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EDUCATION

PhD New York University, Department of History, January 2003
MA New York University, Department of History, January 1995
BA Columbia University, Columbia College, February 1992

FACULTY APPOINTMENT

2014-2025 Professor, Department of History
2009-2014 Associate Professor, Department of History
2003-2009 Assistant Professor, Department of History

LEADERSHIP ROLES IN THE HISTORY DEPARTMENT

- Department Chair, 2014-2017 and 2023-2025
- Principal Author of the History Department's 2003-2009 Program Review Self-Study
- Acting Department Chair for Summer Quarter in 2009, 2010 and 2012
- Faculty Co-Advisor for the History Department's Eta Xi Chapter of the Phi Alpha Theta National History Student Honors Society, 2005-2014

LEADERSHIP ROLES IN THE COLLEGE OF NATURAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

- Chair of the College of Natural and Social Sciences RTP Committee (Committee B) for Tenure-Track and Lecturer Faculty, Cal State LA, 2012-2013 and 2021-2022
- Chair of the Educational Policy Committee, 2008-2009 and 2014-2017
- Curriculum Conversion Coordinator for the College of Natural and Social Sciences, 2013-2014
- Chair of the College Steering Committee, 2008-2009

LEADERSHIP ROLES IN THE HONORS COLLEGE

- Faculty Coordinator for the Senior Honors College Thesis Requirement, 2022-2023
- Consultant on Honors College Advisement and Culminating Experience, Spring 2022
- Associate Director of the Honors College, 2017-2019

LEADERSHIP ROLES AT THE UNIVERSITY LEVEL

- Member of the Academic Senate, representing the College of Natural and Social Sciences, 2020-2025
- Chair of Cal State LA's Search Committee for the Position of Dean of the College of Natural and Social Sciences, Spring 2023
- Co-Chair of Cal State LA's Search Committee for the Position of Dean of Undergraduate Studies, Fall 2012

OTHER COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2006-2017	Member of the College of Natural and Social Sciences Educational Policy Committee
Fall 2016	Member of the University's Search Committee for an Associate Vice President of Faculty Affairs
2015-2016	Member of the University Program Review Subcommittee
2015	Member of the University Ad Astra Working Group
2013-2016	Member of the University Educational Policy Committee
2013-2014	Member of the University's Academic Information Resources Committee
Spring 2013	Member of the University Curriculum Subcommittee
Fall 2012	Co-Chair of the University's Search Committee for the Position of Dean of Undergraduate Studies
2011-2013	Member of the Steering Committee of the College of Natural and Social Sciences
2011-2012	Member of the History Department Appointments Committee
Spring 2011	Member of the University's Library Subcommittee
2010-2011	Member of the University Educational Policy Committee
2010-2011	Member of the Graduate Studies Subcommittee of the College of Natural and Social Sciences
2010-2011	Member of the College of Natural and Social Sciences RTP Committee (Committee B) for Tenure-Track and Lecturer Faculty
Summer 2009	Member of the Search Committee for the appointment of a new dean of Extended Education and Research
2006-2010	member of the Cal State LA Institutional Research Board for Research with Human Subjects
2006-2010	Member of the Cal State LA Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee

COURSES TAUGHT AT CAL STATE LA

- HIST 110A World History to 500.C.E.
- HIST 110B World History, 500 C.E.-1750 C.E.
- HIST 3560 History of Emotions
- HIST 3800/CHEM 3800/PHIL 3800 Ancient and Modern Science
- HIST 388/HIST 3080 Historiography (seminar)
- HIST 403/HIST 4225 Religion and Society in Medieval Europe
- HIST 421 The Early Middle Ages
- HIST 422 The Later Middle Ages
- HIST 4210 Post-Roman Europe
- HIST 4220 The Middle Ages
- HIST 423/HIST 4230 Renaissance and Reformation
- HIST 424 Seventeenth-Century Europe
- HIST 4240 Science, Enlightenment & Empire

- HIST 439 European Intellectual History
- HIST 450/HIST 4900 Research Capstone: Special Studies in History (seminar)
- HIST 501/HIST 5000 Introduction to Graduate Study in History
- HIST 520/HIST 5200 Graduate Seminar: The Middle Ages
- HIST 532/HIST 5250 Graduate Seminar: Early Modern Europe
- RELS 311 Seeking the Holy: Ancient Traditions, Modern Practices
- HNRS 320 Global Citizenship: Voices and Contexts
- HNRS 3300 Addressing “Wicked” Problems through the Social Sciences: A Case Study in Diverse Communities

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Cal State LA Sabbatical Leave, 2019-2020
- 2016-2017 Member, American Communities Program Faculty Workshop at Cal State LA on the theme of “Exploring the Stakes of Critical Inquiry for Societies
- Lipton-Modarres Fellowship for Curriculum Development at Cal State LA, 2013-2014
- Cal State LA Sabbatical Leave, Winter 2010 quarter

PEER-REVIEWED BOOK

Negotiating Community and Difference in Medieval Europe: Gender, Power, Patronage and the Authority of Religion in Latin Christendom, co-edited with Katherine Allen Smith (Brill, 2009).

PEER-REVIEWED BOOK CHAPTERS

“The gendering of power in the family and the state,” with Ping Yao. In *The Cambridge World History. Volume 4: A World with States, Empires and Networks 1200 BCE-900 CE*, edited by Craig Benjamin (Cambridge University Press, 2015), pp. 55-75.

“Discourses on gender and sexuality,” with Ping Yao. In *The Cambridge World History. Volume 4: A World with States, Empires and Networks 1200 BCE-900 CE*, edited by Craig Benjamin (Cambridge University Press, 2015), pp. 154-178.

