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EDUCATION

June 2005 PhD in History, Stanford University

Dissertation: *Christendom Divided and Restored: The Latin and Greek Churches in the Historical Imagination of the Middle Ages (868-1274)*, supervised by Philippe Buc

June 2000 MA in History, Stanford University
May 1998 MA in History, University of Vermont
May 1994 BA, History Major, University of Vermont

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2011- Associate Professor, UNC-Chapel Hill
2005-2011 Assistant Professor, UNC-Chapel Hill
Fall 2003 Adjunct Professor, Menlo College
Fall 2001 Lecturer, San Jose State University
1998-1999 Instructor, University of Vermont

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

2015 Elected to Fellowship, Royal Historical Society
2014, Spring Chapman Teaching Fellow, Institute for Arts and Humanities,
UNC-Chapel Hill
2014 American Philosophical Society Reach & Travel Grant
2013, Fall Kingdon Fellow, Institute for Research in the Humanities, University of
Wisconsin, Madison
2013 Chapman Family Teaching Award, UNC-Chapel Hill
2011 Phillip and Ruth Hettleman Prize for Artistic and Scholarly Achievement by
Young Faculty, UNC-Chapel Hill
2009 Donald Gilman Research Award, MEMS, UNC-Chapel Hill
2008, Fall Kenan Fellow, Institute for Arts and Humanities, UNC-Chapel Hill
2007 MEMS Travel Grant, UNC-Chapel Hill
2007 Junior Faculty Development Grant, UNC-Chapel Hill
2006 Course Development Grant, Christian Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill
2005 University Research Council Research Grant, UNC-Chapel Hill
2004-2005 Geballe Dissertation Writing Fellowship, Stanford Humanities Center
2002 Medieval Academy of America Research & Travel Grant

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

The Medieval Papacy. New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2014.

Reviews: *The Catholic Historical Review* 101 (2015): 152-53.

Pilgrimage in the Middle Ages: A Reader. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2011.

Reviews: *Comitatus - A Journal of Medieval and Renaissance Studies* 43 (2012): 256-58; *Pedagogy* 13 (2013): 375-77; *The Medieval Review* 13.06.03.

Dominion of God: Christendom and Apocalypse in the Middle Ages. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2009.

Reviews: *The American Historical Review* 115 (2010): 1206-07; *Church History* 79 (2010): 437-40; *IHR Reviews in History* (no. 986); *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 61 (2010): 612-13; *The Heythrop Journal* 52 (2011): 476-77; *Speculum* 87 (2012): 1269-71; *Nova Religio* 16 (2013): 140-41; *Religious Studies Review* 38 (2012): 13-14.

Refereed Articles:

“Antichrist as (Anti)Charisma: Reflections on Weber and the ‘Son of Perdition.’” *Religions: Special Issue - Charisma, Medieval and Modern* 4(1) (2013): 77-95.

“Joachim of Fiore, Apocalyptic Conversion, and the ‘Persecuting Society.’” *History Compass* 8 (2010): 682-91.

“Corresponding with Infidels: Rome, the Almohads, and the Christians of Thirteenth-Century Morocco.” *The Journal of Medieval and Early Modern Studies* 41 (2011): 487-513.

“Rethinking the Schism of 1054: Heresy, Authority, and the Latin Rite.” *Traditio* 62 (2007): 1-24.

“Joachim of Fiore and the Division of Christendom.” *Viator* 34 (2003): 89-108.

“The Discovery of the Holy Patriarchs: Relics, Ecclesiastical Politics and Sacred History in Twelfth-Century Crusader Palestine.” *Historical Reflections* 27 (2001): 139-76.

Book Chapters:

“The Papacy.” In *The Routledge History of Medieval Christianity, 1050-1500*. Ed. R. N. Swanson. London: Routledge, 2015. Pp. 5-17.

“God’s Will or Not? Bohemond’s Campaign against the Byzantine Empire (1105-1107).” In *The Crusades: Medieval Worlds in Conflict*. Ed. Thomas Madden, James Naus, and Vincent Ryan. Farham, U.K.: Ashgate, 2010. Pp. 111-126.

“Teaching the End of Days: Medieval Meets Modern Apocalypse in the Classroom.” In *The End of Days: Understanding the Apocalypse from Antiquity to Modernity*. Ed. Karolyn Kinane and Michael A. Ryan. Jefferson, NC: McFarland, 2009. Pp. 9-23.

Additional Publications:

“From Adam to the Apocalypse: Post-Classical Christianity and the Patterns of World History.” *World History Association Bulletin* 23, no. 1 (2007): 21-26.

“Alberic of Trois-Fontaines; Constantinople, siege of (1204); Hebron; Holy Lance; Lisbon, siege of (1147); Ralph of Coggeshall; Relics in the Holy Land.” In *The Encyclopedia of the Crusades*. Ed. Alan Murray. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2006. Vol. 1, pp. 25, 289; vol. 2, pp. 563-64, 588-89; vol. 3, p. 729; vol. 4, pp. 1024-25.

