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EDUCATION

Yale University, Renaissance Studies, Ph.D. 1997
Dissertation Thesis: "A Spanish Eye on Italy: Spanish Ambassadors in Sixteenth Century Italy." Director: Dr. Geoffrey Parker
Yale University, Renaissance Studies, M.A. and M. Phil., 1993
Vassar College, Medieval and Renaissance Studies, B.A. 1990

EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor of History, The University of Akron, 2005-
Assistant Professor of History, The University of Akron, 1999-2005
Visiting Assistant Professor, Temple University (Intellectual Heritage Program), 1998-1999
Adjunct Professor, Temple University (Intellectual Heritage Program), 1997-1998
Adjunct Professor, Beaver College, History Department, Fall Semester 1997

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS RECEIVED

Research Grant, Program for Cultural Cooperation between Spain's Ministry of Culture and United States Universities, 2011
University of Akron Faculty Research Grant, 2011
Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences Chairs' Outstanding Achievement Award for Research, 2005
Miller Humanities Center Travel Grant, 2001
University of Akron Faculty Research Grant, 2000
Bradley Foundation Dissertation Research Grant, 1994-1995
Yale University Fellowship, 1990-1994
Phi Beta Kappa, 1990
Vassar College James Ryland Fellowship, 1990

BOOKS AND ARTICLES PUBLISHED

"Diego Guzmán de Silva and Sixteenth-Century Venice: A Case Study in Structural Intelligence Failure." In *The Dangerous Trade: Spies, Spymasters, and the Making of Europe.* Daniel Szechi, ed. Dundee: Dundee University Press, 2010. Pp. 22-44.

"Italy and the Limits of Spanish Empire." In *The Limits of Empire in the Early Modern*

World: Essays in Honor of N. Geoffrey Parker, forthcoming, Brill Press.

With Jeffrey Adler, Ryan Fuoss, and Amanda Youell. "Reading Encrypted Diplomatic Correspondence: An Undergraduate Project." *Cryptologia* 32:1 (2008), pp. 1-12.

Agents of Empire: Spanish Ambassadors in Sixteenth-Century Italy. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2005

With Steven Zohn. "Don Juan de Austria and the Venetian Music Trade." *Early Music*, Vol. XXXIII, No. 3 (2005), pp. 439-446.

"A New World Order: The Spanish Campaign for Precedence in Early Modern Europe." *Journal of Early Modern Europe*, Vol. 6 (2002), pp. 233-264.

Co-editor, with Michael Graham, Constance Bouchard, Stephen Harp, and Shelley Baranowski. *The Humanities in the Western Tradition: A Reader.* Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2001; Second Edition, 2006.

"Sixteenth-Century Spanish Diplomacy: A Bibliography." *Society for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies Bulletin*, Winter 1999, pp. 6-16.

ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES PUBLISHED

"Mercurino Gattinara." *Europe 1450-1789: Encyclopedia of the Early Modern World.* Jonathan Dewald, ed. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 2004. Vol. 3, pp. 23-24.

BOOK REVIEWS

John A. Marino, *Becoming Neapolitan: Citizen Culture in Baroque Naples.* Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2011. Reviewed for *The Sixteenth Century Journal*, Vol. XLIII, No. 1, Spring 2012, pp. 240-242.

Thomas James Dandelet and John A. Marino, eds. *Spain in Italy: Politics, Society, and Religion 1500-1700*. Leiden: Brill, 2007. Reviewed for *The Journal of Modern History*, Vol. 82, No. 3. September 2010, pp. 669-671.

Enrique García Hernán, *Ireland and Spain in the Reign of Philip II.* Dublin: Four Courts Press, 2009. Reviewed for *Renaissance Quarterly*, Volume LXIII, No. 2, Summer 2010, pp. 662-663.

Daniel A. Crews, *Twilight of the Renaissance: The Life and Times of Juan de Valdés.* Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2008. Reviewed for *The American Historical Review*, Vol. 114. No. 3, June 2009, pp. 835-836.

Juan de Verzosa, *Epístolas*. Vols. I, II and III. Eduardo del Pino González, ed.. Madrid: Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas, 2006. Reviewed for *Sixteenth Century Journal*, Vol. XL, Summer 2009, pp. 530-531.

Ruth MacKay, *"Lazy, Improvident People": Myth and Reality in the Writing of Spanish History.* Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2006. Reviewed for *Sixteenth Century Journal,* Vol. XXXIX, Spring 2008, pp. 205-207.

J. B. Owens, *"By My Absolute Royal Authority": Justice and the Castilian Commonwealth at the Beginning of the First Global Age.* Rochester: University of Rochester Press, 2005. Reviewed for *Seventeenth-Century News*, Volume 65, Nos. 1-2 (2007), pp. 13-15.

