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Education

Ph.D., History, University of Minnesota, 2021

Dissertation: “Bridging the Strait: The Shared History of Iberia and North Africa in Medieval Muslim and Christian Chronicles”

M.A., History, University of Minnesota, 2017

B.A., History and Spanish, Wichita State University, 2013

Academic Appointments

2023-present Assistant Professor of Premodern Islamic History, University of Tennessee
 Knoxville

2021-23 Visiting Assistant Professor of Premodern Global History, Hollins University

Publications

Peer-reviewed articles

“[Women as Frontier-Makers in the *Libre dels fets* of James I of Aragon](#),” *Gender & History*
 [forthcoming and currently available through Early View]

“[Islam as the Source of All Wonders: Arab and Islamic Identity in al-Saraqustī’s *Maqāmāt al-luzūmiyya*](#),” *La corónica: A Journal of Medieval Hispanic Languages, Literatures, and Cultures* 47, no. 2 (Spring 2019): 9–31

Encyclopedia entries

“Islamic Conquest of Spain” and “Ibn Tumart Establishes the Almohad Movement and Dynasty,” in *Religion and World Civilizations: How Faith Shaped Societies from Antiquity to the Present, vol. 2: Medieval and Early Modern Worlds*, ed. Andrew Holt (New York: Bloomsbury, 2023), 110-111, 228-229

In progress

Narrating Conquest and Colonization in the Medieval Western Mediterranean [monograph in preparation]

Selected Teaching

University of Tennessee Knoxville

HIME/MEST 366 “History of the Middle East and the Islamic World, 600-1050” (Fall 2023)

HIST 261 “History of World Civilization to 1500” (Spring 2024)

Hollins University

HIST 113 “Intro to Medieval History” (Fall 2021, Spring 2023)

HIST/GWS 222 “Women in Ancient and Medieval Europe” (Fall 2021, Fall 2022)

HIST 250 “The Crusades” (Fall 2021, Spring 2023)

HIST 150 “Protest, Dissent, and Rebellion in the Middle Ages” (Spring 2022)

HIST 250 “Muslims, Christians, and Jews in the Middle Ages” (Spring 2022)

HIST 350 “Traveling the Globe in the Premodern World” (Spring 2022)

HIST 250 “Medieval Africa” (Fall 2022)

HIST 350 “Race, Religion, and Difference in the Middle Ages” (Fall 2022)

HIST/GWS 250 “Queer Middle Ages” (Spring 2023)

Augsburg University

HIS 370 “The Late Middle Ages to 1648” (Spring 2020)

University of Minnesota

HIST/MEST 3613 “History of the Crusades” (Summer 2017)

Selected Grants and Fellowships

- 2022 Olivia Remie Constable Award, Medieval Academy of America
Hollins University Provost’s Award for Summer Projects and Travel
- 2021-3 Postdoctoral Fellowship, Fulbright Israel [declined]
- 2020 Mellon-Council for European Studies Dissertation Completion Fellowship
Hella Mears Graduate Fellowship, University of Minnesota Center for German and European Studies
- 2019 Bernadotte E. Schmitt Grant, American Historical Association
American Institute for Maghrib Studies Short-Term Research Grant
John Boswell Dissertation Grant, Medieval Academy of America
Thesis Research Travel Grant, University of Minnesota Graduate School
Union Pacific Research Grant, University of Minnesota Center for Early Modern History
Summer Research Fellowship, University of Minnesota History Department
- 2018 Summer Institute, “Thresholds of Change: Modernity and Transformation in the Mediterranean, 1400-1700,” National Endowment for the Humanities
McNally Graduate Fellowship, University of Minnesota Center for Medieval Studies
Jeanne Jeffers Mrad Graduate Student Travel Award, American Institute for Maghrib Studies
- 2016 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship for the study of advanced Arabic, US Dept. of Education/University of Minnesota Institute for Global Studies
- 2015 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship for the study of intermediate Arabic, US Dept. of Education/University of Minnesota Institute for Global Studies
- 2014 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship for the study of beginning Arabic, US Dept. of Education/University of Wisconsin-Madison Center for European Studies
College of Liberal Arts Graduate Fellowship, University of Minnesota

