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EDUCATION

B.A., Spanish & Religion, 1985
Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA, USA

M.A., Religious Studies, 1987
University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, USA

Ph.D., History of Christianity, 1993
University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, USA

MLIS, General, 2017
Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, USA

HONORS, AWARDS & GRANTS

Nisbet Scholar, 1981-85; Sigma Delta Pi, National Spanish Honor Society, 1984; Phi Beta Kappa, 1985; Charles Mortimer Griffin Prize for Excellence in Religion, 1985; B.A. awarded *summa cum laude*, 1985; Williams Entering Fellowship, Harvard Divinity School, 1985 (declined); Mellon Fellowship, Vatican Film Library at St. Louis University, 1989; NEH Summer Institute Participant, Newberry Library, Chicago, 1989 (Spanish and Hispanic-American Archival Sciences); Doctoral exams passed “with distinction,” 1989; Swiss Government Grant, 1989-90; Joint Fulbright-Spanish Government Grant, 1990-91; Doctoral dissertation approved “with distinction,” 1993; AFT Local 6025 Outstanding Service Award (Montclair State University), 2014; Karen McCarthy Brown Award for Excellence in Teaching (Drew University), 2016; Estate of Elizabeth D. Meier Scholarship (Rutgers University), 2016; Distinguished Library and Information Science Department Award (Rutgers University), 2017; MLIS GPA 4.0 (Rutgers University), 2017; Maxine Clarke Beach Excellence in Service Award (Drew University), 2018; Collaborative Project with Ulli Roth (University of Koblenz) awarded funding by Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, 2020; Karen McCarthy Brown Award for Excellence in Teaching (Drew University), 2021; Merrill Skaggs Award for Excellence in Teaching Award (Drew University), 2023; Wabash Center Small Project Grant, 2024; ATLA Regional Grant (for NYATLA), 2025; Honorary Membership in Sigma Delta Pi (Drew University), 2025; ATLA Regional Grant for Joint SEPTLA/ATLA Meeting, 2025

CURRENT RESEARCH & AREAS OF INTEREST

History and Future of Reading

Ecclesiology and Political Thought

History of Christian – Muslim Relations

Medieval Mysticism

PUBLICATIONS

I. CRITICAL EDITIONS

Johannis de Segovia Epistola ad Guilielmum de Orliaco. In *Johannes de Segovia, Opera minora*, edited by Ulli Roth et al., 291-423. Corpus Islamo-Christianum, Series Latina, 12. Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz, 2023.

II. ARTICLES IN JOURNALS

“Unstudied Manuscripts of the *Summa de poenitentia* of Raymond de Pennafort,” *Manuscripta* 34 (1990): 45-49.

“An Excerpt from Johannes de Milis’s *Repertorium iuris* in the Library of Juan de Segovia (Biblioteca Universitaria de Salamanca MS 2504),” *Revista Española de Derecho Canónico* 49 (1992): 235-43.

“Juan de Segovia’s *Epistola ad Guilielmum de Orliaco*: Who was Guilielmus de Orliaco?” *Archivum Fratrum Praedicatorum* 62 (1992): 175-193.

“Ockham Redivivus or Ockham Confutator?: Juan de Segovia’s *Repetitio de superioritate* Reconsidered,” *Annuario Historiae Conciliorum* 24 (1992): 186-208.

“Duns Scotus, Juan de Segovia and Their Common Devil,” *Franciscan Studies* 52 (1992): 135-154.

“William of Ockham, Juan de Segovia and Heretical Pertinacity,” *Mediaeval Studies* 56 (1994): 67-88.

“Juan de Segovia,” (Cusa’s contemporaries series), *American Cusanus Society Newsletter* 12/1 (1995): 8-9.

“The Devilish Pope: Eugenius IV as Lucifer in the Later Works of Juan de Segovia,” *Church History* 65 (1996): 184-196.

“A Little Known Incident of Plagiarism in the Career of Arthur Rackham,” *The Book Collector* 45 (1996): 214-217.

“A Note on a Note in the Corpus Reformatorum Edition of Huldrych Zwingli’s *Von göttlicher und menschlicher Gerechtigkeit*,” *Zwingliana* 26 (1999): 87-92.

“Henry of Langenstein and Juan de Segovia on the *Census*,” *Cristianesimo nella storia* 23 (2002): 429-441.

