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Education

Ph.D.	Harvard University	Religion	1996
A.M.	Harvard University	Religion	1991
M.A.	Episcopal Divinity School	Church History	1989
B.A.	Wellesley College	Physics	1979

Teaching

Lancaster Theological Seminary
Professor of Church History, Spring 2010 – present
Paul and Minnie Diefenderfer Chair of Mercersburg and Ecumenical Theology,
Spring 2004 – present
Associate Professor of Church History, Spring 2003 – Fall 2010
Assistant Professor of Church History, Fall 1999 – Spring 2003
Stonehill College
Assistant Professor, Religious Studies, Spring 1997- Spring 1999
Instructor, Fall 1996
Harvard University
Teaching Fellow, 1992-1994

Publications

Books:

Handbook for Curates: A Late Medieval Manual on Pastoral Ministry. A translation of Guido of Monte Rochen's *Manipulus Curatorum*. Introduction with Katharine Jackson Lualdi, Washington DC: The Catholic University of America Press, 2011.

Editor with Douglas Jacobsen, *Christ, Creeds and Life: Conversations about the Center of Our Faith*, Cleveland: United Church Press, 2007.

Penitence, Preaching and the Coming of the Reformation, St. Andrews Studies in Reformation History, Aldershot: Ashgate, 2002.

Editor with Katharine Jackson Lualdi, *Penitence in the Age of Reformations*, St. Andrews Studies in Reformation History, Aldershot: Ashgate, 2000.

Editor with Jacqueline Hamesse, Beverly Mayne Kienzle, and Deborah Stoudt, *Medieval Sermons and Society: Cloister, City, and University*, Louvain-la-Neuve: Fédération des Instituts d'Etudes Médiévales, 1998.

Editor with Beverly Mayne Kienzle, Edith Dolnikowski, Rosemary Hale, and Darlene Pryds, *Models of Holiness in Medieval Sermons*, Louvain-la-Neuve: Fédération des Instituts d'Etudes Médiévales, 1996.

Articles:

- “Books for Preaching and Preaching with Books: Late Medieval Latin Printed Sermons and the Witness of Thomas Swalwell of Durham Priory,” in *Circulating the Word of God in Medieval and Early Modern Europe: Transformative Preaching Between Manuscript and Print (c. 1450 to c. 1550)*, eds. Veronica O’Mara and Patricia Stoop, *Sermo: Studies on Patristic, Medieval and Reformation Sermons and Preaching*, Brill, 2022, 49-69.
- “Minister, Ministry: Medieval Christianity,” *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*, vol. 19, Boston, 2021, 220-221.
- “Ministry in the Margins: Thomas Swalwell OSB and His Marginal Notes for Preaching on the Clergy,” *The Sixteenth Century Journal* 47 (2016): 599-627.
- “Selections in a World of Multiple Options: The Witness of Thomas Swallowell, OSB,” in *Religious Orders and Religious Identity Formation, ca. 1420-1620: Discourses and Strategies of Observance and Pastoral Engagement*, eds. Bert Roest and Johanneke Uphoff, Brill, 2016.
- “Medieval Sermon Studies since *The Sermon: A Deepening and Broadening Field*,” *Medieval Sermon Studies* 58 (2014): 12-29.
- “Reformation Understandings of Worship and Preaching,” in *T&T Clark Companion to Reformation Theology*, ed. David Whitford, T&T Clark, 2012.
- “The Medieval Sermon: Text, Performance and Insight,” in *Understanding Medieval Primary Sources: Using Historical Sources to Discover Medieval Europe*, ed. Joel Rosenthal, Routledge, 2012.
- “What’s new in the history of Christianity?,” in *Encyclopedia of Christian Civilization*, Vol. 4, ed. George Kurian, Wiley, 2011.
- “Support for Preaching in Guido of Monte Rochen’s *Manipulus Curatorum*,” In *Pastoral Care in the Later Middle Ages*, ed. Ronald J. Stansbury, Brill, 2010.
- “The Story of Christianity I,” *Christianity: The Illustrated History: Church and Society, Culture and Civilization, Sacred Art and Architecture*, Baird Duncan Publishers, 2008.
- “Learning to Worship in the Later Middle Ages: Enacting Symbolism, Fighting the Devil and Receiving Grace,” *Archive for Reformation History* 99 (2008): 36-65.
- “What’s New in the History of Christianity?” *Blackwell Religion Compass*, 2007. www.religion-compass.com.
- “Eucharist, Power and Community: A View from Calvin and Nevin,” *New Mercersburg Review* 35 (Autumn, 2004).
- “The *Postilla* of Guillelmus and Late Medieval Popular Preaching,” *Medieval Sermon Studies* 48 (2004): 57-74.
- “Judge and Doctor: Images of the Confessor in Printed Model Sermon Collections, 1450-1520,” in *Penitence in the Age of Reformations*, as above.
- “Ramifications of the Late Medieval Preaching of Penitence,” In *Preachers and People in the Reformations and Early Modern World*, ed. Larissa Taylor, Brill, 2001.
- “Judith and Mary: Hélinand’s Sermon for the Assumption,” in *Medieval Sermons and Society: Cloister, City, and University*, as above.
- “Intercessors, Examples and Rewards: The Roles of the Saints in the Penitential Themes of Representative Late Medieval Sermon Collections.” In *Models of Holiness in Medieval Sermons*, as above.
- “Diffusion of Sermon Collections by Printing, 1450-1520.” *International Medieval Sermon Studies Newsletter*, 36 (Fall, 1995): 50-63.

