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POSITIONS HELD

Assistant Teaching Professor of History, History and Politics Department, Drexel University (2006-present)
Associate Lecturer, History of Science Department, University of Wisconsin – Madison (2005)

EDUCATION

Ph.D. History of Science: University of Wisconsin – Madison, 2006
M.A. History of Science: University of Wisconsin – Madison, 1998
B.A. History and Chemistry: Swarthmore College, Swarthmore PA, 1996

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Vernacular science and medicine in early modern Europe; interactions among science, medicine and religion; the construction of authority and expertise over natural and supernatural phenomena in early modern society

TEACHING INTERESTS

Early modern Europe; magic and witchcraft; history of science, medicine and technology; Italy and the Mediterranean

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

College of Arts and Sciences Humanities Fellowship Program (Summer 2011; the college funds undergraduate fellows to work on faculty research projects chosen in a college-wide competition)
American Historical Association Schmitt Grant (2009 – 2010 academic year)
Nominated for National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend (Fall 2008)
University International Travel Award (Fall 2008)
Graduate Student Council Travel Grant (Fall 2004, declined)
John Neu Wisconsin Distinguished Graduate Fellowship (Fall 2004)
Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (2003 – 2004 a.y.)
University Fellowship (Spring 2003)
National Science Foundation Dissertation Research Fellowship (2001 – 2002 a.y., deferred to 2002 – 2003)
Gladys Krieble Delmas Foundation Fellowship (2001 – 2002 a.y.)
Vilas Graduate Fellowship (1999 – 2000 a.y.)

PUBLICATIONS

Book, articles, and essays

Witchcraft and Inquisition in Early Modern Venice. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2011.
"Aristotelismo" in *Dizionario storico dell'Inquisizione*, ed. Adriano Prosperi in collaboration with Vincenzo Lavenia and John Tedeschi. Pisa: Scuola Normale Superiore, 2010.
"Pierre Gassendi" in *Dizionario storico dell'Inquisizione*, ed. Adriano Prosperi in collaboration with Vincenzo Lavenia and John Tedeschi. Pisa: Scuola Normale Superiore, 2010.
"'The Root is Hidden and the Material Uncertain': The Challenges of Prosecuting Witchcraft in Early Modern Venice," *Renaissance Quarterly* vol. 62 (2009) pp. 102-133
"Foreword" to *Origins of Scientific Learning: Essays on Culture and Knowledge in Early Modern Europe*. Lewiston, NY: Mellen Press, 2007

Reviews

Review of Maria Pia Donato and Jill Kraye, eds., *Conflicting Duties: Science, Medicine and Religion in Rome, 1550-1750* for *Isis* (forthcoming)
Review of Christopher Mackay, *The Hammer of Witches: A Complete Translation of the Malleus Maleficarum* for *Isis* vol. 101 (2010) pp. 870-871
Review of Umberto Mazzone and Claudia Pancino, eds., *Sortilegi Amorosi, Materassi a Nolo e Pignattini: Processi Inquisitoriali del XVII Secolo fra Bologna e il Salento* for *Gender and History* vol. 22 (2010) pp. 217-218
Review of Leonardo Garzoni's *Trattati della Calamita* (Monica Ugaglia, ed.) for *Renaissance Quarterly* vol. 59 (2006) pp. 1280-1281
Review of Thomas Madden, *Enrico Dandolo and the Rise of Venice* for *The Sixteenth Century Journal* vol. 36 (2005) pp. 869-70
Review of Jürgen Renn, ed., *Galileo in Context* for H-Italy/H-Net.org (June 2004)

PRESENTATIONS

"The Science of Demonology," invited presentation to "Science on Tap," a public lecture series hosted by a consortium of historical, scientific, and medical institutions in Philadelphia (Philadelphia, 2011)
"Scenes from Science Past," invited participant in a history of science and medicine event for the Philadelphia Science Festival (Philadelphia, 2011)
"Inquiring After Witchcraft: Medicine, Science and the Supernatural in Early Modern Venice," invited paper presented at the Philadelphia Area Center for History of Science Regional Colloquium (Philadelphia, December 2010)
"Franciscans at the Boundaries of the Natural and the Permissible in Early Modern Venice," presented at the History of Science Society annual meeting (Phoenix, November 2009)
"Clerical Cures: Demonic Causation and Naturalistic Treatments in Exorcist Theory and Practice," presented at the Devil in Society in the Pre-Modern World conference hosted by the University of Toronto's Centre for Reformation and Renaissance Studies (Toronto, October 2008)
"Two-faced Physicians: Witchcraft and Medical Testimony in the Early Modern Era," presented at the American Association for the History of Medicine Annual Meeting (Rochester, N.Y., April 2008)
"Exorcists, Physicians and Wise Women: Evaluating Expertise in Venetian Witchcraft Trials," presented at the First International Conference on Inquisition Studies (Springfield, Mo., February 2008)
"'*Medicamenti spirituali*': Healing Clerics in Early Modern Italy," presented at the Sixteenth Century Studies Conference (Atlanta, October 2005)
"The Body and the Supernatural: Bewitchment and Miracles in Early Modern Venice," invited paper presented at the University of Wisconsin Center for Early Modern Studies Workshop on the Early Modern Body (Madison, February 2005)
"Science in the Holy Office: The Inquisition and Views of Nature in Early Modern Venice," presented at the History of Science Society Annual Meeting (Austin, Texas, November 2004)

"Witches, Exorcists, and Bewitchments in the Bedclothes: Discerning the Natural from the Supernatural in Early Modern Venice," presented at the Sixteenth Century Studies Conference (Toronto, October 2004)
"'I truly believe that she was bewitched': Determining the Nature of the Supernatural in the Witchcraft Trials of Early Modern Venice," presented at the Newberry Library Graduate Student Conference (Chicago, June 2004)
"My Fatal Valentine: Magic for Love and Death in Early Modern Venice," invited paper presented at the University of Wisconsin History of Science Brown-bag Series (Madison, February 2003)

COURSES TAUGHT

Themes in World Civilization I (to 1200 CE)
Themes in World Civilization II (1200 – 1815)
Interpreting the History of Science (graduate seminar in historiography of science)
Religion and Science in History (honors freshman seminar)
Technology in Historical Perspective
History of Science I (from antiquity to Newton)
Venice and the Mediterranean from the Middle Ages to Napoleon
The Reformation
The Study of History (historiography and theory)
Junior Seminar (research methods)

SERVICE

Departmental Curriculum Committee (2011 – present)
Science, Technology and Society master's degree program advisory committee (2011 – present)
Lorantas Scholarship in World History committee (2007 – present)
Reviewer for Drexel Publishing Group student essay contest (2007 – present)
Session chair, "Observation and Experiment in the Early Modern Period," History of Science Society Annual Meeting (2006)
Co-organizer, Mellon Foundation Workshop on "Power and Machines in the Early Modern Period" (2005 – 2006 a.y.)
Reviewer for Vilas travel grant committee (2005)
Faculty – graduate student liaison (2004 – 2005 a.y.)
Graduate student mentor (1999 – 2001)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Historical Association
History of Science Society
Renaissance Society of America

LANGUAGES

Italian (reading and speaking knowledge)
French (reading and speaking knowledge)
Latin (reading knowledge)