

Curriculum Vitae

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EMPLOYMENT

2010–present: Denison University.

2017 to 2022: Director of Global Commerce, Denison University.

2020 to present: Professor of History.

2010–2020: Associate Professor, Department of History. Tenure awarded 2014.

2008–2010: Visiting Associate Professor, Department of History, The Ohio State University.

2001–2009: Department of History, University of Louisville.

2007–2009 Associate Professor of Early Modern European History.

2007 Tenure Awarded.

2001–2007 Assistant Professor of Early Modern European History.

AFFILIATIONS

2016–2017: Associated Researcher, Institut du Pluralisme Religieux et de l'Athéisme, Nantes, France.

1997–1998: Visiting fellow at the Institut d'Histoire de la Réformation, Université de Genève, Geneva, Switzerland.

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of History.

2001: Ph.D., History.

Major field: Early Modern European History. Minor field: Anthropology.

Dissertation: "A Child's Place in the Community: Reformed Infant Baptism in Sixteenth-Century Geneva," directed by Robert M. Kingdon, Professor Emeritus.

1996: Master of Arts, History.

Thesis: "Welcoming Children into the Community: John Calvin's Reformed Baptismal Ceremony."

Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut.

1992: Bachelor of Arts, Renaissance Studies, magna cum laude, with distinction in the major.
Elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

BOOKS (PEER REVIEWED)

2018: *Emancipating Calvin: Reformed Communities and Culture in Early Modern Francophone Europe, Essays in Honor of Raymond A. Mentzer, Jr.*, lead editor—co-edited with R. Ward Holder and Erik A. de Boer. Leiden: Brill.

- 2015: *John Calvin and the Book: The Evolution of the Printed Word in Reformed Protestantism*, editor, Refo 500 Series. Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht.
- 2008: *Defining Community in Early Modern Europe*, co-edited with Michael Halvorson, St Andrews Studies in Reformation History. Aldershot, UK: Ashgate.
- 2005: *Infant Baptism in Reformation Geneva: The Shaping of a Community, 1536–1564*. St Andrews Studies in Reformation History. Aldershot, UK: Ashgate. Released in paperback with Westminster John Knox Press in January 2009.

JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS (PEER REVIEWED)

- 2021: "Calvin's Geneva: An Imperfect "School of Christ." In Bruce Gordon and Carl R. Trueman, eds., *The Oxford Handbook to Calvinism*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2020: "'One Must Speak the Truth Rather than Staying Silent': Women, Scandal, and the Genevan Consistory." In Elizabeth Plummer and Victoria Christman, eds, *Cultural Transfer and Ritual in Reformation Europe: Essays in Honor of Susan C. Karant-Nunn*. Leiden: Brill.
- 2020: "Negociando la penitencia: Consistorios." In Charles H. Parker and Gretchen Starr-LeBeau, eds., and Doris Morena, ed. of Spanish edition, *Fe y Castigo: Inquisiciones y consistorios calvinistas en el mundo moderno*, trans. by Noa Alarcón. Madrid: Cátedra, pp. 225–236. Originally published as "Negotiating Penance: Consistories" in 2017 (see below).
- 2019: "Baptism." In Ward Holder, ed., *John Calvin in Context*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 232–239.
- 2018: "'Il Faut Éviter le Scandale': Debating Community Standards in Reformation Geneva," *Reformation & Renaissance Review* 20:1, pp. 51–69.
- 2017: "Negotiating Penance: Consistories." In Charles H. Parker and Gretchen Starr-LeBeau, eds, *Judging Faith, Punishing Sin: Inquisitions and Consistories in the Early Modern World*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 204–214.
- 2012: "Putting 'God's Honor First': Truth, Lies, and Servants in Reformation Geneva," *Church History and Religious Culture* 92, pp. 85–103.
- 2012: "Reformation Understandings of Women, Marriage, and Family." In David M. Whitford, ed., *The T&T Clark Companion to Reformation Theology*. London: T&T Clark, pp. 178–96.
- 2010: "Putting Order to Disorder: Illegitimate Children, Their Parents and the Consistory in Reformation Geneva." In Raymond A. Mentzer and Françoise Moreil, eds, *Dire l'interdit: the vocabulary of censure and exclusion in the early modern Reformed tradition*. Leiden: Brill, pp. 43–64.
- 2009: "Honor and Subjection in the Lord: Paul and the Family in the Reformation." In R. Ward Holder, ed., *The Reception of Paul in the Sixteenth Century*. Leiden: Brill, pp. 465–99.
- 2008: "The Complexity of Community in Reformation Geneva," in Michael J. Halvorson and Karen E. Spierling, eds, *Defining Community in Early Modern Europe*, St Andrews

