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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2019–present Professor of History. West Chester University of Pennsylvania.
- 2013–2019 Associate Professor of History. West Chester University of Pennsylvania.
- 2016 Professeur Invité, Université de Caen Basse-Normandie (January 25 – February 26, 2016). Centre Michel de Bouïard – CRAHAM (Centre de recherches archéologiques et historiques anciennes et médiévales).
- 2012 Instructor, *Graduate Seminar: Late Antiquity*. History. Villanova University.
- 2008–2013 Assistant Professor of History. West Chester University of Pennsylvania.

EDUCATION

- 2008 Doctor of Philosophy, University of California, Santa Barbara. Department of History. Dissertation: “Victor of Vita and the Vandal “Persecution”: Interpreting Exile in Late Antiquity.” Supervisors: Harold A. Drake and Elizabeth DePalma Digeser. Awarded August, 2008.
- 2001 Master of Arts, Université de Montréal. Montréal, Canada. Department of History. Thesis: “Empereurs et évêques à Trèves, Milan et Sirmium (285-402 ap. J.-C.) : L’impact religieux de la présence impériale.” Awarded August 2001.
- 1998 Bachelor of Arts (History and Classics), Université de Montréal. Montréal, Canada.

PUBLICATIONS

IN PREPARATION

- Us and Them: Purity, Pollution, Trauma, and Cultural Memory of the Martyrs in North African Christianities (2nd to 6th centuries CE)* [to be submitted with Brepols].
- 2028 (invited) “Fifth-Century Latin Christian Prose: History, Apology, Polemics,” in *Oxford History of Late Latin Literature*, ed. Andrew Faulkner, Laura Lieber, and Scott McGill (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2030). 10,000 words. **Due June 2028**.
- 2027/28 With Maijastina Kahlos. “Inviting the Barbarians In. A Misogynist Topos?” [Article]
- 2026/27 “North Africa as the Ascetic Utopia of Salvian’s Fantasy,” in *Sparks: Political, Intellectual, and Religious Utopia in the Premodern World*, ed. Václav Zheng and Geoffrey Dipple (Montreal: McGill—Queen’s University Press, forthcoming). [**Due June 2026**]
- 2026 Co-ed. with Jennifer Davis and Yaniv Fox. *Sanitized Pasts: Purity, Pollution and Historical Narrative*. To be submitted as a special issue of *The Mediterranean Historical Review*.
- 2026 “‘The Good Must Flee the Conspiracy of the Traitors’: Donatist Uses of Cyprian in their Construction of the Pure and the Polluted.” In *Sanitized Pasts: Purity, Pollution and Historical Narrative*, ed. J. Davis, E. Fournier, and Y. Fox. [**Due May 2026**]

- 2026 *Brill Companion to North Africa during the Vandal Century* (commissioned by publisher). Co-edited with Susan Stevens. Contract signed Dec. 2024; **Due summer 2026.**
- 2026 “Introduction.” With Susan Stevens. In *Brill Companion to North Africa during the Vandal Century*, ed. S. Stevens and E. Fournier.
- 2026 “Christian Conflict.” In *Brill Companion to North Africa during the Vandal Century*, ed. S. Stevens and E. Fournier.
- 2026 “The Pseudo-Victor of Vita’s *Passion of the Seven Brothers: A Study.*” In *Brill Companion to North Africa during the Vandal Century*, ed. S. Stevens and E. Fournier.

BOOKS

- 2025 Fournier, E. and M. Kahlos (eds.). *Women in Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages: Studies from Western Europe and North Africa*. Cultural Encounters in Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages, 44. Turnhout: Brepols, 2025. ISBN: 978-2-503-61773-2. <https://www.brepols.net/products/IS-9782503617732-1>
- 2019 Fournier, E. and W. Mayer (eds.). *Heirs of Roman Persecution: Studies on a Christian and para-Christian Discourse in Late Antiquity*. London and New York: Routledge. ISBN: 978-0815375128. Paperback edition 2021. ISBN: 978-1032088198. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781351240697>

