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Employment

Arkansas State University	2020-
Wartburg College, Visiting Assistant Professor of History	2018-2020
College of Wooster, Visiting Assistant Professor of History & English	2017-2018

Education

Fordham University, Ph.D. Medieval History	2017
Dissertation: "The Elusive Medieval Hospital: Mainz and the Middle Rhine Region."	
Mentor: Dr. Wolfgang P. Mueller	
Johannes-Gutenberg Universität Mainz, Visiting Scholar (Fulbright)	2014
Fordham University, M.A. Medieval History	2009
Messiah College, B.A. Medieval & Renaissance Studies, B.A. German, <i>summa cum laude</i>	2008

Fellowships, Honors, and Awards

Provost's Travel Award, Arkansas State University, 2025
Olivia Remie Constable Award, Medieval Academy of America, 2025
Arkansas State University Faculty Excellence Award: Emerging Scholar, 2024
College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Faculty Achievement Award for Scholarship, 2024
Faculty Research Fund Award for "Saints, Hospitals, and Civic Identity in East Central Europe,"
Arkansas State University, awarded 2023 for Summer 2024
Lindsay Young Visiting Regional Faculty Fellowship, Marco Institute for Medieval and
Renaissance Studies, University of Tennessee—Knoxville, Spring 2023
Eleanor Lane Faculty Development Endowment Funds, Arkansas State University, Fall 2022
Wartburg College Faculty Development Grant, 2018 and 2019
GSAS Research Support Grant, Fordham University, Fall 2014, Summer 2016
Participant in Medieval History Seminar, German Historical Institute, Washington D.C., 2015
Fulbright Scholarship (2013-2014)
Loyola Fellowship (Fordham University), 2008-12

Publications

Sickness, Medicine, and Health in the Medieval World. 4 volumes. Set editor. Bloomsbury, in progress; submission due March 2027.

The Comforts of the Sick: Making a Hospital in Thirteenth-Century Europe. Game solicited by The Reacting Consortium. [Playable prototype accepted](#).

Hospitals in Communities of the Late Medieval Rhineland: Houses of God, Places for the Sick. Premodern Health, Disease, and Disability, Amsterdam University Press, 2023

Beyond Cadfael: Medieval Medicine and Medical Medievalism, co-edited with Winston Black. Trivent Press, June 2023

“Star of England: Henry V and Chivalric Kingship in *The Tudors*,” accepted for a special article cluster in *Royal Studies Journal*; submission due December 2026

“Turbulent Priest: Angevin Crisis, 1171,” a Reacting to the Past Microgame under development, submitted August 2026

“Records of Destruction: Poland’s Archives and Nazi Medievalism,” under review with *Central European History*, summer 2026

“Making Learners Through Play: Engaging Students in the Arkansas Delta.” In: *Serious Fun: How Reacting to the Past Increases the Joy (and Effectiveness) of Teaching and Learning*, eds. Chase Hagood, D. Jason Slone, and Krista Petrosino. Under contract with UGA Press. Chapter revisions submitted August 2026

“Women’s Leprous Bodies: Women, Doctors, and the Examination for Leprosy in Late Medieval Frankfurt.” *Leprosy and the ‘Leper’ Reconsidered*, eds. Anna Peterson and Courtney Krolikoski. Manchester University Press. Revised chapter submitted December 2024

“Beyond the Research Paper: Independent Project Ideas,” *The Once and Future Classroom*, forthcoming Fall 2026

“Daily Life,” “Religion,” “Trade, Exchange, and Interaction,” and “Medievalism in United States History,” in: *Teaching the Once and Future Middle Ages: A Global History for a Global World*, ed. Elizabeth Keohane Burbridge. Bloomsbury, forthcoming 2026.