- Studies in Reformation History. Aldershot, UK: Ashgate, pp. 81–101.
- 2008: “Friend and Foe: Reformed Genevans and Catholic Neighbors in the Time of Calvin.” In Randall Zachman, ed., *John Calvin and Roman Catholicism*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, pp. 79–98.
- 2008: “Father, Son and Pious Christian? Concepts of Masculinity in Reformation Geneva.” In Scott Hendrix and Susan Karant-Nunn, eds, *Masculinity in the Reformation Era*. Kirksville, MO: Truman State University Press, pp. 95–119.
- 2008: “Children of the People of God: Infant Baptism in Reformation Geneva.” *Bulletin de la Société d’Histoire et d’Archéologie de Genève* 34–36, pp. 31–54.
- 2007: “Children in the Reformation.” In Peter Matheson, ed., *Reformation Christianity. A People’s History of Christianity*, vol. 5. Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress, pp. 120–42.
- 2005: “Making Use of God’s Remedies: Negotiating the Material Care of Children in Reformation Geneva.” *The Sixteenth Century Journal* 36:3, pp. 761–83.
- 2002: “Daring Insolence toward God? The Perpetuation of Catholic Baptismal Traditions in Sixteenth-Century Geneva.” *Archiv für Reformationsgeschichte/Archive for Reformation History* 93, pp. 97–125.

ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES, CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS, ONLINE ESSAYS

- 2017: “October 2017: Martin Luther and the Reformation.” *Origins: Current Events in History Perspective*. <http://origins.osu.edu>.
- 2010: Multiple entries for the *Westminster Handbook to Theologies of the Reformation*, ed. R. Ward Holder. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press.
- 2004: “Protestant Reformation.” In Paula Fass, ed., *Encyclopedia of History of Children and Childhood In History and Society*, pp. 699–701. New York: MacMillan Reference USA.
- 2002: “‘He Who Is Not Capable of One Is Not Capable of the Other’: Calvin, Baptism and Excommunication in Sixteenth-Century Geneva.” In David Foxgrover, ed., *Calvin and the Church: Papers Presented at the 13th Colloquium of the Calvin Studies Society, May 24–26, 2001*, pp. 123–38. Grand Rapids, MI: Calvin Studies Society.

PUBLIC-FACING ESSAYS

- 2022: “Building a Positive Departmental Culture from the Ground Up.” *Insider Higher Education*. February 17, 2022. <https://www.insidehighered.com/advice/2022/02/17/how-administrators-can-build-better-department-cultures-opinion>
- 2021: “Project Synthesis,” contribution to “Is it time to reassess student assessment?” *Times Higher Education*. July 22, 2021. <https://www.timeshighereducation.com/features/it-time-reassess-student-assessment>
- 2021: “Navigating Change in the Liberal Arts.” *Liberal Education Blog*, Association of American Colleges & Universities. June 11, 2021. <https://www.aacu.org/blog/navigating-change-liberal-arts>

- 2021: "To preserve academic comfort zones, we must sometimes step out of them." *Times Higher Education*. May 8, 2021.
- 2021: "Why We Need the Liberal Arts to Achieve Stakeholder Capitalism." *Chief Executive*. April 1, 2021. <https://chiefexecutive.net/why-we-need-the-liberal-arts-to-achieve-stakeholder-capitalism/>
- 2020: "The Time for Teamwork in Now." Co-authored with Jane Palmer. *Inside Higher Ed*. November 6, 2020. <https://www.insidehighered.com/advice/2020/11/06/professor-and-administrator-provide-advice-effectively-working-teams-opinion>
- 2020: "How We Train Business Leaders Needs to Change—and Higher Education Needs to Step Up." *Chief Executive*. October 23, 2020. <https://chiefexecutive.net/how-we-train-business-leaders-needs-to-change-and-higher-education-needs-to-step-up/>
- 2020: "The True Value Proposition of a Liberal Arts Education." *Cleveland Plain Dealer*. March 15, 2020. <https://www.cleveland.com/opinion/2020/03/the-true-value-proposition-of-a-liberal-arts-education-karen-e-spierling.html>
- 2019: "The wrong room at the right time," in "Is there still a place for kindness in today's harsh academic environment?" *Times Higher Education*. December 19, 2019. <https://www.timeshighereducation.com/features/there-still-place-kindness-todays-harsh-academic-environment>
- 2019: "The Humanities Must Go on the Offensive." *The Chronicle of Higher Education Review*, December 13, 2019. https://www-chronicle-com.denison.idm.oclc.org/article/The-Humanities-Must-Go-on-the/247673?cid=wcontentlist_hp_5
- 2019: "Enrichment lies across the borders." *Times Higher Education*, September 26. Published online as "Interdisciplinarity will show students the career value of the liberal arts," September 24, <https://www.timeshighereducation.com/opinion/interdisciplinarity-will-show-students-career-value-liberal-arts>
- 2019: Letter to the Editor in response to "C.E.O. Pledge of Social Responsibility," *New York Times*, August 24. <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/08/24/opinion/letters/corporations-social-responsibility-business-roundtable.html>

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2022: Review of Jon Balsarak, ed. *A Companion to the Reformation in Geneva*. Brill's Companions to the Christian Tradition Series. Leiden: Brill, 2021. Review forthcoming in *Church History and Religious Culture* fall 2022.
- 2018: Review of Matthew J. Tuininga, *Calvin's Political Theology and the Public Engagement of the Church. Christ's Two Kingdoms*. Cambridge University Press, 2017. In *Church History and Religious Culture* 98, pp. 497 – 499.
- 2017: Review of Elsie Anne McKee, *The Pastoral Ministry and Worship in Calvin's Geneva*. Geneva: Librairie Droz, 2016. In *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 68:3, pp. 625–626.