James D. Tracy, *Emperor Charles V, Impresario of War*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2002. Reviewed for *Sixteenth Century Journal*, Vol. XXXV, Summer 2004, pp. 538-539.

Thomas James Dandelet, *Spanish Rome 1500-1700*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2001. Reviewed for *Sixteenth Century Journal,* Vol. XXXIV, Spring 2003, pp. 294-295.

Stuart B. Schwartz, ed. *Victors and Vanquished: Spanish and Nahua Views of the Conquest of Mexico.* Boston: Bedford/ St. Martin's Press, 2000. Reviewed for *Seventeenth Century Journal*, No. 59 (2001), pp. 280-282.

Bruce Taylor, *Structures of Reform: The Mercedarian Order in the Spanish Golden Age.* Leiden: Brill, 2000. Reviewed for *Sixteenth Century Journal*, Vol. XXXII, Fall 2001, pp. 799-800.

Derek Croxton, *Peacemaking in Early Modern Europe: Cardinal Mazarin and the Congress of Westphalia, 1643-1648.* London: Associated University Presses, 1999. Reviewed for H-France, 29 June 2000 (http://www.h-france.net/reviews/levin.html)

INVITED LECTURES

Early Modern Europe Seminar, History Department, Ohio State University, March 2011, "The Pax Hispanica and the Fieschi Affair, 1547"

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Paper Presented, Association for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies, Boston, April 2012, "A Failure of Intelligence: Gómez Suárez de Figueroa and the Fieschi Conspiracy, 1547."

Paper Presented, Renaissance Society of America Conference, Montreal, March 2011, "The Pax Hispanica: A Myth?"

Paper Presented, Conference in Honor of Geoffrey Parker, Columbus OH, February 2009, "Italy and the Limits of Empire."

Organizer, Panel for Society for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies Conference, April 2008, "Using Spanish Documents in the Classroom" (Paper Presented: "Cracking the Code: An Undergraduate Project")

Paper Presented, Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, October 2005, "On the Irrelevance of Spanish Power: The Ferrara Crisis, 1598"

Paper Presented, Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, October 2004, "Power and Perception in Renaissance Spanish Diplomacy."

Paper Presented, Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, October 2003, "Getting the Goods: Spanish Ambassadors and Acquisition in 16th-Century Italy"

Organizer, Panel for the Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, October 2002, "Early Modern Court Culture" (Paper Presented: "Spanish Ambassadors at Work and Play in Italian Renaissance Courts")

Paper Presented, Society for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies, April 2002, "Identity Crisis: Philip II and the Precedence Controversy 1557-1565"

Paper Presented, Cleveland State University Early Modern Studies Colloquium, April 2001, "A New World Order: Spain's Campaign for Precedence in the Sixteenth Century"

Paper Presented, Society for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies, April 2000, "Dissimulation and Diplomacy in Sixteenth-Century Italy"

Organizer, Panel for Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Oct. 1999, "Renaissance Diplomacy" (Paper Presented: "Lying Abroad: Spanish Diplomacy and Dissimulation")

Organizer, Panel for Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Oct. 1998, "Early Modern Diplomacy and Espionage" (Paper Presented: "Ambassadors, Spies, and Skullduggery in Early Modern Venice.")

Paper Presented, Society for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies, May 1998: "*Novedades en Italia:* The Question of Spanish 'Domination' of Italy."

Organizer, Panel for Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Oct. 1996,"The Spanish Presence in Sixteenth-Century Rome" (Paper Presented: "Luis de Requésens, the Papacy, and the Precedence Controversy 1564-66")

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Nominating Committee, Association for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies, 2007-2010

COURSES TAUGHT

Humanities in the Western Tradition I, Lecture
Humanities in the Western Tradition I, Discussion
Historical Methods
Europe 1348-1610
The Italian Renaissance
The European Renaissance
Imperial Spain, 1469-1700
Power and Display in the Renaissance
Renaissance Politics
Graduate Seminar, Interpretations of the Renaissance
Graduate Seminar, Early Modern Spain and its Empire
Independent Study, various topics

DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

History Honors Advisor, 2012-
History Department AAUP Liaison, 2012-
Co-Chair, Academic Engagement Committee, 2008-2010
Director, Humanities in the Western Tradition Program, 2007-2012
University Teller, 2003-2005
Faculty Advisor, Hillel Jewish Student's Union, 2003-2010
Undergraduate Committee, 2003-2006, 2008-

Buchtel College Council, 2001-2005 (Vice Chair, 2002-3, Chair Pro Tem Fall 2002)
Chair's Advisory Committee, 2001-2002, 2008-2009, 2011-2012
Faculty Advisor to Phi Alpha Theta, 2000-2004
Scholarship Committee, 1999-2006 (chair, 2000-2006), 2008-
Miller Humanities Center Committee, 1999-2001, 2007-
Library Committee, 1999-2001

LANGUAGE COMPETENCE
Spanish, Italian, Latin