

Curriculum Vitæ
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Education

- (2023) **Ph.D., The Pennsylvania State University (all but dissertation)**
Advisor: Ronnie Po-chia Hsia
Secondary committee members: Matthew Restall; Amanda Scott Faisal Husain; Robin Thomas
Dissertation title: “Centers and Peripheries of Religious Conversion in the Papal States, 1543-1600”
Examination fields: Early Modern Global, Colonial Latin America, Environmental History
- 2018 **Master of Arts, Ball State University**
Advisor: Jennifer Mara DeSilva
Secondary committee members: Abel A. Alves; Frederick C. Suppe
Thesis title: “Crisis and Conversion to Catholicism in Early Modern Rome and Beyond”
Examination fields: Medieval Europe; Early Modern Atlantic World
- 2016 **Bachelor of Arts *summa cum laude*, Ball State University**
Major field: History; Minor field: Anthropology

Supplementary Education

- 2021 National Humanities Center, “Meaningful Teaching and Learning in the Humanities Classroom” workshop (July 5-9)
- 2020 Istituto Sangalli, Summer Workshop: The Central Archives of the Religious Orders (Postponed due to COVID-19)
- 2020 Istituto Sangalli, Winter Workshop: Archives of the Holy See, Rome, Italy (January 2020)
- 2019 Middlebury College Italian School, Mills College, Oakland, CA (June-August 2019)
- 2017 Medieval Institute Summer Latin Program, University of Notre Dame (June-July 2017)

Grants and Fellowships – External

- 2021 Fulbright U.S. Student Award, Open Study/Research, Italy, Alternate as of May 10, 2021
- 2021 Summer Research and Writing Grant, American Catholic Historical Association, Alternate
- 2020 Doctoral Scholarship, Phi Alpha Theta, 2020
- 2019 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship [FLAS], Italian, Summer 2019, Yale University
- 2019 FLAS, Italian, Summer 2019, University of Texas-Austin, Declined
- 2019 FLAS Fund scholarship, Middlebury College

Grants and Fellowships – Internal

- 2021 Mellon Graduate Fellowship, Sawyer Seminar, Penn State University
- 2021 Committee for Early Modern Studies, Graduate Research Award, Penn State University
- 2020 Edwin Erle Sparks Fellowship, 2020, Penn State University
- 2020 RSGO Dissertation Fellowship, 2020, Penn State University
- 2020 Mark and Lucy M. Stitzer Grant, 2020, Penn State University
- 2020 Liberal Arts Teaching and Research Scholarship, Penn State University
- 2020 McCourtney Family Graduate Scholarship in American History, Penn State University
- 2019 Harriet Pencak Grant, 2019, Penn State University
- 2018 Graduate Scholar Award, 2018-2019, Penn State University
- 2018 Lawrence Birken Memorial Scholarship, 2017, Ball State University (declined)
- 2017 Lawrence Birken Memorial Scholarship, 2017, Ball State University
- 2016 Dr. Lawrence and Mabel Hurst Scholarship, Ball State University
- 2014 Merrill Rippy Scholarship, Ball State University
- 2014 Yuhas Scholarship for Study Abroad, Ball State University

Other Awards and Honors

- 2021 First prize for graduate research paper, Penn State Committee for Early Modern Studies
- 2021 First prize for best paper in ABD research, Penn State Department of History paper competition
- 2020 First prize for best papers in pre-ABD research and historiography, Penn State Department of History paper competition
- 2019 Adrian Bantjes Memorial Prize for Best Graduate Student Paper, Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies [RMCLAS], 2019
- 2018 Most Recognizable Graduate Student in History, 2017-2018 Ball State University
- 2016 Faculty Prize, Ball State University Department of History, 2015-2016

Refereed Publications

- 2020 “The Corpus Christianorum, the Expulsion of the Jews from England, and Confluences of Structure and Event.” *Clio: A Journal of Literature, History, and the Philosophy of History*. 47/1 (2020).
- 2018 “Reform and the Welsh Cistercian Houses: Colonialism, Replacement, and Hybridization.” *Hortulus* 14/2 (2018).
- 2016 “Medieval Europe and the Culture of Contempt in the Age of the Lateran Councils.” *Grand Valley Journal of History* 4/2 (2016): 1-18.

Book Reviews

- 2021 Martina Mampieri. *Living under the Evil Pope: The Hebrew Chronicle of Pope Paul IV by Benjamin Neḥemiah ben Elnathan from Civitanova Marche (16th cent.)*. Leiden: Brill, 2020. *The Sixteenth Century Journal* (forthcoming)

- 2021 Kiril Petkov, trans. *The Maltese Dialogue: Giuseppe Cambiano, History, Institutions, and the Politics of the Maltese Knights (1554-1556)*. London: Routledge, 2020. *The Sixteenth Century Journal*. (forthcoming)
- 2019 Pamela Long. *Engineering the Eternal City: Infrastructure, Topography, and the Culture of Knowledge in Late Sixteenth-Century Rome*. Chicago, University of Chicago Press, 2018. Reviewed in *Renaissance and Reformation/Renaissance et Réforme* 42/2.
- 2018 Pier Mattia Tommasino. *The Venetian Qur'an: A Renaissance Companion to Islam*. Translated by Silvia Notini. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press. Reviewed in *Renaissance and Reformation/Renaissance et Réforme* 41/4.
- 2018 Gerry Milligan. *Moral Combat: Women, Gender, and War in Italian Renaissance Literature*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2018. Reviewed in *Renaissance and Reformation/Renaissance et Réforme* 41/3.
- 2018 Antonio Sennis, ed. *Cathars in Question*. York, U.K.: York Medieval Press, 2016. Reviewed in *Teaching History* 43/2.