“The Crusade Viewed from the Cloister: Ralph of Coggeshall and Alberic of Trois Fontaines.” In A. J. Andrea, *Contemporary Sources for the Fourth Crusade*. Leiden: Brill, 2000. Pp. 265-309.

“A Vermonter on the Trail of Tears, 1830-37.” *Vermont History* 66 (1998): 31-38.

“Constantinople: Holy City and Holy Conquest.” *University of Vermont History Review* 7 (May 1997): 1-17.

Book Reviews:

Franciscan Organisation in the Mendicant Context: Formal and Informal Structures of the Friars' Lives and Ministry in the Middle Ages. Edited by M. Robson and J. Rohrkasten. Berlin: Lit Verlag, 2010. Reviewed for *the English Historical Review* 128 (2013): 655-56.

Crusading as an Act of Vengeance, 1095-1216. By Susanna Throop. Farnham: Ashgate, 2011. Reviewed for *Reviews in History* (no. 1118).

Joachim of Fiore, Psalterium decem cordarum. Ed. Kurt-Victor Selge. MGH Quellen zur Geistesgeschichte des Mittelalters 20 (Hannover: Hahnsche Buchhandlung, 2009). Reviewed online for *The Medieval Review* (TMR 09.11.27).

The Children's Crusade: Medieval History, Modern Mythistory. By Gary Dickson. New York: Pgrave MacMillan, 2008). Reviewed for *Institute for Historical Research*. Reviewed online for *Reviews in History* (no. 785).

The Church in the Shadow of the Mosque: Christians and Muslims in the World of Islam. By Sidney Griffiths (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2008). Reviewed for *Church History* 77 (2008): 1029-31.

Heresy, Culture, and Religion in Early Modern Italy: Contexts and Contestations. Ed. Ronald K. Delph, Michelle M. Fontaine, and Jeffries Martin (Kirksville, Missouri, 2006). Reviewed for *Church History* 76 (2007): 843-45.

COURSES TAUGHT

Introduction to Medieval Europe
The Medieval Church
Faith and Violence in the Middle Ages (First Year Seminar)
The Christian Apocalypse in the Middle Ages (Honors Seminar)
The Crusades (Research Seminar)
Medieval Theology and the Body
The Medieval Expansion of Europe
Medieval Studies (Graduate Seminar)

SERVICE

History Department, UNC-Chapel Hill:

2009-2013 Graduate Studies Committee
2010-11 Search Committee, Modern U.S. Intellectual/Religious History
2010-11 Project Leader: Departmental Website Redesign
2006-09 Committee on Teaching
2008-10 Search Committee, Medieval/Early Modern Jewish History
2007-09 Search Committee, History of Science-Medieval Europe
2006-07 Search Committee, Ancient Greece

Medieval and Early Modern Studies (MEMS), UNC-Chapel Hill:

2012- Director, MEMS Program

2009-12 Supervisor, MEMS Minor
2009-12 MEMS Advisory Committee
2009-10 Chair, committee for the development of MEMS major
2007-08 Conference Organizer, *Global Encounters: Legacies of Conflict and Exchange in the Medieval and early Modern Worlds*
2005-08 Medieval Studies Committee

Other Service:

2015- Committee on Fix-Term Faculty, UNC-Chapel Hill
2015- Faculty Advisory Board, Institute for Arts and Humanities, UNC-Chapel Hill
2015- Nominating Committee Member, Medieval Academy of America
2010- Faculty Advisory Board, UNC-Chapel Hill Program in Humanities and Human Values
2010- Convener, Triangle Medieval Studies Seminar (TMSS)

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks:

War and Peace in the Apocalyptic Mode: Joachim of Fiore and the Meaning of History
Princeton Graduate Colloquium on “War, Peace, and Religion in the Middle Ages” (4/13/13)

The Middle Ages and the Politics of History’s End
Hettleman Prize Lecture Series, UNC-Chapel Hill (2/21/12)

The World is Ending, Time to Panic...Or Not? Medieval Christianity and the Apocalypse
Adventures in Ideas Seminar, UNC-Chapel Hill (10/29/10)

Jerusalem, the Crusades, and the Meaning of History
Adventures in Ideas Seminar, UNC-Chapel Hill (2/13/10)

Crusade and Conversion: Medieval Christendom Faces the Islamic World
Adventures in Ideas Seminar, UNC-Chapel Hill (11/01/08)

By Sword or Word: Spreading the Gospel in the Ages of Crusade
Medieval Studies Lecture Series: the Crusades, Virginia Tech. (10/23/08)

Preservation and Persecution: Judaism in Christian Theology
Adventures in Ideas Seminar, UNC-Chapel Hill (6/7/08)

Select Conference Papers:

Antichrist and the Scandal of the Eternal Gospel
“Joachim posuit verba ista” - Gli pseudoepigrafi di Gioacchino da Fiore dei secoli XIII e XIV,” 8th Annual Meeting, Centro Internazionale di Studi Gioachimiti, Fiore, Italy (9/19/15)

