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Academic Positions:

- 2016- Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Theological Studies, Saint Louis University
- 2015- Fellow in Medieval Church History and Canon Law, Greystone Theological Institute
- 2015-16 Assistant Adjunct Professor, Department of History, Saint Louis University
- 2013-16 Visiting Scholar, Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Saint Louis University
- fall 2012 Adjunct Instructor, Department of History and Political Science, La Roche College
- fall 2011 Adjunct Instructor, Department of History, Duquesne University
- 2011-16 Editor, “Bio-Bibliographical Guide to Medieval Jurists” (online publication of the Ames Foundation, Harvard Law School; in progress)

Education:

- 2010 Ph.D. with distinction, The Catholic University of America, in Medieval Studies with major field in history and minor fields in theology and philosophy; dissertation (“Gratian’s *Tractatus de penitentia*: A Textual Study and Intellectual History”) under the direction of Kenneth Pennington
- 2006 M.A. The Catholic University of America, from The Center for Medieval and Byzantine Studies
- 2003 B.A. *summa cum laude* Covenant College, in Interdisciplinary Studies with concentrations in history, philosophy, and English

Languages: Latin (read and compose)
German (read, speak, and compose)
French (read)
Spanish (read)
Italian (read)

Fellowships/Awards:

Spark Microgrant, Office of the Vice President for Research, Saint Louis University,
2017

Manfred Lautenschlaeger Award for Theological Promise, Forschungszentrum für Internationale und Interdisziplinäre Theologie, Universität Heidelberg, 2015

Mellon Grant, Vatican Film Library, Saint Louis University, fall 2013

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, 2012

Travel Grant, Medieval Academy of America, 2012, 2016

Fulbright Award (University Student Category) in Munich, Germany, Sept. 2009-July 2010

Publications:

Books:

Master of Penance: Gratian and the Development of Penitential Thought and Law in the Twelfth Century (Studies in Medieval and Early Modern Canon Law 11; Washington, DC: Catholic University of America Press, 2014), xii.518 pp.

* winner of a 2015 Manfred Lautenschlaeger Award for Theological Promise

* “a study in canon law at its best” (Stephan Dusil, *Comparative Legal History*); “excellent, erudite book” (Robert Ombres, *Ecclesiastical Law Journal*); “exciting, tightly packed volume (Aaron Gies, *Religious Studies Review*); “meticulously researched...comprehensive... clearly written” (Jason Taliadoros, *Journal of Religious History*); “makes a substantial contribution to numerous areas of scholarship” (John Wei, *Zeitschrift der Savigny-Stiftung für Rechtsgeschichte, Kanonistische Abteilung*); “a real contribution to our knowledge of Gratian, penance, and the intellectual world of the long twelfth century” (Rob Meens, *Catholic Historical Review*); “extremely well-researched and well-presented study ... informed by meticulous textual analysis from the manuscripts ... and an impressive wide engagement with the historiographical literature.... a splendid achievement” (Kathleen G. Cushing, *American Historical Review*); “the most important study of the *De penitentia* and Gratian the theologian; it immediately achieves a distinguished place in the canon of modern scholarship” (Edward Peters, University of Pennsylvania, dust-jacket review); “Dr. Larson’s careful, well-documented, and rigorously critical sifting of the evidence . . . provides an invaluable basis for further scholarly investigations and arguments. There is nothing comparable published in any language” (Joseph Goering, University of Toronto, dust-jacket review).

Gratian’s Tractatus de penitentia: A New Latin Edition with English Translation (Studies in Medieval and Early Modern Canon Law 14; Washington, DC: Catholic University of America Press, 2016).

Edited with Keith Sisson, *A Companion to the Medieval Papacy: Growth of an Ideology and Institution*, Brill’s Companions to the Christian Tradition 70 (Leiden: Brill, 2016).

