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**Academic Positions:**

Associate Professor, History, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, 2014-present  
Member of the Doctoral Faculty in French, History, and Medieval Studies, Graduate  
Center of the City University of New York, 2014-present  
Assistant Professor, History, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY  
2010-2014.

**Visiting Appointments:**

Distinguished CUNY Fellow, Advanced Research Collaborative, The Graduate School  
and University Center of the City University of New York, Spring 2017.  
Mellon Fellow, Member, School of Historical Studies, Institute for Advanced Study,  
Princeton NJ. 2014-2015.  
Golieb Fellowship in Legal History at New York University School of Law, 2009-2010.

**Education:**

Yale University, New Haven, CT.  
Ph.D. in History, May 2009.

**Books:**

*Royal Bastards: the birth of illegitimacy, 800-1230* (Oxford University Press, Oxford Studies in  
Medieval European History, January 2017).

*Bigamy and Christian Identity in Late-Medieval Champagne* (University of Pennsylvania Press,  
March 2012).

Reviews include: *Renaissance Quarterly*, *H-France Review*, *French Studies*, *Catholic  
Historical Review*, *Reviews in History*, *Law and History Review*, *Tijdschrift voor  
Rechtsgeschiedenis [Legal History Journal]*, *Speculum: A Journal of Medieval Studies*,  
*American Historical Review*, *Sehepunkte*, *Ecclesiastical Law Journal*, *The Journal of  
Ecclesiastical History*, *Journal of Social History*, *Sixteenth Century Studies*.

**Journal Articles and Book Chapters:**

with Charles Donahue, Jr. "France and Adjoining Areas," in *History of Courts and Procedure in  
Medieval Canon Law* eds. Kenneth Pennington and Wilfried Hartmann (Catholic University  
Press, November 2016).

"Enclosure as Punishment for Adultery," in *Proceedings of the Fourteenth International  
Congress of Medieval Canon Law*, Toronto 3-9 August 2012, eds. Joseph Goering, Stephan  
Dusil, and Andreas Thier, *Monumenta Iuris Canonici, Series C: Subsidia* (Vatican City:  
Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana, 2016).

“À la recherche des enfants illégitimes dans les archives de l’officialité de Troyes au xv<sup>e</sup> siècle. Un exemple atypique?” in *Bâtards et bâtardises dans l’Europe médiévale et moderne*, ed. Carole Avignon (Presses universitaires de Rennes, 2016).

“Fiction and Lies: Adultery and Spousal Homicide Accusations in Fifteenth Century France” in *Imagining Early Modern Histories*, eds. Allison Kavey and Elizabeth Ketner (Ashgate, 2016).

“The Transformation of Adultery in France at the End of the Middle Ages,” *Law and History Review* 32:3 (August 2014).

“The Opposite of the Double Standard: Gender, Marriage, and Adultery Prosecution in Late Medieval France,” *Journal of the History of Sexuality* 23:2 (May 2014).

“Women Before the Officiality of Troyes in the Fifteenth Century,” in *Les officialités dans l’Europe médiévale et moderne: Des tribunaux pour une société chrétienne* (Brepols, 2014).

“The Making of Marriage in Medieval Europe,” *Journal of Family History* 38:3 (July 2013).

“Women and Gender in Medieval Canon Law,” in the *Oxford Handbook of Women and Gender in Medieval Europe*, eds. Ruth Karras and Judith Bennett (July 2013).

“Bigamy: A Male Crime in Medieval Europe,” *Gender and History* 22:2 (August 2010).

“The Punishment of Bigamy in Late-Medieval France,” *Imago Temporis Acti. Medium Aevum* 3 (2009).

“The Prosecution of Sex in Late Medieval Troyes,” in *History of Sexuality in the Middle Ages and Renaissance*, ed. Albrecht Classen (De Gruyter: 2008).

**Forthcoming Publications:**

"The Chivalric Family" in *Chivalric Identity in the High Middle Ages*, eds. David Crouch, Jeroen Deploige, and Xavier Baecke, (forthcoming with Leuven University Press, 2017).

