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CURRENT POSITION

St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia PA
Professor, August 2020-present
Associate Professor, February 2001-June 2020
Chair, History Department June 2010-June 2013
Assistant Professor History Dept. 1995-February 2001

BOOKS

Bindino da Travale, *Chronicle*. Translation, introduction and notes by Alison Williams Lewin.
Toronto: The Centre for Reformation and Renaissance Studies Press, 2021
Co-editor, and contributor, with Sharon Dale and Duane Osheim, *Chronicling History:
Medieval and Renaissance Italian Chronicles*. State College: Penn State Press, 2007
Negotiating Survival: Florence and the Great Schism (1378-1417). NJ: AUP, Fairleigh
Dickinson Press, 2003

ARTICLES

“Chivalry and Romance in the Chronicle of Bindino da Travale and King Ladislao of Naples”
Peer-reviewed proceedings of the Triennial Medieval Chronicle Conference. *The
Medieval Chronicle V*, Erik Kooper, ed. (Rodopi: Amsterdam & NY, 2008), 147-160
*“Age Does Not Matter: Realities and Depictions of the Venetian Doge.” *Florence and
Beyond*, eds. David Peterson and Daniel Bornstein. University of Toronto Press, 2008
“Salimbene de Adam and the Franciscan Chronicle.” *Chronicling History*, eds. Sharon Dale,
Alison Williams Lewin, Duane Osheim. State College: Penn State University Press,
2007
*“Martin V” in *The Great Popes through History*, designed for graduate students, ed.
Frank J. Coppa. Westport CT: Greenwood Press, 2002
*“Guicciardini,” “Sanuto,” & “Sarpì,” entries in *Renaissance and Reformation 1500-
1620: A Biographical Dictionary*, ed. Jo Carney. Westport CT: Greenwood
Press 2001
“When Confessional and Political Agendas Clash: The Complex Life of Giovanni Dominici.”.,
Cultures of Devotion: Studies in Medieval Religion, Peter Howard and Cynthia Troup,
eds. Clayton: Monash Studies in History, June 2000
“*Cum Status Ecclesie Noster Sit: Florence and the Council of Pisa (1409)*,” *Church History*, vol.
62, no. 2, June 1993, pp. 178-189, with award (see below)

"The Great Triangle: Florence, Naples, and the Roman Papacy in the Late Fourteenth Century," in *Nuova Rivista Storica*, anno LXXVII, fasc. II, May-August 1993, pp. 257-276

REVIEWS

* indicates invited review

- *Cohen, Elizabeth S. and Margaret Reeves, eds. *The Youth of Early Modern Women* (Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press, 2018), *Renaissance Quarterly*, submitted
- *Frederick, Conrad & Manfred of Hohenstaufen, Kings of Sicily. *The Chronicle of "Nicholas of Jamsilla" 1210–1258*. Translation and commentary by Louis Mendola (New York: Trinacria Editions, 2016), in *The Medieval Chronicle* vol. 12, 2019
- *Sicily's Rebellion against King Charles. *The Story of the Sicilian Vespers*. Translation and commentary by Louis Mendola (New York: Trinacria Editions, 2015), in *The Medieval Chronicle* vol. 12, 2019
- *Jacqueline Alio, *Margaret Queen of Sicily* (New York: Trinacria Editions, 2016), in *The Medieval Chronicle* vol. 12, 2019
- *Elizabeth McCahill, *Reviving the Eternal City: Rome and the Papal Court, 1420-1427* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2013), in *The Historian*, vol. 78, issue 2, spring 2016.
- *Albert Russell Ascoli, *A Local Habitation and a Name. Imagining Histories in the Italian Renaissance* (New York: Fordham University Press, 2011,) in *Clio*, vol. 44, issue 2 Spring 2015, 242-248.
- *Jurasinski, Stefan, Lisi Oliver & Andrew Rabin, eds. *English Law Before Magna Carta: Felix Liebermann and Die Gesetze der Angelsachsen* (Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2010), in *The Medieval Review* 2012 (online)
- *Martin da Canal. *Les Estoires de Venise*. Translated with an introduction and commentary by Laura K. Morreale (Padova: Archivio del Littorale Adriatico XII, 2009), in *The Medieval Review* 2012
- *Titone, Fabbrizio, *Governments of the Universitates: Urban Communities of Sicily in the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Centuries* Studies in European Urban History 21 (1100-1800). (Turnhout Belgium: Brepols, 2009), in *The Medieval Review* 2011
- *Rollo-Koster, Joelle and Thomas M. Izbicki. *A Companion to the Great Western Schism (1378-1417)* (Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2009), in *Renaissance Quarterly* vol. 63 no. 4, Winter 2010
- Hewlett, Cynthia. *Rural Communities in Renaissance Tuscany: Religious Identities and Local Loyalties* (Turnhout Belgium: Brepols, 2008), in *The Medieval Review* 2010 (online)
- *Christianson, Gerald; Thomas M. Izbicki & Christopher Bellitto, eds. *The Church, the Councils, and Reform: The Legacy of the Fifteenth Century* (Washington DC: Catholic University of America, 2008) in *The Journal of Medieval Religious Cultures*, vol. 36 no. 2, Spring 2010
- *Abulafia, David. *The Discovery of Mankind: Atlantic Encounters in the Age of Columbus* (Yale University Press, 2008), in *The Historian*, vol. 72, no. 3 (fall 2010)
- Reuter, Timothy. Edited by Janet L. Nelson. *Medieval Politics and Modern Mentalities*

