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### **CURRENT AND PAST POSITIONS**

#### Wayne State College

2025-present Professor of History, Department of History, Politics, and Geography

2020-2025 Associate Professor of History, Department of History, Politics, and Geography

2016-2020 Assistant Professor of History, Department of History, Politics, and Geography

#### Simpson University

2014-2016 Assistant Professor, Department of History

#### University of Kansas

2013-2014 Research Development Specialist, Hall Center for the Humanities

### **EDUCATION**

#### University of Kansas

2014 PhD History with honors  
Dissertation: *The Bourbon Reform of Spanish Absolutism: The Government of the Crown of Aragon, 1665-1746*  
Major Field: Modern Europe  
Minor Fields: British and World History  
Committee Members: Luis Corteguera (Chair), J.C.D. Clark, J. Megan Greene, Patricia Manning, Leslie Tuttle, and Marta Vicente

2009 MA History with honors

#### Hillsdale College

2007 BA History with a minor in German, with honors in history and from the Honors Program  
*Salutatorian and Summa Cum Laude*

**PUBLICATIONS****Book Projects**

- In Progress    *Negotiating the Borders of Church and State in Bourbon Spain, 1700-1759*
- Forthcoming   *Forging Faithful Subjects: Dynastic State Formation in Early Modern Spain* (firm for publication with Louisiana State Press in 2026)

**Articles**

- 2020            “The Limits of Historical Inquiry: A Critique of Oliver O’Donovan’s political concepts based on Herbert Butterfield” *Fides et Historia* 52 (1): 1-22.
- 2018            “The Advantage of Legal Diversity for State Formation: Bourbon Reforms and Aragonese Law in Eighteenth-Century Spain” *European History Quarterly* 48 (2): 203-231.

**Book Reviews**

- Forthcoming   Review of Juan Jiménez Castillo, *La Monarquía indiana de Carlos II en la encrucijada: La reconfiguración del poder virreinal en el Perú (1674-1689)* (2024) in *American Historical Review*.

**AWARDS AND HONORS**

- 2025            Sabbatical leave for spring semester 2025, Wayne State College
- 2017            New Initiative Grant for research at the Newberry Library in Chicago, Wayne State College
- 2015            Rev. Charles Dale Scholar Grant for research, Simpson University
- 2014            George L. Anderson Award for Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation, Department of History, University of Kansas
- 2012-2013     Distinguished Graduate Instructorship, Humanities and Western Civilization Program, University of Kansas
- 2010-2011     Fulbright Full Research Grant to Spain, Institution for International Education
- 2010            Oppenheimer Award for research in Spain, Department of History, University of Kansas
- 2010            Andrew Debicki International Travel Award, Hall Center for the Humanities, University of Kansas

**AWARDS AND HONORS, CONTINUED**

- 2010 Tinker Summer Field Research Grant, Center of Latin American Studies, University of Kansas
- 2009 Eddie Jacobson Memorial Foundation Scholarship for research in Spain, Harry S. Truman Good Neighbor Foundation
- 2008 Donald R. McCoy Memorial Research Award for Best Graduate Research Paper, Department of History, University of Kansas
- 2007-2008 First Year Graduate Fellowship for outstanding prospective graduate students, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Kansas
- 2006 Curtis A. Siechter Endowed History Award for distinguished academic ability and achievement, Department of History, Hillsdale College
- 2003 National Merit Scholarship, Hillsdale College

**REFEREED PRESENTATIONS**

- Submitted “The Durability of the *ancien Régime*: Reflections on the Revolution in France from the Perspective of Bourbon Spain,” 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, hosted by The Carolina Lowcountry and Atlantic World Program at the College of Charleston and the University of South Carolina, May 14-17
- Accepted “Performing the Politics of Home in the Dynastic Transition from Habsburg to Bourbon Spain,” 55th Annual Conference of the Association for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies for 2026, hosted by the York University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, April 22-25
- 2025 “The Priests Who Led a Prison Break: The Case of the Prisoner Andres Capdevila and its impact on Ecclesiastical Privilege in Catalonia in the 1720s,” 54th Annual Conference of the Association for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies for 2025, hosted by the University of Maryland, College Park, June 6
- 2025 “Enlightened Reform of Ecclesiastical Privileges in the Spanish Empire: The Concordat of 1753 and its Legacy,” 55th Annual Meeting of the Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, Auburn University and Columbus State University, February 28
- 2024 “Confessional War in the Age of Enlightenment: Religious Interpretations of the War of Spanish Succession,” 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the Association for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies, Centre for History of the University of Lisbon, Portugal, July 9