“The Exemplary Blindness of Francis of Assisi.” In *Disability in the Middle Ages*, ed. Joshua R. Eyler (Ashgate, 2010), pp. 67-80.

“The Warrior *Habitus* in Early Eleventh-Century German Monasticism: Spiritual Athleticism in the Benedictine Reform Movement Patronized by Henry II at the Millennium.” In *Negotiating Clerical Identities: Priests, Monks and Masculinity in the Middle Ages*, ed. Jennifer D. Thibodeaux (Palgrave, 2010), pp. 57-85.

“The Politics of Gender and Ethnicity in East Francia: The Case of Gandersheim, ca. 850-950.” In *Negotiating Community and Difference in Medieval Europe*, pp 113-135.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- "Surviving traumatic violence at tenth-century Saint Gall: a microhistory of the anchorite Rachilda," Biennial Meeting of the Medieval Association of the Pacific, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, March 6, 2026.
- "Making Reichenau into a Home for the Humanity of Jesus in Tenth-Century Germany," Annual Meeting of the Medieval Association of the Pacific, Calabasas, CA, June 7, 2024.
- "Why Make a Frankish Saint Irish? A Close Reading of Select Passages from the Annals and Martyrology of the Disibodenberg Monastery," 58th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May 13, 2023.
- "Anchorites and Intersectionality": Roundtable Participant, 58th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May 11, 2023.
- "Anthropophagy, Polygamy, and the Possibility of Futurity in The Book of John Mandeville," Annual Meeting of the Medieval Association of the Pacific, Eugene, OR, April 20/3, 2023.
- "Student Belonging in a Highly Diverse Honors and Gifted Student Community," Student-Faculty-Administrator Team Presentation at the 53rd National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC) Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, November 9, 2018.
- "*Dispositio* and *Potentia* in the Dramas of Hrotsvit of Gandersheim," Annual Meeting of the Medieval Association of the Pacific, Loyola Marymount University, March 18, 2017.
- "The Material Vitality of Place in the Writings of Hrotsvit of Gandersheim," The Material World in the Early Middle Ages, Pacific University, Forest Grove, OR, October 7, 2016.
- "Medievalism and the End(s) of Empire in 1960s Science Fiction," 51st International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May 14, 2016.
- "Persian East and Irish West in Hohenstaufen Germany," Annual Meeting of the Medieval Association of the Pacific, University of California – Davis, CA, April 1, 2016.
- "Terence, Catullus, and the *Carmina Burana*: Three Problems in Monastic Latinity," Annual Meeting of the Medieval Association of the Pacific, University of Nevada – Reno, April 11, 2015.
- "Europe and Not-Europe in a World *sine limitibus*," Annual Meeting of the Medieval Academy of America, Los Angeles, CA, April 11, 2014.
- "Explaining the Vogue for Irish Holy Men in Eleventh- and Twelfth-Century Germany," 19th Biennial New College Conference on Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Sarasota, FL, March 7, 2014.
- "Europe and Not-Europe in a World *sine limitibus* [without borders]," Annual Meeting of the Medieval Academy of America, Los Angeles, CA, April 11, 2014.
- "Explaining the Vogue for Irish Holy Men in Eleventh- and Twelfth-Century Germany," 19th Biennial New College Conference on Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Sarasota, FL, March 7, 2014.
- "Collective Perfectibility and Monastic Discourses of the Flawed Male Body in Eleventh-Century Germany," 48th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May 12, 2013.
- "Speaking Like Terence in Tenth-Century Germany," Medieval Association of the Pacific Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, March 24, 2013.

- "Individual Impairment and Collective Perfectibility: Reparations of the Disabled Male Body in German Monastic Communities of the Eleventh and Twelfth Centuries," American Historical Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, January 5, 2013.
- "Terence, Hrotsvit, and the Teaching of Conversational Latin through Comedy at Tenth-Century Gandersheim," New College Conference on Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Sarasota, FL, March 8, 2012.
- "The Monastery as a Republic in Metaphor and Practice," Medieval Academy of America Annual Meeting, Tempe, AZ, April 15, 2011.
- "Schatz, Identität und Gründungslegenden in Gandersheim" [Treasure, Identity, and Foundation Legends at the Convent of Gandersheim], *Der Gandersheimer Schatz im Vergleich. Internationale Fachtagung*, Bad Gandersheim, Germany, October 1, 2010.
- "Blood, Bones, and a Wine Jar: The Gospel Relics of Reichenau," 44th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May 10, 2009.
- "Hildegard, the *Disibodenberg Annals*, and the Invention of an Irish Disibod," 43rd International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May 9, 2008.
- "The Repentant Self: Penitential Techniques for Accruing Identity in the Monastery," Annual Meeting of the Medieval Academy of America, University of British Columbia, April 5, 2008.
- "The Monastery at the Center of the World: Metropole and Periphery in Eleventh-Century World Chronicles," Medieval Association of the Pacific Conference, UCLA, March 3, 2007.
- "Cultivating Irish Exoticism at Hildegard's Disibodenberg," International Medieval Congress, University of Leeds, UK, July 12, 2006.
- "Mobility and Immobility in the Life of Hermann 'Contractus' of Reichenau," 41st International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May 5, 2006.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Historical Association

American Society of Church History

Medieval Academy of America

Medieval Association of the Pacific: member of the MAP Council, 2013-2016 and 2022-2025; elected to serve as MAP Secretary, 2025-2030; member of the organizing committee for the 2017 annual meeting, hosted at Loyola Marymount University in partnership with the Getty Center, USC and Cal State LA.