

**Curriculum Vitae**  
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## Education

2024 **Ph.D., The Pennsylvania State University**

Advisor: Ronnie Po-chia Hsia

Secondary committee members: Matthew Restall; Amanda Scott; Faisal Husain; Robin Thomas

Dissertation title: "The Papal States in the Mediterranean World: Conversion to Catholicism in Rome and Ancona"

Exam fields: Early Modern Global; Colonial Latin America; Science, Technology, and Environment

2018 **Master of Arts, Ball State University**

Advisor: Jennifer Mara DeSilva

Secondary committee members: Abel A. Alves; Frederick C. Suppe

Thesis title: "Crisis and Conversion to Catholicism in Early Modern Rome and Beyond, c.1500-c.1600"

Exam fields: Medieval Europe; Early Modern Atlantic World

2016 **Bachelor of Arts *summa cum laude*, Ball State University**

Major field: History; Minor field: Anthropology

## Academic Appointments

2024-Ongoing      **Assistant Professor of Atlantic World History**  
Southeast Missouri State University  
Cape Girardeau, MO, USA

Summer 2024      **Instructor of History -- Study Abroad Program**  
The Pennsylvania State University  
Todi, Umbria, Italy

2022-2023      **Visiting Doctoral Researcher**  
Università degli Studi Roma 3  
Rome, Lazio, Italy

## Research and Teaching Interests

Early modern globalization; intercultural encounters; missionary Catholicism

## Refereed Publications

- 2024 FORTHCOMING, SEPTEMBER 2024: "The Curious Case of Ancona: 'Levantine,' Accommodation, and the Exigencies of Papal Power in Adriatic Italy, 1532-1555." *The Sixteenth Century Journal*.
- 2023 "Indigenous Globalism: Confraternity and Connectivity in Colonial Cuzco." *The Catholic Historical Review* 109/3 (2023): 541-563.
- 2019 "The Corpus Christianorum, the Expulsion of the Jews from England, and Confluences of Structure and Event." *Clio: A Journal of Literature, History, and the Philosophy of History* 47/1 (2019): 1-23.
- 2018 "Reform and the Welsh Cistercian Houses: Colonialism, Replacement, and Hybridization." *Hortulus* 14/2 (2018).
- 2016 "Medieval Europe and the Culture of Contempt in the Age of the Lateran Councils." *Grand Valley Journal of History* 4/2 (2016): 1-18.

## Digital History

"Speaking of Conversion: Tracing the Roman *Casa dei Catecumeni*, c.1500-c.1600"  
<https://digitalresearch.bsu.edu/romanconversion/>

## Grants and Fellowships – External

- 2023 The Sixteenth Century Society, Robert M. Kingdon Prize
- 2022 Fulbright U.S. Student Award, Open Study/Research, Italy, Finalist
- 2021 Annual Meeting Travel Grant, American Historical Association
- 2021 Fulbright U.S. Student Award, Open Study/Research, Italy, Alternate
- 2021 Summer Research and Writing Grant, American Catholic Historical Association, Alternate
- 2020 Doctoral Scholarship, Phi Alpha Theta
- 2019 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship [FLAS], Italian, Yale University
- 2019 FLAS, Italian, University of Texas-Austin, Declined
- 2019 FLAS Fund scholarship, Middlebury College

## Grants and Fellowships – Internal

- 2022 Fulbright U.S. Student Program Graduate Research Fellowship Application Incentive Award, Penn State University
- 2021 Andrew W. Mellon Graduate Fellowship, Sawyer Seminar "Transmission, Containment, Transformation: A Comparative Approach to Architecture and Contagion in Early Modern Cities"
- 2021 Committee for Early Modern Studies, Graduate Research Award, Penn State University
- 2020 Edwin Erle Sparks Fellowship, Penn State University
- 2020 RSGO Dissertation Fellowship, Penn State University
- 2020 Mark and Lucy M. Stitzer Grant, Penn State University
- 2020 Liberal Arts Teaching and Research Scholarship, Penn State University
- 2020 McCourtney Family Graduate Scholarship in American History, Penn State University

