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APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor, Department of History, Northwestern University, 2014–
Alumnae of Northwestern Teaching Professorship, Northwestern University, 2026–29
Assistant Professor, Department of History, Northwestern University, 2010–14
Lecturer, Committee on Degrees in History and Literature, Harvard University, 2006–9
Lecturer, Department of History, Harvard University, 2006–7

EDUCATION

Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts
Ph.D., Department of History, 2006

Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada
B.A. in History and English, 1996

BOOKS

Revolutionising Politics: Culture and Conflict in England, 1620–1660, edited with Paul D. Halliday and Eleanor Hubbard (Manchester University Press, 2021).
The Memoirs of Sir Daniel Fleming of Rydal Hall from 1633 to 1688, edited with Noah McCormack (Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and Archaeological Society, 2021).
The State Trials and the Politics of Justice in Later Stuart England, edited with Brian Cowan (Boydell & Brewer, 2021).
Making Toleration: The Repealers and the Glorious Revolution (Harvard University Press, 2013). Awarded the Whitfield Prize by the Royal Historical Society for the best first book on British or Irish history. Shortlisted for the Ralph Waldo Emerson Award by the Phi Beta Kappa Society.

EXTERNAL AWARDS

National Endowment for the Humanities Faculty Fellowship, 2020–21
Visiting By-Fellowship, Churchill College, University of Cambridge, 2017
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Short-Term Fellowship, Huntington Library, 2015
Whitfield Prize (for the best first book on British or Irish history), Royal Historical Society, 2014
Kluge Fellowship, Library of Congress, 2013–14
Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, elected in 2013
National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Research Grant, 2013
Short-Term Fellowship, Folger Shakespeare Library, 2013
Center for New World Comparative Studies Fellowship, John Carter Brown Library, 2012
Richard H. Tomlinson Postdoctoral Fellowship, McGill University, 2010–11 (declined)

INTERNAL AWARDS

Alumnae of Northwestern Teaching Professorship, Northwestern University, 2026–29

Associated Student Government Faculty & Administrator Honor Roll, 2021–22
Course Development Fellowship, Chabraja Center for Historical Studies, 2018–19
Weinberg College of Arts & Sciences Award for Distinguished Teaching, 2014
Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, 2009
John Clive Teaching Prize, Harvard University, 2008

WORK IN PREPARATION

Absolution and Arms: The Violent Origins of Religious Toleration in Early Modern Europe,
under contract with Harvard University Press.

ARTICLES

- “‘To Do the Thing but Avoid the Name’: Irish Catholic Recruitment in the British Army in the Era of the American Revolutionary War,” *Irish Historical Studies*, forthcoming 2027.
- “Select Document: Archbishop Carpenter and the Debate over Roman Catholic Service in the British Army in 1777,” *Irish Historical Studies*, forthcoming 2027 (co-authored with Giovanni Piccolo).
- “Revolution,” in Susan Dwyer Amussen and Paul Kléber Monod, eds., *The New Cambridge History of Britain: Volume 3, Early Modern, 1500–1750* (Cambridge University Press, 2027), forthcoming 2027.
- “Trading Toleration for Troops: Charles I and Catholics in the Wars of the Three Kingdoms,” in Paul D. Halliday, Eleanor Hubbard, and Scott Sowerby, eds., *Revolutionising Politics: Culture and Conflict in England, 1620–1660* (Manchester University Press, 2021), pp. 216–35.
- “Enforcing Uniformity: Public Reactions to the Seven Bishops’ Trial,” in Brian Cowan and Scott Sowerby, eds., *The State Trials and the Politics of Justice in Later Stuart England* (Boydell & Brewer, 2021), pp. 161–78.
- “Sir Daniel Fleming as a Memoirist, Antiquarian and Patriarch in 17th-Century Westmorland,” *Transactions of the Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and Archaeological Society*, series 3, vol. 21 (2021), pp. 125–38 (co-authored with Noah McCormack).
- “William Penn and James II,” in Andrew R. Murphy and John Smolenski, eds., *The Worlds of William Penn* (Rutgers University Press, 2019), pp. 171–89.
- “Group Hunting: Religion, Politics, and Ideology in Later Stuart Britain,” *Historical Journal*, vol. 58, no. 4 (Dec. 2015), pp. 1191–1204 (review article).
- “Toleration and Tolerance in Early Modern England,” in Chris Beneke and Christopher S. Grenda, eds., *The Lively Experiment: The Story of Religious Toleration in America* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2015), pp. 53–63.
- “Forgetting the Repealers: Religious Toleration and Historical Amnesia in Later Stuart England,” *Past and Present*, no. 215 (May 2012), pp. 85–123.
- “Opposition to Anti-Popery in Restoration England,” *Journal of British Studies*, vol. 51, no. 1 (Jan. 2012), pp. 26–49.
- “Pantomime History,” *Parliamentary History*, vol. 30, pt. 2 (2011), pp. 236–58 (review article).
- “Of Different Complexions: Religious Diversity and National Identity in James II’s Toleration Campaign,” *English Historical Review*, vol. 124, no. 506 (Feb. 2009), pp. 29–52.

