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Associate Professor of History

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Education

- 2008 Ph.D. in History, University of Iowa
2001 M.A. in History, University of Iowa
1996 B.S., Marine Biology, Texas A&M University

Areas of Specialization: Medieval Social History, Gender and Sexuality, Religion,
Mediterranean Societies and Culture

Books

On the Margins of Marriage: Concubinage in the Late Medieval Mediterranean. (work in-progress)

Defiant Priests: Domestic Unions, Violence, and Clerical Masculinity in Fourteenth-Century Catalunya. Cornell University Press, 2017. (Received the 2018 First Book Award from the Society for Medieval Feminist Scholarship, the 2018 Premio del Rey Book Award from the American Historical Association, and the 2019 John Gilmary Shea Prize from the American Catholic Historical Association.)

Articles and Essays in Refereed Journals and Books

“Sexual Coercion and Violence in the Late Medieval Mediterranean” (in progress)

“Beyond Catalunya: Sex and Priestly Masculinities in Late Medieval Europe” in *Masculinités sacerdotales. Approches historiques*, edited by Jean-Pascal Gay, Silvia Mostaccio et Josselin Tricou. To be published in a special volume of *Bibliothèque de la Revue d’Histoire Ecclésiastique*. (forthcoming)

“Women, Injurious Words, & Clerical Violence in Fourteenth-Century Catalunya” (essay for *Women & Community in Medieval and Early Modern Spain*)

“Concubinage, Illegitimacy, and Fatherhood: Urban Masculinity in Late Medieval Barcelona.” *Gender & History* 31, no. 1 (2019): 1-25.

“Concubinage, Clandestine Marriage, and Gender in the Visitation Records of Fourteenth-Century Catalonia.” *Journal of the History of Sexuality* 26:2 (May 2017): 207 – 238.

“Mariage clérical et masculinité sacerdotale dans la Catalogne du XIVe siècle,” *Cahiers de Fanjeaux* 52 (2017): 423-465.

“Priestly Wives: The Role and Acceptance of Clerics’ Concubines in the Parishes of Late Medieval Catalunya,” *Speculum* 88, no. 1 (2013): 166 – 214.

“Conflict in the Parish: Antagonistic Relations Between Clerics and Parishioners,” in *Pastoral Care in the Late Middle Ages: 1200-1500*, ed. Ronald J. Stansbury (Leiden: Brill Academic Publishers, 2010), 173-212.

“Priestly Marriage: The Tradition of Clerical Concubinage in the Spanish Church,” *Viator* 40, no. 2 (Fall 2009): 221-253.

“Mothers and Daughters as Lords: The Countesses of Blois and Chartres” *Medieval Prosopography* 26 (2005): 77-107.

Edited Volume

Co-editor with Alexandra Guerson and Dana Wessell-Lightfoot, *Women & Community in Medieval and Early Modern Iberia*. (University of Nebraska Press, forthcoming spring 2020)

Other Publications

“Concubinage in the Middle Ages” in *Routledge Medieval Encyclopedia Online*, ed. Ruth Mazo Karras (accepted for publication April 14, 2019).

Book Reviews

The Queens Regnant of Navarre: Succession, Politics and Partnership 1274-1512, by Elena Woodacre, in the University of London’s Institute of Historical Research: *Reviews in History*, review no. 1598 (May 2014). Available at <http://www.history.ac.uk/reviews/review/1598>

Stolen Women in Medieval England: Rape, Abduction, and Adultery, 1100-1500, by Caroline Dunn, in *Medieval Feminist Forum* 49, no. 1 (2013). Available at: <http://ir.uiowa.edu/mff/vol49/iss1/8>

The Queen’s Hand: Power and Authority in the Reign of Berenguela of Castile, by Janna Bianchini, in *Bulletin for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies* vol. 38, no. 1, Article 12 (2013). Available at: <http://digitalcommons.asphs.net/bsphs/vol38/iss1/12>