Reviews:

- Mark Spurrell. *The Symbolism of Medieval Churches: An Introduction* (New York: Routledge, 2019). At <http://www.sehepunkte.de/2021/09.html>.
- William Campbell. *The Landscape of Pastoral Care in 13th-Century England*. Cambridge Studies in Medieval Life and Thought (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018). At <http://www.sehepunkte.de/2019/09/32228.html>.
- Calvin Lane. *Spirituality and Reform: Christianity in the West, ca. 1000-1800* (Lexington Books/Fortress Academic, 2018). *Journal of Ecclesiastical History*, Vol. 70:4 (October 2019), 856-857.
- Susan Powell. *The Birgittines of Syon Abbey: Preaching and Print* (Turnhout: Brepols Publishers, 2017). At <http://www.sehepunkte.de/2018/02/31072.html>.
- Peter Marshall. *Heretics and Believers: A History of the English Reformation* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2017) in *Journal of British Studies* 57/1 (January 2018), 157-159.
- Siegfried Wenzel. *Medieval Artes Praedicatorum: A Synthesis of Scholastic Sermon Structure* (Medieval Academy of America, University of Toronto Press, 2015). At <http://www.sehepunkte.de/2016/02/27303.html>.
- Franz Posset, *Marcus Marulus and the Biblia Latina of 1489: An Approach to his Biblical Hermeneutics* (Böhlau: Köln, 2013). At <http://www.sehepunkte.de/2015/09/26094.html>.
- Robert Bartlett. *Why Can the Dead Do Such Great Things? Saints and Worshippers from the Martyrs to the Reformation* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2013). At <http://www.sehepunkte.de/2014/09/24532.html>.
- Candida Moss. *The Myth of Persecution: How Early Christians Invented a Story of Martyrdom* (San Francisco: HarperOne, 2013) in *Interpretation* (January, 2014).
- Elma Brenner, Meredith Cohen, Mary Franklin-Brown, eds. *Memory and Commemoration in Medieval Culture*. (Aldershot: Ashgate 2013). At <http://www.sehepunkte.de/2013/10/23381.html>.
- Rik Van Nieuwenhove. *An Introduction to Medieval Theology*. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012). At <http://www.sehepunkte.de/2013/09/22810.html>.
- Jacques Berlioz, Marie Anne Polo de Beaulieu, et al. eds. *Collectio exemplorum Cisterciensis in codice Parisiensi 15912 asseruata* (Turnhout: Brepols Publishers, 2012), in *Medieval Sermon Studies* (2013).
- Harris, Max. *Sacred Folly: A New History of the Feast of Fools* (Ithaca: Cornell, 2011) in *Church History* (2012).
- Rivers, Kimberly A. *Preaching the Memory of Virtue and Vice: Memory, Images and Preaching in the Late Middle Ages* (Turnhout: Brepols, 2010) in *Speculum* 87.4 (October, 2012).
- Siggins, Ian D. K. *A Harvest of Medieval Preaching: The Sermon Books of Johann Herolt OP (Discipulus)* (Bloomington: Xlibris, 2009) in *Church History and Religious Culture* (2011).
- Fletcher, Alan John. *Late Medieval Popular Preaching in Britain and Ireland: Texts, Studies, and Interpretations* (Turnhout: Brepols, 2009) in *Speculum* (October, 2011).
- Frymire, John M. *The Primacy of the Postils* (Leiden: Brill, 2009) in *Renaissance Quarterly* (Winter, 2010).
- Evans, William B. *Imputation and Impartation: Union with Christ in American Reformed Theology* (Paternoster, 2008) in *The New Mercersburg Review* (Autumn, 2009).

