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Academic Appointments

- 2024-Ongoing **Assistant Professor of History**
Southeast Missouri State University
Cape Girardeau, MO, USA
Promoted to Honors Faculty, February 2026
Promoted to Graduate Faculty, February 2025
Faculty Leader, Winter in Italy Study Abroad
- 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

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”
**Won Society for Italian Historical Studies’ Alan Reinerman Prize for Best Unpublished Manuscript*
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

Book Manuscript In-Progress

Sea of Missionaries, Houses of Converts: The Papal States in the Missionary World, 1492-1622

*Proposal Accepted by Cornell University Press

Refereed Publications

- 2026 UNDER REVISION: “A Human-A.I. Collaborative Approach to the Earliest Jesuit Missionary Sources.” *Journal of Jesuit Studies* (Special edition on Jesuit Studies and Digital Humanities).
- 2026 UNDER REVIEW: “‘Voluntarily and Spontaneously, She Wanted to Make Herself a Christian:’ Zaida the Turk *cum* Giovanna at the Intersections of Gender, Enslavement, and Conversion.” *Mediterranean Historical Review* (Special edition on Gender and Enslavement in the Mediterranean World).
- 2024 “The Curious Case of Ancona: ‘Levantine,’ Accommodation, and the Exigencies of Papal Power in Adriatic Italy, 1532-1555.” *The Sixteenth Century Journal* 55/1-2 (2024): 93-111.
- 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, Fellowships, and Awards – External

- 2025 Alan Reinerman Prize for Best Unpublished Manuscript, Society for Italian Historical Studies
- 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, Fellowships, and Awards – Internal

- 2025 Summer Research and Creative Activities Grant, Southeast Missouri State University
- 2023 Edwin Erle Sparks Fellowship, Penn State University [deferred from 2020]
- 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 RGSO 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

- 2026 UPCOMING: “The Adriatic in the Global Renaissance.” Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting, San Francisco, February 19-21.
- 2025 “Le Marche in the Global Renaissance.” Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting, Boston, March 20-22.
- 2024 “Foreigners and Belonging in Early Modern Italy.” Sixteenth Century Conference, Toronto, 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, Chicago, 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

- 2026: UPCOMING: “Thomasso Thomasi and Self-Fashioning among Le Marche’s Catholic Reformers.” Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting, San Francisco, February 19-21.
- 2026 “The Other Eternal City: Non-Catholics in Papal Rome during the First Reformation Decade.” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, January 8-11.
- 2025 “Digital *Descriptio Urbis*: New Approaches to Demographics at the End of the Roman Renaissance.” Sixteenth Century Conference, Portland, OR, October 30-November 1.
- 2025 “Ludovico Bertonio between Le Marche, Rome, and Peru.” Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting, Boston, March 20-22.
- 2024 “Baptism ‘senz’altre ceremonie:’ The Case of Zaida the Turk in Ancona.” Sixteenth Century Conference, Toronto, October 31-November 2.
- 2024 “Medieval Converters, Reformed Ambivalence: Mendicant and Jesuit Conversion Efforts in Early Modern Ancona.” Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting, Chicago, 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

- 2025 “The Scary Middle Ages? Halloween in History.” Southeast Missouri State University Historical Preservation Association, Cape Girardeau, Missouri. October 23.
- 2025 “Stories from the Archive: Careers and Cultures.” Southeast Missouri State University Historical Preservation Association, Cape Girardeau, Missouri. February 20.
- 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

- 2025 FORTHCOMING: Susan Juster. *A Common Grave: Being Catholic in English America*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2025. Reviewed in *American Historical Review*.
- 2025 FORTHCOMING: Thomas Flowers, *The Reform of Christian Doctrine in the Catechisms of Peter Canisius*. Leiden, Brill: 2023. Reviewed in *Renaissance Quarterly*.
- 2025 Nelson Minnich, ed. *The Renaissance Papacy, 1400-1600*. Leiden: Brill, 2025. Reviewed in *Renaissance and Reformation/Renaissance et Réforme* 48/4.
- 2025 Nancy Bisaha, *From Christians to Europeans: Pope Pius II and the Concept of the Modern Western Identity*. Abingdon: Routledge, 2023. Reviewed in *Renaissance Quarterly* 78/3.
- 2024 Cristelle L. Baskins. *Hafsids and Habsburgs in the Early Modern Mediterranean: Facing Tunis*. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan, 2022. Reviewed in *Renaissance and Reformation/Renaissance et Réforme* 47/4.