**REFEREED PRESENTATIONS, CONTINUED**

- 2023            “The Royal Entries of Philip V: Educating a King through Public Performance,” 52nd Annual Conference of the Association for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies, University of Colorado-Boulder, May 21
- 2022            “Philip V ‘as another David’: Don Thomas de Puga y Rojas’ Use of Old Testament Imagery to Interpret the War of Spanish Succession,” 33<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Meeting of the Conference on Faith and History, Baylor University, April 1
- 2020/21        “The Ritual Formation of a King: the arrival of Philip V in Spain,” 51st Annual Conference of the Association for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies, York University, 23-25 April 2020 / April 2021  
(The paper was accepted twice; the conference was rescheduled from April 2020 to April 2021 but was ultimately canceled.)
- 2018            “The Challenge of Interpreting the Ultimate Meaning of the Past: A Butterfieldian Critique of Oliver O’Donovan’s Political Concepts,” 31<sup>st</sup> Biennial Meeting of the Conference on Faith and History, Calvin College, October 5
- 2017            “Royal Flexibility and Legal Reform: The Preservation of Regional Civil Law in Bourbon Spain,” 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies, New York University, March 16
- 2017            “The Pragmatic Governing Practices of Charles II of Spain, 1665-1700,” Premodern Spanish Historical Association of the Midwest, DePaul University, March 4
- 2016            “Interpreting Bourbon Centralization from the Periphery: Ambiguity in the Implementation of the Nueva Planta in Barcelona, 1716-1742,” 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies, UC San Diego and Maritime Museum of San Diego, March 18
- 2015            “Alternative Visions of a More Uniform State: Strengthening the Monarchy through Regional Variation,” 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies, Johns Hopkins University, March 21
- 2014            “The Perpetually Fragmented Monarchy: Negotiation and Social Collaboration in Bourbon Spain,” American Historical Association 128th Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., January 5
- 2013            “The Problem of Deciphering the Royal Will in Bourbon Spain, 1716-1742,” 38th Annual European Studies Conference, University of Nebraska-Omaha, October 4
- 2012            “The Reality of Bourbon Rule in Eighteenth-Century Spain,” Early Modern Seminar, Hall Center for the Humanities, University of Kansas, April 30

**REFEREED PRESENTATIONS, CONTINUED**

- 2011 “Enduring Tensions: Aragonese Civil Law and the Resilience of Regional Difference in Eighteenth-Century Spain,” 42nd Annual Conference of the Association for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies, Instituto de Ciências Sociais da Universidade de Lisboa Laboratório Associado. Lisbon, Portugal, July 2
- 2011 "The King's Faithful Subjects: Philip V, His Councils, and the People of the Crown of Aragon," Seminario 2011 Becarios Fulbright Estadounidenses en España y Andorra, Archivo de Navarra, Pamplona, Spain, March 11
- 2009 “*Las Armas y Las Letras*: Administration, Writing, and Archive Formation in Habsburg Spain, 1691-1693,” Regional Graduate Student Conference, University of Notre Dame, October 12
- 2009 “Private Matters: Notions of the ‘Private’ and the Changing Role of Private Persons in Early-Seventeenth Century England,” 34th Annual European Studies Conference, University of Nebraska-Omaha, October 2

