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Education

- 2000–2007 University of Florida
Ph.D. in Modern European History, 2007
M.A. in Modern European History, 2002

Dissertation: "Political Catholicism in Spain's Second Republic (1931–1936): The *Confederación Española de Derechas Autónomas* in Madrid, Seville, and Toledo" (Awarded the 2008 Milbauer Dissertation Prize)
Fields of Study: Modern Europe, Spanish Literature, and Modern America
Advisor: George Esenwein
- 2004–2005 Dissertation Research, Spain (Fulbright Fellow)
- 1995–2000 Brigham Young University
B.A. in History, 2000

Academic Experience

- 2008–present Visiting Assistant Professor, College of Charleston
- 2007–2008 Visiting Instructor, Brigham Young University
- 2003–2007 Teaching Associate (instructor of record), University of Florida
- 2000–2003 Teaching Assistant, University of Florida
- 1999–2000 Teaching Assistant, Brigham Young University

Courses Taught

College of Charleston

- Hist 299 The Historian's Craft
Methods course for history majors, emphasizing the development of research and historiographical skills, based on the theme "Violence in Modern Europe." Sample readings: Thomas W. Gallant, "Dueling with Daggers: Masculine Identity and Ritual Violence;" George Esenwein, "Volcanic Eruptions: Popular Experiences of Revolution and Violence," Robert W. Thurston, "The Political Police at Work in the Terror, 1937–1938."
- Hist 350 Special Topics: Comparative Democracy since 1776
Upper-division course covering the political, social, economic, and cultural impact of democratic regimes, including the United States, France, Germany, Spain, Japan, and India. Sample readings: Robert Dahl, *On Democracy*; Alexis de Tocqueville, *Democracy in America*; Detlev Peukert, *The Weimar Republic*; John Hooper, *The New Spaniards*.
- Hist 241 Special Topics: Religion and Society in Europe since 1715
Upper-division course covering the social impact of religion in Europe since the Enlightenment. Major themes included the influence of rationalism on religion, religious responses to secular government, the rise of mass religious movements, and the impact of

changing religious ideals on social categories (such as gender).

Sample readings: Angela Bourke, *The Burning of Bridget Cleary*; Moses Mendelssohn, *Jerusalem, or on Religious Power and Judaism*; Pope Leo XIII, *Rerum Novarum*.

- Hist 104 World History since 1500
Sample readings: Voltaire, *Candide*; Mark Ravina, *The Last Samurai: The Life and Battles of Saigo Takamori*; Ngugi wa Thiongo, *A Grain of Wheat*.
- Hist 103 World History to 1500
Sample readings: Anonymous, *Bhagavadgita*; Sei Shonagon, *The Pillow Book*; Richard Wunderli, *Peasant Fires: The Drummer of Niklashausen*.
- Hist 102 Europe since 1715
Sample readings: Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, *The Communist Manifesto*; Art Spiegelman, *Maus: A Survivor's Tale*.
- Hist 101 The Rise of European Civilization
Sample Readings: Marcus Aurelius, *Meditations*; Morton and Dahms, *The Trial of Tempel Anneke: Records of a Witchcraft Trial in Brunswick, Germany, 1663*.

Brigham Young University

- Hist 490 Historical Research and Writing
Capstone seminar for history majors. Taught skills of primary historical research and principles of historiography. Directed students in research projects on modern European history.
- Hist 325 History of Spain
Upper-division course covering Spanish History since the Roman period, with special focus on the period since 1808. Topics included the Spanish reconquest and discovery of America, the Second Republic and Civil War, and the Franco dictatorship and subsequent democratic transition.
Sample readings: Pedro Calderón de la Barca, *Life is a Dream*; José Ortega y Gasset, *Revolt of the Masses*.
- Hist 307 Europe since 1914
Upper-division course on twentieth-century European history, beginning with World War I. Major topics discussed were the world wars, Russian Revolution, Dictatorship and Democracy in the interwar period, the Cold War, and the collapse of the European empires.
Sample readings: Timothy Garton Ash, *The Magic Lantern: The Revolution of '89 Witnessed in Warsaw, Budapest, Berlin and Prague*; Christopher Browning, *Ordinary Men: Reserve Police Battalion 101 and the Final Solution in Poland*; Sheila Fitzpatrick, *The Russian Revolution*.
- Hist 202 World Civilization from 1500
Large survey course with teaching assistants.
Sample readings: Voltaire, *Candide*; Chinua Achebe, *Things Fall Apart*.
- Hist 201 World Civilization to 1500
Large survey course with teaching assistants.
Sample readings: Sophocles, *Antigone*; Anonymous, *Beowulf*; Richard Wunderli, *Peasant Fires: The Drummer of Niklashausen*.

University of Florida

- EUH 4930 From Mussolini to Milosevic: Nationalism and Violence in Twentieth-century Europe
Special topics course cross-listed with the Center for European Studies. Studied the relationship between extreme nationalism and violence, paying special attention to the rise

of Fascism and Nazism, Irish nationalism in the early twentieth century and the persistence of violence in Northern Ireland into the 1990s, the end of European imperialism after World War II, and the collapse of Yugoslavia.

Sample readings: Henri Alleg, *The Question*; Jay Baird, *To Die for Germany: Heroes in the Nazi Pantheon*.

- EUH 2002 Western Civilization from the Eighteenth Century to the Present
Sample readings: Thomas W. Gallant, *Experiencing Dominion: Culture, Identity, and Power in the British Mediterranean*; Antony Cardoza, *Benito Mussolini: The First Fascist*.
- EUH 2001 Western Civilization from the Middle Ages to the Eighteenth Century
Sample readings: Natalie Zemon Davis, *The Return of Martin Guerre*; Anonymous, *Everyman and Other Miracle and Morality Plays*.
- AMH 2010 American History until 1877
Sample readings: Alfred Young, *The Shoemaker and the Tea Party: Memory and the American Revolution*; W.J. Rorabaugh, *The Alcoholic Republic: An American Tradition*.

