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EMPLOYMENT

St. Francis College, Brooklyn Heights, New York

Chair, Department of Economics, History, and Political Science, Fall 2016-Present

Associate Professor of History, Fall 2015-Present

Assistant Professor of History, Fall 2009-Summer 2015

GRADUATE EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Ph.D., History, 2010

Dissertation: "The Course and Consequences of British Involvement in the Dutch Political and Religious Disputes of the Early Seventeenth Century."

Advisor: Johann Sommerville

M.A., History, 2003

Thesis: "Orthodoxy and Diplomacy Revisited: A Re-examination of the Vorstius Affair."

COURSES TAUGHT

University of Wisconsin-Madison:

HIS 119: The Making of Modern Europe, 1500-1815

HIS 123: England to 1688

HIS 124: British History since 1688

HIS 223: The Dutch Golden Age

St. Francis College:

HIS 1102: Survey of Western Civilization, II

HIS 1201: US History, 1896-Present

HIS 1302: Survey of World History Since 1500

HIS 2202: Ancient History

HIS 2403: Modern European History, 1600-1763

HIS 2404: Modern European History, 1763-1914

HIS 3312: Renaissance and Reformation

HIS 3466: History of Britain

HIS 3501: The Atlantic World

HIS 3998: Historical Methods and Historiography

HIS 4998: Historical Seminar

HIS 5401: Amsterdam and New Amsterdam

PUBLICATIONS

Acta et Documenta Synodi Nationalis Dordrechtanae (1618– 1619), Vol. 2, Part 1: “Preliminaries to the Synod.” Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2024. Editor for the following documents:

- II/1.13: Dudley Carleton to Ralph Winwood (Selection), pp. 313-314
- II/1.25: Dudley Carleton to Archbishop Abbot, pp. 332-334
- II/1.28: Johan van Oldenbarnevelt to Noel de Caron (Selection), pp. 337-338
- II/1.32: Noel de Caron to the States General (Selection), pp. 342-343
- II/1.35: Archbishop Abbot to Samuel Ward, p. 346
- II/1.36: Noel de Caron to the States General (Selection), pp. 347-348
- II/1.41: Noel de Caron to the States General (Selection), pp. 354-355
- II/1.43: Dudley Carleton to Robert Naunton (Selection), pp. 359-361
- II/1.50: Speech of George Carleton to the States General, pp. 378-382
- II/1.52: Dudley Carleton to Robert Naunton (Selection), pp. 383-385
- II/1.53: Dudley Carleton to Robert Naunton (Selection), pp. 385-386
- II/1.54: Dudley Carleton to John Chamberlain (Selection), pp. 386-387
- II/1.55: Dudley Carleton to Robert Naunton (Selection), pp. 387-389
- II/1.56: Dudley Carleton to John Chamberlain (Selection), pp. 389-390
- II/1.57: John Ogle to Dudley Carleton (Selection), pp. 390-391

“Book Review of Thijs Weststeijn, ed., *Foreign Devils and Philosophers: Cultural Encounters between the Chinese, the Dutch, and Other Europeans, 1590-1800.*” *Journal of British Studies* 61, no. 4 (2022): 1044–45.

“Book Review of Wim Klooster, *The Dutch Moment: War, Trade, and Settlement in the Seventeenth-Century Atlantic World,*” *Journal of British Studies*, 59, no. 1 (2020): 178-180.

Acta et Documenta Synodi Nationalis Dordrechtanae (1618– 1619), Vol. 2, Part 2: “Early Sessions of the Synod of Dordt.” Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2018. Editor for the following documents:

- II/2.127: Robert Naunton to Dudley Carleton (Selection), pp. 260-261
- II/2.189: Sermon of Joseph Hall to the Synod, pp. 464-474
- II/2.226: Ward’s Advice on the Manner of Proceeding and the Theses, pp. 736-739
- II/2.269: Dutch Trade Delegation in England to the States General (Selection), p. 850
- II/2.270: British Delegates to George Abbot, pp. 850-852
- II/2.271: George Carleton to George Abbot, pp. 852-855
- II/2.274: States General Letter of Introduction for Balcanqual, pp. 858-859

- II/2.296: English Account of the Early Sessions, pp. 917-924

Britain and the Bestandstwissen: The Causes, Course and Consequences of British Involvement in the Dutch Religious and Political Disputes of the Early Seventeenth Century, Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2015.

“Teaching Undergraduates: A Conversation in Brooklyn,” *Perspectives: The Newsmagazine of the American Historical Association*, 52, 6 (2014), 10-11 (co-author).

“Yesterday and Today: Jared Diamond on Traditional Societies,” *ASEBL Journal* 10:1 (January 2014), 59-63.

“Photographic Memory: Using Historical Images to Improve Student Learning,” TeachArchives.org (article posted January 2014)

“Exploring Coney Island’s Heyday in the Archives: The ‘Smorgasbord’ Approach,” TeachArchives.org (article posted January 2014)

“Pamphlets, Great Britain, and the *Bestandstwissen*: The Use of British Sources in the Dutch Disputes of the 1610s,” *Dutch Crossing: Journal of Low Countries Studies*, 37, 2 (2013): 115-130.

