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Education

Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies (Toronto, Ontario, Canada), 9/08-7/09.
Licence in Mediaeval Studies (L.M.S.) (postdoctoral degree), 10/09.
Produced a thesis entitled Joy in Waiting? The History of Gaudete Sunday

Harvard University (Cambridge, Massachusetts), Department of History, 9/00-6/07.
Ph.D. in History, 6/07.
Produced a dissertation entitled Ritual and Society in Early Medieval Rome
Committee: Michael McCormick, Angeliki E. Laiou, and John F. Baldwin.
Link: http://www.medievalliturgy.com/files/Romano_dissertation.pdf

A. M. in History, 6/02.

General Examination passed on 5/21/02 in four fields: *Imperial Rome* with Christopher Jones; *Late Antiquity - Early Middle Ages* with Michael McCormick; *Late Middle Ages* with Thomas Bisson; *Modern Germany* with David Blackbourn.

Archaeological excavations:

Palatine Hill in Rome, Italy, under Clementina Panella, 6/06.

Tenth-century cathedral in Magdeburg, Germany under Rainer Kuhn, 7/02-8/02.

Brown University (Providence, Rhode Island), 9/94-5/98.

A. B. *magna cum laude* in Medieval Studies (with Honors) and Religious Studies, 5/98.

Universität-Humboldt in Berlin, Germany, study abroad, 9/96-7/97.

Honors and Awards

Mellon Fellowship at Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies (Toronto, Canada), 9/08-7/09.

Graduate Society Dissertation Writing Fellowship, 9/06-6/07.

Fulbright IIE Grant in Graduate Study Category for study in Rome, Italy, 10/05-7/06.

Bok Center Awards for outstanding teaching, in “Charlemagne and Medieval Civilization” (9/05) and “The World of Late Antiquity” (9/03).

Dumbarton Oaks Exchange Program Fellow, 4/04. *Delivered a paper entitled “How Manifold Are Your Works, O Lord: Diversity in Early Medieval Liturgy.”*

Department of History Fellowship for study of ancient Greek at Columbia University, 7/03-8/03.

Graduate Society Summer Fellowship for study of Latin, 6/01-8/01.

Brown University Allison Goddard Elliott Prize (for composition on a medieval topic), 5/98.

Phi Beta Kappa Honors Society, 5/98.

Publications (* = peer-reviewed publication)

- **Liturgy and Society in Early Medieval Rome* (book under contract with Ashgate).
- “Priesthood and the Eucharist,” in *Priesthood and Holy Orders in the Middle Ages*, ed. Greg Peters (Brill) (under preparation).
- “The *Ordo missae* of the Roman Rite: Historical Background,” with co-author Joanne Pierce in *A Commentary on the Order of Mass of the Roman Missal*, ed. Edward Foley (Collegeville, MN: The Liturgical Press, 2011), pp. 3-33.
- *“Joy in Waiting? The History of Gaudete Sunday.” *Mediaeval Studies* 72 (2010): 75-124.
- *“The Ceremonies of the Roman Pontiff: Rereading Benedict’s Twelfth-Century Liturgical Script.” *Viator* 41 (2010): 133-49.
- *“Announcing the Station in Early-Medieval Rome: A New Interpretation of ‘statio’ in OR I, 108.” *Archiv für Liturgiewissenschaft* 51 (2009): 345-51.
- *“*Ite potus est*: Liturgical Parody and Views of Late-medieval Worship.” *Sacris erudiri* 48 (2009): 275-309.
- “Catholic Liturgy.” Letter to the editor in the online edition of *The New York Times*, 12/7/09.
- “Liturgy and Pilgrimage,” “Rome,” and “Basilica of St. John Lateran.” Entries in *Encyclopedia of Medieval Pilgrimage*, ed. Larissa Taylor (Leiden: Brill, 2009).
- *“The Fates of Liturgies: Towards a History of the First Roman Ordo.” *Antiphon* 11 (2007): 43-77.
- *“Julian of Vézelay, a Twelfth-Century Critic of his Monastery’s Worldly Success.” *Medieval Sermon Studies* 50 (2006): 51-69.
- Editor of website *medievalliturgy.com: Resources for the Study of the Public Worship of the Latin West in the Middle Ages (ca. 500 – ca. 1500)*.

Conferences and Lectures

- Medieval Academy of America in St. Louis, Missouri. “‘The Rite is the Same’: Liturgical Tolerance and the Late-Medieval Roman Clergy,” 3/22-24/12.
- Faculty colloquium at Benedictine College. “Liturgy and Society in Early Medieval Rome,” 10/26/11
- American Historical Association in Boston, Massachusetts. “Ordering a Disordered World: Ritual and Society in Early Medieval Rome,” poster session on 1/6/11.
- International Congress of Medieval Studies at Kalamazoo, Michigan. “Prayer: A Reflection of Historical Realities?” 5/13/10. *Organizer of this session, entitled “Reading the Sources of Medieval Liturgy.”*
- Invited keynote speaker at *The Advent Project, Ten Years On* at University College Dublin, Ireland. “Gaudete Sunday: A Forgotten Aspect of the Advent Project,” 2/19/10.
- Interdisciplinary Research Seminar at Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies in Toronto. “Joy in Waiting? The History of Gaudete Sunday” (parts 1 and 2), 11/6/08 and 2/5/09.
- International Medieval Conference in Leeds, England. “The Mass of the Drunkards: Liturgy and the Natural Order,” 7/07/08.
- Colorado College History Department Faculty Seminar. “Unity through Liturgy,” 10/23/07.
- International Medieval Conference in Leeds, England. “Gifts and Community in the Roman Liturgy of the Middle Ages,” 7/12/07.
- International Congress of Medieval Studies at Kalamazoo, Michigan. “The Fates of Liturgies: Towards a History of the First Roman Ordo,” 5/10/07.
- International Medieval Conference in Leeds, England. “Unity through Gesture: Liturgy in Early Medieval Rome,” 7/11/06.
- International Congress of Medieval Studies at Kalamazoo, Michigan. “Constructing the Christian Life: Benedict’s *Rule* and the First Roman Ordo,” 5/7/05.