- 2019 Harriet Pencak Grant, Penn State University
- 2018 Graduate Scholar Award, Penn State University
- 2018 Lawrence Birken Memorial Scholarship, Ball State University, Declined
- 2017 Lawrence Birken Memorial Scholarship, Ball State University

### **Other Awards and Honors**

- 2021 First prize for graduate research paper, Penn State Committee for Early Modern Studies
- 2021 First prize for best paper in ABD research, Penn State Department of History paper competition
- 2020 First prize for best papers in pre-ABD research and historiography, Penn State Department of History paper competition
- 2019 Adrian Bantjes Memorial Prize for Best Graduate Student Paper, Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies [RMCLAS], 2019
- 2018 Most Recognizable Graduate Student in History, 2017-2018 Ball State University

### **Conference Panels Organized**

- 2024 UPCOMING: “Foreigners and Belonging in Early Modern Italy.” Sixteenth Century Conference, Toronto, ON, October 31-November 2.
- 2024 “Mission as Reform, Reform as Mission: Catholicism and Conversion Before, During, and After Trent.” Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting, March 21-23.
- 2022 “Missionaries and Missionized: Proselytization, Change, and Crisis across the Early Modern Globe.” Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, Minneapolis, MN (Panel sponsored by the Society for Reformation Research), October 27.
- 2021 “Entangled Missionary Encounters: Appropriation, Accommodation, Ambivalence.” Meeting of the American Society for Ethnohistory, November 10-14.
- 2021 “The Converting World I and II: Cultures, Religions, and Encounters in the Global Early Modern.” Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting, April 7-10.

### **Conference Papers**

- 2024 UPCOMING: “Baptism ‘senz’altre ceremonie:’ The Case of Zaida the Turk in Ancona.” Sixteenth Century Conference, Toronto, ON, October 31-November 2.
- 2024 “Medieval Converters, Reformed Ambivalence: Mendicant and Jesuit Conversion Efforts in Early Modern Ancona.” Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting, March 21-23.
- 2023 “Necessary Toleration, Opportunistic Coercion: Institutions of Religious Conversion in Early Modern Ancona.” EMoDiR (Early Modern Religious Dissents and Radicalism) Workshop and General Assembly, Frankfurt, Germany. November 30-December 2.

- 2023 “Lay Confessionalism: Confraternities and Conversion in Ancona.” Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, Baltimore, MD (Panel sponsored by the Society for Confraternity Studies), October 26-29.
- 2023 “The Local and the Global as Strange Bedfellows: Jesuit History in Ancona, Le Marche.” Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, Baltimore, MD (Panel sponsored by the Journal for Jesuit Studies and the Society for Reformation Research), October 26-29.
- 2023 “Ambivalent Accommodation: Toleration and Conversion in Early Modern Ancona.” Society for Italian Historical Studies (at the American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA), January 5-8.
- 2022 “Jesuit, Jew, Prostitute, Pope: Making Conversion through Kinship in Early Modern Rome.” American Society for Church History Annual Meeting (at the American Historical Association Annual Meeting), January 6-9.
- 2021 “Naming Missionary Agency: Ambiguous Resistance in the Jesuit Cuzco Mission.” Meeting of the American Society for Ethnohistory, November 10-14.
- 2021 “The Confessional Mediterranean State and Local Religious Minority Experiences: Rome and Ancona.” Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting, April 7-10.
- 2019 “Conversionary Institutions, The Society of Jesus, and Authority in Sixteenth-Century Rome.” Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, St. Louis, MO, October 19.
- 2019 “Linguistic Appropriation, the Society of Jesus, and Peru in the World of Catholic Renewal: Localism and Globalism in Transatlantic Missionary Strategy, 1543-1683.” Rocky Mountain Council of Latin American Studies [RMCLAS], Santa Fe, NM, April 6.
- 2018 “Religious Identity, Identification, and Demographics in Sixteenth-Century Rome: An Evaluation of the *Descriptio Urbis* of 1527.” Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, Albuquerque, NM, November 4.
- 2018 “The *Gens Latina*, Bodies Politic, and the Image of the Other in High Medieval Europe: *Mappae Mundi* and Beyond.” 53rd International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, May 10-13.
- 2018 “A Tale of Two *Templa*: Sacred Spaces, Intercultural Encounter, and the First Jesuits in Italy and Japan.” Twenty-First Annual Student History Conference, Ball State University, March 23.
- 2018 Digital history project presentation: “Speaking of Conversion: Tracing the Roman Casa dei Catecumeni, c.1500-c.1600.” Twenty-First Annual Student History Conference, Ball State University, March 23.
- 2017 “Monastic Colonialism in Medieval Wales: The Cistercian Family of Margam and Whitland.” 56th Annual Midwest Medieval History Conference, Western Michigan University, September 29.