- Lutton, Robert. *Lollardy and Orthodox Religion in Pre-Reformation England: Reconstructing Piety* (Rochester, NY: Boydell and Brewer, 2006) in *Sixteenth Century Journal* (Winter, 2009).
- Cooper, Kate and Jeremy Gregory, eds. *Retribution, Repentance, and Reconciliation*. (Woodbridge, Suffolk: The Boydell Press for the Ecclesiastical History Society, 2004) in *The Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 57 (January, 2006).
- Lavanchy, Lisane. *Écrire sa mort, décrire sa vie: Testaments de laïcs lausannois (1400-1450)*. (Cahiers lausannois d'histoire médiévale 32. Lausanne: Université de Lausanne, 2003) in *Catholic Historical Review*, Vol. 91 (July, 2005).
- Gregory, Brad S. *Salvation at Stake: Christian Martyrdom in Early Modern Europe* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1999) in *The Medieval Review*, November, 2003.
- Gordon, Bruce and Peter Marshall, eds., *The Place of the Dead: Death and Remembrance in Late Medieval and Early Modern Europe* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2000) in *The Medieval Review*, January, 2002.

Conference Papers and Public Lectures:

- “Look here so that you may pray fruitfully, with example”: Thomas Swalwell’s Marginalia on Prayer, Ushaw College, Durham University, September 11, 2019.
- “A Durham Monk Engages Others: Thomas Swalwell’s Marginalia on Jews, Muslims, and Lutherans.” University College, Durham University, November 22, 2018.
- “Bringing Out Treasures Old and New: Resources to Study and Preach: The Example of Thomas Swalwell OSB.” Circulating the Word of God in Medieval and Early Modern Europe: Transformative Preaching in Manuscript and Print (c. 1450-c. 1550), Hull University, March, 2017.
- “A Monk’s Books: Windows on Religious Life in Early 16th-Century England.” Ushaw Lecture, Ushaw College, Durham University, November, 2016.
- “Ministry in the Margins: Thomas Swalwell OSB and His Marginal Notes for Preaching on the Clergy.” Spring Convocation Lecture, Lancaster Theological Seminary, January, 2015.
- “Popular resources for local spiritual formation: Sermon collections and pastoral manuals in the later Middle Ages.” Religious Orders and Religious Identity Formation in Late Medieval and Early Modern Europe (1420-1620), Radboud University, Nijmegen, The Netherlands, June, 2014.
- “Mary in the Margins: Thomas Swalwell’s Annotations on the Virgin.” Preaching the Saints: Sermons, Art and Music in the Later Middle Ages, Harvard University, September, 2012.
- “Thomas Swalwell’s Marginalia: Evidence of Pastoral Practice in Late Medieval England.” Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Fort Worth, Texas, October, 2012.
- “A Durham Monk Prepares to Preach: Thomas Swalwell’s Marginal Notes.” 47th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May, 2012.
- “More Problems in the Reformation Classroom: Defining the Confessions and Other Issues,” Society for Reformation Research Plenary Roundtable, Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, St. Louis, MO, October, 2008.
- “Guido of Monte Rochen’s *Manipulus Curatorum* and Sermonic Intention.” 42nd International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May, 2007.

