

Curriculum Vitae

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Instructor of History

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Education

- Ph.D., University of Wisconsin-Madison, Medieval and Byzantine History, August 2013,
Dissertation Title: *Christian and Buddhist Monks and Nuns: A Comparison of
Seventh- through Ninth- Century Latin, Greek, and Chinese Hagiography*
Exam Fields: Byzantine, Early Medieval, High Medieval, Late Medieval
Minor: Latin Literature
- M.A., University of Colorado-Boulder, Medieval History, August 2006, Thesis Title: *The
Long Road from England to Rome: The Extent of Roman Influence on the Anglo-
Saxon Landscape in the Seventh and Eighth Centuries*
- Participant, Summer Medieval Latin and Intensive Latin Review, University of
Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana (Summer 2005)
- B.A., Lawrence University, Appleton, Wisconsin, History and Religious Studies,
June 1999
- Participant, A.C.M. Newberry Library Program, Chicago, Illinois, "Unmasking
Gender," Fall 1998 (A semester long off-campus program which included
a group seminar and an extensive research project)

Academic Appointments

- Instructor, Department of History, Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, Illinois,
August 2010-present
- Adjunct Instructor, Department of History, Dominican University, River Forest, Illinois,
Spring 2018
- Instructor, Department of History, University of Wisconsin-Baraboo/Sauk County, Fall
2010

Teaching Experience

Instructor, Northeastern Illinois University

HIST 111A, "World History: The West to 1500"—**Face-to-Face Instruction**

HIST 111A, "World History: The West to 1500"—**Online Instruction**

HIST 275, "Writing and Methods for History Majors"

HIST 300A, "Ancient Greece"

HIST 300B, "Ancient Rome"

HIST 301, "Medieval Europe"

HIST 311A, "England to 1688"

HIST 315, "Women in Medieval Society"

HIST 392, "Writing and Methods for History Majors"

HIST 392, "Problems in History: Survey of Byzantine History"

HIST 392, "Problems in History: Saints and Sinners in the Middle Ages"

HIST 392, "Problems in History: The Crusades"

HIST 392, "Problems in History: Reform and Religion in the Age of Constantine"

HIST 393, "Capstone Seminar in History"

HIST 395A, "Independent Study: Late Roman Empire"

HIST 395A, "Independent Study: Early Medieval Intellectual History"

HIST 410, "Graduate Readings in Medieval History"

ENG 101, "Writing 1"

UWW 303, "Independent Study: The Social and Cultural Context of Early Christianity"

UWW 303, "Independent Study: Introduction to Early Christian Writers"

Adjunct Instructor, Dominican University

HIST 261, "Greek Civilization: The Golden Age"

Instructor, University of Wisconsin-Baraboo/Sauk County

HIST 105, "Western Civilization I"

Mentoring Students

Victor Garcia, McNair Scholars Program, Project Title: *Cloistered Traditions in Iberia: A Look at the Development and Origin of Coenobitic Monasticism*, complete 2017

Michael Harries, University Without Walls Program, Depth Area: Early Christianity, Graduated Fall 2017

Research Interests

Early Medieval Europe
Byzantine History
Rome and Late Antiquity
World History
Religious, Cultural, and Social History
Legal History
Hagiography
Gender

Languages

Latin
Greek
French
German
Middle English
Italian

Publications

Published Pedagogical Review Articles

“The End of an Era: John Wills Jr’s *1688: A Global History* as a Capstone” in *Quidditas, The Journal of the Rocky Mountain Medieval and Renaissance Association*, Vol. 35 (2014): 323-237.

Journal Articles

“Moving the North: Rimbert, the *Vita Anskarii*, and *Cynocephali*,” in progress and will be submitted to *Viator*.
“Gregory of Tours and the *Episcopalis Audientia*: An Issue of Authorial Purpose,” in progress and will be submitted to *The Journal of Late Antiquity*.
“Monasticism and the types of martyrdom in the first Two Homilies of Gregory the Great on the Gospels,” in progress and will be submitted upon request a special volume of *The Downside Review*.

Essays in Edited Volumes

“A Study of the Unexpected: The Advantages of Being the ‘Lone Medievalist,’” in *The Ballad of the Lone Medievalist*, ed. by Kisha G. Tracy and John Sexton (Brooklyn: Punctum Books, 2018).
“Making Medieval Studies Relevant at an HSI,” in *Out of the Cloister: Lone Medievalists Making the Middle Ages Matter*, ed. by Kisha G. Tracy and John Sexton (accepted).

Book Reviews

Review of Joyce E. Salisbury, *Rome’s Christian Empress: Gallia Placidia Rules at the Twilight of Empire* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2015) in *The*

Medieval Review. 16.05.21.

