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EDUCATION

PhD, History, University of Florida, 2018
MA, History, University of Alabama, 2012
BA, Peace, War & Defense/History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2010

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor of History, Davis & Elkins College, 2021-present
Research Fellow and Visiting Lecturer, Faculty of History, University of Warsaw, 2019-2021

PUBLICATIONS

Articles and Chapters (peer-reviewed)

“Dantiscus from Augsburg (1530) to Regensburg (1541): Authority, Tolerance, and Orthodoxy in the Roman Church.” In *Searching for Compromise? Interreligious Dialogue, Agreements, and Tolerance in 16th-18th Century Eastern Europe*, edited by Maciej Ptaszyński and Kazimierz Bem, 197-224. Leiden: Brill, 2022.

“‘To resurrect the collapsed religion’: Dantiscus as a Key to Catholic Reform in Central Europe.” *Archiv für Reformationsgeschichte (Archive for Reformation History)* 112 (2021): 149-79.

“An Itinerant Prussian Perspective on the Early Reformations in Habsburg Lands.” In *Approaching East-Central Europe over the Centuries*, edited by Marija Wakounig and Ferdinand Kühnel, 73-92. Vienna: Lit Verlag, 2019.

Book Reviews

Review of *Calvinism in the Polish Lithuanian Commonwealth 1548-1648: The Churches and the Faithful* by Kazimierz Bem, in *Sixteenth Century Journal*. 2025.

Review of *Stripping the Veil: Convent Reform, Protestant Nuns, and Female Devotional Life in Sixteenth-Century Germany* by Marjorie Elizabeth Plummer, in *Austrian History Yearbook*. 2025.

Book Note of *Wiley Blackwell Companion to Christian Martyrdom* edited by Paul Middleton, in *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture*. Cambridge University Press. March 2022.

Review of *Customs and Culture in Poland under the Last Saxon King: The major texts of Opis obyczajów za panowania Augusta III by Jędrzej Kitowicz 1728-1804* translated and with a preface and commentary by Oscar E. Swan, H-Poland. June 2021.

Review of *The Standard Bearer of the Roman -Church: Lawrence of Brindisi & Capuchin Missions in the Holy Roman Empire (1599-1613)* by Andrew J. G. Drenas, in *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture*. Cambridge University Press. March 2020.

Review of *Spirituality and Reform: Christianity in the West ca. 1000-1800* by Calvin Lane, in *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture*. Cambridge University Press. March 2019.

Book Note of *Polonia Reformata: Essays on the Polish Reformation(s)* by Piotr Wilczek, in *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture*. Cambridge University Press. March 2018.

Review of *Reformations: The Early Modern World, 1450-1650* by Carlos M. N. Eire, in *Alpata: A Journal of History*. University of Florida. 2017.

Review of *A History of the Catholic Church in the American South, 1513-1900* by James M. Woods, in *The Southern Historian*. University of Alabama. 2012.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Book Manuscript

Bishops and the Making of Confession: Reform in Prussia, 1489-155, under contract, nearing final submission, to be published in the Brepols series “East Central Europe, 476-1795 AD/CE”

Digital Project

“The Bishops of Central Europe, 1200-1800,” interactive virtual map project (research phase)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (select)

Gender Equity Committee, Davis & Elkins College, 2024-present

Chair, Curriculum Committee, Davis & Elkins College Faculty Assembly, 2023-present

Coordinator of College 101 & the First-Year Experience, Davis & Elkins College, 2023-present

Faculty Athletic Representative, Davis & Elkins College, 2023-present

Book Review Editor, *Austrian History Yearbook*, 2023-present

Chair, Moving the Needle “First-Year Experience” module, Davis & Elkins College, 2023-present

General Education ad hoc Committee, Davis & Elkins College Faculty Assembly, 2023-2024

Search Committee for Assistant Professor of Religion & Philosophy, Davis & Elkins College, 2023

Phipps Lectureship Committee, Davis & Elkins College, 2022

English Language Proofreader, Scientific Research Section, Faculty of History, University of Warsaw, 2020

Editorial and Translation Assistant, Brill monograph series “East Central and Eastern Europe in the Middle Ages, 450-1450”, 2017-2018

Graduate Student Representative, Search Committee for Assistant Professor of History, Early Modern Iberian World/Colonial Latin America, University of Florida, 2017-2018

Manuscript Transcription Assistant in Latin and German, Corpus of Ioannes Dantiscus’ Text & Correspondence, University of Warsaw, Faculty of “Artes Liberales”, 2015-2016

