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**Education**

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

PhD, Early Modern European History, May 1996

Certificate in Medieval Studies, June 1991

M. A., Early Modern European History, June 1990

Lawrence University, Appleton, WI

B. A., History, June 1988; Phi Beta Kappa, Magna cum laude

**Current Employment**

*Dean of the Jack, Joseph & Morton Mandel Honors College and Mandel Professor in Humanities, Cleveland State University*

Selected as the result of a national search, I am the founding dean of Cleveland State University's Mandel Honors College, home to 550+ students. I have primary administrative responsibility for student recruitment, admissions, student life, and curriculum. I supervise two administrative staff positions, three staff advising positions, and a half-dozen part-time instructors. I manage a budget of ~\$600,000. In spring 2017 I was awarded a \$2 million grant to create a pipeline program with Cuyahoga Community College's Mandel Scholars Academy.

**Professional Administration, previous**

*Vice President, Teaching Division, American Historical Association, January 2016-January 2019*

The AHA has 13,000 members and is the largest professional organization in the United States dedicated to the study and promotion of history and historical thinking. The Teaching Division seeks to improve teaching of history in the curriculum at all levels. Current initiatives I oversee include a project addressing declining enrollments in history courses and the Association's ongoing work on the Tuning project.

*Interim Director, Honors Program, Cleveland State University, September 2014-June 2015*

Directed the transition of the University's Honors Program to an endowed college.

*Chair, History Department, Cleveland State University, August 2009-August 2014*

Led an academic department of fourteen faculty, two administrative staff positions, a half-dozen part-time instructors, two BA programs with 180 majors, and an MA program. Primary department-level administrative responsibility for curriculum, enrollment, and tenure and promotion cases. Managed a budget of \$1.9 million.

*President, Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, 2013-2014*

Leadership of an interdisciplinary scholarly society of approximately 2000 members with an annual conference of over 800 participants; [www.sixteenthcentury.org](http://www.sixteenthcentury.org)

*Special Assistant to the President for Student Success, Cleveland State University, September 2006–August 2007*  
Selected by Cleveland State University President Michael Schwartz to lead a faculty-driven effort to improve student retention.

*Director, Cultural Crossings Lecture Series, 2001–2003*

Directed an interdisciplinary lecture series that included conferences for high school teachers.

### **Professional Activities, current**

*American Historical Association, History Gateways, Advisory Committee, 2019–*

Member of the Advisory Committee for the History Gateways project, a Mellon Foundation-funded project which seeks to increase the efficacy and retention rates of introductory history courses at the post-secondary level.

<https://www.historians.org/teaching-and-learning/history-gateways/about-history-gateways>

*American Historical Association, Tuning Project Leadership Team, 2011–*

One of seven faculty leaders directing a group of over 100 faculty participants who are working with their individual departments to articulate the disciplinary core of historical study and to define what a student should understand and be able to do at the completion of a history degree program.

<http://historians.org/teaching-and-learning/current-projects/tuning>

*Advanced Placement European History Development Committee, July 2016–*

<https://apcentral-stg.collegeboard.org/courses/ap-european-history/course/development-committee>

### **Publications: Higher Education Administration**

[What We Measure Is What We Value](#), *Inside Higher Ed*, August 22, 2019

[Why Study History?](#), *Inside Higher Ed*, January 9, 2019

[What Is Your Philosophy of Higher Education?](#), *Inside Higher Ed*, October 3, 2018

[“#metoo in the Meantime](#),” *Inside Higher Ed*, May 18, 2108

[“Service and the Nonexistent Academic Family](#),” *Inside Higher Ed*, January 24, 2018

[“Stop Calling It the Dark Side](#),” *Inside Higher Ed*, June 14, 2017

[“Advice for New Administrators](#),” *Chronicle of Higher Education*, August 16, 2016

[“In Our Own Backyards](#),” *Inside Higher Ed*, June 16, 2016

[“Building a Better Meeting](#),” *The Department Chair*, Winter 2016, 11–12.

[“The Moment We’ve Waited For?”](#), *Inside Higher Ed*, January 12, 2016

[“Should I Be the Next Chair?”](#), *Chronicle of Higher Education*, April 9, 2015.

“[Crossing Over: Why Faculty Should Consider Becoming Administrators](#),” *Inside Higher Ed*, February 18, 2015.

