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EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Toronto, Department of History, Canada, November 2007
Thesis title: “Ritual Negotiations: Paris de’ Grassi and the Office of
Ceremonies under Popes Julius II & Leo X”
Supervisor: Dr. Nicholas Terpstra

M.A. University of Warwick, Coventry, UK, January 2002
Centre for the Study of the Renaissance
Subject: The Culture of the European Renaissance
Thesis title: “Henry VIII King of England and Papal Honour-gifts, 1510-24”
Thesis Readers: Drs. Peter Marshall and J.R. Mulryne

Hon. B.A. St. Michael’s College, University of Toronto, Canada, June 1999
Specialist: History *Major:* Latin *Minor:* English

EMPLOYMENT

Fall 2022-onward Full Professor (Tenured), Ball State University, Muncie IN, USA
Fall 2015-Spring 2022 Associate Professor (Tenured), Ball State University, Muncie IN, USA
Fall 2010-onward Graduate Faculty Member, Ball State University, Muncie IN, USA
Fall 2010-Spring 2015 Assistant Professor, Ball State University, Muncie IN, USA
Courses taught, all face-to-face unless otherwise indicated.

Undergraduate/Graduate Courses:
HIST 150: *The West in the World*
HIST 151: *World Civilization I* (also taught online)
HIST 200: *Introduction to History and Historical Methods*
HIST 467/567: *The Renaissance & The Reformation*
HIST 497/597: *Social History of Renaissance Europe*

Honors College Colloquia:
HONR 390: *The Renaissance in the Modern World*

Graduate Comparative Courses:

HIST 633: *Red-light Districts before 1900*

HIST 633: *Ritual and Spectacle in Early Modern Europe*

Graduate Independent Studies:

HIST 650: *Elite Women & Marriage in Early Modern Europe*

HIST 650: *European Court Culture, 1600-1700*

HIST 650: *European Conversion to Christianity, 300-1000*

HIST 650: *Comparative European Chivalry, 1300-1650*

HIST 650: *Ecclesiastical History of Early Modern Europe*

2007-2010 Visiting Assistant Professor (2007-9), Adjunct Professor (2009-10) Eastern Connecticut State University, Willimantic CT, USA

Undergraduate Courses taught, all face-to-face:

HIS 231: *Western Civilization Since 1500*

HIS 354: *The Renaissance*

HIS 365: *Medieval Religion, 500-1500*

HIS 365: *Social History of Renaissance Europe*

HIS 365: *The Renaissance Papacy*

LAP 130: *Film – History and The Modern Audience*

2007-8 & Fall 2009 Adjunct Professor, Sacred Heart University, Fairfield CT, USA

Undergraduate Courses taught, all face-to-face:

HI/CC 101: *The Human Journey*

Summer 2006 Course Instructor, University of Toronto, Toronto ON, Canada

Undergraduate Courses taught, all face-to-face:

HIS 357: *Social History of Renaissance Europe*

MONOGRAPHS

2022 [*The Office of Ceremonies and Advancement in Curial Rome, 1466-1528*](#)
(Leiden: Brill, 2022)

EDITED VOLUMES

2020 [*Eternal Ephemera: the Papal Possesso and its Legacies in Early Modern Rome*](#), eds. Jennifer Mara DeSilva and Pascale Rihouet (Toronto: Centre for Reformation and Renaissance Studies, 2020)

Reviews:

- S. Bauer, *The Journal of Modern History* 94, no. 2 (2022): 471-473,
<https://doi.org/10.1086/719556>
- M. Pattenden, *Renaissance and Reformation / Renaissance et Réforme* 44, no. 1 (2021): 229-231, <https://doi.org/10.33137/rr.v44i1.37068>
- W. Reinhard, *Historische Zeitschrift* 313, no. 2 (2021): 519-521,
<https://doi.org/10.1515/hzhz-2021-1344>
- 2020 *The Early Modern Classroom*, vol. 51 supplement, *The Sixteenth Century Journal*; eds. Jennifer Mara DeSilva, Whitney A.M. Leeson, and Barbara Pitkin, <https://www.escj.org/early-modern-classroom>
This supplement, which appeared both online and in print, includes forty-six short (1,500-3,000 words) peer-reviewed teaching-focused articles.
- 2019 *The Borgia Family: Rumor and Representation*, ed. Jennifer Mara DeSilva
(New York and Abingdon: Routledge, 2019)
- Reviews:
H. Kallendorf, *Renaissance Quarterly* 75, no. 1 (2022): 268-9,
<https://doi.org/10.1017/rqx.2022.40>
Brian G.H. Ditcham, *The Sixteenth Century Journal* 52, no. 3 (2021): 800-803.
A. Burgess-Williams, *Renaissance and Reformation / Renaissance et Réforme* 43, no. 3 (2020): 297-300, <https://doi.org/10.33137/rr.v43i3.35328>
- 2016 Special issue of *Royal Studies Journal* (Vol. 3, No. 2) that explores “Taking Possession of Early Modern Europe,” ed. Jennifer Mara DeSilva,
<https://www.rsj.winchester.ac.uk/7/volume/3/issue/2/>
- 2015 *The Sacralization of Space and Behavior in the Early Modern World*, ed. Jennifer Mara DeSilva (Aldershot, Hampshire: Ashgate Publishers, 2015)
- Reviews:
D.Y. Ghirardo, *Renaissance Quarterly* 72.2 (2019): 696-97,
<https://doi.org/10.1017/rqx.2019.196>
J. Goodale, *Church History* 86.3 (2017): 888-90,
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S000964071700172X>
A. Dialetti, *Historiein* 16 (2017): 181-84,
<https://doi.org/10.12681/historein.9135>
W. de Boer, *English Historical Review* 132 (2017): 384-85,
<https://doi.org/10.1093/ehr/cex003>
A.C. Fleming, *Sixteenth Century Journal* 47 (2016): 681-82.
M. Musillo, *European History Quarterly* 46 (2016): 342-43,
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0265691416637313i>
S. Ditchfield, *Journal of Jesuit Studies* 3 (2016): 302-04,
<https://doi.org/10.1163/22141332-00302006-07>
J. Alexander, *Catholic Historical Review* 102 (2016): 836-37,
[10.1353/cat.2016.0222](https://doi.org/10.1353/cat.2016.0222)

2012 [*Episcopal Reform and Politics in Early Modern Europe*](#), ed. Jennifer Mara DeSilva (Kirksville, MO: Truman State University Press, 2012)

Reviews:

W. Abbott, *Church History* 83 (2014): 479-81,
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0009640714000249>

J.W. O'Malley, *The Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 65 (2014): 420-21,
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0022046913001838>

A. Forrestal, *Renaissance Quarterly* 66 (2013): 1026-27,
<https://doi.org/10.1086/673634>

T. Worcester, *Sixteenth Century Journal* 44 (2013): 573,
<https://www.jstor.org/stable/24245166>

D.S. Peterson, *Renaissance and Reformation/Renaissance et Réforme* 36 (2013): 166-68, <https://www.jstor.org/stable/43446332>

2010 Co-editor of a special issue of *The Journal of Early Modern History* (Vol. 14, No. 6) examining pan-European diplomatic networks originating in Italy (with Catherine Fletcher), <https://brill.com/view/journals/jemh/14/6/jemh.14.issue-6.xml>

EDITORSHIPS

2019 onward Editor (one of three), [*The Sixteenth Century Journal*](#)

Editors oversee the technical check of incoming submissions, supervise the review process, accept or reject submissions, review desk rejects, and liaise with authors, reviewers, senior editors, and other journal staff.

2022 onward Editorial Board, [*Teaching History: A Journal of Methods*](#)

2019 onward Editorial Board, [*Royal Studies Journal*](#)

2013-2018 Section Editor Medieval/Early Modern Italy, *Royal Studies Journal*

PUBLICATIONS: Articles and Chapters (Single Author, Peer-Reviewed)

2022 “The Roman Clerical Household as a Site for Provision to Office, Respectability, and Clerical Masculinity,” *Patriarchy, Honour, and Violence: Masculinities in Premodern Europe*, ed. Jacqueline Murray (Toronto: Centre for Renaissance and Reformation Studies, 2022), 241-265 – forthcoming.

