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Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS (Christendom College, Front Royal, Va.)

2024– Professor of History
2018– Director of Fellowship Advising
2020–2024 Chair of the Department of History
2018–2024 Associate Professor of History
2013–2018 Assistant Professor of History
2012–2013 Visiting Assistant Professor of History

EDUCATION

2015 PhD, History, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Ind.
2010 MA, History, University of Notre Dame
2007 MA, History, Saint Louis University, St. Louis, Mo.
2003 BA, Theology (minor: Philosophy), Christendom College

BOOK (PEER-REVIEWED)

2021 *Callings and Consequences: The Making of Catholic Vocational Culture in Early Modern France* (McGill-Queen's University Press, 2021).

- Winner of Two 2022 Catholic Media Association Book Awards: History (Third Place) and History of Theology (Third Place)
- Shortlisted for the Ecclesiastical History Society 2022 Book Prize

JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS (PEER-REVIEWED)

2025 "Vocational Culture in the Anglican Patrimony and the Ordinariates: Toward a *Ressourcement*," *Lux Veritatis: A Journal of Speculative Theology* 2, no. 1 (2025), 134–164.

2023 "Rigorism and Clericalism in the Vocational Discernment Culture of the Nineteenth-Century Catholic Revival," *The Catholic Historical Review* 109, no. 4 (Autumn 2023), 659–684.

2022 "Newman and a Historian's Craft," in Juan R. Vélez, ed., *A Guide to John Henry Newman: His Life and Thought* (Washington, D.C.: Catholic University of America Press, 2022), 157–173.

2019 "Gentle Holiness in the Vocational Culture of Seventeenth-Century French Visitandine Nuns," in Jenni Kuuliala, Rose-Marie Peake, and Päivi Räisänen-Schröder, eds., *Lived Religion and Everyday Life in Early Modern Hagiographic Material* (London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2019), 51–75.

2018 "Vocational Freedom, Parental Authority and Pastoral Persuasion in Seventeenth-Century France," *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 69 (2018), 768–784.

BOOK REVIEWS IN ACADEMIC JOURNALS

2020 Review of Barbara B. Diefendorf, *Planting the Cross: Catholic Reform and Renewal in Sixteenth- and Seventeenth-Century France* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019), in *Church History* 89 (2020), 464–465.

2017 Review of Seán Alexander Smith, *Fealty and Fidelity: The Lazarists of Bourbon France, 1660–1736* (Burlington, Vt.: Ashgate, 2015), in *Sixteenth Century Journal* 48 (2017), 737–739.

2012 Review of Richard Parish, *Catholic Particularity in Seventeenth-Century French Writing: 'Christianity is Strange'* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011), in *Sixteenth Century Journal* 43 (2012), 941–942.

2011 Review of Max Engammare, *On Time, Punctuality, and Discipline in Early Modern Calvinism*, trans. Karin Maag (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009), in *Sixteenth Century Journal* 42 (2011), 828–830.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED ACADEMIC LECTURE

2026 "Memory, Reconciliation, and Patrimony: The Case of Anglicanism and the Ordinariates," Eternity in Time: Thinking with the Church through History, Christendom College, Front Royal Va. (21 February 2026).

2025 "Sources for Thinking about Historical Thinking," Renewing Catholic Liberal Education: Sources, Narratives, and Principles, Christendom College, Front Royal, Va. (27 May 2025).

2024 "Vocational Culture in the Anglican Patrimony and the Ordinariates," Littlemore Forum (11 October 2024, remotely delivered).

2023 "Vocational Liberty as Catholic Social Teaching: Historical Context and Doctrinal Development" (invited lecture), Las Casas Institute, Blackfriars Hall, Oxford University (18 May 2023, remotely delivered).

2022 "17th-Century Vocational Rigorism and the Transnational 19th-Century Catholic Revival," American Catholic Historical Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, La. (8 January 2022).

2019 "'Led by divine providence': Methods vs. Circumstances in Seventeenth-Century French Catholic Vocational Discernment Advice," Society for French Historical Studies Annual Conference, Indianapolis, Ind. (5 April 2019).

2018 "The Experience of Vocational Discernment as Seen in Obituary Letters of Seventeenth-Century French Nuns," for colloquium on "Lived Religious Experience and Everyday Life through Early Modern Hagiographic Material," Finnish Institute, Villa Lante, Rome, Italy (26 May 2018); workshop for chapters being contributed to edited volume mentioned above.

2016 "'The views and designs of his providence': Catholic Frameworks for Lay Vocation in Seventeenth-Century France," American Society of Church History Spring Meeting, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada (8 April 2016).

