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TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

2016-present **Associate Professor**, University of New Mexico, Department of History
2012-2016 **Assistant Professor**, University of New Mexico, Department of History
2007-2012 **Assistant Professor**, University of Texas at Arlington, Department of History

EDUCATION

2007 **Doctor of Philosophy** in Medieval History, University of Notre Dame
Dissertation: "Sicily and the Medieval Mediterranean: Communication Networks and Inter-regional Exchange." Director: Olivia Remie Constable
2001 **Master of Arts** in History, University of Notre Dame
1999 **Master of Arts** in Church History, *magna cum laude*, Trinity Divinity School
1996 **Bachelor of Arts** in History and Classics, Northwestern University

AREAS OF RESEARCH SPECIALIZATION

History of the Medieval Mediterranean Travel, Trade, and Communication	Christian - Muslim - Jewish Relations Medieval Europe and the Islamic World
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RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Classical Arabic, Latin, Ancient Greek, French, Italian, Spanish

PUBLICATIONS

Books in progress:

"Where Three Worlds Met: Medieval Sicily between Byzantium, Islam, and Latin Christendom"
(Cornell University Press, Spring 2017).
"Muslims, Christians, and Jews in the Medieval Mediterranean" (volume in preparation, co-edited with Elisabeth Cawthon, Texas A&M University Press).
"New Directions in the Study of Cross-Cultural Relations in the Medieval Mediterranean World: Essays in Honor of Olivia Remie Constable," co-edited with Belen Vicens and Robin Vose (volume in preparation, for submission to Brill's Medieval Mediterranean series).

Articles and Chapters in Edited Volumes:

- “Bearers of Islam: Muslim Women Between Assimilation and Resistance in Christian Sicily” in “Gender in the Medieval Mediterranean,” ed. Megan Moore (Arizona Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, forthcoming, in press).
- “Women in Battle and in Bed: Sexual Ethics and Female Warriors in Muslim and Christian Crusade Chronicles,” in “Female Aggression in the Middle Ages,” ed. Tracey-Anne Cooper and Christine Senecal (Brepols Publishing, forthcoming, in press).
- “Focusing on the Family: Ibn Jubayr on the End of Muslim Culture in Norman Sicily,” in “Muslims, Christians, and Jews in the Medieval Mediterranean,” ed. Sarah Davis-Secord and Elisabeth Cawthon (Texas A&M University Press, under contract).
- “Medieval Sicily and Southern Italy in Recent Historiographical Perspective,” *History Compass* vol. 8, no. 1 (2009): 61-87.
- “Muslims in Norman Sicily: The Evidence of Imām al-Māzarī’s *Fatwās*,” *Mediterranean Studies*, vol. 16 (2007): 46-66.

Encyclopedia Entries:

- “Islamic World (1000-1500 C.E.),” in “The Sea in World History: Exploration, Travel, and Trade,” ed. Stephen K. Stein (ABC-CLIO, March 2017).
- “Islamic World (to 1000 C.E.),” in “The Sea in World History: Exploration, Travel, and Trade,” ed. Stephen K. Stein (ABC-CLIO, March 2017).
- “Ibn Jubayr,” in “The Sea in World History: Exploration, Travel, and Trade,” ed. Stephen K. Stein (ABC-CLIO, March 2017).
- “Lateen Sail” (sidebar), in “The Sea in World History: Exploration, Travel, and Trade,” ed. Stephen K. Stein (ABC-CLIO, March 2017).
- “Serçe Limani” (sidebar), in “The Sea in World History: Exploration, Travel, and Trade,” ed. Stephen K. Stein (ABC-CLIO, March 2017).
- “The Crusades” in *Encyclopedia of Race and Racism*, 2nd ed. 4 vols., ed. Patrick L. Mason (Detroit, MI: Macmillan Reference USA, 2013), vol. 1: 465-470.
- “Sicily and Southern Italy” in *Encyclopedia of Medieval Pilgrimage*, ed. Larissa J. Taylor et al. (Leiden: Brill, 2009): 683-684.

