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EDUCATION

Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts

PhD, History, June, 2007

AM, History, June, 2001

Dissertation Title: “Patterns of Power: Charlemagne and the Invention of Medieval Rulership”

Dissertation Committee: Professor M. McCormick, chair. Professor Emeritus T. Bisson (Harvard University); Professor M. Kishlansky (Harvard University); Professor R. McKitterick (The University of Cambridge)

University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK

MLitt, History, January, 2000

MLitt Thesis: “Conceptions of Kingship under Charlemagne”

Adviser: Professor R. McKitterick; Examiners: Professor M. Innes and Professor Emerita J.L. Nelson

Course work in palaeography, codicology, diplomatic, and medieval chronology

Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts

AB *summa cum laude*, History, June, 1997

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

Associate Professor of History

August, 2016–present

Assistant Professor of History

September, 2008–August, 2016

California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California

Postdoctoral Instructor in History

September, 2007–June, 2008

Wellesley College, Wellesley, Massachusetts

Visiting Lecturer in History

Spring term, 2007

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Per Capitularios Nostros: *Law and its Uses in the Frankish Kingdoms*, book manuscript in progress

Charlemagne's Practice of Empire (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015)

The Long Morning of Medieval Europe: New Directions in Early Medieval Studies, ed. J.R. Davis and M. McCormick (Aldershot: Ashgate, 2008)

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

“‘Homicide, on account of which many people perish’: Charlemagne’s 802 Legislation on Homicide,” in *A Cultural History of Crime*, ed. K. Shoemaker (forthcoming)

“Claiming the Carolingian Past in Twelfth-Century Bavaria,” in *Cross Cultural Charlemagne in the Middle Ages*, ed. J. Stuckey, *Explorations in Medieval Culture* (Leiden: Brill, forthcoming)

“Inventing the *Missi*: Delegating Power in Late Eighth-Century Francia,” in *The ‘Abbāsid and Carolingian Empires: Comparative Studies in Civilisational Formation*, ed. D.G. Tor, *Islamic History and Civilization Series* (Leiden: Brill, forthcoming; expected 2017)

“Charlemagne’s Portrait Coinage and Ideas of Rulership at the Carolingian Court,” *Source: Notes in the History of Art XXXIII* (2014), 19–27

“Charlemagne’s Settlement of Disputes,” in *Streit am Hof im frühen Mittelalter*, ed. M. Becher and A. Plassmann, *Super alta perennis. Studien zur Wirkung der Klassischen Antike 11* (Bonn: Bonn University Press, 2011), 159–173

“The Problem of King Louis IX of France: Biography, Sanctity, and Kingship,” *Journal of Interdisciplinary History XLI* (2010), 209–225

“A Pattern for Power: Charlemagne’s Delegation of Judicial Responsibilities,” in *The Long Morning of Medieval Europe: New Directions in Early Medieval Studies*, ed. J.R. Davis and M. McCormick (Aldershot: Ashgate, 2008), 235–246

“The Early Middle Ages: Europe’s Long Morning,” with Michael McCormick, in *The Long Morning of Medieval Europe: New Directions in Early Medieval Studies*, ed. J.R. Davis and M. McCormick (Aldershot: Ashgate, 2008), 1–10

Reviews and Other Short Pieces

Review of S. Gilsdorf, *The Favor of Friends: Intercession and Aristocratic Politics in Carolingian and Ottonian Europe*, in *The Medieval Review*, forthcoming

Review of I.N. Wood, *The Modern Origins of the Early Middle Ages*, in *Journal of Modern History* 88 (2016), 153–154

“In Memoriam: Paul Meyvaert,” with Michael McCormick, in *Perspectives on History* 54.3 (March, 2016), 36

Review of A. Latowsky, *Emperor of the World: Charlemagne and the Construction of Imperial Authority, 800–1229*, in *German Studies Review* 37 (2014), 637–638