- 2017 “Colonialism before Columbus: The Monastic Plantation of Wales.” Early Modern History Group, Ball State University, October 3.
- 2016 “Exploring Human Rights in Anglophone Constitutional History: Magna Carta and its ‘Myth.’” Conference on the Americas/Great Lakes History Conference, Grand Valley State University, October 22.
- 2016 “Medieval England and its Jewish Community: An Interdisciplinary Inquiry in Social Persecution.” 87th Annual Meeting of the Indiana Academy of the Social Sciences, Purdue University Northwest, October 7.
- 2016 “Toward a Posthumanist Historical Ontology: Big History, Deep History, and the Case for a De-Centered Perspective.” Nineteenth Annual Student History Conference, Ball State University, February 26.

### **Invited Events and Talks**

- 2024 “Social Contexts and Cultural Contours of the Florentine Baroque.” David Owsley Museum of Art, Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana. April 10.
- 2023 “Local Archives and Global History.” University of Southern Indiana, Evansville, Indiana. September 15.
- 2023 “Religious Dialogue in the Early Modern World.” Conference sponsored by the University of Minnesota Center for Austrian Studies and European University Institute, Florence, Italy. May 23-24.
- 2022 “Jesuit, Jew, Prostitute, Pope: Conversion, Crisis, and the Family in Sixteenth-Century Rome.” Society for the Study of Religion, Penn State University. April 13.
- 2021 “Naming Missionary Agency: Ambiguous Resistance in Jesuit Cuzco.” Sawyer Seminar, Penn State University. November 12.
- 2021 “The Curious Case of Ancona: ‘Levantine,’ Accommodationism, and Papal Imperialism in the Sixteenth-Century Mediterranean, 1532-1555.” Penn State Ann Richards Awards Symposium. March 12.

### **Book Reviews**

- 2023 Emily Michelson. *Catholic Spectacle and Rome’s Jews: Early Modern Conversion and Resistance*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2022. Reviewed in *Renaissance and Reformation/Renaissance et Réforme* 45/3.
- 2023 Martina Mampieri. *Living under the Evil Pope: The Hebrew Chronicle of Pope Paul IV by Benjamin Neḥemiah ben Elnathan from Civitanova Marche (16th cent.)*. Leiden: Brill, 2020. Reviewed in *The Sixteenth Century Journal* 53/2.

- 2021 Kiril Petkov, trans. *The Maltese Dialogue: Giuseppe Cambiano, History, Institutions, and the Politics of the Maltese Knights (1554-1556)*. London: Routledge, 2020. Reviewed in *The Sixteenth Century Journal* 52/4.
- 2019 Pamela Long. *Engineering the Eternal City: Infrastructure, Topography, and the Culture of Knowledge in Late Sixteenth-Century Rome*. Chicago, University of Chicago Press, 2018. Reviewed in *Renaissance and Reformation/Renaissance et Réforme* 42/2.
- 2018 Pier Mattia Tommasino. *The Venetian Qur'an: A Renaissance Companion to Islam*. Translated by Silvia Notini. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press. Reviewed in *Renaissance and Reformation/Renaissance et Réforme* 41/4.
- 2018 Gerry Milligan. *Moral Combat: Women, Gender, and War in Italian Renaissance Literature*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2018. Reviewed in *Renaissance and Reformation/Renaissance et Réforme* 41/3.
- 2018 Antonio Sennis, ed. *Cathars in Question*. York, U.K.: York Medieval Press, 2016. Reviewed in *Teaching History* 43/2.

