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## **EDUCATION**

Ph.D., History, University of Notre Dame, 1999  
M.M.S., University of Notre Dame, Medieval Studies, 1993  
B.A., Art History and History with distinction in the major; certificate in Medieval Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1991

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Marquette University, Department of History  
2002-Present, Assistant Professor (2002-2009); Associate Professor with tenure (2009-present); Director of Graduate Studies, 2012-present  
Director of the Interdisciplinary Program in Medieval Studies, 2012-present

Saint Bonaventure University  
Summer 2004, Faculty, Franciscan Institute

California State University-Long Beach  
1999-2002, Assistant Professor (tenure track)  
Director of the Medieval and Renaissance Studies Program, 2000-2002

## **SCHOLARSHIP**

### BOOKS

*Visions of Sainthood in Medieval Rome: The Lives of Margherita Colonna by Giovanni Colonna and Stefania*; translated by Larry F. Field, edited and introduced by Lezlie S. Knox and Sean L. Field (forthcoming, University of Notre Dame Press, 2017).

*Creating Clare Of Assisi: Female Franciscan Identities In Later Medieval Italy* (Leiden: Brill, 2008).

### ARTICLES, ESSAYS AND CHAPTERS IN BOOKS

"St. Clare's Forma Vitae," in Michael Blastic, ed. *Early Franciscan Sources*, Vol. 1 (St. Bonaventure, NY: Franciscan Institute Publications, 2010), 809-884 [commissioned].

"'One and the Same Spirit' (2Cel 204): The Friars and Sisters in Spiritual Union," *Franciscan Studies* 64 (2006), 235-254 [commissioned].

"What Francis intended: Gender and the Transmission of Knowledge in the Franciscan Order." In Anneke Mulder-Bakker, ed. *Seeing and Knowing: Women and Learning in Medieval Europe, 1200-1500* (Turnhout: Brepols, 2004), 143-161 [refereed].

"Clare of Assisi: Foundress of An Order?" In Jean-François Godet-Calogeras and Roberta McKelvie, eds. *An Unencumbered Heart: A Tribute to Clare of Assisi, 1253-2003* (St.

- Bonaventure, NY: Franciscan Institute Publications, 2004), 11-29.  
“Audacious Nuns: Conflict between the Franciscan Friars and the Order of Saint Clare,” *Church History* 69:1 (2000), 41-62. [refereed].  
“Clare of Assisi and Learning: The Foundation of Intellectual Life within the Franciscan Second Order,” *The Cord* (June/July, 1996), 160-170.

#### JOURNALS AND EDITORIAL WORK

- Appointed to the Editorial Review Board, *The Medieval Review*, August 2014-July 2016  
Consultant on Regis Armstrong, ed. *Clare of Assisi: Early Documents*, revised 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. (Hyde Park, NY: New City Press, 2006).  
Senior Editor, *Franciscan Studies*, July 2004-present.  
Editorial Board, *Greyfriars Review*, 2006-2010.  
Editorial Board, *The History Teacher*, 2000-2003.

#### ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

- “Chronica antiqua conventus S. Catharinae de Pisis” in Graeme Dunphy, ed. *Encyclopedia of the Medieval Chronicle* (Leiden: Brill, 2010): 298-99.  
“Poor Clares” and “Poverty, Religious” in Margaret M. Schaus, ed. *Women and Gender in Medieval Europe: An Encyclopedia* (New York: Routledge, 2006), 656-58 and 664-665.

#### REVIEWS

- Review of Fabrizio Conti, *Witchcraft, Superstition, and Observant Franciscan Preachers: Pastoral Approach and Intellectual Debate in Renaissance Italy* (Brepols, 2015), forthcoming in *Renaissance Quarterly*.  
Review of Tanya Stabler Miller, *The Beguines of Medieval Paris: Gender, Patronage, and Spiritual Authority*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2015, *Speculum* 91 (2016): 823-824.  
Review of Nirit Ben-Aryeh Debby, *The Cult of St Clare of Assisi in Early Modern Italy*. Farnham, U.K.: Ashgate, 2014, *Early Modern Women: An Interdisciplinary Journal* 10 (2016): 176-179.  
Review of G. Geltner, *The Making of Medieval Antifraternalism: Polemic, Violence, Deviance, and Remembrance*. Oxford UP, 2012, *The Journal of Religion* 95 (2015): 553-554.  
Review of Sherri Franks Johnson. *Monastic Women and Religious Orders in Late Medieval Bologna*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014, [The Medieval Review](#)  
Review of Bert Roest, *Order and Disorder: The Poor Clares between Foundation and Reform* in [The Medieval Review](#).  
Review of Marco Guida, *Una leggenda in cerca d'autore. La Vita di Santa Chiara d'Assisi in American Catholic Historical Review* 97 (2011); 773-774.  
Review of Letizia Pellegrini, ed. *Il Processo di Canonizzazione di Bernardino da Siena (1445-1450)* in *Renaissance Quarterly* 64 (2011): 276-278.  
Review of G. Gelter, *The Medieval Prison: A Social History* in *Social History* 36 (2011): 112-113.  
Review of Joan Mueller, *The Privilege of Poverty: Clare of Assisi, Agnes of Prague, and the Struggle for a Franciscan Rule for Women*, in *The Catholic Historical Review* 93 (2007),

