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### **EMPLOYMENT**

2011 - present Associate Professor, History Department, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL.  
 2006 - 2011 Assistant Professor, History Department, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL.  
 2004 - 2006 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History, Kenyon College, Gambier, OH.  
 2002 Adjunct Instructor, History Department, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey,  
 (summer) New Brunswick, N.J.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

2017-present Chair, Department of History, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL.  
 2016-2017 Interim Chair, Department of History, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL.  
 2010-2015 Director of Graduate Programs, Department of History, University of Central Florida,  
 Orlando, FL.

### **EDUCATION**

2004 Ph.D. in History, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick, N.J.  
 2000 M.A. in Medieval History, University of Durham, Durham, UK.  
 1998 M.A. in Medieval History, Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.  
 1995 B.A. in History and Classics (Latin), College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA.

### **Books**

*Conflict and Compromise in the Late Medieval Countryside: Lords and Peasants in Durham, 1349 to 1400* (Routledge, August 2006).

### **Articles and Essays**

“Widow-right in Durham, England 1349-1660,” accepted for publication in *Continuity & Change*.

“Review Essay: Married Women and the Law: Legal Fiction and Women’s Agency in England, America, and Northwestern Europe,” in the *Canadian Journal of History* 50:1 (2015): 86-97.

“Peasant Opportunities in Rural Durham: Land, Vills and Mills, 1349-1500,” in *Commercial Activity, Markets and Entrepreneurs in the Middle Ages: Essays in Honour of Richard Britnell*, ed. by Ben Dodds and Christian D. Liddy (Boydell & Brewer, October, 2011), pp. 141-164.

“Village Voice or Village Oligarchy? The Jurors of the Durham Halmote Court, 1349-1424,” in *Law and History Review* 28:3 (2010): 675-709.

“Rural transformation in northern England: village communities of Durham, 1340-1440,” in *Agriculture and Rural Society after the Black Death: Common Themes and Regional Variations*, ed. by Richard Britnell and Benjamin Dodds (University of Hertfordshire, September 2008), pp. 99-114.

“Local Law Courts in Late Medieval Durham,” in *North-East England in the Later Middle Ages*, ed. by Richard Britnell and Christian Liddy (Boydell & Brewer, October 2005), pp. 97-117.

### **Grants and Awards**

- 2016 Pauley Endowment Travel Award, History Department, UCF.
- 2015 Sabbatical (Type IA Competitive) for spring semester 2016, College of Arts & Humanities, University of Central Florida.
- 2015 Pauley Endowment Travel Award, History Department, UCF.
- 2013 Excellence in Graduate Teaching Award, College of Arts & Humanities, UCF.
- 2011 Teaching Incentive Program Award, University of Central Florida.
- 2010 In-House Research Grant, College of Arts & Humanities and Office of Research & Commercialization, University of Central Florida.
- 2009 University Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award, University of Central Florida.
- 2009 Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award, College of Arts & Humanities, UCF.
- 2009 British Academy/Huntington Library short-term Fellowship for study in Great Britain.
- 2009 Innovative Teaching and Learning Grant, Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning, UCF. (with Dr. Amelia Lyons and Dr. John Sacher, History Department, UCF.)
- 2009 Learning Institute For Elders @ UCF, Inc. grant for the “Building Blocks” Public History project, RICHES (Research Initiative to Collect the Histories, Experiences, and Stories) of Central Florida, History Department, UCF. Lead grant writer.
- 2009 Pauley Endowment Travel Award, History Department, UCF.
- 2006 Research Recognition Award, College of Arts & Humanities, UCF.
- 2005 Faculty Development Grant, Kenyon College.

### **Selected Conference Papers**

“When did gender matter? Principles and legal practice in English culture, circa 1300-1600,” accepted for the 21<sup>st</sup> biennial New College Conference on Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Sarasota, FL,

March 2018.

“Gender norms, local concerns, and the places of women in the Durham Halmote Courts, 1296-1662,” presented at the Symposium on “Litigating Women: negotiating justice in courts of law, c. 1100- c. 1750,” Swansea University (Singleton Campus), June 28-29, 2017.

“Individuals, communities, and agricultural change in northern England: Culture and Practice in the late Middle Ages,” part of a panel sponsored by the Medieval Association for Rural Studies, 51<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 2016.

“Saints and winners in northern England: The Saxons, Vikings, Normans, and St. Cuthbert, circa 875 - circa 1100,” presented at the 20<sup>th</sup> biennial New College Conference on Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Sarasota, FL, March 2016.

“Lords, communities, and individuals: administering lands in Northern England, 1300-1500,” part of a panel on “The rule of lords in times of change, 1300-1500” presented at the 22<sup>nd</sup> International Medieval Congress, Leeds, UK, July, 2015.

“Wives, Widows, and Servants in Northeastern England 1200-1500: Women’s Experiences on the Margin and in the Middle,” to be presented at the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Medieval Association, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC, October 3-5, 2013.

“St. Cuthbert, Royal Policy, and the Persistence of the Palatinate of Durham,” presented at the 2013 Medieval Academy of America Conference, Knoxville, TN, April 2013.

“The Poetics of Power in Rural England: Power, Performance, and Manorial Texts,” presented at the Mid-Atlantic Conference on British Studies, Pennsylvania State University - Abington, PA, April 2012.

