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# ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Georgia	Professor of History, Graduate Faculty, 2021 to present Associate Professor of History, Graduate Faculty, 2017-2021 Assistant Professor of History, Graduate Faculty, 2012-2017
Stanford University	Andrew W. Mellon Fellow in the Humanities, 2011-2012
EDUCATION	
Princeton University	Ph.D. in History, 2011 (advisor: Peter Brown) M.A. in History, 2007
University of Colorado	B.A. in History, <i>summa cum laude</i> , 2004 B.AMusic, high honors, 2004

# BOOKS

Legions of Pigs in the Early Medieval West, Yale Agrarian Studies Series (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2020)

The Social Life of Hagiography in the Merovingian Kingdom, Cambridge Studies in Medieval Life and Thought, 4th ser. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014)

# BOOKS IN PROGRESS

Battles of the Brain (under contract with Liveright/Norton)

*How to Focus: A Monk's Advice for an Age of Distraction* (a translation of selections from John Cassian's *Collationes*, under contract with Princeton University Press, in the series Ancient Wisdom for Modern Readers)

# Edited Volume

Motions of Late Antiquity: Essays on Religion, Politics, and Society in Honour of Peter Brown, ed. with Helmut Reimitz, Cultural Encounters in Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages 20 (Turnhout: Brepols, 2016)

## JOURNAL ARTICLES

"Agricultural Brokers," Early Medieval Europe 28, no. 3 (2020): 425-43

Co-author with Merle Eisenberg, David J. Patterson, Ellen F. Arnold, and Timothy P. Newfield, "The Environmental History of the Late Antique West: A Bibliographic Essay," *Journal of Late Antique Archaeology* 11 (2018): 31-50

"Pigs in the Flesh and Fisc: An Early Medieval Ecology," Past & Present 236 (2017): 3-42

"Autopsies and Philosophies of a Merovingian Life: Death, Responsibility, Salvation," *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 22 (2014): 113-52

"About the Bishop: The Episcopal Entourage and the Economy of Government in Post-Roman Gaul," *Speculum* 86 (2011): 321-360

# VOLUME CONTRIBUTIONS

"Merovingian Hagiography," in Oxford Handbook of the Merovingian World, ed. Bonnie Effros and Isabel Moreira (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2020), 508-530

"Gaul's Insiders: Hagiography and Entitlement," in *Hagiography and the History of Latin Christendom*, 500-1500, ed. Samantha Kahn Herrick and Paul Antony Hayward (Leiden: Brill, 2020), 211-31

"A Generic Mediterranean: Hagiography in the Early Middle Ages," in *East and West in the Early Middle Ages: The Merovingian Kingdoms in Mediterranean Perspective*, ed. Stefan Esders, Yitzhak Hen, Laury Sarti, and Yaniv Fox (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2019), 202-17

"Romanness in Merovingian Hagiography: A Case Study in Class and Political Culture," in *Transformations of Romanness in the Early Middle Ages: Regions and Identities*, ed. Walter Pohl, Clemens Gantner, Cinzia Grifoni, and Marianne Pollheimer-Mohaupt, Millennium-Studien (Berlin: De Gruyter, 2018), 309-23

#### **REVIEW ESSAYS AND COMMENTS**

"Our Pigs, Ourselves," *Historical Studies in the Natural Sciences* (forthcoming), review essay of J. L. Anderson, *Capitalist Pigs*; Alex Blanchette, *Porkopolis*; Thomas Fleischman, *Communist Pigs*; Tiago Saraiva, *Fascist Pigs* 

Co-author with Henry Cowles, "Another Claim for Cognitive History," *Behavioral and Brain Sciences* 43 (2020), doi: 10.1017/S0140525X19001547, comment on Falk Lieder and Thomas L. Griffiths, "Resource-Rational Analysis: Understanding Human Cognition as the Optimal Use of Limited Computational Resources"

Co-author with Henry Cowles, "A Claim for Cognitive History," *Behavioral and Brain Sciences* 42 (2019), doi: 10.1017/S0140525X19000256, comment on Nicolas Baumard, "Psychological Origins of the Industrial Revolution"

#### MAJOR AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

George Perkins Marsh Prize, American Society for Environmental History, 2021 (best book in environmental history)

