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*Curriculum Vitae*

Texas A&M University  
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**EDUCATION:**

2001-2009      Harvard University, History Department                                      Cambridge, MA  
Ph.D., history, June 2009.      Advisor: Professor James Hankins

General Examination Fields:  
Renaissance History (James Hankins), Early Modern European  
History (Ann Blair), Modern European Intellectual History (Judith  
Surkis), Roman Empire (Christopher Jones)

2004              Aestiva Romae Latinitatis                                      Rome, Italy  
Advanced Latin study with Fr. Reginald Foster

2003              *Harvard University, M. A., History*

1999-2001      Bryn Mawr College    Bryn Mawr, PA  
A.B., history, *cum laude*, May 2001

1997-1999      Simon's Rock College of Bard                                      Great Barrington, MA  
A.A., with distinction, May 1999

**TEACHING:**

**Texas A&M University**    **College Station, TX**

**Assistant Professor**  
Renaissance and Reformation Europe, 1300-1600                                      Fall 2009  
Senior Seminar in History: Intellectual History                                      Fall 2009

**Harvard University**    **Cambridge, MA**

**Tutor**  
Sophomore Tutorial    Spring 2008  
with Professors Mark Kishlansky, Joyce Chaplin, and Lisa McGirr  
Honors Research Seminar    Fall 2004  
with Professors James Hankins, Timothy George, Michael McCormick, and  
Nathaniel Taylor

**Teaching Fellow**

Western Intellectual History: Middle Ages to 17 <sup>th</sup> Century with Professor James Hankins	Spring 2005 and '08
Western Intellectual History: Greco-Roman Antiquity with Professor James Hankins	Fall 2004 and 2007
Renaissance Florence with Professor James Hankins	Spring 2004 and '06
A Global History of Modern Times, 18 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> Centuries with Professor Charles Maier	Spring 2005
European Intellectual History II: 19 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> Centuries with Professor Peter Gordon	Fall 2003

**DISSERTATION:**

"Reading Lucretius in the Renaissance." Advisor: Professor James Hankins.	Completed May 2009
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**PUBLICATIONS AND CONFERENCE PAPERS:**

- *The Recovery of Classical Philosophy in the Renaissance, a Brief Guide*. Co-author with James Hankins. Istituto Nazionale di Studi sul Rinascimento, 2007.
- *The Cambridge Companion to Renaissance Philosophy*. Assistant to editor James Hankins. Cambridge University Press, 2007.
- "Opinio Non Christiana: Lucretius' first Renaissance readers examined through their marginalia." Presented at From Studiolo to Street: A Harvard/Princeton Graduate Conference in Early Modern History, January 2008.
- "Lucretius, Epicureanism and Atomism in the Renaissance." Presented at the American Philological Association Conference, January 2005.
- "*Lux Dei*: Ficino and Aquinas on the Beatific Vision," *Memini, Traveaux et documents* (Société des études médiévales du Québec, Montréal) 2002, pp. 129-152.

**AWARDS AND HONORS:**

- Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching 2005, 2006, 2007
- Nominated for the Joseph R. Levenson Memorial Teaching Prize 2004
- Seymour Adelman Book Collector's Prize, Bryn Mawr College 2001
- Division of Languages and Literature Prize, Simon's Rock College 1999
- Leslie Sander Writing Contest Winner 1999
- Maryland Higher Education Commission Senatorial Scholarship 1999
- National Merit Scholar 1997-99
- Faculty Scholarship Award, Simon's Rock College 1998-1999

**LANGUAGES:**

Italian (speaking), French (some speaking), Latin, Ancient Greek, Gothic, German (reading only).

**FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS:**

- Fulbright Scholar, Italy 2006-7
- Frederick Sheldon Traveling Fellowship, Harvard University 2006-7
- Villa I Tatti, Harvard University Center for Italian Renaissance Studies, Readership 2005
- Harvard University History Department Travel & Research Grant 2004-6
- Harvard Summer School Tuition Waiver Fellowship 2003
- Harvard University History Department Summer Research Grant 2002
- Harvard University History Department Grant 2001-present

**OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE:**

Co-Coordinator of the Harvard Early Modern Studies Workshop, 2007-8.  
Research Assistant for James Hankins, 1998, 2001-present.  
Research Assistant for Joseph Connors, Villa I Tatti, 2005.  
Mythology and Language Consultant, ADV Films, 2005.