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EDUCATION

2004-Present: PhD candidate (ABD), History, University of Houston (Houston, TX)
Advisor: Dr. Sally N. Vaughn
Fields (passed Nov. 2007): Early and High Medieval Europe (pass with distinction), Ancient Rome (pass with distinction), Tudor England
Exam Committee: Dr. Sally N. Vaughn, Dr. Frank L. Holt, Dr. Catherine Patterson
Dissertation Project: "Religious and Political Intersections in Medieval Christian Ideas of the Common Good" (to defend Fall 2012)

2002-2004: MA, History, University of Houston (Houston, TX)
Advisor: Dr. Sally N. Vaughn
Thesis (pass with distinction): "*Me Tangere*: Perceptions and Portrayals of Healing Relics in Medieval Northwestern Europe"

1995-1999: AB, History, University of Michigan, Residential College (Ann Arbor, MI)
AB, Drama, University of Michigan, Residential College (Ann Arbor, MI)

LANGUAGES

English, French (modern and medieval), Italian, Latin (classical and medieval), Anglo-Saxon (Old English)

COMPUTER LITERACY

Microsoft Office, WebCT, Eagle Online, internet databases

ACADEMIC AND RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

2010-present: Houston Community College (Houston, TX)
Northeast Campus, Department of Applied Social Sciences
Chair: Dr. Aaron Knight
Adjunct Professor
U.S. History 1301 (to 1877)

2002-2005: University of Houston History Department (Houston, TX)
Teaching Assistant/Instructional Assistant
Survey courses: U.S. History 1377 and 1378 and World Civilizations I; upper-level distance education course: Viking History. Prepared and delivered select lectures. Conducted review sessions. Assisted and advised students in office hours, on WebCT, and by appointment. Graded bluebook exams, quizzes, and term papers. Developed and maintained WebCT course websites and grade spreadsheets. Operated classroom audio-visual technology.

Summer 2002: University of Houston Libraries: Special Collections and Archives (Houston, TX)
Archival Processor
Texas Council on Family Violence archive. Processed new archival acquisitions and integrated them into the existing archive.

2000-2002: George Ranch Historical Park (Richmond, TX)
Interpreter of Living History
Guided tours of an 1890s mansion and a 1940s ranch house. Portrayed an historical character on a replicated 1830s pioneer farm. Researched and compiled historical information for interpreters' use. Developed special programs and tours for holidays, children, groups with special needs, seniors, and international visitors.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- "The Politics of Sacrifice: Anglo-Norman Applications of *Imitatio Christi*," Phi Alpha Theta Consortium, April 2008 (Clear Lake, TX)
- "Melting the Snow: Viking Heritage and Healing Relics in Royal and Episcopal Propaganda," 40th Annual International Medieval Congress, May 2005 (Kalamazoo, MI)
- "Behind Every Good Bishop Is a Great Saint: William of Malmesbury and the Politics of Healing Relics," Charles Homer Haskins Society annual meeting, Nov. 2004 (Washington, DC)
- "Saints and Stones: Connecting Immigrant and Native Power in Medieval Hagiography," Texas Medieval Association annual meeting, Sept. 2004 (Dallas, TX)
- "A World of Magic and Miracle: Northern Perceptions and Portrayals of Healing Relics," 39th Annual International Medieval Congress, May 2004 (Kalamazoo, MI)
- "Magic and Miracle: Changing Perceptions and Portrayals of Healing Relics," Texas Medieval Association annual meeting, Oct. 2003 (Waco, TX)

SPECIAL PROJECT

- 2005-2006: Lustre: Spiritual Treasures and Sensual Pleasures: Medieval Texts and Images from Houston Collections
Exhibition and catalog of illuminated manuscripts in the M.D. Anderson Library at the University of Houston (Oct. 2005-Feb. 2006)
Curator: Dr. Judith Steinhoff
Article in exhibit catalog: "Embodying the Word: Physical Forms of the Medieval Bible"
Worked collaboratively with graduate and undergraduate students on design, layout, catalogs, and labels

AWARDS RECEIVED

- University of Houston: Graduate Assistant Tuition Fellowship
University of Michigan: James B. Angell Scholar, Class Honors, Office of International Programs scholarship for semester abroad (1998: Florence, Italy)

ACADEMIC SERVICE AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- University of Houston: College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Dean's Office Disciplinary Committee
Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society chapter secretary
Phi Alpha Theta fundraising book sales volunteer
University of Michigan: Peer tutor (Latin)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- The Medieval Academy, Charles Homer Haskins Society, Phi Alpha Theta, Texas Medieval Association, Societas Magica

TEACHING INTERESTS

- Medieval Europe, Ancient Mediterranean World, Late Antiquity, Early Modern England
World Civilizations, Western Civilizations
United States to 1877
Pre-Colonial Africa
Interdisciplinary approach to teaching history, implementing art history, archaeology, and linguistics