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Education

Ph.D. 2004 (December)

University of California, Santa Barbara

Dissertation: "Messianic Expectations and Collective Myth Formation: Prophecy, Society and Imagination in Early Modern Europe"

Areas of Concentration: Europe, Iberia, Latin America

MA 1994 (December)

University of New Mexico

Major/Minor: Europe/Latin America/Asia

BA 1993 (January)

University of New Mexico

Major/Minor: History/Anthropology

Teaching Experience

(2008 to present): Sul Ross State University, Assistant Professor of History.

(2007-2008): Chadron State College, Assistant Professor of History

(2006-2007): Sul Ross State University—Rio Grande College (Uvalde), Assistant Professor of European History.

(2005-2006) Southwestern College, Cuyamaca College: Western Civilization; U.S. Instructor.

(2005-2006) American Intercontinental University online Instructor: Latin American Humanities.

(2002-2005) Georgia College (Atlanta): Contract introductory courses in American and European history.

(1996-2001) Teaching Assistant at the University of California, Santa Barbara: Western Civilization, U.S. History and Latin America

Selected Professional Papers/Conferences

“Scripting Heresy,” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies, April 23-26, 2009, Kansas City, MO.

“Primary Sources for the Classroom: Considering Gender and Race in Colonial Brazil.” Paper presented at the International Conference of the Latin American Studies Association, Sept. 5-8, 2007, Montreal, Canada.

“Muslim Household and Small Holders in Southern Portugal, 900-1200” Paper presented at the International Luso-Muslim Association Conference, July 8-11, 2005, Strasbourg, Austria.

“Bento de Jesus: A Luso-African Mystic and his Theology.” Paper presented at the meeting of the Society for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies, April 13-16, 2003, Athens, Georgia.

“The Revival and Restoration of a Saint: “Inquisition, Art and Iconography in Early Modern Portugal.” Paper presented at the international conference, “Crossing Boundaries: Europe Arrives in the New World” May 26-29, Salvador, Bahia, Brazil.

“The ‘Underground Railroad’ of New Christians in Portugal and Spain: Seventeenth-Century Communal Resistance to Inquisitorial Authority” Paper presented at the meeting of the Society for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies, April 23-26, 2000, New York.

“A Messianic and Utopian Vision and Its Artistic Renditions during the Restoration in Portugal, 1640-1668.” Paper presented at the conference, “Discovery, New Frontiers and Expansion in the Iberian World.” May 27-29, 1998, Lisbon, Portugal.

“Maria de Jesus: A Popular Mystic of Portugal and Brazil.” Paper presented at the conference, “The Evolution of the Portuguese Atlantic and the Sea Route to India: Quincentenary Reflections, 1498-1998,” May 14-16, 1998, Charleston, South Carolina.

“Healer to the King: The Prophecies and Cures of Domingos de Madre de Deus at the Royal Court of Portugal.” Paper presented at the conference, “António Vieira and the Baroque.” November, 6-9, 1997, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut.

“A Question of Authority: The Inquisition and the City of Porto in Portugal, 1618-1620.” Paper presented at the meeting of the Society for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies Association, May 6-8, 1995, Tucson, Arizona.

Select Publications

“Messianic Prophecy during the Restoration of the Portuguese Crown, 1640-1668: The Prophetic Contributions of Bartolomeu Vaz Pinho (O Azul).” *Mediterranean Studies* 18 (2009).

“Maria de Jesus: A Seventeenth-Century Female Visionary of Portugal and Brazil.” *Portuguese Studies Review* 14.2 (Spring; 2009): 15-44.

“Prophecy and the Devil in the Court of João IV.” *Proceedings of the International Conference at Yale University: António Vieira and the Baroque*. (Yale University Press, 2005): 24-57.

Professional Memberships

American Historical Association
Society for the Study of Historical Archaeology
Luso-Muslim Studies Society
Mediterranean Studies Association
Luso-African Studies Association
Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies Society
Conference on Latin American History
Latin American Studies Association

Awards

Summer 2008: Three month fellowship/lecturer at the national library in Lisbon, Portugal.
Spring 2004: Post-doctoral grants for research in Brazil from the Luso-American Foundation and Gulbenkian Foundation.
Fall 1999: Interdisciplinary Humanities Fellowship.
Spring 1999: Graduate Division Dissertation Fellowship.
1997/1998: Doctoral Candidacy Fellowship and Departmental Dissertation Fellowship.
Best Instructor Award 1998/99.
Summer/Fall 1997: History Associate’s Fellowship.
1996/1997: Research Fellowships from the Luso-American foundation and the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation.
Summer 1995: Pre-Dissertation Research Fellowship from Luso-American Foundation.

Current and Future Research

“The African Messiah: Race and Religious Resistance in the Early Modern Atlantic World.” Article submitted for publication.

“Municipal Resistance to Inquisitorial Authority in Seventeenth-Century Portugal.” Article submitted for publication.

“The Many Faces of Mario do Lado: The Transformation of the Reputation, Spirituality, and Religious Ideology of a Female Mystic, 1612-2000” Monograph. Research complete. Second and fourth chapters drafted.

“The Shepherdess of God: Female Mystics, Confessors and Inquisitors in the Early Modern Atlantic World.” Monograph. Research completed, three chapters drafted.

Research Languages

Primary languages include Portuguese, Spanish, French, Latin, and Italian.