912-914.

Review of Augustine Thompson, *Cities of God: The Religion of the Italian Communes, 1125-1325*, in *Spiritus* 6 (2006), 264-266.

Review of K.J.P. Lowe, *Nuns' Chronicles and Convent Culture in Renaissance and Counter-Reformation Italy*, in [The Medieval Review](#)

Review of Martha Howell and Walter Prevenier, *From Reliable Sources: An Introduction to Historical Methods*, in [The Medieval Review](#)

Review of Patricia Skinner, *Women in Medieval Italian Society, 500-1200*, in *The History Teacher* 36 (2002), 422-423.

Review of Carole Hillenbrand, *The Crusades: Islamic Perspectives* in *The History Teacher* 35 (2001), 112-113 [co-authored with Hourii Berberian].

Review of Jeffrey Denton, ed. *Orders and Hierarchies in Late Medieval and Renaissance Europe* in [The Medieval Review](#)

Review of Richard Britnell, ed. *Daily Life in the Late Middle Ages*, in *The History Teacher* 33 (2000), 401-403.

#### WORK IN PROGRESS

*Mariano of Florence and Religious Life in Cinquecento Italy* (book project).

Franciscan Women: Medieval and Beyond, edited collection of papers from the conference held at Saint Bonaventure University, July 2016 (editor and author of the introduction).

*Gender and Franciscan History* (book project growing out of a series of essays on what a gendered history of a religious order might look like—topics include masculinity of the Franciscan friars, Francis of Assisi's androgyny, the fraught relationships between the friars and sisters, life in female communities, and the lay movement where women often had leadership roles.

Prisons and imprisonment practices within the Franciscan and Dominican Orders in the Later Middle Ages, book project.

#### RESEARCH GRANTS

NEH Summer Scholar, \$3900 for participation in the Seminar Reform and Renewal in Medieval Rome, American Academy in Rome, June-July 2014

ACLS/Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship for Junior Faculty, 2002-2003

\$30,000 for "Beyond Clare: Gender and Reform in the Medieval Franciscan Order"

Fulbright Fellow, Florence, Italy, 1995-1996

#### INTERNAL FACULTY AWARDS

Regular Research Grant, for archival work in Florence Italy, June-July 2015.

Graduate School, for archival work and a conference presentation in Rome, Italy, July 2014.

Graduate School, for conference presentation in Toronto, Canada, May 2014.

Center for Teaching and Learning, grant for developing an online course, for HIST 3210 Middle Ages, 2012

MENA Course Development Grant Proposal: Existing Course Content Infusion Grant, Summer

2010 (for enhancing material on the Middle East and Islam in my Crusades course)  
Who Counts award, Summer 2009, Marquette University (for incorporating quantitative reasoning into my Western Civilization course); in conjunction presented "Who Counts: Math Across the Curriculum for Global Mission" at the Manresa Faculty Seminar, 14 January 2010 (with Steve Franzoi and Martin Scanlan).

Junior Sabbatical, Spring 2007, Marquette University

Summer Faculty Fellowship, 2005

With John Krugler and Daniel Meissner, Mellon Grant for "Historical Societies: Their Public Role," 2005-2006

Scholarly and Creative Activities Award (course reduction for research), Fall 2001, Spring 2002, CSULB

Merit Salary Award (based on research and teaching), 2000-2001, CSULB

Faculty Career Enhancement Program Grant for archival research in Italy, 2000, CSULB

#### INVITED LECTURES (since 2004)

"How Does Franciscan History Matter? Hagiography, Letters and Chronicles in the Convents of Medieval Italy," 19th Annual Clare Center Lecture, Siena College, 27 September 2012.

