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Education

Doctorate of Philosophy, History, The University of New Mexico | Albuquerque, NM | expected 2026
Major Field: Medieval Europe | Minor Field: Museum Studies | Subdiscipline: Art History

Master of Arts, History, Villanova University | Villanova, PA | 2019
Major Field: Medieval Europe

Bachelor of Arts, History, The University of St. Thomas | St Paul, MN | 2017
Major Field: History | Minor Field: Theology

Areas of Specialization

Late-Medieval (14 - 15 c.) European History
Latin Christianity
Hagiography, Saints, Cults, and Relics
Apocalypse, Death and Dying, and the Afterlife

The History of Disease
Historical & Field Archaeology
Museum Studies
Historical Psychology and Trauma

Publications

- “Review of *Stone Fidelity: Memorializing Marriage in Medieval Tomb Sculpture*,” *UCLA’s Comitatus*, Vol. 55, (forthcoming, 2024)
- “Heimerman on Hefferan, ‘The Household Knights of Edward III: Warfare, Politics and Kingship in Fourteenth-Century England’” *H-Net*, published June 2023
- “A Portrait of Death: Analyzing the Transi Tomb of Guillaume de Harcigny (1300-1393 A.D.),” *The Coalition of Master’s Scholars on Material Culture*, published April 2, 2021
- *Historically Speaking*, <https://vugradhistory.wordpress.com/author/eheimerman/>
 - “Memento Mori, Ash Wednesday, and Modern Roman Catholicism” (March 6, 2019)
<https://vugradhistory.wordpress.com/2019/03/06/memento-mori-ash-wednesday-and-modern-roman-catholicism/>
 - “A Brief Explanation of the Medieval Transi Tomb” (February 5, 2019)
<https://vugradhistory.wordpress.com/2019/02/05/a-brief-understanding-of-the-medieval-transi-tomb/>
 - “Where Did The Land O’Lakes Logo Come From?” (November 22, 2018)
<https://vugradhistory.wordpress.com/2018/11/22/where-did-the-land-olakes-logo-come-from/>
 - “Archaeology in the News: 2,400-year-old grave found in Mexico City” (June 30, 2018)
<https://vugradhistory.wordpress.com/2018/06/30/archaeology-in-the-news-2400-year-old-grave-found-in-mexico-city/>
 - “Case Study: Plague Grave in Lincolnshire, England” (December 13, 2017)
<https://vugradhistory.wordpress.com/2017/12/13/case-study-plague-grave-in-lincolnshire-england/>
- “Archaeology of a Roman Villa on Sveti Klement, Croatia,” *Inquiry at UST*, Vol 28 (2016)
- “Archaeology and Digital Documentation of a Roman Site in Croatia,” *Inquiry at UST*, Vol 24 (2014)

Conference Presentations

- *Foundations of Trauma: Plague, Relics, and the Creation of the Igreja de São Roque*, Panelist, International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, 2024
- *Those Who Have Foretold All Future Things: A Theological and Historical Analysis of Corpus Christi College, MS 404 Folio 102 r-v*, The Rocky Mountain Medieval and Renaissance Association (RMMRA), 2023
- *Going Global Roundtable*, Moderator and Panelist, RMMRA, 2023

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- *Belief, Superstition, and Accommodation*, Chair, RMMRA, 2023
- *Girl on Fire: A History of St. Genevieve and Her Relics*, The Barnes Conference (Temple University, 2022) **Winner: International History Paper Prize**
- *Girl on Fire: How the Relics of St. Genevieve Manifested Power, Threat, and Identity in Paris*, New College Conference of Medieval and Renaissance Studies (New College of Florida, 2022)
- *A Portrait of Death: Analyzing the Transi Tomb of Guillaume de Harcigny (1300-1393 A.D.)*, “Body, Soul, Crisis, Recovery” Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference (The University of St. Thomas, 2021)
- *The Genesis of the Transi Tomb*, “Bodies at Work, Bodies at Play” Conference (University of Maryland, 2019)
- *The Medieval Mind and Its Role in Academia Today*, Phi Alpha Theta Colloquium (University of Toledo, 2018)
- *Archaeology of a Roman Villa on Sveti Klement, Croatia*, “Cultural Heritage Preservation Presentations,” Archaeological Institute of America and Minnesota Society Conference (Macalister College, 2016)

