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### EDUCATION

12 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

17 June 2000                      MA in History, Stanford University

10 May 1998                      MA in History, University of Vermont

12 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

2017                                Integrated Curriculum Course Development Grant for *Time and the Medieval Cosmos*, with Chris Clemens (Physics), UNC-CH

2017                                Honors Collaborative Research Grant, with Garland Kennedy (Class of 2018), Institute for Arts and Humanities, UNC-CH

2015                                Elected to Fellowship, Royal Historical Society

2014                                Chapman Teaching Fellow, Institute for Arts and Humanities, UNC-Chapel Hill

2014                                American Philosophical Society Reach & Travel Grant

2013                                Kingdon Fellow, Institute for Research in the Humanities, University of Wisconsin, Madison

2013                                Chapman Family Teaching Award, UNC-CH

2011                                Phillip and Ruth Hettleman Prize for Artistic and Scholarly Achievement by Young Faculty, UNC-CH

2009                                Donald Gilman Research Award, MEMS Program, UNC-CH

2008                                Kenan Fellow, Institute for Arts and Humanities, UNC-CH

2007                                MEMS Travel Grant, UNC-CH

2007                                Junior Faculty Development Grant, UNC-CH

2006                                Course Development Grant, Christian Studies, UNC-CH

2005                                University Research Council Research Grant, UNC-CH

2004                                Geballe Dissertation Writing Fellowship, Stanford Humanities Center

2002                                Medieval Academy of America Research & Travel Grant

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### Books:

*The Two Powers: The Papacy, the Empire, and the Struggle for Sovereignty in the Thirteenth Century.* Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2019.

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

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

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

### 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.

“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.

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

“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:

“Resistance.” In *A Cultural History of Western Empires in the Middle Ages.* Ed. Matthew Gabriele. London: Bloomsbury, 2019. Pp. 161-82.

“Christendom, Crusade, and the End of Days: The Dream of World Conversion (1000-1274).” In *The Apocalyptic Complex.* Ed. Nadia Al-Bagdadi, David Marno, and Matthias Riedl. Budapest: Central European University Press, 2018. Pp. 143-56.

“Joachim of Fiore the Historian and Theorist of Society.” In *Brill Companion to Joachim of Fiore.* Ed. Matthias Riedl. Leiden: Brill, 2018. Pp. 88-108.

“Antichrist and the Scandal of the Eternal Gospel.” In *‘Ioachim posuit verba ista’: Gli pseudoepigrafi di Gioacchino da Fiore dei secoli XIII e XIV.* Ed. Gian Luca Potestà and Marco Rainini. Opere di Gioacchino da Fiore: testi e strumenti, vol. 27. Rome: Viella, 2016. Pp. 105-18.

"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:

"Joachim of Fiore (ca. 1135-1202)." In *The Oxford Guide to the Historical Reception of Augustine*. Ed. Karla Pollmann and Willemien Otten. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013.

"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.

#### Works in Preparation:

*Medieval Jesus: The Son of God from the Middles to the Present* (proposed book project).

"Canon Law," for *The Cambridge History of the Crusades* (essay, submitted to editor, May 2018).

"Joachim of Fiore and the Apocalyptic Revival of the Twelfth Century," for *The Cambridge Companion to Apocalyptic Literature* (essay, submitted to editor, June 2018).

"Medieval Apocalypse and Meaning in History" (article, submitted to *Speculum*, March 2019).

"Saving Kantorowicz: Political Theology and the Metamorphoses of *The King's Two Bodies*" (commissioned essay for the *AHR's* "Reappraisals" series, submitted March 2019)

"Rewinding History: Joachim of Fiore and the Sundial of Hezekiah" (draft article, in progress).

## Book Reviews:

Joachim von Fiore. *Concordia novi ac veteris testamenti*. Ed. Alexander Patschovsky. Monumenta Germaniae Historica: Quellen zur Geistesgeschichte des Mittelalters. Vol. 28, 1-4. Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz Verlag, 2017. Reviewed for *The Medieval Review* (TMR 19.03.08).