William Koren, Jr. Prize, Society for French Historical Studies, 2018 (most outstanding article on any period of French history)

Wayne D. Rasmussen Award, Agricultural History Society, 2018 (best article on agricultural history published outside of *Agricultural History*)

Member, Institute for Advanced Study, Mellon Fellowship for Assistant Professors, 2017-2018

Declined 2017-2018: Stanford Humanities Center External Faculty Fellowship, Yale Program in Agrarian Studies Postdoctoral Fellowship, National Humanities Center Fellowship

Michael F. Adams Early Career Scholar Award, University of Georgia, 2017 (for outstanding accomplishment and evidence of potential future success by an early career faculty member in the arts and humanities)

Van Courtlandt Elliott Prize, Medieval Academy of America, 2013 (outstanding first article in the field of medieval studies)

Mrs. Giles Whiting Foundation Fellowship in the Humanities, Princeton University, 2009-2010

COURSES TAUGHT

freshman-year Odyssey

Medieval Mind Games

surveys

A History of Western Civilization to 1500 The Middle Ages Christianity and Society from Constantine to Luther

undergraduate seminars

The Animal and the Human in the Middle Ages Economy and Society before Capitalism The Medieval Mind: Cognition, Media Culture, Ethics Saints in the Middle Ages The Barbarian Kingdoms (senior thesis seminar / HIST 4990)

graduate seminar

Theory and Practice of History

## INVITED LECTURES (PAST FIVE YEARS)

"From the Mud to the Cosmos: Pigs in the Early Medieval West," Loyola University Chicago, Medieval Studies Lecture Series, February 2021 [pandemic = virtual]

"Pig History and Big History," Institute of Historical Research (London), Earlier Middle Ages Seminar, December 2020 [pandemic = virtual]

"Pig Work in the Early Middle Ages," University of Toronto, Labour and Humanities Seminar, December 2019

"The Hoof of Destiny," University of Michigan, Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies Lecture, April 2019

"The Secret Life of Swineherds," Yale University, April 2018

"A Singular and Plural Beast," New York University, Medieval and Renaissance Center Distinguished Lecture Series, February 2018

"Domesticating Pigs and People in the Early Middle Ages," Northern Illinois University, April 2017

# RECENT PRESENTATIONS (PAST FIVE YEARS)

Panelist, The Place of Merovingian Studies in the Global Middle Ages: A Round Table Discussion, International Medieval Congress at Leeds, July 2019

"Ecologies of Pork," Medieval Academy of America annual meeting, March 2018

"Pig Partnerships and Identities in the Early Middle Ages," Princeton University, Program in Medieval Studies Works in Progress, March 2018

"When to Eat a Pig in the Early Middle Ages," University of Liverpool, November 2017

"Diet and Difference in Gaul," Inclusion and Exclusion in the Early Middle Ages, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, November 2016

"Merovingian Colors in the Spiritual Meadow," International Medieval Congress at Leeds, July 2016

## RECENT NONACADEMIC PIECES (PAST FIVE YEARS)

"Pigs at Work," Yale University Press Blog, 22 October 2020, http://blog.yalebooks.com/2020/10/22/pigs-at-work/

"How to Reduce Digital Distractions: Advice from Medieval Monks," *Aeon*, April 2019, https://aeon.co/ideas/how-to-reduce-digital-distractions-advice-from-medieval-monks

"The Pig[er] Picture," Past & Present Blog, 4 August 2017, http://pastandpresent.org.uk/the-pigerpicture/

"Kidding / Not Kidding: A Medieval Sense of Humour," *BBC History Extra*, 23 March 2016, http://www.historyextra.com/article/feature/kiddingnot-kidding-medieval-sense-humour

# SELECT RECENT SERVICE

Department Head, 2019 to present

Director of Undergraduate Studies, 2015-2017, 2018 -2019

Member of Dirty History, an interdisciplinary workshop in agriculture, environment, and capitalism

Manuscript review: Agricultural History Review, Archaeological Journal, Brepols, Cambridge University Press, Comparative Studies in History and Society, Early Medieval Europe, Journal of Late Antiquity, Journal of Religious History, Oxford University Press, Speculum

Creator and organizer of Lunchtime Time Machine, the Department of History's undergraduate lecture series, 2014-2019