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## EDUCATION

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- 2007      **Doctor of Philosophy** in Medieval History, University of Notre Dame  
            **Dissertation:** “Sicily and the Medieval Mediterranean: Communication Networks and Inter-regional Exchange.” Director: Olivia Remie Constable
- 1996      **Bachelor of Arts** in History and Classics, Northwestern University

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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- 2016-present    **Associate Professor**, University of New Mexico, Department of History
- 2012-2016      **Assistant Professor**, University of New Mexico, Department of History
- 2007-2012      **Assistant Professor**, University of Texas at Arlington, Department of History

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Book:

*Where Three Worlds Met: Sicily in the Early Medieval Mediterranean* (Cornell University Press, 2017)

### Articles and Chapters in Edited Volumes:

- “Bearers of Islam: Muslim Women Between Assimilation and Resistance in Christian Sicily” in “Gender in the Premodern Mediterranean,” ed. Megan Moore (Tempe: Arizona Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, 2018), 63-95.
- “Women in Battle and in Bed: Sexual Ethics and Female Warriors in Muslim and Christian Crusade Chronicles,” in “Female Aggression in the Middle Ages,” ed. Tracey-Anne Cooper and Christine Senecal (Brepols Publishing, forthcoming, in press).
- “Medieval Sicily and Southern Italy in Recent Historiographical Perspective,” *History Compass* vol. 8, no. 1 (2009): 61-87.
- “Muslims in Norman Sicily: The Evidence of Imām al-Māzarī’s *Fatwās*,” *Mediterranean Studies* vol. 16 (2007): 46-66.

### Encyclopedia Entries:

- “Ibn Jubayr,” in *The Sea in World History: Exploration, Travel, and Trade*, ed. Stephen K. Stein (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2017), vol. 1: 263-265.
- “Islamic World, 632 to 1000 CE,” in *The Sea in World History: Exploration, Travel, and Trade*, ed. Stephen K. Stein (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2017), vol. 1: 148-154.
- “Islamic World, 1000 to 1500 CE,” in *The Sea in World History: Exploration, Travel, and Trade*, ed. Stephen K. Stein (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2017), vol. 1: 256-262.
- “Lateen Sail,” in *The Sea in World History: Exploration, Travel, and Trade*, ed. Stephen K. Stein (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2017), vol. 1: 66.
- “Serçe Limanı,” in *The Sea in World History: Exploration, Travel, and Trade*, ed. Stephen K. Stein (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2017), vol. 1: 149.
- “The Crusades” in *Encyclopedia of Race and Racism*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. 4 vols., ed. Patrick L. Mason (Detroit, MI: Macmillan Reference USA, 2013), vol. 1: 465-470.
- “Sicily and Southern Italy” in *Encyclopedia of Medieval Pilgrimage*, ed. Larissa J. Taylor et al. (Leiden: Brill, 2009): 683-684.

### Book Reviews:

- (forthcoming) Review of Glair D. Anderson, Corisande Fenwick, and Mariam Rosser-Owen, eds., *The Aghlabids and their Neighbors: Art and Material Culture in Ninth-Century North Africa* (Leiden: Brill, 2018) in *al-Masāq*.
- (forthcoming) Review of Nicholas Morton, *Encountering Islam on the First Crusade* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2016) in SCTIW Review.
- (forthcoming) Review of Isabelle Dolezalek, *Arabic Script on Christian Kings: Textile Inscriptions on Royal Garments from Norman Sicily* (Berlin: De Gruyter, 2017) in *Church History Review*.
- Review of David G. König, *Arabic-Islamic Views of the Latin West: Tracing the Emergence of Medieval Europe* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015) in *Mediterranean Historical Review*, vol. 32, no. 1 (2017): 111-114.
- Review of Mike Carr, *Merchant Crusaders in the Aegean, 1291-1352* (Woodbridge, U.K.: The Boydell Press, 2015) in *The Journal of Military History*, vol. 80, no. 4 (2016): 1189-1191.
- Review of Simon Swain, *Economy, Family, and Society from Rome to Islam: A Critical Edition, English Translation, and Study of Bryson’s Management of the Estate* (Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press, 2013) in *Classical Journal-Online* 15.06.07 (2015).
- Review of John Watkins and Kathryn L. Reyerson, eds., *Mediterranean Identities in the Premodern Era: Entrepôts, Islands, Empires*, Transculturalisms, 1400-1700 (Farnham, UK; Burlington, VT: Ashgate, 2014) in *The Medieval Review-Online* 15.05.25 (2015).

