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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor, University of Louisville, Department of History, July 2015 – present

Visiting Assistant Professor, Georgetown University, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service and Department of History, 2013-2015

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Northwestern University, Department of History, 2013
Dissertation: “Reagan’s Gun-Toting Nuns: Catholicism and U.S.-Central America Relations”
Committee: Michael Sherry (chair), Michael Allen, Brodwyn Fischer, Robert Orsi, Andrew J. Rotter
- M.A. History, Northwestern University, 2008
- J.D. University of Pennsylvania Law School, 2004
- B.A. History (high honors), Colgate University, *magna cum laude*, *Phi Beta Kappa*, 1998

HISTORICAL PUBLICATIONS

- “Thirty-Five Years After Deaths of Cleveland Churchwomen in El Salvador, US. Policy Still Devalues Human Rights,” *Cleveland Plain-Dealer*, November 29, 2015,
http://www.cleveland.com/opinion/index.ssf/2015/11/thirty-five_years_after_deaths.html
- “Medellín is ‘Fantastic’: Early Drafts of the 1969 Rockefeller Report on the Catholic Church”
The Catholic Historical Review 101, no. 4 (Autumn 2015): 809-834
- “Reagan’s Real Catholics vs. Tip O’Neill’s Maryknoll Nuns: Gender, Intra-Catholic Conflict, and the Contras,” *Diplomatic History* 40, no. 3 (online July 2015/in print June 2016): 530-558

LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

“Landlord Sexual Assault and Rape of Tenants: Survey Findings and Advocacy Approaches,” 40 *Clearinghouse Review* 441 (Nov/Dec 2006)

“An Implied Warranty of Freedom from Sexual Harassment: The Solution for Harassed Tenants Where the Fair Housing Act Has Failed,” 38 *University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform* 397 (2005)

Comment, “Good Moral Character: Already an Unconstitutionally Vague Concept and Now Putting Bar Applicants in a Post 9/11 World on an Elevated Threat Level,” 6 *University of Pennsylvania Journal of Constitutional Law* 844 (2004)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Reagan’s Gun-Toting Nuns: Intra-Catholic Conflict and U.S.-Central America Relations

“Transnational Activism and U.S.-Central America Relations,” *A Companion to U.S. Foreign Policy, 1776-Present*, edited by Christopher R.W. Dietrich, Wiley Publishing

BOOK REVIEWS

“Ronald Reagan: The Man, the Politician, and the Conservative Movement” Doug Rossinow, *The Reagan Era: A History of the 1980s* and H. W. Brands, *Reagan: The Life, History: Reviews of New Books* 44, no 5. (2016): 129-132.

PRESS INTERVIEWS & COVERAGE

Dawn Araujo-Hawkins, “Historians, Educators, Archivists Gather at Conference on the History of Women Religious,” Global Sisters Report, June 30, 2016 – <http://globalsistersreport.org/news/trends/historians-educators-archivists-gather-conference-history-women-religious-40636> (photo coverage of paper delivered at Santa Clara University)

Dan Stockman, “Sisters Story Includes Repeated Renewal and Reinvention,” *National Catholic Reporter*, May 7, 2015 (coverage of paper delivered in London)

Chaz Muth, “Catholics’ Clash Over U.S.-Salvadoran Policy In Romero’s Time Recalled,” May 4, 2015, *Catholic San Francisco, The Message* (Southern Indiana) and in Spanish in *Catholic New York, The Record* (Louisville), *The Register* (Salina, KS)

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

2016 “Gender and Memory in U.S.-Nicaragua Relations,” Richard and Constance Lewis Fellowship in Latin American & Iberian Studies, University of Louisville

- 2015-2016 Faculty Favorite, University of Louisville
Nominated by Students.
- 2014 School of Foreign Service Faculty Research Grant, Georgetown University
- 2014 Conference Travel Grant, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University
- 2013 Travel Grant, Center for the United States and the Cold War, New York
University
- 2012-2013 Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellow
- 2012 Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Dissertation Completion
Fellowship (declined)
- 2011 Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Myrna F. Bernath Fellow
- 2011 Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Summer Institute,
“Freedom and Free Markets: Histories of Globalization and Human Rights.”
- 2011 Research Travel Grant, Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism,
University of Notre Dame
- 2011 Grant-in-Aid, Rockefeller Archive Center

Northwestern University

- 2011-2012 University Fellowship
- 2010-2011 Nicholas D. Chabraja Center for Historical Studies Fellow
- 2010, 2011 Graduate Conference Travel Grant
- 2010 Graduate Research Grant
- 2008 Summer Language Training Grant, San Salvador, El Salvador

University of Pennsylvania Law School

- 2006 Presidential Fellow, Salzburg Seminar, “Women, Political Power, and Next
Generation Leadership,” Salzburg, Austria.
- 2002-2004 Editor, *Journal of Constitutional Law*
- 2002, 2003 Edward V. Sparer Fellow
- 2001-2003 Robert Levine Scholarship