- (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006), in *The Medieval Review*, 2009
- *Review Essay, "Behind the Scenes in Late Medieval London." *The Wealth of Wives: Women, Law, and Economy in Late Medieval London* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2007) and Frank Rexroth, *Deviance and Power in late Medieval London*, trans. Pamela E. Selwyn (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007), in *History*, vol. 37, no. 1, fall 2008
 - Ricciardelli, Fabrizio, *The Politics of Exclusion in Early Renaissance Florence*. Late Medieval and Early Modern Studies, v. 12 (Turnhout Belgium: Brepols, 2007) in *The Medieval Review*, 2008
 - *Thomas, Hugh M. *The Norman Conquest: England after William the Conqueror* (Lanham MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2007) in *History*, vol. 36 no. 2, winter 2008
 - *Sheldon, Rose Mary, *Intelligence Activities in Ancient Rome: Trust in the Gods, but Verify* (New York & London: Frank Cass, 2005), in *Intelligence and National Security*, 2008
 - *Caferro, William, *John Hawkwood: an English Mercenary in Fourteenth-Century Italy* (Batimore MD: John Hopkins University Press, 2006) in *History*, 2007
 - *Campbell, Erin, ed., *Growing Old in Early Modern Europe: Cultural Representations* (Hants UK and Burlington VT: Ashgate Publishing Company, 2006), in *Renaissance Quarterly*, Spring 2007
 - *Collins, Amanda, *Greater than Emperor: Cola de Rienzo (ca. 1313-540) and the World of Fourteenth-Century Rome*. Series: Stylus: Studies in Medieval Culture (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2002) in *The Medieval Review*, 2004
 - *Liddy, Christian D., *War, Politics and Finance in Late Medieval English Towns: Bristol, York and the Crown, 1350-1400*. Series: Historical Society Studies in History New Series vol. 45 (Suffolk, UK and Rochester NY: Boydell and Brewer, 2005), in *The Medieval Review*, 2005
 - *Green, Karen and Constant J. Mews, eds. *Healing the Body Politic: The Political Thought of Christine de Pizan*. Series: Disputatio vol. 7 (Turnhout Belgium: Brepols Publishers, 2005), in *The Medieval Review*, 2007
 - Martin, A. Lynn, *Alcohol, Sex, and Gender in Late Medieval and Early Modern Europe* (New York: Palgrave, 2001) in *The Medieval Review*, 2003
 - *Jardine, Lisa and Jerry Brotton, *Global Interests: Renaissance Art between East and West* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2000) in *The Medieval Review*, 2003
 - *Coppi, Enrico, *Cronaca Fiorentina 1537-1555*, Documenti di Storia Italiana, vol. VII (Firenze: Leo S. Olschki, 2000) in *The Medieval Review*, 2002
 - Wolfthal, Diane, ed., *Peace & Negotiation: Strategies for Coexistence in the Middle Ages and the Renaissance*. Arizona Studies in the Middle Ages and the Renaissance, 4. (Turnhout Belgium: Brepols, 2000) in *The Medieval Review*, 2000
 - *Kleinschmidt, Harald, *Understanding the Middle Ages: The Transformation of Ideas and Attitudes in the Medieval World* (London: Boydell Press, 2000) in *The Medieval Review*, 2002
 - *Gene Brucker, Florence, *The Golden Age, 1138-1737* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1998). *The Medieval Review*, on-line