“Truth and Consequences: Juan de Segovia on Islam and Conciliarism,” *Medieval Encounters* 8 (2002): 79-90.

“Refuting the Pope: Comments on Juan de Segovia’s Gloss on the Bull *Etsi non dubitemus*,” *Annuario Historiae Conciliorum* 37 (2005): 323-340.

“A Note on Johannes Koelhoff’s Edition of Juan de Segovia’s *Tractatus super materia contractuum*,” *Bibliothek und Wissenschaft* 39 (2006): 165-169.

“Juan de Segovia and Medieval Hebdomadal Meditation on the Life of Christ,” *Studies in Spirituality* 18 (2008): 113-32.

“The Liturgical Dramas for Holy Week at Barking Abbey.” (with Anne Bagnall Yardley) *Medieval Feminist Forum* 49, no 3 (2013): 1-39. <http://ir.uiowa.edu/mff/vol49/iss3/1>.

"Anne Sexton at Drew," *Visions: Newsletter of Drew University Library* 37 (Spring, 2015): 1, 4.

"Reading the Bible in the 15th-Century: The Case of Juan de Segovia," *Journal of Medieval Religious Cultures* 43, no. 1 (2017): 115-34.

"Intellectual Freedom, Academic Freedom and the Academic Librarian," *Journal of Academic Freedom*, 8 (2017), <https://www.aaup.org/sites/default/files/Mann.pdf>.

“Throwing the Book at Them: Juan de Segovia’s Use of the Qur’ān,” *Revista Española de Filosofía Medieval* 26, no. 1 (2019): 79-96,
<https://www.uco.es/ucopress/ojs/index.php/refime/article/view/11845/10949>

“Alfonso de Madrigal and Juan de Segovia: Some Conciliar Common (and Contested) Places,” *Renaissance and Reformation* 42, no. 3 (2019): 45-72.

“The Prayer Life of a Fifteenth-Century English Priest: Winchester College MS 48” (with Anne Bagnall Yardley). *Sacris Erudiri* 58 (2019): 221-51.

“Facing the Music: The Whimsical Cadels in a Late Medieval English Book of Hours” (with Anne Bagnall Yardley). *Peregrinations: Journal of Medieval Art & Architecture* 7, no. 2 (2020): 52-85,
<https://digital.kenyon.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1396&context=perejournal>.

“Winchester College MS 48: New Research” (with Anne Bagnall Yardley). *Winchester College Collections 2019-20* (Winchester, 2020): 4-7.

“Notable Luther and Melanchthon: An Annotated Copy of Luther’s *Confitendi ratio*” (with Leif McLellan). *Reformation* 25, no. 2 (2020): 117-130. DOI: 10.1080/13574175.2020.1824707.

“On the Dating of Juan de Segovia’s *Super materia contractuum de censibus annuis*.” *Cristianesimo nella storia* 43, no. 1 (2022): 233-239, doi: 10.17395/104303.

“Zeitgeist: A Spirited Exchange about Mysticism and AI-Generated Images (and More) with ChatGPT.” *Wabash Center Journal of Teaching* (forthcoming)

III. CHAPTERS IN BOOKS

“Juan de Segovia’s *Super materia de censibus annuis*: Text and Context.” in: *Nicholas of Cusa on Christ and the Church*, eds. Thomas M. Izbicki and Gerald Christianson (Leiden: Brill, 1996), 71-85.

“*Non in sola Virgine tunc remansit fides*: A Conciliarist’s Opposition to a Popular Marian Devotion,” in: *The Church, the Councils, and Reform: The Legacy of the Fifteenth Century*, eds. G. Christianson, T. Izbicki, and C. Bellito (Washington, DC: Catholic University Press, 2008), 212-225.

“Nicholas of Cusa and Juan de Segovia,” in: *Nicholas of Cusa: A Companion to His Life and Times*, ed. Morimichi Watanabe (Surrey: Ashgate, 2011).

“Juan de Segovia and the Superiority of Christians over Muslims: *Liber de magna auctoritate episcoporum in concilio generali* 10.6,” in: *Nicholas of Cusa and Islam: Polemic and Dialogue in the Late Middle Ages*, ed. Ian C. Levy, Rita George-Tvrtković,

and D. F. Duclow, *Studies in Medieval and Reformation Traditions*, 183 (Leiden: Brill, 2014), 145-159.