- 2014: Review of Scott M. Manetsch, *Calvin's Company of Pastors: Pastoral Care and the Emerging Reformed Church, 1536 – 1609*. New York: Oxford, 2013. In *Church History* 83:2, p. 465.
- 2014: Review of Guido Alfani, *Fathers and Godfathers: Spiritual Kinship in Early-Modern Italy*. Translated by Christine Calvert. Surrey: Ashgate, 2009. In *The Catholic Historical Review* 100:2, pp. 367–368.
- 2013: Review of Robert M. Kingdon with Thomas A. Lambert, *Reforming Geneva: Discipline, Faith and Anger in Calvin's Geneva*. Geneva: Droz, 2012. In *Church History and Religious Culture* 93 (2013), pp. 457–459.
- 2013: Review of *Registres du Conseil de Genève à l'époque de Calvin. Tome V, du 1er janvier au 31 décembre 1540 (vols. 1 et 2)*, Gilles-Olivier Bron, Christophe Chazalon, and Sandra Coram-Mekkey, eds. Geneva: Droz, 2011. In *Church History and Religious Culture* 93 (2013), pp. 308–310.
- 2013: Review of *Registres du Consistoire de Genève au Temps de Calvin, Tome VI (19 février 1551 – 4 février 1552)*, Isabella M. Watt and Jeffrey R. Watt, eds. Geneva: Droz, 2012. In *Calvin Theological Journal* 48:1, pp. 175–77.
- 2012: Review of C. Scott Dixon, *Protestants: A History from Wittenberg to Pennsylvania*. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2010. In *Journal of Early Modern History* 16, pp. 448–50.
- 2011: Review of Jill Fehleison *Boundaries of Faith: Catholics and Protestants in the Diocese of Geneva*. Kirksville, Mo.: Truman State University Press, 2010. On H-France Reviews: <http://www.h-france.net/vol11reviews/vol11no118Spierling.pdf>.
- 2011: Review of Bruce Gordon, *Calvin*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2009. In *English Historical Review* 126, pp. 142–5.
- 2010: Review of J. Todd Billings, *Calvin, Participation, and the Gift: The Activity of Believers in Union with Christ*. Changing Paradigms in Historical and Systematic Theology. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007. On H-HRE, H-Net Reviews: <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=24622>.
- 2009: Review of Will Coster and Andrew Spicer, eds, *Sacred Space in Early Modern Europe*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005. In *Religious Studies Review* 35:4, p. 289.
- 2007: Review of John Witte, Jr., and Robert M. Kingdon. *Sex, Marriage, and Family in John Calvin's Geneva. Vol. 1: Courtship, Engagement and Marriage*. Grand Rapids, MI and Cambridge, UK: William B. Eerdmans Publishing, 2005. On H-HRE, H-Net reviews: <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=12798>.
- 2006: Review of R. Ward Holder. *John Calvin and the Grounding of Interpretation*. Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2006. In *Renaissance Quarterly* 59:4, pp. 1236–38.
- 2006: Review of Jeanne de Jussie. *The Short Chronicle*. Translated and edited by Carrie F. Klaus. Chicago and London: The University of Chicago Press, 2006. On H-France Reviews: <http://www.h-france.net/vol6reviews/Vol6no116spierling.pdf>.
- 2004: Review of Joëlle Rollo-Koster, ed. *Medieval and Early Modern Ritual: Formalized Behavior in Europe, China and Japan*. Leiden: Brill, 2002. In *The Sixteenth Century Journal* 35:2, pp. 526–28.