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- “Jan Hus in Tuscany,” New College Biennial Medieval and Renaissance Conference, Sarasota FL, March 2022. I also organized the panel
- “Visions and (Re)visions in Bindino da Travale,” New College Biennial Medieval and Renaissance Conference, Sarasota FL, March 2018
- *“Bindino and the Councils,” Renaissance Society of America, New York City NY, March 2014
- “Rhymes and Rhythms in the Chronicle of Bindino da Travale,” New College Biennial Medieval and Renaissance Conference in Sarasota FL, March 2014
- “Age and Aging in Renaissance Italy” New College Biennial Medieval and Renaissance Conference in Sarasota FL, March 2008
- “The Ambiguities of Age: Growing Old in a Renaissance Commune” International Medieval Conference in Leeds, UK 2005
- “Chronicle or Romance? Bindino da Travale and King Ladislao of Naples” Triennial Medieval Chronicle Conference, Reading, UK 2005
- *“Do as the Romans Did: Cosimo de’ Medici and Augustus” International Medieval Conference in Leeds, UK 2003
- “The Chronicle as Literature: Two Case Studies” Triennial Medieval Chronicle Conference, Utrecht, 2002
- “Salimbene, the Problematic Chronicler” Twelfth Biannual Sarasota Medieval and Renaissance Conference, March 2000
- “Wrestling with Chronicles” Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting, Scottsdale AZ 2000
- “Religious Reporting: The Schism in Lay Chronicles” Thirty-fourth Annual conference of Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, May 1999
- "The Civic Role of the Maternal in Renaissance Florence" Twenty-Third International Conference on Patristic, Mediaeval (*sic*), and Renaissance Studies, Villanova PA, October 1998
- "Schism and Division in Northern Italian Communes" Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting, College Park MD, March 1998
- "The Hand that Rocks the Cradle Rules the World: Mothers in Early Renaissance Florence" Eleventh Biannual Sarasota Medieval and Renaissance Conference, March 1998
- *"When Political and Confessional Agendas Clash: The Complex Life of Giovanni Dominici" International Medieval Conference in Leeds, England, 11 July 1996
- *"Can't Live with It, Can't Live Without It: Florentine Relations with the Papacy During the Great Schism" Fall Meeting of Philadelphia Conference for Modern European History, 4 November 1996
- * indicates invited presentation

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS, ACTIVITIES

President Delaware Valley Medieval Association 2006-2007

Vice-President Delaware Valley Medieval Association 2005-2006

Reader and reviewer for Proceedings of Triennial Medieval Chronicle Conference, 2022, 2018, 2015, 2012, 2009, 2006, 2003

American Historical Association, 1983-present

Renaissance Society of America, 1983-present

COURSES TAUGHT

Forging the Modern World

Western Civilization I & II

The Glory that was Greece: The Classical and Hellenistic Worlds (750-300 BCE)

The Grandeur That Was Rome: 709 BCE-476 CE

The Rise of the West, 400-1000 AD

The Medieval Experience

Danes to Tudors: England from 500-1500

The Italian Renaissance

Revolutions: Religious, Social, & Scientific

Absolutism and Enlightenment

Gender and Authority, 500-1500 (seminar)

Sexuality and Gender as Historical Problems (seminar)

Florence and the Renaissance (seminar)

Lords, Slaves, and Cities I & II: The Ancient World (full-year Honors course)

Ideas of Justice and Right in Medieval Governance (seminar)

The Ancient Mediterranean World (first-year seminar, completely revised for S 2022)

The Crusades

LANGUAGES

Fluent in French and Italian

Reading ability in German and Latin

Speaking and reading ability in modern Greek

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in History Cornell University 1991

Fields of Concentration

Early Modern Europe, with Dr. John Najemy

Medieval History, with Dr. Brian Tierney

Germany in the Nineteenth Century, with Dr. Isabel Hull

Dissertation

"Florence and the Papacy During the Great Schism"

M.A. in History Cornell University 1986

M.A. in Musicology University of Pittsburgh 1983

Thesis

“Schenkerian Analysis of Brahms’ ‘Four Serious Songs’”

Post-graduate work in music Duquesne University

B.A. as College Scholar Cornell University 1978
with distinction in all subjects

HONORS, AWARDS

Research Grants, SJU, Summer 2013, 2002, & 1996

Curriculum Development Grant for upper-division course and seminar, “Ideas of Justice and Rights in Medieval Governance,” Summer 2012

Selected for NEH Seminar, “Structuring Civic Space in Renaissance Venice,” Summer 2006

Faculty Merit Award: Excellence in Research, 2004

Faculty Merit Award: Excellence in Teaching, 1998

Sydney E. Mead Prize, awarded by American Society of Church History, for best article drawn from doctoral research 1992

Graduate Fellowships, History Department at Cornell University:

George C. Boldt Fellowship (1983-1984)

Martha Barrett Fellowship (1984-1985)

Mommsen Traveling Fellowship for foreign research (1986)