“Canon Law and Marriage,” in the *Cambridge History of Medieval Canon Law*, eds. Anders Winroth and John Wei (under contract with CUP, expected publication 2017).

**Editorial Projects:**

Co-Editor with John Witte and Anna di Robilant, *Texts and Contexts in Legal History: Essays in Honor of Charles Donahue*, Robbins Collection, UC Berkeley (October 2016).

Co-Editor with Sarah Pearsall, *Gender & History Special Issue: Marriage's Global Past* (forthcoming, 2017).

Co-Editor with Thomas Barton, Susan McDonough, and Matthew Wranovix, *Boundaries in the Medieval and Wider World. Festschrift in Honour of Paul Freedman*, Europa Sacra 22 (Brepols, 2017).

General Co-Editor with Clive Emsley, *A Global History of Crime and Punishment*, 6 volumes. Bloomsbury Press (forthcoming, 2018).

**Book Reviews:**

"Polygamy and Western History" Review of John Witte, *The Western Case for Monogamy Over Polygamy* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press 2015) in *Politics, Religion and Ideology*, 2016.

Review of Susan McDonough, *Witnesses, Neighbors, and Community in Late Medieval Marseille* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2013) *Renaissance Quarterly* 66:4 Winter 2013.

Review of Caroline Dunn, *Stolen Women in Medieval England: Rape, Abduction, and Adultery, 1100-1500* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2012) *The Medieval Review* 13/09/2013.

Two-Part Review of Charles J. Reid, Jr. *Power Over the Body, Equality in the Family: Rights and Domestic Relations in Medieval Canon Law*. (Grand Rapids, Mich.: William B. Eerdmans, 2004); and *Sex, Marriage, and Family in John Calvin's Geneva. Volume 1: Courtship, Engagement, and Marriage*, eds. John Witte, Jr., and Robert M. Kingdon (Grand Rapids, MI.: William B. Eerdmans, 2005) in *Ecclesiastical Law Journal*, Cambridge University Press, Summer 2008.

Review of *To Have and to Hold: Marrying and its Documentation in Western Christendom, 400-1600*, eds. Philip L. Reynolds and John Witte (Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2007) in *Ecclesiastical Law Journal*, Cambridge University Press, Spring 2008.

**Future Presentations:**

"Bastard Priests and their Families in Medieval Europe," Workshop, Family in the Premodern World, Princeton University, April 8-9, 2017.

"Bastards and their Families in the Twelfth Century," Symposium Families in Law: Social Contexts 200-1200, Manchester University, UK, July 8-9, 2017.

**Presentations:**

"Bastards and Bastard Priests in Medieval Europe," CUNY Graduate Center Medieval Studies and Renaissance Studies Certificate Programs, March 17, 2017.

"Bastards and their Families in Medieval Europe," Advanced Research Collaborative Spring Workshop Series, CUNY Graduate Center, February 23, 2017.

"Like Father Like Son? Clerical Celibacy and Priestly Office in Medieval Europe," Yale Law School Legal History Colloquium, Yale Law School, New Haven, CT, February 2, 2017.

"Bastards!" Medieval History Colloquium, Harvard University, January 31, 2017.

"Bastards and Thrones in Medieval Europe c.800-c.1230," Legal History Colloquium, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, November 7, 2016.

"The Monk-King and the Abbess-Countess, Dynastic Succession in Twelfth-Century Aragon and

Boulogne," Conference in Honor of Paul Freedman, UCLA Center for the Humanities, October 17, 2016.

"Canon Law, Priests' Children, and Disinheritance," Fifteenth International Medieval Canon Law Congress, Paris, France, July 17-23, 2016.

"Bâtards et succession, ix<sup>e</sup>-xiii<sup>e</sup> siècle" Seminar: La Bâtardise et autres "taches" de naissance, Charles de Miramon and Sylvie Steinberg, Ecole des Hautes Etudes et Sciences Sociales, Paris, June 20, 2016.