2021 “Papal Commemoration, 1300-1700: Institutional Memory and Dynasticism,” in *Memorialising Premodern Monarchs: Medias of Commemoration and Remembrance*, ed. Gabriella Storey (Palgrave Macmillan, 2021), 37-64.
https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-84130-0_3

- 2020 “Episcopal Charity and Princely Liberality: Leo X’s Household and his *Possesso* (1513),” in *Eternal Ephemera: the Papal Possesso and its Legacies in Early Modern Rome*, eds. Jennifer Mara DeSilva and Pascale Rihouet (Toronto: Centre for Reformation and Renaissance Studies, 2020), pp. 211-48. See links to reviews in “Edited Volumes.”
- 2020 “Mapping the Transformation of Information into Knowledge in Early Modern Florence: Using the *DECIMA Project* to Assess Higher Order Thinking Skills through Student Reflection,” *Teaching History: A Journal of Methods* (Vol. 45, no. 1, pp. 2-30).
Available: <https://openjournals.bsu.edu/teachinghistory/article/view/1561/1895>
- 2020 “The Rituals of the Cardinalate: Creation and Abdication” in *The Companion to the Early Modern Cardinal*, eds. Mary Hollingsworth, Miles Pattenden, and Arnold Witte (Leiden: Brill, 2020), pp. 40-57,
https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004415447_005
- Reviews:
J. Geraerts, *Renaissance Quarterly* 75.1 (2022): 310-311,
<https://doi.org/10.1017/rqx.2022.66>
T. Worcester, *Church History* 90.2 (2021): 455,
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0009640721001827>
- 2019 “Gaming to Learn: Pedagogical Uses of Board Games,” *The Sixteenth Century Journal* (Vol. 50, no. 4, pp. 1135-1141).
- 2019 “What would Rome be without a Good Plot? Telling Tales about the Borgias” (pp. 1-33) and “The Secularization of Cesare Borgia and the American Motion Picture Production Code” (pp. 250-275) in *The Borgia Family: Rumor and Representation*, ed. J.M. DeSilva (New York and Abingdon: Routledge, 2019). See links to reviews in “Edited Volumes.”
- 2019 “Princely Patronage on Display: The Case of Cardinal Pietro Riario and Pope Sixtus IV, 1471-1474,” *Royal Studies Journal* (Vol. 6, No. 1, pp. 55-79).
Available: <https://www.rsj.winchester.ac.uk/articles/144/>
- 2017 “Politics and Dynasty: Under-aged Cardinals in the Catholic Church, 1420-1605,” *Royal Studies Journal* (Vol. 4, No. 2, pp. 81-102). A special issue on “Princes of the Church: Renaissance Cardinals and Kings” edited by Glenn Richardson.
Available: <http://www.rsj.winchester.ac.uk/index.php/rsj/article/view/133/671>
- 2016 “Taking Possession: Rituals, Space and Authority,” *Royal Studies Journal* (Vol. 3, No. 2, pp. 1-17)
Available: <http://www.rsj.winchester.ac.uk/index.php/rsj/article/view/109>

- 2016 “Articulating Work and Family: Lay Papal Relatives in the Papal States, 1420-1549,” *Renaissance Quarterly* (Vol. 69, No. 1, pp. 1-39), <https://doi.org/10.1086/686325>
- 2015 “Preventing Sloth and Preserving the Liturgy: Organizing Sacred Space in Sixteenth-Century Rome” (pp. 33-80) and “Introduction: ‘Piously Made’: Sacred Space and the Transformation of Behavior” (pp. 1-32) in *The Sacralization of Space and Behaviour in the Early Modern World*, ed. J.M. DeSilva (Aldershot, Hampshire: Ashgate). See links to reviews in “Edited Volumes.”
- 2013 “Ecclesiastical Dynasticism in Early Modern Bologna: the Canonical Chapters of San Pietro and San Petronio,” *Bologna – Cultural Crossroads from the Medieval to the Baroque: Recent Anglo-American Scholarship*, eds. Gian Mario Anselmi, Angela De Benedictis, and Nicholas Terpstra (Bologna: Bononia University Press), pp. 173-91, <https://buponline.com/prodotto/bologna/>
- Reviews:
Nadja Aksamija, *Renaissance Quarterly* 67.3 (2014): 989-90, <https://doi.org/10.1086/678815>
Jan Vandeburie, *The Sixteenth Century Journal* 45.1 (2014): 159-61, <https://www.jstor.org/stable/24247501>
- 2012 “Pluralism, Liturgy and the Paradoxes of Reform: a Reforming Pluralist in early sixteenth-century Rome,” *The Sixteenth Century Journal* (Vol. 43, No. 4, pp. 1061-78), <https://www.jstor.org/stable/24244971>
- 2012 “The Absentee Bishop in Residence: Paris de’ Grassi, bishop of Pesaro, 1513-28” (pp. 88-109) and “Introduction: A Living Example” (pp. 1-25) in *Episcopal Reform and Politics in Early Modern Europe*, ed. J.M. DeSilva (Kirksville, MO: Truman State University Press). See links to reviews in “Edited Volumes.”
- 2012 “The Transformation of the Pope: The Second Vatican Council (1962-65) and *The Agony and The Ecstasy* (1965),” *The Journal of Religion and Film* (Vol. 16, No. 2, Article 8 online)
Available: <http://digitalcommons.unomaha.edu/jrf/vol16/iss2/8>
- 2012 “‘Personal’ Rituals: The Office of Ceremonies and Papal Weddings, 1483-1521,” *Marriage in Premodern Europe: Italy and Beyond*, ed. Jacqueline Murray (Toronto: Centre for Reformation & Renaissance Studies), pp. 47-71. <https://crrs.ca/publications/es27/>
- Reviews:
Sarah Gwyneth Ross, *The Journal of Modern History* 86.2 (2014): 410-411, <https://doi.org/10.1086/675458>

- Tovah Bender, *Renaissance Quarterly* 66.1 (2013): 302-03,
<https://doi.org/10.1086/670491>
- Brian Jeffrey Maxson, *The Sixteenth Century Journal* 44.3 (2013): 838-839,
<https://www.jstor.org/stable/24244851>
- Joanne M. Ferraro, *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 44.1 (2013): 116-18,
<https://www.muse.jhu.edu/article/506294>
- Maria G. Traub, *Quaderni d'Italianistici* 34.1 (2013): 269-271,
<https://doi.org/10.33137/q.i..v34i1.19883>
- Thomas Kuehn, *The Historian* 75.4 (2013): 907-08,
https://doi.org/10.1111/hisn.12023_63
- Thomas Deutscher, *Canadian Journal of History/Annales canadiennes d'histoire* 48.1 (2013): 133-34.
- Barbara J. Todd, *Renaissance and Reformation/Renaissance et Réforme* 35.4 (2012): 166-166.
- 2011 “Appropriating Sacred Space: Private Chapel Patronage and Institutional Identity in Sixteenth-century Rome – the Case of the Office of Ceremonies,” *The Catholic Historical Review* (Vol. 97, No. 4, pp. 653-78)
<https://www.jstor.org/stable/23053062>
- 2010 “Official and Unofficial Diplomacy between Rome and Bologna: the de’ Grassi Family under Pope Julius II, 1503-1513” *The Journal of Early Modern History* (Vol. 14, No. 6, pp. 535-57),
<https://doi.org/10.1163/157006510X540772>
- 2008 “Senators or courtiers: negotiating models for the College of Cardinals under Julius II and Leo X” *Renaissance Studies* (Vol. 22, No. 2, pp. 154-73)
<https://www.jstor.org/stable/24417235>

PUBLICATIONS: Articles and Chapters (Contributing Author)

- 2022 Barry Torch and Jennifer Mara DeSilva, “Pius II and the Andreis (1462): textual circulation, crusade promotion and papal power,” *Renaissance Studies* (early view).
Available: <https://doi.org/10.1111/rest.12781>
- 2021 Jennifer Mara DeSilva and Emily McGuire, “Revising Mary Queen of Scots: from Protestant Persecution to Patriarchal Struggle,” *Journal of Religion and Film* (Vol. 25, No. 1 Article 59 online)
Available: <https://digitalcommons.unomaha.edu/jrf/vol25/iss1/59>
- 2020 Jennifer Mara DeSilva, Whitney A.M. Leeson, Barbara Pitkin, “Teaching the Early Modern World in the Era of COVID-19,” *The Early Modern Classroom, The Sixteenth Century Journal* 51 supp., <https://www.escj.org/blog/teaching-early-modern-world-era-covid-19.html> (June 23, 2020)

- 2018 Brendan Cook and Jennifer Mara DeSilva, “Princely Ambiguity: A Translation of Nicholas of Modrus’ Funeral Oration for Cardinal Pietro Riario: *Oratio in funere Petri Cardinalis Sancti Sixti* (1474),” *Royal Studies Journal* (Vol. 5, No. 2, pp. 92-128)
Available: <https://www.rsj.winchester.ac.uk/articles/152/>
- 2017 Jennifer Mara DeSilva and Alison R. Orewiler, “Depictions of Catholic and Protestant Bodies in *Elizabeth* (dir. Kapur, 1998),” *The Journal of Religion and Film* (Vol. 21, No. 2, Article 15 online)
Available: <http://digitalcommons.unomaha.edu/jrf/vol21/iss2/15>
- 2010 Catherine Fletcher and Jennifer Mara DeSilva, “Italian Ambassadorial Networks in Early Modern Europe: An Introduction,” *The Journal of Early Modern History* (Vol. 14, No. 6, pp. 505-12),
<https://doi.org/10.1163/157006510X540754>
- 2009 Pearce, J. M., Santini, A. L., and DeSilva, J. M., “Solar photovoltaic energy for mitigation of climate change: a catalytic application of Catholic social thought,” *Worldviews: Global Religions, Culture, and Ecology* (Vol. 13, pp. 92-118), DOI:[10.1163/156853508X394526](https://doi.org/10.1163/156853508X394526)

DIGITAL PROJECTS

- 2020-22 *Town On Fire*, Notable Women of Muncie and Delaware County Project, Omeka Exhibit,
<https://digitalresearch.bsu.edu/notablewomen/exhibits/show/town-on-fire>,
<https://digitalresearch.bsu.edu/notablewomen/exhibits/show/town-on-fire-2021>
<https://digitalresearch.bsu.edu/notablewomen/exhibits/show/town-on-fire-2022>
This public online exhibit presents eighteen student-made biographical videos for women who lived in Muncie, IN between 1870 and 1930 CE. The videos (both historical content and methodology/reflection) are presented with curation text by Sophia Hoffert (2020) and Jennifer Mara DeSilva (2021 and 2022), as well as additional sources (student created) and associated lesson plans for Grades 9-12 History/Social Studies classes (by Alyssa Muhvic, Sarah Drake Brown, and Jennifer Mara DeSilva). All student work originated in HIST 200 classes (2019-22). Funded in part by University Libraries, Ball State University, Muncie, IN.
- 2017-18 *Office-Holding and the De’ Grassi Family of Bologna, 1400-1800*, StoryMaps Project,
<https://bsumaps.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=4a666c3b9ba34241b20c56cd18741718>
Funded by the Digital Scholarship Lab, Ball State University, Muncie, IN.

