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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Director, Center for Renaissance Studies, The Newberry Library, May 2009 – present
 Manager of Public Programs, The Newberry Library, August 2008 – April 2009
 Interim Assistant Director, Center for Renaissance Studies, The Newberry Library, January – August 2008
 Adjunct Instructor, History Department, DePaul University, 2003 – present
 Full-Time Lecturer, History Department, Chicago State University, 2003 – 2004 and Spring 2005
 Graduate Instructor, History Department, University of Iowa, 1999 – 2002
 Graduate Instructor, Rhetoric Department, University of Iowa, 1998 – 1999

PUBLICATIONS

Editor, *Education: Forming and Deforming the Premodern Mind, Selected Proceedings of the Newberry Library Center for Renaissance Studies 27th Graduate Student Conference* (Chicago: The Newberry Library, 2009).
 Publication URL: www.newberry.org/renaissance/conf-inst/2009Proceedings.pdf
 Editor, *Mapping the Premodern: Selected Proceedings of the Newberry Library Center for Renaissance Studies 26th Graduate Student Conference* (Chicago: The Newberry Library, 2008). Publication URL:
www.newberry.org/renaissance/conf-inst/2008_Proceedings.pdf
 Book review: *Medici Women: Portraits of Power, Love, and Betrayal*, by Gabrielle Langdon, and *Renaissance Woman*, by Gaia Servadio. In *Canadian Journal of History* 42:1 (Spring/Summer 2007), 95-97.
 Book review: *Constructions of Widowhood and Virginity in the Middle Ages*, edited by Cindy L. Carlson and Angela Jane Weisl. In *The Journal of the History of Sexuality* 11 (January-April 2002), 490-95.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

“Robert of Arbrissel: Proto-Feminist?”
 International Congress of Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 2008
 “Women, Patronage, and Power: The Early Abbesses of Fontevraud in Twelfth-Century France”
 International Congress of Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 2004
 “The Reconstruction of an Order: Charters and Fontevraud”
 American Historical Association annual meeting, Chicago, January 2003
 “Women on Top: Reflections on the Order of Fontevraud”
 Southwest Wisconsin Medieval and Renaissance Conference
 University of Wisconsin, Platteville, November 2001
 “Female Leadership and Male ‘Obligation of Reverent Subjection’: The Twelfth-Century Order of Fontevraud”
 History of Women Religious Conference, Marquette University, April 2001

EDUCATION

Ph.D., History, University of Iowa, 2009

Dissertation: *Female Leadership and Male Submission: The Order of Fontevraud in Twelfth-Century France*,
directed by Constance Hoffman Berman

Master's-Level Certificate in Medieval Latin, Centre for Medieval Studies, University of Toronto,
2003

Master of Arts, History, San Francisco State University, 1997

Bachelor of Arts with High Honors, History, Portland State University, 1995

Minor: English Literature

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Mellon Summer Institute in French Paleography Fellowship, 2006

Newberry Renaissance Consortium Grant, 2006

LaFore Dissertation Fellowship, University of Iowa, 2003-2004

T. Anne Cleary International Dissertation Research Fellowship, University of Iowa, 2001-2002

Gordon Prange Dissertation Fellowship, University of Iowa, 2001-2002

Stanley Fellowship for Graduate Student Research Abroad, University of Iowa, 2001-2002

Summer Research Fellowship, University of Iowa, Summer 2001

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship, Baltic Area Language Studies Summer
Institute, Summer 2000

MacCracken Fellowship, New York University, 1997-1998

Distinguished Graduate Student Award, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, San Francisco
State University, 1997

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Historical Association

Medieval Academy of America

Society for Medieval Feminist Scholarship