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS

- 2027 “The Book of Daniel and Nicene Apocalyptic Framing of the Vandals.” In *The New Children of Israel: Newcomers in Movement. From Constantine to Muhammad and Beyond* (Rome: L’Erma di Bretschneider, forthcoming). [Delivered March 3, 2026]
- 2026 “‘Words as Weapons, Sharper Than Knives’. Intertextuality in Vandal Martyrological Literature: From the Maccabees, to Cyprian, to the *Passion of the Seven Monks.*” In *The Vandal Renaissance. Latin Literature in Post-Roman Africa (435-534CE)*, ed. Michael Hanaghan, et al. Leiden–Boston: Brill, forthcoming. [submitted June 25, 2024; revisions submitted July 21, 2025]
- 2025 “Women in Vandal Africa.” In *Women in Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages: Studies from Western Europe and North Africa*, ed. E. Fournier and M. Kahlos, 75-103. Cultural Encounters in Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages, 44. Turnhout: Brepols, 2025.
- 2025 With Maijastina Kahlos. “Introduction.” In *Women in Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages: Studies from Western Europe and North Africa*, ed. E. Fournier and M. Kahlos, 13-27. Cultural Encounters in Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages, 44. Turnhout: Brepols, 2025.
- 2024 “Response to A. Rossi.” *Vetera Christianorum* 61 (2024): 207-208.
- 2024 “Eternal Persecutions: Cultural Memory, Trauma and Martyrs in Vandal North Africa.” In *The Making of Saints in Late Antique North Africa*, ed. Sabine Panzram and Nathalie Klinck, 305-35. Beiträge zur Hagiographie, 28. Stuttgart: Franz Steiner Verlag, 2024.
- 2024 “Anticipating Disasters: Forbearance and the Limits of Religious Coercion in Late Roman North Africa.” *Studies in Late Antiquity* [special issue: *Bishops, Barbarians, and Responses to Crisis*, ed. Samuel Cohen] 8.1 (2024): 65-99. <https://doi.org/10.1525/sla.2024.8.1.65>

- 2024 (invited) With Mark Tizzoni. “Christianity in Roman Africa I: Communities and Religious Movements.” In *The Palgrave Handbook of Christianity in Africa from Apostolic Times to the Present*, ed. Andrew Barnes and Toyin Falola, 377–97. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2024.
- 2023 “Exegesis, *Exempla*, and Invective: The Use of Scripture in Facundus of Hermiane’s *In Defense of the Three Chapters*.” In *The Bible in Christian North Africa, 2: Consolidation of the Canon to the Arab Conquest (Ca. 393 to 650 CE)*, ed. A. Dupont and J. Yates, 413-449. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2023. <https://doi.org/10.1515/9783110492613-017>
- 2022 “‘The Battalions of Impiety’: Victor of Vita’s Rhetorical Strategies and Perspective on the Vandal Migration as a Religious Event.” *Jahrbuch für Antike und Christentum* 63 (2020): 161-77.
- 2020 “The Christian Discourse of Persecution in Late Antiquity: An Introduction.” In *Heirs of Roman Persecution: Studies on a Christian and para-Christian Discourse in Late Antiquity*, edited by Eric Fournier and Wendy Mayer, 1-22. New York: Routledge.
- 2020 “‘To Collect Gold from Hidden Caves.’ Victor of Vita and the Vandal ‘Persecution’ of Heretical Barbarians in Late Antique North Africa.” In *Heirs of Roman Persecution: Studies on a Christian and para-Christian Discourse in Late Antiquity*, edited by Eric Fournier and Wendy Mayer, 137-163. New York: Routledge.
- 2020 “Everyone but the Kings: The Rhetoric of (Non-)Persecution in Gregory of Tours’ Histories.” In *Heirs of Roman Persecution: Studies on a Christian and para-Christian Discourse in Late Antiquity*, edited by Eric Fournier and Wendy Mayer, 184-212. New York: Routledge.
- 2019 “Les « silences » d’Ammien Marcellin et de Victor de Vita: Témoins d’une polarisation religieuse dans l’antiquité tardive.” In *Les silences de l’historien. Oublis, omissions, effets de censure dans l’historiographie antique et médiévale*, edited by C. Jouanno, 201-36. *Giornale Italiani di Filologia – Biblioteca*, 20. Turnhout: Brepols.
- 2019 “Excluding Heretics: Intolerant Bishops and Tolerant Vandals.” In *Inclusion and Exclusion in Mediterranean Christianities, 400-800*, edited by Yaniv Fox and Erica Buchberger, 147-166. “Cultural Encounters in Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages,” 25. Turnhout: Brepols.
- 2018 “Episcopal Banishment under Constantine’s Immediate Successors: Solidifying the Pattern.” In *Mobility and Exile and the End of Antiquity*, edited by D. Rohmann, J. Ulrich, and M. Vallejo, 51-67. *Early Christianity in the Context of Antiquity*, 19. Frankfurt am Main: Peter Lang, 2018.
- 2018 “Constantin et la persécution présumée des donatistes.” *Revue des Études Tardo-Antique. Supplément 5: Hommages à Bertrand Lançon* (2017-2018): 169-185.
- 2018 “‘Conquis par l’Afrique’: L’importance des Donatistes pour comprendre l’Afrique vandale,” *Karthago* 30 (2016-2017): 169-195.
- 2017 “The Vandal Conquest of North Africa: Origins of a Historiographical Persona.” *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 68.4 (2017): 687-718. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0022046916002827>
- 2016 “Amputation Metaphors and the Rhetoric of Exile: Purity and Pollution in Late Antique Christianity.” In *Clerical Exile in Late Antiquity*, edited by J. Hillner, J. Enberg, and J. Ulrich, 231-249. *Early Christianity in the Context of Antiquity*, 17. Frankfurt am Main: Peter Lang, 2016.