“[Memes and Medievalism: Reimagining Boccaccio’s Fourteenth Century](#).” *Arthuriana: The So What*, December 2025

“[Crossroads of Identity: The Late Medieval Evolutions of a Hospital Community](#),” *Yale Journal of Biology and Medicine*, September 2025

[“Communities and Custom: The Elections and Identities of Independent Benedictine Monastic Superiors in the Diocese of Lincoln, 1183-1340”](#) *Historical Reflections/Réflexions Historiques* 51:2 (2025): 10-31.

“Religious Women’s Authority and Rules for Nuns in *Vision: From the Life of Hildegard von Bingen* (2009).” In: *Law, Justice, and Society in the Medieval World: An Introduction Through Film*, eds. Esther Liberman Cuenca, M. Christina Bruno, and Anthony Perron, 96-104 and 218-220. Fordham University Press, May 2025

[As second author with Rachel Clark] “Church Law, Community Practice, and the Witch Trial That Wasn’t in *Sorceress* (1987).” In: *Law, Justice, and Society in the Medieval World: An Introduction Through Film*, 114-122. Fordham University Press, May 2025

[“Disability and Medieval \(In\)Justice in The Adventures of Robin Hood \(1938\) and Robin of Sherwood \(1984\).”](#) *The Bulletin of the International Association for Robin Hood Studies* 5 (2024 for 2023): 118-135

“Contentious Catalysts: Beguines, Place, and Identity in Late Medieval Mainz.” *Women’s History Review* 33:3 (2024): 391-405

[“Sex, Politics, Religion: Teaching the Contentious Medievalisms of Becket and The Lion in Winter.”](#) In: *Representing the Medieval in Popular Culture: Remembering the Angevins*, Open Library of the Humanities 9:1 (April 2023). Trans. Deborah Fritsch as [“Sexo, Política e Religião: Ensinando Medievalismos Desafiadores com Becket \(1964\) e O Leão no Inverno \(1968\).”](#) *Revista Eletrônica História em Reflexão (REHR)* 22:42 (2026)

“From Helpful Gardens to Hateful Words: Moral and Physical Healthscaping in the Late Medieval Rhineland.” In: *Disease and the Environment in the Medieval and Early Modern Worlds*, ed. Lori Jones, 52-64. London: Routledge, 2022

““A Certain Poor Woman’: Vulnerability and Visibility among Hospital Donors and Tenants.” *Medieval People: Social Bonds, Kinship and Networks* 36 (2021/22): 133-54

“Good People, Poor Sick: The Social Identities of Lepers in the Late Medieval Rhineland.” In: *Leprosy and Identity in the Middle Ages: from England to the Mediterranean*, eds. Elma Brenner & François-Olivier Touati, 183-207. Manchester: MUP, 2021

[“Teaching Premodern Women and Gender,”](#) edited roundtable. *Quidditas* 42 (2021): 236-58.

“Disordered Women? The Hospital Sisters of Mainz and Their Late Medieval Identities.” *Medieval Feminist Forum* 55:2 (2020), 60-97

[“The Pestilential Premodern? Going Digital with the Medieval.”](#) EuropeNow, December 2020

“Examining for Leprosy in the Fifteenth Century.” In: *Medieval Disability Sourcebook: Western Europe*, edited by Cameron Hunt McNabb, 85-102. punctum books, 2020

“Languages of Experience: Translating Medicine in MS Laud Misc. 237.” In: *New Approaches to Disease, Disability, and Medicine in Medieval Europe*, edited by Erin Connelly and Steffi Künzel, 94-108. Oxford: Archaeopress, 2018

“Writing Unwritten Worlds: Eleventh-Century Historical Fictions,” *The Whispering Gallery* [publication of the Dorothy Dunnett Society], March 2025

“[God’s Houses: Medieval Cities and Their Hospitals](#),” *The Medieval Magazine* 155 (March 2023): 22-29

“[Phantom Encounters: Building a Course around Ghosts](#),” *Perspectives on History*, March 2023

“[Matrix: Lauren Groff’s Visions of the Medieval](#),” *Nursing Clio*, December 2021

“[The Reality of Joan of Arc: Teaching Movie Medievalism](#),” *Perspectives on History*, March 2020