“The King, the Bishop, the Saint, and the Law: The Origins of the Palatinate of Durham Revisited,” presented at the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Medieval Association, Roanoke, VA, November 2010.

“The Bishop of Durham’s Widows’: Widowhood, Inheritance, and Household (re)Formation in Northeast England, 1349-1660” presented at the North American Conference on British Studies Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, November 2010.

“Protest, Resistance, and Rebellion: Approaches to Disorder in Rural England,” part of a panel sponsored by the Centre for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Durham University, at the 44<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 2009.

“The Bishops and the Law: The Adoption of Common Law in the Palatinate of Durham to 1536,” part of a panel sponsored by the Centre for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Durham University, at the 43<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 2008.

“Sports, Games and the Changing Fear of Disorder in County Durham, 1377 to 1504,” Mid-Atlantic British Studies Conference, University of Maryland-Baltimore Campus, March 2008.

“Seigniorial Authority and Village Politics in Late Medieval Durham,” IX<sup>th</sup> Anglo-American Seminar on the Medieval Economy and Society, Lincoln, UK, July 2007.

“People and Justice in the Manorial Courts of Northern England,” International Medieval Congress, University of Leeds, UK, July 2006.

“Struggling Together: Peasant Violence in Durham, England, 1370-1400,” 40<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 2005.

“Local Law Courts in the Later Middle Ages,” North-East England in the Late Middle Ages Conference, organized by the Arts and Humanities Research Board Centre for North-East England History, Durham University, UK, July 2002.

### **Languages**

Latin (Classical and Medieval)

Certification: passed Ph.D. level examination in Medieval Latin, Centre for Medieval Studies, University of Toronto, September 2000.

French (Old, Anglo-Norman, and Modern)

Middle English

Italian

Spanish

### **Courses Taught**

#### **University of Central Florida, Undergraduate:**

EUH2000	Western Civilization I
EUH3122	Medieval Society and Civilization
EUH3124	The Crusades
EUH3142	Renaissance and Reformation
EUH4500	English History to 1485
EUH4501	English History 1485 to 1815
EUH4504	English Legal History I
EUH4674	Sport & Society in the Ancient World

#### **UCF, Graduate:**

EUH5546	Colloquium in British History
EUH6939	Seminar in British History
HIS6159	Historiography

### **Thesis Supervision**

#### **UCF Master’s Theses, History Department:**

Kody Whittington, “The Model King: Brian Boru and the Medieval Idea of Kingship,” 2018-present.

Brett Pelham, “The Effects of Population and Wealth on the Location of Milling,” 2017.

Katy Santi, "Elizabeth Tudor: The Fostering of a Legend," 2016.

Alayne Benson, "The Contributions of Natural Philosophy to English Medieval Society and Culture," 2015.

Jonathan Lake, "Reform, Reformation, and Resistance in Henrican England," 2013-present.

Christie Schneck, "Continuing Themes from Popular Entertainment through Pamphlets and Newsbooks in England, 1580-1600," 2009-2012.

Scott Hilderbrandt, "The Highland Soldier in Georgia and Florida: A Case Study of Scottish Highlanders in British Military Service, 1739-1748." 2009-2010.

Jessica Hoeschen, "The English Reformation in Image and Print: Cultural Continuity, Disruptions, and Communications in Tudor Art." 2009-2010.

- Winner of the 2010-2011 Award for Outstanding Master's Thesis, College of Arts & Humanities, University of Central Florida.

Melissa Perez, "Vibia Perpetua's Diary: A Woman's Voice in a Roman Text of Its Own." 2007-2009.

Lindsey McNellis, "'Let Her Be Taken': Sexual Violence in Medieval England." 2007-2008.

#### **UCF Master's Thesis, Interdisciplinary Studies:**

Nicole Hill, "'Bloody Tygresses': Murderous Women in Early Modern English Drama and Popular Literature." 2009. (became committee chair in spring 2009.)

#### **UCF Honors in the Major Theses:**

Kody Whittington, "The Hundred Years' War and Its Impact on Society," 2016.

- Finalist, College of Arts & Humanities Honors in the Major Award for Outstanding Thesis, 2017

Lori Nykanen, "Queen Isabella and the Spanish Inquisition, 1482-1515," 2014.

Brandon Raphael, "A Time of Transition: From Wolsey to Cromwell in England." History Department, 2010-2011.

Lisa Rome, "Settling Differences: A Comparative Study of Yorkshire and East Anglia, Focusing on the Scandinavian Influences on Place Names and Coins," History Department. 2009-2010.

Jessica King, "Castration and Heresy in Medieval France," History Department. 2009-2010.

Christopher Mielke, "A Reanalysis of the role of Philippa of Lancaster, Queen of Portugal, in the expedition to Ceuta, 1415," History Department. 2007-2008.

#### **Kenyon College Honors Theses:**

Kate Flinner, "Eulogius of Cordoba: Women and Hagiography," Department of History, 2006.

Catherine Papai, "Understanding of Loss: Exile, Convivencia, and Poetic Visions," Department of History, 2005.

**Professional Memberships**

Medieval Academy of America  
North American Conference on British Studies  
Selden Society  
American Society for Legal History  
British Agricultural History Society  
Southeastern Medieval Association  
European History Section of the Southern Historical Association  
Florida Historical Society