Joachite Apocalypticism and Papal Monarchy
International Medieval Congress 2014, University of Leeds (7/10/14)

The Apocalyptic State: Sovereignty and the Church in the Works of Joachim of Fiore
Medieval Academy of America, 2013 Annual Meeting, Knoxville, Tenn. (4/5/13)

Joachim of Fiore and the Remembrance of Things Past
47th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Mich. (5/12/12)

The Franciscan Mission to Northern Africa in the Thirteenth Century
International Medieval Congress, 2010, University of Leeds (7/13/10)

Corresponding with Infidels: Papal Diplomacy and the Islamic World in the Thirteenth Century
45th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Mich. (5/21/10)

Peter John Olivi, His Critics, and the Conversion of the World
Knowing and Unknowing, South-East Medieval Association, Vanderbilt Univ. (10/17/09)

Mission and Martyrdom in the Franciscan Order
International Medieval Congress 2009, University of Leeds (7/13/09)

Reform-Crusade-Apocalypse: Crusading Imagined by Gerhoh of Reichersberg and Joachim of Fiore
Remembering the Crusades, Fordham University, NYC (3/29/08)

Not Peace but the Sword: Crusading Violence and the Greek Church, 1100-1107
42nd International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Mich. (5/10/07)

God's Will or Not? Bohemond's Campaign against the Byzantine Empire
The Crusades: Medieval Worlds in Conflict, St. Louis University (2/18/06)

Rethinking 1054: Azymes and the Sacramental Transformations of History
40th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Mich. (5/6/05)

Latin and Greek Difference in an Age of Apocalyptic Expectation: Thirteenth-Century Joachimism and the Reunion of Christendom
International Medieval Congress, 2004, University of Leeds (7/14/04)

Latin Christian Identity and Salvation History: Innocent III's Joachite Exegesis of 1204
39th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Mich. (5/7/04)

Post-Biblical History and Latin Christian Identity in the Works of Joachim of Fiore
California Medieval History Seminar, Huntington, CA (2/9/02)

Using the Past in Early Medieval Naples: the Works of John the Deacon
Historical and Literary Approaches to Medieval Texts, UC Berkeley (4/20/01)

The Discovery of the Holy Patriarchs: Relics, Ecclesiastical Politics and Sacred History in Twelfth-Century Crusader Palestine.
New England Historical Association, University of Vermont (1998)

Constantinople: Holy City and Holy Conquest
Plymouth State Medieval Conference, Plymouth State College, NH (1997)

Other Select Presentations:

The Last Papal Monarch: Innocent IV and the Plenitude of Power
Medieval Intellectual History Seminar, Newberry Library (12/7/13)

History, Sovereignty, and Papal Monarchy: Political Theory in the Age of Innocent IV
Institute For Historical Research, University of Madison, Wisconsin (11/5/13)

Spirituals Abroad: Franciscan Mission and Apocalypse

The Writing of Prophecy, Czech Academy of Sciences (7/8/10)

Papal Diplomacy and the Islamic World in the Thirteenth Century
CLAMS-MEMS Research Workshop, King's College London (3/11/10)

Imagining a Christian World: Mission and Prophecy during the Fifth Crusade
History Club Lecture, UNC-Chapel Hill (3/28/07)

Reform and Crusade: History in the Making on Latin Christendom's Borders of Belief
5th European History Colloquium, Cornell University (9/25/06)

Christendom, Crusade, and the End of Days: The Dream of World Conversion
The Apocalyptic Complex, Central European University, Budapest (12/10/07)

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Fully Proficient in Medieval Latin
Fully Proficient in French
Professional Knowledge of German
Intermediate Spanish and Italian
Working Knowledge of Ancient Greek

PUBLIC HISTORY AND MEDIA OUTREACH

Interviewed on *Talking about Learning*, WCOM 103.5 Carrboro, NC, podcast online at <http://wcomlearning.wordpress.com/> (scroll down) (6/26/13)

Public Lecture, "The Papacy and Medieval Politics," *Flyleaf Books: UNC Faculty in Focus Lecture Series*, Program in Humanities (6/6/13)

"History, Politics, and the End of the World: Medieval and Modern Antichrists," talk at the Chapel Hill Rotary Club (2/3/12)

Radio interview, "The End of the World," on *The State of Things*, online at: http://wunc.org/tsot/archive/The_End_Of_The_World.mp3/view (1/27/12)

Radio Interview, "Pilgrimage in the Middle Ages," on D. G. Martin's *Who's Talking* (6/25/11)

"Social Justice and the Revelation of Saint John," St. Philips Church, Durham, NC (12/11/11)

Op-Ed, *Raleigh News and Observer*, "Really, the Crusades Don't Fit Our Politics" (4/17/11)

Interviewed for *New Books in History*, online at <http://newbooksinhistory.com/?p=1223> (9/18/09)

Interviewed on *The Dark Ages*, The History Channel (air-date 9:00 PM, 3/4/07)