**Publications: Liberal Arts, Teaching, and Pedagogy**

“[My Lab Is in the Cloud](#),” *Inside Higher Ed*, November 24, 2015

“Tuning and Recharging: Tales from Twelve Months In,” *Perspectives on History*, (April 2013)  
<http://www.historians.org/perspectives/issues/2013/1304/Tuning-and-Recharging.cfm>

“The Pope and the Liberal Arts,” *Plain Dealer/cleveland.com*, February 17, 2103.  
[http://www.cleveland.com/opinion/index.ssf/2013/02/the\\_pope\\_and\\_the\\_liberal\\_arts.html](http://www.cleveland.com/opinion/index.ssf/2013/02/the_pope_and_the_liberal_arts.html)

Advanced Placement European History, Special Focus Lesson: “The Spanish Inquisition” (2011)

**Publications: Books**

*Religious Women in Golden Age Spain: the Permeable Cloister*. Women and Gender in the Early Modern World (Ashgate, 2005).

*Problems in European Civilization: The Black Death*. Problems in European Civilization (Houghton Mifflin, 2005).

**Publications: Articles and Essays**

“Monasticism in Early Modern Europe: (3) Italy and Spain,” in *Oxford Handbook of Christian Monasticism*, ed. Bernice Kaczynski (Oxford, forthcoming).

“Why Nuns Aren’t Funny,” *Sixteenth Century Journal*, vol. 50, no. 1 (spring 2019): 69-75.

“Family and Daily Life,” in *A Companion to the Spanish Renaissance*, ed. Hilaire Kalendorf (Brill, 2019): 143-157.

“Uneven Conversions: How Did Laywomen Become Nuns in the Early Modern World?,” in *Conversions: Gender and Religious Change in Early Modern Europe*, ed. Simon Ditchfield and Helen Smith (Manchester University Press, 2017): 127-143.

“Baby Jesus in a Box: Commerce and Enclosure in an Early Modern Convent,” in *Mapping Gendered Routes and Spaces in the Early Modern World*, ed. Merry Wiesner-Hanks (Ashgate, 2015): 203-211.

“Convent, Spain,” in *Lexicon of the Hispanic Baroque: Transatlantic Exchange and Transformation*, ed. Evonne Levy and Kenneth Mills (Texas, 2013), 91-93.

“The Permeable Cloister,” in *Ashgate Companion to Women and Gender in Early Modern Europe*, ed. Allyson Poska, Katherine McIver, and Jane Couchman (Ashgate, 2013), 13-31.

“Gender, the State, and Episcopal Authority: the Case of Bishops Talavera and Fox,” *Journal of Medieval and Early Modern Studies*, vol. 42, no. 3 (spring 2012): 615-34.

- “Ideal Men: Masculinity and Decline in Seventeenth-Century Spain,” *Renaissance Quarterly* 61:2 (2008): 463-91.
- “The Queen at War: Shared Sovereignty and Gender in Representations of the Granada Campaign,” in *Queen Isabel I of Castile: Power, Patronage, and Persona*, ed. Barbara Weissberger (Tamesis, 2008), 108-119.
- “Sacred and Secular Spheres: Religious Women in Golden Age Spain,” *History Compass* (peer-reviewed online journal) vol. 3 (March 2005).
- “The Gender of Shared Sovereignty: Texts and the Royal Marriage of Isabel and Ferdinand,” in *Constructing Gender: Women & Text in the Early Modern Spanish World*, ed. Marta Vicente and Luis Corteguera (Ashgate Press, 2003), 37-55.
- “Spatial Discipline and Its Limits: Nuns and the Built Environment in Early-Modern Spain,” in *Gender, Architecture & Power in Early Modern Europe*, ed. Helen Hills (Ashgate Press, 2003), 131-149.
- “Gender, Order, and the Meaning of Monasticism during the Spanish Catholic Reformation,” *Archive for Reformation History* 93 (2002): 145-171.
- “Redefining Expectations: Women and the Church in Early Modern Spain, (co-author with Allyson Poska) in *Gender and Religion in the Old and New Worlds*, eds. Susan Dinan and Debra Meyers (Routledge Press, 2001): 21-42.
- “Ruling Sexuality: the Political Legitimacy of Isabel of Castile,” *Renaissance Quarterly* 53: 1 (Spring 2000): 31-56.
- “Convents as Litigants: Dowry and Inheritance Disputes in Early-Modern Spain,” *Journal of Social History* 33, no. 3 (March 2000): 643-662.
- “Discipline, Vocation, and Patronage: Spanish Religious Women in a Tridentine Micro-Climate,” *Sixteenth Century Journal*, 30: 4 (winter 1999): 1009-1030.