Michael A. Ryan, ed., *A Companion to the Premodern Apocalypse*. Brill's Companions to the Christian Tradition 64. Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2016. Reviewed for *Speculum* 94 (2019): 281-82.

*The Empire at the End of Time: Identity and Reform in Late Medieval German Prophecy*. By Frances Courtney Kneupper. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016. Reviewed for *Speculum* 92 (2017): 1210-11.

*Profeti e profetismi: Escatologia, millenarismo e utopia*. Edited by Andre Vauchez. Bologna: Edizioni Dehoniane, 2014. Reviewed for *The Catholic Historical Review* 102 (2016): 121-22.

*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. Vol. 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.

## **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

Fully Proficient in Medieval Latin

Fluent in French

Professional Knowledge of German, Spanish, and Italian

## **SERVICE**

### History Department, UNC-CH:

2018-	Departmental Liaison for Office of Undergraduate Research
2017-	Director of Undergraduate Studies
2017-18	Project Leader: Departmental Website Redesign
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-CH:

2018	Organizer, Compact Seminar, "Imagining the Apocalypse: Premodern Apocalypticism and the Digital Humanities" 15-17 February
2013-16	Director, MEMS Program
2009-12	Supervisor, MEMS Minor
2009-12	MEMS Advisory Board
2009-10	Chair, committee for the development of MEMS major
2007-08	Conference Organizer, <i>Global Encounters: Legacies of Conflict and Exchange in the Medieval and early Modern Worlds</i>
2005-08	Medieval Studies Committee

### Other University Service, UNC-CH:

Fall 2018	Polanyi Lectureship in History and Philosophy of Science Selection Committee
2017-18	Integrated Curriculum Course Proposal Review Committee
2017-18	General Education Curriculum Committee: Student Learning Outcomes
2015-17	Committee on Fix-Term Faculty
2015-17	Faculty Advisory Board, Institute for Arts and Humanities, UNC-CH
2010-17	Faculty Advisory Board, UNC-CH Program in Humanities and Human Values
2016	Robinson Fellowship Review Committee

### Service Beyond UNC-CH:

2015-16	Nominating Committee, Medieval Academy of America
2010-	Convener, Triangle Medieval Studies Seminar (TMSS)

## **TEACHING**

### Courses Taught:

History 50: Time and the Medieval Cosmos  
History 75: Faith and Violence in the Middle Ages  
History 107: Introduction to Medieval History  
History 177: The Apocalypse in the Middle Ages

History 228: Medieval Expansion of Europe  
History 398: Medieval Undergraduate Research Seminar  
History 431: Medieval Church  
History 432: The Crusades  
History 436: Medieval Theology and the Body  
History 700: Introduction to Historiography  
History 701: Medieval Studies

Senior Honors Theses Advised/Co-Advised:

Bradley Phillis, "Shepherding Lions: Pastoral Care and the First Crusade" (2006; adviser).

Caroline Johnson, "The Just War Theory in the Fourteenth Century: Political, Religious, and Moral Considerations" (2008; adviser).

Amelia Kennedy, "Bodies Breaking Down: Pain, Suffering, and Christian Identity in Merovingian Gaul, c. 481–751" (2012; second reader).

Kelsey Blake, "The Perceptions of British History and Welsh Identity in the Twelfth Century" (2012; second reader).

Katie Harper, "Thou Shalt Not Suffer A Witch to Live: How the Incorporation of Sorcery into Heresy Critically Contributed to the Witch Stereotype of the Late Middle Ages" (2014; second reader).

Burt Westermeier, "The Impact of Pilgrimage on Local Communities and the Medieval Expansion of Europe in the Twelfth Century" (2014; second reader).