“[‘Not Dead Yet!’ Medieval Medicine Beyond Monty Python](#),” Nov. 14, 2016

Review of *The Medieval and Early Modern Hospital: A Physical and Symbolic Space*, eds. Antoni Conejo da Pena and Pol Bridgewater Mateu, forthcoming *Speculum* 101:4 (October 2026)

Review of *Crafting Medicine: Artisans, Knowledge, and the Common Man in Hieronymus Brunschwig’s Books on Surgery and Distillation*, by Tillmann Taape, forthcoming *American Historical Review*, September 2026, <https://doi.org/10.1093/ahr/rhag287>

Review of *The Medieval Womb: Hildegard of Bingen’s Views on the Female Reproductive Body*, by Minji Lee, [The Medieval Review, June 2026](#)

Review of *Why Study the Middle Ages?* by Kisha G. Tracy. *Speculum* 100:1 (January 2025): 297-298, <https://doi.org/10.1086/733402>

Review of *Feminist Medievalisms: Embodiment and Vulnerability in Literature and Film*, by Usha Vishnuvajjala. *Medieval Feminist Forum* 60:1 (May 2025): 250-253, <https://doi.org/10.32773/CYKR4441>

Review of *Between Orders and Heresy: Rethinking Medieval Religious Movements*, eds. Jennifer Kolpacoff Deane and Anne E. Lester, *University of Toronto Quarterly* 93:3 (September 2024): 443-445, <https://doi.org/10.3138/utq.93.03.46>

Review of *Stripping the Veil: Convent Reform, Protestant Nuns, and Female Devotional Life in Sixteenth Century Germany*, Marjorie Elizabeth Plummer, *Early Modern Women: An Interdisciplinary Journal* 19:1 (Fall 2024): 189-92, <https://doi.org/10.1086/731034>

Review of *Necropolis: Disease, Power, and Capitalism in the Cotton Kingdom*, Kathryn Olivarius, *Arkansas Review: A Journal of Delta Studies* 54:3 (December 2023): 230-32

Review of *Die Theorie der Seuche. Krankheitskonzepte und Pestbewältigung im Mittelalter*, Katharina Wolff, *Central European History* 56:2 (June 2023): 306-07

Review of *Ethnicity in Medieval Europe, 950–1250: Medicine, Power and Religion*, Claire Weeda, *Speculum* 98:2 (April 2023): 650-51

- Review of *Doctoring the Black Death: Medieval Europe's Medical Response to Plague*, John Aberth, *English Historical Review*, March 2023, <https://doi.org/10.1093/ehr/cead034>
- Review of *Saints, Cure-Seekers and Miraculous Healing in Twelfth-Century England*, Ruth J. Salter, *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* 96:2 (2022): 266-67.
- Review of *Community, Urban Health and Environment in the Late Medieval Low Countries*, Janna Coomans, [H-Sci-Med-Tech, July 2022](#).
- Review of *Margery Kempe's Spiritual Medicine: Suffering, Transformation, and the Life-Course*, Laura Kalas. *Medieval Feminist Forum* 57:2 (2022): 215-19.
- Review of *On Hospitals: Welfare, Law, & Christianity in Western Europe, 400-1320*, Sethina Watson, [H-Soz-Kult, January 2022](#).
- Review of *Im Angesicht der "Pestilenz": Seuchen in westfälischen und rheinischen Städten (1349–1600)*, Kay Peter Jankrift. *Central European History* 54:2 (2021): 361-362.
- Review of *The Medieval Economy of Salvation: Charity, Commerce, and the Rise of the Hospital*, Adam J. Davis. [The Medieval Review, February 2021](#).
- Review of *Madness, Medicine and Miracle in Twelfth-Century England*, Claire Trenery. *Church History* 89:1 (2020): 172-74.
- Review of *Geschichte der Sächsischen Franziskaner-Provinz von der Gründung bis zum Anfang des 21. Jahrhunderts: Von den Anfängen bis zur Reformation*, ed. Volker Honemann. *Sixteenth Century Journal* 51:3 (2020): 844.
- Review article: "The Spiritual Life of Medieval German Women," [Reviews in History no. 2273, August 2018](#).
- Review of "*Ubi et est habitatio sororum et mansio fratrum*": *Doppelklöster und ähnliche Klostergemeinschaften im mittelalterlichen Österreich*, Christiane Ulrike Kurz. *Medieval Feminist Forum* 53:2 (2018): 114-116.
- Review of *Walking Corpses: Leprosy in Byzantium and the Medieval West*, Timothy S. Miller & John W. Nesbitt. *Comitatus* 46 (2015): 265-68.
- Review of *Hospital Life: Theory and Practice from Medieval to Modern*, eds. Sally Sheard & Laurinda Abreu. *Aestimatio* 11 (2014): 217-22.

