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EDUCATION

Ph.D., History, University of Rochester, 2015. Advisor: Richard Kaeuper. Dissertation Title:
Honor, Courage, and Blood: An Elite Ideology of Violence in Trastámara Castile, 1369-
1474
M.A., Historical Studies, University of Wales – Aberystwyth, 2008
B.A., Magna Cum Laude, History and Political Science, Western State College of Colorado,
2006

PUBLICATIONS

Chivalry and Violence in Late Medieval Castile. Woodbridge: Boydell Press, 2020.

“Royal Punishment and Reconciliation in Trastámara Castile” in *Treason: Medieval and Early Modern Treachery, Betrayal and Shame*, ed. Larissa Tracy. Leiden: Brill, 2019, 100-118.

“Chivalric Violence” with Peter Sposato in *Companion to Chivalry*, ed. Robert Jones and Peter Coss. Woodbridge: Boydell Press, 2019, 99-117.

“Chivalric and Religious Valorization of Warfare in High Medieval France”, in *Prowess, Piety, and Public Order in Medieval Society: Studies in Honor of Richard Kaeuper*, ed. Craig Nakashian and Daniel Franke. Leiden: Brill, 2017, 199-217.

PUBLICATIONS IN PROGRESS

“Culture of War – High and Popular”, in *Cultural History of War*, ed. Cliff Rogers (Bloomsbury Academic), Under Review.

“A Place of Honor: Chivalry and the Wars for Gibraltar”, in *Urban Communities and War*, ed. Craig Nakashian and Peter Sposato (Boydell and Brewer), Under Contract.

Knights of the New World: Chivalry and Violence in the Early Modern Global Spanish Empire, in Progress

“Chivalric Deaths in Battle in Late Medieval Castile”, in Progress

REPRESENTATIVE PRESENTATIONS

“‘I leave behind my virtue’. Death and Remembrance in Castilian Border Wars.” International Medieval Congress, July 6, 2022.

“‘She Wanted to Trample the Land of Her Enemies’”: Queen Isabel of Castile as a Model of Chivalry.” 57th International Congress on Medieval Studies, May 12, 2022.

- “Anger, Honor, and Conquest in the Canary Islands.” 67th Annual Meeting of the Renaissance Society of America, April 1, 2022.
- “The Fury of God: Fernando de Antequera’s Aggressive Strategy against Granada, 1406-10.” New College Conference on Medieval and Renaissance Studies, March 5, 2022.
- “Loyal Rebels: Self-Fashioning Lordship after Late Medieval Castilian Civil Wars.” 56th International Congress on Medieval Studies, May 10, 2021.
- “From Fear to Anger: Responses to the Fear of Death in Early Renaissance Spanish Chivalry.” 67th Annual Meeting of the Renaissance Society of America, April 22, 2021.
- “The Home Front: Noncombatant Resistance to War in Medieval Castile.” 58th Annual Southeastern Medieval Association Conference – Medieval Gateways: Threshold, Transition, Exchange, Nov. 15, 2019.
- “Exporting Chivalric Violence in Late Medieval Castile.” 7th Annual Symposium on Medieval and Renaissance Studies, June 17, 2019.
- “‘The Blood of Your Innocent Lambs is Shed’: Chivalric Ideology and the Drumbeat of Holy War in Trastámara Castile.” 54th International Congress on Medieval Studies, May 10, 2019.
- “Castile, Chivalry, and Overseas Conquest in the 15th Century.” 57th Annual Southeastern Medieval Association Conference – Diaspora: Identity, Migration, and Return, Nov. 9, 2018.
- “‘The War Was Opened’: Chivalric Violence as a Cause of War in Trastámara Castile.” 53rd International Congress on Medieval Studies, May 10, 2018.
- “Female Chivalric Violence in Late Medieval Castile.” Force, Resistance, and Mercy: Medieval Violence and Nonviolence, hosted by the Medieval Studies Institute at Indiana University, April 6, 2018.
- “A Tale of Two Cids.” 5th Annual Symposium on Medieval and Renaissance Studies. June 19, 2017.
- “Rocking Gibraltar: Chivalry, Violence, and Tuna in the 15th Century.” 52nd International Congress on Medieval Studies, May 12, 2017.
- “Familial Honor and Physical Space on the Castilian Frontier in the 15th Century.” Renaissance Society of America, Mar. 31, 2017.
- “Places of Honor: Physical Space and Honor in the Late Medieval Castilian Holy War.” 55th Annual Southeastern Medieval Association Conference – Place and Power, Oct. 7, 2016.

“‘I will be dead or revenged on those Moors’: Personal and Corporate Honor and Vengeance in the 15th Century Castilian Reconquista.” 51st International Congress on Medieval Studies, May 13, 2016.

Roundtable – “Sources of Chivalry in the Middle Ages.” Third Annual Symposium of Medieval and Renaissance Studies, June 16, 2015.

“A Soothing Holy War: Chivalric Ideology and Castile’s Granada Policy at the Turn of the 15th Century.” 50th International Congress on Medieval Studies, May 16, 2015.

“‘Quánta gloria y magnifiçençia’: An Ideology of Warfare Against Christians in Late Medieval Castile.” Second Annual Symposium of Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Jun. 16, 2014.

Roundtable Organizer and Chair – “Manifestations of Honor in the High and Late Middle Ages.” Second Annual Symposium of Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Jun. 16, 2014.

“‘To Suffer Great Affronts and Evils and Damages’: Chivalric Destabilization in Trastámara Castile.” 49th International Congress on Medieval Studies, May 10, 2014.

