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Education

- Ph.D. History, University of Michigan, 1996
- M.A. History, University of Michigan, 1989
- M.A. International Relations, The Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (S.A.I.S.), 1985
- B.A. History, Trinity College (Hartford, CT), 1983

Teaching

- Associate Professor, University of Georgia, 2021-present
- Assistant Professor, University of Georgia, 2015-2021
- Lecturer, University of Georgia, 2006-2015
- Instructor, University of Georgia, 2000-2006
- Instructor, Roosevelt University, 1999-2000
- Instructor, Loyola University of Chicago, 1998-2000
- Visiting Assistant Professor of History, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, 1996-98.

Teaching Honors and Awards

- University of Georgia, Franklin College Sandy Beaver Excellence in Teaching Award, 2025.
- Department of History's Gregory Award for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Education, 2019.
- UGA Special Collections Libraries Teaching Fellow, 2017-18.
- University of Georgia, Franklin College Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, 2015.
- University of Georgia Honors Program, J. Hatten Howard III Award, 2014.

Teaching Supervision

CURO projects: Arthur Shockley, 2005-6; Noah Koon, 2008-9; Danielle Berke, 2009; Kelsey Walsh, 2009-10; Emily Elmore, 2010; Kayci Schoon, 2011; Caitlin Heaton, 2011-12; Park McDougald, 2012-13; Adriana Del Valle, 2012-13; Leah Abigail Scott, 2015-2016; Zoe Condon, 2015-2016; Robert Schaaf, 2016-2017; Max Harris, 2020.

Independent Study: Justin Lynch, 2016; Sydney Farmer, 2023; Katie Leslie, 2025.

M.A. Thesis Advisor: Gordon Purcell, 2016-2020; Christopher Bowers, M.A. student, 2018-2020; Liana Giannopoulos, 2025-

M.A. & Ph.D. Committee Member: Alexander Stephens, 2015-2016; Alexander Nordlund, 2017-2019; April Smith, 2015-2020; Kaitlin Dotson, 2019-2020; Austin Coke, 2023-2024; Rory Oates, 2023-2024; Ben Roy, 2023-2025.

Selected Research Grants

(with Sarah Shannon, University of Georgia), Franklin College of Arts & Sciences Multidisciplinary Seed Grant Program, Innovation in Interdisciplinary Instruction (I-Cubed) Award, 2025.

University of Georgia Willson Center for Arts & Humanities Fellowship, 2024.

(with Sarah Shannon, University of Georgia), Fairchild-Holcomb Award for Innovation in the Humanities, 2024.

(with Charles Forsdick, University of Liverpool), University of Georgia and University of Liverpool, Program to Advance Funded Collaboration in the Social Sciences, Awarded April 2023

(with Barry Godfrey, University of Liverpool; and Heather Ann Thompson, University of Michigan), National Endowment of the Humanities, Digital Humanities Advancement Grant, Level I, Historical Profiles of American Incarceration. Awarded Dec. 2018.

Trinity College Research Grant in Modern Italian History. Awarded April 2018.

University of Georgia Willson Center for Arts & Humanities Fellowship, 2015.

NEH Summer Seminar: *Italy in the Age of the Risorgimento* (John A. Davis and David I. Kertzer), Rome, 2013.

Selected Academic Honors and Awards

Fondazione dell'Associazione Culturale Alessandro Poerio, Naples, Italy, Premio Poerio-Imbriani, 2021.

Society for Italian Historical Studies, Marraro Prize for the best book on Italian history, 2015.

American Association of Italian Studies, award for the best book on 18th- or 19th-century Italy, 2014.

Selected Publications

Building a Civil Society: Associations, Public Life, and the Origins of Modern Italy. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2013.

"Scattered friends and collected memories: The unpublished letters of fellow prisoners to Sigismondo Castromediano," in *Metodo e passione: Studi sulla modernità letteraria in onore di Antonio Lucio Giannone*, a cura di Giuseppe Bonifacino, Simone Giorgino, e Carlo Santoli. Naples: scuola di Pitagora, 2022.

"Southern Italian Prisoners on the Stage of International Politics," *Journal of Modern Italian Studies*, 25:2 (2020): 95-117.

"Mai dimenticare: Gli elenchi dei nomi di patrioti nelle *Memorie di Sigismondo Castromediano*," in *Tra realtà storica e finzione letteraria: Studi su Sigismondo Castromediano*, a cura di Antonio Lucio Giannone. Lecce: Pensa, 2019.

Selected Professional Service

Member, George Mosse Prize Committee, American Historical Association, 2021-2023. Chair of the Committee, 2022-2023.

Member, Baker-Burton Award Committee, European History Section of the Southern Historical Association. 2017-2021.

University Service (at the University of Georgia)

History Department, Undergraduate Committee, 2020-present

Member, Faculty Senate, Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, 2016-present.

Member, Executive Committee, 2017-2020.

History Department, Policy Committee, 2017-2020.

Data Literacy Committee, 2018-present.