- 2016 “Constantine and Episcopal Banishment: Continuity and Change in the Settlement of Christian Disputes.” In *Clerical Exile in Late Antiquity*, edited by J. Hillner, J. Enberg, and J. Ulrich, 47-65. Early Christianity in the Context of Antiquity, 17. Frankfurt am Main: Peter Lang, 2016.
- 2015 “Éléments apologétiques chez Victor de Vita: exemple d’un genre littéraire en transition.” In *Shifting Genres in Late Antiquity*, edited by G. Greatrex and H. Elton, 105-117. Burlington, VT: Ashgate, 2015.
- 2013 “Victor of Vita and the Conference of 484: A Pastiche of 411?” In *Studia Patristica* 62, vol. X, edited by M. Vinzent, *et al.*, 395-408. Leuven: Peeters, 2013.
- 2012 “Rebaptism as a Ritual of Cultural Integration in Vandal Africa.” In *Shifting Cultural Frontiers in Late Antiquity*, edited by D. Brakke, D. Deliyannis and E. Watts, 243-54. Burlington, VT: Ashgate, 2012.
- 2010 “The *Adventus* of Julian at Sirmium: The Literary Construction of Historical Reality in Ammianus Marcellinus.” In *The Rhetoric of Power in Late Antiquity: Religion and Politics in Byzantium, Europe and the Early Islamic World*, edited by E. DePalma Digeser, R.M. Frakes, and J. Stephens, 13-45. New York: I.B. Tauris, 2010.
- 2006 “Exiled Bishops in the Christian Empire: Victims of Imperial Violence?” In *Violence in Late Antiquity. Perceptions and Practices*, edited by H.A. Drake, 157-66. Burlington, VT: Ashgate, 2006.
- 2002 “Les origines d’un atelier monétaire itinérant : Réflexions à partir des cas de Trèves, Milan & Sirmium (3e-5e siècles),” *Mouseion*, Series III, 2.2 (2002): 245-61.
- 2002 “Les procès d’Antioche de 371/2 (Ammien Marcellin 29.1-2): un cas de persécution religieuse?” *Hirundo. The McGill Journal of Classical Studies* 2 (2002): 19-36.

ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES

- 2022 “Cerealis [Bishop]” and “Deogratias [of Carthage].” In *Brill Encyclopedia of Early Christianity*, edited by P. J. J. van Geest, D. G. Hunter and B. J. L. Peerbolte. Leiden: Brill. 1500 words each. Published online 2018: http://dx.doi.org/10.1163/2589-7993_EECO_SIM_038512 (Deogratias) and 2020: http://dx.doi.org/10.1163/2589-7993_EECO_SIM_00000595 (Cerealis). Print version 2022.
- 2012 “Alypius of Thagaste,” “Flavius Nubel,” “Luxorius,” “Possidius,” “Optatus of Milevis,” “Synesius of Cyrene,” and “Victor of Vita.” In *Dictionary of African Biography*, edited by H.L. Gates, Jr. and E.K. Akyeampong. New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012. 1000 words each.

MAGAZINE ARTICLES

- 2025 (invited) “Schismatics, Heretics, Martyrs. The Donatist Conflict” *Ancient History Magazine* 52, 2025, 37–39.

TRANSLATION

- 2025 Translation of Étienne Wolff, “Tradition et renouveau dans la poésie latine d’époque vandale,” into English for *The Vandal Renaissance. Latin Literature in Post-Roman Africa (435-534CE)*, ed. Michael Hanaghan, et al. Leiden–Boston: Brill, forthcoming. [Submitted June 7, 2025]