"Clare of Assisi," workshop for the Sisters of Saint Francis, Philadelphia, PA, August 11-12, 2012.

"How do the Poor Clares fit into Franciscan History?" 5th Annual Donatus Mooney Seminar, Mícheál Ó Cléirigh Institute, University College Dublin, 18 April 2012.

"Clare and Medieval Franciscan Women," Annual Franciscan Lecture Series, Washington Theological Union, Washington D.C., 7 October 2009.

"Medieval Women and Art," University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Department of Art History, 17 October 2007.

"In and Out: Constructing the History of Female Franciscanism," 2005 Poor Clare Enrichment seminar, Franciscan Institute, St. Bonaventure University, 11-12 July 2005.

"Medieval Padua and Franciscan Networks," Medieval Intellectual History Seminar, Newberry Library, Chicago, 7 February 2004.

#### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (since 2004)

"Saints and Families in Medieval Rome: Why was there no Saint Margherita (Colonna)?" New College Conference on Medieval and Renaissance Studies March 10-12, 2016

"Creating Mendicant Identity between Reform and Innovation," paper to be presented at Concilium Lateranense IV: Commemorating the Octocentenary of the Fourth Lateran Council of 1215," Rome, Italy, November 23-28, 2015.

"Genealogies of Reform in the Franciscan Observance," International Medieval Congress, University of Leeds, 9 July 2015.

"The Identities of Margherita Colonna in Medieval Rome" to be presented at the International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, May 2015.

Co-presenter with Sean Field, "A Rare Roman Manuscript and Margherita Colonna" at the annual meeting of the Medieval Academy of America, held at the University of Notre

Dame, March 2015

Commentator: "Mutable Bodies and Precarious Health: Gendering Real and Imagined Bodies in Early Modern Europe" (6 papers), Sixteenth Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, sponsored by the Conference and the University of Toronto, May 24

Organizer and chair, "A roundtable on Sean Field, The Rules of Isabelle of France," at the International Congress on Medieval Studies (Kalamazoo), 10 May 2014.

"Medieval Italy on Modern Television," New College Conference on Medieval and Renaissance Studies, 7 March 2014.

"Is it a Person, Place or Thing: When is "Franciscan" a Useful Category of Analysis?" Society for Italian Historical Studies, meeting jointly with the American Historical Association, Washington D.C., 4 January 2014.

"*Minoritas* and Masculinity." International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, 10 May 2013.

"It's Clear There is No Clare," International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, 13 May 2012.

"Gender and the Narrative(s) of Franciscan History: Reflections on The Franciscan Story of Maurice Carmody, and Others." International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, 13 May 2011.

"Mendicant Prisons in Late Medieval Italy," New College Conference on Medieval and Renaissance Studies, 13 March 2010.

Delivered comments in a roundtable, "Authors meet Readers: Introduction to Manuscript Studies by Raymond Clemens and Timothy Graham, Annual Meeting of the Medieval Academy of America, Chicago, 28 March 2009.

"Religious Space in Later Medieval Volterra," part of a six panel series "Re-Thinking Medieval Italy," organized by George Dameron and Valerie Ramseyer, 13th International Medieval Congress, University of Leeds, 10-11 July 2006.

"Beyond Clare: Comments on the New *Clare of Assisi Early Documents*," 41st International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, 6 May 2006.

"*Non credas istis pissintunicis*: The Friars and Masculinity in Early Renaissance Italy," Joint Meeting of the Renaissance Society of America and the Society for Renaissance Studies (UK), Cambridge University, April 7-9 2005.

"The Sisters, the Brothers, and the Power of Devout Prayer," 39th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, 6-9 May 2004.

"'You Lack Only Wives:' Masculinity and the Franciscan Friars," Fourteenth Biennial New College Conference on Medieval and Renaissance Studies, New College, University of South Florida, 11-13 March 2004.