“Book Reviews of Geert H. Janssen, *Princely Power in the Dutch Republic: Patronage and William Frederick of Nassau (1613-64)* and Jill Stern, *Orangism in the Dutch Republic in Word and Image, 1650-75*,” *Journal of Modern History* 84, 1 (2012): 231-234.

“Book Review of Bernard Bourdin, *The Theological-Political Origins of the Modern State: The Controversy Between James I of England & Cardinal Bellarmine*,” *Catholic Historical Review* 98, 1 (2012): 126-127.

“Foreword,” *Breuckelen, 1679: Voyage to New Netherland*, New York: Brooklyn Historical Society, 2010

“A re-examination of English participation in the Vorstius Affair,” *Historisch Tijdschrift Holland* 41, 4 (2008): 301-326

CONFERENCE AND OTHER ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

“Anthony ‘the Turk’: A North African Immigrant to New Netherland,” New York State Association of European Historians, Oswego, October 2024

“Lady Deborah Moody Before Gravesend: Life of a 17th-Century Puritan Noblewoman,” New York State Association of European Historians, Niagara, October 2022.

“Diversity, Strife, and Toleration in 17th-Century Breukelen” (presented with Alan Mikhail), New Amsterdam History Center, November 2021.

Panelist, “What Is the Future of the Introductory Course in History?” Annual Meeting of American Historical Association, New York, January 2020.

Panelist, "Students in the Archives: Engaging History Students with Primary Sources in the Archives and the Classroom," Annual Meeting of American Historical Association, New York, January 2020.

"From Conflict to Co-Existence: The Relations Between the English Settlers at Gravesend and Local Native Groups, 1643-1664," New York State Association of European Historians, Canton, October 2019.

"Accommodation and Conflict: The Deteriorating Relations Between New Netherland's Government and the English Settlers of Gravesend, 1643-1663," North American Conference on British Studies, Providence, Rhode Island, October 2018

Chair and Commentator, "Social, Cultural, and Economic Exchanges in Early Modern Europe," New York State Association of European Historians Conference, Brooklyn, October 2017

"Lady Deborah Moody and Gravesand: An English Community in New Netherland," New York State Association of European Historians Conference, Albany, October 2016

"Deborah Moody's Radical Quest for Religious Toleration," Sixteenth-Century Conference, Bruges, Belgium, August 2016

"British Involvement in the Dutch Disputes of the 1610s," Metropolitan Theological Study Group, New York City, May 2016 [Book Talk]

Chair and Commentator, "Clergy Behaving Badly" Panel, New York State Association of European Historians Conference, Rochester, October 2015

"Amazin': The 1969 Mets and the City that Supported Them," Senior Lecture Series, St. Francis College, April 2015

"Grotius and English Arminianism," New York State Association of European Historians Conference, Geneseo, October 2014

"There and Back Again: My Journey with Conrad Vorstius," *Basilikon Doron*, or a Colloquium in Honor of Johann P. Sommerville, Madison, May 2014

Facilitator, "Transfer of History Students Between Two- and Four-Year Colleges (Blue Group)," Teaching History to Undergraduates: A Regional Conversation, Brooklyn, May 2014

Panelist, "Hands-on History: Teaching Skills in the Archives," Teaching History to Undergraduates: A Regional Conversation, Brooklyn, May 2014

Panelist, "Teaching Critical Thinking in an Increasingly Digital Age: Strategies, Struggles, and Success Stories," Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Washington DC, January 2014

"Introductory Speech and Award Presentation," Educational Use of Archives Award to Brooklyn Historical Society for Students and Faculty in the Archives Project, Archivists Round Table of Metropolitan New York, October 2013

"Lady Deborah Moody: Radical Puritan Noblewoman?" New York State Association of European Historians Conference, Rochester, October 2013

Panelist, “Utilizing Museums for University Curricular Initiatives,” Museums and Higher Education in the 21st Century: Collaborative Methods and Models for Innovation, New York City, April 2013

“Capstone Courses,” in a panel entitled “Re-Thinking the History Major,” Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, New Orleans, January 2013

“English (Nonirenic) Involvement in the Synod of Dort,” New York State Association of European Historians Conference, Oswego, October 2012

“Teaching Coney Island Through the Archives,” Brooklyn Aesthetics Conference, Brooklyn, April 2012.

