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**EMPLOYMENT**

2022–2025 Junior Fellow, Harvard Society of Fellows, Harvard University

**EDUCATION**

- 2022 Ph.D., History of Science, Princeton University  
*Dissertation*: “Slow Tampering: A History of Solitary Confinement”  
*Committee*: Anthony Grafton (co-supervisor), Regina Kunzel (co-supervisor, Yale University), Wendy Warren, Erika L. Milam, James Delbourgo (Rutgers University)
- 2019 M.A., History of Science, Princeton University, *Distinction*
- 2017 M.Phil., Theology, University of Oxford, *Distinction*  
*Supervisor*: Diarmaid N. J. MacCulloch
- 2015 B.A., History (with honors), Yale University, *Summa cum laude*, *Phi Beta Kappa*

**BOOKS**

Ribadeneyra, Pedro de. *Pedro de Ribadeneyra’s ‘Ecclesiastical History of the Schism of the Kingdom of England’: A Spanish Jesuit’s History of the English Reformation*. Edited and translated by Spencer J. Weinreich. Jesuit Studies 8. Leiden: Brill, 2017.

**PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES**

- “Why Early Modern Mass Incarceration Matters: The Bamberg Malefizhaus, 1627–31.” *Journal of Social History* (2023).
- “Sums Theological: Doing Theology with the London Bills of Mortality, 1603–66.” *Church History* 90, no. 4 (December 2021): 799–823.
- “Panopticon, Inc.: Jeremy Bentham, Contract Management, and (Neo)liberal Penalty.” *Punishment & Society* 23, no. 4 (October 2021): 497–514.
- “John Howard’s Contagious Institutions.” *Harvard Library Bulletin* (2021).
- “An Infinity of Relics: Erasmus and the Copious Rhetoric of John Calvin’s *Traité des reliques* (1543).” *Renaissance Quarterly* 74, no. 1 (Spring 2021): 137–80.
- “Unaccountable Subjects: Contracting Legal and Medical Authority in the Newgate Smallpox Experiment (1721).” *History Workshop Journal* 89 (Spring 2020): 22–44.
- “How (Not) to Survive a Plague: The Theology of Fleeing Disease in Sixteenth-Century England.” *Social History of Medicine* 33, no. 2 (May 2020): 355–76.

- “Hagiography by the Book: Bibliomanacy and Early Modern Cultures of Compilation in Francisco Zumel’s *De vitis patrum* (1588).” *Journal of the History of Ideas* 80, no. 1 (January 2019): 1–23.
- “The Book in the House: The *Regnum Congo* and H. P. Lovecraft’s ‘The Picture in the House’.” *Gothic Studies* 20, nos 1–2 (November 2018): 59–76.
- “Edward VI’s treatise on the papal supremacy and the education of a theologian-king.” *History of Education Researcher* no. 98 (November 2016): 66–75.
- “Two Unpublished Letters of Stephen Gardiner, August–September 1547 (Bodleian MS Eng. th. b. 2).” *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 67, no. 4 (October 2016): 819–33.
- “Name-Changes and Everyday Self-Fashioning in the Toledo Inquisition, 1575–1610.” *Names: A Journal of Onomastics* 64, no. 3 (September 2016): 166–75.
- “Thinking with Crocodiles: An Iconic Animal at the Intersection of Early-Modern Religion and Natural Philosophy.” *Early Science and Medicine* 20, no. 3 (2015): 209–40.

### BOOK CHAPTERS

- “How a Monster Means: The Significance of Bodily Difference in the Christopher Cynocephalus Tradition.” In *Monstrosity, Disability, and the Posthuman in the Medieval and Early Modern World*, edited by Richard Godden and Asa Simon Mittman, 181–207. The New Middle Ages. Cham: Palgrave, 2019.
- “England in the Margin: Providence and Historiography in Pedro de Ribadeneyra’s *Historia ecclesiastica del scisma del reyno de Inglaterra*.” In *Jesuit Intellectual and Physical Exchange between England and Mainland Europe, c. 1580–1789: “The World is our House”?*, edited by James E. Kelly and Hannah J. Thomas, 263–86. *Jesuit Studies* 18. Leiden: Brill, 2018.
- “The Distinctiveness of the Society of Jesus’s Mission in Pedro de Ribadeneyra’s *Historia ecclesiastica del scisma del reyno de Inglaterra* (1588).” In *Exploring Jesuit Distinctiveness: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Ways of Proceeding within the Society of Jesus*, edited by Robert Aleksander Maryks, 175–88. *Jesuit Studies* 6. Leiden: Brill, 2016.

