

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION:

University of California, Davis; B.A. degree--Latin and Philosophy, June 1986  
University of Padua, Italy, 1983-84, University of California Education Abroad Program  
University of Bologna, 1986-87, Fulbright Graduate Student Research Fellowship  
University of Denver, 1990-91, and 1993-1994, non-degree student  
University of Colorado, Boulder, M.A.--History, August 1990, Ph.D., June 1999

### EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Missouri-Kansas City, since August, 2005.

Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Missouri-Kansas City, beginning Fall 1999.

Part-Time Visiting Assistant Professor, First-Year Seminar Program, Bard College, Spring Semester 1999.

### ACADEMIC AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS:

UMKC, Women & Gender Studies Faculty Research Grant, 2008: aid in copy-editing costs for *Across the Religious Divide*.

UMKC, Faculty Research Grant, summer 2005, "Peace Contracts and Dispute Settlements through Notaries in Late Medieval Bologna"

American Academy in Rome, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Rome Prize Fellowship in Medieval Studies, Academic Year 2002-2003.

University of Missouri Research Board grant, 2002-2003.

UMKC Research Board Faculty grant, summer, 2001.

University of Colorado, History Department, Dissertation Fellowship, Academic Year 1994-95.

University of Colorado, Chancellor's Doctoral Fellowship, Academic Year 1988-89.

Fulbright Graduate Student Research Fellowship, University of Bologna, Italy, September 1986 to August 1987. Project: preparation of an edition of a fourteenth-century commentary on Aristotelian logic.

### ACADEMIC SERVICE:

Treasurer-Secretary of the Mid-America Medieval Association, February 2010 for 3 year term.

President of Mid-America Medieval Association, Feb. 2008 to Feb. 2009. Organized MAMA conference of 2009 held at UMKC, Kansas City, Feb. 28-29, 2009.

Co-president of the Society of Italians & Italianists, organizer for I&I sponsored sessions at the International Medieval Congress at Kalamazoo, May 2007-May 2009.

Editor, *The Medieval Review*, online journal of review articles, since September 1, 2008.

#### BOOKS:

*Across the Religious Divide: Women, Property, and Law in the Wider Mediterranean (ca. 1300-1800)*, edited with Jutta Sperling. Routledge Research in Gender and History, 11. New York and London: Routledge, 2010.

*Communities and Crisis: Bologna during the Black Death*. Leiden: Brill Academic Publishers, 2009.

#### PUBLISHED ARTICLES:

"Wills" with Roisin Cossar, in *Reading Medieval Sources*, edited by Joel Rosenthal. New York: Routledge, forthcoming.

"Women, Testaments, and Notarial Culture in Bologna's Contado (1348)" in *Across the Religious Divide: Women, Property, and Law in the Wider Mediterranean (ca. 1300-1800)*, edited by Sperling and Kelly Wray, 81-94. New York and London: Routledge, 2010.

"Instruments of Concord: Making Peace and Settling Disputes through a Notary in the City and Contado of Late Medieval Bologna." *Journal of Social History* 42 (2009): 733-760.

"Tracking Family and Flight in Bologna during the Black Death." *Journal of Medieval Prosopography* 25 (2004): 145-160.

"Boccaccio and the Doctors: Medicine and Compassion in the Face of Plague." *Journal of Medieval History* 30 (2004): 301-322.

"Women, Family, and Inheritance in Bologna during the Black Death." In *Love, Marriage, and Family Ties in the Middle Ages*, edited by Miriam Muller and Isabel Davis, 205-215. Belgium: Brepols, 2003.

"*Speculum et Exemplar*: The Notaries of Bologna during the Black Death." *Quellen und Forschungen aus italienischen Archiven und Bibliotheken* 81 (2001): 200-227.

Translated from Italian: Giorgio Chittolini, "A Geography of the 'Contadi' in Communal Italy" in *Portraits of Medieval and Renaissance Living: Essays in Memory of David Herlihy*, edited by Samuel K. Cohn, Jr. and Steven A. Epstein, 417-438. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 1996.

"The Experience of the Black Death in Bologna as Revealed by the Notarial Records." *Journal of the Rocky Mountain Medieval and Renaissance Association* 14 (1993): 44-64.

Translated from Italian: *On the Medieval Theory of Signs*, edited by Umberto Eco and Costantino Marmo. Amsterdam: John Benjamin, 1989.

With Dennis Dutschke, "Un ritrovato laudario italiano," *Italianistica* 14 (1985): 155-183.

#### OTHER PUBLICATIONS: REVIEWS, ENTRIES IN READERS OR ENCYCLOPEDIA:

Review of G. Marchetto, *Il divorzio imperfetto. I giuristi medievali e la separazione dei coniugi*

(Bologna, 2008) in *Speculum* 85 (2010): 996-998.

"Family and Inheritance in Late Medieval Bologna" (contains summary and excerpts of translated wills from my research) in *Medieval Italy: A Documentary History*, edited by K. Jansen, J. Drell, and F. Andrews (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2009).

Review of Carol Lansing, *Passion and Order: Restraint of Grief in the Medieval Italian Communes* (Ithaca and London: Cornell University Press, 2009), published on *The Medieval Review* (May, 2009).

"Children during the Black Death" online article for the Children & Youth in World History Project, directed by Miriam Forman-Brunell and Kelly Schrum (published 2008).

Entry on "Plagues" in *Women and Gender in Medieval Europe: An Encyclopedia*, 1 vol., ed. Margaret Schaus. New York and London: Routledge, 2006.

Review of Ole J. Benedictow, *The Black Death, 1346-1353: The Complete History* (Woodbridge, Suffolk, UK: Boydell Press, 2004) in *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences* 60 (October, 2005).

#### CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS:

"Faculty Families in Fourteenth-Century Bologna" presented at the Renaissance Society of America Conference, Venice, Italy, on April 11, 2010. I also was Session organizer.

"The Oral Dimension of Notarial Culture" presented at the New College Medieval & Renaissance Conference, Sarasota, Florida, March 8, 2008.

"The Public Voice and the Written Word Within the Notarial Culture of Late Medieval Bologna"; presented at the Renaissance Society of America, March 2007.

"Reconsidering Families and Children during the Black Death"; lecture at Hampshire College, Amherst, Mass., March 17, 2006.

"Instruments of Concord: Peace and Settlement Contracts in the City and Contado of Late Medieval Bologna"; Biennial New College Med/Ren Conference in Sarasota, Florida, March 11, 2006.

"Investigating Plague in Bologna"; the Joseph M. and Geraldine C. La Motta Lecture at Seton Hall University, February 22, 2006.

"Communities and Crisis: Tracking the Populace of Bologna during the Black Death"; invited paper with stipend, Princeton University, February 21, 2006.

"Making Peace Outside of the Courts: Notaries and Their Clients in Late Medieval Bologna"; paper presented at the American Historical Association Meeting in Philadelphia, PA, on January 8, 2006.

"Bonds of Support and Family for Older Women in Late Medieval Bologna"; paper presented at the International Medieval Congress, Leeds, England, July 11, 2005.

"Dowry and Inheritance in Late Medieval Bologna" paper presented at the Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Claremont, California, June 3, 2005.

Between Law and Practice: Inheritance and Women's Wealth in Late Medieval Bologna"; paper

presented at International Medieval Conference at Kalamazoo, Western Michigan University, May 8, 2005.

“Wills, Wealth, and Women in Late Medieval Bologna” invited paper for the “Pre-1500 seminar” at the Hall Center, University of Kansas at Lawrence, August 30, 2004

“I testamenti nei *Libri Memoriali* come fonte per lo studio della società cittadina” invited paper, Dipartimento di Paleografia e Medievistica of the Università di Bologna, May 25, 2004.

“Doctors and the Plague: *doctores*, *medici*, and *barberii* in Bologna during the Plague” presented on March 13, 2004 at the Fourteenth Biennial New College Conference on Medieval-Renaissance Studies in Sarasota, Florida

“I Memoriali e la Peste Nera” invited paper, Archivio di Stato di Bologna, December 16, 2003.

Invited guest lecturer to the American Academy in Rome Summer Program in Applied Paleography on June 17, 2003 and June 25, 2005.

"Social reactions during the Black Death in Bologna" presented at the American Academy in Rome on May 21, 2003.

“Boccaccio and the Doctors: Finding Compassion in the Face of Plague”; presented to the Medieval Workshop at the American Academy in Rome, December 9, 2002.

“Women and Wills in Late Medieval Bologna”; presented at the Berkshire Women’s History Conference, Storrs, Connecticut, June 6, 2002.

Invited presentation with stipend on the Black Death in Italy at Westminster College, Fulton, MO on March 12, 2002.

"Living with Plague: Medical, Governmental, and Popular Responses to the Black Death in Italy"; invited speaker with stipend at the University of New Mexico, Seminar on "Plagues of the Middle Ages," Albuquerque, NM, February 2, 2002.

“Testamentary Practice and Inheritance Strategies in Late Medieval Bologna”; paper presented at the Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Denver, CO, November, 2001.

"Women, Family, and Inheritance in Bologna during the Black Death"; paper presented at the International Medieval Congress, Leeds, UK, July 11, 2001

"Re-evaluating Responses to the Plague: The Evidence from Bologna"; paper presented at the Medieval Academy of America Meeting, Tempe, AZ, March 16, 2001

“The Social Composition of Late Medieval Bologna”; paper presented at the Mid-America History Conference, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, September 22, 2000.

“Neighborhood Activity in Bologna during the Black Death”; paper presented at the Renaissance Society of America, Florence, March 23, 2000.

“The Notaries of Late Medieval Bologna and the Black Death”; paper presented at the Mid-America Medieval Association Conference, Tulsa, Oklahoma, February 26, 2000.

"Bolognese Wills During the Black Death of 1348 and 1362"; paper presented at the second

International Medieval Congress, Leeds, England, July 11, 1995.

"Testamentary Practice during the Black Death in Bologna"; paper presented at the Rocky Mountain Medieval and Renaissance Annual Conference, Jackson Hole, Wyoming, May 14, 1994.

"Reconciliation after Violence: Peace Contracts in the *Libri Memoriali* of Fourteenth-Century Bologna"; paper presented at the Fordham Medieval Studies Conference on "Violence in the Middle Ages", New York, April 16, 1994.

"The Experience of the Black Death in Medieval Bologna as Revealed by the Notarial Records"; paper presented at the Texas Medieval Association Conference, at Our Lady of the Lake University, September 11, 1993.

"The Sect of the Apostles in Late Medieval Italy"; paper presented at the Midwest Medieval History Conference, at the University of Notre Dame, October 13, 1989.

TEACHING FIELDS:

The Black Death; Women and Family in Medieval and Early Modern Europe; Renaissance Europe; Reformation Europe; World History

RESEARCH FIELDS:

Medieval Bologna; Bologna's *Studium*; the Black Death; Notarial Culture in Late Medieval Italy; Women and Inheritance in Late Medieval Italy; Dispute and Conflict Settlement in Late Medieval Italy

MEMBERSHIP IN SCHOLARLY SOCIETIES:

American Historical Association, Medieval Academy of America, Renaissance Society of America, Society of Italian Historical Studies, Società Italiana delle Storie

LANGUAGES:

High proficiency and fluency: Latin and Italian  
Intermediate proficiency: French