REVIEWS

- 2027 (invited) *The Years of the Infidels: African Latin Christianity from the Vandals to the Almohads*, by Marco Cristini, *Zeitschrift für Antikes Christentum/Journal of Ancient Christianity* (forthcoming; due end of Oct. 26).
- 2026 *The Conference of Carthage in 411*, translated by Erika Hermanowicz and Neil McLynn, *Translated Texts for Historians*, 90, *Journal of Early Christian Studies* (forthcoming).
- 2026 (invited) *Trauma and Recovery in Early North African Christianity*, by Scott Harrower, *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 77.1 (2026): 156-59. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0022046925102030>
- 2024 *The Reign of Constantius II*, by Nicholas Baker-Brian, *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 32.1 (2024): 143-44. doi: [10.1353/earl.2024.a923176](https://doi.org/10.1353/earl.2024.a923176)
- 2023 (invited) *Cult of the Dead: A Brief History of Christianity*, by Kyle Smith, *Church History* 92.4 (2023): 949-50. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0009640723003256>
- 2022 *A Companion to Julian the Apostate*, edited by S. Rebenich and H.-U. Wiemer, *Studies in Late Antiquity: A Journal* 6.2 (2022): 370-75.
- 2022 (invited) *La construction sociale du sujet exclu (IV^e-XI^e siècle). Discours, lieux et individus*, edited by S. Joye, M.C. La Rocca, and S. Gioanni, *Le Moyen Âge*. Submitted June 2021.
- 2021 (invited) *Christianity, Book-Burning, and Censorship in Late Antiquity*, by Dirk Rohmann, *Augustinian Studies* 52.1 (2021): 109-14.
- 2021 (invited) *Bishops in Flight. Exile and Displacement in Late Antiquity*, by Jennifer Barry, *Church History* 89.3 (September 2020): 665-7.
- 2020 *Mens immobilis: recherches sur le corpus latin des actes et des passions d'Afrique romaine (II^e-VI^e siècles)*, by S. Fialon, [Bryn Mawr Classical Review 2020.07.04](https://doi.org/10.1017/S0022046920000704)
- 2019 *Civitas confusionis: de la participation des fidèles aux controverses doctrinales dans l'Antiquité tardive (début III^e s. - c. 430)*, by M.-Y. Perrin, [Bryn Mawr Classical Review 2019.07.32](https://doi.org/10.1017/S0022046919000732)
- 2019 (invited) *Being Christian in Vandal Africa. The Politics of Orthodoxy in the Post-Imperial West*, by R. Whelan, *Journal of Late Antiquity* 12.1 (2019): 264-266.
- 2018 “Late Roman Pannonia for Specialists.” Review of *A History of Pannonia in the Late Roman Period, I (284-363)*, by P. Kovács, *Journal of Roman Archaeology* 31 (2018): 890-2.
- 2018 *Constantine: Religious Faith and Imperial Policy*, edited by A.E. Sienski, [Bryn Mawr Classical Review 2018.04.16](https://doi.org/10.1017/S0022046918000416)
- 2017 (invited) *Theoderic and the Roman Imperial Restoration*, by Jonathan Arnold, *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 25.4 (2017): 633-635.
- 2017 *The Donatist Schism. Controversy and Contexts*, edited by Richard Miles, *Studies in Late Antiquity: A Journal* 1.2 (2017): 103-108.
- 2016 (invited) *La Passio sanctae Salsae (BHL 7467). Recherches sur une passion tardive d'Afrique du Nord*, edited by Sabine Fialon and Jean Meyers, *Antiquité Tardive* 24 (2016): 530-4.
- 2016 (invited) *The End of the Pagan City*, by Anna Leone, *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 24.4 (2016): 608-9.
- 2016 *Littérature, politique et religion en Afrique vandale*, edited by Étienne Wolff, [Bryn Mawr Classical Review 2016.11.50](https://doi.org/10.1017/S0022046916001150)

- 2016 (invited) *Prison, Punishment and Penance in Late Antiquity*, by Julia Hillner, *The Ancient History Bulletin Online Review* 6 (2016): 13-7.
- 2016 (invited) *Christianity in Roman Africa: The Development of Its Practices and Beliefs*, by J. Patout Burns and Robin M. Jensen, *Catholic Historical Review* 102.1 (2016): 132-3.
- 2015 *Banishment in the Later Roman Empire, 284-476 CE*, by Daniel A. Washburn, *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 23.3 (2015): 486-7.
- 2015 *Les vandales et l'empire romain* (édité par Michel-Yves Perrin), by Yves Modéran, [Bryn Mawr Classical Review 2015.07.09](#)
- 2014 (invited) *Potestas Populi. Participation populaire et action collective dans les villes de l'Afrique romaine tardive (vers 300-430 apr. J.-C.)*, by J.C. Magalhães de Oliveira. *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 22.2 (2014): 299-300.
- 2014 *Bringing in the Sheaves. Economy and Metaphor in the Roman World*, by Brent Shaw. *Canadian Journal of History* 49.1 (2014): 83-5.
- 2014 *The Role of the Bishop in Late Antiquity: Conflict and Compromise*, edited by A. Fear, J. Fernandez Urbina and M. Marcos. [Bryn Mawr Classical Review 2014.03.18](#)
- 2013 *Staying Roman. Conquest and Identity in Africa and the Mediterranean, 439-700*, by Jonathan Conant. [Bryn Mawr Classical Review 2013.03.12](#)
- 2012 (invited) *Peasant and Empire in Christian North Africa*, by L. Dossey. *Journal of World History* 23.3 (September 2012): 673-676.
- 2012 (invited) *À l'écoute des Pères de l'Église. Textes choisis*, by M.-P. Bussièrès. *Science et Esprit* 64.2 (May 2012): 323-6.
- 2011 *Roman Attitudes Toward the Christians*, by J.G. Cook. [Bryn Mawr Classical Review 2011.09.11](#)
- 2010 *Lives of the Caesars*, edited by A.A. Barrett. *Canadian Journal of History* 45.1 (2010): 107-108.
- 2009 *Histoire de la littérature grecque chrétienne*, vol. 1: Introduction. *Initiations aux Pères de l'Église*, edited by E. Norelli and B. Pouderon. [Bryn Mawr Classical Review 2009.05.17](#)
- 2008 *Ammianus Marcellinus: The Allusive Historian*, by G. Kelly. [Bryn Mawr Classical Review 2008.12.31](#)
- 2005 *Family, Friends and Followers. Political and Social Bonds in Early Medieval Europe*, by G. Althoff. *Comitatus* 36 (2005): 185-187.
- 2005 *Charlemagne. Father of a Continent*, by A. Barbero. *Comitatus* 36 (2005): 187-188.
- 2002 *Constantine and the Bishops. The Politics of Intolerance*, by H.A. Drake. *Mouseion* 2.2 (2002): 407-410.