“Histories of the Council of Basel,” in: *A Companion to the Council of Basel*, ed. Michiel Decaluwe, Thomas M. Izbicki and Gerald Christianson, Brill's Companions to the Christian Tradition, 74 (Leiden: Brill, 2016), 50-72.

“Engaging the Alumnus/a Donor: A Case Study Based on Drew University’s R. S. Thomas Collection” (with Brian Shetler), in: *Preserving the Past & Engaging the Future: Theology & Religion in American Special Collections*, ed. M. Patrick Graham (ATLA, 2021), 199-217. <https://books.atla.com/atlapress/catalog/view/43/160/614>.

IV. ONLINE ARTICLES

“Illuminated Manuscripts” on www.biblio.com website: <http://www.biblio.com/book-collecting/what-to-collect/illuminated-manuscripts> (May 2014).

“Incunabula 101,” on www.biblio.com website: <http://www.biblio.com/book-collecting/what-to-collect/incunabula> (May 2014).

V. REVIEWS AND TRANSLATIONS

Review of Benigno Hernández Montes, *Biblioteca de Juan de Segovia: Edición y comentario de su escritura de donación*, in: *American Cusanus Society Newsletter* 10/2 (December, 1993): 17.

Review of Vivian Green, *A New History of Christianity*, in: *The Journal of Religion* 78 (1998): 266-67.

Review of Antonio da Cannara, *De potestate pape supra concilium generale contra errores Basiliensium*. Edited by Thomas Prügl, in: *Speculum* 74 (1999): 383-384.

Review of *Die Rotamanualien des Basler Konzils: Verzeichnis der in den Handschriften der Basler Universitätsbibliothek behandelten Rechtsfälle*. Edited by Hans-Jörg Gilomen, in: *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 51 (2000): 620-621.

Review of Santiago Madrigal, *El proyecto eclesiológico de Juan de Segovia*, in: *Medieval Encounters* 11 (2005): 109-112.

Review of Francis Oakley, *The Conciliarist Tradition*, in: *The Jurist* 66 (2006): 503.

Review of *Iohannis Alphonsi de Segovia Liber de substantia ecclesiae*. Edited by José Luis Narvaja, in: *Speculum* 88 (2013): 315-316.

Review of *Reassessing Reform: A Historical Investigation into Church Renewal*. Edited by Christopher M. Bellitto and David Z. Flanagan, in: *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 65 (2014): 121.

[Review of Wiebke Deimann, *Christen, Juden und Muslime im mittelalterlichen Sevilla: Religiöse Minderheiten unter muslimischer und christlicher Dominanz \(12. bis 14. Jahrhundert\)* in: *The Medieval Review* 14.11.12](#)

[Review of Jane Bliss, trans. *La Vie d'Edouard le Confesseur, by a Nun of Barking Abbey*. in: *The Medieval Review* 15.06.39.](#)

[Review of Berndt, Rainer, ed. *Der Papst und das Buch im Spätmittelalter \(1350-1500\): Bildungsvoraussetzung, Handschriftenherstellung, Bibliotheksgebrauch*, in: *The Medieval Review* 19.09.09.](#)

[Review of Michael Frassetto, *Christians and Muslims in the Middle Ages: From Muhammad to Dante*, in: *The Medieval Review* 21.09.15.](#)

Review of Jacob Langeloh. *Der Islam auf dem Konzil von Basel (1431-1449): Eine Studie mit Editionen und Übersetzungen unter besonderer Berücksichtigung des Johannes von Ragusa*, in *Medieval Encounters* 28, no. 6 (2022): 517-22.

[Review of Alberto García Porras, ed. *Manifestaciones materiales del poder en al-Andalus*. Documentos de Arqueología Medieval, 15. Bilbao: Universidad del País Vasco, 2021 in *The Medieval Review* 23.04.04.](#)

[Review of Gregory D. Wiebe. *Fallen Angels in the Theology of St Augustine*. Oxford Early Christian Studies. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2021, in *The Medieval Review* 23.10.11.](#)

[Review of Kyle C. Lincoln. *Constellation of Authority: Castilian Bishops and the Secular Church during the Reign of Alfonso VIII*. Iberian Encounter and Exchange 475-1755, Vol. 8. University Park, PA: Pennsylvania State University Press, 2023, in: *The Medieval Review* 24.10.20.](#)

[Review of Margriet Hoogvliet, Manuel F. Fernández Chaves, and Rafael M. Pérez García, eds. *Networking Europe and New Communities of Interpretation \(1400-1600\)*. New Communities of Interpretation, 4. Turnhout: Brepols, 2023, in *The Medieval Review*](#)

Review of Davide Scotto. *Juan de Segovia and the Qur'an: Converting Muslims in Fifteenth-Century Europe*. The European Qur'an, vol. 9. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2024, in *Anuario de Historia de la Iglesia*.