Sam Fletcher, "Constructing Sanctity in the Long Twelfth Century: The Miracles of St. Anselm, St. Bernard, and St. Francis" (2016; co-adviser).

Michael Hensley, "History-writing as a 'Bulwark against the Passage of Time:' The Middle Byzantine World through the Eyes of Michael Psello, Anna Komnene, and John Kinnamos" (2017; second reader).

Jeremy Howell, "The Dethroning: Prester John's Demise and the Shaping of Modern Ethiopia" (2018; second reader).

James Messmer, "The Final Judgement: John Bale's Apocalyptic Justification of English Protestantism" (2018; adviser).

PhD Dissertations & Masters Theses Advised/Co-Advised:

Beth Hasseler, "Translation, Canonization, and the Cult of the Saints in England, 1160-1220" (2014 MA Thesis; committee member).

Daniel Morgan, "A New Reading of Caffaro" (2015 MA Thesis; committee member).

Joshua Hevert, "Orthodoxy Abroad: John XXII and Global Christendom" (2016 PhD dissertation; advisor)

Alexandra Locking, "'A New Senate of Women': Ecclesiastical Reform and the Reimagining of Female Secular Lordship, c. 1050-1125 CE (2017 PhD dissertation; committee member).

Allison Gose, "Servants Not Soldiers: Lordship and Social Morality in the Via Regia" (2017 MA Thesis; committee member).

Beth Hasseler, "Royal Sanctity and the Writing of History on the Peripheries of Latin Christendom, c. 1000 – 1200" (2018 PhD dissertation; committee member).

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### Invited Talks:

*Reflections on the Apocalypse: Where Medieval History Meets Public History*  
Kelley Program Distinguished Lecture, Davidson College (11/19/15)

*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)

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

### Select Conference Papers:

*Church, Empire, and Apocalypse in the Thirteenth Century*  
International Medieval Congress 2014, University of Leeds (7/6/17)

*Antichrist and the Scandal of the Eternal Gospel*  
"Joachim posuit verba ista" - Gli pseudoepigrafi di Gioacchino da Fiore dei secoli XIII e XIV," 8<sup>th</sup>  
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:

*A Fourth-Century Strategy: Walls, Barbarians, and Roman Emperors*  
Walls: Global Histories of Borders and Barriers, UNC-CH Colloquium (4/10/19)

*The Black Death and the Medieval Blame Game*  
Carolina Public Humanities, Adventures in Ideas Seminar (3/29/19)

*Christendom and the Origins of Europe*  
What is Europe? European Perspectives at UNC, Global FedEx Center, Chapel Hill (11/28/18)



*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)

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

*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)

*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)

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

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

*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)

## **PUBLIC OUTREACH**

Interviewed for "Notre Dame's Fire, Restoration Illustrative of its History, Faculty Say."  
*University Gazette* (<https://gazette.unc.edu/2019/05/01/notre-dames-fire-restoration-illustrative-of-its-history-faculty-say/>) (accessed 5/1/19)

Five-Part Lecture Series, "Scripture and History from Genesis to Revelation," delivered at Holy Family

Interviewed on NPR, *Morning Edition*, "Will Cuba Meeting of Pope and Patriarch Heal of 1000-Year Rift?" (<http://www.npr.org/sections/parallels/2016/02/12/466395400/will-cuba-meeting-of-pope-and-patriarch-help-heal-a-1-000-year-rift>) (accessed 2/12/16)

Interviewed on *Talking about Learning*, WCOM 103.5 Carrboro, NC, podcast online at <http://wcomlearning.wordpress.com/> (scroll down) (accessed 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 delivered at the Chapel Hill Rotary Club (2/3/12)

Radio interview, "The End of the World," on *The State of Things* (WUNC), online at: [http://wunc.org/tsot/archive/The\\_End\\_Of\\_The\\_World.mp3/view](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," talk delivered at 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 (initial air-date 9:00 PM, 3/4/07)