Book Reviews:

- (forthcoming) Review of David G. König, *Arabic-Islamic Views of the Latin West: Tracing the Emergence of Medieval Europe* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015) in *Mediterranean Historical Review*.
- (forthcoming) Review of Mike Carr, *Merchant Crusaders in the Aegean, 1291-1352* (Woodbridge, U.K.: The Boydell Press, 2015) in *The Journal of Military History*.
- Review of Simon Swain, *Economy, Family, and Society from Rome to Islam: A Critical Edition, English Translation, and Study of Bryson’s Management of the Estate* (Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press, 2013) in *Classical Journal-Online* 15.06.07 (2015).

- Review of John Watkins and Kathryn L. Reyerson, eds., *Mediterranean Identities in the Premodern Era: Entrepôts, Islands, Empires, Transculturalisms, 1400-1700* (Farnham, UK; Burlington, VT: Ashgate, 2014) in *The Medieval Review-Online* 15.05.25 (2015).
- Review of Eleanor A. Congdon, ed., *Latin Expansion in the Medieval Western Mediterranean* (Farnham, UK; Burlington, VT: Ashgate, 2013) in *Speculum* vol. 89, no. 4 (October 2014): 1126-1128.
- Review of Leonard C. Chiarelli, *A History of Muslim Sicily* (Santa Venera, Malta: Midsea Books, 2011) in *Zeitschrift der Deutschen Morgenländischen Gesellschaft* Band 164, Heft 3 (2014): 849-850.
- Review of David S. Powers, *The Development of Islamic Law and Society in the Maghrib: Qādīs, Muftīs and Family Law* (Farnham, UK; Burlington, VT: Ashgate Variorum, 2011) in *al-Masāq* vol. 26, no. 1 (2014): 93-94.
- Review of Alex Metcalfe, *The Muslims of Medieval Italy* (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2009) in *Review of Middle East Studies* vol. 45, no. 2 (2011): 264-266.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

At the University of New Mexico:

Undergraduate Courses:

101: Western Civilization I, to 1648; 300/500: Ancient and Medieval Mediterranean; 303/503: Early Middle Ages, 300-1000; 402/602: Medieval Crusade and Jihād

Graduate Courses:

668: Medieval Travel and Travelers; 668: Medieval Minorities; 668: Medieval Muslim-Christian Encounters

At the University of Texas at Arlington:

Undergraduate Courses:

History of Civilization I; Middle Ages I, 300-1000; Middle Ages II, 1000-1500; Medieval Crusade and Jihād; Medieval Minorities; Medieval Travelers; Muslim-Christian Encounters in the Middle Ages

Graduate Courses:

Medieval Mediterranean (colloquium); Medieval Mediterranean (seminar); Medieval Minorities (colloquium); Travel and Exploration in the Medieval World (colloquium); The Crusades (colloquium); Religion and Power in the Middle Ages (seminar)

At the University of Notre Dame:

Crusade and Jihād: Medieval Holy Wars

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Participant in NEH Summer Institute, Barcelona, “Negotiating Identities: Expression and Representation in the Christian-Jewish-Muslim Mediterranean,” July 2015.

Professional Development Award, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas at Arlington, 2009.

Interdisciplinary Seed Grant, College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas at Arlington, funding the Medieval and Early Modern Studies minor, 2008.

Professional Development Award, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas at Arlington, 2008.

Professional Development Award, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas at Arlington, 2007.

Philip Gleason Prize, Department of History, University of Notre Dame, 2007.

Frederic C. Lane Dissertation Grant, Medieval Academy of America, 2005.

University Presidential Fellowship, University of Notre Dame, 1999-2003.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

- 2017 (to be given) “Wanton Women and Women Warriors in Arabic and Latin Chronicles of the Crusades,” The 17th Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Genders, and Sexualities, Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY, June 1-4.
- 2016 “Collaboration and Cross-Pollination in The Medieval Mediterranean NEH Summer Institute,” 51st International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 12-15.
- 2016 “Merchants, Migrants, and Messengers: Crossing Borders in the Early Medieval Mediterranean,” Western Michigan University, March 31.
- 2015 Panelist on the round-table discussion, “Is There a Medieval Muslim Mediterranean?” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November 21-24.
- 2015 Panelist in the symposium, “Middle East History and the Mediterranean,” University of Colorado, Boulder, November 20.
- 2015 “Were Sicily’s Norman Rulers Trying to Build a Mediterranean Empire?” 34th International Conference of the Haskins Society, Carleton College, Northfield, MN, November 6-8.
- 2015 “Medieval Frontiers and Cross-Cultural Encounters: The Case of Sicily,” Brigham Young University, October 8.
- 2015 “The Portable Power of Sicilian Gold Coins, 9th-12th centuries,” NEH Summer Institute, “Negotiating Identities: Expression and Representation in the Christian-Jewish-Muslim Mediterranean,” Barcelona, Spain, July 30.