## **SERVICE**

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Appointed to the editorial board, *The Medieval Review* (two year term—August 2014-2016)

Appointed to the Research Advisory Council, Franciscan Institute, St. Bonaventure University, Olean NY, October 2012-present

Mentor, Medieval Academy of America (participate in a program matching tenured faculty with graduate students at different institutions), May 2011-present

Member, John Tracey Ellis Dissertation Prize committee, American Catholic Historical Association, 2010-2012 (served as chair in 2011)

Manuscript Reviewer Arizona Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Blackwell Publishers, Brepols, Brill, Houghton Mifflin, *Journal of Religious History*, Sage Academic Publishers, University of Pennsylvania Press, *Viator*

Reader, Advanced Placement European History examination, June 2003

### UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE LEVEL SERVICE

Appointed to the Honors Faculty Advisory Committee, 2013-present

Appointed to the Graduate School Funding Reallocation Task Force, 2016

Appointed member of the selection committee for the Raynor Fellowship, Graduate School, January 2016

Appointed to an ad-hoc committee on *Visioning: Leadership* for the Klinger College of Arts and Sciences, summer 2011

Appointed member of the selection committee for the Smith Fellowship, Graduate School, January 2011

Participant, roundtable on “Gender, Race, and Class Multidisciplinary Research,” convened by Jeanne Hossenlopp, spring 2011

Invited lecturer for “Preview the Classroom” (2 lectures on the Black Death), June 2011

Appointed to the search committee for the dean of the Klinger College of Arts and Sciences, October 2009-May 2010

Appointed to a Taskforce on Prestigious Fellowships, 2009-2010

Elected to the Committee on Curriculum Development and Assessment, College of Arts and Sciences, Fall 2009-2011;

Appointed to the Faculty Advisory Committee, Women and Gender Studies Program, Fall 2009-present; served on the subcommittee for undergraduate research awards, 2010, 2011

Appointed Faculty Program Advisor for the Fulbright student program, February 2007-present

Appointed to Honors Faculty Advisor Council, December 2005-May 2009

Member, Ad-hoc committee on Women’s and Gender Studies, June 2007-May 2009

Reviewer, Distinguished Master’s Thesis Award Competition sponsored by the Midwest Association of Graduate Schools, 2005, 2006

Participant, Alumni in the Classroom, Spring 2005 and 2006, Fall 2007

Invited participant, “We Are Marquette World Café,” 13 April 2005 [roundtable discussion on diversity at Marquette, organized by the Provost’s Office]

Discussion Leader, First Year Reading Project, 2005-present  
Pre-Major advisor, College of Arts and Sciences, 2004-present  
Preview advisor, College of Arts and Sciences, 2007-present

#### DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Appointed Director of Graduate Studies, Fall 2011-present  
Appointed Chair, Ancient History Search Committee, Fall 2014-Spring 2015  
Elected Member of the Executive Committee (two year terms), Fall 2011-Spring 2013, Fall 2014-Spring 2016  
Organized Casper Lecture, Judith Bennett (University of Southern California), "Death and the Maiden" March 2010  
Member, AHA interview committee for the African History candidates, January 2007 and for Western Civilization candidates, January 2004  
Advisor, Phi Alpha Theta, Marquette University chapter of the International History Honorary Society, Summer 2004-Spring 2007  
Appointed to Graduate Studies Committee, Fall 2006-Spring 2009  
Appointed to Undergraduate Studies Committee, Fall 2003-Spring 2006; Fall 2010-present  
Appointed to Chaos Committee, an ad-hoc committee within the History Department charged with developing departmental approaches for the New Senior Experience requirement, Spring 2005  
Appointed to a department sub-committee to review and revise departmental standards for tenure and promotion, and statement of research standards, Fall 2004  
Organized Casper Lecture, Paul Cobb (Notre Dame), "There Goes the Neighborhood: The World of a Muslim Family in an Age of Crusades," April 2004

#### **TEACHING**

##### COURSES TAUGHT (Marquette only)

###### Undergraduate:

Western Civilization I (both Honors and regular sections) [HIST 1001]  
World and the West (Honors program History survey taught in conjunction with an Ethics course in the Philosophy Department) [HIST 2001]  
Lecture courses: The Middle Ages (in person, online in summer session) [HIST 3210]; Renaissance Italy [HIST 3220], Black Death [HIST 4210], Crusades [HIST 4212]  
Colloquia and seminars: The Other Middle Ages [HIST 4953]; The Black Death [HIST 4955]; Helen of Troy's Daughters: the Body in History [HOPR 2001]  
Medieval: Asia/Europe (senior capstone, with Dan Meissner)[4931]

###### Graduate:

Colloquium: Medieval Europe [HIST 6235]  
Readings courses: Monasticism in Medieval Europe; Gender and Power in the Middle

Ages; Heresy in Medieval Europe [all HIST 6510]

Seminars: Popular Culture in Europe, 1100-1700; Medieval Manuscripts; Social Justice in Historical Context; The Material Turn in History [6958]