OTHER PROJECTS

- 2021 *Repatriating the Benin Bronzes* is a game designed for the face-to-face and virtual classrooms that helps students explore museums as sites of historical memory, community teaching and learning, and important vectors for cultural patronage and identity. This game was developed to bring students into direct contact with African artifacts and their histories and is useful in African and World History, Museum Studies, Art History and Public History classrooms. Currently listed as a Level 2 game available for play-testing on Barnard College's *Reacting to the Past: Big List of Reacting Games* (<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/u/0/d/1GkDM2eHFR15zv0NA7tz6HZKRsKum603sl8k343MFXsc/pub?output=html>). Now in the editing and play-testing phase before submission to the *Flashpoints Game/Reacting to the Past* series with W.W. Norton. The game has already been play-tested at West Point Military Academy (NY), McDaniel College (MD), Illinois Wesleyan University (IL), Jacksonville State University (AL), and Ball State University (IN), and is planned for many more Spring and Fall 2022 classes.

PUBLICATIONS (Non-refereed Academic)

- 2012 “Red Hat Strategies: Elevating Cardinals, 1470-1549,” *Early Modern Rome, 1341-1667*, ed. Portia Prebys (Ferrara: Edizioni Edisai, 2012), pp. 729-41.
- 2008 “The Expectation of Patronage: Paolo Cortesi and Pope Julius II,” *Proceedings of the American Historical Association* (Ann Arbor, MI: National Archive Publishing Company, 2008)

PUBLICATIONS UNDER REVIEW OR IN EDITING (All Peer-Reviewed)

- “Papal Ceremonial,” *The Cambridge History of the Papacy*, eds. Joëlle Rollo-Koster, Miles Pattenden, Melody Eichenbauer, Iben Fonnesberg-Schmidt, and Robert Ventresca (Cambridge University Press, 2023) – invited, revised, and under review.
- with Catherine Kerton-Johnson and Brandon Whitsit, “*Mala Vicinanza*: female household-heads and proximity to sex work in sixteenth-century Florence,” *Renaissance and Reformation / Renaissance et Réforme* – revised and resubmitted following the journal's invitation to do so.
- with Emily McGuire and Cory Balkenbusch, “White-light and Red-light Districts: the Evolution of Vice in Gas Boom Muncie, 1880-1900,” *Indiana Magazine of History* – under review.
- “Historical Practice and Authentic Assessment in an Introductory World History Course,” *Teaching History: A Journal of Methods* – under review.

REVIEWS – (of Refereed Research Studies)

- 2022 Review of Elena Bonora, *Waiting for the Emperor: Italian Princes, the Pope and Charles V*, trans. Richard Bates (Rome: Viella, 2022) *Church History and Religious Culture* (Vol. 102, No. 2, pp. 283-285)
- 2022 Review of Bryan Cussen, *Pope Paul III and the Cultural Politics of Reform, 1534-1549* (Amsterdam University Press, 2020) *Church History and Religious Culture* (Vol. 102, No. 2, pp. 280-282)
- 2021 Review of Amanda L. Scott, *The Basque Seroras: Local Religion, Gender, and Power in Northern Iberia, 1550–1800* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2020) *Renaissance and Reformation / Renaissance et Réforme* (Vol. 44, No. 3, pp. 308-311)
- 2021 Review of Celeste McNamara, *The Bishop's Burden: Reforming the Catholic Church in Early Modern Italy* (Washington: Catholic University of America Press, 2020) *Renaissance and Reformation / Renaissance et Réforme* (Vol. 44, No. 2, pp. 33-35)
- 2021 Review of James A. Palmer, *The Virtues of Economy. Governance, Power, and Piety in Late Medieval Rome* (Cornell University Press, 2019) *Church History and Religious Culture* (Vol. 101, No. 1, pp. 106-108)
- 2021 Review of Stefan Bauer, *The Invention of Papal History: Onofrio Panvinio between Renaissance and Catholic Reform* (Oxford University Press, 2020) *LSE Review of Books*
(<https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/lsereviewofbooks/2021/01/11/book-review-the-invention-of-papal-history-onofrio-panvinio-between-renaissance-and-catholic-reform-by-stefan-bauer/>)
- 2020 Review of Abigail Brundin, et al. *The Sacred Home in Renaissance Italy* (Oxford University Press, 2018) *Renaissance and Reformation / Renaissance et Réforme* (Vol. 43, No. 2, pp. 359-362)
- 2020 Review of Silvia Z. Mitchell (ed.), *The Spanish Habsburg Court during the Reign of Carlos II (1665-1700)*. Special issue of *The Court Historian. The International Journal of Court Studies*, vol. 23, no. 2 (December 2018) *Bulletin for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies*
(<https://asphs.net/article/review-of-silvia-z-mitchell-ed-the-spanish-habsburg-court-during-the-reign-of-carlos-ii-1665-1700/>)
- 2020 Review of Pamela M. Jones, et al. (eds.), *A Companion to Early Modern Rome, 1492-1692* (Brill, 2019) *Renaissance and Reformation / Renaissance et Réforme* (Vol. 43, No. 1, pp. 248-251)
- 2019 Review of Monique Maillard-Luypaert, Alain Marchandisse, Bertrand Schnerb (eds.), *Évêques et cardinaux princiers et curiaux (XIVe- début XVIe siècle)* (Brepols, 2017) *Renaissance Quarterly* (Vol. 72, No. 3, pp. 1051-53)
- 2019 Review of Carocci, Sandro, and Isabella Lazzarini, eds. *Social Mobility in Medieval Italy (1100-1500)* (Viella, 2018) *Renaissance and Reformation / Renaissance et Réforme* (Vol. 42, No. 3, pp. 207-209)
- 2019 Review of J.R. Mulryne et al., eds. *Occasions of State: Early Modern European Festivals and the Negotiation of Power* (Routledge, 2019) *Renaissance and Reformation / Renaissance et Réforme* (Vol. 42, No. 2, pp. 237-240)
- 2018 Review of Roisin Cossar, *Clerical Households in Late Medieval Italy* (Harvard UP, 2017) *The Sixteenth Century Journal* (Vol. 49, No. 3, pp. 864-866)