Respondent, Tiffany Vann Sprecher, "Vigilante Justice, Women, and the Church Courts in Paris, 1483-1505," Columbia Seminar on Women and Society, Columbia University, March 21, 2016.

Concluding Remarks, "Marriage's Global Past" Cambridge University, Robinson College, April 7-9, 2016.

"Bastards and Illegitimacy in the Christian Mediterranean" in "Individuals and Legal Institutions Around the Medieval Mediterranean," Center for Jewish Studies, Duke University, March 7-8, 2016.

"Illegitimacy and the Children of Illegal Marriages" in "Legitimacy, Illegitimacy, and Succession in Medieval Europe" Medieval Academy of America, Boston, February 25-27, 2016.

"Women and their bastards in medieval Europe (11th-13th centuries)" in "Gender and Illicit Sex in Premodern Europe" American Society for Legal History, Washington D.C., November 1-2, 2015.

"The Monk-King and the Abbess-Countess, Religious Life and Dynastic Succession in Twelfth Century Aragon and Boulogne" in "Between Worldly Objectives and Spiritual Renewal" International Medieval Congress, Leeds, 6-9 July, 2015.

"The canon law of bastards," Stephan Kuttner Medieval Canon Law Conference, Yale University, New Haven, CT, May 21, 2015.

"Saint Fernando III: The Bastard King of Castile-León," Friends of the Saints, CUNY Graduate Center, March 13, 2015.

"What was a bastard in Medieval Europe?" School of Historical Studies Lunchtime Colloquia, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton NJ, December 4, 2014.

Respondent, "Sex and Law in Medieval Europe," 2014 Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History, Denver, Colorado, November 6-8, 2014.

"Money, Marriage, and the Illegitimate Children of Royalty," Invited Lecture, Program in Medieval Studies, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, October 23, 2014.

"Reforming Marriage in France" Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, New Orleans, October 16-19, 2014.

"Adulterous Murderesses and Royal Pardon in Late Medieval France" in: "Spousal Homicide and Adultery in Comparative Perspective" Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Toronto, Canada, May 22-24 2013.

"Illicit Sex, Illicit Progeny: Family Law and the Regulation of Illegitimate Children in Medieval France" in session "Law and Lineage: Comparative Histories of Children and Families as Legal Subjects," American Society for Legal History, Miami, FL, November 7-10, 2013.

"Sexual Misbehavior in 14th- and 15th-Century France," Sexual Pleasure and Medieval Canon Law - Law in Action, International Medieval Congress, Leeds, England, July 2, 2013.

"Les enfants adultérins," in *Filiation illégitime et bâtardise dans les sociétés médiévale et moderne*, Université d'Angers, June 10, 2013.

"Marriage and the Monastery: In and out of marriage in the twelfth century," Medieval Prosopography Sponsored Session, International Medieval Congress, Kalamazoo, MI: May 12, 2013.

"Reforming Adultery in Late Medieval France," Stanford University Law School, Legal History Colloquium, February 11, 2013.

"Adultery and the Law in Fifteenth Century France," Boston University Law School, Legal History Colloquium, November 14, 2012.

Respondent "French Law in the Making," American Society for Legal History, St. Louis, Missouri, November 10, 2012.

"Adultery in France in 1500," Society For the Study of Women in the Renaissance, CUNY Graduate Center, October 11, 2012.

"Adultery in Late-Medieval France," Marriage Made and Broken in Canon Law and Legal Practice, The Fourteenth International Congress of Medieval Canon Law, University of Toronto, Canada, August 5-11, 2012.

"Husbands, Wives, and Adultery in Late-Medieval France," University of Chicago Law School Workshop on Regulating Family, Sex and Gender, Chicago, IL, April 11, 2012.

"Husbands, Wives, and Adultery in Late-Medieval France," University of Michigan Law School Legal History Workshop, Ann Arbor, MI, April 10, 2012.

