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Education

University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ: Ph.D., 1993.
Western Theological Seminary, Holland, MI: M.Div., 1985
Hope College, Holland, MI: B.A., 1981.

Professional Experience

Director of Graduate Studies, University of Tennessee, 2009-2011.
Founding Director, The Marco Institute for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, 2003-2008.
Chair, Medieval Studies Interdisciplinary Program, 2003-2008.
Director, The Medieval and Renaissance Curriculum and Outreach project, 2002-3.
Editor-in-Chief, *Studies in the History of Christian Traditions*, Brill Academic Publishers, 2000-present.
Associate Professor of History, University of Tennessee 1998-
Assistant Professor of History, University of Tennessee, 1994-98.
University of Arizona: Lecturer, 1993-94.

Monograph and Edited Volumes:

- Robert J. Bast and Andrew Gow, eds., “Piety and Conflict in the Early Reformation”, *Renaissance and Reformation/Renaissance et Réforme* 40.4 (Fall 2017). (Reformation Quincentennial issue).
- *The Reformation of Faith in the Context of Late Medieval Theology and Piety. Essays by Berndt Hamm*. Robert J. Bast, editor. Brill, 2004.
- *Continuity and Change: The Harvest of Late-Medieval and Reformation History. Essays Presented to Heiko A. Oberman on his 70th Birthday*. Robert J. Bast and Andrew Colin Gow, eds. Brill, 2000.
- *Honor your Fathers: Catechisms and the Emergence of a Patriarchal Ideology in Germany, 1400-1600. Studies in Medieval and Reformation Thought*, 71. Brill, 1997.

Articles:

- “Augustin Bader of Augsburg (d. 1530): Weaver, Prophet, Messianic King”, in Ute Lotz-Heumann, ed., *A Sourcebook of Early Modern European History. Life, Death, and Everything in Between*, 1st edition (Routledge, 2019): 261-64.
- “The Messianic Kingship of Augustin Bader: Prophecy, Politics and Anti-Habsburg Polemics in the German Reformation”, in Marya Green-Mercado, ed., “Speaking the End Times. Prophecy and Messianism in Early Modern Eurasia.” *Journal of Social and Economic History of the Orient* 61.1-2 (Spring 2018): 147-171.
- “Utz Ricksner as Ideologue of the Schilling Uprising in Augsburg, 1524”, in Bast and Gow, eds., “Piety and Conflict in the Early Reformation”, *Renaissance and Reformation/Renaissance et Réforme* 40.4 (Fall 2017): 91-116.
- “The Ten Commandments and Pastoral Care in Late-Medieval and Early Modern Europe: An Inquiry into Expectations and Outcomes”, in Youri Desplenter, Walter Melion and Jürgen Pieters, eds., *The Ten Commandments in Medieval and Early Modern Culture* (Brill, 2017): 90-112.
<http://www.brill.com/products/book/ten-commandments-medieval-and-early-modern-culture>
- “Politics and Piety: The Political Dimension of Religious Catechisms in Late-Medieval and Early Modern Germany”, in: *Les catéchismes républicains*, ed. Jean-Charles Buttier and Émilie Delivré. *La Révolution française*. (Cahiers de l’Institut histoire de la Révolution française, 2009): 1-8.
- “Constructing Protestant Identity: The Pastor as Prophet in Reformation Zurich”, in:

Frömmigkeit—Theologie--Frömmigkeitstheologie. Contributions to European Church History. Festschrift für Berndt Hamm (Brill, 2005): 351-62.

- “Strategies of Communication: Late-Medieval Catechisms and the Passion Tradition” in *The Broken Body: Passion Devotion in Late-Medieval Culture*, ed. Alasdair MacDonald et al. (Groningen: Egbert Forsten Press, 1998): 133-43.
- “From Two Kingdoms to Two Tables: The Ten Commandments and the Christian Magistrate”, *Archiv für Reformationgeschichte/Archive for Reformation History* 89 (1998): 79-95.
- “Honor your Fathers: Reform movements, Catechisms and ‘the Civilizing Process’ in Late Medieval and Early Modern Germany. *Amsterdams Sociologisch Tijdschrift* 21/4 (1995): 116-125.
- “Je Geistlicher Je Blinder: Anticlericalism, Ethics and the Law in Luther’s Sermons on Matthew 22:34-40” in *Anticlericalism in Late Medieval and Early Modern Europe*, ed. Peter Dykema and Heiko A. Oberman. *Studies in Medieval and Reformation Thought*, 51 (Brill, 1993): 367-78.