Fellowships and Awards

- 2019-2020 National Endowment for the Humanities, Faculty Fellowship
National Endowment for the Humanities, Hispanic Serving Institution Fellowship
(declined)
- 2018-2019 Member, Institute for Advanced Study, School of Historical Studies, Princeton, N.J.
- 2019 John Gilmary Shea Book Prize, American Catholic Historical Association
- 2018 Premio del Rey Book Award for *Defiant Priests*, American Historical Association
- 2018 Best First Book Award for *Defiant Priests*, Society for Medieval Feminist
Scholarship.
- Fall 2017 Grant Proposal Enhancement Program, Liberal Arts College. University of Texas at
El Paso. (Course reduction)
- 2016-2017 Arts & Humanities Career Enhancement Award. Liberal Arts College. University of
Texas at El Paso. (Used grant to buy out my courses Fall 2016)
- 2013 Fellow, National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Institute: Empires and
Interactions across the Early Modern World, 1400 – 1800. Saint Louis University.
June 2013.
- 2010-2012 American Council of Learned Societies New Faculty Fellow. Emory University,
Department of History.
- 2008-2010 University of California President's Postdoctoral Fellow, UCLA
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Postdoctoral Fellow (declined)
Nominated by University of Iowa History Department for the D.C. Spriestersbach
Outstanding Dissertation Prize
Dean's Achievement Award, University of Iowa, Graduate College
- 2007-2008 American Association of University Women Dissertation Fellowship
Honorable Mention, Ford Foundation Diversity Dissertation Fellowship
- 2005-2006 Gordon Prange Dissertation Fellowship. University of Iowa, Department of History.
- 2004-2005 T. Anne Cleary International Dissertation Research Fellowship, University of Iowa.
Burke Award for International Travel and Research, University of Iowa Department
of History.
- 2004 Heckman Stipend, Hill Monastic Manuscript Library
University of Iowa Graduate College Summer Fellowship for Doctoral Students

- 2003 University of Iowa Stanley Graduate Fellowship for Research Abroad
- 2002 Fellow at the Newberry Library, Center for Renaissance Studies
- 2002 Medieval Academy Grant for the Summer Institute in Spanish and Hispanic-American Archival Sciences at the Newberry Library
- 2000-2004 Jonathan Walton Graduate Merit Fellowship, University of Iowa (four year fellowship)
- 2000 Summer Foreign Language Tuition Scholarship for Latin, University of Iowa Graduate College

Conference Presentations & Invited Research Lectures

Roundtable participant and presenter, “Precarious Manhood: Displaced Desire & Aggression.” The Society for Medieval Feminist Scholarship’s Round Table on: “Exploring Masculinity in the Middle Ages: New Directions in Gender History.” International Medieval Congress, Leeds University, England. July 2, 2019

Invited participant and presenter, “Clandestine Marriage in the Late Medieval Mediterranean.” Workshop on “Legal Diffusion in the Late Medieval Church: Local Ecclesiastical Legislation in France and its Neighbors, 1215-1500.” Stanford University. April 25-27, 2019.

Invited to present pre-circulated chapter, “Concubinage and the Margins of Marriage.” Medieval & Early Modern History Seminar. Brown University. March 19, 2019.

Invited Speaker, “Studying Concubinage: Gender & Sources in the Late Medieval Mediterranean.” Medieval Studies Lecture Series. Princeton University. November 27, 2018.

Invited Speaker. “Beyond Catalunya: Sex & Priestly Masculinities in Late Medieval Europe.” Distinguished Lecture Series, New York University. October 12, 2018.

Invited Speaker. “Celibacy and Sacerdotal Masculinity in Late Medieval Catalunya.” Colloque Masculinités sacerdotales—approches historiques. Université Catholique de Louvain. Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium. March 7, 2018.

“Assessing the ‘Truthiness’ of Catalan Episcopal Records.” The 93rd Annual Meeting of the Medieval Academy of America. Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia. March 1, 2018

“A Look at Reform in Catalonia’s Fourteenth-Century Visitation Records.” Global Reformations: Transforming Early Modern Religions, Societies, and Cultures. University of Toronto. September 30th, 2017.

“The Use of Episcopal Visitation Records for the Study of Gender, Sexuality, & Social History” for Roundtable in Honor of Constance H. Berman: Old Sources, New Histories. 52nd International Congress on Medieval Studies. Kalamazoo, Michigan. May 13, 2017.

Selected participant for workshop on Family Strategies in the Pre-Modern World, Princeton University. Pre-circulated paper, “Illegitimacy, Fatherhood, and Family Strategies in Late Medieval Catalunya.” April 7-8, 2017.

Invited Speaker, Medieval Research Seminar, Cambridge University. “Priestly Masculinity: Concubinage, Violence, and Priestly Authority in the Late Medieval Parishes of Catalonia.” King’s College, Cambridge, England. November 24th, 2016

Invited Speaker at the 52 Colloque de Fanjeaux: L’Église et la chair (XII-XVs). Session d’Histoire Religieuse du Midi de la France. “Clercs mariés et clercs concubinaires en Catalogne au XIV siècle d’après les visites pastorales.” Fanjeaux, France. July 5, 2016.

“Concubinage, Consanguinity, and Clerical Households in Fourteenth-Century Catalunya.” 47th Annual Association of Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies Conference. San Diego, CA. March 19th, 2016.

