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EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

Ph.D. The University of Tennessee, Knoxville (expected May 2021)
Pre-Modern European History

Dissertation Title: “*Troya Victa*: Empire, Identity, and Apocalypse in Frankish Chronicles of the Fourth Crusade”

Advisor: Jay Rubenstein

Dissertation Committee: Matthew Gillis, Maura Lafferty, Anne-Hélène Miller, and Brett Whalen

Exam Fields: Crusading and Latin Christian Conceptions of the “Other,” Biblical Exegesis and Apocalypticism, Carolingian Legacies in the High Middle Ages, Medieval Latin Poetry, Medieval Reading Practices and Manuscript Culture, and Twelfth-Century Approaches to the Classical Tradition

M.A. The University of Notre Dame May 2015
Early Christian Studies

Exam Committee: Blake Leyerle, Christopher Baron, Gabriel Said Reynolds

Exam Fields: Late Antique Christianity and Communal Boundary Maintenance, Early Christian Approaches to the Classical Tradition, Late Antique Polytheism and the Challenge of Christian Philosophy, and Historiographical Challenges in the Study of Islamic Origins

(Transcripts available upon request)

B.A. The University of Texas at Arlington May 2013

Majors: English and History
Minors: Classics and Medieval Studies

Summa cum laude

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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Teaching Experience

- 2015-2018** **The University of Tennessee, Department of History**
Graduate Teaching Assistant
- Led weekly discussion sections centered around primary text analysis
 - Held weekly office hours
 - Graded written assignments
 - Lectured twice per semester
 - Courses: History of Western Civilization I: Ancient – 1715 C.E.
 - History of the Later Roman World
 - History of the Middle East I
- 2013-2015** **The University of Notre Dame, Department of Classics**
Graduate Teaching Assistant
- Courses: Ancient Greece and Rome
 - Greco-Roman Myth
 - Roman Law and Governance

Other Professional Experience

- 2019-Present** **The University of Tennessee, Department of History**
Research Assistant
- Transcribed oral interviews for the University of Tennessee's Voices Out Loud archival project according to the Columbia University's Center for Oral History's Research Transcription Style Guide
- 2018-2019** **The University of Tennessee, Department of History**
Writing Tutor
- Provided feedback to undergraduate students who sought to improve their historical writing skills, with special attention to their papers' structure, arguments, and citations.
- 2016-2017** **The University of Tennessee, Humanities Center**
Faculty Research Seminar Graduate Assistant
- Assisted Dr. Jay Rubenstein in submitting a research proposal for his "Holy War and the Middle Ages" seminar, planning topics discussion, and scheduling presenters.
- 2013-2014** **The University of Notre Dame, Center for Digital Scholarship**
Graduate Student Assistant
- Oversaw the daily running of the center's equipment
 - Logged and tracked all circulating items
 - Assisted patrons with research needs

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

“*Personae Miserabiles*: Implications of Orphanhood in Medieval Biographies of the Prophet,” in *Newberry Essays in Medieval and Early Modern Studies*, vol. 9: *Selected Proceedings of the Newberry Center for Renaissance Studies 2015 Multidisciplinary Graduate Student Conference*, ed. Karen Christianson. Chicago: The Newberry Library, 2015.

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

Conference Presentations

“‘Marvelous in Our Eyes’: Baldwin of Flanders, Innocent III, and the Apocalyptic Expectations of 1204” at the 54th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May 9-12, 2019.

“The Challenge of Authenticity: Legacies of 19th-Century Crusade Historiography in the New Millennium” at Narrative & Nostalgia: The Crusades & American Civil War, Roanoke, VA, March 29-30, 2019.

“*Troya Victa*: Twelfth-Century Conceptions of History and the Question of the Fourth Crusade” at the 44th annual Byzantine Studies Conference, San Antonio, TX, October 4-7, 2018.

“Peacocks in the Cloister: Anti-Hagiography in Gunther of Paris’ *Hystoria Constantinopolitana*” at the 53rd International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May 10-13, 2018.

“*Sacro sacrilegio*: Form, Function, and Phenomenological Funk in the *Hystoria Constantinopolitana*” at the 44th annual Sewanee Medieval Colloquium, Sewanee, TN, April 13-14, 2018.

