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SELECT WORK EXPERIENCE

Bates College Associate Professor of History, 2011 - present
Bates College Assistant Professor of History, 2005 - 2011
University of California, Berkeley Visiting Scholar, 2009

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley Ph.D., History 2005
Boston University B.A., History

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

Building Colonial Cities of God: Mendicant Orders and Urban Culture in New Spain, 1570-1800 (Stanford University Press, 2012).

Charitable Connections: American Alms and Global Catholicism (research project, in progress)

“The Globalization of Reform” in Mary Laven, Alexandra Bamji, and Geert Janssen, eds. *Ashgate Research Companion to the Counter-Reformation* (Ashgate, 2013).

“Clergy–Spanish America” in Kenneth Mills and Evonne Levy, eds. *Lexikon of the Hispanic Baroque: Technologies of a Transatlantic Culture* (University of Texas Press, forthcoming 2013).

“History: Mexico: Colonial Period” (with Paula de Vos and Sean McEnroe) in *The Handbook of Latin American Studies*, vol. 68 (forthcoming, 2013).

Review of Brian Larkin, *The Very Nature of God: Baroque Catholicism and Religious Reform in Bourbon Mexico City*. In *A Contracorriente* (Fall 2012).

“Spiritual Directions: Gender, Piety, and Friendship in the Late Eighteenth Century” in Leo Garafalo and Erin O’Connor, eds., *Gender and Race, Empire and Nation: A Documentary History on the Making of Latin America* (Pearson Prentice Hall, 2011).

“History: Mexico: Colonial Period” (with Paula de Vos) in *The Handbook of Latin American Studies*, vol. 66 (University of Texas Press, 2011).

“Charity Without Borders: Alms Collection in New Spain for Captives in North Africa” *Colonial Latin American Review* 18:1 (April 2009) 75-91.

“History: Mexico: Colonial Period” (with Paula de Vos) in *The Handbook of Latin American Studies*, vol. 64 (Austin: University of Texas Press, 2009), 104-124.

“Priests and Nuns in Colonial Ibero-America” in Lee M. Penyak and Walter J. Petry, *Religion and Society in Latin America: Interpretive Essays from Conquest to Present* (Orbis Books, 2009) 100-114.

“A Potential Saint Thwarted: Religion and the Politics of Sanctity in Late-Eighteenth-Century New Spain.” In Jeffrey Ravel and Linda Zionkowski, eds. *Studies in Eighteenth-Century Culture* vol. 36 (2007), 169-185.

“Dominicans.” In David Carrasco, ed., *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Mesoamerican Cultures: The Civilizations of Mexico and Central America*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2001, vol. I, 331-333.

SELECT CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, INVITED TALKS

Huntington Library Conference (September 2013)

Paper: Junipero Serra and Eighteenth-Century Missions in a Global Context

Latin American Studies Association Conference (San Francisco, CA, May 2012)

Paper: Breaking the Seal: Discalced Carmelites and Confessional Practices in Comparative Perspective

Conference on Latin American History/American Historical Association (Boston, MA, January 2011)

Paper: Competing Confessions: Religious Rivalries in New Spain’s Cities

Panel Commentator: Franciscans, Indigenous Peoples, & the Battle for the Sacred in Colonial New Spain

American Historical Association, Pacific Coast Branch Annual Conference (Santa Clara, CA, August 2010)

Paper: Rearranging Spaces: Celebrations for an Old World Saint in the New

European Social Science History Conference (Ghent, Belgium, April 2010)

Paper: Old World, New World Orders

Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting (Los Angeles, March, 2009)

Paper: Miracles and Urban Missions in Eighteenth-Century New Spain

Latin American Studies Association (Montreal, Canada, September, 2007)

Paper: Spiritual Directions: Gender, Piety, and Friendship in the Eighteenth Century

Social History Society Conference (Exeter, England, April, 2007)

Paper: Rearranging Spaces: Celebrations for an Old World Saint in the New World

Harvard Seminar on the History of the Atlantic World, 1500-1825 (Cambridge, MA, August 2006)

Paper: Global Family Ties: New Spain’s Mendicant Orders and Their Institutes

Latin American Studies Association (San Juan, Puerto Rico, March 2006)

Chair, Colonial Church and Religion across Disciplines

Paper: Mercedarians and Alms for Captives in Seventeenth- and Eighteenth-Century New Spain

American Historical Association (Philadelphia, PA, January 2006)

Paper: Reassessing the Damage: Mendicant Orders and State Reform, 1730-1800

American Society of Eighteenth Century Studies (Las Vegas, NV, April 2005)

Paper: Mendicant Friars and the Struggle for Local Spiritual Devotion

The Academy of American Franciscan History Seminar Series (Berkeley, CA, September 2003)

Paper: Distinguishing Habits: Comparing Mendicant Orders in Seventeenth- & Eighteenth-Century New Spain

Pacific Coast Conference of Latin American Studies/El Colegio de la Frontera Norte (Tijuana, Mexico, April 2001)

Paper: The Mercedarian Order and State Intervention

SELECT AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Phillips Fellowship, Bates College, 2013-2014

Mellon Innovation Fund Grant, Bates College 2011

Hubert Herring Outstanding Dissertation Award, Pacific Coast Conference of Latin American Studies, 2005

Center for New World Comparative Studies Fellowship, John Carter Brown Library, 2003

University of California, Berkeley O'Donnell Fellow, 1999 - 2005

University of California, Berkeley Bolton Fellowship, 1999 - 2000

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Historical Association

Latin American Studies Association

The Conference on Latin American History

New England Conference of Latin American Studies

Society for Early Modern Catholic Studies

Renaissance Society of America