NOTES AND DOCUMENTS

- “Robert Davenport, Poetaster,” *Notes and Queries*, n.s., vol. 65, no. 2 (June 2018), pp. 205–7.
- “Henry Newcome, Pamphleteer,” *Notes and Queries*, n.s., vol. 61, no. 3 (Sept. 2014), pp. 395–7.

“Tories in the Whig Corner: Daniel Fleming’s Journal of the 1685 Parliament,” *Parliamentary History*, vol. 24, pt. 2 (2005), pp. 157–201.

SHORTER REVIEWS

- Review of Ian Gentles, *The New Model Army: Agent of Revolution* in *Journal of Modern History*, vol. 96 (2024), pp. 955–56.
- Review of R. Malcolm Smuts, *Political Culture, the State, and the Problem of Religious War In Britain and Ireland, 1578–1625* in *Journal of Military History*, vol. 88 (2024), pp. 194–95.
- Review of Evan Haefeli, ed., *Against Popery: Britain, Empire, and Anti-Catholicism* in *American Historical Review*, vol. 127 (2022), pp. 2026–8.
- Review of Andrew R. Murphy, *William Penn: A Life*, in *The Historian*, vol. 82 (2020), pp. 68–9.
- Review of Ralph Stevens, *Protestant Pluralism: The Reception of the Toleration Act, 1689–1720*, in *Journal of British Studies*, vol. 59 (2020), pp. 921–2.
- Review of Benjamin J. Kaplan, *Cunegonde’s Kidnapping: A Story of Religious Conflict in the Age of Enlightenment*, in *American Historical Review*, vol. 120 (2015), pp. 1988–9.
- Review of Brian Cowan, *The State Trial of Doctor Henry Sacheverell*, at H-Net Reviews (2014), <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=42134>
- Review of Kevin Sharpe, *Rebranding Rule: The Restoration and Revolution Monarchy, 1660–1714*, in *Journal of British Studies*, vol. 53 (2014), pp. 522–3.
- Review of William Gibson, *James II and the Trial of the Seven Bishops*, in *Parliamentary History*, vol. 29 (2010), pp. 253–55.
- Review of Christopher Dyer and Catherine Richardson, eds., *William Dugdale, Historian, 1605–1686*, in *Archives*, vol. 35 (2010), pp. 80–1.
- Review of Gary S. De Krey, *Restoration and Revolution in Britain*, in *Parliamentary History*, vol. 27 (2008), pp. 450–1.
- Review of Kenneth Fincham and Peter Lake, eds., *Religious Politics in Post-Reformation England*, in *Journal of Early Modern History*, vol. 11 (2007), pp. 535–6.
- Review of Stephen Wright, *The Early English Baptists, 1603–1649*, in *Journal of Early Modern History*, vol. 11 (2007), pp. 163–4.