Medieval Academy of America in Seattle, Washington and German Historical Institute in Washington, D.C. "How to Read a Martyrology," 4/2/04 and 10/24/03.
Vagantes Interdisciplinary Conference at the University of Toronto, Canada. "Disturbing the Peace of the Sacred Monastery: The Battle for Twelfth-Century Vézelay," 3/21/03.

Teaching Experience at the College Level

Assistant Professor in History Department at Benedictine College, 8/10-present, teaching:

- History 350: Ancient Egypt, 1/12-5/12.
- History 364: Medieval Lay Religion, 1/12-5/12.
- History 355: Ancient Greece, 8/11-12/11.
- History 398 A: The Crusades, 8/11-12/11.
- History 398 B: The World of Early Christianity, 1/11-5/11.
- History 105: World Civilization to 1648, 8/10-12/10 (2 sections); 1/11-5/11 (3 sections); 8/11-12/11 (2 sections); 1/12-5/12 (2 sections).
- History 353: Greek and Roman History, 8/10-12/10.
- History 363: Medieval History, 8/10-12/10.
- Independent studies in Egyptian literature (1/11-5/11) and medieval Ireland (8/11-12/11)

Visiting Assistant Professor in History Department at Moravian College, 9/09-5/10, teaching:

- History 299: Investigating Medieval Religion, 1/09-5/10.
- History 393: Faith, Reason, & Medieval Society, 1/09-5/10.
- History 140: Medieval Europe, 8/09-12/09 (2 sections); 1/09-5/10.
- History 294: Debating the Middle Ages, 8/09-12/09.

Syllabi can be found at <http://home.moravian.edu/public/regis/syllabiindex.htm>

Visiting Assistant Professor in History Department at Colorado College, 9/07-5/08, teaching:

- History 110/Feminist & Gender Studies 206: Women in the European Past, 4/08-5/08.
- History 312: Faith, Reason & Medieval Society, 3/08-4/08.
- History 274: The Middle Ages: The Making of Europe, 1/08-2/08.
- History 105: Civilization in the West: Grappling with the Past, 10/07-12/07.
- History 275: The Renaissance and the Reformation, 10/07.

Syllabi are found at <http://www.coloradocollege.edu/dept/HY/> (Under "Sites & Syllabi")

Teaching Fellow at Harvard University, 9/02-5/05, teaching:

- Charlemagne and Medieval Civilization with Michael McCormick, 1/05-5/05.
- New York Times and the World, 1941 with Michael McCormick, 9/04-1/05.
- Western Societies, Politics, and Cultures from Antiquity to 1650 (Western history survey) with Christopher Jones, Angeliki E. Laiou, and Steven Ozment, 9/04-1/05.
- The Hero of Irish Myth and Saga with Tomás Ó Cathasaigh, 1/04-5/04.
- The Crusades with Angeliki E. Laiou, 9/03-1/04 (head teaching fellow) and 9/02-1/03.
- Rome of Augustus with Richard J. Tarrant, 9/03-1/04 and 1/03-5/03.
- The World of Late Antiquity with Michael McCormick, 1/03-5/03.
- The Christian Revolution with Christopher Jones, 9/02-1/03.

College Service

Faculty adviser to the History Club at Benedictine College, 8/10-present.

Faculty adviser to Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society at Benedictine College, 8/10-present.

Faculty adviser to “Discovery Day” projects (involving making, illuminating, and binding parchment; and making and illuminating papyrus) at Benedictine College, 10/10-present.
Undergraduate student adviser at Benedictine College, 8/11-present.

Other Teaching Experience

Teacher of Language Arts (Fifth and sixth graders) at Rabbi Harry Halpern Day School (Brooklyn, NY), 9/99-6/00.
Teacher of English and French at Xaverian High School (Brooklyn, NY), 6/98-6/99.
Teaching Assistant in Beginning German at Brown University (Providence, RI), 1/98-5/98.
Teaching Assistant at J.H.S. 47: School for the Deaf (Manhattan, NY), 2/94-6/94.

Other Work Experience

Editorial assistance for *Post-Roman Towns, Trade and Settlement in Europe and Byzantium*, ed. Joachim Henning (Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2006).
Track Coach at Xaverian High School (Brooklyn, NY), 9/98-6/99.
Intern at Fuji Capital Markets at the World Trade Center (NY), 1/96, 6/96-9/96, 12/97-1/98.
Editorial and entertainment writer for the Brown Daily Herald, 9/95-5/98.
Participant in Visions (Junior Peace Corps), program in the Dominican Republic, 7/92-8/92.

Professional Organizations

Medieval Academy of America
American Historical Association

Languages

Fluency in reading and speaking German and Italian.
Excellent reading knowledge of and proficiency in speaking Spanish and French.
Excellent reading knowledge of Latin, Ancient Greek, Portuguese, and Biblical Hebrew.