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CURRICULUM VITAE

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2015–present Assistant Professor of History, Northwestern University
2013–2015 Assistant Professor of History, Bates College
2011–2013 Postdoctoral Fellow, Michigan Society of Fellows, University of Michigan

EDUCATION

2004-2011 Ph.D., Stanford University, Department of History
1999-2003 B.A. Oberlin College, *Summa cum laude* with majors in History and Philosophy

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

After the Flood: Imagining the Global Environment in Early Modern Europe (Johns Hopkins University Press, forthcoming 2019)
The Work of Science: Gender, Labor, and Environment in the Eighteenth-Century Atlantic World
(Book manuscript in progress)

Articles and Book Chapters

"Giant Bones and the Taunton Stone: American Antiquities, World History, and the Protestant International," in *Empires of Knowledge: Scientific Networks in the Early Modern World*, ed. Paula Findlen (Routledge, 2019), 225-245
"Strategies of Toleration: Talking Across Confessions in the Alpine Republic of Letters," *Eighteenth-Century Studies* 48, no. 2 (2015): 141-57
"The Theology of Climate Change: Sin as Agency in the Enlightenment's Anthropocene," *Environmental History* 20 (2015): 217-237
"Between Pleasure and Terror: Enlightenment Science and Maupertuis' *Letter on the Comet*," 'Terra Firma' special issue of *Architectural Theory Review*, 20, no. 1 (2015): 30-45

Book Reviews

"Review of Vicky Albritton and Fredrik Albritton Jonsson, *Green Victorians: The Simple Life in John Ruskin's Lake District*." Translated by Florian Berthé. *Annales*, special issue "Anthropocène – Environnement – Sciences" 72, no. 2 (2018): 513-16
"Review of Carolyn Merchant, *Autonomous Nature: Problems of Prediction and Control from Ancient Times to the Scientific Revolution*." *Environmental History* 22, no. 4 (2017): 757-9

- "Review of Frank N. Egerton, *Roots of Ecology: Antiquity to Haeckel*." *Environmental History* 18, no. 4 (2013): 798-800
- "Review of William Poole, *The World Makers: Scientists of the Restoration and the Search for the Origins of the Earth*." *Isis* 102, no. 2 (June 2011): 359-360
- "Review of Alix Cooper, *Inventing the Indigenous: Local Knowledge and Natural History in Early Modern Europe*," *Francia-Recensio* 4 (2009). URL: http://www.perspectivia.net/content/publikationen/francia/francia-recensio/2009-4/FN/cooper_barnett
- "Review of Raphaël Rabusseau, *Les Neiges Labiles: Une Histoire Culturelle de l'Avalanche au XVIIIe siècle*," *Isis* 100, no. 1 (2009): 165-166

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS (Selected)

- 2017-18 Alice Kaplan Institute for the Humanities Faculty Fellowship, Northwestern University
- 2017-18 American Philosophical Society Library Research Fellowship
- 2016 Visiting Scholarship, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science
- 2010-11 Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship
- 2008-09 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant
- 2008-09 Gladys Krieble Delmas Foundation Grant for Independent Research on Venetian History and Culture
- 2008 Linda Hall Library Research Grant, Linda Hall Library
- 2004-05 Mellon Fellowship in Humanistic Studies, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation
- 2003 Highest Honors for Senior Honors Thesis, Oberlin College
- 2003 Mardie Wheatley Blanchard Scholarship, Oberlin College

PRESENTATIONS OF RESEARCH

Invited Talks

- "A Natural History of Sin: Imagining Environmental Harm in the Enlightenment," at the symposium "Intersections of Earth Sciences and Theology in the Long Eighteenth Century," University of Göttingen, July 2019
- "The Theology of Climate Change in Early Modern Europe," Division of History of Science, Technology and Environment, KTH Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm, September 2016
- "Scaling Disaster: Local Knowledge, Global Imaginaries, and Transnational Networks in the Enlightenment," Fishbein Workshop in the History, Philosophy and Sociology of Science, University of Chicago, April 2016
- "'Rock-Plants' and 'Animals Amphibious': Sexing Nature in the Early Enlightenment," at the symposium "Science Before Science," Bowdoin College, February 2015
- "The Enlightenment's Anthropocene: Sin as Agency in Eighteenth-Century Climate Science," Department of History and Climate Change Institute, University of Maine, September 2014

