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EDUCATION:

Ph.D., Northwestern University (History), 1995

M.A., Northwestern University (History), 1988

B.A., Northland College, Ashland, Wisconsin (Social Science Education/Native American Studies), 1983

EMPLOYMENT:

Associate Professor of Religion. Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts, September 2007 –

Assistant Professor of Religion. Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts, September 2000 – August 2007

Courses at Boston University:

- Christianity
- Magic, Science and Religion from Plato to Voltaire
- The Bible in the Medieval World
- Medieval Christian Spirituality
- Gender in Medieval Christian Mysticism
- Religious Cultures in Contact and Conflict: Medieval Christian-Jewish Encounter
- Freshman Research/Writing Seminar, Heroes, Saints, Martyrs

Visiting Assistant Professor of History. Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts, February 1999- June 2000

Courses at Williams College:

- Early Middle Ages
- Later Middle Ages
- Jews and Christians in Medieval Europe
- Medieval European Mysticism
- Magic and Science in the Middle Ages
- Church and State in the West

PUBLICATIONS:

Book: *The Insight of Unbelievers: Nicholas of Lyra and Christian Reading of Jewish Text in the Later Middle Ages.* University of Pennsylvania Press, 2007.

Articles and Essays:

“‘First in Knowledge of Divine Law’: The Jews and the Old Law in Nicholas of Lyra’s Romans Commentary,” *Reading Romans in the Middle Ages*, Brenda Schildgen, Peter Hawkins, and William Campbell, eds. T&T Clark/Continuum, 2007.

“Literal versus Carnal: George of Siena’s Christian Reading of Jewish Exegesis,” *Jewish Biblical Interpretation and Cultural Exchange*, ed. David Stern and Natalie Dohrmann. University of Pennsylvania Press, 2007.

“Beryl Smalley: The Medieval Bible in the Modern Academy,” *Women Medievalists in the Academy*, ed. Jane Chance. (Coauthored with Henrietta Leyser.) University of Wisconsin Press, 2005: 1172-1191.

“Nicholas of Lyra and Franciscan Interest in Hebrew Scholarship,” *Nicholas of Lyra: The Senses of Scripture*, Philip Krey and Lesley Smith, eds. Leiden: Brill, 2000: 289-311.

"The Dating of Nicholas of Lyra's *Quaestio de adventu Christi*," *Archivum Franciscanum Historicum* 86 (1993): 297-312.

"The *Ingressus Ludwici Palatini reni ad terram sanctam* : a Fifteenth-Century Response to Spiritual Crisis," *Fifteenth-Century Studies* 15 (1989): 209-231.

Reference Articles, Encyclopedia Entries, and Exhibit Books:

“The Franciscan Order,” *Antisemitism: A Historical Encyclopedia of Prejudice and Persecution*, 2 Vols. ed. Richard Levy. Santa Barbara: ABC-Clio, Inc., 2005.

“The Dominican Order,” *Antisemitism: A Historical Encyclopedia of Prejudice and Persecution*, 2 Vols. ed. Richard Levy. Santa Barbara: ABC-Clio, Inc., 2005.

"Schwester Katrei," *Dictionnaire d'histoire et de géographie ecclésiastiques*, vol. 29, Roger Aubert, ed. Paris: Letouzey et Ané, 2003: 1073-1076.

The Hebrew Renaissance, with Michael Signer. Newberry Library, Chicago, 1997.

Reviews:

Kenneth Stow, *Jewish Dogs: An Image and Its Interpreters* (Stanford University Press, 2006) for *AJS Review*, forthcoming.

Mark Hazard, *The Literal Sense and The Gospel of John in Late-Medieval Commentary and Literature* (Routledge 2002) for *The Journal of Religion*, January, 2005.

Amy Hollywood, *Sensible Ecstasy: Mysticism, Sexual Difference, and the Demands of History*. University of Chicago Press, 2002. *The Medieval Review*, September 2003.

Work in Progress:

Banishing Hagar: Medieval Christian Conceptualizations of Jewish Expulsion and Exile.