Other Fellowships

- 2005-2006 Georgetown University Women’s Law & Public Policy Fellow
- 1998-1999 Thomas J. Watson Fellow, Poland, Ireland, and Northern Ireland
“The Catholic Church, the State, and Human Rights”

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2017 “Not Above the Fray: Religious and Political Divides’ Impact on U.S. Missionary
Sisters in Nicaragua.” International Symposium: “Too Small a World: Catholic
Sisters as Global Missionaries,” Cushwa Center for the Study of American
Catholicism & the Conference on the History of Women Religious, University of
Notre Dame, April 6-8.
- 2016 “‘This is Not a Hearing about Theology:’ The First Amendment, National
Security, and *Marxism and Christianity in Revolutionary Central America.*”
Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations, San Diego, June 23-25.

- 2016 “Nuns, an Ex-Nun, and Ronald Reagan: Debating U.S.-Central America Policy in Ireland.” Tenth Triennial Conference on the History of Women Religious, Santa Clara University, June 26-29.
- 2015 “Blowing The Company’s Cover: Catholic Missionaries and an Ex-CIA Man Out Agents in Latin America.” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, Annual Meeting, Arlington, June 25-27.
- 2015 “‘Radicalized Women Religious’ or Women Accompanying the Poor?: Nuns’ Challenge to Ronald Reagan’s Central America Policy.” University of Notre Dame, London Centre, “The Nun in the World: A Transnational Study of Catholic Sisters and the Second Vatican Council,” London, May 7-9.
- 2013 “From Maryknoll Nun to Contra Supporter: Sister Macias’s Work to Discredit Catholic Opposition to U.S.-Central America Policy.” American Catholic Historical Association, Annual Meeting, New Orleans, January 3-6.
- 2011 “‘The Pope is With Us’: The Reagan Administration and Its Catholic Allies Use Religion to Sell the Contras.” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, Annual Meeting, Alexandria, June 23-25.
- 2011 “Fomenting Religious Conflict or Protecting the Persecuted? The U.S. Role in 1980s Nicaragua.” Center for Historical Studies, Religious Identity and Political Conflict Conference, Northwestern University, April 1.
- 2010 “Reagan’s Gun-Toting Nuns: The Maryknoll Sisters and Their Influence on U.S. Intervention in Central America.” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, Annual Meeting, Madison, WI, June 24-26.
- 2010 “Reagan’s Catholic Empire: The U.S. in Central America.” Center for Historical Studies/Trinity College Dublin, Violence and Empire Conference, Northwestern University, May 4-7.
- 2009 “From Senator McCarthy’s Darlings to Reagan’s Gun-Toting Nuns: The Maryknoll Sisters’ Changing Political Perspective.” Center for Historical Studies/The Amerika Institute, Ludwig-Maximilians University, Contested Narratives in the Transatlantic Context Conference, Munich, Germany, May 28-29.
- 2009 “From Senator McCarthy’s Darlings to Reagan’s Gun-Toting Nuns: The Political Implications of the Maryknoll Sisters’ Changing Religious Identity.” Department of Religion Graduate Student Religion and Identity Conference, Northwestern University, April 24-25.
- 2006 “Preventing Homelessness for Domestic Violence Survivors.” Florida Statewide Conference on Homelessness, Tampa, August.

2006 “Helping Homeless Families and Youth Affected by Domestic Violence Access Housing and Education.” American Bar Association Equal Justice Conference, Philadelphia, March 31.

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

2011 Panel Organizer, “Unlikely Allies: U.S. Mercenaries, Conservative Catholics, and American Indian Movement Dissidents Wage the Contra War,” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Conference.

2011 Conference Convener, “Religious Identity and Political Conflict,” Center for Historical Studies, Northwestern University.

ROUNDTABLES

2011 Invited Participant, Catholic Women’s History Roundtable, University of Notre Dame, November 3-5.

CAMPUS TALKS

2017 “Leveling the Playing Field: Teaching Majors & Non-Majors Together,” Inaugural Showcase and Open House, Teaching Innovation Learning Lab, University of Louisville, April 26.

2017 “Sports, Protest, & President Trump,” Sports & Social Change Lecture, Social Change Program, University of Louisville, March 23.

2016 “*Friday Night Lights* Helped Me to Articulate How I See My Role as a Professor,” Showcase and Reception, 2015-2016 Seminar on Teaching for New Faculty, University of Louisville, April 20.

