

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION:

2024: PhD, History, University of Tennessee
Dissertation Title: "The World of Lérins: Ontology and the Late Antique Monastery, 400–542 CE." Dissertation Advisor: Jacob Latham, Department of History, University of Tennessee
2020: MA, History, University of Tennessee
2015: BA, History and Politics, Centre College

Additional education:

2017–2018: Post-baccalaureate in classical languages, Georgetown University
2017: Latin Summer Program, The Catholic University of America

ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

- University at Albany, SUNY: Visiting Assistant Professor, History
- Marco Institute: Haslam Dissertation Fellow (F 2023–S 2024)
- Marco Institute: Public Humanities Fellow (F 2022–S 2023)
- UTK History Department: Writing Tutor (F 2021–S 2022)
- Graduate Teaching Assistant (F 2018–S 2021)

PUBLICATIONS:

"Monks in the Making: Simulating a Medieval Benedictine Monastery," in *Teaching the Once and Future Middle Ages*, ed. Elizabeth Keohane-Burbridge, Rowman and Littlefield (coming late 2024)

"Columba of Iona," in *Brill Encyclopedia of Early Christianity*, 1st ed. David Hunter, Paul J.J. van Geest, and Bert Jan Lietaert Peerbolte (Leiden: Brill, 2022): 500 words.

"Dionysius Exiguus," in *Brill Encyclopedia of Early Christianity*, 1st ed. David Hunter, Paul J.J. van Geest, and Bert Jan Lietaert Peerbolte (Leiden: Brill, 2022): 1,500 words.

CONFERENCES and PRESENTATIONS:

May 2024: Refereed: "Monastic Worlds: *Conversio*, *Conversatio*, and the Ontological Turn," *North American Patristics Society Annual Meeting* (Chicago, US: May 23)

July 2023: Refereed: "Through the 'Gates of Paradise': Eucherius of Lyons, Ontology, and the Late Ancient Monastery of Lérins," *International Medieval Congress*, University of Leeds (Leeds, UK: July 4)

October 2022: Seminar: "Honoratus and the Making of a "Special-World," *Late Antiquity Faculty Research Seminar* (Knoxville, TN: October 28)

CERTIFICATIONS and AWARDS:

Marco Institute Medieval Latin Exam (Toronto Level II equivalent)

Marco Institute Haslam Dissertation Fellowship (completion award), 2023–24

UTK 2022, Thomas and Kathryn Shelton Prospectus Award

UTK 2018, Herman E. Spivey Humanities Graduate Fellowship

COURSES TAUGHT:

F 2024

- AHIS 130, History of European Civilization I
- AHIS/AREL 235, "Christ, Christians, Christendoms": Early and Medieval Christianity
- AHIS 336, "Visions of the End": History of the Early Middle Ages

RESEARCH LANGUAGES:

English (native), French (advanced reading), Latin (advanced reading), Greek (advanced reading), German (intermediate reading)

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES:

American Academy of Religion

American Historical Association

Medieval Academy of America

North American Patristics Society