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Appointments

University of South Florida, Instructor in Humanities and Cultural Studies, August 2013 to present
Carthage College, Jack Miller Postdoctoral Fellow, August 2011 to July 2013
University of Toronto, Sessional Lecturer, May to June 2008, May 2009 to April 2010
Center for Renaissance and Reformation Studies, Lecturer, September 2009 to April 2010

Education

Ph.D. in History, University of Toronto, November 2009
Advisor: Kenneth Bartlett
Dissertation Title: *Thomas More's 'Utopia' and the influence of Lorenzo Valla's 'On Pleasure'*
M.A. in History, University of Saskatchewan, 2000
B.A. in History, University of Saskatchewan, 1998

Specializations

Neo-Latin literature in Early Modern Europe, the relationship between Latin and vernacular literature, Early Modern translations of ancient texts.

Competence

Major comprehensive field in the history of Western and Central Europe from 1400-1650
Minor comprehensive field in the history of Western and Central Europe from 1000-1400
Minor comprehensive field in paleography and the transmission of classical texts.

Publications

[upcoming] *The Correspondence of Lorenzo Valla*, edition in English and Latin for the I Tatti Renaissance Library, Harvard University Press. Publication is projected for November 2013.

[revising for publication] "*Voluptas and Delectatio in Lorenzo Valla's On the True Good.*" This 12,000-word paper is being revised based on reader suggestions and will be submitted to *Renaissance Quarterly* at the end of 2013.

"*Prudentia and the Laws of Utopia.*" *Renaissance and Reformation*, summer 2013.

Chapter 43 from *The Hildemar Project*. One of several collaborators in the translation of Hildemar of Corbie's commentary on the Rule of St. Benedict. Accessible at hildemar.org.

Book Review: Latinity and Alterity in Early Modern Europe eds. Yasmin Haskell and Juanita Feros Ruys. *Renaissance Studies*, November 2012.

Book Review: Savonarola and Savonarolism by Stefano Dall' Aglio. *Church History and Religious Culture*, 92.2-3 (2012)

Book Review: Exploiting Erasmus: The Erasmian Legacy and Religious Change in Early Modern England by Gregory D. Dodds. *The Historian*, Summer 2011.

"The Uses of 'Resipiscere' in the Latin of Erasmus: the Gospels and Beyond."
Canadian Journal of History, Winter 2007/2008.

Teaching Experience

(as instructor)

HUM 1020, University of South Florida, Fall 2013.

HUM 3231, University of South Florida, Fall 2013.

Western Heritage, Part II, Carthage College, February 2012 to May 2013.

Western Heritage, Part I, Carthage College, September 2011 to December 2012.

Topics in Religion and Great Ideas, Carthage College, January 2012 and January 2013.

HIS109: *The Development of European Civilization*, University of Toronto, August 2009 to May 2010.

VIC240: *Introduction to Renaissance Civilization*, Victoria University, Toronto, August 2009 to May 2010.

HIS389: *Intellectual Revolutions of the Italian Renaissance*, University of Toronto, May to June 2009.

HIS309: *European Reformations*, University of Toronto, May to June 2008.

(as teaching assistant)

HIS109: *Introduction to Western Civilization*, University of Toronto, September 2004 to April 2009.

HIS236: *Modern Britain*, University of Toronto, Mississauga Campus, January to April 2009.

HIS341: *Enlightenment Culture*, University of Toronto, September 2003 to April 2004.

HIST122: *Europe, 1789 to the Present*, January to April 1999, September to December 1999.

HIST121: *Europe's Way to the Modern Age*, September to December 1998, January to April 2000.

(graduate and undergraduate thesis supervision)

Member of MA thesis committee for David Beeler, Humanities and Cultural Studies, University of South Florida, 2013-2014

Member of Honors thesis committee for Maria Johnson, Humanities and Cultural Studies, University of South Florida, 2013-2014

Member of senior thesis committee for Rachel Jason, Department of English, Carthage College, Spring 2013

Supervised Student Undergraduate Research Experience at Carthage College: "*Temeritas* in the twenty-first book of Livy's *Ab urbe condita*" by Tim Knoepke, Summer 2012

Presentations

“False Pleasures and the Rhetoric of Epicureanism”

Renaissance Society of America Conference

San Diego, CA, April 4-6, 2013.

“Thomas Heywood’s *Catiline* and the Commentary of Lorenzo Valla”

Sixteenth Century Society Conference

Cincinnati OH, October 25-28, 2012

“A Lifetime of Satire”

Carthage College Lecture Series

Kenosha WI, October 15, 2012.

“Lorenzo Valla’s Vocabulary of Pleasure”

Renaissance Society of America Conference

Washington DC, March 22-24, 2012.

“Foresight and Divine Justice in More’s *Utopia*”

Carthage College Humanities Colloquium

Kenosha WI, February 27, 2012.

“Erasmus and the Language of Christian Wisdom”

Renaissance Students’ Association Lecture Series

Toronto, Ontario, Canada, January 21, 2010.

“An Italian Model for Utopia?”

Canadian Society for Italian Studies Conference

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, May 31-June 2, 2008.

“‘Prudentia’ and the Laws of Utopia”

Arizona Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies Conference

Tempe, Arizona, February 14-16, 2008.

“The Uses of ‘Resipiscere’ in the Latin of Erasmus; the Gospels and Beyond”

Sixteenth-Century Commentary Conference

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada, May 25-27, 2007.

Academic Awards

Jack Miller Postdoctoral Fellowship, August 2011 through July 2014, value \$30,000 annually.

Student Undergraduate Research Experience Stipend, June and July 2012, value \$1,000.

University of Toronto Travel Funding, April 2008, value \$500.

University of Toronto Doctoral Fellowship, September 2007, value \$12,000.

University of Toronto Doctoral Fellowship, September 2006, value \$12,000.

University of Toronto Doctoral Fellowship, September 2005, value \$12,000.

Ontario Graduate Scholarship, May 2004, value \$15,000.

University of Toronto Doctoral Fellowship, September 2003, value \$12,000.

University of Saskatchewan Graduate Scholarship, September 1999, value \$12,000.

University of Saskatchewan Graduate Scholarship, September 1998, value \$12,000.

Languages

Center for Medieval Studies Ph.D. Latin Exam, Toronto, April 2004.

Italian Department Reading Exam, Toronto, April 2004.

Reader of French, Spanish, and New Testament Greek.

Research Experience

Independent archival research with manuscript and printed sources from fifteenth-century and sixteenth-century sources at the Archivio Segreto in Vatican City and at the Biblioteca Marciana in Venice. Employment as a research assistant for Professor Derek Penslar and Professor Kenneth Bartlett, both of the University of Toronto; services involved the translating of Latin sources into English.

College Service

Led three-hour workshop on the Rousseau's *Second discourse on inequality* as part of the training for new and returning Western Heritage faculty. Carthage College, February 2013.

Led a three-hour workshop on the Books of Genesis and Exodus as part of the training for new and returning Western Heritage faculty. Carthage College, August 2012.

Conducted interviews for four separate scholarship competitions at Carthage College, November 2011 to February 2012. Spring Scholarships, Kenosha Scholarships, and Lincoln Scholarships (twice). Kenosha scholarships in January and Lincoln Scholarships in February 2013.

Professional Memberships

Sixteenth Century Society

Renaissance Society of America

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