- Review of Eleanor A. Congdon, ed., *Latin Expansion in the Medieval Western Mediterranean* (Farnham, UK; Burlington, VT: Ashgate, 2013) in *Speculum* vol. 89, no. 4 (October 2014): 1126-1128.
- Review of Leonard C. Chiarelli, *A History of Muslim Sicily* (Santa Venera, Malta: Midsea Books, 2011) in *Zeitschrift der Deutschen Morgenländischen Gesellschaft* Band 164, Heft 3 (2014): 849-850.
- Review of David S. Powers, *The Development of Islamic Law and Society in the Maghrib: Qādīs, Muftīs and Family Law* (Farnham, UK; Burlington, VT: Ashgate Variorum, 2011) in *al-Masāq* vol. 26, no. 1 (2014): 93-94.
- Review of Alex Metcalfe, *The Muslims of Medieval Italy* (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2009) in *Review of Middle East Studies* vol. 45, no. 2 (2011): 264-266.

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

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### **At the University of New Mexico:**

#### Undergraduate Courses:

Western Civilization I, to 1648; Ancient and Medieval Mediterranean; Ancient and Late Antique Rome; Early Middle Ages, 300-1000; Medieval Crusade and Jihād; Medieval Women in Text and Film; Medieval Travelers

#### Graduate Courses:

Medieval Travel and Travelers; Medieval Minorities; Medieval Muslim-Christian Encounters; Medieval Mediterranean

## **FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

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| 2015 | Participant in NEH Summer Institute, Barcelona, "Negotiating Identities: Expression and Representation in the Christian-Jewish-Muslim Mediterranean." |
| 2009 | Professional Development Award, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas at Arlington.  |
| 2008 | Interdisciplinary Seed Grant, College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas at Arlington, funding the Medieval and Early Modern Studies minor.         |
| 2008 | Professional Development Award, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas at Arlington.  |
| 2007 | Professional Development Award, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas at Arlington.  |
| 2007 | Philip Gleason Prize for best dissertation, Department of History, University of Notre Dame.  |
| 2005 | Frederic C. Lane Dissertation Grant, Medieval Academy of America.   |
| 2004 | Striving for Excellence in College and University Teaching Certificate, Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Notre Dame              |
| 2002 | Zahm Research Travel Grant, University of Notre Dame.   |

- 2002 Outstanding Graduate Student Teacher Award for Excellence in Teaching, Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Notre Dame.
- 1999-2003 University Presidential Fellowship, University of Notre Dame.

#### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

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- 2019 (upcoming) Panelist and chair of round-table discussion, "Teaching a Diverse Medieval Europe: Undergraduate Pedagogy," AHA, Chicago, IL, January 3-6.
- 2018 (upcoming) Panelist on the round-table discussion, "Beyond the Tenure Track: Career Diversity for Humanities PhDs," Sixteenth Century Society Conference, Albuquerque, NM, November 1-4.
- 2018 "The Norman Rulers of Southern Italy Remember their Byzantine Past," *Memory and Remembrance in the Middle Ages and Renaissance*, joint conference of the Rocky Mountain Medieval and Renaissance Association and Medieval Association of the Pacific, University of Nevada Las Vegas, NV, April 12-14.
- 2018 Panelist on the round-table discussion, "Olivia Remie Constable Reception and Roundtable," University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN, February 15.
- 2017 "King Roger II's Silver Ducalis and Norman Uses of the Past," *The Normans in the South: Mediterranean Meetings in the Central Middle Ages*, St. Edmund Hall, University of Oxford, June 30-July 2.
- 2017 "Conversing with the Enemy: Greek and Latin Christians in Dialogue with Muslims in the Early Medieval Mediterranean," Rocky Mountain Medieval and Renaissance Association, Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, CO, June 23-24.
- 2017 "Wanton Women and Women Warriors in Arabic and Latin Chronicles of the Crusades," 17<sup>th</sup> Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Genders, and Sexualities, Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY, June 1-4.
- 2017 Panelist on the round-table discussion, "Embedding Professional Skills in Medieval Graduate Programs," 52<sup>nd</sup> International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 11-14.
- 2017 "How to Talk to Muslims, in Early Byzantine Hagiography from Sicily and Southern Italy," Medieval Association of the Pacific 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA, March 16-18.
- 2016 "Collaboration and Cross-Pollination in The Medieval Mediterranean NEH Summer Institute," 51<sup>st</sup> International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 12-15.
- 2016 "Merchants, Migrants, and Messengers: Crossing Borders in the Early Medieval Mediterranean," invited lecture, Western Michigan University, March 31.
- 2015 Panelist on the round-table discussion, "Is There a Medieval Muslim Mediterranean?" Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November 21-24.