English translation of *Derechos y deberes entre Indios y Españoles en el Nuevo Mundo según Francisco de Vitoria*. Texto reconstruido por Luciano Pereña. (Salamanca, 1991).

VI. BLOG POSTS

[Atla \(NYATLA Meeting\). 5.8.2024](#)

CONFERENCE PAPERS

International Conference on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May, 1989: “As Easy as One, Two, Three? Juan de Segovia’s *Explanatio de tribus veritatibus fidei*”

18th St. Louis Conference on Manuscript Studies, St. Louis University, St. Louis, MO, October, 1991: “An Excerpt from William of Ockham’s *Dialogus* and Its Place in the Works of Juan de Segovia”

International Conference on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamzoo, MI, May, 1992: “Juan de Segovia’s Gloss on *Etsi non dubitemus*”

Plymouth State University Medieval Forum, Plymouth, NH, April, 1993: “Juan de Segovia’s *Repetitio de superioritate* and William of Ockham”

Mid-Atlantic AAR/SBL Regional Meeting, New York City, March, 1994: “Duns Scotus, Juan de Segovia and the Devil”

Plymouth State University Medieval Forum, Plymouth, NH, April, 1995 (read two papers): “Juan de Segovia and Medieval Meditation on the Life of Christ” and “The Manuscripts and Edition of Juan de Segovia’s *Super materia de censibus annuis*”

International Conference on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamzoo, MI, May, 1996: “Henry of Langenstein and Juan de Segovia on *Census* Contracts”

Biennial Gettysburg Conference on Nicholas of Cusa, Gettysburg Lutheran Theological Seminary, October, 2012: Organizing Committee and Moderator. Theme: Nicholas of Cusa and Christian- Muslim Dialogue in the Late Middle Ages

Delaware Valley Medieval Association, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, March, 2013: "Juan de Segovia & Islam: Possibilities, Obstacles, and Contexts"

VALE NJ, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, January 2016: "Loci communes: Integrating Special Collections into Instruction."

North American Academy of Liturgy, Washington, DC, January, 2017: "A Cleric's Prayer Book: Winchester College MS 48" (with Anne Bagnall Yardley).

Biennial Gettysburg Conference on Nicholas of Cusa, United Lutheran Seminary, Gettysburg, PA, September 29, 2018: "Throwing the Book at Them: Juan de Segovia's Use of the Qur'ān."

Twentieth Biennial Conference of the American Cusanus Society, United Lutheran Seminary, Gettysburg, PA, September 21, 2025: "*Multe sunt humane vel maligni spiritus adinventiones*: Birgitta of Sweden's *Revelationes*, Juan de Segovia, and the Council of Basel."

PUBLIC LECTURES

Chatham Historical Society, Chatham, NJ, January, 1998: "Rare Books and Book Collecting" (with appraisals)

Roxbury Public Library, Roxbury, NJ, October, 2004: "Which Books to Collect and Why"

Drew University, Madison, NJ, October, 2012: "Encounters with Collectors and Collecting: A Discussion in Three Movements"

Bard Thompson Memorial Lecture, Drew University, Madison, NJ, November, 2016: "Word & Image: Reflections on *Humanists and Reformers*"

The Delaney at the Green, Florham Park, NJ, Spring – present: Lecture Series on Various Topics

Salvation Army College for Officer Training, Suffern, NY, 11 July 2025: "Wonder & Worry: AI and Theological Education"

SEPA Synod of ELCA, Online, 30 October 2025: "AI & Ministry"

LIBRARY EXHIBITS

Drew University Library, Madison, NJ, Spring, 2017: “From Wittenberg to Madison: The Protestant Reformation, 1517–2017.”

<https://omeka.drew.edu/exhibits/show/reformation/introduction>

Drew University Library, Madison, NJ, Winter, 2022-23: “Poetry, Holiday Greetings, and the Private Press: An Exhibit of Robert Frost's ‘Christmas Cards’ & Related Items from the John Galen McEllhenney Frost Collection.”