Guest Lectures

- *Saints: Looking at Christian Traditions and Cultural Attributes*, Dr. Timothy Graham’s “The History of Christianity” course, Fall 2022
- *The Black Death*, Dr. Michael Ryan’s “The High and Late Middle Ages” course, Spring 2022
- *Disease History and Pathogens during the Second World War*, Dr. Holly Guise’s “WWII and the Pacific World” course, Fall 2021
- *The Mongols*, Dr. Rebecca Winer’s “Medieval Pandemic: The Global Black Death in the Fourteenth Century” course, Fall 2018

Experience

Instructor of Record, Department of History Jan 2024 – Present

The University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM

- Created and Taught: “Plagues and Pandemics” course (Spring 2024)
- Created and Taught: “The Living and the Undead” course (Fall 2024)

Institute for Medieval Studies Graduate Assistant, Institute for Medieval Studies Jan 2024 – Present

The University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM

- Assisted the Director of the IMS (Dr. Michael A. Ryan) in organizing colloquiums, managing finances, supporting the Medieval Times Faire with the IMS outreach fellow, redesigning the IMS website, hosting visiting scholars, and planning the annual Helen Damico Memorial Lecture Series.

Archaeological Lab Assistant, The Hibben Center for Archaeological Research Jan 2024 – May 2024

The University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM

- Assisted UNM’s lead archaeologist in cataloging and archiving archaeological finds. Worked with pre-colonial Pueblo pottery, Spanish pottery, 19th-century burials, clothing, cultural remains, coffins, and human remains.

Graduate and Research Assistant, Department of History Aug 2021 – Jan 2024

The University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM

- Graduate Assistant to Dr. Shatam Ray: “Environments and Diseases” course (Fall 2023)
- Research Assistant to Dr. Michael Ryan (Summer 2023)
- Graduate Assistant to Dr. Charlie Steen: “Western Civilization to 1648” course (Spring 2023)
- Graduate Assistant to Dr. Timothy Graham: “The History of Christianity” course (Fall 2022)
- Research Assistant to Dr. Michael Ryan (Summer 2022)
- Graduate Assistant to Dr. Michael Ryan: “The High and Late Middle Ages” course (Spring 2022)
- Graduate Assistant to Dr. Holly Guise: “WWII and the Pacific World” course (Fall 2021)

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Historian and Tour Guide

June 2019 – March 2021

Valley Forge National Historical Park, King of Prussia, PA

- Historical Tour Guide and Presenter within the National Park bringing the history of the park to life for visitors of all ages from around the world. Created engaging interactive discussions around the events of the American Revolution and the role Valley Forge played during this time period.

Co-editor of *Historically Speaking*

Dec 2017 – May 2019

Villanova University's Graduate History Blog: *Historically Speaking* (see publications)

Teaching Assistantship, Department of History

Aug 2018 – Dec 2018

Villanova University, Villanova, PA

- Teaching Assistant to Dr. Rebecca Winer in "Medieval Pandemic: The Global Black Death in the Fourteenth Century" undergraduate course, Fall 2018
- Proctored both Latin and History exams in the History and Classics Departments.

Photojournalist Intern

Jan 2018 – June 2018

The Chronicle, Philadelphia, PA

Created written and visual content for the deadline-driven, visual storytelling news platform. Worked independently with the New York office to produce stories that stimulated strong reader interest in the Greater Philadelphia area.