### Teaching Experience

- 2024 *Instructor of Record, Southeast Missouri State University*  
 Early European Civilization  
 World Civilizations  
 The Atlantic World (Graduate Course)
- Instructor of Record, The Pennsylvania State University (Abroad program in Todi, Italy)*  
 Italian History through People and Places
- 2021 *Instructor of Record, The Pennsylvania State University*  
 Western Heritage I
- 2018-2020 *Graduate Teaching Assistant, The Pennsylvania State University*  
 Renaissance and Reformation  
 The History of Monsters, Aliens, and the Supernatural  
 Western Heritage I  
 World History since 1500
- 2016-2018 *Graduate Teaching Assistant, Ball State University Department of History*  
 The West in the World  
 American History, 1492-1867  
 BSU African American Alumni Oral History Project
- 2014-2016 *Undergraduate Teaching Fellow in History, Ball State University*  
 The West in the World  
 American History, 1868-Present

### **Guest Lectures**

- 2023 “Making Sense of Chocolate in an Age of Encounter: Debates on a Delicacy,” History 129N: Chocolate Worlds, Penn State University.
- 2020 “The Tupac Amaru Rebellion in the Atlantic World,” History 178: Colonial Latin America, Penn State University.
- 2020 “The Rise of the City-State, 1300-1375: Plague, Social Shifts, and Florentine Ascendance,” History 414: Renaissance and Reformation, Penn State University.

### **Other Field-Related Experience**

- 2017 *Assistant Director of the Ball State African American Alumni Oral History Project*
- 2014, 2015 *Curatorial Intern, The History Museum (South Bend, Indiana)*

### **Courses Prepared to Teach**

European History to 1500; 1500-present (survey and study abroad variants)  
World History to 1500; 1500-present (survey and study abroad variants)  
Renaissance and Reformation (survey and study abroad variants)  
Premodern Italian History (survey and study abroad variants)  
Colonial Latin America (survey)  
Medieval European Civilization (survey)  
The Atlantic World (advanced seminar)  
The Mediterranean World (advanced seminar)  
Early Modern Atlantic World (advanced seminar)  
Global Catholicisms, 1500-present (advanced seminar)  
Global Religious Conversion (advanced seminar)

### **Service**

Social Media Coordinator (Website), Society for Reformation Research, 2023-present  
Graduate student faculty representative, Penn State University, 2021  
History Graduate Student Association, Penn State University, Secretary, 2019-2020  
Founding Editor-in-Chief, *The Burkhardt Review* peer-reviewed graduate history journal, 2017-2018.  
Judge, National History Day, Saint Mary’s College, 2017  
Graduate student representative, Ball State History Department job search committee, 2016-2017

### **Documentary Film**

Assistant Director, “Somos Holy Cross” Film Documentary about Latin American migration and Dual Language School programming in South Bend, Indiana  
\*Nominated for National Emmy, Great Lakes Chapter, Non-Fiction Long Form  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mn5UlnpsToY>

## **Professional Organizations and Affiliations**

American Historical Association  
Sixteenth Century Society  
Renaissance Society of America  
American Society for Ethnohistory  
American Catholic Historical Association  
American Society for Church History  
Society for Reformation Research

## **Supplementary Education**

- 2022 “Cafecito Quechua” course in Southern Quechua, Stanford University Center for Latin American Studies (spring semester)  
2021 National Humanities Center, “Meaningful Teaching and Learning in the Humanities Classroom” workshop (July 5-9, 2021)  
2020 “Essentials of Online Teaching for Graduate Students” course, Penn State University (fall semester)  
2020 Istituto Sangalli, Winter Workshop: Archives of the Holy See, Rome, Italy (January 2020)  
2019 Middlebury College Italian School, Mills College, Oakland, CA (June-August 2019)  
2017 Medieval Institute Summer Latin Program, University of Notre Dame (June-July 2017)

## **Research Languages**

Italian: reading and speaking  
Latin: reading  
German: reading  
Spanish: reading  
French: some reading  
Southern Quechua: beginning reading



**References**

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