Review of M. Costambeys, M. Innes, and S. MacLean, *The Carolingian Empire*, in *The Medieval Journal* 3 (2013), 144–145

Review of *Die Admonitio generalis Karls des Grossen*, ed. H. Mordek, et al., in *The Medieval Review*, February 5, 2013 (<http://hdl.handle.net/2022/15314>)

Review of F. Close, *Uniformiser la foi pour unifier l’Empire: La pensée politico-théologique de Charlemagne*, in *The Medieval Review*, November 29, 2012 (<http://hdl.handle.net/2022/15182>)

Review of V. Garver, *Women and Aristocratic Culture in the Carolingian World*, in *H-France* 11 (2011), no. 260 (<http://www.h-france.net/vol11reviews/vol11no260Davis.pdf>)

Compiled bibliography for English translation of M. Becher, *Charlemagne* (New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 2003)

Review of W. Brown, *Unjust Seizure: Conflict, Interest, and Authority in an Early Medieval Society*, in *Early Medieval Europe* 11 (2002), 176–177

Review of R. Collins, *Charlemagne*, in *English Historical Review* 115 (2000), 172

HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Membership in the School of Historical Studies, The Institute for Advanced Study, to be held Spring, 2017 (Fall, 2016 declined)

Berlin Prize, The American Academy in Berlin, Fall, 2016

Franklin Research Grant, American Philosophical Society, 2013

Kluge Center Fellowship, The Library of Congress, 2012–2013

Rome Prize, The American Academy in Rome, 2011–2012

Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst Research Visit Fellowship, 2011

Whiting Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2005–2006

Harvard University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Merit Term Time Fellowship, 2004

Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst Fellowship, 2004

Fulbright Fellowship to France, 2003–2004

Harvard University Sheldon Fellowship, 2003–2004

Harvard University Department of History Travel and Research Grant, 2003

Trinity College, Cambridge, Internal Graduate Studentship, 1998–1999

British Government Overseas Research Students Award, 1998–1999

Eben Fiske Studentship, Trinity College, Cambridge, 1997–1999

Hoopes Prize for Undergraduate Research, Harvard University, 1997

Oliver Dabney Prize in History, Harvard University, 1997

Junior Phi Beta Kappa, 1996

Lillian Bell Prize in History, Harvard University, 1995

Detur Book Prize, Harvard University, 1994

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Lectures

“Title to be decided,” to be delivered at the Earlier Middle Ages Seminar, Institute for Historical Research, London, UK, November, 2016

“The Ninth-Century Invention of Europe,” Marymount University, Arlington, Virginia, February, 2014

“Charlemagne’s Europe,” The Library of Congress, Washington, D.C., April, 2013

“The Problem of Charlemagne’s Empire,” Dumbarton Oaks, Washington, D.C., October, 2012

“The Place of Italy in Charlemagne’s Empire,” University of St. Andrews Medieval Studies Seminar, St. Andrews, Scotland, December, 2011

“Charlemagne’s Practice of Empire,” Freie Universität, Berlin, Germany, November, 2010

“The Intersection of Piety, Politics and Economics in Charlemagne’s Charters,” The Center for Medieval and Byzantine Studies, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., October, 2008

“Vanishing Libraries, Parisian Cab Drivers and Don Guido of Modena: A Medievalist’s Adventures in European Libraries,” Keynote Address, Student History Conference, Humboldt State University, Arcata, California, April, 2008

“Charlemagne’s Justice in Action: The Case of Alcuin, Theodulf, and the Fugitive Cleric,” Harvard University Medieval Studies Seminar, Cambridge, Massachusetts, November, 2006

Conference Papers

“Rethinking Empire: A Carolingian Perspective,” to be delivered at the Dumbarton Oaks Symposium: Rethinking Empire, Washington, D.C., April, 2017

“The Vocabulary of Power in Charlemagne’s Capitularies,” to be delivered at Die Sprache des Rechts. Historische Semantik und karolingische Kapitularien, German Historical Institute, Paris, France, February, 2017