Monograph in Progress

Gregory the Great and the Development of Monasticism: Letters, Theology, and Hagiography

Conference Presentations

- “Monasticism in the Homilies of Gregory the Great,” 21st Biennial Symposium of the International Medieval Sermon Studies Society, Bristol, England, July 2018
- Facilitator, “Comparative Hagiography Workshop: Cross-Cultural Approaches to Religious Life Writings,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November 2017
- “Gregory the Great and Monasticism: The Hagiographic Evidence,” 51st International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 2017
- “Gregory of Tours and the *Episcopalis Audientia*: An Issue of Authorial Purpose,” Fourth Annual Symposium on Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Saint Louis University, June 2016
- Participant in the Roundtable “The Ballad of the Lone Medievalist,” 50th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 2015
- “Capgrave and Katherine: A Religious Response,” Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting, Berlin, Germany, March 2015
- Chair for Panel entitled “Religious Women and Reform,” Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting, Berlin, Germany, March 2015
- “Christian and Buddhist Holy Women in the Seventh through Ninth Century: A Comparative Approach to Global Sanctity,” 49th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 2014
- “Global Fasting, Regional Suicide: A Comparison of Asceticism in the Hagiography of Seventh-through Ninth-Century Europe, Byzantium, and China,” Mid-American Medieval Association Conference, Columbia, Missouri, February 2014
- “Holy Travel of Latin and Greek Saints in the Seventh through Ninth Century: A Comparative Study,” Medieval Academy of America Annual Meeting, Knoxville, Tennessee, April 2013
- “The Purpose of Pilgrimage in Carolingian Europe and Tang China: A Comparative Approach,” World History Association Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico, June 2012
- “Superhero Ascetics: The Most Extreme Forms of Practice in Carolingian Europe and Tang China,” Northeastern Illinois University's 2nd Annual Faculty Research & Creative Activities Symposium, Chicago, Illinois, November 2011
- “Defining the North: Rimbert and the *Vita Anskarii*,” Newberry Library Graduate Conference, Chicago, Illinois, January 2008
- Commentator for Panel II-B, “Representing Gender,” Rocky Mountain Interdisciplinary Conference, Boulder, Colorado, September 2004
- “The Inclusion of the *Episcopalis Audientia* and the Notoriety of Bishops in *The History of the Franks*,” The Rocky Mountain Medieval and Renaissance Association Conference, Durango, Colorado, May 2004

Upcoming Conference Presentations

“Communal and Individual Monastic Identity in Gregory the Great’s *Dialogues*,”
International Medieval Congress, Leeds, England, July 2019

Conference Panels Organized

“Authorship: Saints Writing about Saints,” 53rd International Congress on Medieval
Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 2019

Invited Talks

“Journey to the East: Crusading in the Middle Ages,” (a week-long seminar), 2018
Björklunden Seminars, Door County, Wisconsin, August 2018.

“Civilization and its Discontents: A Sketch of Intellectual History in the 1920s,”
Rockford University, February 2017.

“Mulieres Sacrae and Sheng Mu: A Comparison of Christian and Buddhist Holy Women
in the Seventh through Ninth Century,” Northeastern Illinois Phi Alpha Theta
Address, Chicago, Illinois, February 2015.

Fellowships, Honors, Awards, and Scholarships

Nominated for an Instructor Excellence Award, Northeastern Illinois University,
2017-2018 (decision on award to be made in Spring 2019)

Instructor Educational Leave, Northeastern Illinois University, Fall 2018

Instructor Excellence Award, Northeastern Illinois University, 2016-2017

Instructor Excellence Award, Northeastern Illinois University, 2014-2015

International Medieval Sermon Studies Society Travel Bursary Award, July 2018.

Medieval Academy of America Travel Bursary Award, April 2013

University of Wisconsin-Madison, History Department Fellowship, Spring 2009

University of Colorado-Boulder: “Progress Towards Degree Fellowship,” 2004

Newberry Library Student Fellow, Fall 1998

Lambda Sigma Honor Society. Lawrence University

Lawrence University: Trustee Scholar, 1995-1999

Kohl Foundation: Scholar, 1995

Professional Organizations

Medieval Academy of America

American Historical Association

Byzantine Studies Association of North America

Hagiography Society

American Academy of Religion

Service

University Professional of Illinois Local 4100, Chapter Executive Vice-President,
Northeastern Illinois University 2018-Present.
Co-Chair, University Advisory Council Working Group on Adjusting the Academic
Calendar, Northeastern Illinois University, 2018-Present
University Advisory Council, Northeastern Illinois University, 2016-present
Nominations Chair, Hagiography Society, 2015-Present
Scholarship Committee, Department of History, Northeastern Illinois University, 2016-
present
Prioritization Task Force on “Other Administrative Units,” Northeastern Illinois
University, 2017-2018.
Graduate Representative, Search Committee for a Byzantine Historian, University of
Wisconsin-Madison Department of History, 2008-2009
Student Representative, University of Colorado-Boulder Department of History
Graduate Studies Committee, September 2003-December 2004
Judge, Colorado History Day, Boulder, Colorado, April 2004, April 2005
Volunteer, Rocky Mountain Interdisciplinary History Conference, Boulder,
Colorado, October 2003