President, History Graduate Society, University of Florida, 2014-2015

President, Graduate History Association, University of Alabama, 2011-2012

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS (select)

Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, Foundation for Civic Space and Public Policy, 2019-2021

Graduate School Doctoral Dissertation Completion Award, University of Florida, 2018

German Studies Travel Grant, Austrian Ministry of Science, Research, and Economy, 2017

Fulbright U.S. Student, Poland, 2015-2016

Kosciuszko Foundation Graduate Research in Poland Scholarship, 2015-2016 (declined)

Kosciuszko Foundation Graduate Tuition Scholarship, 2014-2015

Graduate Student Council International Travel and Research Award, University of Florida, 2014

Kosciuszko Foundation Graduate Tuition Scholarship, 2013-2014

FLAS Fellowship, Advanced Polish, University of Florida, 2013-2014

FLAS Fellowship, Intermediate Polish, University of Florida, 2012-2013

COURSES TAUGHT

Davis & Elkins College (Instructor of Record)

History of Civilization since the Renaissance (recurring)

History of Civilization to the Renaissance (recurring)

College 101 (recurring since 2024)

The Medieval World (Spring, 2025)

Colonial Latin America (Fall, 2024)

Nationalism (independent study, Spring, 2024)

Early Modern China & Japan (Spring, 2024)

D&E First Year Seminar (2021-23)

The Renaissance (Fall, 2023)

American Religion (Summer, 2023)

Europe in the 20th Century (Spring, 2023)

History of Great Britain since 1603 (Spring, 2023)

The Reformations (Fall, 2022)

Life in the Ancient World (Spring, 2022)

History of Great Britain to 1603 (Spring, 2022)

The Third Reich (Fall, 2021)

University of Warsaw (Instructor of Record)

The European Reformations (Spring/Summer 2021)

Christianity in the Early Modern World (Fall/Winter 2020-21)

University of Florida (Instructor of Record)

The Rhine and Modern Europe (Spring, 2019)

Empires and Imperialism (Summer, 2017)

The History of Christianity, 1300-1800 (Spring, 2017)

The Renaissance in Europe and Beyond, 1300-1600 (Fall, 2016)

The Reformation and European Society, 1400-1700 (Spring, 2015)

University of Florida (Adjunct Instructor)

Professional Writing in Business (Spring, 2019)

University of Florida (Teaching Assistant)

Honors Thesis Workshop (Spring, 2018)

Honors Thesis Workshop (Fall, 2017)

“The Good Life” – Freshman Introduction to the Humanities (Summer, 2015)

US History to 1877 (Fall, 2014)

University of Alabama (Teaching Assistant)

Western Civilization from 1648 (Spring, 2012)

Western Civilization to 1648 (Fall, 2011)

University Athletic Association, University of Florida (Content Tutor)

Introduction to Polish (Spring, 2019; Fall, 2018; Fall, 2017)

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

Conferences Organized

Ninth Annual History Thesis Conference and Awards Luncheon, University of Florida, 2018.
(Co-organized)

Vagantes Conference on Medieval Studies, University of Florida, 2015. (Co-organized)

HGS Graduate Humanities Symposium, "Race and Religion: Negotiating Identities," University of Florida, 2015.

Panels Organized

"The Roman Church before Confessionalization: Laity, Clergy, and Reform in Pre-Tridentine Central Europe," Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting, Virtual, April 2021.

"Reconsidering Central Europe: New Directions, Perspectives, and Challenges from the Medieval to the Modern," scholarly roundtable cosponsored by the Society for Austrian and Habsburg History and the Central European History Society, American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, January 2021. (meeting cancelled)

"Views from the Cloister: the Reformation's Impact on Monastic Communities across Europe," Sixteenth Century Society & Conference, St. Louis, October 2019.

"Nations of the Commonwealth: State Formation and Ethnic Identity in Early Modern Poland-Lithuania," American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., January 2018.

"Borderlands and Boundaries, Centers and Peripheries: Rethinking Reform on the Edge of the German World," German Studies Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, October 2017.

Panels Chaired

"From the Balkans to the Baltic: Confessional Frontiers in Central Europe," Sixteenth Century Society & Conference, St. Louis, October 2019.

“Catholic Orders in the Late Medieval and Early Modern World,” Sixteenth Century Society & Conference, St. Louis, October 2019.