SELECT CONFERENCE PAPERS

- 2026 “The Vandal Council of 484: A Reaction to Zeno’s Henotikon?” North American Patristics Society, “Religion, Power, and Rulership in Late Antiquity,” May 21-23, 2026.
- 2026 (invited) “The Vandals and Mediterranean Ecclesiastical Politics in the Late-Fifth Century CE.” Bates College, Classical and Medieval Studies, January 27, 2026.
- 2024 (invited) “Les relation diplomatiques entre royaumes vandales et ostrogoths : une affaire de famille?” *Les Vandales et les autres*. Université de Nice (France), October 4, 2024.

- 2023 Guest speaker, “Anticipating Disasters: Honorius, Forbearance and the Limits of Religious Coercion in Late Roman North Africa,” Center for Research on Ancient Civilizations, University of Warsaw (Poland), December 14, 2023.
- 2023 Jour Fixe Presentation, “Trauma and Memory (of the Martyrs) in Late Antique North Africa.” RomanIslam Center, Universität Hamburg, November 30, 2023.
- 2023 Guest speaker, “Exegesis, *Exempla* and Invective: The Use of Scripture in Facundus of Hermiane’s *In Defense of the Three Chapters*,” The Center for Eastern Mediterranean Studies, Central European University, Vienna (Austria), November 9, 2023.
- 2023 “From the Maccabees to Cyprian, to the *Passion of the Seven Martyrs*: Intertextuality in Vandal Martyrological Literature.” 15th Biennial Shifting Frontiers in Late Antiquity: “Romans in New Worlds: Considering ‘Global Late Antiquity.’” University of California, Santa Barbara, September 22, 2023.
- 2023 “From the Maccabees to Cyprian, to the *Passion of the Seven Martyrs*: Intertextuality in Vandal Martyrological Literature.” Celtic Conference in Classics, Coimbra, Portugal, July 11-14.
- 2023 “‘The indispensable archives of memory’: Sectarian Hagiographical (Re-)Writing during the Donatist Controversy.” Session 602: “RomanIslam, II: Imperial Religion versus Local Beliefs.” International Medieval Congress, Leeds, UK, July 4.
- 2023 “Imperial Intervention in the Donatist Schism: Purifying the Polluted Past for a Sanitized Present.” *Sanitized Pasts: Purity, Pollution and Historical Narrative*, Israel Institute for Advanced Studies, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, June 4-6.
- 2022 “Women and Gender in Vandal North Africa.” International Medieval Congress, Leeds, UK, July 6.
- 2021 “Imperial Intervention in the Donatist Schism: A Source of Pollution?” *Purity and Pollution in Late Antique and Early Medieval Society and Culture*, Israel Institute for Advanced Studies, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, October 11.
- 2021 (invited) “Eternal Persecutions: Trauma and Memory of the Martyrs in Late Antique North Africa,” *Why Can the Dead Do Such Great Things? The Making of Saints in Late Antique North Africa*, Universität Hamburg, Germany, September 23.
- 2021 (invited) “Constantine and the Alleged Persecution of Donatists.” *Conflict Management: Networking Emperors and Bishops*, University of Bern, Switzerland, March 22 (Zoom).
- 2020 “The Vandal Council of 484: A Reaction to Zeno’s *Henotikon*?” *Mediterranean Flows – People, Ideas and Objects in Motion*, University of Helsinki, Finland, December 10-11 (canceled due to COVID-19).
- 2020 “Petition and Response in Vandal Africa: The Evidence from Victor of Vita.” *Petition and Response in the Late Antique West*. Leeds International Medieval Congress, Leeds, UK, July 8 (canceled due to COVID-19).
- 2020 “The Vandal Council of 484: A Reaction to Zeno’s *Henotikon*?” *The Reception of Chalcedon in the West*, North American Patristics Society, Chicago, May 21-23 (canceled due to COVID-19).
- 2019 “‘The Battalions of Impiety’: A Bishop’s Perspective on the Vandal Migration.” *Migration: Rhetoric and Reality in Late Antiquity*. XVIIIth International Conference on Patristic Studies, University of Oxford, UK, August 22.
- 2019 “Relaxing Religious Coercion in the Wake of Military Defeats: The Case of Late Roman North Africa.” *Communal Responses to Local Disaster: Economic, Environmental,*

