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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Department of History, Princeton University
2005 Dissertation: “Family and Power: The Fernández de Córdoba Lineage, Service, and the Construction of the Spanish Empire”
Committee Members: Anthony Grafton (Chair), William C. Jordan, Molly Greene, and Teófilo Ruiz
- M.A. Department of History, Princeton University
1999 Fields: Early Modern Europe, Colonial Latin America, Ottoman Empire
General Examination passed with distinction, May 1999
- 1996- IIE-Fulbright Scholarship for research
1997 Institut Français d’Études Arabes à Damas, Damascus (Syria)
- B.A. Department of History, University of California, Berkeley
1995 Graduated *summa cum laude*

EMPLOYMENT

- Associate Professor, Wheaton College, MA (effective July 2012)
Assistant Professor, Wheaton College, MA (June 2005-June 2012)
Graduate Student Instructor, Princeton University (Fall 1999, Fall 2003)

PUBLICATIONS

Family and Empire: The Fernández de Córdoba and the Spanish Realm, (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2011).

Co-editor with Barbara Fuchs, *A Forgotten Empire: The Early Modern Spanish-North African Borderlands*, a special issue of the *Journal of Spanish Cultural Studies* 12:3 (September 2011).

Co-author with Barbara Fuchs, “Introduction: A Forgotten Empire: The Early Modern Spanish-North African Borderlands,” *Journal of Spanish Cultural Studies* 12:3 (September 2011), p. 261-271.

PUBLICATIONS IN PROGRESS

Co-editor by invitation with Camilo Gómez-Rivas, Andrew Devereux, and Abigail Krasner Balbale, *Spain-North Africa: Unity and Disunity Across the Strait of Gibraltar*, a special issue of *Medieval Encounters* (in editing).

“*Subjective Experience of Objective Geography on a Frontier of Mediterranean Empires: Spanish Oran, North Africa, and the Sea in the Sixteenth Century*,” to be submitted to *Mediterranean Historical Review* (in progress).

Shared Origins and Parallel Developments of the West and Islam (new book project).

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS (NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL)

- 2012 National Endowment for the Humanities Teaching Development Fellowship (for research leave)
- 2011 Spanish Ministry of Culture, Subvention for the publication of *Family and Empire*
- 2011 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute Fellowship
- 2000 Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship
- 2000 Instituto Sánchez-Albornoz Scholarship
- 2000 Program for Cultural Cooperation - Spanish Ministry of Education Research Grant
- 1996 IIE-Fulbright Grant to Syria

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS (INSTITUTIONAL)

- 2012 Wheaton College Faculty Research Grant
- 2011 Wheaton College Course Transformation Award
- 2011 Wheaton College Course Connections Award
- 2011 Wheaton College Arnold Award and Provost's supplement
- 2010 Wheaton College Provost's Summer Research Grant
- 2008 Wheaton College-Mellon Foundation Summer Faculty-Student Research Fellowship
- 2008 Wheaton College-Mellon Foundation Course Transformation Award
- 1999 Princeton University-Mellon Foundation Dissertation Prospectus Fellowship
- 1998 Princeton University-Council on Regional Studies Summer Research Grant
- 1997-2003 Princeton University Ph.D. Fellowship
- 1995 University Medallion, U.C. Berkeley, nominee

FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SPAIN-NORTH AFRICA PROJECT (SNAP), JULY 2010-PRESENT

History and Mission: SNAP brings together scholars and scholarship that envision Iberia and North Africa as an interconnected region. Its mission is to bridge linguistic, national, academic, and disciplinary divides and promote collaborative projects. Our 100+ members study interactions between Christians, Muslims, and Jews in the western Mediterranean, using Latin, Romance, Arabic, Hebrew, visual, and material sources. They work in anthropology, archaeology, art history, history, literature, musicology, philosophy, political science, and religious studies and are based at academic and professional institutions in seven countries on four continents. For more information, visit: www.aucegypt.edu/huss/snap/

Leadership: As the elected executive director, I am shepherding activities that attest to SNAP's energy and its contribution to academic community. SNAP is guest-editing special issues of *Medieval Encounters* and the *Journal of North African Studies*. We convened a symposium at Catholic University of America on November 30, 2011. We have presented panels and series of panels at the 2011 ASPHS, 2011 MESA, and the 2012 AHA. I lead monthly board meetings of an elected executive committee and represent SNAP to the academic and general public, which will include an interview on Northeast Public Radio's program *The Academic Minute* in Fall 2011.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Scripps College CA, "Natural and Subjective Frontiers in the Genesis of European Communities: Two Stories from the Mediterranean," February 9, 2012.