2003: Review of C. Scott Dixon. *The Reformation in Germany*. Oxford: Blackwell Publishers, 2002. In *The Sixteenth Century Journal* 34:3, pp. 809–11.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2022, October: "Seeing Women in the Genevan Consistory Records," Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, Minneapolis, MN.
- 2022, October: Roundtable participant, "Bien fait et merci!: Reflections on the Career and Contributions of Raymond A. Mentzer," Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, Minneapolis, MN.
- 2022, March: "A Woman's Place is in the Consistory Records," presented at a plenary session of the Calvin Studies 2022 Colloquium: Calvin, Women, and Gender, Wheaton College, IL.
- 2021, November: "Living *La Vie Reformée* in Sixteenth-Century Geneva," Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, San Diego, CA.
- 2020, November: Zoom roundtable participant, "Reformation Conversations: Church Discipline." Hosted by the H. Henry Meeter Center for Calvin Studies, Calvin University, Grand Rapids, MI.
- 2019, October: "Stumbling toward a Reformed Geneva," Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, St. Louis, MO.
- 2018, October: "Speaking of Scandal: Recounting the Reformation Story after 500 Years," Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, Albuquerque, NM.
- 2017, October: Plenary roundtable participant: "Gender and Reformation: Honoring Merry Wiesner-Hanks and Susan Karant-Nunn," at Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, Milwaukee, WI.
- 2017, October: "'Better to Speak the Truth than to Stay Silent': Women, Scandal, and the Genevan Consistory," Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, Milwaukee, WI.
- 2017, May: "Scandal in the Neighborhood: Contesting Community Standards in Reformation Geneva," Sponsored by the Calvin Studies Society, RefoRC Annual Conference, Wittenberg, Germany.
- 2016, August: "What's in a Name? Competing Definitions of Scandal in Reformation Geneva," Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, Bruges, Belgium.
- 2015, October: "Scandalizing Genevans in the Reformation," Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, Vancouver.
- 2014, October: "Between a Rock and a Softer Place: Polemics and Practices in the Genevan Consistory," Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, New Orleans.
- 2014, January: "Heretics and Idolators: Conflict and Controversy in the Reformation." Roundtable participant in "In the Classroom of Good and Evil: Pedagogy, Religious Controversy, and the Liberal Arts College," American Historical Association, Washington, D.C.
- 2013, October: "Family Matters: Maintaining Catholic Connections in Reformed Geneva," presented at Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, San Juan.

- 2012, October: "Negotiating Penance: Interactions between Consistories and Lay Transgressors," presented at the Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, Cincinnati.
- 2011, October: "'It Is Presumed She is a Liar': Truth, Lies, and Servants in Reformation Geneva" (originally titled, "*In loco parentis: The Consistory, Servants, and Family Authority in Reformation Geneva*,"), presented at the Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, Fort Worth.
- 2010, October: "Servants and Employers in Geneva's 'Holy Households'," Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, Montreal.
- 2009, October: "Making Marriages, Breaking Boundaries in Reformation Geneva," *To Have and To Hold: Marriage in Premodern Europe: 1200–1700*, University of Toronto.
- 2009, May: "*Calvin's Mostly Reformed Geneva*," *Calvin and His Influence, 1509–2009*, Geneva, Switzerland.
- 2008, October: "The Long Arm of the Genevan Consistory," Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, St. Louis.
- 2007, October: "The Complexities of Community in Reformation Geneva," Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, Minneapolis.
- 2007, October: Participant in Roundtable: "How Much Religion in the Reformation Classroom?" sponsored by the Society for Reformation Research, Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, Minneapolis.
- 2007, June: "Putting Order to Disorder: Illegitimate Children, Their Parents and the Consistory in Reformation Geneva," Colloquium on Consistories II, "Censurer—Exclurer: l'exercice du pouvoir ecclésiastique dans les églises réformées," Avignon, France.
- 2007, April: "Friend and Foe: Reformed Genevans and Catholic Neighbors in the Time of Calvin," presented at a plenary session of the Calvin Studies Society Colloquium, "Calvin and the Catholics," University of Notre Dame.
- 2006, October: "'Make Love Your Aim': The Pauline Epistles, Families, and Children in the Reformation," Sixteenth Century Society Conference, Salt Lake City.
- 2005, October: "Good Christians or Good Neighbors? Protestant-Catholic Contact in Reformation Geneva," Sixteenth Century Society Conference, Atlanta.
- 2004, November: "Father, Son and Pious Christian: Concepts of Masculinity in Reformation Geneva," Sixteenth Century Society Conference, Toronto.
- 2004, January: "Baptism in Calvin's Geneva: Prevenient Grace or Local Custom?" Annual Meeting of the American Society of Church History and the AHA, Washington, D.C.
- 2003, October: "Incorporation into the Community: Infant Baptism and a Reformed Geneva," Sixteenth Century Society Conference, Pittsburgh.
- 2002, October: "Parenting Within and Beyond John Calvin's Geneva," Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, San Antonio.
- 2002, January: "Suffer the Little Children: Children and the Authorities in Sixteenth-

- Century Geneva," Annual Meeting of the American Society of Church History and the AHA, San Francisco.
- 2001, October: "The Children of God and the City: The Incorporation of Children into Swiss and French Reformed Communities," Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Denver.
- 2001, May: "Baptismal Practices in Calvin's Geneva," presented at a plenary session of the Calvin Studies Society Colloquium, "Calvin and the Church," Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI.
- 2000, November: "Speaking as a Mother: Dorothy Stafford's Showdown in 1550s Geneva," Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Cleveland.
- 2000, January: "Some Aspects of Baptism in the Reformation: The Role of Godparents in John Calvin's Geneva," American Society of Church History and the AHA, Chicago.
- 1999, October: "Baptism in Calvin's Geneva: At the Crossroads of Church and City," Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, St. Louis.
- 1999, March: "Water: The Baptismal Role of Parents in Perceval Roguet's Geneva," Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting, Los Angeles.