- 2018 Review of Sarah Rubin Blanshei (ed.), *A Companion to Medieval and Renaissance Bologna* (Brill, 2018) *Renaissance and Reformation / Renaissance et Réforme* (Vol. 41, No. 4, pp. 215-218)
- 2018 Review of Miles Pattenden, *Electing the Pope in Early Modern Italy, 1450-1700* (Oxford, 2017) *Renaissance and Reformation / Renaissance et Réforme* (Vol. 41, No. 1, pp. 229-31)
- 2017 Review of Kirsi Salonen, *Papal Justice in the Late Middle Ages: the Sacra Romana Rota* (Routledge, 2016) *Renaissance and Reformation / Renaissance et Réforme* (Vol. 40, No. 4, pp. 240-42)
- 2017 Review of John M. Hunt, *The Vacant See in Early Modern Rome* (Brill, 2016) *Church History and Religious Culture* (Vol. 97, No. 2, pp. 283-85)
- 2017 Review of Minou Schraven, *Festive Funerals in Early Modern Italy: The Art and Culture of Conspicuous Consumption* (Ashgate, 2014) *Renaissance and Reformation / Renaissance et Réforme* (Vol. 40, No. 3, pp. 332-34)
- 2017 Review of D. L. D'Avray, *Papacy, Monarchy and Marriage, 860-1600* (Cambridge UP, 2015) *Royal Studies Journal* (Vol. 4, No. 1, pp. 38-40)
- 2016 Review of Brendan Dooley, *A Mattress Maker's Daughter: The Renaissance Romance of Don Giovanni de' Medici and Livia Vernazza* (Harvard UP, 2014) *The Historian* (Vol. 78, No. 3, pp. 564-65)
- 2016 Review of Catherine Fletcher, *Diplomacy in Renaissance Rome* (Cambridge UP, 2015) *Renaissance and Reformation / Renaissance et Réforme* (Vol. 39, No. 3, pp. 179-81)
- 2016 Review of Emily O'Brien, *The Commentaries of Pope Pius II (1458-1464) and the Crisis of the Fifteenth-Century Papacy* (University of Toronto Press, 2015) *The Sixteenth Century Journal* (Vol. 47, No. 2, pp. 526-27)
- 2015 Review of Mulryne, J.R., with Maria Ines Aliverti and Anna Maria Testaverde (eds.), *Ceremonial Entries in Early Modern Europe: The Iconography of Power* (Ashgate, 2015) *Renaissance and Reformation / Renaissance et Réforme* (Vol. 38, No. 3, pp. 215-17)
- 2015 Review of Martin Heale (ed.), *The Prelate in England and Europe 1300-1560* (York Medieval Press, 2014) *Renaissance and Reformation / Renaissance et Réforme* (Vol. 38, No. 2, pp. 223-25)
- 2015 Review of Elizabeth McCahill, *Reviving the Eternal City: Rome and the Papal Court, 1420-1447* (Harvard UP, 2013) *Canadian Journal of History* (Vol. 50, No. 2, pp. 326-27)
- 2015 Review of Maria Antonietta Visceglia (ed.), *Papato e Politica internazionale nella prima età moderna* (Viella, 2013) *Renaissance Quarterly* (Vol. 68, No. 1, pp. 334-35)
- 2015 Review of Nicholas Terpstra, *Cultures of Charity* (Harvard UP, 2013) *The Historian* (Vol. 77, No. 1, pp. 197-99)
- 2014 Review of Massimo Carlo Giannini (ed.), *Papacy, Religious Orders, and International Politics* (Viella, 2013) *Renaissance and Reformation / Renaissance et Réforme* (Vol. 37, No. 2, pp. 168-71)
- 2014 Review of Miles Pattenden, *Pius IV and the Fall of the Carafa. Nepotism and Papal Authority in Counter-Reformation Rome* (Oxford UP, 2013) *Renaissance and Reformation / Renaissance et Réforme* (Vol. 37, No. 1, pp. 165-67)

- 2014 Review of Thomas B. Deutscher, *Punishment and Penance: two phases in the history of the bishop's tribunal of Novara* (University of Toronto Press, 2013) *H-Net Reviews* – <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=41673>
- 2014 Review of Kirsi Salonen and Jussi Hanska, *Entering a Clerical Career at the Roman Curia, 1458-1471* (Ashgate, 2013) *Church History and Religious Culture* (Vol. 94, No. 1, pp. 110-12)
- 2013 Review of Emily Michelson, *The Pulpit and the Press in Reformation Italy* (Harvard UP, 2013) *The Sixteenth Century Journal* (Vol. 44, No. 4, pp. 1136-37)
- 2013 Review of *Reforming Reformation*, ed. Thomas F. Mayer (Ashgate, 2012) *Renaissance and Reformation / Renaissance et Réforme* (Vol. 36, No. 3, 2013, pp. 198-200)
- 2013 Review of Peter Howard, *Creating Magnificence in Renaissance Florence* (Centre for Reformation & Renaissance Studies, 2012) *The Sixteenth Century Journal* (Vol. 44, No. 2, pp. 498-500)
- 2013 Review of *Reassessing Reform. A Historical Investigation into Church Renewal*, eds. Christopher Bellitto & David Flanagin (The Catholic University of America Press, 2012) *Renaissance and Reformation / Renaissance et Réforme* (Vol. 36, No. 2, 2013, pp. 171-74)
- 2013 Review of Nicholas Temple, *renovatio urbis: Architecture, Urbanism and Ceremony in the Rome of Julius II* (Routledge, 2011) *Church History and Religious Culture* (Vol. 93, No. 1, pp. 143-44)
- 2012 Review of Albert Russell Ascoli, *A Local Habitation and a Name* (Fordham University Press, 2011) *Renaissance and Reformation / Renaissance et Réforme* (Vol. 35, No. 1, 2012, pp. 187-89)
- 2012 Review of Robert Black, *Studies in Renaissance Humanism and Politics: Florence and Arezzo* (Ashgate Variorum, 2011) *The Sixteenth Century Journal* (Vol. 43, No. 2, pp. 472-73)
- 2012 Review of *The Possessions of a Cardinal: Art, Piety, and Politics, 1450-1700*, eds. Mary Hollingsworth & Carol M. Richardson, (Pennsylvania State University Press, 2009) *The Sixteenth Century Journal* (Vol. 43, No. 1, pp. 265-66)
- pub. 2012 Review of Ronald Finucane, *Contested Canonizations: The Last Medieval Saints, 1482-1523* (Catholic University of America Press, 2011) *Renaissance and Reformation / Renaissance et Réforme* (Vol. 34, No. 3, 2011, pp. 226-28)
- 2011 Review of Helen Hyde, *Cardinal Bendinello Sauli and Church Patronage in Sixteenth Century Italy* (Royal Historical Society, 2009) *Church History and Religious Culture* (Vol. 91, No. 3-4, pp. 464-66)
- 2011 Review of Carol M. Richardson, *Reclaiming Rome: Cardinals in the Fifteenth Century* (Brill, 2009) *Church History and Religious Culture* (Vol. 91, No. 3-4, pp. 438-40)
- 2011 Review of James M. Weiss, *Humanist Biography in Renaissance Italy and Reformation Germany* (Ashgate Variorum, 2010) *The Sixteenth Century Journal* (Vol. 42, No. 1, pp. 141-42)
- 2010 Review of Tessa Storey, *Carnal Commerce in Counter-Reformation Rome* (Cambridge University Press, 2008) *Renaissance and Reformation / Renaissance et Réforme* (Vol. 33, No. 2, pp. 148-51)

- 2010 Review of ed. Giovanni Ciappelli, *Memoria, famiglia, identità tra Italia ed Europa nell'età moderna* (Istituto storico italo-germanico in Trento. Quaderni, 77) (Società editrice il Mulino, 2009) *Renaissance Quarterly* (Vol. 63, No. 2, pp. 627–68)
- 2010 Review of W. C. Jordan, *A Tale of Two Monasteries. Westminster and Saint-Denis in the Thirteenth Century* (Princeton University Press 2009) *Church History and Religious Culture* (Vol. 89, No. 4, pp. 554-56)
- 2009 Review of Patrizia Delpiano, *Il governo della lettura* (Mulino, 2007) *American Historical Review* (Vol. 114, No. 3, pp. 858-9)
- 2008 Review of *Early Modern Confraternities in Europe and the Americas. International and Interdisciplinary Perspectives*, eds. Christopher Black & Pamela Gravestock (Ashgate Publishing, 2006) *Church History and Religious Culture* (Vol. 88, No. 2, pp. 282-283)
- 2006 Review of Michael J. Levin, *Agents of Empire: Spanish ambassadors in sixteenth-century Italy* (Cornell University Press, 2005) *Quaderni d'italianistica* (Vol. 27, No. 2, pp. 164-165)
- 2005 Review of *Artistic exchange and cultural translation in the Italian Renaissance city*. eds. S. J. Campbell & S. J. Milner (Cambridge University Press, 2004) *Confraternitas* (Vol. 16, No. 1, pp. 23-24)

UNDERGRADUATE & GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH PROJECTS

- Summer 2022 Griffin Hamilton and Samantha Kidder
Teacher-Scholar Mentor to 2 freshman/sophomore research mentees
Project: *Town On Fire 2022*, Notable Women of Delaware County Omeka Site, Ball State University Libraries.
- Spring 2022 Haley Armogida and Samantha Kidder
Project: *Teaching History: A Journal of Methods*, writing 800-word articles reflecting on their experience with non-traditional assessments (for publication in Fall 2022 issue).
- Fall 2022 Cathy Kerton-Johnson and Brandon Whitsit, HIST 633
Project: *Women on the Edge: A Spatial Analysis of Female Heads of Households in Sixteenth-Century Florence*, **awarded the Digital Sciences and Humanities Division prize** at BSU's Student StoryMaps Competition for GIS Day (November 17, 2021).
<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/3e7e954aea234154b7c1270e9d0c95c9>
- Cory Balkenbusch and Emily McGuire, HIST 633
Project: *The Evolution of Prostitution in Gas Boom Muncie, 1880-1900*, which investigated the growth and movement of vice activity alongside Muncie's expansion and industrialization, **awarded the Best Creative Project prize** at BSU's Student History Conference (February 25, 2022).
<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/c534a15d3fb0467d8c471cad87abc31b>
- Fall 2020 Sophia Hoffert, Public History Intern (HIST 369 site supervisor)

Project: *Town On Fire 2020*, Notable Women of Delaware County Omeka Site, Ball State University Libraries. Sophia liaised with HIST 200 students, developed the project parameters, and curated student work on the website, <https://digitalresearch.bsu.edu/notablewomen/exhibits/show/town-on-fire>

