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Education

University of Durham – Durham, United Kingdom: **PhD in History** — 01/10/2019 – 31/12/2023

Supervisors: Prof Tom Hamilton, Prof Graeme Small

Thesis: *'La ville eut l'éphémère honneur d'être comme la capitale du Royaume'*: A Spatial History of Charles IX's Royal Tour of France, 1564-1566 (Angoulême, Lyon, Sens)

Universität Erfurt (Max-Weber-Kolleg) – Erfurt, Germany: **Doctoral Fellow** — 01/10/2021 – 30/09/2022

Supervisor: Prof Dr Susanne Rau

Research Project: *'La ville eut l'éphémère honneur d'être comme la capitale du Royaume'*: A Spatial History of Charles IX's Royal Tour of France, 1564-1566 (Angoulême, Lyon, Sens)

Doctoral Fellow of the Humanities Centre for Advanced Studies 'Religion and Urbanity: Reciprocal Formations (FOR 2779)' via a co-tutelle arrangement; **funded by the German Research Foundation**

King's College London – London, UK: **MA in Early Modern History (Merit)** — 01/09/2018 – 30/09/2019

Supervisor: Prof Anne Goldgar

Dissertation: *Nostre Treschrestien Roy*: The Early Catholic Polemical Response during the French Wars of Religion

Catawba College – Salisbury, NC, USA: **BA in History (Magna Cum Laude & College Honors)** — 15/08/2014 – 31/05/2018

Supervisor: Dr Gary Freeze

Minors: French and Business Administration

Honors Thesis: *A Toutes les Gloires de la France*: An Analysis of the Spatial Iconography the French Monarchy Portrayed in Renaissance France

Publications & Media

Monograph*: *Cities and the Crown during the Royal Tour of France (1564-1566): Civic, Urban, and Spatial Interactions during the Early Religious Wars*

* Currently in the revision stage as I have been in discussion with several publishers (University of Rochester Press *Changing Perspectives on Early Modern Europe*, Manchester University Press *Studies in Early Modern European History*, and Brill *Early Modern Court Series*) about a publication contract.

Peer Reviewed Article: 'Constructing a Monarchical and Religious Connection: Angoulême, the Royal Tour, and the French Wars of Religion' in ***Religion and Urbanity Online*** (22/07/2025) (https://doi.org/10.1515/urbrel.22664478)

Peer Reviewed Article*: 'The Valois, the Royal Tour, and the Cities in the Early Religious Wars' in the ***French History*** special issue ***The Valois (1328–1589): Governing France between Medieval and Modern*** (ISSN: 1477-4542) *Article has been *accepted* and is expected to be published in 2028.

Blog Post: 'Reflections on the Globality of Religion and Urbanity' for the KFG 'Religion & Urbanity: Reciprocal Formations' Blog (26/06/2026) (https://urbrel.hypotheses.org/2541)

Book Review: Didier Boisseuil, Ulrike Krampl, Marie-Pierre Lefeuvre, José Serrano (eds.), ***Espaces à saisir: interstices et communs urbains: La ville à l'épreuve de l'interdisciplinarité*** (Peter Lang, 2024) in ***Francia Recensio*** (12/2025) (https://doi.org/10.11588/frrec.2025.4.114138)

Workshop Report: ***Making New Faith In/Visible*** for the KFG 'Religion & Urbanity: Reciprocal Formations' Workshop (22/08/2024) (www.hsozkult.de/conferencereport/id/fdkn-145643)

Book Review: Kelly Digby Peebles and Gabriella Scarlatta (eds.), ***Representing the Life and Legacy of Renée de France: From Fille de France to Dowager Duchesse*** (Palgrave Macmillan, 2021) in ***Royal Studies Journal*** 9, no. 2 (15/12/2022) (https://doi.org/10.21039/rsj.362)

Podcast: ***UrbRel podcasts: Corinna Riva & Austin Collins*** for the KFG 'Religion & Urbanity: Reciprocal Formations' Podcast (15/102022) (https://urbrel.hypotheses.org/3435)

Workshop Report: ***Typologising Cities: Critical Reflections Workshop*** for the KFG 'Religion & Urbanity: Reciprocal Formations' Workshop (19/05/2022) (https://www.hsozkult.de/conferencereport/id/fdkn-128447)

Blog Post: 'Finally, a Long-Awaited Research Trip to France!' for the KFG 'Religion & Urbanity: Reciprocal Formations' Blog (28/08/2022) (https://urbrel.hypotheses.org/2541)

Workshop Report: ***Guides to Urbanity Workshop*** for the KFG 'Religion & Urbanity: Reciprocal Formations' Workshop (18/03/2021) (https://www.hsozkult.de/conferencereport/id/fdkn-127461)

Experience

Lenoir-Rhyne University – Hickory, NC, USA: **Adjunct Professor in History** — 24/08/2026 - Present

- Will teach the upper-level course **Intro to Western European History (1500-1900)** and the gen-ed course **Global Histories** which will encourage students to gain a firm understanding of early modern and modern global history through critical analysis of empirical themes and select primary sources.
- Preparation of classes, marking of essays, quizzes, and presentations, and providing office hours.
- Leading classes which cover topics from the Renaissance, Reformation, Mughal India, the Ottoman Empire, Enlightenment, Age of Revolutions, Industrialisation, and Imperialism.

Wingate University – Wingate, NC, USA: **Adjunct Professor in History** — 08/01/2026 – 04/05/2026

- Taught the course **A Survey of the Modern World** which encouraged mostly non-specialist students to gain a firm understanding of modern global history through critical analysis of empirical themes and select primary sources.
- Leading classes which cover topics from the Renaissance, Reformation, Enlightenment, Age of Revolutions, Industrialisation, Imperialism, Labour Movements, WWI, WWII, and the Cold War.