Florida State University, Middle East Center, "'Political Microecologies' in the Early Modern Mediterranean: Oran between Spain and North Africa," January 27, 2012.

Wesleyan University CT, Renaissance Seminar, "*Subjective* Experience of *Objective* Geography on a Frontier of Mediterranean Empires: Spanish Oran, North Africa, and the Sea in the Sixteenth Century," December 7, 2011.

University of Chicago, Western Mediterranean Culture Workshop, *Family and Empire: The Fernández de Córdoba and the Spanish Realm*, October 11, 2011.

Wheaton College MA, Helmreich Symposium, "From Spain to the Middle East to Germany: How One Research Project Leads to Another," March 29, 2011.

Brown University, Medieval and Early Modern History Seminar and Renaissance and Early Modern Studies, "Introduction" to *Family and Empire: The Fernández de Córdoba and the Spanish Realm*, October 27, 2009.

Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship Workshop, New Orleans, February 14-17, 2002.

CONFERENCE, PANEL, AND EXHIBITION ORGANIZATION

Roundtable co-organizer with Monique O'Connell, American Historical Association Annual Meeting, "Beyond 'Plan B' for Renaissance Studies," New Orleans, January 3-6, 2013 (accepted into the main program and co-sponsored by the Renaissance Society of America).

Panel organizer, American Historical Association Annual Meeting, "The Transformation of Christian and Muslim Communities from Spiritual to Territorial after the Wars of Twelfth-Century Iberia," Chicago, January 4-6, 2012 (accepted into the main program).

Symposium co-organizer with the Spain-North Africa Project, Catholic University of America, "Spanning the Strait: Unity/Disunity in the Western Mediterranean," Washington, D.C., November 30, 2011. Program available at: www.aucegypt.edu/huss/snap/

Panel organizer, Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, "Family and the Formation and Perpetuation of Early Modern States," Boston, November 17-19, 2011.

Conference co-organizer with Touba Ghadessi, New England Renaissance Conference, "Expanding Relations: Family in the Renaissance," Wheaton College MA, November 12, 2011. Conference website: <http://wheatoncollege.edu/renaissance>

Exhibition co-curator with Touba Ghadessi, Beard and Weil Galleries, "The Art of Intellectual Community: Early Modern Objects and Pedagogy," Wheaton College MA, November 11, 2011. Exhibition website: <http://wheatoncollege.edu/gallery/>

Panel series co-organizer with the Spain-North Africa Project, Association for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies Annual Conference, "Crossing the Straits: Iberia and North Africa" series of three panels, Lisbon, June 30-July 2, 2011.

Panel series organizer, American Historical Association Annual Meeting, “711 to 2011 – Commemorating the 1300th Anniversary of Islam in the Iberian World” series of two panels, Boston, January 6-9, 2011 (sponsored by the AHA Research Division).

Panel organizer, Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting, “Measuring Cultural Distance on the Spanish-North African Borderland,” Venice, April 8-10, 2010.

Panel organizer, Society for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies Annual Meeting, “Geographic Mobility, Shifting Identities, and Social Ties in the Early Modern Spanish Imperial World,” Madrid, July 2-5, 2003.

CONFERENCE PAPERS PRESENTED (INTERNATIONAL)

“Spanish North Africa: An Arena of Aristocratic Action,” Association for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies Annual Meeting, Lisbon, June 30-July 3, 2011.

