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Education

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| Aug. 2011 to Dec. 2017 | Washington State University, Pullman, WA
PhD in Early Modern European History
<i>Dissertation Title:</i> "Solitary Sparrows: Widowhood and the Catholic Community in Post-Reformation England, 1580-1630"
<i>Committee Members:</i> Jesse Spohnholz (chair), Sue Peabody, Steven Kale, and Todd Butler (Department of English)
<i>Examination Fields:</i> Reformation, Early Modern Europe, World History |
| Sept. 2009 to Sept. 2010 | King's College London, London, UK
Master of Arts in Ancient History, Graduated with Merit
<i>Thesis Title:</i> "Iconoclasm in Mithraic Temples: Factors and Frustrations in Identifying the End of the Cult of Mithras in the Roman Empire"
Advisor: Dr. John Pearce |
| Sept. 2005 to Dec. 2008 | Whitworth University, Spokane, WA
Graduated Summa Cum Laude
Bachelor of Arts: Emphasis in History and Communications |

Professional Positions

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| Spring 2022 – Present | Lecturer, Department of History, Gonzaga University |
| Spring 2021 | Adjunct Instructor, Department of History, Gonzaga University |
| Spring 2019 to Spring 2021 | Online Instructor, Department of History, Washington State University |
| Fall 2013 to Fall 2014 | Online Instructor, Department of History, Washington State University |
| Fall 2011 to Spring 2014 | Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of History, Washington State University |
| Fall 2010 to Spring 2016 | Instructor, Department of History, Whitworth University |

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- "Power in Vulnerability: Widows and Priest Holes in the Early Modern English Catholic Community,"
British Catholic History 35, 1 (2020): 1-24.

Round Table Publications

“Finding the Witch: Imaginative Role-Play in the Classroom,” *Fides et Historia Journal* 55,1/2 (Winter/Spring-Summer/Fall 2023-24): 155-161.

Book Reviews

“*Women of Fortune: Money, Marriage, and Murder in Early Modern England*. By Linda Levy Peck.” *Sixteenth Century Journal* 50, 3 (2019): 872-874.

“*Divided Loyalties? Pushing the Boundaries of Gender and Lay Roles in the Catholic Church, 1534-1829*, by Lisa McClain.” *British Catholic History* 34, 3 (2019): 506-509.

“*A History of Early Modern Women’s Writing*. By Patricia Phillippy (ed.).” *Sixteenth Century Journal*, 49, 4 (2018): 1280-1282.

Other Projects

“Historical Perspectives: The Spiritual Practices of the Early Church.” Video interview. True Hope Church. Spokane, Washington. January 2023.

“Widows behaving ‘badly’: manipulating vulnerability to strengthen the English Catholic Community.” Blog post, Cambridge University Press Website, December 2021.

Works in Progress

Solitary Sparrows: Widowhood and the English Catholic Community [book manuscript under revision, following peer review with Brill. Under contract].

Honors and Awards

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| 2024 | Finalist for Fulbright Scholar Award, University of York (2025). Funding withdrawn by University of York during the final stage of the selection process, cancelling the award. |
| 2022 | Pacific Coast Conference on British Studies prize for the best article published by a member of the PCCBS in 2020 for “Power in Vulnerability: Widows and Priest Holes in the Early Modern English Catholic Community,” <i>British Catholic History</i> 35, 1 (2020): 1-24. |
| 2022 | Durham Residential Research Library Visiting Fellowship. Durham University, United Kingdom. June 2022. |
| 2021 | Harold Grimm Prize for best journal article in Reformation studies in 2020, awarded by the Sixteenth Century Society for “Power in Vulnerability: Widows and Priest Holes in the Early Modern English Catholic Community,” <i>British Catholic History</i> 35, 1 (2020): 1-24. |
| 2019-2020 | Founders’ Prize from Sixteenth Century Society & Conference. Awarded for best first book manuscript. \$10,000 to fund open access for book’s publication. |
| 2019 | Michael Williams Research Fund grant, Catholic Record Society. |

2017	Carl S. Meyer Prize for best graduate paper given at Sixteenth Century Society & Conference.
2017	History Department Scholarship, Washington State University.
2017	Pacific Coast Conference on British Studies, Stern Travel Grant.
2016	John Tracy Ellis Dissertation Award, American Catholic Historical Association.
2016	Graduate Student Travel Grant. Society for the Study of Early Modern Women.
2016	Cooney Family Graduate Fellowship, Washington State University, Spring semester.
2016	Aiken Travel Grant, Washington State University, Spring semester.
2015	Annual Conference Student Bursary, Catholic Record Society.
2015	History Graduate Student Dissertation Award, Washington State University.
2015	Pacific Coast Conference on British Studies Travel Grant.
2015	Honorable Mention, Founders' Dissertation Fellowship. Western Association of Women Historians.
2015	Travel Award, Washington State University History Department.
2014	Morris Reed Scholarship for Graduate Research in European History, Washington State University, Fall semester.
2014	David Rogers Research Grant, Catholic Record Society
2014	Morris Reed Scholarship for Graduate Research in European History, Washington State University, Spring semester.
2014	Johnson Research Fellowship for excellence in research, teaching and professional Service, Washington State University
2013	Frederick Dumin Memorial Scholarship for excellence as a teaching assistant, Washington State University
2013	Morris Reed Scholarship for Graduate Research in European History, Washington State University
2013	Graduate and Professional Student Association Student Travel Grant, Washington State University
2013	Washington State University History Department Graduate Research Fellowship
2012	Morris Reed Scholarship for Graduate Research in European History, Washington State University