Teaching Experience

Certificate in Effective College Instruction, Assoc. of College & University Educators, 2023

Graduate Seminars

The Mediterranean World, AState, Fall 2026

Witches, Midwives, and Nurses (History/Heritage Studies), AState, Spring 2024

Medieval Disease and Disability, designed for Summer 2022
Medieval Bodies, AState, Spring 2021
Interrogating Medievalisms, AState, Fall 2020

Upper-Level Courses

The Crusades, AState, Spring 2023
Pandemics and Peoples, AState, Spring 2022
History of Medicine, AState, Fall 2021, Fall 2023
Medieval Popular Religion, Wartburg College, May 2019; AState, Spring 2021, Fall 2025
Greeks and Romans, Wartburg College, Winter 2020
Historical Methods, Wartburg College, Fall 2019
The Rise and Fall of Early Empires, Wartburg College, Winter 2019
Medieval Medicine, Fordham University, Spring 2015; College of Wooster, Spring 2018
Hollywood History, Wartburg College, Winter 2019, May 2020
Historiography (co-taught), Wartburg College, Winter 2019, Winter 2020

Survey Courses

History of Global Diversity, AState, 2022-2026
World History to 1500, Wartburg College, 2018-19; AState, 2020-
World Civilizations II: 1500 to Present, Wartburg College, Winter 2019
Western Civilization: Prehistory to 1600, College of Wooster, Spring 2018
Medieval Europe, Fordham University, 2010-11; College of Wooster, Fall 2017; Wartburg College, Fall 2018; AState, Fall 2020-
The Living and the Dead in Medieval Literature, College of Wooster, Fall 2017
Early Modern Europe, Fordham University, Spring 2013
Modern Europe, Fordham University, Fall 2014

Interdisciplinary Courses

Worlds of Performance, Early Modern Europe (History/Music), AState, Spring 2026
Plants, Places, and Peoples (History/Agriculture), AState, Spring 2025
Women in the Early World (History/Women's Studies), Wartburg College
History of Western Medicine, Wartburg College
First-Year Seminar: Sherlock Holmes Saves the World, Wartburg College
First-Year Seminar: Seeking the Self in Premodern Autobiography, Wartburg College
Beowulf to Bestsellers: Popular Religion in Literature, College of Wooster

Tutorials and Advising

M.A. thesis supervisor, Lucas Timmerman (History), 2024-26
B.A. Honors thesis supervisor, Julien Mieirs (History), 2025-26
B.A. Honors thesis supervisor, Morgan Sweeney (History), 2024-25
Ph.D. committee member, Tugrul Polat (Heritage Studies), 2024-
B.A. Honors thesis committee member, Brianna Jordan (Psychology), Spring 2024
Create@State project mentor, Christian Brashears, Spring 2023
Women in Medieval Europe, Fall 2021

Conference Presentations (past 5 years)