### TRANSLATIONS

- Euve, François. “Science as a Mystical Quest: Pierre Teilhard de Chardin.” In *A Companion to Jesuit Mystical Spirituality*, edited by Robert Aleksander Maryks, 225–52. Brill’s Companions to the Christian Tradition 78. Leiden: Brill, 2017.
- Ruiz Jurado, Manuel. “A Controversial Mystic: Father Baltasar Álvarez.” In *A Companion to Jesuit Mystical Spirituality*, edited by Robert Aleksander Maryks, 36–53. Brill’s Companions to the Christian Tradition 78. Leiden: Brill, 2017.
- Trémolières, François. “‘The Witness to These Witnesses’: Henri Bremond.” In *A Companion to Jesuit Mystical Spirituality*, edited by Robert Aleksander Maryks, 253–78. Brill’s Companions to the Christian Tradition 78. Leiden: Brill, 2017.

### BOOK REVIEWS

- Review of Freddy Cristóbal Domínguez, *Radicals in Exile: English Catholic Books During the Reign of Philip II* (University Park: The Pennsylvania State University Press, 2020), *Catholic Historical Review* (forthcoming).
- Review of William Peter Stephens, *The Theology of Heinrich Bullinger*, ed. Jim West and Joe Mock (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2019), *Renaissance Quarterly* 75, no. 1 (Spring 2022).
- Review of Adrian Howkins, *The Polar Regions: An Environmental History* (Cambridge: Polity Press, 2016), *Rethinking History* 48, no. 2 (2018), 270–74.
- Review of Manuel Peña Díaz, *Escribir y prohibir: Inquisición y censura en los Siglos de Oro* (Madrid: Ediciones Cátedra, 2015), *Sixteenth Century Journal* 48, no. 1 (2017): 199–200.
- Review of José R. Jouve Martín, *The Black Doctors of Colonial Lima: Science, Race, and Writing in Colonial and Early Republican Peru* (Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2014), *Hispanic Research Journal* 18, no. 4 (2017): 368–70.
- Review of Hamish Scott, ed., *The Oxford Handbook of Early Modern European History, 1350–1750*, 2 vols (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015), *Journal of Jesuit Studies* 4, no. 1 (2017): 109–12.
- Review of Allison Kavey and Elizabeth Ketner, eds, *Imagining Early Modern Histories* (Farnham: Ashgate, 2016), *Rethinking History* 21, no. 1 (2017): 120–25.
- Review of Pedro de Ribadeneira, *The Life of Ignatius of Loyola*. trans. Claude Pavur (Saint Louis: The Institute of Jesuit Sources, 2014), *Sixteenth Century Journal* 46, no. 4 (2015): 1138–39.

## REFERENCE WORKS

- Contributor, *The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church*, edited by Andrew Louth. Fourth edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2022.
- “Reptiles, Natural History of.” *Encyclopedia of Early Modern Philosophy and the Sciences*, edited by Dana Jalobeanu and Charles T. Wolfe. Berlin: Springer, 2019.

## POPULAR WRITING

- “Gastronomic Irony,” *Petits Propos Culinaires* (forthcoming).
- “Tamar Herzig’s *A Convert’s Tale*,” *George L. Mosse Program in History Blog* (December 15, 2020).
- “The Paranoid Style in Radical History,” *History Workshop Online* (March 18, 2020).
- “Why prisoner abuse and deprivation persists in America,” Made by History, *The Washington Post* (March 7, 2019).

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Isolated Experiments: Solitary Confinement in Early Modern Europe.” Enfermements modernes/Early Modern Confinement, Ventotene, Italy, June 2023.
- “What Teresa of Ávila Learned in Hell: Pedagogies of Solitude in Counter-Reformation Europe.” RSA Virtual, December 2022.
- “The Hand-Painted Prison Cell: The Work of Survival in Eastern State Penitentiary.” American Society for Legal History, Chicago, Illinois, November 2022.