SELECT CONFERENCE PANELS CHAIRED

- 2021, October: "Gender Matters: Gendered Troublemakers," Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, San Diego, CA.
- 2019, October: "Bible Battles: Exegetical Conflicts in the Reformation," Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, St. Louis, MO.
- 2018, October: "Women Behaving 'Badly': Female Agency in England, Scotland, and the Low Countries," Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, Albuquerque, NM.
- 2017, October: "Saints as Public Figures: Veneration Practices in Politics, Music, and Art," Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, Milwaukee, WI.
- 2017, June: Multiple papers at "Geneses: Etude compare de l'historiographie de l'essor du judaïsme, du christianisme et de l'islam," hosted by L'Institut du Pluralisme Religieux et de l'Athéisme, Nantes, France.
- 2017, May: "Recent Doctoral Research on Calvin's Theology and Ethics," Sponsored by the Calvin Studies Society, RefoRC, Wittenberg, Germany.
- 2016, December: "Religieux et enjeux sociaux du XXIe siècle," Journées Doctorales IPRA, "Religion en jeu: representations et utilisations du religieux," Nantes, France.
- 2015, October: "In Honor of Ray Mentzer I: Reformed Worship and Material Culture," Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, Vancouver.
- 2015, October: "Reformed Churchmen and the End Times," Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, Vancouver.
- 2013, October: "Understandings of Gender and the Practice of Discipline in Reformed Tradition," Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, San Juan.
- 2011, April: "Reconciliation and the Confession of Sins: The Evidence from the Consistory in Calvin's Geneva," Calvin Studies Society Colloquium, Luther Seminary, Minneapolis.

- 2010, October: Chair and discussant for “The Vice of Treason: Political Virtue in the Godly Realm,” Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, Montreal.
- 2007, October: “Defining Community in Early Modern Europe I,” sponsored by the Society for Reformation Research, Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, Minneapolis.
- 2006, October: Comment and Chair for “Anxiety, Sexuality and the Body in Reformation Geneva,” Sixteenth Century Society Conference, Salt Lake City.
- 2005, April: Co-Chair for Seminar on Research Presentations, Calvin Studies Society Colloquium, “Calvin, Beza and Later Calvinism,” Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI.
- 2004, November: Comment on “Bonds that Tie, I: Evangelical families and Networks in Sixteenth-Century France,” Sixteenth Century Society Conference, Toronto.

PUBLIC TALKS, INVITED LECTURES, KEYNOTE ADDRESSES, AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

- 2021, February: “The Black Death in the 14th Century,” Bexley Middle School, Elizabeth Jax’s 7th-grade Social Studies Classes, Bexley, OH.
- 2020, January: “Denison Facing Forward: Curricular Innovation and the Liberal Arts,” An Afternoon of Denison in Europe, London.
- 2019, April: “Global Commerce and the Liberal Arts,” with Jane Palmer, Denison Tuesday Lunch Series.
- 2018, April: “Imagining the Protestant Reformation, 500 Years Later,” Broad Street Presbyterian Church, Columbus, OH.
- 2018, January: “The Reformation and Martin Luther,” Bexley Middle School, Elizabeth Jax’s 7th-grade Social Studies Classes, Bexley, OH.
- 2017, November: “Scandalizing Christians in Reformation Geneva,” Denison History Department History Forum Series.
- 2017, October: “Imagining the Protestant Reformation,” Denison Tuesday Lunch Series.
- 2017, June: “Il Faut Éviter le Scandale: Le Consistoire de Genève au 16^e Siècle,” Keynote Address at International Workshop: “Le scandale: actes, écrits et images à l’époque modern,” Faculté des Langues et Cultures Étrangères, Université de Nantes, France. Co-sponsored by the CRINI, CRHIA, and LAMO.
- 2017, March: “La Réforme protestante 500 ans après,” Seminaire “Le Concert des Nations à l’époque modern,” Faculté des Langues et Cultures Étrangères, Université de Nantes, France. Co-sponsored by the CRINI, CRHIA, and LAMO.
- 2015, February: “Scandalizing Genevans in the Reformation: Some Early Thoughts on a New Project,” Pre-Modern Works in Progress Colloquium, Department of History, University of Kentucky.
- 2013, May: “Angels and Devils, Saints and Heretics: Thinking Historically about the European Reformation,” KAGRA Speakers Series, Kendal at Granville.
- 2013, February: “Reforming Religion, Transforming Society in Early Modern Europe,” Denison Tuesday Lunch Series.