- Political, Religious*. The 13th Biennial Meeting of Shifting Frontiers in Late Antiquity. Claremont McKenna College, CA, March 16.
- 2018 “The Church of the Martyrs: A North African Tradition, c. 250-500.” S19-310: *Contextualizing North African Christianity – Exploring the Meaning of African Identity among Christians in Vandal Africa*. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Denver, CO. November 19.
- 2018 “The Policy of Episcopal Banishment under Constantine’s Immediate Successors.” *Feeding on Dream: Exiles and Exile in Late Antiquity*. A Workshop at Yale University. New Haven, CT. April 24.
- 2017 “Persecuting Heretics in Late Antique North Africa: Tolerant Vandals and Intolerant Bishops.” North American Patristics Society, Chicago, IL, May 26.
- 2016 “Excluding Heretics: Intolerant Bishops and Tolerant Vandals.” *Inclusion and Exclusion in the Late Antique and Early Medieval Mediterranean*. Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel, November 15.
- 2016 “Victor of Vita’s Rhetorical Strategies: The Making of a Persecution in Vandal Africa.” Fourth Annual Conference of the International Society for Late Antique Literary Studies, Bryn Mawr and Haverford Colleges, PA, October 21.
- 2016 “The Rhetoric of post-Constantinian Persecutions: An Introduction.” North American Patristics Society, Chicago, IL, May 26.
- 2016 (invited) “The Omissions of Ammianus Marcellinus and Victor of Vita: Witnesses of a Religious Polarization in Late Antiquity?” University of Ottawa, Canada, April 1.
- 2016 (invited) “Les silences d’Ammien Marcellin et de Victor de Vita : Témoins de la polarisation religieuse dans l’Antiquité tardive ?” *Les silences de l’historien: Journée d’étude*. Caen, France, February 26.
- 2016 (invited) “Genre littéraire et stratégies rhétoriques de Victor de Vita.” *L’Afrique vandale : Journée d’étude*. Caen, France, February 12.
- 2015 “Constantine the Trendsetter: Exile as the Normative Sanction for Bishops.” XVIIth International Conference on Patristic Studies, University of Oxford, UK, August 12.
- 2015 “Exiling Bishops after Constantine: Solidifying the Pattern.” Association of Ancient Historians, Santa Barbara, CA, May 10.
- 2014 “Recycling and Vandal Africa.” North American Patristics Society, Chicago, May 23.
- 2014 “The Importance of Donatists to Vandal Africa.” Association of Ancient Historians, Montreal, Canada, May 11.
- 2014 (invited) “L’importance des donatistes pour comprendre l’Afrique vandale.” *Actualités des recherches sur l’Afrique antique*, Université de Caen (France), April 5.
- 2013 “Patristics on the Silver Screen: Hypatia and the Case of *Agora*.” North American Patristics Society, Chicago, May 23.
- 2013 “L’*Historia Persecutionis Africanae Prouvinciae* de Victor de Vita : un genre littéraire hybride.” Tenth Bi-Annual Shifting Frontiers in Late Antiquity Conference, Ottawa, Canada, March 21.
- 2012 “Constantine and the Alleged Persecution of the “Donatists.”” 19th International Medieval Congress, Leeds, UK, July 11.

- 2012 “Exiling Bishops in Late Antiquity: Setting Up the Pattern.” 39th Sewanee Medieval Colloquium: *After Constantine: Religion and Secular Power in Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages*, University of the South, March 30.
- 2011 “Victor of Vita and the Conference of 484: A Pastiche of 411.” XVIth International Conference on Patristic Studies, University of Oxford, UK, August 12.
- 2011 “Reacting Emperors and Proactive Barbarians? The Case of Vandal Africa.” Ninth Bi-Annual Shifting Frontiers in Late Antiquity Conference, Penn State University, June 24.
- 2011 “The Bishops and the ‘Great’ King: Church and State in Ostrogothic Italy.” American Society of Church History, Boston, January 7.
- 2010 “The ‘Medical Metaphor’: Concern for Purity in Patristic Writings.” North American Patristics Society, Chicago, May 29.
- 2009 “The Legal Construction of ‘Orthodoxy’ in Vandal Africa.” North American Patristics Society, Chicago, May 22.
- 2009 “Rebaptism as a Ritual of Cultural Integration in Vandal Africa.” Eighth Bi-Annual Shifting Frontiers in Late Antiquity Conference, Bloomington, April 3.
- 2008 “Writing History from Hagiography: The Case of Victor of Vita.” North American Patristics Society, Chicago, May 23.