**INVITED LECTURES**

- 2024 “A Brief History of Romania, Poland, and Hungary,” Invited Lecture, Nebraska LEAD Program of the Nebraska Agricultural Leadership Council, hosted by Wayne State College, November 20
- 2023 “A Brief History of Albania, Greece, and Rome,” Invited Lecture, Nebraska LEAD Program of the Nebraska Agricultural Leadership Council, hosted by Wayne State College, November 11
- 2022 “A Brief History of Ecuador, Colombia, and Panama,” Invited Lecture, Nebraska LEAD Program of the Nebraska Agricultural Leadership Council, hosted by Wayne State College, November 13
- 2019 “A Brief History of Costa Rica and Brazil,” Invited Lecture, Nebraska LEAD Program of the Nebraska Agricultural Leadership Council, hosted by Wayne State College, November 17
- 2019 “The Limits of Historical Inquiry: Oliver O'Donovan and Herbert Butterfield on the Ultimate Meaning of the Past,” Invited Lecture, Wayne State College, November 4
- 2016 “Church, State, and the Royal Patronage of Convents in Early Modern Spain: el Real Monasterio de Nuestra Señora de la Consolación and the War of Spanish Succession,” Invited Lecture, Wayne State College, October 21

**INVITED LECTURES, CONTINUED**

- 2016            “Hernán Cortés and the Conquest of Mexico,” Invited Lecture, Baldwin Wallace University, January 29
- 2015            “Alternative Visions of a More Uniform State: Strengthening the Monarchy through Regional Variation,” Faculty Colloquy, Simpson University, March 11
- 2012            “Indifference to the Nation State in Bourbon Spain,” Humanities and Western Civilization Distinguished Graduate Instructorship Lecture, University of Kansas, September 17
- 2007            “Ill Met by Moonlight: Shakespeare and Elizabethan Fairies,” Honors Program Senior Thesis Presentation, Hillsdale College, April 13
- 2006            “Neighbour to the Revolution: County Kent, 1789-1815,” Phi Alpha Theta Colloquium, Hillsdale College, October 25

**TEACHING**Wayne State College

- HIS 120        World History for General Studies
- HIS 170        World Civilizations I
- HIS 300        The Ancient World
- HIS 310        The Renaissance and the Reformation
- HIS 315        The Age of Enlightenment
- HIS 317        Nineteenth Century Europe
- HIS 319        The Two World Wars, 1914-1945
- HIS 423        History of Spain, 1469-Present
- HIS 443        Topics: History of Science (3-credit directed study)
- HIS 505        Topics: The Renaissance and the Reformation (Graduate Readings Course)
- HIS 505        Topics: The Spanish Empire (Graduate Readings Course)
- HIS 505        Topics: Early Modern Europe (Graduate Readings Course)
- HIS 505        Topics: The Two World Wars, 1914-1945 (Graduate Readings Course)

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- HIS 505      Topics: Nineteenth Century Europe (Graduate Readings Course)
- HIS 505      Topics: The Ancient Mediterranean World (Graduate Readings Course)
- IDS 115      First Year Experience
- SSC 490      Social Science Research Seminar (Capstone History Research Seminar)

Simpson University

- HIST 1500    Introduction to History
- HIST 3300    History of Modern Europe
- HIST 3310    Latin American Civilization
- HIST 3320    History of Russia (since 1855)
- HIST 4410    Special Topics: Secularization and Religious Belief in Early Modern Europe
- HIST 4510    Special Topics: Global Cities
- HUMA 1450   World Civilizations I
- HUMA 1460   World Civilizations II

University of Kansas

- HWC 204      Western Civilization I
- HWC 205      Western Civilization II

Wayne State College Honors Theses Supervised

- Ongoing      Morgan Kruger, "Helen of Troy in Historical Context"
- 2024          Sara Lundeen, "Musical Movements: Songs of Nineteenth-Century Nationalism and Abolitionism" (Received a Top Ten paper award at the Pi Gamma Mu Centennial International Convention in Philadelphia, Nov. 2, 2024, now published in Pi Gamm Mu's [peer-reviewed journal](#))
- 2023          Rhenn Rolenc, "Anne Boleyn and Catherine Howard: Comparing the Wives of Henry VIII that He Beheaded"
- 2023          Yance Garner, "Christian Responses to the Rise of Nazi Germany"