- “Antonio del Corro, Jailhouse Reformer.” Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 2022.
- “Sixty-Four Square Feet: The Measure of Solitude.” The Architecture of Confinement, Princeton, New Jersey, April 2022.
- “Calvin forges Scripture: Narrating Holy Objects in Reformation Polemic.” Renaissance Society of America, Dublin, Ireland, April 2022.
- “Prisoner’s Progress, or a User’s Guide to a Solitary Cell.” Harvard-Princeton Early Modern Workshop, Cambridge, Massachusetts, February 2022.
- “Inventories of the Impossible: The Parodic Relics of Martin Luther.” American Society of Church History, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 2022 (canceled).
- “Pray and Work: The Monastery, the Reformatory, and the Manufactory in Baroque Rome.” Coerced Labour in the Early Modern World (1500–1800): Definitions, Justifications and Resistances, International Society for Intellectual History, Oxford, England, September 2021.
- “The Illusion of James Nayler: Narrating Solitary Confinement in Eighteenth-Century England.” American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Toronto, Ontario, April 2021.
- “The Illusion of James Nayler, or Historical Memories of Madness.” Harvard-Princeton Early Modern Workshop, Princeton, New Jersey, February 2021.
- “On the Solitary Confinement of Early Modern Witches: The Bamberg Malefizhaus, 1627–31.” Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, Baltimore, Maryland, October 2020 (canceled).
- “The Inquisitor’s Cell.” International Medieval Conference, University of Leeds, Leeds, England, July 2020 (canceled).
- “Black, White, and Read All Over: Reformation Variations on Perception, Judgment, and Erasmus.” Renaissance Society of America, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 2020 (canceled).
- “Historical Answers to Theological Questions: Desire and Method in John Calvin’s *Traité des reliques* (1543).” The Desire for Method in Early Modern Europe, New York University, New York, New York, October 2018.
- “Ecclesiastical Arithmetic: Quantification, Plague, and Theology in Early Modern England.” American Association for the History of Medicine, University of California at Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California, May 2018.
- “St. Augustine of Toledo: Pedro de Ribadeneyra, Augustine of Hippo, and Self-Fashioning as Other.” With Robert Aleksander Maryks. Renaissance Society of America, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 2018.
- “Epidemic Theology: Knowing Plague in Early Modern England.” Joint Atlantic Seminar for the History of Medicine, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, October 2017.
- “Educating for Supremacy: Edward VI’s Anti-Papal Treatise and the Training of a Godly King.” Ecclesiastical History Society Winter Meeting, Magdalene College, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, England, January 2017.
- “Saint Peter Nolasco’s German Olive Tree: A Micro-Iconology in Early Modern Print Culture, 1588–1635.” Society for Renaissance Studies Biennial Conference, University of Glasgow, Glasgow, Scotland, July 2016.
- “Eat, Drink, and Be Holy: Food and Community in Religious Rules.” International Medieval Conference, University of Leeds, Leeds, England, July 2016.

- “Emoting the Spanish Armada: Pedro de Ribadeneyra, S.J. and the Emotionality of Early Modern Catholic-Protestant Encounters.” *Emotions: Movement, Cultural Contact and Exchange*, 1100–1800, Freie Universität Berlin, Berlin, Germany, July 2016.
- “This, too, shall pass: Pedro de Ribadeneyra, S.J. and the Emotional Weight of History.” Annual Meeting of Postgraduates in Reception of the Ancient World, University of Nottingham, Nottingham, England, December 2015.
- “By Any Other Name: Changes of Name and Everyday Self-Fashioning in the Toledo Inquisition, 1575–1610.” Limerick Early Modern Studies Forum, University of Limerick, Limerick, Republic of Ireland, November 2015.
- “The Distinctiveness of the Society of Jesus’s Mission in Pedro de Ribadeneyra S.J.’s *Historia ecclesiastica del scisma del reyno de Inglaterra*.” International Symposium on Jesuit Studies, Boston College, Boston, Massachusetts, June 2015.
- “The *Vita quarta* and the Cistercian Literary Tradition.” Cistercian Studies Conference, International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 2015.
- “A Saint in the Family: Richard II’s Image of Edward II.” Medieval Studies Student Colloquium, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, February 2015.
- “Our Man in Ormuz: Identity, Tradition, and Polemic in the Letters of Gaspar Berze, S.J.” Pacific Northwest Renaissance Society, Kelowna, British Columbia, October 2014.