- 2013, January: "Ideals and Practices: Catholic Ties and Protestant Geneva," Faculty Research Dinner, Denison University.
- 2012, March: "In Pursuit of Godliness: The Challenges of Reform in 16th-century Geneva," Keynote Address at the Meeter Center for Calvin Studies, 30th Anniversary Celebration, Grand Rapids, MI.
- 2012, March: "Working toward Tenure," Discussion with Prof. Kevin Boyle's History 869.01, Seminar in Modern American History, Ohio State University.
- 2011, November, "Putting 'God's Honor First': Truth, Lies, and Servants in Reformation Geneva," Denison History Department History Forum Series.
- 2010, February: "Friend and Foe: Reformed Genevans and Catholic Neighbors in the Time of Calvin," Colloquium in Religious History, Vanderbilt Divinity School.
- 2009, November: "Engaging the 'Enemy': Protestant-Catholic Contact in Reformation Geneva," The Ohio State University Early Modern Seminar.
- 2009, October: "Loving God and Neighbor: John Calvin's Vision for a Christian Society," Broad Street Presbyterian Church, Columbus, OH.
- 2009, March: Discussion on *Defining Community in Early Modern Europe* with Michael Halvorson's Senior History Seminar, Pacific Lutheran University.
- 2008, March: Guest Seminar Leader: "Baptism in the Reformation: Theology and Society," for Claudio Carvalhaes's course, "Sacraments and Globalization," Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary.
- 2005, September: Guest Seminar Leader: "Calvin and Geneva," for Christopher Elwood's course, "The Theology of John Calvin," Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary.
- 2002, November: "'Superstition' and 'The True Faith': Protestants, Catholics and Baptism in the Reformation," Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society Lecture Series, University of Louisville.

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

- 2023, Spring: R.C. Good Fellowship, Research and Writing Sabbatical.
- 2020: Recipient of Denison's Bonar Family Mentorship and Teaching Excellence Award.
- 2018–23: Holder of the Inaugural John and Heath Faraci Endowed Professorship for History, Global Commerce, and Financial Economics.
- 2017, Spring: R.C. Good Fellowship, Research Sabbatical.
- 2012–13: Bartlett Family Pre-Tenure Fellow, Denison University.
- 2011–12: Co-awardee with Timothy Fehler of Furman University, Mellon Cluster Grant for Faculty Career Enhancement: "Teaching Global Contact and Religion in the Medieval and Early Modern World."
- 2008: Intramural Research Incentive Grant, University of Louisville.
- 2007, October/November: Phi Alpha Theta Faculty Member of the Month, History Department, University of Louisville.
- 2007: Delphi Center Faculty Favorite, University of Louisville.

2006: REACH Ambassador Faculty Favorite, University of Louisville.
 2006: Red and Black Faculty Mentor, University of Louisville.
 2005: Delphi Center Faculty Favorite, University of Louisville.
 2002: Intramural Research Incentive Grant, University of Louisville. Project Completion Grant for use for one month of archival research in Geneva in June 2003.
 1999, August: History Department Travel Grant from the Department of History, UW-Madison.
 1999, July: Research Fellowship from The Meeter Center for Calvin Studies, Grand Rapids.
 1998, Fall: Bourse George Regard, from the Institut d'Histoire de la Réformation, to fund two months of research in Geneva.
 1998: Finalist, Charlotte Newcombe Dissertation Fellowship.
 1997-98: Fulbright Fellowship/Swiss Government Grant for dissertation research in Geneva.
 1997, May: Teaching Citation from the Department of History, University of Wisconsin-Madison, for distinguished service as a teaching assistant.
 1994: University Prize Fellowship, University of Wisconsin-Madison. This fellowship consisted of four years of guaranteed funding for the Ph.D. program.
 1992: Elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

PEER REVIEWER

Manuscripts: *Archiv für Reformationsgeschichte*, *The Sixteenth Century Journal*, *The Historian*, *Church History and Religious Culture*, *Renaissance and Reformation*, *Journal of Church and State*, *Journal of Religion in Europe*, *Calvin Theological Journal*, *Bedford/St. Martin's*, *Pearson Longman*, *McGraw-Hill*, *Boydell and Brewer*, *Taylor and Francis*, *Routledge*, *University of Edinburgh Press*.

Fellowship Applications: American Academy in Berlin

SERVICE TO DENISON

2022, May: Member, Interim Advisory Board, Center for Teaching and Learning
 2022, March: Roundtable Participant, Admissions Webinar: "Business, Enlightened"
 2022, Spring: Member, Fellows Visioning Working Group
 2021-present: Faculty Member, Board of Trustees Academic Affair Committee
 2021, Fall: Roundtable Participant, ENVS Practicum
 2021, Spring: Member, History Department Utter Prize Committee
 2021, Spring: Convener and Discussion Leader, Global Commerce Senior Conversations
 2021, April: Keynote Speaker, Denison Phi Society Induction
 2021, April: Roundtable Participant, Admissions Webinar: A Pragmatic Approach to the Liberal Arts: Unique Programs on The Hill
 2020-21: Member, History Department Working Group for Faculty Line Proposal.
 2020-21: Chair, Global Commerce Faculty Search Committee.
 2020, October: Contributor, Center for Learning & Teaching Tuesday Tidbit. "Practicing

small talk: an exercise in civility and connection-building.”

