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Academic appointments

Assistant Professor of History, Quincy University	2022-
Humanities & Sciences Dean's Fellow and Lecturer	2021-22
Department of History, Stanford University	

Education

Ph.D., History, Stanford University	2021
M.A., History, Stanford University	2017
<i>with World History Teaching Certificate</i>	
M.A., Ottoman History, Istanbul Şehir University	2015
Teaching Credential, CSU East Bay	1999
<i>Multiple Subject, grades K-8</i>	
B.S., Civil and Environmental Engineering, UC Berkeley	1997

Selected awards and fellowships

Mellon Fellowship in Medieval Studies at the Medieval Institute of the University of Notre Dame (<i>declined</i>)	2025-26
I Tatti / Dumbarton Oaks Joint Fellowship (Harvard University Center for Italian Renaissance Studies in Florence and the Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection in Washington, DC) (<i>declined</i>)	2022-23
Fulbright Fellowship, US-Italian Fulbright Commission	2018-19
Ric Weiland Graduate Fellowship in the Humanities	2018-20
Gladys Kriebel Delmas Foundation research grant	2019
Full athletic scholarship, football, UC Berkeley	1993-95
ROTC scholarship, UC Berkeley (<i>declined</i>)	1993-96

Peer-reviewed publications

“The shareholders, the new tyrants: the securitizing and the collapse of empire in late medieval and early modern Genoa.” *Mediterranean Historical Review* 40, no. 2 (2025): 191-211.

“Roman Catholicism in the Ottoman Empire.” In *The Renaissance World: Routledge Resources Online*, edited by Kristen Poole and Gábor Ágoston (15 April 2025)

“From Master to Minority: the Genoese of Pera-Galata across the Byzantine-Ottoman Boundary.” In *Latin Catholicism in Ottoman Istanbul*, ed. Vanessa R. de Obaldía and Claudio Monge: 63-84. Istanbul: Isis Press, 2022

- “Outsourcing the Colonial Project: the Genoese role in Iberian expansion.” *World History Bulletin* 35, no. 2 (2019): 15-48
- “From the Bosphorus to the Atlantic: Genoese responses to the Ottoman conquest.” *The Medieval Globe* 5, no. 1 (2019): 69-107
- “Capitalism by any other name: towards a synthesis of competing visions.” *Middle Ground* 17 (Fall 2018): 1-17

Edited volumes

- Ottoman Realms: The Diversification of Ottoman Studies*, co-edited with Suraiya Faroqhi and Vanessa R. de Obaldía. Boston: Academic Studies Press, forthcoming
- Latin and Eastern Catholicism in Ottoman Anatolia: social, economic, and religious inquiries from the fourteenth to the twentieth centuries*, co-edited with Vanessa R. de Obaldía, Anaïs Massot, and Radu Dîpratu. Istanbul: Isis Press, 2025.

Reviews

- González Arévalo, Raúl and Carmen Peral Bejarano. *El Castil de Genoveses de Málaga (siglos XIV-XV): un barrio comercial fortificado en el Mediterráneo islámico*. Jaén: UJA Editorial, 2024, in *Al-Masāq* (10 February 2025)
- James Mixson, ed. *The Crusade of 1456: Texts and Documentation in Translation* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2022), in *Medieval Review* (1 April 2023)

Other publications

- “Who Holds the High Ground?” *American Purpose* (15 May 2023)
- “Examining Early Genoese Voyages through Maps,” a curriculum contribution to *World History Commons* (2022)
- “From the Middle East to Britain: the migrating legend of Saint George,” a curriculum contribution to *Our Migration Story: The Making of Britain*. The Runnymede Trust, London, 2017
- Saint Paul and the Seven Churches*. Istanbul: Silk Road, 2014
- “Turkey Aflame.” *New Humanist*, June 2013
- “Turkish Demagogue.” *A Gathering of the Tribes*, June 2013
- “It's Complicated.” *New Humanist*, June 2013
- “A Letter from Syria.” *New Humanist*, November 2012

Podcast

- Founder and co-host, *Citizens' History*

Teaching experience

- Instructor, Quincy University 2022-
teaching both halves of the world history survey, first half of the American history survey, and courses on capitalism, the crusades, early modern and modern Europe, the Ottoman empire, historiography