Panelist, “What Happened to all the Good Men? A Discussion of Kay Hymowitz’s book *Manning Up*,” St. Francis College, April 2011

“The Poor and Poor Relief in the Dutch Republic,” Senior Lecture Series, St. Francis College, March 2011

“Great Britain, Pamphlets, and the Dutch Disputes of the 1610s,” North American Conference on British Studies, Baltimore, November 2010

“Dutch Arminianism Through English Eyes, 1608-1630,” Midwest Conference on British Studies, Cleveland, October 2010

“The Struggle to Secure English Support During the Dutch Religious and Political Disputes of the 1610s,” North American Conference on British Studies, Cincinnati, October 2008

“Grotius, England, and the Bestandstwisten,” Midwest Conference on British Studies, Dayton, Ohio, September 2007

“Fishing Rights, the East Indies, and Predestination: Dutch Trade Missions to England and the Debate about Arminianism,” Seminar van Economische en Sociale Geschiedenis, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, Netherlands, March 2007

“The Course and Consequences of English Involvement in the Bestandstwisten,” Postdoctoraal Séminaire Cultuurgeschiedenis, Amsterdam, Netherlands, October 2006

“Orthodoxy and Diplomacy Revisited: A Re-examination of the Vorstius Affair,” Midwest Conference on British Studies, University of Notre Dame, September 2005

OTHER ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

Consultant and Interviewee for the Dutch documentary television documentary series “Jan Janszoon: Piraat van de Wereld” (First Aired: February/March 2024)

Co-organizer, Criminal Justice Re-Entry and Reform Conference, St. Francis College, March-April, 2022

External Reviewer, Buffalo State History Department, Five-Year Self-Study, Spring 2021

External Reviewer, Mercy College History Program, Five-Year Self-Study, Spring 2020

Participant, History Gateways Project, American Historical Association and Gardiner Institute, Fall 2018-Spring 2022

Paid Consultant, Dutch-Language Manuscripts at the Brooklyn Historical Society, Fall 2018-Summer 2021

Co-organizer, Prison, Programs & Reentry Possibilities Conference, St. Francis College, November 2018

Local organizer, New York State Association of European Historians' Annual Conference, St. Francis College, October 2017

Co-organizer, "Rikers: An American Jail," St. Francis College, May 2017

External Reviewer, *Church History and Religious Culture*, Winter 2017

Co-organizer, "The Confined Arts: Solitary Confinement Edition," St. Francis College, March 2016

President, New York State Association of European Historians, Fall 2015-Fall 2016
(Member, Executive Board, Fall 2013-Fall 2017; Vice President, Fall 2014-Fall 2017)

External Reviewer, *The West in Question* textbook (Oxford University Press, unpublished), Fall 2014-Fall 2015

Co-organizer, "Teaching History to Undergraduates: A Regional Conversation, Brooklyn," May 2014

External Reviewer, *Reinvention Journal*, Summer 2012

Fellow, Tuning Project, American Historical Association. Summer 2012-Summer 2014

Member of Editorial Board, *ASEBL Journal*, Spring 2012-Spring 2018

Fellow, Students and Faculty in the Archives, Brooklyn Historical Society, Summer 2011-Fall 2013

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Member, Professional Standards Committee, Fall 2025-Present

Member, Gen Ed Council, Fall 2024-Present

Member, Faculty Coordinating Committee, Fall 2021-Present

Member, Planning Council, St. Francis College, Fall 2017-Spring 2020

Co-Chair, Middle States Self-Study Steering Committee for Standard I: Mission and Goals, St. Francis College, Summer 2017-Fall 2019

Author, Department of Economics, History, Political Science, and Social Studies
Quinquennial Review, 2016-2017, Self-Study Report, St. Francis College, Spring 2017

Judge, Best Conference Paper, Mercy College History Undergraduate Research Conference, April 2017

Member, Promotion and Tenure Committee, St. Francis College, Fall 2015-Spring 2025
(Chair: Fall 2020-Spring 2024)

Co-Director/Director, Justice Initiative Program, Fall 2015-Present

Moderator, Model UN Club, St. Francis College, Fall 2015-Spring 2019

Co-Chair, Middle States Periodic Review Subcommittee for Standard 12 (General Education), St. Francis College, Fall 2013-Spring 2014

Moderator, Phi Alpha Theta, National History Honor Society, Theta Nu Chapter (St. Francis College), Fall 2011-Present

Secretary of Faculty Assembly, St. Francis College, Fall 2011-Spring 2015

Member, Research Committee, St. Francis College, Fall 2010-Spring 2017

Member, Student Behavior Committee, St. Francis College, Fall 2010-Spring 2017 (Chair: Fall 2013-Spring 2017)

Member, Student Activities Committee, St. Francis College, Fall 2010-Spring 2013

Assessment Fellow, St. Francis College, May 2010-May 2011

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONORS

St. Francis College, Faculty Research Grant, St. Francis College, Spring 2024

St. Francis College, Faculty Research Grant, St. Francis College, Spring 2018

St. Francis College, Faculty Research Grant, St. Francis College, Spring 2015

St. Francis College, Faculty Research Grant, St. Francis College, Spring 2013

George L. Mosse Teaching Fellow, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Spring 2009

Vilas Travel Grant, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Fall 2008

Fulbright Fellow to the Netherlands, Academic Year 2006-2007

University of Warwick (United Kingdom) Research Exchange Fellowship, Academic Year 2005-2006

Honorable Mention for Best Paper by a Graduate Student, Midwest Conference on British Studies, September 2005

Awarded Full Scholarship to the Zomercursus Nederlandse Taal en Cultuur by the Nederlandse Taalunie, Summer 2004

Passed Preliminary Examinations with Distinction, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Spring 2004