BOOK REVIEWS

- Owen M. Phelan, *The Formation of Christian Europe: The Carolingians, Baptism, & the Imperium Christianum* (Oxford, 2014) for *Catholic Historical Review* (forthcoming)
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COURSES

- Heroes, Monsters and Horror in the Early Middle Ages (graduate)
 - Vengeance and Violence in Dark Age Worlds (undergraduate seminar)
 - Thought and Culture in the Carolingian World (graduate)
 - Dark Age Empire (upper division undergraduate course on Carolingian Europe)
 - The Vikings (upper division undergraduate)
 - European Medieval Intellectual History (upper division undergraduate)
 - The Early Middle Ages (upper division undergraduate)
 - The Medieval World (undergraduate survey)
 - The Ancient World (undergraduate survey)
 - Western Civilization to 1500 (undergraduate survey)
 - The West and the World (undergraduate survey)
 - Tolkien and Medieval Fantasy (first year seminar)
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SERVICE

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| 2016 | Book Proposal Reviewer for Routledge |
| 2015 | University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UTK), Hist 299 Development Workshop |
| 2015 | UTK Workshop for History Teachers, East Tennessee Historical Society,
Presentation: "Religion and Raiding in the Viking Age" |
| 2015 | Marco Institute search committee for Haslam Fellow |
| 2014- | Reviewer for the journal <i>Eras</i> |
| 2014- | Marco Institute Symposium 2015 Committee, UTK |
| 2014- | Marco Institute search committee for graduate teaching assistant, UTK |
| 2014 | Marco Institute search committee to hire lecturer, UTK |
| 2013- | Steering board member, Marco Institute, UTK |
| 2012- | Research seminar in Late Antiquity, UTK |
| 2012- | Medieval frontiers research seminar, UTK |
| 1998-9 | President of Goliard Society (<i>Imperator goliardorum</i>), Western Michigan
University |
| 1998-9 | Graduate Student Representative to Medieval Institute Board of Directors,
Western Michigan University |