### **Invited Presentations**

- “Uneven Conversions: How Did Laywomen Become Nuns in the Early Modern World?,” invited presentation as part of the Gender and Conversion/Conversion Narratives project at the University of York, York, England July 26-27, 2013
- “Baby Jesus in a Box: Commerce, Convents, and Material Culture,” plenary presentation, Attending to Early Modern Women, Milwaukee, WI, June 21-23, 2012
- “Una rústica simplicidad: San Isidro, Masculinity, and the Spanish Court,” Early Modern Masculinities, an Interdisciplinary Roundtable, SUNY Buffalo, February 24, 2012
- “Ideal Men: Masculinity and Decline in Seventeenth-Century Spain,” presented at the Hall Center for the Humanities, University of Kansas, April 17, 2006

"The Queen's War: Gender and the Granadan Campaign," presented at "Questioning the Queen: Isabel I of Castile 500 Years Later", University of Minnesota, May 2004

### **Honors and Awards**

Cleveland State University Faculty Scholarship Initiative Award (2011)

NEH Summer Institute for College and University Teachers: "A Literature of Their Own Women Writing, Venice, London, Madrid, Paris, 1550-1750" (2005)

Grant from the Program for Cultural Cooperation Between Spain's Ministry of Culture and United States Universities (2001)

Enhancing Full-Time Faculty Research Development (EFFRD), Graduate College, Cleveland State University (2001)

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend (1997)

Grant for research from the Program for Cultural Cooperation Between Spain's Ministry of Culture and United State's Universities (1997)

American Historical Association, Bernadotte E. Schmitt Research Grant for Research in Europe, Africa, and Asia (1996)

### **Conference Papers (select, 2008-2015)**

Workshop organizer and participant: "Beyond the Permeable Cloister: To What Extent Did Enclosure Define Female Monasticism in Early Modern Europe?," Sixteenth Century Society Conference, Vancouver, CA, October 22-25, 2015

"Male Outsiders: the Agents of Female Monastic Reform in Transregional Perspective," Conference on Early Modern Religious: Comparative Contexts, Newberry Library, Chicago, IL, March 21-23, 2013

Roundtable on the Tuning Project, American Historical Association, New Orleans, LA, January 3-6, 2013

"Convents in the Iberian World: Lessons in Cross-Pollination," Sixteenth Century Society Conference, Cincinnati, OH, October 24-28, 2012

"Convents," Roundtable on Women and Religion, Sixteenth Century Society Conference, Fort Worth, TX, October 27-30, 2011

"Under a Bishop's Care: The Reform of Female Monasticism in Spain and England, 1490-1520," Sixteenth Century Society Conference, Montreal, Canada, October 14-17, 2010

"Women, Political Discourse, and Masculinity in Seventeenth-Century Spain," Sixteenth Century Society Conference, St. Louis, MO, October 23-26, 2008

“Foolish Women and Noble Men”: Gender and the Flagellant Movement in Fourteenth-Century Europe,” 14<sup>th</sup> Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Minneapolis, MN, June 2008

### **Previous Academic Work Experience**

Associate Professor, Cleveland State University, History Department, August 2001-August 2009

Director of Undergraduate Studies, History Department, July 2003-September 2006

Assistant Professor, Cleveland State University, History Department, May 1996-July 2001

Instructor, Cleveland State University, History Department, September 1995-April 1996

### **Languages**

Spanish: speaking and reading knowledge

French: reading knowledge

### **Teaching Areas**

Medieval and Early Modern Women

Medieval and Golden-Age Spain

Social History of the Black Death

Renaissance and Reformation Europe

Western Civilization

### **Book Reviews (select, 2008-2017)**

Shifra Armon, *Masculine Virtue in Early Modern Spain*, *Bulletin of Hispanic Studies*, vol. 94 (2017): 116.

*Mother Juana de la Cruz, 1481-1534: Visionary Sermons*, edited by Jessica Boon and Ronald E. Surtz, *Catholic Historical Review*, vol. 103, no. 3 (summer 2017): 582-583.

Mirzam C. Pérez *The Comedia of Virginity: Mary and the Politics of Seventeenth-Century Spanish Theater*, *Hispanic American Historical Review*, vol. 94, no. 2 (May 2014): 316-318.

Anne J. Cruz and Rosilie Hernández, eds., *Women's Literacy in Early Modern Spain and the New World*, *The English Historical Review*, vol. 128, no. 532 (June 2013): 677-9.

Sarah E. Owens, ed. and trans., *Journey of Five Capuchin Nuns*, *Catholic Historical Review*, vol. 97, no. 2 (April 2011): 375-6.

Anne J. Cruz and Mihoko Suzuki, eds., *The Rule of Women in Early Modern Europe*, *Renaissance Quarterly*, vol. 63, no. 1 (Summer 2010): 194-6.