#### INVITED TALKS

- “Making the Early Modern Eucharist.” Early Sciences Working Group, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, May 2023.
- “The Prison as a Work of Art: Solitary Confinement in Early Modern Europe.” Department of History, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, February 2023.
- “Captive Theology: The Carceral Religion of the Spanish Protestants.” Séminaire Histoire des enfermements (XVIe–XXIe siècle), École des hautes études en sciences sociales, Paris, France, January 2023.
- “Nothingness: Towards a History of Solitary Confinement.” Harvard Society of Fellows, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, November 2022.
- “Broken Bones: Matter, Miracle, and the Reformation of the Relics.” EMPHASIS Seminar, Institute for Advanced Study, University of London, London, England, July 2022.
- “Philadelphia Stories: An Essay Towards the History of Eastern State Penitentiary.” History of Science Program Seminar, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, April 2022.
- “The Carceral Counter-Reformation: Punishment and Conversion in the Bamberg Malefizhaus.” Department of Comparative Religion, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Israel, December 2021.
- “Solitary Confinement: A Christian History.” Phillips Theological Seminary, Tulsa, Oklahoma, December 2021.
- “*Lambendo figurat*: Pedagogies of Solitude in the Catholic Enlightenment.” Early Modern History Workshop, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, November 2021.
- “The Impossible History of Slavery and Solitary Confinement.” Religion and Culture Seminar, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, April 2021.
- “Why Early Modern Mass Incarceration Matters: The Bamberg Malefizhaus, 1627–1631.” General History Department, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel, February 2021.



Mica and Ahmet Ertegun Graduate Scholarship in the Humanities, University of Oxford (2015–17)

Elizabethan Club Award, Yale University (2015)

Warren Memorial High Scholarship Prize, Yale University (2015)

Theron Rockwell Field Prize, Yale University (2015)

Andrew D. White Prize for European History, Yale University (2015)

## EXHIBITIONS

*Books of Secrets: Alchemy, Medicine, and Magic*, Cushing/Whitney Medical Library, Yale School of Medicine, New Haven, Connecticut, November 18, 2013–January 17, 2014.

## PROFESSIONAL AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

James L. Clifford Prize Committee, American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies	2022–24
Convenor, Carceral Studies Reading Group, Princeton University	2021–22
DCE Representative, History of Science Program, Princeton University	2020–21
GSG Representative, History of Science Program, Princeton University	2018–19
Editor, <i>JHIBlog</i>	2017–20
Contributing Editor, <i>JHIBlog</i>	2017
Assistant Editor, <i>Journal of Jesuit Studies</i>	2015–19
Editor-in-Chief, <i>Yale Historical Review</i>	2014–15
History Undergraduate Advisory Council, Department of History, Yale University	2013–15
Managing Editor, <i>Yale Historical Review</i>	2013–14
Editor, <i>Yale Historical Review</i>	2011–13

## OTHER RESEARCH WORK

Winthrop Papers Project, Princeton University	2017–18
The New Sommervogel: The Library of the Society of Jesus in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century	2015–16
Research Assistant, Paul H. Freedman	2013–15

## MANUSCRIPT REVIEW

*Cistercian Studies Quarterly*  
 The Institute for Jesuit Sources  
*Medical Humanities*  
 Royal Historical Society Camden Series  
*Social History of Medicine*

## MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

American Historical Association  
 American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies  
 American Society of Church History  
 Renaissance Society of America

Sixteenth Century Society and Conference

**LANGUAGES**

English (native), Spanish (fluent), German (fluent), French (intermediate), Latin (reading),  
Biblical Hebrew (reading), Italian (reading), Ancient Greek (reading)