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Education:

- 1996-2001: Ph.D., The Ohio State University. Major field in Medieval European History, minor fields in Early Modern European History and in World History. Joseph H. Lynch, advisor.
- 1994- 96: M.A. in History, The Ohio State University.
- 1990- 94: B.A. in English and History with High Honors, The Honors College, Michigan State University.

Book-Length Publications:

Wandering Women and Holy Matrons: Women as Pilgrims in the Later Middle Ages (Boston and Leiden: Brill, 2009).

Associate editor, *The Encyclopedia of Medieval Pilgrimage*, ed. Larissa Taylor (Boston and Leiden: Brill, 2009).

Shorter Publications:

Review of Kathleen Ashley and Marilyn Deegan, *Being a Pilgrim: Art and Ritual on the Medieval Routes to Santiago* (Farnham Surrey: Lund Humphries/Ashgate, 2009), *The Medieval Review* 10.02.08, <https://scholarworks.iu.edu/dspace/bitstream/handle/2022/6729/10.02.08.html?sequence=1>.

“Women Pilgrims” and “Noble Pilgrims,” feature articles in the *Encyclopedia of Medieval Pilgrimage* (Boston and Leiden: Brill, 2009).

“Abandonment of Pilgrims,” “Blasphemy,” “Crutches,” “Death and Resurrection in Miracles,” “Injury and Miracles,” “Pilgrimages of Parents,” and “Measurement,” articles for the *Encyclopedia of Medieval Pilgrimage* (Boston and Leiden: Brill, 2009).

“Space, Order, and Resistance: Recent Writings on Women and Space in Medieval and Early Modern Europe,” a review essay, *Journal of Women’s History*, 19:2 (Summer, 2007): 178-183.

“Royalty, Virtue, and Adversity: The Cult of King Henry VI of England.” *Albion* 35:2 (Summer, 2003): 187-209.

“Stronger than Men and Braver than Knights: Women and the Pilgrimages to Jerusalem and Rome in the Later Middle Ages.” *Journal of Medieval History*, 29 (Summer, 2003): 153-175.

“Gender Outside Marriage: Reconsidering Medieval Widowhood and Virginity,” a review of Cindy L. Carlson and Angela Jane Weisl, eds., *Constructions of Widowhood and Virginity in the Middle Ages*. *Journal of Women’s History* 12: 4 (Winter 2000): 205-207.

Current Scholarly Projects:

“The Spirit of Madness: Doubt and the Miraculous Restoration of Sanity in Fifteenth-century England,” a journal article in progress.

Insanity, Possession, and Gender in Medieval English Culture, a new monograph-length project.

Selected Conference Papers and Presentations:

“Hope and Heat: Secular Medicine and Human Faith in Two Late Medieval Resurrection Miracles,” presented on the Panel *The Sacred and the Secular in Medieval Medicine* sponsored by MEDICA at the 46th annual International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, May 2011.

“‘I Do Not Properly Know:’ Doubt and Diagnosis in a Fifteenth-Century Miracle Story,” delivered on the panel *Questioning Faith: The Role of Doubt in Medieval Religious Cultures* at the 45th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, May 13-16, 2010.

“Somatic Insanity and Demonic Possession in the Middle Ages,” Science, Technology, and Society Brown-Bag Series, Virginia Commonwealth University, March 24, 2010.

“From Holy Matrons to the *Sine Sensu*: Nine Medieval Women, Pilgrimage, and the Negotiation of Boundaries in Later Medieval Europe,” VCU History Faculty Lecture Series, November 17, 2009.

“Chains, Carts, and Crosses: Women and Compulsory Pilgrimage in the Later Middle Ages,” presented at the 25th Annual Conference of the Illinois Medieval Association, Saint Xavier University, February 22-23, 2007.

“‘That You Cannot See Them Comes Only From An Impossibility:’ Francesco Suriano and an Ideal Pilgrimage for Women,” presented on the panel *Women’s Travels*, sponsored by the Society for Medieval Feminist Scholarship at the 42nd International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, May 10 -13, 2007.

Chair for the roundtable *Critical Approaches to Hagiographical Sources: The Libri Miraculorum*, sponsored by the Hagiography Society, at the 42nd International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, May 10 -13, 2007.

“Problematizing Possession: Christina Coppir, Bridget of Sweden, and the Nuns of Vadstena,” presented at the panel *The Holy and the Unholy: Witches, Demons, and Saints* at the 41st International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, May 4-7, 2006.

