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Education

University of Rochester, Ph.D., History, Winter 2025 (Projected)

University of Rochester, M.A., History, 2018

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, M.A., History, 2015

University of Minnesota-Morris, B.A., History and Anthropology, 2013

Academic Works

Dissertation: “Unruly Swine: Pigs, Community, and Justice in Late Medieval Burgundy,” Advisor Laura Smoller, Winter 2025 (Projected)

Thesis: “Gender Non-Conformity in Late Medieval and Early Modern Western Europe,” Advisor by Merry Wiesner-Hanks, 2105

Fields

West and the World

Animal Studies

Pre-Modern Monsters and Marvels

Animals in Late Antique and Early Medieval Christian Thought

Positions Held

2023-2024 Adjunct Professor, University of Rochester

Fellowships and Awards

Dr. Bruce F. Pauley Research Fellowship, University of Rochester, 2023

Travel Award, University of Rochester Graduate Education and Postdoctoral Affairs, 2023

Andrew W. Mellon Digital Humanities Fellowship, University of Rochester, 2022-2024

Hal Rothman Dissertation Fellowship, American Society for Environmental History, 2022

Sanford Elwitt Memorial Prize for Research, University of Rochester, 2021

David Bruce Parker Memorial Prize, University of Rochester, 2021

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Research and Travel Grant, University of Rochester Department of History, 2019

Graduate Fellowship, University of Rochester, 2017-2021

Slattery Fellowship, University of Rochester, 2017-2019

Conference Papers and Lectures

“Bad Pigs, Bad Neighbors: Pigs as Community Members in Late Medieval Burgundy.” Paper presentation at The British Animal Studies Network annual meeting, Glasgow, Scotland, April 2024 (forthcoming).

“To Hang the Said Sow: Pig Execution in Medieval Burgundy.” Paper presentation at the American Society for Environmental History Annual Conference, Denver, Colorado March 2024 (forthcoming).

- “‘I Haven’t Had This Much Fun Since the Pigs Ate My Brother’: Pigs as Childhood Hazards in Medieval Europe.” Paper presented at the American Society for Environmental History Annual Conference, Boston, MA, March 2023.
- “The Squeals of Guilt: Animal Confessions in Medieval Animal Trials.” Paper presented at Animal/Language: An Interdisciplinary Conference, Texas Technical University, March 2019.
- “Gender Non-Conformity in Late Medieval and Early Modern Western Europe.” Paper presented at the Multidisciplinary Graduate Student Conference, Newberry Library Center for Renaissance Studies, Chicago, IL January 2015.
- “Embodying Strategies of Resistance: Gender Passing in Late Medieval and Early Modern Europe.” Paper presented at the Gender Matters: Embodying Praxis, Engaging Solutions conference. Governors State University, IL, April 2014.

Conference Organization

- Co-organizer and presider with Mead Bowen (University of Rochester) of “Impound/Outlaw,” a session sponsored by the Rossell Hope Robbins Library at the International Congress of Medieval Studies, May 10-15, 2021.
- Assistant to the Chair, Merry Wiesner-Hanks, at the annual Attending to Early Modern Women conference, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, June 18-20, 2015.
- Planning Committee Member of Racial Formation, Racial Blindness conference, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, February 2014.

Teaching

Courses taught 2019-present

-Instructor of Record

- History of Monsters, University of Rochester/Attica Prison
Monsters in Western History, University of Rochester

-Guest Lecturer

- “Animals and the Law”, University of Turku, Finland

-Teaching Assistant

- Science, Magic, and the Occult, University of Rochester
History of Japan, University of Rochester
West and the World to 1500, University of Rochester
Themes in World History, University of Minnesota-Morris

Professional Experience

- Proficient in ArcGIS
Proficient in Transkribus, an AI tool for transcription
Library Internship, Library of Congress Congressional Relations Office, Washington, D.C., 2013
Student Reviewer for the University of Toronto Press at the University of Minnesota-Morris, 2013
Library Internship, Briggs Library, University of Minnesota-Morris, 2011-2013

Service

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| 2022-Present | Communications and Outreach Director, American Society for Environmental History
Early Career Caucus |
| 2020 | Member of Library Hiring Committee, University of Rochester |
| 2019-2021 | Social and Correspondence Coordinator of the Graduate History Society, University of Rochester |

2019-2021	Graduate Student Liaison to Faculty, University of Rochester
2019-2021	History Graduate Student Representative, University of Rochester
2018-2019	Academic Coordinator of the Graduate History Society, University of Rochester
2014-2015	President of the Alliance for History Graduate Students, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Languages

French (Intermediate proficiency)

Latin (Basic proficiency)

Professional Affiliations

The Medieval Academy of America

American Historical Association

The American Society for Environmental History

European Society of Environmental History

Renaissance Society of America

References

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