- 2014 “Local Muslim Pilgrimage (*Ziyāra*) to Holy Sites in Sicily,” Rocky Mountain Medieval and Renaissance Association, 46th Annual Conference, Denver, CO, June 12-14.
- 2014 “Greek Saints and Muslim Raiders: Frontier Interactions in Early Medieval Sicily,” 49th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 8-11.
- 2013 “Focus on the Family: Ibn Jubayr on the Conversion of the Muslims in Norman Sicily,” UNM Institute for Medieval Studies, December 4.
- 2013 “Sicily’s Role in the Mediterranean Trade in Foodstuffs,” 48th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 9-12.
- 2012 “Muslim Women and the End of Islam in Sicily,” 87th Annual Meeting of the Medieval Academy of America, St. Louis, MO, March 22-24.
- 2012 “Focusing on the Family: Ibn Jubayr on The End of Muslim Culture in Norman Sicily,” *Muslims, Christians, and Jews in the Medieval Mediterranean*, 47th Annual Walter Prescott Webb Lecture Series, University of Texas at Arlington, March 8.
- 2011 “Migration and Medieval Sicily,” 86th Annual Meeting of the Medieval Academy of America, Scottsdale, AZ, April 14-16.
- 2010 “Conversion or Commerce? Motivations for the Muslim Conquest of Sicily in the Ninth Century,” Texas Medieval Association Conference, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, Sept 24-26.
- 2009 “Unity Across a Frontier: Mediterranean Trade and the Norman Conquest of Sicily,” *Merchants, Mercenaries and Missionaries: The Society and Culture of the Medieval Mediterranean, c. 500-1500*, Society for the Medieval Mediterranean Conference, University of Exeter, UK, July 9-12.
- 2009 “Strategies for Survival: Muslims Living under Christian Rule in Twelfth-Century Sicily,” *Coexistence and Cooperation in the Middle Ages*, 4th Congress of European Medieval Studies, under the aegis of Fédération Internationale des Instituts d’Études Médiévales, Palermo, Italy, June 23-27.
- 2009 “Palermo: The City under Muslim Rule,” Sewanee Medieval Colloquium, University of the South, Sewanee, TN, April 4.
- 2008 “Travel between Sicily and Constantinople: Real and Imaginary,” Texas Medieval Association Conference, Lubbock, Texas, October 1.
- 2008 “Water Supply and Water Use in Medieval Sicily,” International Medieval Congress 2008, University of Leeds, UK, July 7-10.
- 2008 “Muslims in Christian Sicily: Through the Eyes of Muslim Visitors,” Session 178: “*Convivencia* in Italy? Christians, Muslims, and Jews on the Peninsula,” 43rd International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 8–11.

- 2006 “A Permeable Boundary: Mediterranean Trade and the Norman Conquest of Sicily,” 81st Annual Meeting of the Medieval Academy of America, Boston, MA, March 30-April 1.
- 2005 “Muslims in Medieval Christian Sicily,” 8th Annual Mediterranean Studies Association Conference, Messina, Sicily, May 25-28.
- 2003 “The Sicilian Quarter-Dinar and the Economy of the Western Mediterranean (9th-11th centuries),” 38th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 8-11.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2016-present **Director of Conference Programs**, CARA (Committee on Centers and Regional Associations), Medieval Academy of America.
panels organized in this capacity:
(upcoming): “Mediterranean Sexualities,” 92nd Annual Meeting of the Medieval Academy of America, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, April 6-8, 2017.
(upcoming): “Career Diversity for Medievalists: Insights from Outside the Academy,” 52nd International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 11-14, 2017.
(upcoming): “Teaching a Diverse and Inclusive Middle Ages,” 52nd International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 11-14, 2017.
- 2014-present **Executive Board Member**, Rocky Mountain Medieval and Renaissance Association.
- 2015-2016 **Co-Organizer**, annual conference of the Rocky Mountain Medieval and Renaissance Association, to be held at UNM, June 16-19, 2016.
- 2016 **Moderator and Respondent**, “Addressing Career Diversity for Medievalists,” 51st International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 12-15.
- 2016 **Manuscript reviewer** for *Studies in Medieval and Renaissance Teaching*.
- 2016 **Manuscript reviewer** for *History Compass*.
- 2015 **Manuscript reviewer** for Bedford/St. Martin’s Publications.
- 2015 **Manuscript reviewer** for *Studies in Medieval and Renaissance Teaching*.
- 2015 **Moderator and Co-Organizer**, Session 36: “Communication, Exchange, and Daily Life in the Multi-Cultural Mediterranean World, in Honor of Olivia Remie Constable,” 90th Annual Meeting of the Medieval Academy of America, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN, March 12-14.
- 2015 **Co-Organizer**, Session 29: “Perceptions of Muslim Identity in Medieval and Early Modern Spain, in Honor of Olivia Remie Constable,” 90th Annual Meeting

