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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.
Harvard University (Cambridge, Massachusetts), Department of History, 9/00-6/07.
Ph.D. in History, 6/07.
A. M. in History, 6/02.
Brown University (Providence, Rhode Island), 9/94-5/98.
A. B. *magna cum laude* in Medieval Studies (with Honors) and Religious Studies, 5/98.

Professional Appointments

Chair of History and Social Science, Benedictine College (Atchison, KS), 1/13-present.
Professor, Benedictine College, 8/22-present.
Associate Professor, Benedictine College, 8/16-7/22.
Assistant Professor, Benedictine College, 8/10-7/16.
Visiting Assistant Professor, Moravian College (Bethlehem, PA), 9/09-5/10.
Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship at Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies (Toronto, Canada), 9/08-5/09.
Visiting Assistant Professor, Colorado College (Colorado Springs, CO), 9/07-5/08.

Publications (* = peer-reviewed publication)

Books

Medieval Travel and Travelers: A Reader (Toronto; Buffalo; London: University of Toronto Press, 2020). ISBN: 978-1-4875-8803-8.
**Liturgy and Society in Early Medieval Rome* (Farnham; Burlington: Ashgate, 2014). ISBN: 978-1-4724-0823-5.

Articles

*"The Coronation of Charlemagne as a Liturgical Event," *Mediaeval Studies* 82 (2020): 149-81.
*"Baptizing the Romans," *Acta ad archaeologiam et artium historiam pertinentia* 31 (2019): 45-64.
*"The Travelogue of Rabban Sauma as a Source for Thirteenth-Century Liturgy," *Archiv für Liturgiewissenschaft* 58/59 (2016/17): 59-101.
*"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.
- *“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.

Chapters in collections

- *“A Medieval Journey into the Past,” in *A Cultural History of Historiography, Volume 3*, ed. Graham Barrett and Oren Margolis (London: Bloomsbury Academic, planned for 2023).
- *“The Experience of the Liturgy: Scientific Approaches,” in *Brill Handbook of Medieval Latin Liturgy*, ed. Daniel DiCenso and Andrew Irving (Leiden: Brill, planned for 2022).
- *“Mass Riot in the Reign of Sylvester II,” in *Political Liturgies in the European Middle Ages: An Overlooked Legacy of Ernst H. Kantorowicz*, ed. Paweł Figurski, Pieter Bytbeier, and Johanna Dale (Turnhout: Brepols, 2021), 93-117.
- “Canon Romanus,” in *Brill Encyclopedia of Early Christianity* (Leiden: Brill, 2022) (available online; forthcoming in print).
- *“The Rite of Reconciliation of Penitents at the Lateran Basilica,” in *The Basilica of Saint John Lateran to 1600*, ed. Lex Bosman, Ian P. Haynes, and Paolo Liverani (Cambridge; New York: Cambridge University Press, 2020), 400-427.
- *“The Archdeacon, Power, and Liturgy before 1000,” in *Chant, Liturgy, and the Inheritance of Rome: Essays in Honor of Joseph Dyer*, ed. Daniel DiCenso and Rebecca Maloy (London; Rochester, NY: Boydell & Brewer, 2017), 47-80.
- *“Innocent II and the Liturgy,” in *Pope Innocent II: The World vs. The City*, ed. John Doran and Damian J. Smith (Farnham; Burlington: Ashgate, 2016), 326-51.
- *“Priests and the Eucharist in the Middle Ages,” in *A Companion to Priesthood and Holy Orders in the Middle Ages*, ed. Greg Peters and C. Colt Anderson (Leiden: Brill, 2015), 188-216.
- “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), 3-33.

Other

- Review of *Schützende Heilige des lateinischen Westens (370-600 n. Chr.)* by Jan Seehusen (Stuttgart: Franz Steiner Verlag, 2021) for *Church History* (forthcoming).
- Review of *City of Saints* by Maya Maskarinec (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2018) for *The Journal of Religion* 99 (2019): 390-92.
- Review of *The Invention of Peter* by George E. Demacopoulos (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2013) for *American Historical Review* 121 (2016): 305-6.
- Review of *England and Rome in the Early Middle Ages*, ed. Francesca Tinti (Turnhout: Brepols, 2014) for *The Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 66 (2015): 631-34.
- Review of *The Virgin of Chartres* by Margot E. Fassler (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2010) for *Plainsong and Medieval Music* 23 (2014): 101-6.
- “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), 42-44, 341-43, 643-46.

Work under preparation

- Tolerance of Liturgical Diversity in Medieval Europe*, planned second monograph. A summary of research in *Memoirs of the American Academy in Rome* 63/64 (2018/19): 341-42.
- “Form and Matter of the Eucharist in the Church of the East,” article under review.

Honors and Awards

Millicent Mercer Johnsen Post-Doctoral Rome Prize, 9/18-7/19.
Recognition for ranking in the top 10% of national IDEA faculty evaluations, 2/14, 2/15.
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, 9/03, 9/05.
Dumbarton Oaks Exchange Program Fellow, 4/04.
Brown University Allison Goddard Elliott Prize (for composition on a medieval topic), 5/98.
Phi Beta Kappa Honors Society, 5/98.

