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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.
Series Editor, *Studies in the History of Christian Traditions*, Brill Academic Publishers, 2000-present.
Associate Professor of History, University of Tennessee 1998-present.
Assistant Professor of History, University of Tennessee, 1994-98.
University of Arizona: Lecturer, 1993-94.

Peer Reviewed Monograph and Edited Volumes:

- *Apocalyptic Cultures in Medieval and Renaissance Europe: Prophecy and Politics*, ed. Jay Rubenstein and Robert Bast (Brepols, 2024).
- “Piety and Conflict in the Early Reformation”, Robert J. Bast and Andrew Gow, eds., *Renaissance and Reformation/Renaissance et Réforme* 40.4 (Fall 2017). Special commemorative issue for the Reformation Quincentennial.
- *The Reformation of Faith in the Context of Late Medieval Theology and Piety. Essays by Berndt Hamm*, ed. Robert J. Bast (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).

Peer Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters:

- "Prophecy as Policy: Maximilian I as Last World Emperor in Theory and Practice", in *Apocalyptic Cultures in Medieval and Renaissance Europe: Prophecy and Politics*, ed. Jay Rubenstein and Robert Bast (Brepols, 2024): 219-70.
- “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.

- “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. (Gröningen: 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.

Non-Peer Reviewed Publication:

- “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.

Conference and Symposium Papers:

- "Pluralism as Crisis: Matthias Kretz and the Catholic Response to the Early Reformation in Augsburg". Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, San Diego, 28 October 2021.
- "Prophecy as Policy: Maximilian I as Last World Emperor in Theory and Practice", *Visions of the End. Medieval and Renaissance Apocalyptic Cultures*. 17th Annual Symposium of the Marco Institute for Medieval and Renaissance Studies at the University of Tennessee, March 5-7, 2021
- “Sin Boldly: Martin Luther and the Reformation of Sex”, Second Annual Conference 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, *Imag(in)ing 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.
- “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, Italy, 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 Exhibitions:

- *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.

Graduate Student Supervision:

- Master's Degree, Chair: Ian Geary, Urban Religious Culture in Late Medieval and Renaissance Europe, August 2022-May 2024
- Doctoral Dissertation, Chair: Allie Richardson, Imperial Cities and Political Culture in Late-Medieval Germany, August 2022 - September 2023 (ongoing)
- Doctoral Dissertation, Co-Chair: Thomas Maurer, *In that Day, the Dragon will Approach the City: Italy and the Apocalyptic Dream*, August 2020 - June 2023.
 - Placement: Assistant Professor of History, Ave Maria University
- Doctoral Dissertation, Chair: Amy Huesman, *The Wilderness Experience: Imitatio Christi and Demonic Encounters of Italian Holy Women of the Quattrocento*, August 2012 - May 2021.
 - Monograph published: *Tempting the Tempter. Imitatio Christi and the Encounters of Quattrocento Holy Women with the Devil* (Brill, 2023).
- Master's Thesis, Chair: Suzanne Keyon, *Evangelical Sectarians in 16th-century Spain*, August 2019 - September 2021.

Fellowships, Grants, Awards, Honors:

Research Fellow, the University of Tennessee Humanities Center, 2017-18.
 Travel Grant, Jonathan Utley Faculty Research Fund, UT Department of History, 2016.
 Faculty Award for Outstanding Academic Outreach, College of Arts and Sciences, UT 2007.
 Contributing Author, National Endowment for the Humanities Challenge Grant, 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:

- Matthew Wranovix, *Priests and their Books in Late Medieval Eichstätt*. Lexington Books, 2017. *Sixteenth Century Journal* 53/1 (2022): 263
- 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*, 42/4 (2019): 191-92.

- Martin Kitzinger, Frank Rexroth and Jörg Rogge, eds. *Gewalt und Widerstand in der politischen Kultur des späten Mittelalters* (Vorträge und Forschungen, 80). Thorbecke, 2015. *Renaissance Quarterly*, 70/3 (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 (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.

Peer Reviewed Series Publications:

Editor in chief, *Studies in the History of Christian Traditions*, Brill Academic Publishers.