Conference Panels Organized

- 2021 Organized Panels: “The Converting World I and II: Cultures, Religions, and Encounters in the Global Early Modern.” Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting, April 7-10.

Conference Papers

- 2021 “The Confessional Mediterranean State and Local Religious Minority Experiences: Rome and Ancona.” Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting, April 7-10.
- 2019 “Conversionary Institutions, The Society of Jesus, and Authority in Sixteenth-Century Rome.” Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, St. Louis, MO, October 19.
- 2019 “Linguistic Appropriation, the Society of Jesus, and Peru in the World of Catholic Renewal: Localism and Globalism in Transatlantic Missionary Strategy, 1543-1683.” Rocky Mountain Council of Latin American Studies [RMCLAS], April 6.
- 2018 “Religious Identity, Identification, and Demographics in Sixteenth-Century Rome: An Evaluation of the *Descriptio Urbis* of 1527.” Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, Albuquerque, NM, November.
- 2018 “The *Gens Latina*, Bodies Politic, and the Image of the Other in High Medieval Europe: *Mappae Mundi* and Beyond.” 53rd International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, May 10-13.
- 2018 “A Tale of Two *Templa*: Sacred Spaces, Intercultural Encounter, and the First Jesuits in Italy and Japan.” Twenty-First Annual Student History Conference, Ball State University, March 23.

- 2018 Digital history project presentation: “Speaking of Conversion: Tracing the Roman Casa dei Catecumeni, c.1500-c.1600.” Twenty-First Annual Student History Conference, Ball State University, March 23.
- 2017 “Monastic Colonialism in Medieval Wales: The Cistercian Family of Margam and Whitland.” 56th Annual Midwest Medieval History Conference, Western Michigan University, September 29.
- 2017 “Colonialism before Columbus: The Monastic Plantation of Wales.” Early Modern History Group, Ball State University, October 3.
- 2016 “Exploring Human Rights in Anglophone Constitutional History: Magna Carta and its ‘Myth.’” Conference on the Americas/Great Lakes History Conference, Grand Valley State University, October 22.
- 2016 “Medieval England and its Jewish Community: An Interdisciplinary Inquiry in Social Persecution.” 87th Annual Meeting of the Indiana Academy of the Social Sciences, Purdue University Northwest, October 7.
- 2016 “Toward a Posthumanist Historical Ontology: Big History, Deep History, and the Case for a De-Centered Perspective.” Nineteenth Annual Student History Conference, Ball State University, February 26.

Invited Lectures

- 2021 “The Curious Case of Ancona: ‘Levantine,’ Accommodationism, and Papal Imperialism in the Sixteenth-Century Mediterranean, 1532-1555,” History Graduate Student Association Ann Richards Paper Competition Awards Symposium.
- 2020 “The Tupac Amaru Rebellion in the Atlantic World,” History 178: Colonial Latin America, Penn State University.
- 2020 “The Rise of the City-State, 1300-1375: Plague, Social Shifts, and Florentine Ascendance,” History 414: Renaissance and Reformation, Penn State University.

Field-Related Employment

- 2021 *Instructor of Record, The Pennsylvania State University*
History 01: Western Heritage I
- 2018-2020 *Graduate Assistant, The Pennsylvania State University*
History 414: Renaissance and Reformation
History 01: Western Heritage I
History 11: World History since 1500

- 2016-2018 *Graduate Assistant, Ball State University Department of History*
 History 150: The West in the World
 History 201: American History, 1492-1867
 Honors 390: BSU African American Alumni Oral History Project
- 2018 *Assistant Editor of the Biohistory of Grain Project, ed. Carol Blakney and Abel Alves*
- 2017 *Assistant Director of the Ball State African American Alumni Oral History Project*
- 2014-2016 *Undergraduate Teaching Fellow in History, Ball State University*
 History 150: The West in the World
 History 202: American History, 1868-Present
- Curatorial Intern, The History Museum (South Bend, Indiana), Summer 2014, Summer 2015*

Courses Prepared to Teach

European History to 1500; 1500-present
 World History to 1500; 1500-present
 Renaissance and Reformation
 Colonial Latin America
 Medieval European Civilization
 The Mediterranean World (advanced seminar)
 Early Modern Atlantic World (advanced seminar)
 Global Catholicisms, 1500-present (advanced seminar)
 Global Environmental History (advanced seminar)
 Oral History Workshop (advanced seminar)

Service

Graduate student faculty representative, Penn State University, 2021
 History Graduate Student Association, Penn State University, Secretary, 2019-2020
 Founding Editor-in-Chief, *The Burkhardt Review* peer-reviewed graduate student history journal, 2017-2018.
 Graduate student representative, Ball State History Department job search committee, 2016-2017

Professional Organizations

American Historical Association
 Sixteenth Century Society
 Renaissance Society of America
 Medieval Academy of America
 American Society for Ethnohistory
 Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies
 American Catholic Historical Association

Research Languages

Italian: reading and speaking

Latin: reading

German: reading

Spanish: reading

French: some reading

English: native language