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## EDUCATION

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- Ph.D. History of Science: University of Wisconsin – Madison, 2006  
Ph.D. Minor: History, with a focus on pre-modern European religious history  
M.A. History of Science: University of Wisconsin – Madison, 1998  
B.A. History and Chemistry: Swarthmore College, Swarthmore PA, 1996

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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- 2012 – present Associate Teaching Professor of History, History and Politics Department, Drexel University  
2006 – 2012 Assistant Teaching Professor of History, History and Politics Department, Drexel University  
2005 Associate Lecturer, History of Science Department, University of Wisconsin – Madison

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Books

- in preparation *Spiritual Medicine: The Practice of Exorcism in Early Modern Europe*  
2011 *Witchcraft and Inquisition in Early Modern Venice*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

### Chapters and articles

- in preparation “Interconnected inquisitors: Circulation and networks among early modern tribunals” for planned edited volume  
expected 2015 “In Defense of Exorcism,” in *The Science of the Supernatural in Early Modern Europe*, ed. Kathryn A. Edwards. New York: Palgrave MacMillan. (submitted for publication)  
2009 ““The Root is Hidden and the Material Uncertain”: The Challenges of Prosecuting Witchcraft in Early Modern Venice,” *Renaissance Quarterly* vol. 62, pp. 102-133.  
2007 “Foreword” to *Origins of Scientific Learning: Essays on Culture and Knowledge in Early Modern Europe*. Lewiston, N.Y.: Mellen Press.

### Encyclopedia entries

- 2010 “Aristotelismo” in *Dizionario storico dell’Inquisizione*, ed. Adriano Prosperi in collaboration with Vincenzo Lavenia and John Tedeschi. Pisa: Scuola Normale Superiore.  
2010 “Pierre Gassendi” in *Dizionario storico dell’Inquisizione*, ed. Adriano Prosperi in collaboration with Vincenzo Lavenia and John Tedeschi. Pisa: Scuola Normale Superiore.

**Book reviews**

- 2014 Review of Thomas F. Mayer, *The Roman Inquisition: A Papal Bureaucracy and Its Laws in the Age of Galileo* for the *Journal of Jesuit Studies* vol. 1 (2014): 133-135
- 2014 Review of Jane L. Stevens Crawshaw. *Plague Hospitals: Public Health for the City in Early Modern Venice* for the *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences* vol. 69 (2014): 327-329
- 2013 Review of James Shaw and Evelyn Welch, *Making and Marketing Medicine in Renaissance Florence* for the *Canadian Bulletin of Medical History* vol. 30, pp. 233-234
- 2013 Review of Federico Barbierato, *The Inquisitor in the Hat Shop: Inquisition, Forbidden Books, and Unbelief in Early Modern Venice* for *Renaissance Quarterly* vol. 66 (2013) pp. 300-302
- 2012 Review of Maria Pia Donato and Jill Krayer, eds., *Conflicting Duties: Science, Medicine and Religion in Rome, 1550-1750* for *Isis* vol. 103 (2012) pp. 401-402
- 2010 Review of Christopher Mackay, *The Hammer of Witches: A Complete Translation of the Malleus Maleficarum* for *Isis* vol. 101 pp. 870-871
- 2010 Review of Umberto Mazzone and Claudia Pancino, eds., *Sortilegi Amorososi, Materassi a Nolo e Pignattini: Processi Inquisitoriali del XVII Secolo fra Bologna e il Salento* for *Gender and History* vol. 22 (2010) pp. 217-218
- 2006 Review of Leonardo Garzoni's *Trattati della Calamita* (Monica Ugaglia, ed.) for *Renaissance Quarterly* vol. 59 (2006) pp. 1280-1281
- 2005 Review of Thomas Madden, *Enrico Dandolo and the Rise of Venice* for *The Sixteenth Century Journal* vol. 36 (2005) pp. 869-70
- 2004 Review of Jürgen Renn, ed., *Galileo in Context* for H-Italy/H-Net.org (June 2004)

**AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS**

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- 2014 Drexel University International Travel Award
- 2013 – 2014 Gladys Kriebel Delmas Grant for Independent Research on Venetian History and Culture
- 2011 College of Arts and Sciences Humanities Fellowship Program (college-funded program that matches undergraduate fellows with faculty research projects chosen in a college-wide competition)
- 2009 – 2010 American Historical Association Schmitt Grant
- 2008 Nominated by university for National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend
- 2008 Drexel University International Travel Award
- 2004 John Neu Wisconsin Distinguished Graduate Fellowship
- 2004 Graduate Student Council Travel Grant (declined)
- 2003 – 2004 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship
- 2003 University Fellowship
- 2002 – 2003 National Science Foundation Dissertation Research Fellowship
- 2001 – 2002 Gladys Kriebel Delmas Foundation Fellowship
- 1999 – 2000 Vilas Graduate Fellowship