History, Museum, and Archival Intern

Aug 2016 – Jan 2017

Eagan Historical Society, Eagan, MN

Aided in resurrecting the city's town hall museum following an arson fire that destroyed the original building. Helped the city government officials to build 6 exhibits in 6 months.

- Developed project plan by working with the museum director to source information, review, and catalog archived materials stored at city hall and at the Minnesota Historical Society repository. Safeguarded artifacts by following preservation practices.
- Performed in-depth historical research, archiving, and record keeping. Aided in editing an ongoing book on the City of Eagan's history.

Archaeological Assistant

Jun 2016 – Jul 2016

Hvar National Museum, Croatia and the University of St. Thomas

Selected by the program director, Dr. Vanca Schruck, for a rare second opportunity with her on a dig on the island of Sveti Klement, Croatia. Worked directly with the Hvar National Museum, surveyed the site, categorized finds, and cataloged artifacts for analysis. Presented findings to both faculty and the public at The University of St. Thomas and Macalester College.

Archaeological Assistant

Jun 2014 – Jul 2014

Hvar National Museum, Croatia and the University of St. Thomas

Chosen from a pool of applicants, as a uniquely qualified student possessing knowledge of both Roman and Greek history, to work on a Roman settlement dig site (200 B.C.E. – 500 C.E.), using archaeological techniques to unearth artifacts and preserve the integrity of the site.

Awards and Certifications

- *Professional Development Graduate Certificate in Museum Studies* (forthcoming, 2024), Museum Studies, The University of New Mexico
- Recipient of the *Michael T. and Phyllis J. Walton Award* at the RMMRA Conference, April 2023
- Recipient of the *Paper Prize in International History* at the 2022 Barnes Conference, Temple University, March 2022

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- *Foundations of Historical Interpretation Certificate*, Eppley Institute for Parks & Public Lands, Indiana University

Funding and Grants

- Graduate Assistantship, Stipend, and Tuition Reimbursement – The Institute for Medieval Studies at The University of New Mexico, 2023-2025
- Graduate Assistantship, Stipend, and Tuition Reimbursement – History Department at The University of New Mexico, 2021-2024
- Student Research Grant – Graduate Professional Student Association at The University of New Mexico, 2024
- Funding for Conference Travel – Graduate Professional Student Association at The University of New Mexico, 2022
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- Student Research Grant – Graduate Professional Student Association at The University of New Mexico, 2022
- Funding for Conference Travel – Villanova University Graduate Studies, 2018
- Funding for Conference Travel – History Department at Villanova University, 2018
- Research and Travel Grant for Archaeological Dig – History Department at The University of St. Thomas, 2016
- Research and Travel Grant for Archaeological Dig – History Department at The University of St. Thomas, 2014

Professional Service

History Graduate Student Representative Jan, 2019

Graduate Advisory Committee, The University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM

History Graduate Student Association Vice President and Ambassador May 2022 – Present

History Department, The University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM

History Department Representative Jan, 2019

Graduate Student Open House, Villanova University, Villanova, PA

History Day Judge March 23, 2017

Twin Cities Metro Junior Central Region History Day Competition, St Paul, MN

Note Taker for Undergraduate Students with Special Needs Sep 2013 – May 2016

Disability Resources, The University of St. Thomas, St Paul, MN

Research Languages

Latin (reading: high proficiency); **Spanish** (reading: high proficiency, speaking: average proficiency); **Portuguese** (reading: average proficiency) **German** (reading: beginning proficiency); **Italian** (reading: beginning proficiency)

Cited Work

- *CBS NEWS*, April 17, 2020 - "Land O'Lakes erases American Indian "butter maiden" from packaging"
- *St. Paul Pioneer Press*, April 15, 2020 - "Land O'Lakes redesigns packaging, apparently retiring Indian maiden logo"

Memberships

The Medieval Academy of America
American Institute of Archaeology
Hagiography Society

Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society
Rocky Mountain Medieval and Renaissance Association