- 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 Nehemiah 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-ongoing *Instructor of Record, Southeast Missouri State University*
 Medieval History Early Modern Europe (undergraduate and graduate)
 Italian History: Study Abroad Becoming an Historian
 History of Christianity Latin American Civilization
 Early European Civilization World Civilizations II
 The Atlantic World
- 2024 *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 World History since 1500
 The History of Monsters, Aliens, and the Supernatural
 Western Heritage I

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.

Service – External

- 2026 Judge, National History Day, Southeast Missouri State University
- 2025-Present Referee for *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture*
- 2025-Present Referee for *The Sixteenth Century Journal*
- 2025-Present Referee for *Cromohs: Cyber Review of Modern Historiography*
- 2025 Judge, National History Day, Southeast Missouri State University
- 2023-Present Social Media Coordinator (Website), Society for Reformation Research
- 2017 Judge, National History Day, Saint Mary’s College

Service – Internal

- 2026 Search Committee member, tenure-track position in historical preservation, Southeast Missouri State University
- 2025 Founding Faculty Leader, European History Winter Study Abroad Program in Italy, Southeast Missouri State University
- 2024-Present History and Anthropology Scholarships committee member, Southeast Missouri State University
*Chair of Scholarships committee as of Fall 2025
- 2021 History Graduate student faculty representative, Penn State University
- 2019-2020 History Graduate Student Association, Penn State University, Secretary
- 2017-2018 Founding Editor-in-Chief, *The Burkhardt Review* peer-reviewed graduate history journal
- 2016-2017 Graduate student representative, Ball State History Department job search committee

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)*

Media Appearances

- 2025 WNDU South Bend, IN. "South Bend-raised historian shares viewpoint on Pope Leo XIV." May 20.
<https://www.wndu.com/2025/05/21/south-bend-raised-historian-shares-viewpoint-pope-leo-xiv/>
- 2025 FOX LiveNOW National Broadcast. "Pope Leo XIV becomes first American pontiff." May 10.
<https://www.livenowfox.com/video/1639094>
- 2025 WBND ABC57 South Bend, IN. "Pope Leo XIV becomes first American pope, marking new era for the Catholic Church." May 9. <https://abc57.com/news/pope-leo-xiv-becomes-first-american-pope-marking-a-new-era-for-the-catholic-church>
- 2025 WBND ABC57 South Bend, IN. "ABC57 News Speaks With Papal Expert Frank Lacopo about New Pope." May 8. <https://abc57.com/news/video-abc57-news-speaks-with-papal-expert-frank-lacopo-about-new-pope>
- 2025 KBSI FOX23 Cape Girardeau, MO. "New Pope selected, what happens next?" May 8.
<https://www.kbsi23.com/news/new-pope-selected-what-happens-next/>
- 2025 WBND ABC57 South Bend, IN. "Looking ahead to what's next for the Catholic Church." April 22.
<https://abc57.com/news/looking-ahead-to-whats-next-for-the-catholic-church>
- 2025 KBSI FOX23 Cape Girardeau, MO. "Cardinals to elect new Pope through Conclave." April 21.
<https://www.kbsi23.com/news/cardinals-to-elect-new-pope-through-conclave/>

Student Supervision

M.A. Exam Committee Membership -- Southeast Missouri State University

Secondary field examiner: Levi Cooper, (in-progress)

Secondary field examiner: Sam Mueller (in-progress)

Undergraduate Senior Paper Advising

Advisor: Madeline Glueck (in-progress)

"An Analysis of King Arthur's significance in Medieval Europe and Christian Revisionism"

Advisor: John Huhman

"Coercion and Adaptation in the Italian Inquisition and the Dual Nature of Papal Sovereignty"

* Huhman has been accepted to a joint University of Missouri/University of Oxford M.A. Program

Secondary Reader: Joe Wolsey

"From Confederation to Nation"

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	American Catholic Historical Association
Sixteenth Century Society	American Society for Church History
Renaissance Society of America	American Society for Ethnohistory
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	Spanish: reading
Latin: reading	French: some reading
German: reading	Southern Quechua: beginning reading

References

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