<https://blogs.denison.edu/teaching-center-updates/2020/10/26/practicing-small-talk-an-exercise-in-civility-and-connection-building-karen-spierling/>.

2020, October: Roundtable Participant, Admissions Webinar: The ABC’s of Denison: How We Approach Academics.

2020—2022: Member, Center for Learning and Teaching E-Committee.

2020, Fall: Member, Faculty Working Group on Spring Planning.

2020, Summer: Chair, Faculty Working Group on Face Coverings for Fall Teaching.

2020–2022: Chair, Denison Student Enrollment and Retention Committee (SERC).

2020, May: Chair, Faculty Working Group on Hybrid Proposal for Fall Planning.

2020–21: Member, Academic Facilities Planning Steering Committee.

2019–20: Member, Global Commerce Search Committee.

2019–21: Faculty Member, Board of Trustees Enrollment Committee.

2019: June Orientation Adviser.

2019: Participant, New Academic Program Roundtable, End-of-Year Faculty Workshop.

2018: Mitchell Scholarship interviewer for Lisska Center.

2018–19: Chair, Global Commerce Search Committee.

2017–18: Chair, Global Commerce Search Committee.

2017–present: Director, Global Commerce Program.

2016, spring: Chair, Global Commerce Committee.

2015–16: Member, Modern Europe Search Committee, Department of History.

2015: Member, Modern Europe Search Committee, Visiting Part-time Faculty, Department of History.

2015, November: “What Matters to Me and Why” speaker, Denison Religious Understanding, The Open House.

2014: Roundtable participant for History Department’s “What Do You Do with a History Major?”

2014–present (except 2016–17): Faculty Coordinator for History Department visibility efforts.

2014–16: Adviser for History Department’s Senior Research Group.

2014: Fulbright interviewer for Gilpatrick House.

2014–15: Co-drafter of History Department’s proposal for 290W and 190 courses.

2014: June Orientation Adviser.

2014: Member, University Planning Process Engagement Group on Entrepreneurship.

2014: Member, History Department CFD Fellow search committee.

2013: Fulbright interviewer for Gilpatrick House.

2013: June Orientation Adviser.

2012–2015: University Honorary Degree Committee.

2013, January: Table Leader, Teaching Matters Discussion on Group Work.

2012–13: Preparing Future Faculty Mentor for Daniel Watkins, Ph.D. candidate in Early Modern History, Ohio State University.

2012: June Orientation Adviser.
2012: Co-author of History Department's revised guidelines for History Major core classes: History 290, 300R, and 430.
2012, March: Interviewee for *The Den* article, "Feeling Lucky," by Natalie Olivo, published March 15, 2012.
2011–present (excepting Fall 2012 and 2016–17): University Honor Committee (Hears Academic Integrity Cases).
2011–2014: Assessment Committee, Department of History (Coordinator, 2012).
2011–2016 (excepting Fall 2012): Coordinator of History Department's "History Forum" series.
2011–12: Member, African History Search Committee, Department of History.
2011: Co-leader, Q&A session with faculty, August Orientation.
2011: Co-leader, Teaching Discussion for new Humanities Faculty.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

2022: Member, SCSC Medal Selection Committee, Sixteenth Century Society and Conference.
2022: External reviewer, Business Minor Review, Wabash College.
2021–present: Council Member, Sixteenth Century Society and Conference.
2019–2021: Chair, Founders Prize Committee, Sixteenth Century Society and Conference.
2018–19: Chair, Miriam Usher Chrisman Travel Fellowship Award Committee, Society for Reformation Research.
2018–Present: Member-at-large, Advisory Board (formerly Governing Board) of the H. Henry Meeter Center, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI.
2017: Peer evaluator for Pacific Lutheran University, Promotion to Full Professor of Michael Halvorson.
2016–2017: Chair, Miriam Usher Chrisman Travel Fellowship Award Committee, Society for Reformation Research.
2016–2020: Society for Reformation Research, Member-at-Large, Executive Council.
2015–2018: Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, Meyer Prize Committee, Member. (Chair, 2016.)
2015–2017: Past-President and Board Member, Calvin Studies Society.
2015: External Reviewer for tenure case (Ping-Yuan Yang), Department of History, Ohio University Lancaster.
2013–2015: Calvin Studies Society, President.
2013: Panelist, Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, President's Graduate Student Luncheon Session on "The Job Search," San Juan, Puerto Rico.
2013: External Member of Ezra Plank's Dissertation Committee, "Creating Perfect Families: French Reformed Churches and Family Formation, 1559 – 1685," Department of Religious Studies, University of Iowa.
2013: Interviewee for National History Day documentary project: "Martin Luther," by

Caroline Wheeler and Colleen Murray, Whetstone High School. Project sent on from state competition to final National History Day competition, June 2013.

2012: External Reviewer for tenure case (Tryntje Hellferich), Department of History, Ohio State University.

2011–2013: Calvin Studies Society, Vice President and Program Chair for 2013 Colloquium, Calvin and the Book, held at Princeton Theological Seminary, April 4–6.