2011 "Childhood Piety and the Choice of a State of Life in Seventeenth-Century French Catholicism," Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Ft. Worth, Tex. (28 October 2011).

2009 "Vocation in Education: Choosing a State in Life in Seventeenth-century France," Center for Renaissance Studies Graduate Student Conference, "Education: Forming and Deforming the Premodern Mind," Newberry Library, Chicago, Ill. (23 January 2009).

2008 "By What Authority? Vocational Legitimacy in Francophone Reformed Writings," Western Society for French History Conference, Quebec City, Quebec, Canada (7 November 2008).

2006 "Advocates for Women? Clerical Outcry Against Vocational Coercion in Seventeenth-century France," Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah (26 October 2006).

SELECTED PUBLIC INTELLECTUAL ENGAGEMENT

Essay: "John Henry Newman, Local Hero," *Hearth & Field* (Spring or Summer 2026).

2026 Essay: "Discovering a New Newman Letter in an Undergraduate Seminar," *The Newman Review* (4 March 2026).

2025 Article for "In the Classroom" course feature: "HIST 499: St. John Henry Newman Seminar," *Instaurare: The Christendom College Magazine* (Winter 2025–26).

2024 Lecture series: "Approaching Difficult Questions in Church History" (5 lectures for *Principles* online classes, Christendom College) (Fall 2024).

2024 Book Review: "REVIEW: Slow Productivity," *Current* (12 June 2024).

2024 Lecture: "Inculturation and the Evangelization of China," *Principles* live online lecture, Christendom College (28 May 2024).

2024 Essay: "Limitless Wishing and Its Discontents," *Front Porch Republic* (29 April 2024).

2024 Essay: "Counsels vs. Commands in Vocational Discernment," *Homiletic and Pastoral Review* (30 March 2024).

2023 Essay: "Reads of the year for living in modernity," *Current* (20 December 2023).

2023 Podcast interview: "The Historian and Vocation," *Christendom Conversations*, interview by Mark Rohlena (16 November 2023).

2023 Panel: Panelist for Homecoming Quodlibet, Christendom College (6 October 2023).

2023 Interview: "Ideas in progress: Christopher J. Lane on teaching, vocation, and the stress of discerning a calling," interview by Nadya Williams, *Current* (10 August 2023).

2023 Essay: "Augustine and the Bullfight," co-authored with Dixie Dillon Lane, *Current* (26 July 2023).

2023 Interview: "Callings, consequences, and vocational crises," interview by Rachel Hoover, *Catholic World Report* (2 Feb 2023).

2022 Panel: Panelist for Homecoming Quodlibet, Christendom College (7 October 2022).

2019 Lecture: "Newman, Anglo-Catholicism, and the Anglican Patrimony," St. John Henry Newman Lecture Series, Christendom College (31 October 2019).

2019 Lecture: "Vocation, Fear, and the Decline of Hell," Annual Senior Dinner Faculty Talk, Christendom College (19 September 2019).

2019 Article for "In the Classroom" course feature: "The History of Western Civilization III, 1291-1715," *Instaurare: The Christendom College Magazine* (Winter 2018-2019).

2017 Essay: "Persecution and the Perseverance of Japanese Christians," *Instaurare: The Christendom College Magazine* (Summer 2017).

2017 Lecture: "Persecution and the Underground Church in Japan," IHM National Conference, Fredericksburg, Va. (24 June 2017).

2017 Radio Interview: Jennifer Fulwiler Show, SiriusXM Catholic Channel (5 May 2017).

2017 Lecture: "How Persecuted Catholics Preserved the Church in Japan for 200 Years," International Catholic Lay Leadership Forum Workshops, Springtime of Faith Foundation, Manchester, Tenn. (29 April 2017).

2016 Article for "In the Classroom" course feature: "HIST 494: History of Catholicism in Asia," *Instaurare: The Christendom College Magazine* (Summer 2016).