- Summer 2020 Emily K. McGuire, Honors College Undergraduate Fellowship
Project: Mary Queen of Scots and Third-Wave Feminism: Strong Queenship in Film and Television
Publication: DeSilva and McGuire, “Revising Mary Queen of Scots: from Protestant Persecution to Patriarchal Struggle,” *The Journal of Religion and Film* (Vol. 25, No. 1, 2021, Article 59 online):
<https://digitalcommons.unomaha.edu/jrf/vol25/iss1/59/>
- Spring 2017 Alison R. Orewiler, Honors College Undergraduate Fellowship
Project: Depictions of Catholic and Protestant Bodies in *Elizabeth* (dir. Kapur, 1998)
Publication: DeSilva and Orewiler, “Depictions of Catholic and Protestant Bodies in *Elizabeth* (dir. Kapur, 1998),” *The Journal of Religion and Film* (Vol. 21, No. 2, 2017, Article 15 online):
<https://digitalcommons.unomaha.edu/jrf/vol21/iss2/15/>

GRADUATE STUDENT ADVISING

- 2021-22 Catherine Kerton-Johnson (has accepted an offer to join Purdue University’s PhD program in Fall 2022)
 • co-thesis advisor
- 2019-20 Abigail Wachs
 • member of thesis committee
- 2018-19 Jennifer Barton
 • advisor
- 2017-18 Frank Lacopo (now an ABD PhD student at the Pennsylvania State University and 2022-23 Fulbright recipient)
 • primary thesis advisor and primary field examiner
- Fall 2017 As Interim Director of the MA Program in History, I organized a working group that brought faculty together with graduate students who were applying to PhD programs. Five MA students submitted their curricula vitae and letters of intent to a panel of faculty for suggestions and attended a seminar to discuss best application practices. Of these five MA student participants, four students were offered places in and joined PhD programs around the country, beginning in Fall 2018.
- 2015-16 Emily Rapoza (now Senior Lincoln Librarian, Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, IN)

- primary field examiner and creative project advisor (CRPRJ 698)
- Dominic Martyne
- secondary field examiner

- 2014-15 Lisa K. Mercer (now a PhD student at University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign)
- member of thesis committee and secondary field examiner
- Cortney Cantrell (now a PhD student at University of Florida)
- member of thesis committee and third examiner
- Aly Caviness (now Administrative Assistant, Indiana Historical Society, Indianapolis)
- member of thesis committee and primary field examiner
- Sadie Ritchie
- secondary field examiner
- Joshua Vance
- secondary field examiner
- 2013-14 Jennifer H. Tellman (Louisiana State University, PhD, 2021)
- primary thesis advisor and primary field examiner
- Nathan Wuertenberg (Staff Researcher at Aull Center for Local History; George Washington University, PhD, 2020)
- secondary field examiner

REVIEWS & JUDGING – Pre-Publication, Post-Publication, and Research Prizes

Tenure and Promotion Review:

2018 External Reviewer for Department of History, Indiana University-Kokomo

Pre-publication: Articles and Monographs

2021 Routledge Studies in Renaissance and Early Modern Worlds of Knowledge
(pre-publication monograph reviewer)

2020 *Journal of Early Modern History* (pre-publication article reviewer)

2020, 2017,
2013-14 *Journal of Religion and Film* (pre-publication article reviewer)

2020-21, 2015-16 *Royal Studies Journal* (pre-publication article reviewer)

2019 Bloomsbury (proposal reviewer)

2019 Oxford Bibliographies (pre-publication entry reviewer)

2022, 2019 *Renaissance Studies* (pre-publication article reviewer)

2022, 2017, 2015,

- 2012-13 *Renaissance Quarterly* (pre-publication article reviewer)
- 2018, 2017 *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture* (pre-publication article reviewer)
- 2012 Oxford University Press (*Patterns in World History* by Peter von Sivers, et al.)
- 2011, 2010 Bedford/St. Martin's (Western Civilization textbooks)

Grants: National and International Competitions

- 2021, 2019, 2018 Member of the Sixteenth Century Studies Conference Graduate Student Stipend Committee, judging applications for grants used to attend the annual meeting. No grants were offered in 2020 as the conference was cancelled.
- 2021 Reviewer for The Anne Jacobson Schutte Research Grant for Early Modern Studies, Society for Reformation Research, judging applications from doctoral students and early career researchers to fund research and archival travel.
- 2019 Reviewer for LE STUDIUM: Loire Valley Institute for Advanced Studies, acting as a specialist judge for a single project application.
- 2017 Reviewer for the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research/Dutch Research Council, acting as a specialist judge for a single project application.

Awards and Prizes:

- 2017 Chair of the William Nelson Prize Committee, *Renaissance Society of America*. Award for the best article published in the Society's journal *Renaissance Quarterly*; presented at the 2018 RSA annual meeting.
- 2013 *The Mediaeval Journal* (evaluator for the SAIMS/TMJ Essay Prize)

ACADEMIC, RESEARCH & TRAVEL AWARDS

- 2021-2022 Publication Support Grant, ASPiRE Internal Grant Program, Ball State University
- 2020-2021 Summer Assessment Grant, with Dr. Wendy Soltz, Office of Institutional Effectiveness, Ball State University
- 2017-2018 Faculty Fellow at the Digital Scholarship Laboratory, Ball State University
- 2017-2018 Faculty International Travel Grant, ASPiRE Internal Grant Program, Ball State University
- 2016-2017 Summer Assessment Grant, with Dr. Sarah Drake Brown, Office of Institutional Effectiveness, Ball State University

- 2016-2017 Faculty International Travel Grant, ASPIRE Internal Grant Program, Ball State University
- 2015-2016 Faculty International Travel Grant, ASPIRE Internal Grant Program
2015-2016 Provost Travel Funding, Ball State University
- 2014-2015 Faculty International Travel Grant, ASPIRE Internal Grant Program
- 2013-2014 Faculty International Travel Grant, ASPIRE Internal Grant Program
- 2012-2013 Summer Assessment Grant, with Dr. Sarah Drake Brown, Office of Institutional Effectiveness, Ball State University
- 2012-2013 Grant from Publications and Intellectual Property Committee, Ball State University
- 2011-2012 Summer Assessment Grant, with Dr. Sarah Drake Brown, Office of Institutional Effectiveness, Ball State University
- 2011-2012 Reprint Support Grant, ASPIRE Internal Grant Program, Ball State University
- 2011-2012 Faculty International Travel Grant, ASPIRE Internal Grant Program
- 2010-2011 Ad Hoc Funding, ASPIRE Internal Grant Program, Ball State University
- 2010-2011 Reprint Support Grant, ASPIRE Internal Grant Program, Ball State University
- 2010-2011 Faculty International Travel Grant, ASPIRE Internal Grant Program
- 2010-2011 New Faculty Start Up Grant, ASPIRE Internal Grant Program, Ball State University
- 2009-2010 RSA Research Grant, Renaissance Society of America
- 2009-2010 AAUP Faculty Development Grant, Eastern Connecticut State University
- 2009-2010 AAUP/BOT Conference Travel Award, Eastern Connecticut State University
- 2008-2009 Finlayson Gold Medal Award (Graduate student in the doctoral program with the most outstanding thesis in the preceding year, inaugural award), Department of History, University of Toronto
- 2007-2008 Nomination, Canadian Historical Association's John Bullen Prize (the best dissertation in Canada) by the Department of History, University of Toronto
- 2007-2008 AAUP/BOT Conference Travel Award, Eastern Connecticut State University
- 2006-2007 Graduate History Society Distinguished Service Award
- 2004-2007 Ontario Graduate Scholarship
- 2004-2007 Iter Fellowship, Centre for Renaissance and Reformation Studies, Victoria University, University of Toronto

KEYNOTE ADDRESSES & INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2022 “*Town On Fire: Finding Primary Sources*,” an invited presentation at *Making History: Women’s History Workshop*, University Libraries, Ball State University, Muncie, IN (USA), 20 July 2022.
- 2021 “*Town On Fire: Cultivating Student Historians*,” an invited presentation at *Making History: Women’s History Workshop*, University Libraries, Ball State University, Muncie, IN (USA), July 15, 2021.
- 2018 “Property and Offices: Authority, Space, and Social Mobility in Early Modern Bologna,” Vanderbilt History Seminar Workshop, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN (USA), April 11, 2018.
- 2017 “From Family Archive to *Cursus Honorum*: Digital Investigation of the de’ Grassi Family of Bologna, 1400-1700,” an invited presentation at Jackman Humanities Institute Digital Humanities Network Meeting, University of Toronto, Toronto (Canada), May 16, 2017.
- 2015 “Cardinal Nephews: Opportunities, Challenges, and Depictions,” Keynote Address at the Renaissance Cardinals Conference, St. Mary’s University, Twickenham (UK), March 13, 2015.
- 2011 “The Cathedral of San Pietro and the Family de’ Grassi: Mobility and the Family Franchise,” an invited presentation at *Bologna: Cultural Crossroads from the Medieval to the Baroque: Recent Anglo-American Scholarship*, sponsored by Centro Studi sul Rinascimento of the Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio, Bologna (Italy), July 21, 2011.