“Re-imagining the Oath during the Reign of Charlemagne,” to be delivered at Making Sense of the Oath in Late Antiquity and the Earlier Middle Ages: Religious Act, Social Bond, Holy Sacrament, Freie Universität, Berlin, Germany, December, 2016

“Legal Plurality,” Transformation of the Carolingian World Workshop, Princeton, New Jersey May, 2016

“The Political Economy of the Carolingian Empire,” The Global Eighth Century Conference, Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, New York City, New York, April, 2016

“Matilda of Tuscany and the Weight of Carolingian Tradition,” Transformation of the Carolingian World Workshop, Vienna, Austria, January, 2016

“Copying Capitularies after the Carolingians: Law and Identity in the Tenth to Twelfth Centuries,” Transformation of the Carolingian World Workshop, Princeton, New Jersey, November, 2014

“Manuscript Evidence of the Use of the Capitularies,” International Medieval Congress, Leeds, UK, July, 2014

“The Tenth-Century Transmission of the Capitularies,” Political Communication in the Carolingian World Workshop, Paris, France, June, 2014

“The Limits of Charlemagne’s Charters,” International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May, 2014

“Capitulary Manuscripts and Political Communication,” Political Communication in the Carolingian World Workshop, Washington, D.C., April, 2014

“The Idea and Practice of Rulership in Charlemagne’s Empire,” The Practice of Rulership, c.850–c.1250, The Huntington Library, San Marino, California, May, 2013

“Imperial Power and Delegation: The Case of Charlemagne’s *Missi Dominici*,” Civilizational Formation: The Carolingian and ‘Abbasid Eras, University of Notre Dame, April, 2013

“Political Communication in the Carolingian World: The Example of the Capitulary Manuscripts,” Medieval Academy of America Annual Meeting, Knoxville, Tennessee, April, 2013 and International Medieval Congress, Leeds, UK, July, 2013

“Ideology and Authority in Charlemagne’s Empire,” Seminar on Authority and Legitimation, The Davis Center, Princeton University, April, 2012

“Charlemagne’s Grant of Immunity to Metz in 775: A Case Study in Carolingian Economic History,” Déchiffrer la crise en Moselle durant le long Ve siècle, Centre archéologique départemental / Parc archéologique européen, Bliesbruck, France, July, 2011

“Charlemagne and Tassilo in 794: A Final Encounter,” International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 2011

“Charlemagne’s Empire: The Limits of Standardization,” The American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, January, 2011

“The Court of Charlemagne: Lay Participants in the *Aula Renovata*,” International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May, 2010

“Charlemagne’s Settlement of Disputes,” Streit am Hof im frühen Mittelalter, Bonn, Germany, September, 2009

“Many Solutions to Every Problem: Redundant Delegation in Charlemagne’s Administration,” California Medieval History Seminar, San Marino, California, May, 2008

“Alcuin’s Letters to Kings,” International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May, 2008

“A King and His Law: Carolingian Rulers through the Lens of the Capitulary Manuscripts,” International Medieval Conference, Leeds, UK, July, 2005

“Did Charlemagne Govern? From the Idea to the Implementation of Royal Policy,” New Directions 2: The Early Middle Ages Today, Cambridge, Massachusetts, October, 2004

“Charlemagne’s Justice in Action: The Case of Alcuin, Theodulf, and the Fugitive Cleric,” Texts and Identities VII, Wassenaar, The Netherlands, October, 2003

“The Integration of the *Regnum Italiae*: Charlemagne’s Grants to Italian Recipients,” German Historical Institute Medieval History Seminar, Berlin, Germany, October, 2002

“The Chronicle of Moissac,” Cambridge-Utrecht-Vienna Conference, Cambridge, UK, October, 1998

“The Conception of Kingship in the Royal Frankish Annals,” International Medieval Conference, Leeds, UK, July, 1998 and University of Cambridge Medieval Research Seminar, Cambridge, UK, September, 1998