“Narrating the Parallel Histories of Western Europe and the Middle East, 400-1000: An Experimental Approach,” National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute “Cultural Hybridities in the Medieval Mediterranean,” Barcelona, July 29, 2010.

“Property, foundations, and the formation of familial identity in Spain’s transition from local society to empire: Evidence of the Fernández de Córdoba clan,” European Social Science History Conference, Ghent, April 13-16, 2010.

“Subjective Experiences of Physical Geography in the *Local* Mediterranean: Oran on the Spanish-Ottoman Borderland,” Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting, Venice, April 8-10, 2010.

“A Culture and A Distance Apart: The Experience of Human and Physical Space in the Spanish and Ottoman Empires,” American Institute for Maghrib Studies Conference, Oran (Algeria), June 2-5, 2007.

“The First Count of Alcaudete, Cordovan Lord and Itinerant Imperial Administrator,” Society for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies Conference, Madrid, July 2-5, 2003.

“Family Identity and Empire: The Fernández de Córdoba in Navarre and Oran,” Mediterranean Studies Conference, Budapest, May 28-31, 2003.

CONFERENCE PAPERS PRESENTED (NATIONAL)

“A Course, an Exhibition, and Two Conferences: Experiential Undergraduate Education and Building a Constituency for History,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, January 3-6, 2013 (accepted into the main program and co-sponsored by the Renaissance Society of America).

“A Family Reunion in the Spanish Occupation of Navarre,” Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., March 22-24, 2012.

“Andalusian Families and the Renewal of Ties to the Islamic World in the Late Middle Ages,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, January 4-6, 2012 (accepted into the main program).

“A Nascent Empire and the Biological and Social Reproduction of Families: Spanish Imperial Administration as Lineage Networks,” Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Boston, November 17-20, 2011.

“From Ideological Frontiers to Boundaries of the Body and Territory: Muslims, Christians, and Jews in the Iberian World,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Boston, January 6-9, 2011 (accepted into the main program).

“The Evaluation of ‘Experience’ and ‘Qualification’ in the Administration of the Nascent Spanish Empire,” New England Renaissance Conference, Boston University, October 30-31, 2009.

“A Family’s Role in Spanish Territorial Cohesion: The Fernández de Córdoba and the Formation of the Empire,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., January 3-6, 2008.

“Identifying a Service Nobility in Early Spanish Empire 1480-1520,” The Society for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies Conference, Miami, April 19-22, 2007.

“Family Structure, Identity, and Networks in the Construction of the Spanish Empire: The Fernández de Córdoba Lineage (1506-1534),” Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting, New York City, March 25-27, 2004.

“Local Roots and Imperial Ambitions: Martín de Córdoba y de Velasco and the Emperor Charles V,” Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Pittsburgh, October 28-31, 2003.

DISCUSSANT, MODERATOR, AND CHAIR ON PANELS

Roundtable moderator, “Is Iberia a ‘Middle Eastern’ Topic?” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., December 1-4, 2011.

Workshop moderator, “Why Iberia and North Africa?: Unity and Disunity in the Western Mediterranean,” Spain-North Africa Project Symposium at Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., November 30, 2011.

Panel discussant, “African Genres: Imagining Africa in Early Modern Spanish Texts,” Association for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies Annual Meeting, Lisbon, June 30-July 3, 2011.

Panel chair, “Was Medieval Portugal Mediterranean?” Association for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies Annual Meeting, Lisbon, June 30-July 3, 2011.

Panel chair and discussant, “Dislocations between Muslims and Christians in Iberia and the World,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Boston, January 6-9, 2011 (main program).

PRESENTATIONS AT WHEATON COLLEGE

With Touba Ghadessi, “The New England Renaissance Conference at Wheaton College: Scholarship and Pedagogy at Work,” Faculty Lunch Lecture, Wheaton College MA, November 16, 2011.

“The Spain-North Africa Project: The Foundation and Development of a New Academic Organization,” Faculty Lunch Lecture, Wheaton College MA, September 21, 2011.

“The Origins of Military-Authoritarian States in the 20th Century Middle East,” Class of 2015 Open House, Wheaton College MA, April 22, 2011.