Conference and Symposium Papers:

- “Sin Boldly: Martin Luther and the Reformation of Sex”, Second Annual Workshop on Reconciling Sexuality, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Columbia, South Carolina, March 25, 2019.
- “Prophecy, Agency and the Battle for Lay Christianity in the Early Reformation”, UNC-Chapel Hill Compact Seminar, *Imagin(in)g the Apocalypse: Premodern Apocalypticism and the Digital Humanities* Feb 15-17, 2018.
- “It Takes a Village. Collaboration, Identity, and the Messianic Kingship of Augustin Bader”, International meeting of the Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Bruges, Belgium, Aug. 2016.
- “Layman, Weaver, Pamphleteer: Utz Richsner as Ideologue of the Schilling Uprising in Augsburg, 1524”. International meeting of the Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Vancouver, CN, Oct. 2015.
- “Prophecy and Politics in Reformation Germany: The Messianic Kingship of Augustin Bader as Anti-Habsburg Polemic”. Invited paper presented at the international symposium *Speaking the End Times. Prophecy and Messianism in Early Modern Eurasia*, University of Michigan, April 15-16 2015.
- Invited Keynote Address, International: “The Ten Commandments and Pastoral Care in Late-Medieval and Early Modern Europe: An Inquiry into Expectations and Outcomes”, at the Ghent Conference on the Ten Commandments in Medieval and Early Modern Culture, Ghent University, Belgium, April 2014.
- “The Messianic Kingship of Augustin Bader as Anti-Habsburg Polemic”. Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico, Oct. 2013.
- “Whatever Happened to ‘The Gospel of Social Unrest’? Reflections on Anabaptism and the Radical Reformation in the work of Heiko A. Oberman”, Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Montreal, Canada, Oct. 2010.
- “Becoming the ‘Public Face of the Humanities’: Outreach, Fundraising and the Example of the Marco Institute”. Invited keynote address, CARA Conference (Committee for Centers and Regional Associations) of the Medieval Academy of America, Oct. 2007.
- “Piety, Politics, Patriarchy: the Catechism in Late Medieval and Early Modern Europe”. Invited paper presented at the International symposium, *Political Catechisms: Preaching on the Altar of Modernity?* University of Europe, Florence, IT, Oct. 2006.
- “(Re)writing the Book on Augustine Bader: Performing the Millennium” 41st International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May 2006.
- “Prophet and Regent of the New Millennium: Augustine Bader’s Reformation”. 40th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI., May 2005.
- “Making’ Enemies: Augustin Bader and the Judaizing Controversy of 1530”, Leeds International Medieval Congress (England): “Clash of Cultures”, July 2004.
- “Apocalypticism and Messianism in the Protestant Reformation: Augustin Bader of Augsburg”, John á Lasco Bibliothek, Emden (Germany) June 2003.
- “Millennialism and the Politics of the German Reformation, 1527-1530”. Apocalypticism in the Medieval and Early Modern Eras. Joint Seminar of the Theological Faculties of the Universities of Erlangen and Jena (Germany), Erlangen, July 2003.

Symposia and Exhibition:

- *Sacred Beauty. A Millennium of Religious Art 600-1600* (with Dr. Jeff Chapman), Frank H. McClung Museum, the University of Tennessee, September 2007-January 2008.
- *Saints and Citizens: Religion and Politics in the Middle Ages and the Renaissance*. University of Tennessee Marco Institute Symposium, Nov. 15-16, 2007.
- *Spectacle and Public Performance in the Middle Ages and the Renaissance*, University of Tennessee Marco Institute Symposium, Feb. 26-27, 2004.