"Adultery in Late-Medieval Northern France," CUNY Graduate Center Seminars in the Humanities: "Undoing Marriage," CUNY Graduate Center, New York, March 2, 2012.

Keynote Speaker "The Creation of Indestructible Marriage," Seventh Annual Graduate Student

Conference, CUNY Graduate Center “Creation and Destruction,” February 24, 2012.

“Regulating the Sex Lives of Married Persons in Medieval Europe,” American Society for Legal History, Atlanta, GA, November 9-13, 2011.

“Required and Prohibited Sex in Northern France,” in Panel Discussion, “Sex in Christian and Muslim Marriage Law” Medieval Club of New York, CUNY Graduate Center, November 4, 2011.

“Marriage in France and the Crusader Kingdom of Jerusalem,” Medieval Marriage: Law and Society, Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Amherst, Massachusetts, June 9-11 2011.

“The Order of Matrimony in Late-Medieval Troyes,” Sixth Annual Symposium of the International Medieval Society of Paris: “Ordo” Paris, France, June 30-July 2, 2011.

“Writing About Gender and Canon Law,” New Directions in Medieval Scholarship Roundtable discussion for the Medieval Studies Group, CUNY Graduate Center, November 12, 2010.

“Why Commit Bigamy? Illegal Remarriage in Fifteenth-Century Champagne,” New Perspectives on Marriage and Remarriage, Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Montreal, Canada, October 14-17, 2010.

“Les femmes devant les officialités,” Officialities in Medieval and Modern Europe: Courts for a Christian Society, Troyes, France, May 27-29, 2010.

**Teaching Experience:**

Associate Professor, Medieval Studies Certificate Program, CUNY Graduate Center (2015-present)

Assistant Professor, History Department, Humanities and Justice Program, and Gender Studies Program, John Jay College (2010-present)

Teaching Fellow, History Department, Yale University (Spring 2009, 2005-2006)

**University Service:**

Deputy Executive Office, French Department, CUNY Graduate Center, 2016-2017.

Graduate Center Representative, University Faculty Senate, CUNY, 2016.

Medieval Studies Certificate Program Advisory Committee, CUNY Grad. Center, 2016-2017.

Graduate Admissions, French Department, CUNY Graduate Center, 2015-2016.

Dissertation supervision of three PhD candidates in History, CUNY Grad. Center, 2014-2017.

Student Advising and Grade Appeals Committee, History Department, John Jay, 2015-2016.

Departmental Personnel and Budget Committee, History Department, John Jay, 2012-2014.

General Education Curriculum Committee, 2012-2014.

History Department Curriculum Committee, 2011-2014, 2016-2017.

History Department Assessment Committee, 2011-2014.

Student Research Travel Committee, fall 2013.

Major Coordinator, Global History, 2011-2013.

At-Large Representative, Faculty Senate and College Council, 2011-2012.

History Department Representative, Faculty Senate and College Council, Spring 2011.  
Global History information booth, John Jay College Open House, November 14, 2011

**Conferences**

with Lee Mordechai, *The Family in the Premodern World*, Princeton University, April 7-8, 2017.  
with Sarah Pearsall, *Marriage's Global Past*, Cambridge University, April 6-7, 2016.

**Related Professional Experience:**

Board of Directors, American Society for Legal History, 2015-2018.  
American Society for Legal History Annual Conference Program Committee, 2015.  
President, Medieval Club of New York, 2015-2017.  
Vice-President, Medieval Club of New York, 2013-2015.  
Secretary, Medieval Club of New York, 2011-2013.  
Manuscript Peer Reviewer: *Journal of Modern History*, *Gender and History*, *Law and History Review*, *American Historical Review*, *Journal of Family History*.  
External evaluator, École des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, May 2012.  
Outside Academic Evaluator for *Crossroads and Cultures*, Bedford St. Martins, 2011.  
Moderator, "Gender and Women in Medieval Europe" Roundtable, Medieval Studies Program, CUNY Graduate Center, April 26, 2012.

**Languages:**

French, reading knowledge of Latin, German, Italian, and Spanish.