“Star of England: Henry V and Chivalric Kingship in *The Tudors*,” Showtime’s *The Tudors: A Twenty-Year Retrospective*, November 2026
““The Late, Late Medieval Show”? *The Tudors* and the Hauntings of Medievalism,” Sixteenth Century Society Conference, Chicago, October 2026
CARA plenary panelist, “Medieval Arkansas,” Medieval Academy of America, March 2026
Invited presenter, “Records of Destruction: Poland’s Medieval Hospitals and Nazi Medievalism,” Johns Hopkins History Seminar, February 2, 2026
“Reimagining Space, Dissolving Time: Poland’s Medieval History and Nazi Medievalism,” International Society for the Study of Medievalism Conference, November 14-15, 2025
Invited presenter, “Canon Law and its Hospitals in Medieval Germany,” for a workshop co-hosted by the Universität Köln and Universitat de Barcelona, Doing Hospital History: New Perspectives from Medieval Europe, November 13, 2025
Invited presenter, “Notable Books in Medieval Germanic Studies,” International Medieval Congress Kalamazoo, May 2025
“When Feminism Is Scary: Teaching Women’s History in the Arkansas Delta,” American Historical Association annual meeting, NYC, January 2025
“Picturing Care: Saints and Healing in Medieval Hospital Art,” International Society for the History of Medicine, Salerno, Italy, October 2024
“Christ’s Poor, God’s Servants: Hospital Communities and Social Liminality,” Sewanee Medieval Colloquium, April 2024
Presenter, “Creating Medieval Feminist Public Scholarship,” SMFS-sponsored workshop, International Medieval Congress Kalamazoo, May 2023
“Nuns, Lepers, and Legal Disability: Masculinity and Advocacy in Late Medieval Law,” Masculinities and Law in Premodern Europe, Massey University, Nov 2022
“The Charity of the Poor: Almsgiving in Late Medieval Mainz,” International Medieval Congress Kalamazoo, May 2022
“Crossroads of Identity: The Late Medieval Evolutions of a Hospital Community,” Medieval Academy of America Annual Meeting, March 2022

“Icons of Charity: Saints and Hospital Care in Medieval Central Europe,” European Association for the History of Medicine and Health biennial conference, “Faith, Medicine, and Religion,” KU Leuven, September 7-10, 2021

Roundtable discussant, “New Ways to Teach Medieval Medicine,” International Medieval Congress Kalamazoo, May 2021 (roundtable sponsored by [Medica](#))

“The Liberty of Law: The Establishment of Warsaw’s Hospital of the Holy Spirit.” Scheduled for International Medieval Congress Kalamazoo, May 2020; given in 2021

Public Engagement

Co-founder & Podcaster, Footnoting History, 2013-present: <http://www.footnotinghistory.com>

“Finding Disability History in Medieval Europe,” Devva’s Room series 1, ep. 3, July 9, 2025

“Soul, Body, Cosmos: Some Facets of the Thought of Hildegard von Bingen,” Order of Hildegard, September 16, 2024

“[Hospitals in Communities of the Late Medieval Rhineland](#),” New Books Network, May 7, 2024

“Ivanhoe (1997),” Media-Eval: A Pop Culture Podcast, March 5, 2022

“Medieval Hospitals as Sites of Care,” Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Jonesboro, Feb 6, 2022

MedievalPod interview, “[Public Health and the Medieval Hospital](#),” recorded August 2020

Invited Discussant, “[Antisemitism in Bach’s St. John Passion](#),” The Thirteen Choir, March 2021

“Medieval Paths, Modern Pilgrims: Journeying to Santiago.” St. James Episcopal Church, Wooster, OH, May 2018

Volunteer Docent at the State Museum of Pennsylvania, 2015-2017

“Lepers and Poor Scholars: Care Within and Without Hospitals in Late Medieval German Cities.” Beyond Leeches and Lepers, University of Edinburgh, May 2015

“Helpful Gardens, Healing Images: Care and Cure in the Medieval Hospital.” Spring Humanities Institute Colloquium, New York Botanical Garden, 2015