Publications

Journal Articles

- In Review "Redeeming the Proletariat: Acción Obrerista and the Catholic Labor Movement in the Spanish Republic, 1931–1936," under review by *The Catholic Historical Review*.
- 2010 "The Political Mobilization of Catholic Women in Spain's Second Republic: The CEDA, 1931–1936," *Journal of Contemporary History* vol. 45, no. 1 (January 2010), 74–94.

Other Publications

- 2010 "The Spanish Civil War" (800 words) in *Prosperity, Depression, and War*, vol. 5 of *Encyclopedia of U.S. Political History*, ed. Robert Zieger, Washington, DC: CQ Press, 2010, 329–331.
- 2008 Review of Stanley Payne, *The Collapse of the Spanish Republic, 1933–1936: Origins of the Civil War*, in the *Society for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies Bulletin*, vol. 33 no. 1 (Spring 2008).
- 2005 "Soviet Union" (1,000 words) and "British Empire" (1,500 words) in *The Encyclopedia of World Trade: From Ancient Times to the Present*, ed. Cynthia Northrup. Armonk, NY: Sharpe Reference, 2005. Volume 1, 124–7; Volume 2, 849–52.
- 2004 Review of Sandie Holguín, *Creating Spaniards: Culture and National Identity in Modern Spain*, H-Net Reviews, November 2004.
- 2004 Review of Jon Cowans, ed. *Modern Spain: A Documentary History*, H-Net Reviews, November 2004.

Presentations

Conference Papers

- 2011 "The Exuberance of Youth: Young Catholics and Democracy in Spain's Second Republic," American Historical Association annual meeting, Boston, Massachusetts. To be held January 2011.
- 2009 "Legitimizing the Regime: *The Biblioteca Infantil: La Reconquista de España* and Children's Education during Early Francoism," Society for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies annual meeting, Kansas City, Missouri, April 2009.

- 2009 "From Monarchy to Republic: Spanish Catholics and the Transition to Democracy of 1931." American Historical Association annual meeting, New York, New York, January 2009.
- 2008 "Catholics and the Spanish Civil War: The CEDA, February 1936-April 1937." Society for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies annual meeting, Fort Worth, Texas, April 2008.
- 2007 "Catholics and the Republic: The Organization of *Acción Nacional*, 1931-1932." Society for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies annual conference, Miami Beach, Florida, April 2007.
- 2007 "Catholic Women in Spain's Second Republic (1931-1936): Female Participation in the *Confederación Española de Derechas Autónomas*." American Catholic Historical Association annual meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, January 2007.
- 2006 "The *Juventud de Acción Popular*: Catholic Youth Politics in Spain's Second Republic (1931-1936)." Social Science History Association annual meeting, Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 2006.
- 2006 "Workers on the Catholic Right in Spain's Second Republic (1931-1936): The Case of *Acción Obrerista*." Society for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies annual meeting, Lexington, Kentucky, April 2006.
- 2001 "Radicalism and Reform in Spain's South," "Souths: Global and Local" conference, Gainesville, Florida, April 2001.
- 1999 "Ramón Serrano Suñer and Spanish-German Negotiations in the Autumn of 1940," Phi Alpha Theta annual meeting, Tampa, Florida, December 1999.

Invited Lectures

- 2007 "'Distinguished Ladies' and 'Daughters of the Heart': Catholic Women in Spain's Second Republic." University of Florida Center for European Studies Brownbag Lecture Series, April 2007.
- 2005 "Appealing to the Masses: Political Catholicism in Spain's Second Republic, 1931-1936." Guest Lecture, Saint Louis University, Madrid, Spain, February 2005.

Honors and Awards

- 2009 History Department travel grant, College of Charleston. (two separate awards)
- 2008 Milbauer Dissertation Prize for the best History dissertation, University of Florida.
- 2007 History Department travel grant, University of Florida.
- 2006 Special Topics in European Studies course development grant, Center for European Studies, University of Florida.
- 2006 Milbauer Travel Grant, University of Florida.
- 2004-2005 Fulbright Fellow, Spain.
- 2003 Hanger Award, University of Florida.
- 2000-2002 Grinter Fellowship, University of Florida.
- 1998-2000 University Scholarship, Brigham Young University.

Academic Service

- 2010-2011 History Department technology liaison, College of Charleston.
- 2010 Faculty Technology Institute, College of Charleston, June 2010.

- 2010 Session Chair, "The French Economy across the Revolutionary Era," Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, Charleston, SC, February 2010.
- 2009–2010 Reader, Advanced Placement exam in European History, Fort Collins, Colorado, June 2009.
- 2009 Session Organizer, "Transitions in Twentieth-century Spanish History," American Historical Association annual meeting, January 2009.
- 2008 External reviewer for Houghton Mifflin World History textbook project.
- 2008–Present History Club Faculty Advisor, College of Charleston.
- 2007 Session Organizer, "Political Catholicism in the Interwar Period," American Catholic Historical Association annual meeting, January 2007.
- 2006 Session Organizer, "Religion and Politics in the Modern World," Social Science History Association annual meeting, November 2006.
- 2005–2006 Editorial Board, *Alpata: A Journal of History*, University of Florida Phi Alpha Theta Chapter.
- 2003–2004 Graduate Managing Editor (founding), *Alpata: A Journal of History*, University of Florida Phi Alpha Theta chapter.
- 1999–2000 Editorial Board, *The Thetean*, Brigham Young University Phi Alpha Theta chapter.