2012 Travel Bursary, Latin Paleography Workshop. H. Henry Meeter Center for Calvin Studies

Conference Papers

- 2024 “Secret Catholic Networks in the Post-Reformation English Countryside.” Sixteenth-Century Studies Conference, Toronto, Canada. October 31-November 2.
- 2023 Round Table for Graduate Students on the State of Academia. Sixteenth-Century Studies Conference, Baltimore, Maryland. October 26-29.
- 2022 “The ‘Lives’ of Anne Dacre Howard: A Case of Competing Identities.” Sixteenth-Century Studies Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota. October 26-30.
- 2022 “*Femme Sole*: Catholic Widows in the English Catholic Community.” Pacific Coast Conference on British Studies, Virtual Conference. March 25-26.
- 2021 “Remembering Anne Howard: Mismatched Portraits and a Missing Chapter.” Sixteenth-Century Studies Conference, San Diego, California. October 27 – October 31.
- 2019 “A Mother’s Love: Struggles for Maternal Authority in Post-Reformation England.” Sixteenth-Century Studies Conference, St. Louis, Missouri. October 17-20.
- 2018 “Manipulating the Patriarchy: The Agency of Catholic Widows in Post-Reformation England.” Sixteenth-Century Studies Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico. November 1-4.
- 2017 “Behind Closed Doors: Widows Hosting Catholic Mass in Post-Reformation England.” Sixteenth-Century Studies Conference, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. October 26-29.
- 2017 “Remembering Anne Howard: Mismatched Portraits and a Missing Chapter.” Remembering the Reformation Conference, Cambridge, UK. September 7-9.
- 2017 “Widows and Priest Holes: A Gendered Look at English Catholic Preservation, 1580 to 1630.” Pacific Coast Conference on British Studies, Victoria, British Columbia. March 3-5.
- 2016 “Bestowed Upon God: The Movements of Catholic Children in Post-Reformation England and Beyond.” Sixteenth-Century Studies Conference, Bruges, Belgium. August 18-20.
- 2015 “The Widow’s House: Shifting Strategies of Post-Reformation Catholics in England.” Catholic Record Society Annual Conference, Downing College, Cambridge, UK. July 20-22.
- 2015 “‘The sex of women be not overlooked’: Gendered Strategies of the English Reformation, 1580-1606.” Pacific Coast Conference on British Studies, Las Vegas, Nevada. March 6-8.

2014 “Dorothy Lawson: Widowhood and Catholic Preservation in Post-Reformation England.”
Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, Coeur d’Alene, Idaho. April 10-12.

Invited Talks

2025 Invited research talk. Saint Mary’s College of California. March 2025.

2020 “Secret Rooms and Sacred Spaces: Widows and Clandestine Mass in Post-Reformation England,” Invited Paper. Durham’s History of Christianity Seminar, Durham, UK. June 10. *Cancelled due to COVID-19.*

2013 “Widowhood and the Catholic Community in Early Modern England,” Invited Paper. Graduate Student History Department Colloquium, Washington State University, November 14.

2013 “Women and the Reformation: Changing Roles or Reinforcing Hierarchies?” Guest Lecture, HIST 445: The Reformation, Washington State University, March 18.

2013 “The Early Modern Cape Colony: A Discussion of Primary Sources”, Guest Lecture, HIST 396: History of South Africa, Washington State University, January 22.

Courses Taught

Classroom Instructor

Gonzaga University

History 101: Western Civilization I/Foundations of the West

History 312/ITAL 367: Renaissance Europe

History 316/WGST 380: Tudor and Stuart Britain

History 392/WGST 380: Women and Gender in Early Modern Europe

Whitworth University

History 101: The Mediterranean World

History 425: Holy War in Europe, 1500-1700

History 496: Ancient Mediterranean Religions

History 496: Women in Early Modern Europe

Online Instructor

Gonzaga University

History 101: Western Civilization I (Zoom, synchronous)

Washington State University

History 101: Classical and Christian Europe to 1715

History 105: Roots of Contemporary Issues

History 120: World History I to 1500

History 121: World History II after 1500

History 305: Roots of Contemporary Issues for Transfer Students

History 459: Modern Britain

Professional Service

- 2024 Session chair and commentator. "Folktales and Practices," Phi Alpha Theta Pacific Northwest Regional Conference, April 11-13. Spokane/Cheney, WA.
- 2023-2025 Secretary of the Pacific Coast Conference on British Studies, board member.
- 2023 Session commentator. "Women's Complicated Autonomy," Phi Alpha Theta Pacific Northwest Regional Conference, April 21-22. Ellensburg, WA.
- 2022-23 Ad-Hoc Curriculum Committee Member, Department of History, Gonzaga University
- 2022 Participant in the Student Classroom Visitation Program, Gonzaga University
- 2021 Session chair. "Laughing, Writing, Acting, Becoming: Women's Voices in Early Modern Europe," Sixteenth Century Society Conference, October 27-31. San Diego, CA.
- 2017 Session commentator. "Power of Language in the Ancient World," Phi Alpha Theta Pacific Northwest Regional Conference, April 6-8. Spokane, WA.
- 2015-2016 Review editor for *Persecution, Tolerance, and Coexistence*, an on-line interdisciplinary journal published by Amsterdam University Press.
- 2012 Session chair. "Roman Life, Politics and Power," Phi Alpha Theta Pacific Northwest Regional Conference, April 12-14. Spokane, WA.
- 2012 Session commentator. "Ancient Religions and Beliefs," Phi Alpha Theta Pacific Northwest Regional Conference, April 12-14. Spokane, WA.
- 2011 Judge at College Forensics Tournament, March 11-13. Spokane Falls Community College. Spokane, WA.
- 2009 Hiring Committee. Historian of Asia. History Department. Whitworth University.

Professional Affiliations

Pacific Coast Conference on British Studies (PCCBS)
Sixteenth Century Society and Conference (SCSC)

References

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