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Edited with Uta-Renate Blumenthal and Kenneth Pennington, *Proceedings of the Twelfth International Congress of Medieval Canon Law, Washington, D.C. 1-7 August 2004* (Monumenta iuris canonici, Series C, vol. 13; Vatican City: Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana, 2008), xxxviii.1135 pp.

Articles:

“Lateran IV’s Decree on Confession, Gratian’s *De penitentia*, and Confession to One’s *sacerdos proprius*: A Re-evaluation of *Omnis utriusque* in its Canonistic Context,” *Catholic Historical Review* (forthcoming).

slightly different version published in Russian: “Грациан «О покаянии», канон IV Латеранского собора «Все обоюга пола» (*Omnis Utriusque*) и каноники: защита и надзор за совестью индивида” (“Gratian’s *De penitentia*, Lateran IV’s ‘*Omnis utriusque*’, and the Canonists: Protection and Oversight for the Individual Conscience”), *Verbum* 18 (2016), 59-72.

“Archiepiscopal and Papal Involvement in Episcopal Elections: The Origins and Reception of Lateran IV cc.23-24 from the Third Lateran Council to the *Liber Sextus*,” *Zeitschrift der Savigny-Stiftung für Rechtsgeschichte, Kanonistische Abteilung* 102 (2016), 73-98.

“Peter Landau’s Contribution to the Study of Gratian and Twelfth-Century Canon Law,” in *Proceedings of the Fourteenth International Congress of Medieval Canon Law, Toronto. 3-9 August 2012*, ed. Joseph Goering, Stephan Dusil, and Andreas Thier (Monumenta iuris canonici, Series C, vol. 15; Vatican City: Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana, 2016), 1175-84.

“Killing a Career: Homicide and the Development of Medieval Clerical Discipline,” *The Jurist* 74:2 (2014): 247-70.

“Gratian’s *De penitentia* in Twelfth-Century Manuscripts,” *Bulletin of Medieval Canon Law* 31 (2014): 57-110.

“The Reception of Gratian’s *Tractatus de penitentia* and the Relationship between Law and Theology in the Second Half of the Twelfth Century,” *Journal of Religious History* 37:4 (2013): 457-73.

“An *Abbreviatio* of the First Recension of Gratian’s *Decretum* in Munich?,” *Bulletin of Medieval Canon Law* 29 (2011-2012): 51-118.

With Richard Engl, “Ein unbeachtetes Zeugnis zum dritten Laterankonzil: Bernardo Maragones *Annales Pisani*,” *Zeitschrift der Savigny-Stiftung für Rechtsgeschichte, Kanonistische Abteilung* 97 (2011): 357-68.

“The Influence of the School of Laon on Gratian: The Usage of the *Glossa ordinaria* and Anselmian *Sententie* in *De penitentia* (*Decretum* C.33 q.3),” *Mediaeval Studies* 72 (2010): 197-244.

“Bestowing Pardon and Favor: Emperor Henry III’s Pardons in Context,” *Viator* 40:1 (2009): 41-69.

“Early Stages of Gratian’s *Decretum* and the Second Lateran Council: A Reconsideration,” *Bulletin of Medieval Canon Law* 27 (2007): 21-56.

“The Evolution of Gratian’s *Tractatus de penitentia*,” *Bulletin of Medieval Canon Law* 26 (2004-2006): 59-123.

“Passive Instrument and Active Intercessor: Anselm’s View of Mary’s Role in Redemption,” *Cistercian Studies Quarterly* 41:1 (Feb. 2006): 31-50.

Book Chapters:

“Popes and Canon Law,” in *A Companion to the Medieval Papacy*, ed. Keith Sisson and Atria A. Larson (Leiden: Brill, 2016), 135-57.

With Keith Sisson, “Papal Decretals,” *A Companion to the Medieval Papacy*, ed. Keith Sisson and Atria A. Larson (Leiden: Brill, 2016), 158-73.