- "Giant Bones and Taunton Stones: Circulating 'Curiosa Americana' in the Protestant Republic of Letters," at the conference "Empires of Knowledge," Stanford Humanities Center, Stanford University, April 2014
- "Putting the Natural in Natural History," at the conference "Proving the Supernatural in Early Modern Europe," The Huntington Library, February 2013
- "The Theology of Improvement," at the conference "Alchemy and Economy: Circulations of Value," The Huntington Library, September 2010
- "A Sense of Place: Situated Knowledge in the Making of Earth Science," History of Science Brown Bag Colloquia, UC Berkeley, February 2010
- "The Geography of Letters: Writing the Earth's History Across the Globe," International Centre for the History of Universities and Science, University of Bologna, Italy, May 2009

Workshop Presentations

- "The Work of Science," American Philosophical Society Brown Bag Lunch Series, Philadelphia, PA, March 2018
- "Faith, Philosophy, and Global Catastrophe," Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, November 2016
- "Strategies of Toleration: Talking Across Confessions in the Alpine Republic of Letters," Eighteenth-Century Studies Group, University of Michigan, November 2012
- "Fossils, Seeds, Life, and Growth in the Early Enlightenment," Ninth Annual Bloomington Eighteenth-Century Studies Workshop, University of Indiana–Bloomington, May 2010
- "The Toad in the Stone: Vitalist Histories of the Earth and Life," Seminar on Enlightenment and Revolution, Stanford University, April 2010
- "For and Against Revolution: Jean-André Deluc and the Politics of Catastrophism," at the conference "Jean-André Deluc and the Emergence of Modern Science," Geneva, Switzerland, April 2008
- "Thomas Burnet's *Theory of the Earth*: Geology, History, and the Question of the Earth's Future in Late Seventeenth-Century England," Medieval and Early Modern Studies Workshop, Stanford University, October 2007

Conference Paper Presentations

- "Sinful Bodies and Global Catastrophe in Early Modern Italy," History of Science Society annual meeting, Seattle, WA, November 2018
- "The Reformation's Anthropocene: Gender, Global Catastrophe, and Embodied Geologic Agency in Sixteenth-Century Italy," at the conference "The Right Use of the Earth," Université PSL/École Normale Supérieure, Paris, May 2018
- "Imagining the Ancient Pacific World in the Early Modern Atlantic," Forum on European Expansion and Global Interaction annual meeting, Honolulu, Hawai'i, February 2018
- "Fieldwork and Fieldworkers: Labor and Expertise in the Enlightened Earth Sciences," History of Science Society annual meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 2015
- "Queer Fossils: 'Amphibious Sex' and Amphibious Rocks in Early Modern Europe," Society for Science, Literature, and the Arts annual meeting, Dallas, TX, October 2014
- "Strategies of Toleration: Talking Across Confessions in the Alpine Republic of Letters," American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies annual meeting, Cleveland, OH, April 2013

- "Fossil Figures: Figured Stones Between Life and Death," American Comparative Literature Association annual meeting, Brown University, March 2012
- "Cosmopolitanism, Patriotism, and the Limits of Religious Toleration in the Republic of Letters," History of Science Society annual meeting, Cleveland, Ohio, November 2011
- "Kidney Stones and Fossil Ferns: Defining Life and Non-Life in the Early Enlightenment," American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies annual meeting, Albuquerque, NM, March 2010
- "The Toad in the Stone: Fossils, Vitalism, and the Meaning of 'Life' in the Early Enlightenment," History of Science Society annual meeting, Phoenix, AZ, November 2009
- "'Histories of Things to Come': The Burnet Controversy, the History of the Earth, and the Question of the Earth's Future in Late Seventeenth-Century Britain," History of Science Society annual meeting, Washington D.C., November 2007