Fellowships, Grants, Awards, Honors:

- Research Fellow, the University of Tennessee Humanities Center, 2017-18.
- Faculty Award for Outstanding Academic Outreach, College of Arts and Sciences, UT 2007.
- Contributing Author, National Endowment for the Humanities Grant (\$3 million Challenge Grant to create The Marco Institute for Medieval and Renaissance Studies), 2003.
- Executive Council of the International Society for Reformation Research, 2003-07.
- Thomas Jefferson Prize for Excellence in Research, Teaching and Service, UT 2002.
- National Alumni Association Outstanding Teacher Award, 2001.
- Fulbright Fellowship, Eberhard-Karls-Universität, Tübingen, Germany, 1990-92.

Book Reviews:

- Charles Arand, Erik H. Herrmann, Daniel L. Mattson, eds. *From Wittenberg to the World. Essays on the Reformation and its Legacy in Honor of Robert Kolb*. Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2018.
- *Renaissance and Reformation/Renaissance et Réforme* (at press; scheduled for 43/1 Spring 2020).
- Martin Kitzinger, Frank Rexroth and Jörg Rogge, eds. *Gewalt und Widerstand in der politischen Kultur* 2017): 1091-1092.
- Tamara Atkin, *The Drama of Reform: Theology and Theatricality, 1461-1553*. (Late Medieval and Early Modern Studies 23.) Turnhout: Brepols, 2013. *Speculum* 92/1 (Jan. 2017): 211-212.
- Marc R. Forster, *Catholic Revival in the Age of the Baroque: Religious Identity in Southwest Germany, 1550-1750*, (Cambridge University Press, 2001): *Sixteenth Century Journal* 34/1 (2003): 187-88.
- The New Cambridge Medieval History, Vol. VI: c. 1415-1500, Christopher Allmand, editor (Cambridge University Press, 1998): *Medieval Encounters* 5/3 (1999): 421-23.
- Joel F. Harrington, *Reordering Marriage and Society in Reformation Germany* (Cambridge University Press, 1995): *Renaissance Quarterly* 51/3 (1998): 1005-06.

Series Publications: Editor in chief, *Studies in the History of Christian Traditions*, Brill Academic Publishers (volumes since 2015 only. Complete list since 2000, by volume number, available at: <http://www.brill.com/publications/studies-history-christian-traditions>).

194: Andrew A. Cashner, *Hearing Faith: Music as Theology in the Spanish Empire*, 2020.
ISBN: 978-90-04-43199-7

193: Jonathan Warren Pagán, *Giles Firmin and the Transatlantic Puritan Tradition Polity, Piety, and Polemic*, 2020. ISBN: 978-90-04-43005-1

192: Jordan Ballor, Matthew Gaetano and David Sytsma, eds., *Beyond Dordt and De Auxiliis. The Dynamics of Protestant and Catholic Soteriology in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries*, 2019. ISBN: 978-90-04-40930-9

191: Hannah W. Mattis, *The Song of Songs in the Early Middle Ages*, 2019.
ISBN: 978-90-04-38925-0

190: Simon J.G. Burton, Joshua Hollmann and Eric M. Parker, eds., *Nicholas of Cusa and the Making of the Early Modern World*, 2019. ISBN: 978-90-04-38568-9

189: David Thomas Orique O.P. and Rady Roldán-Figueroa, eds., *Bartolomé de las Casas, O.P.*