“‘Making Damage in All The Land’: The Destructive Elements of Chivalry in Late Medieval Castile.” New York State Association of European Historians: 63rd Annual Meeting, Oct. 5, 2013.

Roundtable – “The Utility of Violence in the Middle Ages.” First Annual Symposium of Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Jun. 19, 2013.

“The Chivalric Combination of Religion and Warfare in High Medieval France.” University of Rochester Medieval Society, Mar. 22, 2012.

BOOK REVIEWS

Alan V. Murray and Karen Watts, eds., *The Medieval Tournament as Spectacle: Tourneys, Jousts and Pas d’Armes, 1100-1600* (Woodbridge: Boydell, 2020), for the *Journal of British Studies*, Forthcoming.

Timothy May, *The Mongol Art of War* (Pen and Sword Books, 2007), for *De Re Militari: The Society for Medieval Military History*, April, 2021.

Hilaire Kallendorf, ed., *A Companion to the Spanish Renaissance* (Leiden: Brill, 2018), for *The Sixteenth Century Journal*, 2020.

Laura Delbrugge, ed., *Self-Fashioning and Assumptions of Identity in Medieval and Early Modern Iberia* (Leiden: Brill, 2015), for the American Association of Research Historians of Medieval Spain, October, 2017.

Craig Taylor, *Chivalry and the Ideals of Knighthood in France during the Hundred Years War* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013), for the *Journal of Military History*, vol. 81, no. 4 (Oct., 2017).

Matthew Bailey and Ryan D. Giles, eds., *Charlemagne and his Legend in Early Spanish Literature and Historiography* (Cambridge: D.S. Brewer, 2016), for *Mediaevistik*, March, 2017.

Sara Cockerill, *Eleanor of Castile: The Shadow Queen* (Stroud: Amberley, 2015), for *De Re Militari: The Society for Medieval Military History*, August, 2016.

Noel Fallows, tr. and ed., *The Twelve of England* (Wheaton, IL: Freelance Academy Press, Inc., 2013), for *De Re Militari: The Society for Medieval Military History*, April, 2016.

Jarbel Rodriguez, ed., *Muslim and Christian Contact in the Middle Ages: A Reader* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2015), for *The Medieval Review*, October, 2015.

Laura Ashe and Ian Patterson, eds., *War and Literature* (Rochester, NY: D.S. Brewer, 2014), for *De Re Militari: The Society for Medieval Military History*, May 2015.

James Waterson, *Defending Heaven: China's Mongol Wars, 1209-1370* (Barnsley, Yorkshire: Frontline Books, 2013), for *De Re Militari: The Society for Medieval Military History*, October 2014.

Baker H. Morrow, trans. and ed., *A Harvest of Reluctant Souls: Fray Alonso de Benavides's History of New Mexico, 1630* (Albuquerque, NM: University of New Mexico Press, 1996), for *The Sixteenth Century Journal*, XLIV/2 (2013).

Elinore M. Barrett, *The Spanish Colonial Settlement Landscapes of New Mexico, 1598-1680* (Albuquerque, NM: University of New Mexico Press, 2012), for *The Sixteenth Century Journal*, XLIV/2 (2013).

Martha K. Hoffman, *Raised to Rule: Educating Royalty at the Court of the Spanish Habsburgs, 1601-1634* (Baton Rouge, LA: Louisiana State University Press, 2011), for *The Sixteenth Century Journal*, XLIII/3 (2012).

TEACHING

Positions

2015-Present, Assistant Professor, California Lutheran University

2014, Adjunct Instructor, Rochester Institute of Technology

2013-2014, Instructor, University of Rochester

2013, Adjunct Instructor, University at Buffalo, State University of New York

2011-2012, Teaching Assistant, University of Rochester

Classes Offered

Knights and Chivalry	Treasures of Peru – Travel Seminar
Medieval Europe and the Mediterranean	World Civilizations To 1500
Medieval Civilization I (400-1100)	World Civilizations Since 1500
Foundations of the Islamic World	Arts and Civilization I: Theater and War
The Vikings	Arts and Civilization II: Violence, Gender, and Power
The History of the Mongols	History of Modern China
Age of Empires: The Ancient Mediterranean	History Capstone
Ancient Rome	Freshmen Seminar
Ancient Greece	
Colonial Latin America	

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND PRIZES

2021 – Lorraine Kochanske Stock Grant for Innovation in Medieval Studies
2018, 2020, 2022 – Hewlett Grant for Academic Travel and Research
2017-2018 – Experiential Learning Through the History of Food (California Lutheran University)
2017-2018 – Hewlett Grant for Academic Travel and Research
2016, 2020 – California Lutheran University’s Faculty Research and Creative Work Grant
2015 – Lina and A. William Salomon Prize for Research in European Cultural and Intellectual History
2014 – Willson Coates Book Award
2013-2015 – Roy E. VanDelinder Fellowship in European History
2013 – Egon Berlin Prize for Research in European History
2013 – Elwitt Memorial Prize for Research in European History

LANGUAGES

English – native
Latin – Reading (intermediate)
Old Castilian – Reading (advanced)
Middle English – Reading (advanced)
Old French – Reading (intermediate)
Spanish – Reading (advanced), Speaking (basic)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2015-Present Phi Alpha Theta
2013-Present American Association of Research Historians of Medieval Spain
2013-Present New York Association of European Historians
2012-Present American Historical Association
2012-Present Medieval Academy of America