“A View of Catalan Peasant Women from Fourteenth-Century Pastoral Visitation Records.” International Medieval Congress. University of Leeds, England. July 8, 2015.

“The Practice of Concubinage as an Alternative to Marriage.” 5th International Medieval Meeting Lleida. University of Lleida, Spain. June 25, 2015.

“Reconsidering the Importance of Marriage for Women: Catalan Women and the Widespread Practice of Concubinage.” 46th Annual Association of Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies Conference. John Hopkin’s University, Baltimore, Maryland. March 21, 2015. Organized Two Panels and chaired one: “Women and Community in Medieval and Early Modern Spain.”

Participant and Responder to “Women on the Edge: Hostages, Countesses, and Women of Ill-Repute in the Medieval and Early Modern World.” 16th Berkshire Conference on the History of Women. University of Toronto, Canada. May 24, 2014.

“María Menocal’s *Ornament of the World* & The Debate Over Convivencia.” Part of the Bridging Cultures: Muslim Journeys Program. University of Texas at El Paso. October 4, 2013.

“Adultery, Bigamy, and Marriage Desertion in the Late Medieval Peasant Communities of Catalonia.” The Medieval Association of the Pacific. University of San Diego, CA. March 22, 2013.

“Sexuality, Marriage, and Informal Unions: The Experiences of Catalan Peasant Women.” The Berkshire Conference on the History of Women. The University of Amherst, Massachusetts. June 12, 2011.

“Proof of Manhood: Priests as Husbands and Fathers.” Pre-circulated book chapter for Vann Seminar in Pre-Modern European History. Emory University. April 8, 2011.

“Celibacy and the Spanish Clergy: The Complexities of a Mediterranean Model of Clerical Concubinage.” American Historical Association. Boston, Massachusetts. January 9, 2011. Organized Round Table Discussion: “Finding Common Ground? Comparing the Practice of Clerical Concubinage in Northern Europe and the Western Mediterranean During the Middle Ages.”

“Dangerous Liaisons? Nuns, Monks, and the Sexual Indiscretions of Monastic Life.” American Historical Association. Boston, Massachusetts. January 6, 2011.

“The Evidence from Two Spanish Kingdoms: Why a Mediterranean Model of Clerical Concubinage is Problematic.” Mediterranean Studies Association. Salamanca, Spain. May 27, 2010. Organized Panel: “Up for Debate: The Usefulness of a Mediterranean and Northern European Model in Addressing the Practice of Clerical Concubinage in the Middle Ages.”

“Clerical Violence Against Women: The Raping, Beating, and Harassing of Female Parishioners in Late Medieval Catalunya.” American Historical Association. San Diego, CA. January 7, 2010. Organized Panel: “Threads of Power, Violence, and Reputation: The Experiences of Women in the Crown of Aragon.”

“Married Priests? The Practice of Clerical Concubinage and the Laity’s Response.” To Have and To Hold: Marriage in Pre-modern Europe 1200-1700, Center for Reformation and Renaissance Studies, University of Toronto. October 17, 2009.

“Priestly Wives: The Role and Acceptance of Clerics’ Concubines in the Parishes of Late Medieval Catalunya.” Pre-circulated article for the California Medieval History Seminar. The Huntington Library. May 16, 2009.

“Clerics’ Concubines in Fourteenth-Century Catalunya.” Society for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies. Kansas City, Missouri. April 4, 2009. Organized Panel: “Women, Faith, and Power in Medieval and Early Modern Spain.”

“Proof of Manhood: Husbandry, Fatherhood, and Priestly Masculinity in Late Medieval Catalunya.” Guest Lecturer, The Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies. California State University, Long Beach. March 18, 2009.

“Marriage Defines the Parish Priest: The Importance of a ‘Wife’ and Children to the Gender Identity of Secular Clergy.” Medieval Gender & Sexuality Conference. King’s College, London. January 9, 2009.

“Clerical Violence and Masculinity in Fourteenth-Century Catalunya.” 13th Annual Arizona Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies Conference. Tempe, Arizona. February 16, 2007.

“Quarrelsome Clerics and Pastoral Care: Hostile Interactions between Clergymen and Their Parishioners in Fourteenth-Century Catalunya.” American Historical Association. Atlanta, Georgia. January 6, 2007.

“Clerical Families and Clerics as Single Parents in the Fourteenth-Century Diocese of Girona.” 41st International Congress on Medieval Studies. Kalamazoo, Michigan. May 5, 2006.