SELECTED PAPERS:

“Christianizing Solomon's Song: Literal Exegesis and Rashi’s Song Commentary,” American Society for Church History Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, January 4, 2007.

“Literal and Allegorical Interpretations of Hagar in Franciscan Exegesis,” International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May 4, 2006.

"Nicholas of Lyra's Literal Reading of Solomon's Song: Appropriation and Transformation of Rashi's Bible Commentary," Invited Lecture, Christian Scholarship and the Jews: A Workshop. Princeton University, March 19, 2006.

"The Jew as Hagar in Medieval Christian Imagination," Invited Lecture, Luce Program in Scripture and Literary Arts, Boston University, October 6, 2005.

"Destruction of the Temple and Scholastic Conceptions of Jewish Exile," International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May 7, 2005.

"The Insight of Unbelievers: Nicholas of Lyra and the Christianization of Jewish Text in the Later Middle Ages," Tertullia (A Boston University Faculty Colloquium), March, 2004.

"Reading the Rabbis: Nicholas of Lyra, OFM and the Mantle of Jewish Authority in the Later Middle Ages," Invited Lecture, Harvard Humanities Center Medieval Seminar, Cambridge, MA, February 2004.

Respondent: Margaret Miles, "Tasteless Historical Stories: An Historian's Responsibility to Past and Present," Boston University Institute for Philosophy and Religion Lecture Series, February, 2004

"Robert Lerner's *The Feast of Saint Abraham*," American Society for Church History Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., January 2004.

"Reading the Rabbis: Nicholas of Lyra's Reception of Medieval Jewish Texts," Association of Jewish Studies Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, December 2002.

"Medieval Franciscan Hebraists: Constructing a Historical Jesus," American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Toronto, November 2002.

"Locating the Truth: The History of Christian Hebraism and Christian-Jewish Encounter," Invited Lecture, Wake Forest University, October 2002.

"Jewish Expulsion and Jewish Exile in Scholastic Thought," International Medieval Congress at Leeds, UK, July 2002.

"Searching Scripture: Teaching the Literal Sense of Scripture through Anti-Jewish Polemics," Jewish Biblical Interpretation in Comparative Context, Colloquium of the Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania, May 2002.

"Wrestling With Rashi: Jewish Authority in Late Medieval Christian Exegesis," University of Pennsylvania Center for Advanced Judaic Studies Seminar, February, 2002.

"The Influence of Jewish Exegesis on Nicholas of Lyra's New Testament Commentary," American Society of Church History Annual Meeting, San Francisco, January 2002.

"From Exegesis to Polemic: George of Siena, OP," International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May, 2000.

"Franciscan Hebraism," International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May, 1998.

"Franciscan Friars on Proving the Advent of Christ to the Jews," The Friars and the Jews in the Middle Ages and the Renaissance, international conference held at St. Louis University, October 1997.

FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS:

NEH Summer Stipend, 2007.

University of Pennsylvania Center For Advanced Judaic Studies Fellowship, 2002.

Northwestern University Alumnae Association Dissertation Fellowship, 1992-1993.

Charlotte Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship in Religion and Ethics, 1990-1991.

Borsa di Studio, Centro Interuniversitario di Studi Francescani, Corso Residenziale, Assisi, Italy, July 1990.

Rome Prize Fellowship in Post-Classical Humanistic Studies, American Academy in Rome, 1989-1990.

Mellon Preceptorship, Northwestern University, 1988-1989.

George Romani Prize, Northwestern University Department of History, 1987.

Northwestern University President's Fellowship, 1986-1987.

COMMITTEES and SERVICE:

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Boston University Department of Religion, September 2007 –

Associate Director of Undergraduate Studies, Boston University Department of Religion, January 2001-
August 2007.

Boston University, Acting Director, Luce Program in Scripture and the Literary Arts, September 1, 2004 –
August 31, 2005.

Acting Director of Undergraduate Studies, Boston University Department of Religion, September 2003-
January 2004.

Boston University Freshman Advising/Orientation, 2001-present.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

American Historical Association
Medieval Academy of America
American Society of Church History
Society for the Study of the Bible in the Middle Ages
Association for Jewish Studies
American Academy of Religion