<https://libguides.drew.edu/blog/Robert-Frost>

WORKSHOPS

Wabash Center Curiosity Roundtable, Atlanta, GA, September 19-22, 2024

Wabash Center Writing Colloquy, Online, January 23-26, 2025

Wabash Center Creative Writing Roundtable, Lake Delavan, WI, July 20-26, 2025

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY, Montclair, NJ 1992-1996;

Adjunct Instructor in Humanities

2006 - 2014

Experienced adjunct member of Classics & General Humanities Department.

- Contributed to established curriculum in Classical Mythology and Western Cultural History
- Worked regularly with diverse undergraduate student population, including many “non-traditional” students, in classes averaging 25-35 students

- Extensive use of multi-media presentations and online learning tools such as Blackboard and Moodle

DREW UNIVERSITY, Madison, NJ 2003 – 2014
Adjunct Instructor in The Theological School

Adjunct faculty member of the Theological School. Frequent private tutor to graduate students of the Theo. School.

- Created and implemented new graduate-level courses in language instruction (Latin, German and Spanish)
- Developed and implemented new advanced graduate-level course in History of Canon Law and Liturgical Studies (Spring 2008)
- Designed and team-taught innovative course on the History & Practice of Reading for Doctor of Ministry Program (Summer 2010)

DREW UNIVERSITY, Madison, NJ 2014 – Present
Associate Professor in the Practice of Bibliography and Theological Research

Regular instructor in the Theological School and occasionally in the Graduate School and College.

- Courses taught include: Theological Research and Writing; M.A. Thesis Tutorial; History - Byzantines and Latins in Medieval Italy; Medieval Mystics; Research Methods in the Digital Age; Church History I; History of Western Christianity; Western Constitutionalism; Medieval Historiography; From Toleration to Religious Liberty

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

THE CHATHAM BOOKSELLER, Madison, NJ 1991 – 2014
Owner

Responsible for all aspects of niche used and rare book business. Principal duties include developing successful strategies for a challenging business environment; traditional and online marketing and advertising; sourcing, acquiring and selling used and rare books; conducting appraisals; and tax-reporting.

DREW UNIVERSITY, Madison, NJ 2014 – present
Theological Librarian (Associate Librarian)

Responsibilities include: collection development in support of the theological school curriculum, assisting students and faculty of the theological school in their learning and research, providing library-related and research methods instruction, and supporting the activities of the theological school.

University Service: Degree Program Committee (Theological School), University Grievance Committee, Library Faculty Committee, Research & Reference Department Committee; Library Committee on Faculty; Search Committees Chair (Head of Special Collections, University Librarian, and Curator of Methodist Collections searches); Historian of Phi Beta Kappa Society; Freedom School Initiative Executive Committee; Theo School Directors' Group; TSA Faculty Advisor; University Library Committee (representing Theo); Kornitzer Book Prize Committee; Theo School Curriculum Steering Committee; CLA Student Book Club Advisor; CLA Racial Justice Committee participant; Arts of Respect Mentor (Abi Harper); IRB Committee; Innovation Group (Centers of Learning); Informal AI Committee

Dissertations Supervised: Stephen Rhoads, DMin 2023 (thesis: "Camino Transcendence in the Worship Experience"- winner of Duncan Prize for Best DMin thesis)

ROWMAN & LITTLEFIELD PUBLISHERS 2019 – 2021
Library Advisory Board Member

OUP LIBRARIAN RESEARCH PANEL 2019 –
Panel Member

THEOLOGICAL LIBRARIANSHIP JOURNAL 2020 –
Editorial Board Member

THEOLOGY & RELIGION ONLINE 2021 –
Librarian Advisory Board Member

WABASH CENTER 2021 – 2022
Website Redesign Consultant

WABASH CENTER JOURNAL OF TEACHING 2021 –
Editorial Board Member

LANGUAGES

SPANISH, GERMAN (fluent); FRENCH, ITALIAN (proficient);
PORTUGUESE, DUTCH (reading knowledge); LATIN (advanced reading
knowledge); BIBLICAL HEBREW, ANCIENT GREEK (reading knowledge)

MEMBERSHIPS

American Theological Library Association (ATLA), American Theological
Library Association, NY Region (NYATLA), American Academy of
Religion (AAR); American Cusanus Society