2014 Essay: "St. Margaret Mary Alacoque and the Reception of the Sacred Heart," *Crisis Magazine* (16 October 2014).

2014 Essay: "Vocational Discernment in Early Modern France," *Instaurare: The Christendom College Magazine* (Fall 2014).

2014 Essay: "St. Paul Miki and the Rise of Japan's Hidden Christians," *Crisis Magazine* (6 February 2014).

2013 Essay: "Trusting in God with St. Francis de Sales," *Crisis Magazine* (30 December 2013).

2013 Essay: "Blessed Louis Brisson and the Nineteenth-century Salesian Pentecost," *Crisis Magazine* (10 October 2013).

2013 Essay: "The Holy Household of Louis and Zélie Martin," *Crisis Magazine* (11 July 2013).

2012 Essay: "The Hidden Holiness of Charles Gobinet," *Crisis Magazine* (15 October 2012).

2012 Essay: "Everything She Had: The Widow's Mite of St. Jeanne de Chantal," *Crisis Magazine* (13 August 2012).

2012 Lecture: "Between Rigorism and Coercion: Vocational Discernment in Seventeenth-century France," Library Lecture Series, Christendom College (23 October 2012).

COURSES TAUGHT (Christendom College)

Electives (300-level and above): History of Catholicism in Asia; Catholicism and the Anglican Patrimony; The Catholic Reformation; St. John Henry Newman Seminar; Causes and Effects of the French Revolution; History and Theology of Vocation; Advanced Studies Seminar: Understanding Postmodernity; Readings in the French Revolution (dir. study); Vocations in Early Modern France (dir. study)

Core Courses: HIST 101 (Ancient Foundations of Western Civilization);
HIST 102 (Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages, 33–1291);
HIST 201 (Early Modernity, 1291–1715);
HIST 202 (The Modern World, 1715–present)

Graduate School of Theology: History of the Church, Part II (hybrid in person & online; upcoming Summer 2026)

Directed senior theses in a variety of historical topic areas, including Islamic feminism; women's suffrage movements; Mongol Christianity; the First World War; the French Revolution and Napoleon; early modern Japan; imperialism in the Congo; early modern Bohemia; music in Irish nationalism; communism in Poland; the Hundred Years' War; the Thirty Years' War; Crusader motivations; the medieval Crown of Aragon; Renaissance architecture in northern Italy; Gibbon and rationalist historiography; anatomical education in Renaissance Italy; Confucianism and sage kingship in Korea; Spanish diplomacy during the English Civil War; Renaissance propaganda and the Pazzi conspiracy; Marian devotion among the early Dominicans; monastic culture as expressed in cloister gardens; Richelieu, Bossuet, and absolutism; memoirs of the Vendée and motives for rebellion; the Marquis de Lafayette; Servant of God Takashi Nagai and the memory of the atomic bombing of Nagasaki; the Sistine Chapel ceiling.

2016– Directed Advanced Studies course contracts: HIST 101; HIST 102; HIST 202; History of Catholicism in Asia; Causes and Effects of the French Revolution; Chinese Imperial History; Lions in the Old Testament and the Ancient Near East; The Caroline Divines.

COURSES TAUGHT (outside of Christendom College)

2022 "Christianity from the Apostolic Age through the Late Middle Ages," Program of Priestly Formation, Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter, Houston, Tex. (Summer 2022); ten-week online course for candidates for priestly ordination.

2014 "Ancient Foundations of Western Civilization," Magdala Apostolate, Institute of Catholic Culture, Front Royal, Va. (Summer 2014); fourteen-week online lecture course for women in convents of various religious congregations in the United States and Canada.

SELECTED HONORS, GRANTS, AND FUNDED INSTITUTES

2022 Shortlisting of *Callings and Consequences*, 2022 Ecclesiastical History Society Book Prize (noted above)

2022 Third Place for *Callings and Consequences*, 2022 Catholic Media Association Book Awards: History (noted above)

2022 Third Place for *Callings and Consequences*, 2022 Catholic Media Association Book Awards: Theology: History of Theology (noted above)

2021 Faculty Mentorship Initiative Grant, Christendom College (grant for book subvention for *Callings and Consequences*)

2020 Faculty Mentorship Initiative Grant, Christendom College (grant for books and journal subscriptions for chapter in edited volume: "Newman and a Historian's Craft")

2007–2013 Lilly Presidential Fellowship, University of Notre Dame (declined 2012–2013, due to full-time employment; deferred 2010–2011, due to Bourse Jeanne Marandon)

2010–2011 Bourse Jeanne Marandon, Société des Professeurs Français et Francophones d'Amérique (fellowship for academic year dissertation research in Paris)

2010–2011 Zahm Research Travel Grant, University of Notre Dame (dissertation research supplementary grant)

2010–2011 Graduate Student Research Award, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame (dissertation research supplementary grant)

2008 Mellon Institute in French Paleography, Center for Renaissance Studies, Newberry Library, Chicago, Ill.
2008 Paleography Course on Sixteenth-Century Genevan Documents, Meeter Center for Calvin Studies, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Mich.
2008 Cours d'été, Institut d'histoire de la Réformation, Université de Genève, Geneva, Switzerland; supplementary travel funding through Graduate Initiatives Grant, Nanovic Institute, U. of Notre Dame (2008)
2005–2007 Presidential Fellowship, Saint Louis University