“Clerics or Laymen? Gambling, Fighting, and Fornicating in Fourteenth-Century Catalunya.” Society for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies. Lexington, Kentucky. April 7, 2006.

"Inheriting Daughters: The Countesses of Blois and Chartres." The Southwest Wisconsin Medieval and Renaissance Conference. University of Wisconsin-Platteville. September 22, 2001.

"Sisters as Lords in Thirteenth Century France: Marguerite and Isabelle of Blois and Chartres." 36th International Congress on Medieval Studies. Kalamazoo, Michigan. May 4, 2001.

Teaching and Related Professional Experience

Department of History, University of Texas at El Paso, fall 2012 – spring 2018

Undergraduate Courses

HIST 2301 World History Survey to 1500. Taught Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2018.

HIST 3382 Medieval and Early Modern Spain. Taught Fall 2013, Spring 2016.

HIST 3390 Gender, Body, & Society in the Premodern East & West. Taught Fall 2012.

HIST 3391 History of Women: Gender & Sexuality in Premodern Europe. Taught Spring 2014, Spring 2015.

HIST 3362 The Medieval World. Taught Fall 2014.

Graduate Courses

HIST 5306 Gender in Premodern Europe. Taught Fall 2015, Spring 2017.

HIST 5306 Studies in World History: The Premodern Mediterranean. Taught Spring 2013.

HIST 5306 Readings in World History to 1700. Taught Spring 2018.

HIST 5306 Religion, Sex, & Violence in Premodern Europe. Taught Fall 2017.

HIST 5345 Independent Study. Fall 2015 (2), Spring 2016 (2), Fall 2016.

HIST 6300 Advanced Topics in Historiography. Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017.

ACLS Visiting Professor, Department of History, Emory University 2010 – 2012

Undergraduate Courses

HIST 201 The Formation of Western Society. Taught Fall 2010, Fall 2011.

HIST 385 Gender & Sexuality in the Middle Ages. Taught Fall 2010.

HIST 385 Gender, Body, & Society in the Medieval East and West. Taught Fall 2011.

HIST 487 Coexistence & Intolerance: Christians, Jews, & Muslims in Pre-Modern Europe. Taught Spring 2011.

HIST 487 Muslim Spain, Christian Spain. Taught Spring 2012.

Association for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies. Bishko Prize Committee Member, 2012 – 2013.

Department and University Service

Faculty Senate, Department of History Representative. September 2017 – March 2018.

Women's History Month Conference Committee. Fall 2017 – March 2018.

Committee Member for Search on 19th Century U.S. History position, Department of History, University of Texas at El Paso. Fall 2015 – Spring 2016.

Undergraduate Programming Committee. Department of History. (September 2015 - 2016).

Library Committee, University of Texas at El Paso. Fall 2015 to Spring 2018.

Undergraduate Advising of History Majors and Minors. Fall 2013 to Spring 2017.

Phi Alpha Theta. Faculty Advisor, Department of History, University of Texas at El Paso. Spring 2013 to Spring 2016.

Presenter at Mining Books. Led Discussion on Lucy Pick's *Pilgrimage*. (October 27, 2015)

Graduate Programming Committee, Department of History, University of Texas at El Paso, Fall 2013 to Spring 2015.

Committee Member for Search on Modern Borderlands & Mexican-American History position, Department of History, University of Texas at El Paso, 2014- 2015.

Long Range Planning Committee, Department of History, University of Texas at El Paso. 2013 – 2014.

Honors Thesis Advisor. Project: "Vicente Ferrer and the Kings' Jews: Reassessing the Modern Image of a Medieval Dominican." Emory University, Department of History. Defended April 12, 2011.

Faculty Search Committee, Borderlands History, University of Iowa Department of History, 2005-2006

University of Iowa Academic Team Leader, CIC Summer Research Opportunity Program, Summer 2004

Minority Recruitment Committee, University of Iowa Department of History, 2000-2003

History Department Representative, University of Iowa Graduate Student Senate
Chair of James Jakobsen Graduate Conference, 2001-2002
Humanities Division Head, James Jakobsen Graduate Conference, 2000-2001
Travel Funds Committee, 2000-2001

Professional Memberships

Association of Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies, 2006 to present

Society for Medieval Feminist Scholarship, 2008 to present

American Historical Association, 2007 – 2014, 2017 to present

Medieval Association of the Pacific, 2012 – 2013

Medieval Academy of America, 2013 – 2014, 2017

Languages

Spanish, native speaker.

Classical and medieval Latin, reading knowledge (includes University of Toronto, Medieval Latin Studies Program, Advanced M.A. level Latin course-work, Summer 2003).

Catalan and French, reading knowledge.