2012 “Reagan’s Gun-Toting Nuns: Catholicism and U.S.-Central America Relations,” Northwestern University Catholic Undergrads, May 24.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Louisville

Lecture Courses

American History II (Spring 2016 & 2017)

American Foreign Relations (Fall 2015)

Seminars

Sports, Human Rights, and U.S. Foreign Relations (Fall 2016)

Religion & U.S. Foreign Relations (Fall 2016)

Refugee Law and U.S. Foreign Policy Since 1945 (Fall 2015)

Georgetown University

Lecture Courses

American Diplomatic History I (Fall 2013 & 2014)
American Diplomatic History II (Spring 2014 & 2015)

Seminars

Refugee Law and U.S. Foreign Policy Since 1945 (Fall 2013)
1980s Human Rights Activism: U.S.-Central America Relations and Oral History
(Spring 2014)
Sports, Human Rights, and U.S. Foreign Relations (First-year seminar, Fall 2014)
Transnational Catholic Activism (Spring 2015)

Northwestern University

Instructor

Refugee Law and U.S. Foreign Policy Since 1945 (Winter 2010)

Teaching Assistant

The Century of Modern Warfare: 1900-2010 (Spring 2012)
The Vietnam Wars (Spring 2010)
U.S. Gay and Lesbian History (Spring 2009)
History of the United States: Pre-Colonial to the Civil War (Fall 2008)

University of Pennsylvania Law School

Legal Writing and Research for International Lawyers (Fall 2003)

Oławskie Stowarzyszenie Edukacji Twórczej, Międzygórze, Poland

English Language (Summer 1997)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2016-2017 Selected Participant, Faculty Learning Community on Innovation and Creativity in the Classroom, University of Louisville
- 2015-2016 Seminar on Teaching for New Faculty, University of Louisville
Selected participant in a cross-disciplinary community that focused on exploring and applying learning theory.
- Spring 2015 Engelhard Faculty Fellow, Georgetown University
Selected participant in university initiative to focus on teaching to the whole student by bringing health and wellness issues into the classroom.
- 2014-2015 Doyle Diversity Faculty Fellow, Georgetown University
Selected participant in university initiative to introduce themes of diversity and difference into the classroom.
- 2011-2012 Graduate Teaching Certificate Program, Northwestern University

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

University of Louisville

- 2017 Panelist, "Your Philosophy of Teaching: Finding Your Teaching Voice," Seminar on Teaching for New Faculty, February 15.
- 2016-2017 Alternate, Administrative Committee, History Department
- 2016-2017 Steering Committee, Peace, Justice & Conflict Transformation Program

Georgetown University

- 2014 Invited Participant, "Teaching at Georgetown," New Faculty Orientation Video
- 2013-2014 Informal Honors Thesis Advisor

GRADUATE STUDENTS ADVISED

Sara Bornemann, *Clan na Gael* and the Irish Independence Movement MA, expected 2018

MANUSCRIPTS REVIEWED

Religions
Cognella Press

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

U.S. Foreign Relations and Religion, Social Movements and Catholicism in Latin America, Human Rights, War and Protest, Women and Gender, Legal History, Oral History

NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2006-2007 **Margaret Fund Legal Fellow, National Women's Law Center.** Promoted educational equity, including Title IX enforcement. Drafted state legislation and created advocacy strategies addressing sex segregation in career and technical education
- 2005-2006 **Domestic Violence Program, Staff Attorney, National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty.** Developed policy strategies and educational materials highlighting how violence against women leads to homelessness and discrimination in obtaining housing. Provided technical assistance to advocates and attorneys. Conducted community education. Assisted with nationwide class action lawsuit against FEMA for its failures after Hurricane Katrina.
- 2004-2005 **Law Clerk, Chief Justice Deborah T. Poritz, New Jersey Supreme Court.** Evaluated merits of petitions for certification, wrote bench memoranda analyzing parties' arguments in light of legal and policy concerns, and drafted opinions.

- 2000-2001 **American Friends Service Committee.**
Freeman Peace Fellow, Iraq Program. Helped coordinate national education and civil disobedience “Campaign of Conscience” which focused on the humanitarian impact of the UN Security Council sanctions against Iraq. Developed constituent database, responded to inquiries from the public and the press. Developed resources for activists. Lobbied government officials.
- Jim Bristol Youth & Militarism Fellow, Youth & Militarism Program.** Responded to enlistment inquiries from the public. Designed workshops to encourage critical thinking about the effects of war. Researched, edited, and wrote articles for monthly newsletter, including the problem of military personnel sexual assaulting girls in Okinawa.
- 1999 **Human rights worker, Pat Finucane (Human Rights) Centre, Derry, Northern Ireland.** Drafted witness statements, attended court hearings, and lobbied government ministers for families whose loved ones were killed by the British security forces. Researched, wrote, and edited publications; managed domestic and international press on issues of policing, monitoring parades/marches, and state violence.

LANGUAGES

Spanish (advanced reading and speaking)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations
American Catholic Historical Association
American Historical Association
Organization of American Historians
Coordinating Council for Women in History

Bar Associations

New Jersey
Pennsylvania
District of Columbia

REFERENCES

Michael S. Sherry
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