Instructor, Stanford University	2021-22
<i>courses taught:</i> Historiography (interdisciplinary graduate seminar); Enlightenment and Genocide: Modern Europe and the Ottoman Empire (lecture); The Crusades: A Global History (lecture)	
Teaching assistant, Stanford University	2017-21
Sustainability and Civilization (Lanier Anderson), <i>cross-listed between History, Biology, and Political Science</i>	
Early Modern Europe (Laura Stokes), <i>with guest lecture</i>	
The Scientific Revolution (Jessica Riskin), <i>with guest lecture</i>	
Traders and Crusaders in the Medieval Mediterranean (Rowan Dorin), <i>with guest lecture</i>	
Southeast Asia, Antiquity to Present (Martin Lewis)	
Teaching assistant, Şehir University, Istanbul	2014-15
three semesters of world history survey courses (Origins to AD 1000, AD 1000 to present) (Günhan Börekçi), with two weeks of guest lecturing	
Head Teacher and Instructor, British Side, Istanbul	2011-13
Instructor of English, Okan University, Istanbul	2009-10
Shannon Elementary School, Pinole, California	1999-2001
<i>fifth and sixth grades, all subjects</i>	
Harbor Way Community Day School, Richmond, California	1998-99
<i>kindergarten through seventh grade, all subjects</i>	

Other employment

Participant in the research project, “Genoese merchant networks in Africa and across the Atlantic Ocean (ca. 1450-1530),” directed by Carlo Taviani, sponsored by the German Historical Institute in Rome	2017-18
Coordinator, Eurasian Empires Workshop, Stanford Humanities Center <i>faculty advisors</i> Nancy Kollman and Ali Yaycıoğlu	2017-18
Data curator, Galileo Correspondence Project	2015-17
<i>cataloging correspondence to and from Galileo in a digital humanities project to track his networks and material culture</i> (Hannah Marcus and Paula Findlen)	
Research assistant, American Research Institute in Turkey (ARIT)	2013
<i>cataloging and conserving the archives of the American Board of Missions in a project supported by the NEH</i> (Brian Johnson)	

Foreign correspondent, France24, Paris <i>based in Istanbul</i>	2011-14
Foreign correspondent, PressTV, Tehran, Iran <i>based in Ankara, reporting from Turkey and Iraq</i>	2008
Co-founder and director, Lifeschool, California <i>experiential and environmental education nonprofit serving youth at risk</i>	1998-2002

Conference papers and panels

organizer:

- Conference: co-organizer with Vanessa R. de Obaldía, Radu Dîpratu, and Anaïs Massot, "Latin & Eastern Catholicism in Ottoman Anatolia," 19-20 April 2024.
- Panel: "Mercenary culture in Latin and Turkic context." Paper: "Maritime Mercenaries: the Genoese from Baghdad to the near Atlantic." A joint interdisciplinary conference *Mercenaries and Crusaders (1202-1480s)* at the University of Debrecen, Hungary, 22-24 June 2022.
- Panel: "Estates and Banking in Italy's Long Renaissance." Chair Amanda Scott. Paper: "The New Tyrants: San Giorgio and the Genoese Financial Aristocracy." Annual meeting of the Renaissance Society of America in Dublin, 30 March – 2 April 2022 **[canceled – COVID]**
- Panel: "The Maritime Republics and Islam." Chair Hannah Barker and commentator Hussein Fancy. Paper: "Aristocracy of Blood and Fortune: the emergence of the Genoese maritime empire, 1282-1373." Annual meeting of the Medieval Academy of America at UC Berkeley, 26-28 March 2020 **[canceled – COVID]**

presenter:

- "Enclosing the maritime commons: the Genoese and the later crusades." Sixth Symposium on Crusade Studies, Saint Louis University, 10-11 April 2026.
- "From Periphery to Core." The Mediterranean Seminar's round-table for *Mediterranean Ecologies*, Saint Louis University, 26-27 April 2024.
- "The shareholders, the new tyrants': securitizing empire in late medieval and early modern Genoa." *Networks of Knowledge and Transmission of Ideas in the Late Medieval and Early Modern Mediterranean*, University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, 14 April 2023.
- "End of an Era: Antoniotto Usodimare and Columbus at the cusp of Genoese financial empire, 1455-1492." Annual meeting of the American Historical Association in New Orleans, 6-9 January 2022.
- "Ottoman Memory of the Genoese: the myths of Evliyâ Çelebi." Annual conference of the Middle East Studies Association in Washington, DC, 10-13 October 2020.
- "Shrinking Mediterranean, Expanding Atlantic: the Genoese between the Ottoman and Iberian empires, 1435-1492." The Mediterranean Seminar's spring workshop *The Global Mediterranean* at Ohio State University, 24-25 April 2020 **[delayed to February 2021]**
- "Building a Financial Empire: the Casa San Giorgio." Annual meeting of the Renaissance Society of America, Philadelphia, 2-4 April 2020 **[canceled – COVID]**