“An Experimental Approach to Narrating the Parallel Histories of the West and Islam, 400-1000,” Faculty Lunch Lecture, Wheaton College MA, October 6, 2010.

“Measuring Subjective Distance on the Spanish-Ottoman Frontier,” Faculty Lunch Lecture, Wheaton College MA, March 26, 2008.

PARTICIPATION AT TEACHING CONFERENCES

“Internationalizing the Curriculum: The Role of Technology,” NITLE Conference, Whittier College, Los Angeles, CA, November 7-9, 2008.

“Maqam and Meter: An Arabic Music Workshop,” NITLE al-Musharaka and Orpheus Alliance Workshop, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, ME, October 27-29, 2006.

“People, Places and Culture: Mapping the MENA Region,” NITLE al-Musharaka and Latitude Technology Workshop, Williams College, Williamstown, MA, August 14-17, 2006.

“Collaborative and Technology-Assisted Approaches to Teaching Arabic Workshop,” NITLE al-Musharaka Workshop, DePauw University, Greencastle, IN, March 24-27, 2006.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, WHEATON COLLEGE, MA (2005-PRESENT)

Arabic Language Tutorial (Fall 2005, Spring 2006)
First-Year Seminar: Political Islam in Historical Perspective (Fall 2010)
First-Year Seminar: How the Middle East Views the West (Fall 2007)
History 099: Tutorial – Model Arab League (Fall 2006)
History 099: Tutorial – Old Regime and Revolutionary France (Spring 2007)
History 101: Development of Europe from the Medieval Period to 1789 (Spring 2006, 2007, 2010)
History 251: Early Islamic Societies (Fall 2005, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012)
History 252: Modern Middle East (Spring 2006, Fall 2006, Spring 2011)
History 275: Old Regime and Revolutionary France (Fall 2010, 2012)
History 298: Renaissance and Reformation (Fall 2011)
History 299: Spain and the World (Fall 2005, Fall 2006)
History 351: War and Peace in the Mediterranean World (Spring 2008, 2010)
History 352: Social Movements in Modern Islam (Fall 2006, 2009, 2011, Spring 2007)
History 375: Great Stories in Early Modern Europe (Spring 2011)
History 398: Spain and the Islamic World (Spring 2007)
History 401: Senior Research Seminar in European History (Spring 2007, Fall 2009)

GRADUATE STUDENT INSTRUCTOR, PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

History 211: Europe from Antiquity to 1700 (Fall 2003)
History 211w: Europe from Antiquity to 1700 with writing component (Fall 1999)
History 316: Southern African History 1497 to present (Fall 1999)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ACADEMIC PROFESSION

Journal article referee, American Philosophical Society, Spring 2012
Book prospectus referee, Pearson Education, Fall 2011
Manuscript referee, Cambridge University Press, Spring 2011
Founder and Executive Director, Spain-North Africa Project, July 2010-present

SERVICE TO WHEATON COLLEGE

Center for Global Education program review representative at Bogaziçi University, Spring 2012
Center for Global Education program review representative at American College of Greece, Spring 2012
Wheaton College Committee on Committees and Agenda, Fall 2010-Fall 2011
Untenured Faculty Organization, Arts and Humanities Divisional Representative, 2009-2010
History Department Search Committee (Ancient-Medieval History), 2008-2009
Founder and Coordinator, Wheaton Faculty Writing Workshop, Providence, RI, 2006-2008
Inter-Departmental Search Committee (Arabic Language/History), 2006-2007
President's Advisory Group on Institutional Image, 2005-2007
Faculty Advisor: Model League of Arab States Club at Wheaton College, 2006-2007
Faculty Advisor: Peace with the Middle East Learning Community at Wheaton College, 2006-2007

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Academy of Research Historians of Medieval Spain
American Historical Association
American Institute for Maghrib Studies
Association for Spanish and Portuguese History Studies
Middle East Studies Association
Renaissance Society of America
Spain-North Africa Project

LANGUAGES

Spanish (fluent), French (advanced), Arabic and Latin (intermediate), Mandarin (spoken)