**PRESENTATIONS**

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**Invited presentations**

- 2013 “The Friar who Heals: Witchcraft, Possession, and Exorcism in Early Modern Europe,” Medieval, Renaissance, and Reformation Studies program, St. Joseph’s University (Philadelphia)

- 2013 “The Exorcist as Expert,” University of Southern California – Huntington Library Early Modern Studies Institute conference “Proving the Supernatural: Belief and Nature in Early Modern Europe” (San Marino, Cal.)
- 2013 “The Science of Divination,” Philadelphia Science Festival (Philadelphia)
- 2011 “The Science of Demonology,” Science on Tap public lecture series (Philadelphia)
- 2011 “Scenes from Science Past” panel participant, Philadelphia Science Festival (Philadelphia)
- 2010 “Inquiring After Witchcraft: Medicine, Science and the Supernatural in Early Modern Venice,” Philadelphia Area Center for History of Science Regional Colloquium (Philadelphia)
- 2005 “The Body and the Supernatural: Bewitchment and Miracles in Early Modern Venice,” University of Wisconsin Center for Early Modern Studies Workshop on the Early Modern Body (Madison)
- 2003 “My Fatal Valentine: Magic for Love and Death in Early Modern Venice,” University of Wisconsin History of Science Brown-bag Series (Madison)

### **Conference presentations**

- 2014 “‘Because I go about exorcizing here and there’: Exorcism and authority in early modern Italy.” *Scientiae* 2014 (Vienna)
- 2013 “In Defense of Exorcism,” Sixteenth Century Society Conference (San Juan, P.R.)
- 2009 “Franciscans at the Boundaries of the Natural and the Permissible in Early Modern Venice,” History of Science Society annual meeting (Phoenix)
- 2008 “Clerical Cures: Demonic Causation and Naturalistic Treatments in Exorcist Theory and Practice,” Devil in Society in the Pre-Modern World conference, Centre for Reformation and Renaissance Studies, University of Toronto (Toronto)
- 2008 “Two-faced Physicians: Witchcraft and Medical Testimony in the Early Modern Era,” American Association for the History of Medicine annual meeting (Rochester, N.Y.)
- 2008 “Exorcists, Physicians and Wise Women: Evaluating Expertise in Venetian Witchcraft Trials,” First International Conference on Inquisition Studies (Springfield, Mo.)
- 2005 “*Medicamenti spirituali?*: Healing Clerics in Early Modern Italy,” Sixteenth Century Studies Conference (Atlanta)
- 2004 “Science in the Holy Office: The Inquisition and Views of Nature in Early Modern Venice,” History of Science Society annual meeting (Austin, Texas, November 2004)
- 2004 “Witches, Exorcists, and Bewitchments in the Bedclothes: Discerning the Natural from the Supernatural in Early Modern Venice,” Sixteenth Century Studies Conference (Toronto)
- 2004 “‘I truly believe that she was bewitched’: Determining the Nature of the Supernatural in the Witchcraft Trials of Early Modern Venice,” Newberry Library Graduate Student Conference (Chicago)

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

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- Themes in World Civilization I (to 1200)
- Themes in World Civilization II (1200 – 1815)
- Venice and the Mediterranean from the Middle Ages to Napoleon
- The Reformation
- The Study of History (historiography and theory)
- Junior Seminar (research methods)
- Galileo in Italy (travel-integrated course)

The Scientific Revolution  
Religion and Science in History  
Technology in Historical Perspective  
Ancient and Medieval Science  
The Historiography of Science (graduate seminar)

## **SERVICE**

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### **Profession**

Co-convener, Early Sciences Working Group, Philadelphia Area Center for History of Science (2012 – 2013)  
Reviewer for Philadelphia Area Center for History of Science fellowship program (2011 – 2013)  
Session chair, “Observation and Experiment in the Early Modern Period,” History of Science Society annual meeting (Vancouver, B.C., 2006)

### **History and Politics Department, Drexel University**

Director of Undergraduate Studies (2011 – present)  
Curriculum Committee (2011 – present)  
Lorantas Scholarship in World History Committee (2007 – present)  
Chair, Dr. Jonson Miller Promotion Committee (2012 – 2013)  
Science, Technology, and Society Program Advisory Committee (2011 – 2012)

### **College of Arts and Science and Drexel University**

College of Arts and Sciences Assessment Steering Committee (2011 – present)  
Judge for University Research Day (2011 – present)  
Reviewer for Drexel Publishing Group student essay contest (2007 – present)

### **University of Wisconsin – Madison**

Co-organizer, interdisciplinary Mellon Foundation Workshop on “Power and Machines in the Early Modern Period” (2005 – 2006)

## **LANGUAGES**

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Italian (reading and conversational speaking knowledge)  
French (reading and conversational speaking knowledge)  
Latin (reading knowledge)

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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Renaissance Society of America  
History of Science Society  
Sixteenth Century Society and Conference