Papers Presented

“Mutual Repulsion in the Prussian Reformations: Catholics, Lutherans, and the Treaty of Kraków,” Sixteenth Century Society & Conference, Portland, October 2025

“Fellow Christians: Discussing Communal Religious Identity in the Early Reformations in Poland,” Sixteenth Century Society & Conference, Baltimore, October 2023.

“The Reformations in Olaus Magnus’s Work: Reporting, Reacting, Reimagining in a New Christendom,” Sixteenth Century Society & Conference, Minneapolis, October 2022.

“Bishops Restoring their Church: Episcopal Reform in Prussia before and during the Age of Luther,” Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting, Virtual, April 2021.

“‘In no way surpassing my duty’: Episcopal Intervention in Prussian Monasteries during the Early Reformations,” Sixteenth Century Society & Conference, St. Louis, October 2019.

“Sponsoring Reform in Early Reformations Prussia: Amicable Contests between Catholics, Lutherans, and Anabaptists,” International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, May 2019.

“Redisposition of the Monasteries: Regulating the Regular Clergy in Reformation Central Europe,” Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, Albuquerque, November 2018.

“Revitalizing Catholic Ministry in Early Reformation Royal Prussia,” *Authority and Power: Religion, Society, and Politics in Central Europe* Workshop, The Center for Austrian Studies, University of Minnesota, March 2018.

“Reforming Across Divergent Loyalties: the Challenges of Upholding Catholicism in Royal Prussia and Warmia, 1538-1548,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., January 2018.

“Obscured Diplomat: the Bishop Dantiscus and Imperial-Polish-Prussian Relations,” Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, Milwaukee, October 2017.

“Imperial Encounters with a Lutheran Foil: the German Roots of Early Counter-Reform in Prussia,” German Studies Association Forty-First Annual Conference, Atlanta, October 2017.

“A Polish Diplomat Tours the Habsburg Lands: A Prussian Perspective on Early Lutheran Reform,” Annual Convention of the Austrian and Central European Centers, Jerusalem, November 2016.

“Early Reform in Divided Prussia: Dialogue and Influence across Religious Lines, 1525-1548,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, January 2016.

“Humanism and Diplomacy at the Habsburg Court: The Varied Roles of Ioannes Dantiscus,”
Centers of Diplomacy, Centers of Culture I: The Habsburg and Papal Courts, Oxford
University, September 2015.

“Jan Dantyszek as Diplomat? Confessionalization and Concerns Abroad in Royal Prussia,”
Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences of America Annual Meeting and World Congress,
University of Warsaw, June 2014.

“Johannes Dantiscus in Prussia, 1532-1548: International Diplomacy and Local Religious
Reform,” Graduate Conference for Medieval Studies, Princeton University, April 2014.

“Colors in the Liturgy: Anglo-Saxon Brightness in Medieval English Textiles,” Graduate History
Symposium, University of Florida, April 2013.

Invited Presentations

“The Reformations in Eastern Europe,” Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church, December
2023

The Bishops and their Church: Episcopal Reform in Prussia, 1489-1550, panel review and
evaluation of my forthcoming book manuscript, accompanied by Brepols editorial team,
Recovering Forgotten History conference sponsored by the Museum of Polish History,
Cracow, May 2023.

“The Humanitarian Crisis in Ukraine: What does this mean for me?,” Panel Discussion for
William E. Phipps Religion & Philosophy Interdisciplinary Lecture, Davis & Elkins
College, October 2022.

“Dantiscus in the Reformation: Personal Motivations for Catholic Reform?” Department of Early
Modern History, Institute of History, University of Warsaw, October 2019.

“Expanding ‘Central Europe’: Dimensions of the Reformations in Poland-Lithuania,” Medieval
and Early Modern Studies research forum, University of Florida, December 2017.

MEDIA AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

[Culture.pl](#) articles, 2021.

- “Johannes Dantiscus: The Renaissance Man from Gdańsk”
- “The Astounding Cistercian Churches of Rural Poland”
- “The Extraordinary Expat Women of Mediaeval Poland”
- “The Baltic Coast: Prussian? Polish? German? Russian?”

NextGen Humanities Podcast episode, July, 2020.

“Reforming the Church from Within: The Council of Trent and the Formation of Modern Catholicism,” Invited Lecture at Public Ecumenical Seminar Commemorating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, St. Augustine Church and Catholic Student Center, Gainesville, FL, August 2017.

“The Church’s Response to Challenges in its History,” Invited RCIA Lecture, St. Augustine Church and Catholic Student Center, Gainesville, FL, March 2017.

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Latin
Polish
German
Spanish