“Female Pilgrims and Corporate Christendom in Western Europe, 1300-1500,” presented at the panel *Private Duties and Public Identities: Femininity and Community Identity in Comparative Context*, Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Scripps College, June, 2005. I also organized this panel.

“Saints are People Too: The Human Personas of Saints in Later Medieval Miracle Stories,” presented on the panel *Miracles and Miracle Collections of the Late Medieval Period*, at the 39th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, May 6-9, 2004.

“The Mother Began to Glow with a Great Warmth of Devotion: Miracle Collections and Images of Female Pilgrims,” presented on the panel *Reading Women’s Power in Medieval Sources*, Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, University of Connecticut, June 8, 2002.

“‘Things Such as the Possessed Do:’ Gender and the Construction of Madness and Possession in Later Medieval Miracles,” presented on the panel *Demonic Beings in Medieval Art, Literature, and Popular Tradition*, sponsored by the Institute of European Ethnography and Folklore, Innsbruck for the 37th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, May 2, 2002.

“‘No One Was in Any Way Able to Hold Her:’ Women and the Performance of Possession in Later Medieval Miracles,” presented on the panel *Witchcraft and Demonic Possession*, at the conference “The Politics and Aesthetics of Gender in the Middle Ages,” the Illinois Medieval Association, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, February 23, 2002.

“Stronger than Men and Braver than Knights: Women and the Pilgrimages to Jerusalem and Rome, 1300-1500,” presented at the Medieval Studies Graduate Student Conference, Princeton University, March 31, 2001.

“Having Confidence in the Merits of the Saints: Women’s Pilgrimages to Miraculous Shrines,” presented at the Ohio Medieval Colloquium, Oberlin College, November 4, 2000.

“The Body as Battlefield: Gender, Power, and Pilgrims to the Holy Land, 1400-1500,” presented at the conference *Better to Be Feared than Loved? Power in the Early Modern World*, The Ohio State University, May 15, 1999.

Public Talks:

“The Mother Prayed, the Daughter Felt Relief: Women, Motherhood, and Pilgrimage in Later Medieval Europe.” Presented at the Walters Art Museum, Baltimore, in conjunction with their exhibit *Treasures of Heaven: Saints, Relics, and Devotion in Medieval Europe*, May 8, 2011.

“Belief, Doubt, and Demons in the Later Middle Ages.” Presented to the United Secular Alliance of Virginia Commonwealth University, October 17, 2010.

“The Black Death.” Presented at Woolridge Elementary School, Midlothian, VA, February 25, 2010.

“Women and Pilgrimage in the Later Middle Ages.” Presented to the Adult Forum, St. John’s Episcopal Church, Worthington, Ohio, December 13, 1998.

Professional Experience:

Spring 2010- Present Associate Professor, Department of History, Virginia Commonwealth University

Fall 2003- Spring 2010 Assistant Professor, Department of History, Virginia Commonwealth University.

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| Fall 2002- Spring 2003 | Senior Lecturer in Western Civilization, Department of History, The Ohio State University. |
| Fall 2001- Summer 2002 | Lecturer in History, Department of History, Capital University; Lecturer in History, Department of History, The Ohio State University. |
| Fall 1998- Summer 2001 | Graduate Associate, Single Section Leader, Department of History, The Ohio State University. |
| Summer 1997- Fall 1997 | Graduate Associate, History Undergraduate Advisor, Department of History, The Ohio State University |
| Winter 1996- Spring 1997 | Graduate Associate, Discussion Section Leader, Department of History, The Ohio State University. |
| Fall 1995 | Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. Joseph Lynch, The Ohio State University. |

Research Travel

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| Summer, 2010 | Oxford: The Bodleian Library |
| Summer, 2009 | London: The Wellcome Library; The British Library. |
| Summer, 2006 | Venice: Archivio di Stato di Venezia. |
| Spring, 2000 | Great Britain: The British Library; The Bodleian Library; The FitzWilliam Museum; The University of Durham Palace Green Library; Warfield Church, Berks.; St. Lawrence Church, Alton; St. Mary's Church, Whimple, Devon; All Saints' Church, Fuldon, Norfolk; Priory Church of St. Mary and the Holy Cross, Binham, Norfolk; St. Catherine's Church, Ludham, Norfolk; The Church of Sts. Peter and Paul, Eye, Norfolk; St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle; King's College Chapel, Cambridge; St. Mary's Hall, Coventry; Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Ashton-Under-Lyne; St. Mary's Church, Bury-St.-Edmunds; St. Michael's Church, Alnwick, Northumberland. |
| Spring, 1998 | New York: Columbia University Library. |