- 2015 Panelist in the symposium, "Middle East History and the Mediterranean," University of Colorado, Boulder, November 20.
- 2015 "Were Sicily's Norman Rulers Trying to Build a Mediterranean Empire?" 34<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Haskins Society, Carleton College, Northfield, MN, November 6-8.
- 2015 "Medieval Frontiers and Cross-Cultural Encounters: The Case of Sicily," invited lecture, Brigham Young University, October 8.
- 2015 "The Portable Power of Sicilian Gold Coins, 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> centuries," NEH Summer Institute, "Negotiating Identities: Expression and Representation in the Christian-Jewish-Muslim Mediterranean," Barcelona, Spain, July 30.
- 2014 "Local Muslim Pilgrimage (*Ziyāra*) to Holy Sites in Sicily," Rocky Mountain Medieval and Renaissance Association, 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Denver, CO, June 12-14.
- 2014 "Greek Saints and Muslim Raiders: Frontier Interactions in Early Medieval Sicily," 49<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 8-11.
- 2013 "Focus on the Family: Ibn Jubayr on the Conversion of the Muslims in Norman Sicily," UNM Institute for Medieval Studies, December 4.
- 2013 "Sicily's Role in the Mediterranean Trade in Foodstuffs," 48<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 9-12.
- 2012 "Muslim Women and the End of Islam in Sicily," 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Medieval Academy of America, St. Louis, MO, March 22-24.
- 2012 "Focusing on the Family: Ibn Jubayr on The End of Muslim Culture in Norman Sicily," *Muslims, Christians, and Jews in the Medieval Mediterranean*, 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Walter Prescott Webb Lecture Series, University of Texas at Arlington, March 8.
- 2011 "Migration and Medieval Sicily," 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Medieval Academy of America, Scottsdale, AZ, April 14-16.
- 2010 "Conversion or Commerce? Motivations for the Muslim Conquest of Sicily in the Ninth Century," Texas Medieval Association Conference, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, Sept 24-26.
- 2009 "Unity Across a Frontier: Mediterranean Trade and the Norman Conquest of Sicily," *Merchants, Mercenaries and Missionaries: The Society and Culture of the Medieval Mediterranean, c. 500-1500*, Society for the Medieval Mediterranean Conference, University of Exeter, UK, July 9-12.
- 2009 "Strategies for Survival: Muslims Living under Christian Rule in Twelfth-Century Sicily," *Coexistence and Cooperation in the Middle Ages*, 4<sup>th</sup> Congress of European Medieval Studies, under the aegis of Fédération Internationale des Instituts d'Études Médiévales, Palermo, Italy, June 23-27.

- 2009 “Palermo: The City under Muslim Rule,” Sewanee Medieval Colloquium, University of the South, Sewanee, TN, April 4.
- 2008 “Travel between Sicily and Constantinople: Real and Imaginary,” Texas Medieval Association Conference, Lubbock, Texas, October 1.
- 2008 “Water Supply and Water Use in Medieval Sicily,” International Medieval Congress 2008, University of Leeds, UK, July 7-10.
- 2008 “Muslims in Christian Sicily: Through the Eyes of Muslim Visitors,” Session 178: “*Convivencia* in Italy? Christians, Muslims, and Jews on the Peninsula,” 43<sup>rd</sup> International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 8–11.
- 2006 “A Permeable Boundary: Mediterranean Trade and the Norman Conquest of Sicily,” 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Medieval Academy of America, Boston, MA, March 30-April 1.
- 2005 “Muslims in Medieval Christian Sicily,” 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Mediterranean Studies Association Conference, Messina, Sicily, May 25-28.
- 2003 “The Sicilian Quarter-Dinar and the Economy of the Western Mediterranean (9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> centuries),” 38<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 8-11.