AWARDS & HONORS

- 2026-27 Provost Research Grant for “Inviting the Barbarians In: Roman Defeats Explained with a Misogynist Trope,” WCUPA (\$9,732.36).
- 2024-25 Visiting Research Scholarship, “Us and Them: Purity, Pollution, Trauma, and Cultural Memory of the Martyrs in Christian North Africa (2nd to 6th centuries CE),” *Institute for the Study of the Ancient World* (ISAW), New York University.
- 2024-25 Sabbatical Leave.
- 2023 Fellowship, “Trauma and Memory in Early Christian North Africa,” *RomanIslam – Center for Comparative Empire and Transcultural Studies*, Universität Hamburg, September 1 – December 30, 2023. <https://www.romanislam.uni-hamburg.de/team/fellows-2023-24/fournier.html>
- 2021-22 Fellowship, “Purity and Pollution in Late Antique and Early Medieval Culture and Society,” *Israel Institute for Advanced Studies*, September 1, 2021 – January 31, 2022 (\$30,000). <https://ias.huji.ac.il/people/%C3%A9ric-fournier>
- 2021-22 Provost Research Grant for “Trauma and Memory in Early Christian North Africa (2nd to 6th century C.E.),” WCUPA (\$8,988.00).
- 2021 One of two applicants selected by WCU to develop a NEH Summer Stipend application for the 2022 competition.
- 2021 Drayer Funding for Student Research Assistant (\$1,000).
- 2020 Research and Creative Activities (RACA) Grant, College of Arts and Humanities, WCUPA (\$1,250).
- 2020 Drayer Funding for Student Research Assistant (\$800).
- 2019 Drayer Funding for Student Research Assistant (\$500).
- 2018/19, 2021/22, Nomination for Outstanding Advisor from Omicron Delta Kappa.

- 2022/23
- 2018 WCU Spotlight on Faculty Research Recipient.
- 2015–16 Sabbatical Leave.
- 2015 WCU University Research Funding Summer Stipend.
- 2011–2013 Honors College Outstanding Faculty Recipient, West Chester University.
- 2010 West Chester University College of Arts and Sciences Support and Development Awards for NEH Summer Seminar “The ‘Falls of Rome’: The Transformation of Rome in Late Antiquity.”
- 2010 NEH Summer Seminar Stipend. “The ‘Falls of Rome’: The Transformation of Rome in Late Antiquity.” Rome, Italy.
- 2008 UCSB History Department. Richard K. Mayberry Award for overall scholarly excellence.
- 2007 UCSB Graduate Division Dissertation Fellowship.
- 2006 UCSB History Department Regent’s Dissertation Research Fellowship.
- 2006 UCSB History Department Esme Frost Research Fellowship.
- 2005 UCSB History Associates Research Fellowship.
- 2002–2005 UCSB History Department Teaching Fellowship.
- 2001–2005 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral Fellowship.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 2026 Session Chair and Judge for Best Paper Prize for Phi Alpha Theta Pennsylvania East Regional Meeting, King’s College, Wilkes-Barre, April 25, 2026.
- 2026 Journal article refereeing for *Early Medieval Europe* (February-April).
- 2026 Member of External Review Committee, Bates College, academic department and program review (History), 26-27 January.
- 2025/26 Successful application for the Student Undergraduate Research Foundations (WCU) for Luke Sammartino for “Inviting the Barbarians In: A Misogynist *Topos* Explaining Roman Military Defeats” (Awarded November 2025; Research period: February-March 2026).
- 2025 Journal article refereeing for *Journal of Early Christian History* (October-November).
- 2025 Journal article refereeing for *Augustiniana* (September).
- 2025-26 Research Affiliate, Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, NYU.
- 2015–present Permanent member, CNRS/CRAHAM, Centre de recherche archéologiques et historiques anciennes et médiévales (Centre Michel de Bouârd), Université de Caen Basse-Normandie.
- 2025 Endorsement for *Barbarians as the Religious Other in the Late Roman World*, Edinburgh University Press [August 4, 2025]. <https://edinburghuniversitypress.com/book-barbarians-as-the-religious-other-in-the-late-roman-world.html>
- 2025 Book manuscript refereeing for: Edinburgh University Press
- 2025 Journal article refereeing for: *Revue Belge de philologie et d’histoire*.