Institutional Service

Heritage Studies program committee, Arkansas State University, 2023

Scholarship Committee, College of Liberal Arts & Communication, AState, 2022-

Director, Medieval & Renaissance Studies Minor, Arkansas State University, 2020-

Library Liaison, History department, Arkansas State University, 2020-

Recruitment, Assessment, Scholarship, and Curriculum committees (rotating), History department, Arkansas State University, 2020-

Fulbright Committee, Arkansas State University, 2020

Designer of Medical Humanities major/minor, Wartburg College, 2020

Member, RICE Undergraduate Research Committee, Wartburg College, 2019-20

Faculty in Residence, Wartburg College, 2018-2020

Department representative, open house events, Wartburg College, 2018-20
Judge, Junior Independent Study prize committee, History department, College of Wooster

Professional Service

Coeditor of [Medieval Feminist Forum: A Journal of Gender and Sexuality](#), 2025-
Series Advisory Board Member, The Medieval Urban World, Boydell and Brewer
Member, [CARA Executive Committee](#), Medieval Academy of America, 2025-28
Co-coordinator of the German Studies Association Medieval and Early Modern German Studies
(MEMGS) Interdisciplinary Network, 2025-2027
Reviewer of pre-publication book manuscripts for Oxford University Press, Cambridge
University Press, Routledge, and Vernon Press
Member of the Monica H. Green prize committee, Medieval Academy of America, 2024-27
Co-organizer with Allison Edgren of sub-theme “[Care and Control in Urban Communities](#),”
Sewanee Medieval Colloquium 2026
Juror for the Dana Johnson Gorlin Fellowship, Reacting Consortium 2024
Co-organizer, "Ableism, Presentism, & Teaching Medieval Disability (Roundtable)," Society for
the Study of Disability in the Middle Ages, IMC Kalamazoo 2023
Board member, Society for Medieval Feminist Scholarship, 2022-25; secretary 2024-25
Organizer, “Leprosy and the Leprous in Medieval European Communities: Practices of Care,”
Medieval Academy of America 2022
Organizer, “Medical History and Departmental Outreach,” AHA 2022 roundtable
Organizer, “[Teaching Premodern Women and Gender](#),” AHA 2021 webinar
Organizer, “Practical Medicine: Assuming and Aiding Memory,” International Medieval
Congress Leeds 2018
Review editor for [H-SCI-MED-TECH](#), 2017-2020
Co-organizer, “Hospitals: Cornerstones of Civic Society,” AHA 2017 roundtable
Mentor, Medieval Academy of America Graduate Student Association, 2016-present
Organizer, “Methods and Morality of Late Medieval Almsgiving,” IMC Leeds 2016

Select Campus Talks

“Humorous Health,” guest lecture for Honors Study Abroad, AState, January 2023
“Mysteries and Medicines: Medieval Medical Practitioners in Crime Fiction,” University of
Arkansas Medieval and Renaissance Studies colloquium, November 17, 2021
“Hospitals and Healthcare Access in the Later Middle Ages,” TriBeta Honor Society, Wartburg
College, Oct. 2018
“Lepers in the Marketplace: Dealing with Disease in Medieval German Cities,” Disease in
History panel, Fordham University History Day 2015

Participant, “What is the Vernacular?”, Fordham Center for Medieval Studies, Dec. 2014

Professional Memberships

Member, Hagiography Society, 2023-present

Member, Southeastern Medieval Association (SEMA), 2020-present

Member, Consortium for History of Science, Technology, and Medicine, 2018-present

Member, Society for Medieval Feminist Scholarship, 2016-present

Member, American Historical Association, 2015-present

Member, International Network for the History of Hospitals, 2015-present

Member, Arbeitskreis Geistliche Frauen im Europäischen Mittelalter (AGFEM), 2014-present

Member, Medieval Academy of America, 2012-present

Languages

German: proficient in reading, writing, & speaking (CEFR level C1)

Latin: proficient reading, paleography, and translation

French: proficient reading, fair speaking

Polish: rudimentary reading and speaking (CEFR level A1; certificate from School of Polish Language and Culture, Jagiellonian University Krakow, summer 2021)