Honors Theses Supervised, continued

- 2020 Shelby Hagerdon, "Hysteria: The Representation of Female Malady from Victorian Psychotherapy to Modern Film"
- 2020 Patrick Hynes, "Rain of Fire: The Moral Implications of the Fire and Atomic Bombing of Japan"
- 2020 Emily Morrison, "Competing Definitions of Womanhood in Twentieth-Century Spain"
- 2019 Myrissa Nearman, "Oral History on the Nearman Family"
- 2018 Elizabeth Mason, "The Evolution of the Modern Woman: How the understanding of gender influenced women's rights from 1790-1920"
- 2018 Anna Stineman, "Brigadas Internacionales: Americans in the Spanish Civil War, 1936-1939"

SERVICETo Wayne State College

- 2019-present Academic Policies Committee Vice Chairperson
- 2017-present Academic Policies Committee Member
- 2018-present Wayne State College Anthropology Museum Co-Director
- 2016-present Phi Alpha Theta Faculty Advisor
- 2016-present History Library Subject Group Member
- 2024, 2021, 2017 Geography Bowl Faculty Judge
- 2023 U.S. History Search Committee Chair
- 2022 Political Science Search Committee Member
- 2021 Criminal Justice Search Committee Member
- 2018 Majors and Minors Fair Planning Committee Member
- 2017 Political Science Search Committee Member



To Simpson University

- 2014-2016     Phi Alpha Theta, Faculty Advisor
- 2015-2016     Faculty Development Committee Member
- 2015           Faculty Instructor, First Year Experience
- 2015           Guest Lecture, “The Historian’s Craft and the Christian Faith,” for CORE 2000, October 27
- 2015           Ad-hoc CORE Committee Member (focused on General Education Reform)
- 2015           Brownbag Lunch Presentation, “Do Christians Make Good Historians?” hosted by Phi Alpha Theta History Honorary, February 27
- 2015           Fifth Annual Research Symposium Faculty Judge
- 2014           Brownbag Lunch Presentation, “Defining the Boundaries of Scholarship: The Problem of Writing about Miracles” hosted by Phi Alpha Theta History Honorary, October 16
- 2014           Guest Lecture, “Religion, Toleration, and the Inquisition in Early Modern Spain,” for LANG 2580: Civilization & Culture of Spain, September 17
- 2014           Guest Lecture, “Union and Disunion in Spain, 1469-1815,” for LANG 2580: Civilization & Culture of Spain, September 15

To the University of Kansas

- 2014           Workshop Leader, “Introduction to Grant Proposal Development,” Hall Center for the Humanities, February 19
- 2013-2014     *Intersections: The First Annual Kansas Conference on History Planning* Committee Member
- 2012           “Medieval and Renaissance Thought,” Training Session for New Graduate Teaching Assistants in the Humanities and Western Civilization Program, November 8
- 2011-2012     Vice President, Humanities and Western Civilization Graduate Organization, University of Kansas
- 2011-2012,  
2009-2010     Humanities and Western Civilization Program Graduate Teaching Executive Committee Member

To the University of Kansas, continued

- 2009-2010     Humanities and Western Civilization Program Curriculum and Advising Committee
- 2008-2009     *2009 University of Kansas-University of Missouri Graduate Conference Planning Committee Member*

To the Profession

- 2025-present   Editorial Board Member for the *Bulletin for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies* of the Association for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies  
(<https://asphs.net/journal/>)
- 2023             James L. Sellers Memorial Award Judge for *Nebraska History Magazine*
- 2022             Peer Reviewer for *Social History*
- 2021-2022     Book Proposal Reviewer for Oxford University Press
- 2015             Panel Chair and Commentator, “Panel #2: Technology, Information, and Non-firearms Used in War,” Phi Alpha Theta Northern California Regional Conference at CSU Stanislaus, April 18
- 2008-2011     Graduate Editor, *Tufts Historical Review*

LANGUAGES

Spanish  
German  
French (basic)  
Catalan (reading)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Historical Association  
Association for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies  
Phi Alpha Theta (National History Honorary)  
Pi Gamma Mu (International Honor Society in the Social Sciences)