- History, Philosophy, and Theology in the Age of European Expansion*, 2018.
ISBN: 978-90-04-38766-9
- 188: Thomas M. Izbicki, Jason Aleksander and Donald Duclow, ed., *Nicholas of Cusa and Times of Transition. Essays in Honor of Gerald Christianson* 2018. ISBN: 978-90-04-38241-1
- 187: Stamenka Antonova, *Barbarian or Greek? The Charge of Barbarism and Early Christian Apologetics*, 2018. ISBN: 978-90-04-30624-0
- 186: David L. Ellis, *Politics and Piety: The Protestant 'Awakening' in Prussia, 1816-1856*, 2017. ISBN: 9789004308084
- 185: Joshua Hollman, *The Religious Concordance: Nicholas of Cusa and Christian-Muslim Dialogue*, 2017. ISBN: 9789004326774
- 184: Kathleen M. Comerford, Gary W. Jenkins, and W.J. Torrance Kirby, eds., *From Rome to Zurich, between Ignatius and Vermigli. Essays in Honor of John Patrick Donnelly, SJ*, 2017. ISBN: 9789004331761
- 183: Robert A. Maryks, "Pouring Jewish Water into Fascist Wine". *Untold Stories of (Catholic) Jews from the Archive of Mussolini's Jesuit Pietro Tacchi Venturi*, Vol. II, 2017. ISBN: 9789004329690
182. Richard J. Serina, *Nicholas of Cusa's Brixen Sermons and Late-Medieval Church Reform*, 2016. ISBN: 9789004321724
181. Daniel F. Callahan, *Jerusalem and the Cross in the Life and Writings of Ademar of Chabannes*, 2016. ISBN: 9789004298101
- 180: Kaspar Elm, *Religious Life between Jerusalem, the Desert, and the World*. Translated and edited by James L. Mixson. 2015. ISBN: 9789004307773
- 179: Robert J. Wilkinson, *Tetragrammaton: Western Christians and the Hebrew Name of God. From the Beginnings to the Seventeenth Century*. 2015. ISBN: 9789004284623

Select Service:

- Search Committee, Pre-Modern Europe (Felege Yirga), 2019-20.
- Search Committee, Medieval Europe (S. Ritchey) 2016-17.
- Graduate Committee, 2009-14; 2016-17
- Head's Advisory Committee, 2015-16
- Tenure Committee (M. Anderson), 2015-16.
- Search Committee, History Department Head (E. Freeberg), 2012-13
- Heads Advisory Committee, 2011-12, 2012-13
- Pre-Modern Europe Caucus Chair, 2009-14
- Search Committee, Department of History (J. Latham), 2010-11
- Tenure Committee (L. Nenzi), 2010.
- Marco Institute Advisory Board: 2009-present.
- Riggsby Director, The Marco Institute for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, 2003-2008.
- Coordinator, "Medieval and Renaissance Semester" (<http://web.utk.edu/~semester>), 2007.
- Search Committee, History Department Head (T. Burman), 2007-08.
- Chancellor's Global Activities Committee (oversaw implementation of QEP), 2006
- Search Committee Chair, Colonial Latin America, 2006 (C. Black)
- Search Committee, Medieval History/Marco, 2006 (J. Rubenstein)
- Search Committee (ex officio), Classics (M. Lafferty), 2006
- Search Committee (ex officio), English (J. Douglas), 2006
- Search Committee, Vice President of Research, University of Tennessee System 2004.
- Subcommittee Chair (Curriculum), Chancellor's Task Force for International and Intercultural Awareness Initiative (SACS Accreditation Quality Enhancement Plan), 2004
- Search Committee, Director of Development, College of Arts and Sciences, 2004.

Search Committee, Department of History (J. McIntosh), 2004
External Review Committee, Department of English, 2004.
Chair, Medieval Studies Inter-Disciplinary Program. 2004-2008
Strategic Planning Committee, 2003-4.
Life of the Mind Program, 2003-4.
Search Committee, American History (E. Freeburg), 2003.
Search Committee, American History / Jackson Papers (D. Feller) 2003.
Director, The MARCO Project, 2002-3.
Graduate Studies Committee, 2002.
Dean's Ad-hoc Committee on Mini-/Summer Term, 2002.
National Alumni Association Teacher Nominating Committee, 2002.
Chair, Post-Tenure Review Committee / (D. Tandy, Classics), 2002.
Cunningham Teaching Award Committee, 2001.
O'Conner Center Lecture Series organizer, 2001-2002.
Search Committee, History Department Head (T. Diacon) 2000-01.
Search Committee, Late Antiquity/Early Medieval (M. Kulikowski) 2000-01.
Search Committee, Jewish Studies (J.P. Dessel) 1999-2000.
Steering Committee, Medieval Studies Program, 1999-2001
Heads Advisory Committee 1997-99.