Grants and Awards:

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| Summer, 2010 | Fellow, Harris-Manchester Summer Research Institute, University of Oxford |
| Fall, 2009 | Comment of the Day Award, 10/25/09, Compass Interdisciplinary Virtual Conference |
| Summer, 2009 | Participant, NEH Summer Seminar, Disease in the Middle Ages |
| Fall, 2007 | College of Humanities and Sciences Curriculum Development Grant, VCU |
| Summer, 2005 | Bernadotte Schmitt Award, The American Historical Association |
| Fall, 2004 | Sloane Pre-Tenure Grant, Virginia Commonwealth University |
| Winter, 2000 | Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies Small Research Grant, OSU |
| Spring, 1999 | Runner-up, John Tracy Ellis Dissertation Award, American Catholic Historical Assn. |
| Spring, 1999 | William B. Schallek Memorial Graduate Fellowship Award, Richard III Society |

Spring, 1999 Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies Small Research Grant, OSU
Spring, 1999 Graduate Student Alumni Research Award, OSU
Spring, 1999 Phyllis Krumm Memorial International Scholarship, OSU
Spring, 1999 Philip Poirier Award for Research in British History, OSU
Summer, 1998 Ruth Higgins Summer Fellowship, OSU
Spring, 1997 Clio Award for Distinguished Teaching in History, OSU
Spring, 1997 Graduate Student Alumni Research Award, OSU
-95 Department of History Graduate Fellow, OSU
Summer, 1994 Department of History First Summer Fellow, OSU

Language Competencies:

Latin, French, Middle English, and Italian

Courses Taught:

European History Survey to 1600
European History Survey since 1600
World Civilization Survey to 1500
World Civilization Survey since 1500
The Art of Historical Detection
Introduction to Historical Study
Medieval European History, 500-1000
Medieval European History, 1000-1500
History of England, Prehistory to 1700
History of Women in Europe to 1700
Europe in the Renaissance
Senior Seminar on the Christian Cult of the Saints
Graduate Reading Seminar on Women in the European Middle Ages

Professional Memberships:

Member, The Medieval Academy of America
Member, The American Historical Association
Member, American Catholic Historical Association

Service to Virginia Commonwealth University:

Please note that an asterisk denotes service either as committee chair or as sole responsible party.

Service to the History Department:

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, 2006-7, 2007-8,* 2008-9*, 2009-10
Graduate Affairs Committee, 2003-4, 2004-5, 2005-6
Blake Lecture Committee, 2003-4, 2004-5, 2005-6, 2006-7, 2008-9*, 2009-10
Briceland Scholarship Committee, 2005-6, 2006-7, 2007-8, 2008-9*
Assessment Coordinator, 2006-7,* 2007-8,* 2008-9*, 2009-10*, 2010-11*
Department Santa, 2005-6,* 2006-7*
Department Secretary, 2010-11*
Hiring Committees, 2003-4 (2 committees), 2004-5, 2008-9, 2009-2010
Personnel Committee, 2010-2011

Tenure and Promotion Committee for Dr. Sarah Meacham, 2010
Third-year Review Committee for Dr. Antonio Espinoza, 2011
Co-author, Strategic Plan, 2005-6, 2006-7
Co-author, Diversity Report and Diversity Plan, 2009-2010, 2010-11
Author, HIST 201 Proposals, 2007-8*

Service to the College and University:

College of Humanities and Sciences Library Committee, spring 2010*
Undergraduate Affairs Committee, 2006-7 (spring), 2007-8 (fall), 2008-9*
Curriculum Development Grantee Group, 2007-8
Technology Committee, 2006-7*
Library Committee, 2009-2010*
Member, SEI Focus Group, 2005, spring
Member, Grade Appeal Committee, 2005, fall
Reviewer, ETD Thesis Award, 2005, fall

Service to the Profession:

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| 2010 | Expert Reviewer, <i>Colonial Academic Alliance Undergraduate Research Journal</i> |
| 2010 | Expert Reviewer, <i>Enterprise and Society</i> |
| 2002-06 | Expert Reviewer, <i>Journal of Women's History</i> |
| 2009-13 | William B. Schallek Memorial Graduate Fellowship Award Committee, Medieval Academy of America |
| 2010 | Medieval and Early Modern History Delegate, Membership Committee, American Catholic Historical Association |