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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 india 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      “I’ll 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"

**SERVICE**To 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,   Geography Bowl Faculty Judge  
2017

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)