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

- “Religious Pluralism and Rulership in Early Modern Eurasia,” with Jonathan Brack and Rajeev Kinra at Northwestern University, 24–25 April 2026.
- “Contesting the English Revolution,” with Paul Halliday (Virginia) and Eleanor Hubbard (Princeton) at Harvard University, 14–15 October 2016.
- “Rethinking the State Trials,” with Brian Cowan (McGill) at the Newberry Library, 10–11 April 2014.

PRESENTATIONS

- “Early Modern French Natalism and Other Odd Stories.” Chabreja Center for Historical Studies, Northwestern University, 2025.
- “The Seventeenth-Century Demographic Crisis and Religious Toleration in Europe.” Economic History Lunch Seminar, Northwestern University, 2025.
- “The Demographic Crisis and Religious Toleration in Britain and Europe after 1650.” Religion in Britain and Ireland Seminar, University of Oxford, 2024.
- Commentator on the panel, “Royalist Readers and Networks.” North American Conference on British Studies, Chicago, 2022.

- “The State Trials and the Politics of Justice in Later Stuart England.” Montreal British History Seminar, 2022.
- “How To Be a Seventeenth-Century Patriarch: The Memoirs of Sir Daniel Fleming of Rydal Hall.” Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and Archaeological Society Online Lecture Series, 2022.
- “Recruiting Irish Catholics for Imperial Warfare, 1756–93.” Trinity Centre for Early Modern History Research Seminar, Trinity College Dublin, 2020.
- “Managing Intolerance: The Incorporation of Huguenots and Swiss Protestants in the French Army after the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes, 1685–1715.” History of War Seminar, University of Oxford, 2020.
- Commentator on the panel, “Morality Informing Politics or Politics Informing Morality.” Midwest Conference on British Studies, Chicago, 2019.
- “Protestant Ascendancies in Comparative Context: Ireland, Staats-Brabant, and Upper Silesia, 1690–1770.” Conference on *Holy Wars and Sacred States: Religious Conflict, the State, and Sacred Power in Early Modern Europe*, Queen’s University Belfast, 2019.
- “French Military Recruiting in Ireland, 1691–1756.” North American Conference on British Studies, Providence, 2018.
- “Fighting on the Wrong Side: British and Irish Soldiers in Multiconfessional Armies in the Thirty Years’ War.” Conference on *Exploring Entangled Histories: Britain and Europe in the Age of the Thirty Years’ War, c. 1590–1650*, Folger Shakespeare Library, 2018.
- “The Confessional State and the Fiscal-Military State in Early Modern Europe.” British History Seminar, Newberry Library, 2017.
- “Policy and Prejudice: Religious Diversity in the British, French, and Dutch Armies, 1640–1793.” Early Modern British and Irish History Seminar, University of Cambridge, 2017.
- “Martial Tolerance: Catholics and Protestants in the Royalist Armies of the English Civil War, 1642–1646.” English Atlantic Writing Group, Loyola University, 2016.
- “Huguenots in the French and English Armies, 1629–1699.” North American Conference on British Studies, Washington, DC, 2016.
- “Catholic Soldiers in the English Civil War.” Conference on *Contesting the English Revolution*, Harvard University, 2016.
- “Shakespeare’s England.” Invited talk at *Cervantes and Shakespeare: A Transnational Conversation*, Newberry Library, 2016.
- “William Penn and James II.” Plenary address at the *Worlds of William Penn* conference, Rutgers University, 2015.
- Commentator on the panel, “Public Discourse and Imagining Publics in Seventeenth-Century England.” Midwest Conference on British Studies, Detroit, 2015.
- “The Treatment of Religious Minorities in the English and French Armies, 1670–1700.” North American Conference on British Studies, Minneapolis, 2014.
- “Enforcing Uniformity: Public Reactions to the Seven Bishops Trial.” Conference on *Rethinking the State Trials*, Newberry Library, 2014.
- “States of Exclusion: Britain and France, 1685–1715.” John W. Kluge Center, Library of Congress, 2014.
- “The Politics of Fear: State Formation and Anti-Popery in Williamite England.” Midwest Conference on British Studies, DePaul University, 2013.
- “Toleration and Tolerance in Early Modern England.” Newport Conference on Toleration, Newport Historical Society, Rhode Island, 2013.
- Commentator on the panel, “The Politics of Petitioning in Later Stuart Britain.” North American Conference on British Studies, Portland, Oregon, 2013.
- “The Origins of Whig Jacobitism.” Jacobite Studies Trust Conference, Collège des Irlandais,

Paris, 2013.