Latin Editions:

With Kenneth Pennington, “Concilium Lateranense III (1179)” and “Concilium Lugdunense I (1245),” in *The Medieval General Councils: From Constantinople IV (869/870) to Basel-Florence-Rome (1431-1445)*, ed. Alberto Melloni et al. (Corpus christianorum, Conciliorum oecumenicorum generaliumque decreta 2; Turnhout: Brepols, 2013), 2.1.115-147 and 2.1.205-245.

Translations:

From German

Ludwig Schmutge, *Marriage on Trial: Late Medieval German Couples at the Papal Court* (Washington DC: Catholic University of America Press, 2012); translation of idem, *Ehen vor Gericht: Paare der Renaissance vor dem Papst* (Berlin: Berlin University Press, 2008).

From Latin

“Rhaetian Confession, 1552,” in *Reformed Confessions of the 16th and 17th Centuries in English Translation*, vol. 1, ed. James T. Dennison, Jr. (Grand Rapids, MI: Reformation Heritage Books, 2008), 663-91.

“Confession of Pińczów, 1559,” in *Reformed Confessions of the 16th and 17th Centuries in English Translation*, vol. 2, ed. James T. Dennison, Jr. (Grand Rapids, MI: Reformation Heritage Books, 2010), 156-60.

“The Synod at Szikscó, 1568,” in *Reformed Confessions of the 16th and 17th Centuries in English Translation*, vol. 3, ed. James T. Dennison, Jr. (Grand Rapids, MI: Reformation Heritage Books, 2012), 148-55.

“Synod of Toruń, 1595,” in *Reformed Confessions of the 16th and 17th Centuries in English Translation*, vol. 3, ed. James T. Dennison, Jr. (Grand Rapids, MI: Reformation Heritage Books, 2012), 630-44.

Dictionary Articles:

“Géneros literarios canónicos,” *Diccionario General de Derecho Canónico* (Pamplona: University of Navarre, 2012).

Book Reviews:

Gregory S. Moule, *Corporate Jurisdiction, Academic Heresy, and Fraternal Correction at the University of Paris, 1200-1400*, *Education and Society in the Middle Ages and Renaissance* 51 (Leiden: Brill, 2016), in *Deutsches Archiv* (forthcoming).

- Arnold Angenendt, *Ehe, Liebe und Sexualität im Christentum: Von den Anfängen bis heute* (Münster: Aschendorff, 2015), in *Catholic Historical Review* (forthcoming).
- Bruce C. Brasington, *Order in the Court: Medieval Procedural Treatises in Translation*, *Medieval Law and Its Practice* (Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2016), in *Speculum* (forthcoming).
- Susan R. Kramer, *Sin, Interiority, and Selfhood in the Twelfth-Century West*, *Studies and Texts 200* (Toronto: Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies, 2015), in *Church History* (forthcoming).
- Denis Gabriel, *La "Maison des pauvres maîtres" de Robert de Sorbon: Les débuts de la Sorbonne (1254-1274)*, *Bibliothèque d'histoire médiévale 11* (Paris: Classiques Garnier, 2014), in *Deutsches Archiv* (forthcoming).
- Gisela Drossbach, *Die Collectio Cheltenhamensis: Eine englische Decretalensammlung; Analyse beruhend auf Vorarbeiten von Walther Holtzmann (†)*, *Monumenta Iuris Canonici, Ser. B:10* (Vatican City: Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana, 2014), in *Manuscripta* 60.1 (2016): 112-16.
- Rob Meens, *Penance in Medieval Europe, 600-1200* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014), in *The Medieval Review*, TMR 15.06.45, available at <https://scholarworks.iu.edu/journals/index.php/tmr/article/view/19281/25406>.
- Maura Mordini, *Il feudo ecclesiastico nella prima età dei glossatori* (Quaterni di Studi Senesi 137; Milan: A. Guiffirè, 2013), in *Deutsches Archiv* 70:2 (2014): 815-16.
- Peter Landau, *Europäische Rechtsgeschichte und kanonisches Recht im Mittelalter: Ausgewählte Aufsätze aus den Jahren 1967 bis 2006* (Badenweiler: Bachmann, 2013), in *The Jurist* 74:1 (2014) 136-37.
- Alex J. Novikoff, *The Medieval Culture of Disputation: Pedagogy, Practice, and Performance* (The Middle Ages; Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2013), in *The Medieval Review*, review TMR 14.10.28, available at <https://scholarworks.iu.edu/dspace/handle/2022/19094>.
- Jonathan Robinson, *William of Ockham's Early Theory of Property Rights in Context* (Studies in Medieval and Reformation Traditions; Leiden: Brill, 2013), in *The Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 65:3 (2013): 675-76.
- Uta-Renate Blumenthal, Peter Landau, and Anders Winroth, eds. *Canon Law, Religion, and Politics: Liber amicorum Robert Somerville* (Washington DC: Catholic University of America Press, 2012), in *The Jurist* 73:1 (2013): 309-310.
- Ronald C. Finucane, *Contested Canonizations: The Last Medieval Saints, 1482-1523* (Washington DC: Catholic University of America Press, 2011), in *The Jurist* 72:1 (2012): 308-309.