CONFERENCE PAPERS, RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS & ORGANIZED PANELS

- 2022 “Embedded Liturgy: Pius II and the *Andreis* in Compilation Manuscripts,” RSA Virtual Conference, Renaissance Society of America, 30 November-December 3, 2022 (pending acceptance).
- 2022 “Ceremonies as a Way of Knowing Papal Rome,” Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Minneapolis (USA), 27-30 October 2022. Also, organized two panels of seven papers entitled “Urban Ceremonies/Public Messages” For the same conference.
- 2020 “Provision to Office and Clerical Masculinity,” Masculinities in the Pre-Modern World: Continuities, Change and Contradictions, Toronto (Canada), 13 November 2020. Moved to Zoom due to COVID-19.
- 2020 “Between Current Events and Ceremonial History: Accounts of Early Modern Legatine Embassies,” Renaissance Society of America Annual Conference, Philadelphia (USA), 2-4 April 2020. Also for the same conference, participation in a roundtable entitled “The Early Modern Cardinal: New Directions.” Canceled due to COVID-19.

- 2019 “Entering the Office of Ceremonies: Telling Stories about Advancement and Patronage,” Making Stories In the Early Modern World, Toronto (Canada), 1-3 November 2019.
- 2019 “The Masters of Ceremonies’ Diaries: List-Making at the Papal Court, 1483-1521,” Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Saint Louis (USA), 17-20 October 2019. Also organized a two-panel series entitled “Paper Trails: Early Modern Inventories” for the same conference. Also participated in a roundtable entitled “Gaming to Learn: Pedagogical Uses of Video Games, Board Games, and Role-Playing Simulations,” sponsored by the *Sixteenth Century Journal*.
- 2019 Organized and participated in a four-person roundtable session entitled “New Technologies and Renaissance Studies V: Teaching with the *DECIMA*,” Renaissance Society of America Annual Conference, Toronto (Canada), 22-24 March 2019.
- 2019 “Participatory Theater: Visitors to Rome and Roman Ritual,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Chicago (USA), 5 January 2019.
- 2018 “Mass-Messaging with Street-Side Liberality: Pope Leo X’s Household and his *Possesso* (1513),” Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Albuquerque (USA), 1-4 November 2018. Also organized a four-panel series entitled “Everything Begins at Home: The Early Modern Household” for the same conference.
- 2018 “‘What would Rome be without a good plot?!’: Sex, Violence, Madness and the Borgias,” Kings & Queens Conference 7: Ruling Sexualities: Sexuality, Gender and the Crown, Winchester (UK), 12 July 2018. Also organized a three-panel series entitled “Sex, Sin and Madness: the Borgia Family in Early Modern and Modern Popular Culture” for the same conference.
- 2018 “Papal Kin as the Pope’s Third Body,” Renaissance Society of America Annual Conference, New Orleans (USA), 22-24 March 2018. Also organized a two-panel series entitled “Papal Kin: Politics, Patronage, and Social Mobility” for the same conference.
- 2017 “Loyal to Whom: Pope or Emperor? Ennobling Bolognese Patricians in 1529,” Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Milwaukee (USA), 26-29 October 2017. Also organized a two-panel series entitled “Performing Loyalty Across the Early Modern World” for the same conference. Also will participate in a networking event for graduate students organized by Kathleen Comerford.
- 2017 “Familial Advancement in the De’ Grassi Archive at the Archivio di Stato di Bologna,” Renaissance Society of America Annual Conference, Chicago (USA), 31 March 2017.
- 2016 “The Creation and Abdication Rituals of Cardinals,” Companion to the Early Modern Cardinal – Oxford Meeting, Wolfson College, Oxford University (United Kingdom), 14 December 2016.
- 2016 “Putting the Bishop in his Place: Tridentine Reform and de’ Grassi’s *De Cerimoniis Cardinalium et Episcoporum* (1564),” Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Bruges (Belgium), 18 August 2016. Also organized one panel entitled “The Early Modern Bishop, 1400-1650” for the same conference. Also participated in a roundtable called “How and Why to Network: Advice for

- Graduate Students and Recent Graduates,” organized by Kathleen Comerford, 20 August 2016.
- 2016 “Consensus, Cohesion, and Authority in the Rituals of the Cardinalate,” Renaissance Society of America Annual Conference, Boston (USA), 31 March 2016.
- 2016 “Charting Social Mobility through Marriage in the Bolognese Archives,” New College Conference on Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Sarasota (USA), 12 March 2016.
- 2015 “Taking Possession of Bologna’s Cathedral and Clergy: de’ Grassi’s *De Cerimoniis Cardinalium et Episcoporum* (1564),” Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Vancouver (Canada), 23 October 2015. Also organized a three-panel series entitled “*Possesso*: Entries and Ceremonies of Possession in the Early Modern World” for the same conference.
- 2014 “Papal Weddings, 1483-1521: Both Public and Private Affairs,” Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, New Orleans (USA), 17 October 2014.
- 2014 “The Revival of Roman Ritual and the Paradox of Papal Ceremonialists,” *Re-Thinking Early Modernity* sponsored by the Centre for Reformation & Renaissance Studies, Toronto (Canada), 26 June 2014.
- 2014 “How to Lose Your Audience in 30 Minutes or Less: Preaching at the Papal Court, 1483-1521,” Renaissance Society of America Annual Conference, New York City (USA), 24 March 2014. Also chaired and commented on a panel entitled “Patronage as Evidence for Early Modern Catholic Reform II” for the same conference.
- 2013 “Nepotism and Lay Papal Relatives: The Pope’s Third Body,” *Annual Symposium on Medieval & Renaissance Studies*, St. Louis University (USA) 19 June 2013. Also organized a panel entitled “Violence and Alliance/Cohesion and Division in Pre-modern Rome” for the same conference.
- 2013 “Identity-Building and the Personalization of Papal Liturgy, 1470-1534,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans (USA), 4 January 2013.
- 2012 “A Sacred Network: organizing a private chapel in sixteenth-century Rome,” Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Cincinnati (USA), 27 October 2012. Also organized a three-panel series entitled “The Use and Abuse of Sacred Space” for the same conference.
- 2012 “The Pope’s Third Body,” *The Royal Body*, a conference sponsored by Royal Holloway, University of London, Egham, Surrey (UK), 2 April 2012.
- 2012 “Ambassadorial Reactions to the Expanding College of Cardinals, 1455-1549,” Renaissance Society of America Conference, Washington, DC (USA), 24 March 2012.
- 2011 “The Cardinal *titulus* as a site for rebuilding Rome and the Cardinal’s Identity,” Renaissance Society of America Conference, Montréal (Canada), 26 March.

- 2010 “Absent but still Active – Paris de’ Grassi, Bishop of Pesaro, 1513-1528,” Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Montreal (Canada), 14-17 October. Co-organized four panels entitled “A Living Example: The Early Modern Bishop”, Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Montreal (Canada)
- 2010 “Red Hat Strategies: Elevating Cardinals, 1471-1549”, Early Modern Rome, ca. 1341-1667, University of California in Rome, Rome (Italy), 15 May.
- 2009 “Secular Ceremonies in a Liturgical World – Weddings at the Vatican Palace, 1483-1521,” *To Have and To Hold: Marriage in Pre-Modern Europe 1200-1700* sponsored by the Centre for Reformation & Renaissance Studies, Toronto (Canada), 16 October.
- 2008 “The Fraternal Strategies of the de’ Grassi Family, 1503-1523,” Renaissance Society of America Conference, Chicago (USA). Also co-organized a three-panel series with Catherine Fletcher entitled “Family affairs: kinship and society in Renaissance Italy” for the same conference.
- 2008 “The fine line between seeking patronage and submission: Pope Julius II & Paolo Cortesi’s *De cardinalatu*,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Washington (USA)
- 2007 “The Visitation: Papal Ritual and Hierarchy on the Streets of Rome,” Renaissance Society of America Conference, Miami (USA)
Panel sponsored by the Society for Court Studies.
- 2007 “Paris de’ Grassi & ‘mere ritual,’” Rome Research Network Annual Meeting, Edinburgh (Scotland)
- 2006 “The Papal Master of Ceremonies Paris de’ Grassi and the Transformative power of the Red-hat,” *Ritual in Renaissance Rome* – Toronto Renaissance & Reformation Colloquium, Toronto (Canada)
- 2005 “Creating Cardinals: Conciliarist and Papal Monarchist Views in the early sixteenth-century Curia,” Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Atlanta (USA)
- 2005 “The Fifth Lateran Council and the Office of Ceremonies,” Canadian Society for Renaissance Studies, London (Canada), Honourable Mention, Erasmus Prize

PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMUNITY (Non-refereed)