- “Atlantic Possibilities: the coalescing of a Genoese financial aristocracy in Iberia and its colonies.” Annual meeting of the Renaissance Conference of Southern California, Huntington Library, San Marino, 21 March 2020 [**canceled – COVID**]
- “Aristocracy of Blood and Fortune: the emergence of the Genoese maritime empire, 1282-1373.” Center for Medieval and Early Modern Studies, Stanford University, 16 October 2019.
- “Emperors No More: the thirteenth-century sea change from Constantinople to the Latin west.” Graduate student presenter at *Southern France and the Latin East in the 13th Century: Crusade, Networks, and Exchanges*, Stanford University, 19-20 April 2018.
- “A Reluctant Minority: the Genoese response to the Ottoman conquest of Constantinople.” *Forgotten Connections: Linking Africa, the Mediterranean and Atlantic Worlds in the early modern period*, Warwick University, UK, 20-21 February 2018.
- “Ottoman Memory of the Genoese: the myths of Evliyâ Çelebi.” The Mediterranean Seminar’s round-table *The Uses of Memory in the pre-modern Mediterranean*, University of Notre Dame, 2-3 February 2018.
- “A Reluctant Minority: the Genoese response to the Ottoman conquest of Constantinople.” Annual conference of the Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa in Washington, DC, 19-21 October 2017.
- “Protestants, Catholics, and Muslims: Reformation responses to the Ottoman Empire.” The spring conference of the American Society of Church History / American Catholic Historical Association at UC Berkeley, 6-9 April 2017.
- “Human and Divine Law in Roman Catholic European and Islamic Society in the Reign of Mehmed II.” Annual conference of the World History Association, Ghent, Belgium, 2-5 July 2016.
- “The Genoese of Pera-Galata after the Conquest: correspondence between the 1455 Ottoman survey and Genoese notarial records.” Western Ottoman Workshop, UC Berkeley, 10-11 March 2016.

Invited talks

- “Islam and modernity.” Socrates Cafe, Quincy Public Library, 24 April 2026.
- “Lincoln and liberalism.” Lincoln-Douglas Debate Museum, 10 April 2025.
- “The Armenian Genocide.” Pursuit of Learning in Society (*POLIS*), 18 February 2025.
- “Transforming Empire: the Genoese from the crusades to Columbus.” University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Program in Medieval Studies, 10 April 2024.
- “The pre-liberal and the postliberal,” Quincy Unitarian Church, 26 November 2023.
- “Israel and Palestine.” Socrates Cafe, Quincy Public Library, 10 November 2023.
- “Israel and Hamas.” Quincy University, 19 October 2023.
- “The Common Good.” Address to the annual meeting of the League of Women Voters of Adams County, Illinois, 7 May 2023.
- “The Common Good in World History.” Pursuit of Learning in Society (*POLIS*), 21 and 28 March 2023.

- “Lincoln for our time.” Quincy Unitarian Church, 12 February 2023.
- “Democracy Contested,” roundtable, Quincy University, 8 November 2022.
- “Angevin Naples and the Genoese Imperial Project,” for the symposium *War, Trade, and Sea*, Sant’Anna Institute, Sorrento, Italy, 7 May 2021.
- “Reflections on the Attempted Coup in Turkey,” roundtable, Stanford University, 14 October 2016.
- “Turkey: still a bridge between East and West?” Keynote at the Peterborough and Wisbech Interfaith Forum, Peterborough, UK, 27 May 2015.

Professional affiliations Medieval Academy of America
American Catholic Historical Association
World History Association
American Historical Association
Society for Italian Historical Studies
Society for the Study of the Crusades and the Latin East