- "Pastoral Basics: Guido of Monte Rochen's *Manipulus Curatorum*." Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah, October, 2006.
- "Learning to Worship in the Later Middle Ages: Enacting Symbolism and Fighting the Devil." Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Atlanta, October, 2005.
- "Eucharist, Power and Community: A View from Calvin and Nevin." Mercersburg Society, New Brunswick, NJ, June, 2004.
- "Inaugural Addresses: Looking Back to Look Forward." Inaugural Lecture, Paul and Minnie Diefenderfer Chair in Mercersburg and Ecumenical Theology, Lancaster Theological Seminary, April, 2004.
- "Godly Tongues: Vernaculars and Latin in the Printed Works of Bernardino Ochino." Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Pittsburgh, November, 2003.
- "Expositio evangelii and the *Postilla* of Guillelmus." 38th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May, 2003.
- "Not Jews, Saracens or Pagans, but Sheep of the Good Shepherd : Catholic Identity in Late Medieval French Preaching." American Catholic Historical Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, January, 2003.
- "Making a Difference: A Historical Look at Lay Ministry." Macauley Lecture, Lancaster Theological Seminary, May, 2001.
- "What to Expect from One's Confessor: Preaching on Penitence on the Eve of the Reformation." American Society of Church History, New Haven, March 2001.
- "Preaching Purgatory." American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Boston, November, 1999.
- "The *Postilla* of Guillelmus and the Preaching of Penance." Sixteenth-Century Studies Conference, Toronto, October, 1998.
- "Judge and Doctor: Images of the Confessor in Printed Model Sermon Collections, 1450-1520." Sixteenth-Century Studies Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, October, 1997.
- "Printed Model Sermon Collections and Italy, 1450-1520." International Medieval Congress, Leeds, England, July, 1997.
- "Popular Preaching on Penitence in Italy, 1450-1520." 32nd International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May, 1997.
- "Regional Emphases in Penitential Preaching on the Eve of the Reformation." Sixteenth-Century Studies Conference, St. Louis, Missouri, October, 1996.
- "Penitential Teaching from Printed Model Sermon Collections, 1450-1520." Tenth Medieval Sermon Studies Symposium, Oxford, England, July, 1996.
- "Contrition, Confession, and Satisfaction in Late Medieval Model Sermon Collections." 31st International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May, 1996.
- "Suffering and Relief : The Role of the Saints in the Penitential Themes of Representative Late Medieval Sermon Collections." 30th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May, 1995.
- "Diffusion of Sermon Collections by Printing, 1450-1520." 29th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May, 1994.
- "Mary and Judith: An Unedited Sermon of Hélinand for the Purification." 25th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May, 1990.

Professional Organizations

American Academy of Religion

Co-chair of the History of Christianity Section, 2000-2003.

American Society of Church History

Nominating Committee, 2009-11

Board, 2006-2009

International Medieval Sermon Studies Society

President, July 2020 – present

Councillor, July 2016 – July 2020

Secretary, July 1996 – July 2004

Mercersburg Society

Acting Treasurer, January 2023 – present

Secretary, November 2020 – December 2022

Executive Committee, 2006 – present

SERMO: Studies on Patristic, Medieval and Reformation Sermons and Preaching

Editorial Board, 2014 – present

Awards

Durham University, Honorary Professor, Institute of Medieval and Early Modern Studies, October 2022 – present

Durham University, Institute for Medieval and Early Modern Studies and University College Slater Fellowship, Michaelmas term, 2018

Durham University, Institute for Medieval and Early Modern Studies Library Fellowship, June 29 – July 31, 2015