Awards and Honors

- 2019 Best Student Paper Prize, Medieval Academy of America Annual Meeting
 2017 Outstanding Graduate Instructor Award, University of Minnesota History Department

Selected Presentations

Invited talks

- 2022 “Across the Strait of Gibraltar: Chroniclers from Iberia and North Africa,” [Medieval Grad Podcast](#)
 2019 “Reviving al-Andalus in Almohad Chronicles,” Moroccan-American Commission for Educational and Cultural Exchange, Rabat, Morocco

Conference presentations

- 2023 “Collapsing Muslim and North African Identities in Christian Chronicles from Medieval Iberia,” American Historical Association, Philadelphia, PA
 2022 “Medieval North Africa as a Colonial Power,” Middle East Studies Association, Denver, CO
 “Women and the Rise and Fall of the State in Medieval North Africa,” Medieval Academy of America, Charlottesville, VA
 “Naming North Africans in Christian Chronicles from Medieval Iberia,” International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI
 2021 “Chronicling Powerful Women in Medieval Iberia and North Africa,” International Council for Europeanists, virtual
 2020 “Muslim and Christian Apocalyptic Histories in Ninth-Century Iberia,” American Society of Church History, New York, NY
 2019 “The Almohad Caliphs, *Ihyā’*, and *Sihr Ḥalāl* in al-Andalus,” Arabic Pasts: Histories and Historiographies, Aga Khan University Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations, London, UK
 “Resurrecting Iberia in Medieval Muslim and Christian Chronicles,” Medieval Academy of America, Philadelphia, PA
 2018 “Destroyed by the Sword, Revived by the Word: The Almohad Conquest of al-Andalus in *Al-mann bil-imāma*,” Middle East Studies Association, San Antonio, TX
 “Arab and Islamic Identity in al-Saraqūṣī’s *Maqāmāt al-luzūmiyya*,” International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI
 2017 “The Queen and the Swallow: Women and the Christianization of Islamic Valencia,” Midwest Medieval History Conference, Kalamazoo, MI
 “Christian Women as Occupying Bodies in the 13th-century *Book of Deeds* of James I of Aragon,” International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI
 2016 “‘Our Well-Guarded Flock’: The Persistence of Holy War and al-Andalus in 13th-century Almohad Rhetoric,” International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI

Panels organized

- 2022 “Gender on the Periphery: Geographies, Religions, and Identities,” Medieval Academy of America, Charlottesville, VA
- 2020 “Whose Apocalypse: Staking and Contesting Claims on Past, Present, and End Times,” American Society of Church History, New York, NY
- 2018 “Translating Genres: Arabic Prose and European Literatures,” with Mario Cossío Olavide, International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI

Selected Professional Experience

Publishing

- 2021 Arabic transcription for James T. Monroe, *Islam and the Arabs in Spanish Scholarship: 16th Century to the Present*, ed. Michelle M. Hamilton and David A. Wacks (Boston: Ilex Foundation, 2022)
- 2020-1 Editorial Fellow/Content Solicitor for *EuropeNow*
- 2018-20 Senior Assistant to the Editors, *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture*
- 2017 Book Review Assistant, *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture*

University of Minnesota

- 2019 Administrative Fellow, Center for Medieval Studies and Center for Early Modern History
- 2017-9 Arabic Research Assistant for Ruth Mazo Karras, *Thou Art the Man: The Masculinity of David in the Christian and Jewish Middle Ages* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2021)
- 2017 Assistant to the organizers of the Byzantine Studies Conference

Languages

- Spanish (reading; speaking)
- Arabic (reading; speaking)
- Latin (reading)
- French (reading)

Professional Memberships

- American Historical Association
- Medieval Academy of America
- American Institute for Maghrib Studies
- Middle East Studies Association
- American Society of Church History