SELECTED FACULTY SERVICE (Christendom College)

2025– Faculty Committee on Academic Honesty Policy and Practice
2024– Faculty Advisor, Historical Site Visiting Club
2021– Chair, Faculty Mentorship Initiative Committee
2017– Fulbright Program Advisor; established new Fulbright advising program
2013– Member, Faculty Senate
2025 Organizer, History invited Collegiate Lecture by Clinton Brand, University of St. Thomas (Houston)
2025, 2018, 2014 Member, Padre Pio Memorial Scholarship Interview Committee
2020–2024 Member, Curriculum Committee
2024 Co-organizer, History invited lecture by Connie Marshner, Independent Scholar
2024 Co-organizer, History-English invited lecture by Victor Houliston of the University of the Free State (South Africa)
2023 Co-organizer, History-Political Science invited lecture by Gerard Wegemer of the University of Dallas
2023 Consultant to the Office of the President on Major Speaker for 2023–2024
2023 Member, Faculty Senate Liaison Committee to the Board of Directors' Presidential Search Committee
2020–2022 President, Faculty Senate
2020–2022 Member, Compensation and Benefits Committee
2021 Organizer, History Department invited lecture by Alexander O'Hara, Fulbright Visiting Scholar at Harvard University
2020–2021 Chair, Search Committee for Assistant Professor of History
2020–2021 Implementation Subcommittee Chair, Strategic Planning Initiative on Faculty Hiring
2020–2021 Member, Strategic Planning Committee
2020 Member, Task Force on Covid-19 Fall 2020 Reopening
2016–2020 Member, Major Speaker Planning Committee
2014–2020 Member, Commencement Honorees Liaison Committee; liaised between the Faculty Senate and the College President regarding speakers and honorees (especially honorary doctorates) at Commencements, Convocations, and other major events
2012–2020 Freshman and Sophomore Advisor; advised freshmen each year through Spring 2017; new system established 2017–2018 wherein advising continues through sophomore year for previous year's freshmen and professor alternates freshman and sophomore advising each year
2014–2018 Founding Editor-in-Chief, *Principles*; a print and online publication for popular essays by scholars from both within and outside of the College
2017 Organizer, History Department invited lecture by Anthony Clark of Whitworth University

2016–2017 Organized *Principles* public lecture series for online video and audio publication
2015–2016 Member, Faculty Advisory Committee on Student Conduct Handbook
2015 Organizer, student trip to Holy Cross Monastery, Berryville, Va., with lectures by Fr. James Orthmann on Cistercian studies; joint trip for my course on the History and Theology of Vocation and another professor's course on Monastic Theology
2015 Organizer, student trip for HIST 101 to a performance of Euripides' *The Trojan Women*, Shenandoah University, Winchester, Va.
2014 Organizer, History Department invited lecture by Christopher O. Blum of the Augustine Institute

SELECTED OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2023 Peer reviewer for *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* (1 article).
2019 Enrichment Course for Mid-Career Faculty, Magna Publications (course on improving undergraduate teaching; completed 1 August 2019).
2019 Fulbright Institutional Training, Institute for International Education, Washington, D.C. (30 May 2019); attended in service of Christendom College in my capacity as Director of Fellowship Advising.
2019 Co-organizer with John W. McCormack, panel on "Early Modern Religious Ideals and Religious Realities," Society for French Historical Studies Annual Conference, Indianapolis, Ind. (5 April 2019).
2019 National Association of Fellowships Advisors Mid-Atlantic Regional Gathering, Charlottesville, Va. (7 January 2019); attended in service of Christendom College in my capacity as Director of Fellowship Advsing.
2018 National Association of Fellowships Advisors Mid-Atlantic Regional Gathering, Richmond, Va. (12 January 2018); attended in service of Christendom College in my capacity as advisor for the Fulbright Program and other fellowships.
2016 Chair and Commentator, panel on "The Early Church," Spring Meeting, American Society of Church History, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada (9 April 2016).
2015 Attending to Early Modern Women, "It's About Time," Milwaukee, Wisc. (18–20 June 2015); a workshop-based conference with extensive participation by all attendees.
2014 Texas A&M Assessment Conference, College Station, Tex. (16–18 February 2014); attended in service of Christendom College to help contribute to the College's culture of ongoing assessment and improvement.