of the Medieval Academy of America, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN, March 12-14.

- 2014 **Moderator**, Session 9: “Non-Christian Texts, Travel, and Attitudes,” Rocky Mountain Medieval and Renaissance Association, 46th Annual Conference, Denver, CO, June 12-14.
- 2014 **Co-Organizer**, Session 344: “Inter-cultural Exchange in the Western Mediterranean,” 49th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 8-11.
- 2013 **Evaluator**, New Mexico Humanities Council Grant Number: 2434-1436-433, UNM, Institute for Medieval Studies, Spring Lecture Series, “Medieval Myths and Monsters.”
- 2013 **Moderator and Co-Organizer**, Session 206: “Saints, Relics, and Books on the Move in the Early Medieval World,” 48th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 9-12.
- 2013 **Manuscript reviewer** for *Speculum*.
- 2012 **Moderator and Co-Organizer**, Session 327: “Networks of Travel and Communication in the Early Middle Ages,” 47th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 10-13.
- 2012 **Organizer**, 47th Annual Walter Prescott Webb Lecture Series, “Muslims, Christians, and Jews in the Medieval Mediterranean,” University of Texas at Arlington, March 8.
- 2009 **Lead Organizer**, “Living on the Edge in the Medieval and Early Modern World,” Conference at University of Texas at Arlington, February 20.
- 2008 **Moderator**, Session 1115: “The Economic and Cultural Meaning of Waterways,” International Medieval Congress 2008, University of Leeds, UK, July 7-10.
- 2005 **Co-Organizer**, Vagantes Graduate Conference, University of Notre Dame, March 3-5.
- 2003 **Moderator**, Session 12: “Christians, Muslims, and Conversion, Eleventh-Thirteenth Centuries,” 38th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 8-11.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association, Medieval Academy of America, Middle East Studies Association, Mediterranean Studies Association, Rocky Mountain Medieval and Renaissance Association

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

At the University of New Mexico:

- 2012-present Committee Member, Steering Committee for the Institute for Medieval Studies
- 2013-2019 Committee Member, Religious Studies Governing Committee
- 2013-2016 Committee Member, Graduate Advisory Committee, History Department
- 2015-present Committee Member, Faculty Advisory Committee on AHA-Mellon Initiative on Career Diversity, History Department
- 2015-2016 Committee Member, Subcommittee on Career Diversity in Graduate Seminars
- 2014-2015 Committee Member, Job Search for East Asian Historian, History Department
- 2014 Committee Member, Job Search for joint lecturer in Classics/Religious Studies
- 2012-2014 Committee Member, Graduate Entrance Committee, History Department
- 2013 Grant Reader, HGSA Spring Grant Competition, History Department

At the University of Texas at Arlington:

- 2011-2012 Committee Chair, Curriculum Committee, Department of History
- 2010-2012 Faculty Advisor/Committee Chair, Phi Alpha Theta, Omicron Kappa chapter of the History Honor Society
- 2009-2012 Committee Member, Parking Appeals Panel
- 2008-2012 Director, Medieval and Early Modern Studies minor
- 2011-2012 Committee Member, Department of History: Curriculum Committee (Chair), Webb Lecture Committee, Phi Alpha Theta Advisor
- 2011 Faculty Liaison, Advanced Placement Summer Institute, European and World History
- 2010-2011 Committee Member, Department of History: Webb Lecture Committee, Curriculum Committee, Grievance Committee
- 2010 Faculty Liaison, Advanced Placement Summer Institute, European and World History
- 2009-2010 Committee Member, Department of History: Webb Lecture Committee, Curriculum Committee, Grievance Committee
- 2008-2009 Committee Member, Department of History: Wolfskill Award Committee (M.A.), Webb Lecture Committee, Curriculum Committee, Grievance Committee, Russian Job Search Committee
- 2008 Faculty Liaison, Advanced Placement Summer Institute, European and World History
- 2007-2008 Committee Member, Department of History: Wolfskill Award Committee (M.A.), Webb Lecture Committee, Curriculum Committee, Media Committee

STUDENT ADVISING

At the University of New Mexico:

Doctoral Advisement – Committee on the Qualifying Exam and Dissertation Prospectus Defense

- 2014 Natalie Latteri, Department of History
2014 Thomas Shumaker, Department of History

Master's Advisement – Committee on Studies

- 2016 Sarah Edwards Obenauf, Department of History, thesis committee co-chair, "*Sed neque silentio pretereundum: An Analysis of the Miracles of Saint William of Norwich*"
2014 Thomas Franke, Department of History, thesis committee member, "Monsters at the End of Time: Gog and Magog and Ethnic Difference in the Catalan Atlas (1375)"

Master's Advisement – Comprehensive Exam Committee Member

- 2016 Maggie Waring, Department of History
2016 Sarah Fairbanks-Loose, Department of History
2015 Todd Morrison, Department of History
2015 Sarah Edwards Obenauf, Department of History
2014 Katherine Kontos, Department of History
2014 Thomas Franke, Department of History
2013 Justin Larsen, Department of English
2013 David Bliss, Department of History
2012 Andy Lilienthal, Department of History

Undergraduate Honors Thesis

- 2016 Frank Espinoza, chair, "Medieval Pacifist Responses to the Early Crusades"
2014 Raymond Abeyta, second reader, "Charlemagne: A Leader Centuries Ahead of His Time"

At the University of Texas at Arlington:

- 2013 Committee Chair, M.A. Thesis, James Haun, "Power in Carolingian Europe"
2013 Committee Member, M.A. Thesis, Lindsay Ridlehuber, "The Heir And The Spare: Education And Preparation For The Throne Among England's 'Sudden Monarchs'"
2013 Committee Member, M.A. Thesis, Sarah Stevenson Sadullaeva, "Investing In England: The Designation Of Heirs To The Crown Throughout English History"
2012 Committee Chair, M.A. Thesis, Marla Morris, "The Importance of the Role of Royal Ritual and Ceremonial during the Reign of England's Edward I"
2012 Committee Chair, M.A. Capstone Exam, Johnathon Speed

- 2012 Committee Member, M.A. Capstone Exam, Steven Gambrel
- 2012 Committee Member, M.A. Capstone Exam, Kaci Eaves
- 2011 Committee Member, M.A. Thesis, Chad McCutcheon, “Conquest, Colonization, and the Cross: Religious Aspects of the Conquest and Colonization Of Honduras, 1524-1700”
- 2011 Committee Chair, M.A. Capstone Exam, Walter Adams
- 2010 Mentor, McNair Scholars Program, Kimberly Sams
- 2010 Committee Member, M.A. Capstone Exam, Margaret Knox-Krusche
- 2010 Committee Member, M.A. Capstone Exam, Matthew Douglas
- 2010 Committee Member, M.A. Capstone Exam, Chase Martin
- 2010 Committee Chair, M.A. Thesis, Justin Dellinger, “True Barbarians?: The Role Of Visigothic Iberia in Medieval Persecutory Discourse”
- 2009 Committee Chair, M.A. Thesis, Jeffrey Brubaker, “Byzantine Diplomacy and the Decline in Relations with the West from 962 to 1204”
- 2009 Committee Chair, M.A. Capstone Exam, Anthony Allen
- 2009 Committee Member, M.A. Capstone Exam, Benita Campbell

REFERENCES

Available upon request.