2011: Peer evaluator for St. Anselm University, Promotion to Full Professor of Ward Holder.

2010–2012: Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, Roelker Prize Committee Member (Chair, 2012).

2008–2012: Society for Reformation Research, Nominating Committee Member (Chair, 2012).

2008: Peer evaluator for Pacific Lutheran University, Tenure and Promotion of Michael Halvorson.

2003–2007: Calvin Studies Society, Board Member-at-Large.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2010–Present, Denison University

History 104: Early Modern Europe

History 190: Louis XIV and the Construction of Power

History 205/156: Renaissance Italy

History 206: The Scientific Revolution and “Enlightenment: Power and Knowledge in Early Modern Europe”

History 290: Riots and Revolutions in Early Modern Europe

History 256: Reformation Europe

History 300R/358: Witches, Saints, and Skeptics

History 300R/357: Violence in Early Modern Europe

History 430: European Expansion: Europeans in the World, 1400–1800

Global Commerce 200: Global Focus Proposal Course for Global Commerce

Global Commerce 401: Senior Capstone Seminar

Advising Circle

Senior Research Adviser:

Kenroyal Kogbara, “Human Rights, Shell Oil, and Oil Spills in Nigeria.” (2022, Global Commerce)

Piotr Kurlito, “The Strategies & Effects of Building a Global Brand: McDonalds as a Case Study,” (2021-22, Global Commerce)

Emma Borgia, “Helen Maria Williams and the Burdens of a Revolutionary Tourist,” (2019–20)

Jack Waters, “The World Bank, the IMF, and China: Comparing Western and Asian Development Finance Strategies” (2019, Global Commerce)

Annie Rose, “The Chinese Fashion Industry and Climate Change” (2019, Global Commerce)

Brandi Hart, "Facing Death: The Early Modern English Duel in *Paradise Lost*" (2018–19)

Ibrahim Ibrahim, "Alchemy in Medieval Islam: An Intellectual Debate," co-advised with Hoda Yousef (2017–18)

Hannah Ferguson, "'Lord Jesus Receive My Spirit': Print Media and State Centralization in Sixteenth and Seventeenth Century England" (2015–16)

Thomas Ball, "Perceptions of the 'Converso Problem' in the Toledo Rebellion of 1449: Narrative Battle over the New Christian Nation in Castile" (2014–15)

Sara Hofmann, "Formation of Irish Identity: Irish Catholicism and the Irish Rebellion of 1641" (2014–15)

Corinne Cox, "'Poor little women'?: Argula von Grumbach, Marie Dentière, Katharina Shütz Zell, and Female Agency in the Reformation" (2013–14)

Hannah Wertheimer, "The Cultural Significance of Adaptations of Robin Hood Legends in Pre-Reformation, Civil War Era, and Victorian England" (2012–13)

Young Scholar Summer Research Adviser:

Julie (Fanghan) Zhao, "Merchants' Risk Management Strategies in 14th and 15th Century Italy – Respecting Fear or Harnessing Risks?" Co-advised with Adam Davis (2022)

Emma Borgia, "An Evolution of Belief: Catholic and Reformed Protestant Plague Policy in Early Modern Europe," (2019)

Ethan Mora, "'Roses bloom on the heath grave': Nationalism and grave motifs in German Romantic paintings," Co-advised with Adrian Young (2018)

Richard Brewer, "'Darkness and Dense Gloom'? Medievalists vs. Italian Renaissance Scholars in the Debate Over Humanism" (2015)

Malorie Eisenbrei, "The Bastard of Europe: Poland's Fight for National Integrity in World War II" (2015)

Kate Waggoner, "Travelers to Seventeenth-Century Persia: Reassessing European Travel Narratives, Ethnography, and Ethnocentrism" (2012)

2008–2010, Ohio State University Department of History

History 112: Western Civilization from the 17th Century to the Present

History 182: World History 1500 to the Present

History 398: Introduction to Historical Methods

History 511: The Reformation

History 512.01: Europe 1600–1775

History 594: Witches, Saints, and Skeptics

2001–2008: University of Louisville Department of History.

History 572/662: Age of the Reformation

History 540 and 662: Witches, Saints, and Skeptics

History 368: Early Modern France

History 354/Humanities 303: Renaissance Culture

History 353: Europe in the Sixteenth Century

History 310: Expansion of Europe: Westerners in the World, 1400–1800

History 102: History of Civilizations II: 1500–Present

Independent Studies:

Women's Work in Early Modern Europe (Fall 2003)

The English Reformation (Spring 2004)

Early Modern European Women (Spring 2005)

Early Christian Theology (Spring 2005)

French Law and Religion (Fall 2006)

Elizabeth I and Female Rule in Early Modern Europe (Spring 2007)

Patriarchy in Early Modern Europe (Fall 2008)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Calvin Studies Society, member.

Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, member.

Society for Reformation Research, member.

American Historical Association, member.