Delivered and Invited Papers:

“Penitence and Punishment: A Legal Historian’s Perspective on the Thought of Reconciliation and Sanction in the Church.” Paper delivered at the colloquium “*Pax cum Deo – pax cum Ecclesia: Penitence and Punishment between Personal Insight and Objectivity*” at the invitation of Prof. Dr. Judith Hahn (Faculty of Catholic Theology,

Rühr Universität, Bochum) and Prof. Dr. Gunda Werner (Faculty of Catholic Theology, Universität Tübingen). Given in Bochum, Germany, November 10, 2016.

“Penance in the Patristic, Medieval, and Reformation Church,” set of five lectures given at Greystone Theological Institute, Coraopolis (Pittsburgh), PA, August 12-13, 2016.

“The Treatise *De uera et falsa penitentia* and Canon Law in the Twelfth Century,” Paper given at the XVth International Congress of Medieval Canon Law, Paris, France, July 20, 2016.

“True or False? Twelfth-Century Papal Councils and the Promotion of True Penance,” paper given at the Fourth Annual Symposium on Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Saint Louis University, June 21, 2016.

“Pope Honorius III’s Missing Decretals,” paper given at the Fourth Annual Symposium on Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Saint Louis University, June 20, 2016.

“Gratian’s *De penitentia*, Lateran IV’s *Omnis utriusque*, and the Canonists,” paper delivered at conferences (1) “Confession and Penance: The Christian Origins of Self-Consciousness of European Personality,” Saint Petersburg State University, Russia, November 21, 2015, at invitation of Prof. Oleg Dushin, and (2) “Concilium Lateranense IV: Commemorating the Octocentenary of the Fourth Lateran Council of 1215,” Rome, Italy, November 24, 2015.

“Pope Innocent III’s Practice of Dispensation from the Law,” paper delivered at the colloquium for the 2015 winners of the Manfred Lautenschlaeger Award for Theological Promise, Internationales Wissenschaftsforum Heidelberg, May 9, 2015.

“Killing a Career: Homicide and the Development of Medieval Clerical Discipline,” public lecture sponsored by the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Saint Louis University, October 22, 2014.

“Medieval Canon Law and Its Applicability to Theological Studies and Church History,” 3-hr. pro-seminar delivered at Saint Louis University, March 4, 2014.

“Gratian: The Man, the Manuscripts, the Mystery – Reflections from My Work on the *Decretum*’s *Tractatus de penitentia*,” public lecture sponsored by the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Saint Louis University, February 7, 2014.

“Raynutius’s Daughters: How Social Realities, Roman Law, and Natural Law Theory Combined to Form Canonical Inheritance Law,” Medieval Academy of America Annual Meeting, Knoxville TN, April 6, 2013.

“Professor Peter Landau’s Contribution to the Study of Gratian and Early Decretals,” Plenary Session in Honor of Professor Landau, XIVth International Congress of Medieval Canon Law, St. Michael’s College, University of Toronto, August 9, 2012.