“‘It’s all just a little bit of history repeating’: The Legacy of Troy in Gunther of Paris’ *Hystoria Constantinopolitana*,” at the 56th annual Southeastern Medieval Association, Charleston, SC, November 16-18, 2017.

“‘We Were Hawks and They Were Herons’: Troubadour Lyrics and the Legacy of 1204,” at the 52nd International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May 11-14, 2017.

“Visited by the Light of Faith: The Role of St. Stephen in the *Epistula Severi*,” at the 55th annual Southeastern Medieval Association, Knoxville, TN, October 6-8, 2016.

“Graduate Student Experiences: Training for the Current Job Market,” at the 51st International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May 12-15, 2016.

“*Personae Miserabiles*: Tropes and Agendas in Western Biographies of the Prophet of Islam” at the 32nd Annual Illinois Medieval Association, St. Louis, MO, February 20-21, 2015.

“*Personae Miserabiles*: Implications of Orphanhood in Western Biographies of Muhammad” at the Newberry Center for Renaissance Studies 2015 Multidisciplinary Graduate Studies Conference, Chicago, IL, January 22-24, 2015.

Invited Lectures

“The Apocalyptic Expectations of Pope Innocent III and the Expansion of Crusading” at Grand View University, Des Moines, IA, February 18, 2019.

“Warrior Women, Harlot Saints, and the *Vita Mahumeti*: An investigation of BL MS Add. 24199,” at the 11th Annual Marco Manuscript Workshop, Knoxville, TN, February 5-6, 2016.

Public Outreach

“Us v. Them: The Role of Intellectuals in the Fight against Fascism” at “An Anti-Nazi Teach-In: Fascisms Past & Present,” Knoxville, TN, February 16, 2018.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

Graduate Awards

- 2015-2020 The Tennessee Fellowship for Graduate Excellence, UTK
- 2015-2019 Various History Department Graduate Travel Awards, UTK
- 2015-2019 Various Marco Institute Travel Awards, UTK
- 2018-2019 The John C. Osborne Scholarship, Department of Modern Foreign Languages, UTK
- 2018-2019 The Paul Barrette Student Travel and Research Fellowship, Marco Institute, UTK
- 2018-2019 The Susan Becker Award for Excellence in Teaching, Department of History, UTK
- 2018-2019 The Wm. T. Ray Scholarship, Humanities Center, UTK
- 2015-2016 The Herman E. Spivey Humanities Graduate Fellowship, UTK

Undergraduate Awards

- 2012 The Holmes Scholarship for Classical Studies, UTA
- 2011 The Eta Sigma Phi Society (The National Classics Honors Society), UTA
- 2011 The College of Liberal Arts Scholarship for Academic Excellence, UTA
- 2011 The English Departmental Endowed Scholarship for Academic Excellence, UTA
- 2010 The Phi Alpha Theta Society (The National History Honors Society), UTA
- 2008 The National Society of Collegiate Scholars, UTA

SERVICE

- 2018-2019 **Graduate Student Senate:** Graduate Student Representative
The Marco Institute for Medieval and Renaissance Studies
The University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- 2017-2019 **Graduate Affairs Committee:** Graduate Student Representative
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- 2017-2018 **Graduate Student Senate:** Graduate Student Representative
History Department
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- 2014-2015 **Graduate Student Union:** Graduate Student Representative
Early Christian Studies
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2014-2015 **Graduate Theological Society:** Graduate Student Representative
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RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Reading Fluency

Pre-Modern: Latin (Classical & Medieval)
Modern: French

Reading Ability

Pre-Modern: Arabic (Qur'anic & Classical), Greek (Attic, Koine, & Byzantine), Old & Middle English,
Old French, Old Occitan
Modern: German, Italian, Spanish

Conversational Ability

Modern: French, Arabic

INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2017-2018 Manuscript Cultures Seminar, UTK
2016-2017 Old Occitan Reading Group
2015-Present Late Antiquity Seminar, UTK
2015-Present Marco Graduate Colloquium
2015-Present Medieval Latin Sight-Reading Group, UTK
2015-2017 Crusade and Holy War in the Middle Ages Seminar, UTK

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

The Byzantine Studies Association of North America
The C. H. Haskins Society for Viking, Anglo-Saxon, Norman, and Angevin History
The Medieval Academy of America
The North American Patristics Society
The Society for the Study of the Crusades and the Latin East
The Southeastern Medieval Association

REFERENCES (Additional references available upon request)

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