**Conference Sessions Organized and/or Chaired (See below for panels organized as CARA Director of Conference Programs):**

- 2017 Chair, Session 17: “Medieval Mediterranean Cities,” 52<sup>nd</sup> International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 11-14.
- 2017 Chair and Co-Organizer, Session 3.4: “Compatible Careers and Medievalist Voices from off the Tenure Track,” 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Medieval Academy of America, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, April 6-8.
- 2017 Chair, Session 13: “Law: Literature And Language,” Medieval Association of the Pacific, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA, March 16-18.
- 2016 Chair and Respondent, Session 5: “Addressing Career Diversity for Medievalists,” 51<sup>st</sup> International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 12-15.
- 2015 Chair and Co-Organizer, Session 36: “Communication, Exchange, and Daily Life in the Multi-Cultural Mediterranean World, in Honor of Olivia Remie Constable,” 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Medieval Academy of America, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN, March 12-14.
- 2015 Co-Organizer, Session 29: “Perceptions of Muslim Identity in Medieval and Early Modern Spain, in Honor of Olivia Remie Constable,” 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Medieval Academy of America, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN, March 12-14.
- 2014 Chair, Session 9: “Non-Christian Texts, Travel, and Attitudes,” Rocky Mountain Medieval and Renaissance Association, 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Denver, CO, June 12-14.

- 2014 Co-Organizer, Session 344: "Inter-cultural Exchange in the Western Mediterranean," 49th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 8-11.
- 2013 Chair and Co-Organizer, Session 206: "Saints, Relics, and Books on the Move in the Early Medieval World," 48th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 9-12.
- 2012 Chair and Co-Organizer, Session 327: "Networks of Travel and Communication in the Early Middle Ages," 47th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 10-13.
- 2008 Chair, Session 1115: "The Economic and Cultural Meaning of Waterways," International Medieval Congress 2008, University of Leeds, UK, July 7-10.
- 2003 Chair, Session 12: "Christians, Muslims, and Conversion, Eleventh-Thirteenth Centuries," 38th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 8-11.
- 2016-2019 Director of Conference Programs, CARA (Committee on Centers and Regional Associations), Medieval Academy of America
- panels organized in this capacity:
- (upcoming): "Working in the Middle: Writing the Global Medieval World," 94th Annual Meeting of the Medieval Academy of America, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on 7-9 March 2019.
- (upcoming): "Teaching a Diverse and Inclusive Middle Ages," 54th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 9-12, 2018.
- "Teaching a Diverse and Inclusive Middle Ages," 53rd International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 10-13, 2018.
- "The 21st-century Medievalist: Digital Methods, Career Diversity, and Beyond," 53rd International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 10-13, 2018.
- "Medieval Responses to Natural Disasters," Plenary Session, 93rd Annual Meeting of the Medieval Academy of America, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, March 1-4, 2018.
- "Career Diversity for Medievalists: Insights from Outside the Academy," Session 404, 52nd International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 11-14, 2017.
- "Teaching a Diverse and Inclusive Middle Ages," Session 182, 52nd International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 11-14, 2017.

“Mediterranean Sexualities,” Plenary Session, 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Medieval Academy of America, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, April 6-8, 2017.

**Conferences Organized or Co-organized:**

- 2018 Program Committee Chair, joint conference of the Rocky Mountain Medieval and Renaissance Association and Medieval Association of the Pacific, “Memory and Remembrance in the Middle Ages and Renaissance,” University of Las Vegas, Nevada, April 13-15.
- 2016 Co-Organizer, annual conference of the Rocky Mountain Medieval and Renaissance Association, UNM, June 16-19.
- 2012 Organizer, 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Walter Prescott Webb Lecture Series, “Muslims, Christians, and Jews in the Medieval Mediterranean,” University of Texas at Arlington, March 8.
- 2009 Lead Organizer, “Living on the Edge in the Medieval and Early Modern World,” University of Texas at Arlington, February 20.
- 2005 Co-Organizer, Vagantes Graduate Conference, University of Notre Dame, March 3-5.