Commentator on the panel, “Restoration Royalism: Gender, Politics and Ceremony in Restoration England.” Pacific Coast Conference on British Studies, University of California, Berkeley, 2013.

“Cosmopolitan Histories of Religious Toleration in the English Enlightenment.” Early Modern Workshop, University of Chicago, 2012.

“Cosmopolitanism and Commerce in Britain, 1660–1720.” North American Conference on British Studies, Montreal, 2012.

“Monarchy and Popularity in Seventeenth-Century England.” Pacific Coast Conference on British Studies, Huntington Library, San Marino, California, 2012.

Commentator on the panel, “Moving Beyond the Category of ‘Other’: The Frontier in the Early Modern Context.” North American Conference on British Studies, Denver, 2011.

Commentator on the panel, “Plotting Sedition in Late-Stuart London.” North American Conference on British Studies, Denver, 2011.

“The Politics of Cloth in 1688.” Early Modern Studies Conference, University of Reading, 2010.

“Acquisitive Cosmopolitanism and the Early British Empire.” North American Conference on British Studies, Louisville, 2009.

“The Repealer Movement, Political Economy, and the Early European Enlightenment.” Northeast Conference on British Studies, Brown University, 2009.

“Opposition and Opportunity: The Revolution of 1688–9 in its Transnational Context.” Bangor Conference on the Restoration, Bangor University, 2009.

“Repeal and Resistance: Rethinking the Revolution of 1688–9.” Northeast Conference on British Studies, Boston College, 2008.

“Opposition to Anti-Popery in Early Modern England.” McNeil Center Conference on Anti-Popery, University of Pennsylvania, 2008.

“Of Different Complexions: Natural Law and Skin Color in James II’s Toleration Campaign.” Northeast Conference on British Studies, Dalhousie University, 2007.

“The Repealer Movement: Religious Toleration and Popular Politics in England, 1687–1688.” Anglo-American Conference, Institute of Historical Research, London, 2006.

“James II’s Catholic Strategy.” Early Modern History Workshop, Harvard University, 2003.

“Catholic Fortune-Hunters at the Court of James II.” Seventeenth-Century Britain Seminar, Institute of Historical Research, London, 2002.

“The Strange Alliance of James II and the Quakers.” Early Modern Britain Seminar, University of Oxford, 2001.

“The Outward Light: Quaker Magistracy under James II.” Early Modern British and Irish History Seminar, University of Cambridge, 2000.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Member, Medieval European History Search Committee, Department of History, 2024–25

Director, British Studies Graduate Cluster, 2019–20, 2022–23, 2025–26

Chair, Early Modern Europe/World Search Committee, Department of History, 2022–23

Professional Development Coordinator, Department of History, 2022–23

Member, Graduate Affairs Committee, Department of History, 2021–22

Member, Committee on Graduate Honors and Prizes, Department of History, 2021–22

Chair, Tenure Committee for Prof. Lydia Barnett, 2019–20

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of History, 2014–16, 2017–18

Member, Early Modern European History Search Committee, Department of History, 2014–15

Member, Latin American History Search Committee, Department of History, 2011–12
Member, Undergraduate Program Committee, Department of History, 2010–13
Member, Committee on Undergraduate Honors and Prizes, Department of History, 2010–13
Honors Coordinator, Department of History, 2010–11

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Article reviewer for *Historical Journal*, *Historical Research*, *History*, *Journal of British Studies*, *Journal of Religious History* and *William and Mary Quarterly*
Manuscript and book proposal reviewer for Manchester University Press, Oxford University Press, Palgrave Macmillan, Wiley-Blackwell and Yale University Press
Joint Coordinator, British History Seminar, Newberry Library, 2019–20
Member, Representative Council, Center for Renaissance Studies, Newberry Library, 2014–20