- 2021 “Repatriating the Benin Bronzes,” a Zoom Microgame, History Club at Ball State University, Muncie, IN, 9 March 2021.
- 2020 “How to Publish,” a Zoom Panel with the editors of *The Sixteenth Century Journal*, 10 December 2020. 115 people attended the 9am session.
- 2020 “Interested in Graduate School?” a Zoom Panel with Director of MA in History Program, current and former Ball State students, 5 November 2020. Available: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GX-3HD3yJac&t=72s>

- 2020 Organized Monthly Zoom Trivia Nights for the History Department, Ball State University, with Dr. Emily Johnson, 2 September 2020, 27 October 2020, 21 January 2021.
- 2019 “Conclave 1492”: A Reacting to the Past game, History Club at Ball State University, Muncie, IN, 19 February 2019.
- 2017 “Giovanni + Lusana: Sleeping Around in Renaissance Florence,” History Club at Ball State University, Muncie, IN, 14 November 2017.
- 2017 “The Pope’s Travels: 1500-1550,” Early Modern History Group, Ball State University, Muncie, IN, 12 September 2017.
- 2017 “Lucrezia Borgia’s Life and Afterlife,” Forest Park-Delaware County Senior Citizen Center, Muncie, IN, 15 February 2017.
- 2016 “The Abbot’s Assassin: Violence and Patronage in Renaissance Rome,” History Club at Ball State University, Muncie, IN, 8 September 2016.
- 2016 “The Life of a Peasant,” Forest Park-Delaware County Senior Citizen Center, Muncie, IN, 29 April 2016.
- 2015 “The Borgia Family and Nepotism in Early Modern Italy,” History Club at Ball State University, Muncie, IN, 6 October 2015.
- 2015 “Conclave: the Rituals of Electing a Pope,” PrimeLife Enrichment, Carmel, IN, 4 February 2015.
- 2014 “The Most Famous Ceiling on Earth: Michelangelo and the Sistine Chapel,” PrimeLife Enrichment, Carmel, IN, 6 August 2014.
- 2013 “Conclave: the Rituals of Electing a Pope,” Community Center for Vital Aging, Muncie, IN, 8 April 2013.
- 2013 “Love and the Romans,” College Mentors for Kids at Ball State University, Muncie, IN, 13 February 2013.
- 2012 “An Introduction to Museums for Pre-Schoolers,” Primrose School at Grey Eagle, Fishers, IN, 6 July 2012.
- 2012 “Henry VIII’s Great Divorce,” Community Center for Vital Aging, Muncie, IN, 25 April 2012.
- 2011 “The Most Famous Ceiling on Earth: Michelangelo and the Sistine Chapel,” Community Center for Vital Aging, Muncie, IN, 2 November 2011.
- 2011 “Make Me a Match: Getting Married in Renaissance Europe,” Community Center for Vital Aging, Muncie, IN, 10 February 2011.

PUBLICATIONS (Non-refereed General and Newspaper)

- 2015 “Pope Francis speaks of a mission of love,”
syndicated **in 10 newspapers**
The Muncie Star-Press (23 September 2015, IN)

<http://www.thestarpress.com/story/opinion/contributors/2015/09/23/pope-francis-speaks-mission-love/72673332/>
The Ball State Daily News (23 September 2015, IN)
http://issuu.com/bsuunifiedmedia/docs/bsu_9-23-15
The Fort Wayne News Sentinel (25 September 2015, IN)
<http://www.news-sentinel.com/opinion/your-voice/Pope-Francis-gives-us-a-mission-of-love>
The Terre Haute Tribune Star (27 September 2015, IN)
http://www.tribstar.com/opinion/flashpoint/flashpoint-pope-francis-speaks-of-a-mission-of-love-hoping/article_36a9f33d-0d05-58bd-95a2-32d2cf2c8467.html
The Kokomo Tribune (23 September 2015, IN)
http://www.kokomotribune.com/opinion/pope-speaks-of-mission-of-love/article_ece2559d-5970-5d47-bdce-03caca369616.html
The Northwest Indiana Times (27 September 2015, IN)
http://www.nwitimes.com/news/opinion/columnists/guest-commentary/guest-commentary-pope-francis-on-mission-of-love-hoping-for/article_e8612a51-9d13-51b6-b36b-206f69d20ea6.html
The Muncie Business Journal (22 September 2015, IN)
<http://munciejournal.com/2015/09/pope-francis-speaks-of-a-mission-of-love-hoping-we-will-respond-with-kindness/>
The Jeffersonville News and Tribune (25 September 2015, IN)
http://www.newsandtribune.com/opinion/desilva-pope-francis-speaks-of-a-mission-of-love/article_5d5524b8-62ef-11e5-873d-63121d5eea95.html
The Paper of Montgomery County Online (24 September 2015, IN)
<http://www.thepaper24-7.com/Content/Columnists/Columnists/Article/Pope-Francis-speaks-of-a-mission-of-love/165/537/53514>
The Ink Free News (23 September 2015, IN)
<http://www.inkfreenews.com/2015/09/23/pope-francis-speaks-of-mission-of-love/>

2013

“Pope Francis does good without abandoning past, alienating future,”
syndicated **in 6 newspapers**
The Indianapolis Star (27 December 2013, IN)
<http://www.indystar.com/story/opinion/2013/12/27/pope-francis-does-good-without-abandoning-past-alienating-future/4218453/>
The Muncie Star-Press (27 December 2013, IN)
<http://www.thestarpress.com/article/BG/20131227/OPINION/312270013/Pope-Francis-does-good-without-abandoning-past-alienating-future>
The Patriot-News (29 December 2013, Central PA)
http://www.pennlive.com/opinion/index.ssf/2013/12/pope_francis_and_hope_for_continuity_and_change_for_catholics_jennifer_mara_desilva.html
The Detroit News (2 January 2014, MI)
<http://www.detroitnews.com/article/20140102/OPINION01/301020026/Pope-Francis-worthy-Man-Year-?odyssey=mod:news:well:txt:FRONTPAGE:ls>
Arizona Republic (3 January 2014, AZ)
<http://www.azcentral.com/opinions/articles/20140105pope-francis-catholic-church-viewpoints.html>

Richmond Times-Dispatch (5 January 2014, VA)

http://www.timesdispatch.com/opinion/their-opinion/pope-francis-hope-for-continuity-and-change/article_aa2375f7-7393-5b79-97ea-1aa7d7a8d802.html

2013

“Pope’s resignation complicates his successor’s job” (also published as: “Is emeritus pope modernization or destruction of tradition?”),

syndicated in **4 newspapers**

The News-Sentinel (16 March 2013, Fort Wayne IN)

[http://www.news-](http://www.news-sentinel.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20130316/EDITORIAL/130319671/1015)

[sentinel.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20130316/EDITORIAL/130319671/1015](http://www.news-sentinel.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20130316/EDITORIAL/130319671/1015)

The Indianapolis Star (14 March 2013, IN)

<http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013303130096>

The Muncie Star-Press (14 March 2013, IN)

<http://www.thestarpress.com/article/20130314/OPINION/303140040/>

The Northwest Indiana Times (12 March 2013, IN)

http://www.nwitimes.com/news/opinion/columnists/guest-commentary/guest-commentary-is-emeritus-pope-modernization-or-destruction-of-tradition/article_95b2670c-6a2f-5078-b967-c2a641689727.html

2013

“Catholicism: Between fascination and frustration”

syndicated in **10 newspapers**

The Redding Record Searchlight (10 March 2013, CA)

<http://www.redding.com/news/2013/mar/10/catholicism-ancient-religion-caught-between-fascin/?print=1>

The Intelligencer, Buck County Courier Times, Burlington County Times (5 March 2013, via phillyBurbs.com, PA)

http://www.phillyburbs.com/news/local/courier_times_news/opinion/oped/ancient-religion-caught-between-fascination-and-frustration/article_c609d900-4249-5950-b2bf-8def68946074.html

The Muncie Star-Press (3 March 2013, IN)

<http://www.thestarpress.com/article/20130303/OPINION/303030022/Catholicism-caught-between-fascination-frustration>

The Northwest Indiana Times (3 March 2013, IN)

http://www.nwitimes.com/news/opinion/columnists/guest-commentary/guest-commentary-catholicism-caught-between-fascination-frustration/article_e8040316-c828-587b-b310-f0c6f0ba3f9c.html

The Indianapolis Star (28 February 2013, IN)

<http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013302280062>

The Winona Daily News (28 February 2013, MN)

http://www.winonadailynews.com/news/opinion/article_0ec20744-8160-11e2-83da-001a4bcf887a.html

KPCNews.com (28 February 2013, Kendalville IN)

http://www.kpcnews.com/features/religion/kpcnews/article_408cdd7e-e0c2-538b-a38e-d27cee1bb2ca.html?mode=jqm

The Casper Star-Tribune (27 February 2013, WY)

http://trib.com/jennifer-mara-desilva/image_2a01d9c2-45ee-5e2a-9f0f-59bbfebed5d5.html

The Providence Journal (26 February 2013, RI)

<http://blogs.providencejournal.com/ri-talks/this-new-england/2013/02/jennifer-mara-desilva-catholicism-between-fascination-frustration.html>