- 2024 External Examiner for Ph.D. dissertation, Christie Pavey, “Bishops, Councils, and Networks of Empire in the Church of Roman Africa,” Royal Holloway, University of London, September 18, 2024.
- 2023 Journal article refereeing for: *Cahiers « Mondes Anciens »*.
- 2021-22 Organization and writing proposal (with Dr. Maijastina Kahlos) for “Women and Gender in the Post-Roman Kingdoms of the West” (7 sessions). International Medieval Congress, Leeds (UK), July 4-7, 2022.
- 2021 Guest speaker for Robin Jensen and Patout Burns, “Byzantine Africa, New Theological Conflicts, The Disappearance of Christianity in Roman Africa” (THEO 83219: Graduate Seminar on Material and Literary Evidence for the Practice of Christianity in Roman Africa), Notre Dame University, November 4, 2021.
- 2021 Book manuscript refereeing for: Brill Publishers.
- 2021 Outsider Examiner for Honors Thesis Program, “The Plague of Cyprian,” Bates College.
- 2019 Organization and writing of proposal (with Dr. Samuel Cohen, Sonoma State University) for “The Reception of Chalcedon in the West.” North American Patristics Society, Chicago, May 21-23, 2020.
- 2019 Organization and writing of proposal for “Petition and Response in Late Antiquity.” Leeds International Medieval Congress, Leeds (UK), July 6-9, 2020.
- 2019 Journal article refereeing for: *Karthago*.
- 2017 Journal article refereeing for: *Journal of Early Christian Studies*.
- 2017 Panel Chair, *Forced Movement Conference*, German Historical Institute, London, UK, April 5-8, 2017.
- 2016 Comments for David E. Wilhite, *Ancient African Christianity. An Introduction to a Unique Context and Tradition* (London and New York: Routledge, 2017), chapters 7-9.
- 2016 Guest speaker for Brent D. Shaw and Nino Luraghi, Program in the Ancient World (PAW 503: Encounters of Cultures in the Ancient Mediterranean. From the Orientalizing Revolution to the Post-Roman Kingdoms), Princeton University, December 14, 2016.
- 2016 Long article refereeing for *The Oxford Classical Dictionary* online, Oxford University Press.
- 2016 Journal refereeing for *Studies in Late Antiquity: A Journal* (Univ. of California Press).
- 2016 Member of the scientific committee of *Revue des Études Tardo-Antiques*, “Hommages à Bertrand Lançon.”
- 2015 Organization and writing of proposal for “Persecutions of Christians after Constantine: Polemic and Rhetorical Discourse.” *North American Patristics Society*, Chicago, May 26-28 2016.
- 2015 Session chair for “Women and Gender in Ancient Religion,” Phi Alpha Theta Pennsylvania East Regional Meeting, April 18, 2015.
- 2015 Judge for best paper awards, Phi Alpha Theta Pennsylvania East Regional Meeting, April 18, 2015.
- 2012 Book Chapter refereeing for University Press of North Georgia.
- 2011 Organization and writing of panel proposal “Center and Periphery in the Late Antique Religious Landscape of Italy.” *American Society of Church History* Annual Meeting, Boston, January 7, 2011.

- 2010 Participant, NEH Summer Seminar, “The ‘Falls of Rome’: The Transformation of Rome in Late Antiquity,” Rome (Italy), June 28-July 30.
- 2009 Journal article refereeing for: *Journal of Early Christian Studies*.
- 2008 Sourcebook Manuscript Reviewing for Pearson Publishers.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 1) Assistant Chair, History Department (2017–present);
Responsibilities include double advising load and *de facto* chairing of the undergraduate committee, which includes spear-heading of the department’s response to the Gen. Ed. reform.
- 2) Coordinator:
 - Undergraduate Assessment, History Department (2017–present);
 - Graduate Program, History Department (2013–2015, 2025–present);
- 3) Chair:
 - Islamic History Search Committee, History Department (2013–14);
 - Graduate Committee, History Department (Fall 2013–2015);
 - Election Committee, History Department (2011–12);
- 4) Committee member:
 - CAH Associate Dean Search Committee (Spring 2026);
 - Graduate Research Council (spring 2026-present);
 - CAPC At-large member and Ethics sub-committee [proxy for Brent Ruswick] (Fall 2020);
 - Faculty Advisory Committee, College of Arts and Humanities (2017–2019);
 - Executive Committee, History Department (one-year replacement, 2013–14; ex-officio, 2014–2015; elected member, 2016–2019; 2019-2022; 2022-present);
 - Drayer Scholarship Committee, History Department (Spring 2015);
 - Asian History Search Committee, History Department (2010–11);
 - Digital History Search Committee, History Dept. (2011–12);
 - Undergraduate Committee, History Dept. (2011–13);
 - Election Committee (2008–2012);
- 5) Faculty member:
 - Faculty Senate, At Large elected member (2013–2015);
 - Academic Integrity Board (2012–2016);
 - Junior Faculty Representative, New Faculty Orientation (August 14, 2013);
- 6) Co-Organizer (with Dr. Hardy) of an Informal Tenure and Promotion Workshop for seven tenure-track colleagues (Fall 2014);
- 7) Faculty Advisor for *Students for Liberty* (Spring 2011–2013) & *Board Game Club* (Fall 2019–present).

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

North American Patristics Society
Society for Late Antiquity