Angela Atienza, *Tiempos de conventos: una historia social de las fundaciones en la España moderna*, *Journal of Ecclesiastical History*, vol. 61, no. 1 (January 2010): 185-6.

Nuria Silleras-Fernandez, *Power, Piety and Patronage in Late Medieval Queenship: María de Luna*, *Canadian Journal of History*, vol. 44, no. 2 (Autumn 2009): 294-5.

Richard J. Pym, *The Gypsies of Early Modern Spain, 1425-1783*, *American Historical Review*, vol. 113, no. 3 (June 2008): 913.

### **Professional Memberships**

American Historical Association, Sixteenth Century Society, Society for the Study of Early Modern Women, Renaissance Society of America

### **Professional Service**

- External consultant, Program Review of Department of History
  - Lawrence University (2019)
  - Grand Valley State University (2015)
- Executive Committee, Society for the Study of Early Modern Women and Gender, 2019-
- Board of Advisors, *Early Modern Women: an Interdisciplinary Journal*, 2005-
- History Advisory Council, Department of History, Geography, and Political Science, Lourdes University (2015- )
- Promotion and Tenure Reviews: Appalachian State University, Seattle University, SUNY New Paltz, University of Northern British Columbia, University of Kentucky, Bishop's University (Toronto); Tennessee Technological University, University of Colorado-Colorado Springs, University of Alaska-Anchorage, Loyola Marymount University
- Reader, ACLS/Mellon Dissertation Completion Fellowships (2017, 2018)
- Reader of book and article manuscripts for University of Nebraska Press, Palgrave, Cambridge University Press, Ashgate Press, Routledge Press, Pennsylvania State University Press, *Sixteenth Century Journal*, *Renaissance and Reformation*, *Women's History Review*, *Journal of Social History*, *Journal of Family History*, *Journal of Women's History*, *Catholic Historical Review*
- Sixteenth Century Studies Society, Program Committee, fall 2006-fall 2012
- Executive Committee, Society for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies, 2008-2010
- Sixteenth Century Studies Society, Bainton Book Prize Committee, 2006, 2008, 2009
- Reader, Advanced Placement European History Examination, 2006, 2007
- Reviewer, Advanced Placement European History Course Audit, 2007, 2011
- Awards Committee, Society for the Study of Early Modern Women, 2006-2008
- Nominating Committee, Society for the Study of Early Modern Women, 2003-2005

- Invited reviewer for the Austrian Science Foundation
- Panelist for the review of applications to the National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend Program, 1999, 2000, 2003
- Nominating Committee, Society for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies, 1999-2002

## **University Service**

### *University*

Search Committee, Director of Center for Faculty Excellence

Chair, 2016

Faculty Senate, 2004-2008, 2013-2014

President's Committee on Student Retention

Chair, 2006-2007

Vice Provost Search Advisory Committee, 2004-2005

University Professional Leaves Advisory Committee, 2004-2008

Task Force on General Education, 2005-2007

University Curriculum Committee, 2002-2006

Ad-Hoc Committee for a Women's Studies Major, 1996-2000

### *College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences*

Committee on Curriculum and Instruction, 2004-2008, 2011-13

Chair, 2004-2006, 2012-13

Associate Dean Search Committee, 2011

Academic Standards Committee, 2009-2011

Dean's Search Advisory Committee, 2004-2005

### *College of Arts and Sciences (split into two colleges in 2004)*

Faculty Enrichment Advisory Committee, 2001-2003

Cultural Crossings Lecture Series, 1999-2004

Director: 2001-2003

Curriculum Committee, 2000-2002

Faculty Affairs Committee, 1998- 2000

Committee on Professional Leaves, 1996- 1998

### *History Department*

#### • Standing committees

Social Studies Steering Committee, 2002-2004

Advisory Committee, 1998-2008

Committee on Social History and the City, 1995-2002, 2004-2008

Graduate Advisory Committee, 1998-2004

Colloquia Committee, 1996-2001

Curriculum Committee, 1995-1998, 2001-2002, 2004-

Chair, 2005-2006

#### • Search committees

Search Committee, Classical and Medieval Studies position, 2008

Search Committee, Sub-Saharan African History, 2005

Chair

Search Committee, 19<sup>th</sup> Century US History, 2001

Co-chair

Search Committee, US History/Social Studies, 2000

Search Committee, US and European Surveys, 1999

Chair

Search Committee, Ancient or Medieval History, 1999

Search Committee, Survey Courses, 1997

Search Committee, African History, 1996

• **Other**

Library Coordinator, 2008

Recording Secretary, 1996-1998