Other Conference Activity

Roundtable Participant, "Questioning the Limits of Atlantic/Environmental History," World History Association, Boston, MA, June 2017

Campus Talks

- "Visible and Invisible Labor: The Work of Fossil Collecting in the Eighteenth Century," Alice Kaplan Institute for the Humanities, Northwestern University, April 2018
- "Imagining Climate Change from Noah's Flood to *The Day After Tomorrow*," Buffett Institute for Global Studies, Northwestern University, May 2017
- "Environmental Catastrophe and Global Consciousness," Chicago Humanities Festival, Kaplan Northwestern Day, October 2016
- "Vallisneri's Desk," Michigan Society of Fellows, University of Michigan, April 2013
- "The Sacred and Secular Earth," Michigan Society of Fellows, University of Michigan, December 2011

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Reading and speaking knowledge of French, Italian, and German

Reading knowledge of Latin

Beginning Spanish

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Conference Panel Organizer and Chair

Chair, "Belief in Science: Episodes in the Intertwined Histories of Faith, Science, and the Environment," American Society for Environmental History, Columbus, OH, April 2019

Organizer, "Fossils, Pigs, and Flies: Movement and Metamorphosis in Early Modernity," Society for Science, Literature, and the Arts annual meeting, October 2014

Organizer, "Divided Allegiances: Conflict and Compromise in the Republic of Letters," History of Science Society annual meeting, Cleveland, Ohio, November 2011

Organizer, "Reading the Earth's History: Geology, Chronology, and Paleontology, 1700–1900," History of Science Society Annual Meeting, November 2007

Conference Organizer

Co-Organizer, "Critical Conversations: Methods and Practices in Interdisciplinary Science Studies," Stanford Humanities Center, May 2007

DEPARTMENT, COLLEGE, AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Northwestern University

Member, Search Committee for Postdoctoral Fellowships in Science and Human Culture, 2018-19

Member, Advisory Board, Science and Human Culture, 2018-19

Member, Search Committee for Environmental Humanities Postdoctoral Fellowship, Alice Kaplan Institute for the Humanities, 2016-17 and 2018-19

Co-Organizer, Environmental Humanities Workshop, Alice Kaplan Institute for the Humanities, 2016-17

Member, History Newsletter Committee, Department of History, 2018-19

Afternoon Adviser, Department of History, 2016-17 and 2017-18

Bates College, University of Michigan, Stanford University

Member, Committee on the Evaluation of Teaching, Bates College, 2014-2015

Workshop Organizer, Society of Fellows Humanities Working Group, University of Michigan 2011-2013

Graduate Student Representative, Graduate Admissions Committee, History Department, Stanford University, 2010

Course Organizer, "Materials and Methods: Medieval and Early Modern Books and Manuscripts," a graduate practicum and joint project of Stanford University Special Collections and the Center for Medieval and Early Modern Studies, Winter 2007-08

Workshop Organizer, Graduate Student Science Studies Workshop, Stanford University, 2006-7

Graduate Coordinator, Seminar on Enlightenment and Revolution, Stanford Humanities Center, 2006-7

Graduate Coordinator, Ancients and Moderns Workshop, Stanford Humanities Center, 2005-6

Graduate Student Representative, Academic Council Committee on Libraries, Stanford University, 2005-6

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association

American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies

History of Science Society

Renaissance Society of America

American Society for Environmental History

COURSES TAUGHT

Northwestern University

History 101-6-21: Gender and Science from the Middle Ages to the Present

History 201-1: European History from the High Middle Ages to the Mid-Eighteenth Century

History 275-1: History of Western Science and Medicine: Origins in Early Modern Europe

History 251/EPC 390: The Politics of Disaster: A Global Environmental History

History 398-1, -2, and -3: Senior Thesis Seminar

History 430-2-1: Field Seminar in Early Modern European History

History 492/HUM 395: The Anthropocene and the Environmental Humanities