Listed below: volumes from Aug 2021-July 2024 only. Complete list since 2000, by volume number, available at: <https://brill.com/display/serial/SHCT>

I. Publications by volume number, Aug 2021-July 2024

*210. Daniel F. Graves and Scott N. Kindred-Barnes, eds. *Richard Hooker and the Christian Virtues*.
Publication Date: 15 Jul 2024
ISBN: 978-90-04-70088-8

*209. Sergiej Saverio Slavinski, Francis Cheynell, *Polemic and Piety in The Divine Trinity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (1650)*
Publication Date: 15 Jul 2024
ISBN: 978-90-04-68801-8

*208. Yudha Thainto, ed. *The Old Testament, Calvin, and the Reformed Tradition*
Publication Date: 21 May 2024
ISBN: 978-90-04-68802-5

*207. Phillip Stump, *Conciliar Diplomacy at the Council of Constance (1414–1418). Unity and Peacemaking in a World Historical Perspective*
Publication Date: 21 May 2024
ISBN: 978-90-04-53842-9

*206. Shaun Retallick, *Political Theology the “Modern Way”. The Case of Jacques Almain (d. 1515)*
Publication Date: 18 Dec 2023
ISBN: 978-90-04-54607-3

*205. Seung-Joo Lee, *The Orders of Nature and Grace. Thomistic Concepts in the Moral Thought of Franciscus Junius (1545–1602)*
Publication Date: 04 Mar 2024
ISBN: 978-90-04-54031-6

*204. Amy Huesman, *Tempting the Tempter. Imitatio Christi and the Encounters of Quattrocento Holy Women with the Devil*.
Publication Date: 07 Nov 2023
ISBN: 978-90-04-53741-5

202. Andrew J. Martin, *The Covenant with Moses and the Kingdom of God. Thomas Hobbes and the Theology of the Old Covenant in Early Modern England*

Publication Date: 06 Jul 2023

ISBN: 978-90-04-52104-9

*201. Jason Aleksander, Sean Hannan, Joshua Hollmann, and Michael Moore, eds. *Mystical Theology and Platonism in the Time of Cusanus. Essays in Honor of Donald F. Duclow*

Publication Date: 28 Sep 2023

ISBN: 978-90-04-53690-6

*200. Dragoş A. Giulea, *Antioch, Nicaea, and the Synthesis of Constantinople. Revisiting Trajectories in the Fourth-Century Christological Debates*

Publication Date: 28 Feb 2024

ISBN: 978-90-04-68323-5

*199. Hanna Wojtczak and Maciej Stanek, eds., *Marsilii de Inghen Quaestiones super quattuor libros "Sententiarum", Super tertium, quaestiones 1-5*

Publication Date: 06 Jun 2024

ISBN: 978-90-04-53655-5

198. David T. Orique, O.P. and Rady Roldán-Figueroa, eds. *The Transatlantic Las Casas Historical Trajectories, Indigenous Cultures, Scholastic Thought, and Reception in History*

Publication Date: 14 Nov 2022

ISBN: 978-90-04-51591-8

197. Mitchel J. Kenard. *John Duns Scotus on Grace and the Trinitarian Missions*

Publication Date: 02 Jun 2022

ISBN: 978-90-04-37586-4

196. Erik Leland Saak, *Augustinian Theology in the Later Middle Ages. Volume 1: Concepts, Perspectives, and the Emergence of Augustinian Identity*

Publication Date: 16 Dec 2021

ISBN: 978-90-04-50470-7

II. Peer reviewed, accepted, under contract and in production, Aug. 2021-July 2024

- Petr Dvorský, *An Aristocratic Compatibilist's Providence. Components of Aquinas's Determinism*
- Kirby, Torrence, ed. *The Reception of German Mysticism in Early Modern England*
- Biller, Peter et al., eds. *The Earliest Inquisition Records from Medieval Languedoc. Historical Introduction, Edition, and Translation (2 vols.)*

III. Peer reviewed, accepted and under contract, Aug 2021-July 2024

- Samuel Bostick, *The Rise of the Covenant of Redemption in the Theology of Samuel Rutherford.*
- Phillips, Henry. *Concurrent Lives: Secular and Religious Cultures in Seventeenth-Century France.*
- Gerald Christianson, Samuel J. Dubbleman, and Christopher Bellito, eds. *Martin Luther and Nicholas of Cusa: An Unexpected Encounter.*

Select Service:

Search Committee: Medieval Latin and Digital Humanities (Classics): 2023-24
Search Committee, History Department Head (S. Lawrence) 2021-22
Search Committee, Pre-Modern Europe (F. Yerga) 2018-19
Search Committee, Pre-Modern 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, Pre-Modern Europe (J. Latham), 2010-11
Tenure Committee (L. Nenzi), 2010.
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 / David 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.