The Galveston County Daily News (26 February, TX)

http://www.galvestondailynews.com/opinion/guest_columns/article_fc9e82fe-11e2-b19b-001a4bcf6878.html?mode=jqm

PODCAST, RADIO & TELEVISION APPEARANCES

- 2021 “Memorialising Pre-Modern Monarchs: Roundtable Discussion,” *The Royal Studies Podcast*, hosted by Dr. Gabrielle Storey,
<https://www.buzzsprout.com/1934722/10525870>
- 2014 Travel Channel (aired 6 April 2014): *Greatest Mysteries: Vatican City* (Optomen Productions) discussing the Sack of Rome in 1527,
<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt3509538/>
- 2013 WIBC-FM Indianapolis (14 March): the morning show with Ray Steele (7:30am) discussing the election of Pope Francis I.
(13 March): the afternoon show with Ed Wenck (4pm) discussing the election of Pope Francis I.
(12 March): the morning show with Ray Steele (7am) discussing the conclave and related papal issues.
<http://mms.tveyes.com/Transcript.asp?StationID=7125&DateTime=3%2F12%2F2013+7%3A17%3A52+AM&Term=Ball+State&PlayClip=TRUE>
(5 March): the morning show with Steve Simpson (7 am) discussing the conclave and related papal issues.
<http://mms.tveyes.com/Transcript.asp?StationID=7125&DateTime=3%2F5%2F2013+7%3A16%3A25+AM&Term=Ball+State&PlayClip=TRUE>
- 2013 National Public Radio (4 March): *Talk of the Nation* (2 pm) discussing Catholic religion at a crossroads and the imminent conclave. Note: The story was heard on NPR affiliates across the country.
<http://mms.tveyes.com/Transcript.asp?StationID=140&DateTime=3%2F4%2F2013+4%3A12%3A50+PM&Term=Ball+State&PlayClip=TRUE>

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2020-2021 “Reflecting on Reacting to the Past: The Promise and Problematics of Role-Playing in the History Classroom” webinar (January 29, 2021), American Historical Association Colloquium

ROM Connects/ROM At Home Lectures: “A Thousand Year-Old Buddhist Print from Dunhuang” (April 8, 2021); “Ancestral Images used in Traditional Chinese Families” (February 18, 2021); “Worn: Shaping Black Feminine Identity” (January 7, 2021), Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, Canada, among others.

- 2019-2020 Remote Teaching Boot Camp (April 27-May 1, 2020), Division of Online and Strategic Learning, Ball State University
- The Medici Archive Project webinars (July 2020): “The Archive of the Medici in the Quattrocento” (M. Simonetta), “Material Culture Records” (S. Barker), and “Family Archives in Tuscany” (P. Focarile)
- 2016-2018 Digital Feed Seminars, Digital Scholarship Laboratory, Ball State University
- 2010-2011 “BlackBoard: Grade Center” workshop, Innovation in Teaching, Assessment, and Scholarship at Ball State University (January 2011)
Alpha Seminars (6 weeks), Ball State University (September-November 2010)
- 2007-2008 Using Blackboard (course management software), IT Seminar, Sacred Heart University (August 2007)
- 2006-2007 *Teaching History Workshops*, Department of History, University of Toronto – Workshop Co-organizer
- “Teaching Your First Course as a Graduate Student” (7 March 2007)
- Warburg Institute – University of Warwick Research Training Programme*, Workshop 2: “Images” (23 February 2007)
- Session 1: Interpreting Visual Symbols
 - Session 2: Resources for Iconographic Research
 - Session 3: Census of Antique Works of Art Known to the Renaissance
 - Session 4: Festival Books: Their Structure and Purpose
- THE 500: *Teaching in higher education*, Woodsworth College, University of Toronto – course completed
- Teaching History Workshops*, Department of History, University of Toronto
- Thinking Outside the Research Essay: Creating Alternative Assignments for the Classroom (30 November 2005)
- 2004-2005 *Teaching Assistant Training Program Certificate*, Office for Teaching Advancement, University of Toronto

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- 2022-2023
- Assistant Chair of the History Department
 - Communications Liaison for the History Department
- 2021-2022
- Assistant Chair of the History Department

- Member, Assistant Professor of Social Studies/History and Director of Social Studies Teaching Search Committee for the History Department (Fall 2021)
 - Coordinator, Digital and In-person Honors, Scholarship, and Recognition Ceremony for the History Department
 - Communications Liaison for the History Department (Spring 2022)
 - Ambassador for the History Department, One Ball State Day (Spring 2022)
- 2020-2021
- Assistant Chair of the History Department
 - Chair of the Promotion and Tenure Committee for the History Department
 - Member, Promotion and Tenure Committee for the College of Sciences and Humanities
 - Member *ex officio*, Advisory Committee for the History Department
 - Member, Curriculum Committee for the History Department
 - Member, Provost's Task Force on Annual Faculty Post-Tenure Evaluation and Accountability (Spring 2021)
 - Communications Liaison for the History Department
 - Coordinator, Digital Honors, Scholarship, and Recognition Ceremony (called *Gratitude / Gratitude Week*, April 26-May 8, 2021) for the History Department, Ball State University
 - Ambassador for the History Department, One Ball State Day (Spring 2021)
 - Member, Assistant Teaching Professor Search Committee for the History Department (Summer 2020)
- 2019-2020
- Assistant Chair of the History Department
 - Communications Liaison for the History Department
 - Member *ex officio*, Advisory Committee for the History Department
 - Member, Scholarships and Merit Committee for the History Department
 - Member, Curriculum Committee for the History Department
 - Member, Dean's Advisory Committee, Honors College, Ball State University
 - Coordinator, Digital Honors, Scholarship, and Recognition Ceremony (called *Gratitude / Gratitude Week*, April 26-May 2, 2020) for the History Department, Ball State University
- 2018-2019
- Assistant Chair of the History Department
 - Member *ex officio*, Advisory Committee for the History Department
 - Member, Asian Women's History Search Committee for the History Department and Women's and Gender Studies
 - Teller for Chairperson Election, History Department (Fall 2018)
- 2017-2018
- Member, Promotion and Tenure Committee for the History Department
 - Interim Director of the MA Program for the History Department (Fall 2017)
 - Member, Curriculum Committee for the History Department (Fall 2017)
 - New Faculty Mentor, Dr. Emily Johnson
 - Faculty Advisor, *The Burkhardt Review*
 - Faculty Organizer, Early Modern History Group
 - Presenter/Organizer of Workshop for MA Applicants to the PhD, History Department,

2016-2017

- Member, African Search Committee for the History Department
- Member, Curriculum Committee for the History Department (Fall 2016)

2015-2016

- Coordinator, Honors, Scholarship, and Recognition Ceremony for the History Department, Ball State University
- Chair, Scholarships and Merit Committee for the History Department
- Member, Promotion and Tenure Committee for the History Department
- Decision Point 2 Administrator for the History Department

2014-2015

- Coordinator, Honors, Scholarship, and Recognition Ceremony for the History Department, Ball State University
- New Faculty Mentor, Dr. Elizabeth Lawrence
- Member, Scholarships and Merit Committee for the History Department
- Decision Point 2 Administrator for the History Department
- Presenter for the History Department, Explore Ball State Day, September 2014

2013-2014

- Coordinator, Honors, Scholarship, and Recognition Ceremony for the History Department, Ball State University
- Member, China/Japan Search Committee for the History Department
- Member, Scholarships and Merit Committee for the History Department
- Decision Point 2 Administrator for the History Department
- Presenter for the History Department, Cardinal Preview Day, January 2014
- Presenter for the History Department, Explore Ball State Day, September 2013

2012-2013

- Coordinator, Honors, Scholarship, and Recognition Ceremony for the History Department, Ball State University
- Member, Scholarships and Merit Committee for the History Department, Ball State University
- Decision Point 2 Administrator for the History Department, Ball State University

2011-2012

- Coordinator, Honors, Scholarship, and Recognition Ceremony for the History Department, Ball State University
- Member, Scholarships and Merit Committee for the History Department, Ball State University
- Decision Point 2 Administrator for the History Department, Ball State University

2010-2011

- Presenter for the History Department, Explore Ball State Day, April 2011
- Author and marker of the “HIS 150: Credit by Exam” test for the History Department, Ball State University

2008-2009

- Member, Search Committee – Asian Search, Department of History, Eastern Connecticut State University

2007-2008

- Panel Speaker, “Graduate School Workshop for History Majors,” Eastern Connecticut State University, 5 November 2007

OTHER SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

- 2020-2021 Moderator, RSA Professional Development Discussion Group (4 + 1 scholars),
Publications and Presentations, Renaissance Society of America
- 2017-2018 RSA Mentor to two early-career scholars, Renaissance Society of America
- 2016-2019 Member of Council (Class of 2018), Sixteenth Century Studies Conference

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association
Renaissance Society of America
The Sixteenth Century Society
Society for Reformation Research
The Royal Studies Network
Canadian Society for Renaissance Studies
Society for Italian Historical Studies
The Society for Court Studies
Episcopus: the Society for the Study of Bishops and Secular Clergy in the Middle
Ages