Conferences and Lectures

Invited talks

Keynote speaker at Research Symposium at the University of Sioux Falls in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. "Voice from the East," 4/21/22.
University of St. Andrews in St. Andrews, Scotland, School of History. "Tolerance of Liturgical Diversity in Medieval Rome," 1/28/19.
Conference *Rewiring Romans: Medieval Liturgies as Tools for Transformation* at The Norwegian Institute in Rome in Rome, Italy. "Baptizing the Romans," 6/15/17.
Conference on the Lateran Basilica at The British School of Rome in Rome, Italy. "Celebration and Tradition in the Medieval Papal Liturgy at the Lateran," 9/21/16.
College of Architecture at The University of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma. "Everyday Life in a Medieval Monastery," 3/10/14.
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.
Dumbarton Oaks Research Library. "How Manifold Are Your Works, O Lord: Diversity in Early Medieval Liturgy," 4/20/04.

Organization of conference panels

International Medieval Conference in Leeds, England. "Returning to the Liturgical Texts," 7/9/14.
International Congress of Medieval Studies at Kalamazoo, Michigan. "Reading the Sources of Medieval Liturgy," 5/13/10.

Presentations at conferences

International Medieval Conference in Leeds, England. "Papal Mass at St. Peter's on 25 December 800," 7/3/18.
Medieval Academy of America in Boston, Massachusetts. "The Archdeacon, Power, and Liturgy," 2/27/16.
International Medieval Conference in Leeds, England. "Worshipping when in Rome: Liturgical Diversity and Pilgrims," 7/7/15.
International Medieval Conference in Leeds, England. "The Travels of Rabban Sauma and Liturgical Tolerance in Late Medieval Europe," 7/9/14.
Annual Symposium on Medieval and Renaissance Studies in Saint Louis, Missouri. "Unity through the Liturgy in Early Medieval Rome," 6/19/13.
International Congress of Medieval Studies at Kalamazoo, Michigan. "Rabban Sauma and Holy Week at Rome in the Thirteenth Century," 5/10/13.
Medieval Academy of America in St. Louis, Missouri. "'The Rite is the Same': Liturgical Tolerance and the Late-Medieval Roman Clergy," 3/24/12.

Mid-America Medieval Association in Manhattan, Kansas. "Defining a Society of Worship in Early Medieval Rome," 2/25/12.

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.

International Medieval Conference in Leeds, England. "The Mass of the Drunkards: Liturgy and the Natural Order," 7/07/08.

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.

Campus talks

Shoptalk at the American Academy in Rome. "Tolerance of Liturgical Diversity in Medieval Europe," 11/19/19.

Faculty colloquium at Benedictine College. "Liturgy and Society in Early Medieval Rome," 10/26/11.

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.

Colorado College History Department Faculty Seminar. "Unity through Liturgy," 10/23/07.

Teaching Experience at the College Level

Benedictine College (Atchison, KS), 2010-present (4/4 load)

Catalog courses (<https://www.benedictine.edu/academics/catalog/index>)

- History 1100: World Civilization to 1500
- History 2000: Historical Methods and Historiography
- History 3140: Medieval Travelers
- History 3141: The Crusades
- History 3520: Ancient Greece
- History 3521: Ancient Rome
- History 3522: Greek and Roman History
- History 3540: Medieval History
- History 3541: Byzantine History
- History 3542: The Renaissance (online course)
- History 3543: Medieval England
- History 3544: Medieval Lay Religion
- History 3720: Ancient Egypt
- History 4000: Senior Seminar in History: The Age of Charlemagne

Special courses

History 3980: The World of Early Christianity
History 4990: Independent studies in Egyptian literature, medieval Ireland,
medieval England and Ireland, medieval travelers, and medieval liturgy
GNST 3980: Co-taught interdisciplinary seminars: Pope Francis; J. R. R. Tolkien; St.
John's Bible; *Quo vadis*

Moravian College (Bethlehem, PA), 2009-10 (3/3 load)
History 140: Medieval Europe
History 294: Debating the Middle Ages
History 299: Investigating Medieval Religion
History 393: Faith, Reason, & Medieval Society

Colorado College (Colorado Springs, CO), 2007-8 (Block plan)
History 105: Civilization in the West: Grappling with the Past
History 110/Feminist & Gender Studies 206: Women in the European Past
History 274: The Middle Ages: The Making of Europe
History 275: The Renaissance and the Reformation
History 312: Faith, Reason & Medieval Society

Service to the College and Profession

Manuscripts reviewed for press of the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies, the University of
Toronto press, *Journal of Medieval History*, Peter Lang, and *Traditio*, 8/15-present.
Rank and Tenure Committee, 8/17-5/18, 8/19-6/20
Faculty Grievance Committee, 8/15-6/18.
Search Committees (9), 1/13-6/22.
Committee on Teacher Education, 12/13-present.
Discovery Day Committee, 8/12-5/15.
Library Committee, 1/12-present.
Faculty adviser to the History Club, 8/10-5/16.
Faculty adviser to "Discovery Day" student-led research projects, 8/10-present.

Related Experience

Reader for World History AP Exam, 6/11, 6/12, 6/13, 6/14, 6/15, 6/20.
Archaeological excavation on the Palatine Hill in Rome, Italy, 6/06.
Teaching Fellow at Harvard University (8 courses), 9/02-5/05
Archaeological excavation of tenth-century cathedral in Magdeburg, Germany, 7/02-8/02.
Teacher of English 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.

Professional Memberships

Medieval Academy of America
American Historical Association
American Academy in Rome

Research Languages

Primary sources: Latin, Medieval Greek
Secondary sources: German, Italian, Spanish, French, Portuguese