“Post-Partum and Menstruating Women and the Immutability of Natural Law: A Twelfth-Century Discussion,” public lecture given for the Medieval and Renaissance Studies Program at the University of Pittsburgh, October 12, 2011.

“Penitential Theology and Practice in the Early Church and Middle Ages,” 3-hr. class lecture given for course in patristic and medieval theology at Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA, October 29, 2010.

“A Treatise in the Spirit of its Age: Universality, Individualism, and Dynamism in Gratian’s *Tractatus de penitentia* (ca. 1133-1140),” delivered as part of the European Colloquium series of the History Department at the University of Pittsburgh, February 26, 2009.

“Augustine’s Reasons and Methods for Deconstructing and Rejecting Roman Exempla of the Past in the *City of God*, Books I-V,” presented at the request of Prof. Philip Rousseau for a seminar of the Center for the Study of Early Christianity, The Catholic University of America, January 22, 2007.

“The Exegesis of Crusade in Thirteenth-Century Crusade Sermons,” presented at the 31st International Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference at Villanova University, October 14, 2006.

Courses Taught:

Graduate

Saints and Sinners: Medieval Piety

Introduction to Medieval History

Undergraduate

Teachers in Medieval Christianity

Capstone Seminar: Peter Lombard’s *Sentences* (2-semester sequence for senior theological studies majors)

Theological Foundations

Western Civilization I

History of the Middle Ages

Elementary Latin

Other Academic Experience:

2011-13 participant in Medieval Latin Reading Group, University of Pittsburgh, under leadership of Ryan McDermott and Bruce Venarde

2007-09 Copy editor under Prof. Kenneth Pennington for the *Bulletin of Medieval Canon Law* and Wilfried Hartmann and Kenneth Pennington, eds. *The History of Medieval Canon Law in the Classical Period, 1140-1234: From Gratian to the Decretals of Pope Gregory IX*. History of Medieval Canon Law 6. Washington DC: The Catholic University of America Press, 2008.

2006-08 Collaborator on the Scotus Project under the direction of Prof. Timothy B. Noone; work involved editing and collation of fourteenth-century manuscripts

Additional Education:

Workshop on Latin Paleography and Critical Text Editing, run by Prof. Girard J. Etzkorn and Prof. Gordon A. Wilson at Georgetown University (July 2007)

International School of the Ius Commune, directed by Prof. Kenneth Pennington and Prof. Orazio Condorelli (Erice, Sicily; October 2006, 2007, and 2009)

Memberships:

American Historical Association

Iuris Canonici Medii Aevi Consociatio (International Society of Medieval Canon Law)

The Medieval Academy of America

Service:

Organizer (with Steven Schoenig, S.J.) of the XVIth International Congress of Medieval Canon Law, Saint Louis University, July 2020.

Member of Board of Directors and Chief Advisor to the President on Academic Affairs, Greystone Theological Institute, Coraopolis, PA, 2015-present.

Editorial Board, journal *Vergentis*, published by the Cátedra de Investigación Conjunta Inocencio III, 2015- .

Co-organized (with Matthew Parker and Steven Schoenig, S.J.) conference “New Constitutions and Constitutional Beginnings: The Fourth Lateran Council and Magna Carta 800 Years Later” held within the Third Annual Symposium on Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Saint Louis University, June 15-17, 2015.

Board of Advisors, *Mountaintop Thoughts*, Journal of the Covenant College Philosophy Club, 2014-.

Co-organized (with Steven Schoenig) session “Dispensing Mercy,” sponsored by the International Society of Medieval Canon Law, for the Second Annual Symposium on Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Saint Louis University, June 16-18, 2014.

Organized session “Ecclesiastical Hierarchies” sponsored by the Stephan Kuttner Institute of Medieval Canon Law for the 47th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo MI, May 10-13, 2012.

References:

Medieval History/Church History/Canon Law

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