Gardner-Webb University – Boiling Springs, NC, USA: **Adjunct Professor in History** — 05/01/2026 – Present

- Currently teaching the special subject course **Renaissance and Reformation** to upper-level students to provide a detailed understanding of the political, social, religious, artistic, and intellectual development of Europe from 1450-1750.
- Previously taught **Twentieth Century Europe** which emphasised the UK, Soviet Union, France, Germany and other continental states covering the inter-war period, WWII, and the Cold War.

- Teaching, planning, and grading of the online asynchronous **Global Understanding** course which encourages students to understand the world through multiple perspectives and disciplines
- **Supervised an original research project** under the *Summer Scholars* fellowship scheme undertaken my Ms. Molly Blazer which investigated the psychological tests of convicted Nazi criminals during the Nuremburg trials.
- Preparation of classes, marking of essays, quizzes, and presentations, and providing office hours.

Belmont Abbey College – Belmont, NC, USA: **Adjunct Professor in History** 16/10/2025 – Present

- Currently teaching the course **Western Civilization II** which encouraged mostly non-specialist students to gain a firm understanding of modern global history through critical analysis of empirical themes and select primary sources.
- Preparation of classes, marking of essays, quizzes, and presentations, and providing office hours.
- Leading classes which cover topics from the Renaissance, Reformation, Enlightenment, Age of Revolutions, Industrialisation, Imperialism, Labour Movements, WWI, WWII, and the Cold War.

Universität Erfurt: **Editor for Monograph Publication** 08/09/2025 – 01/04/2026

- Proofreading and editing of 5 blog posts related to Calicut, India (http://urbrel.hypotheses.org/) in preparation for a monograph submission.
- Reference check and suggestions for improvement.
- Under the direction of blog posts author Prof Dr Susanne Rau.

Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen – Germany: **Teach@Tübingen Fellow** 01/04/2024 – 31/03/2025

- Designed and taught two courses entitled **Imagining the City: Urban Spaces in the Global Early Modern Period** and **Massacres in the Streets: Religious Violence in Early Modern Europe**.
- Preparation of classes, marking of essays and presentations, and providing office hours.
- Led seminars on topics ranging from spatial theory, urban history, geographic history, global cities, specific urban themes, and religious violence.

University of Durham: Seminar Tutor 01/10/2020 – 31/03/2023

- First year module: **Connected Histories: Early Modern Europe, 1450 – 1750**
- Taught seven classes on topics relating to early modern Europe and how the continent began to interact with different places in the world by examining a range of perspectives such religion, politics, and economics
- Preparation of classes, provision of feedback to students, marking formative and summative assessments
- Led seminars on topics such as environment, family and households, religion and magic, global trade, from dynasty to state, and revolt and rebellion

University of Durham: Guest Lecturer 22/02/2023 (one date)

- Second year module: **Early Modern Hospitality in Global Comparative Perspective**
- Lecture: Lodging the French Court
- Gave one lecture to second year students, where I presented research about hosting the royal court during the 1564-1566 Royal Tour of France by offering insight into the visits of the court to the cities of Lyon and Angoulême

Universität Erfurt (Max-Weber-Kolleg): Doctoral Fellow 01/10/2021 – 30/09/2022

- Active and willing participant in the administrative duties involved with being a member of a research-leading academic group.
- Played active roles in organising the 2022 annual conference, workshops in 2021, 2022, and 2024, and weekly colloquium sessions.

Catawba College: Supplemental Instructor Leader 15/08/2017 – 15/05/2018

- First year class: **Global History and Cultures**
- Ensured that the enrolled students received adequate assistance with both concept material and essay prompts
- Chairing of study sessions twice a week, where I encouraged students to interact and think critically about the course topics

Catawba College: Writing Centre Tutor 15/08/2017 – 15/05/2018

- Worked closely with students who needed assistance in organising and proofreading their papers

Catawba College: French Tutor

- Assisted students struggling in French I and II by meeting with them twice a week where we reviewed concept material 10/09/2015 – 15/12/2016
- Before a test, I would organise a study packet that included material that would be on the test

NASCAR Hall of Fame – Charlotte, NC, USA: **Exhibits Intern** 01/06/2017 – 15/08/2017

- Cataloguing and archiving incoming collections; entering metadata into the database
- Research on incoming Hall of Fame class and education programmes

Conference and Colloquium Presentations

Society for the Study of French History Conference – Groningen, Netherlands 01/07/2026

- Paper: 'Trans-Atlantic Peace and Religious Interactions in Sixteenth-Century French Settlements and Cities'

Byzantium and Euro-Mediterranean Cultures of War Forschungskolloquium – Mainz, Germany (Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz) 10/12/2025

- Paper: 'Civic, Religious, and Monarchical Interactions in Sixteenth-Century French Settlements'

The Global Consortium for French Historical Studies – Paris, France (Society for the Study of French History, Society for French Historical Studies, Western Society for French History) 18/07/2025

- Paper: 'Religious Resistance in the Urban Space of Sens: Justifications of the 1562 Massacre during the Royal Tour of France'

Building Peace: Transitional Justice in the Early Modern World – Groningen, Netherlands (Histories of Transitional Justice, University of Groningen) 04/04/2025

- Paper: 'Peacebuilding Through Spatial Imagination: Abel Jouan and the Royal Tour of France (1564–1566)'

Tübingen Kolloquium Frühe Neuzeit – Tübingen, Germany (Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen) 28/10/2024

- Paper: 'Civic, Religious, and Monarchical Urban Interactions during the Royal Tour of France (1564-1566)'

Frankfurter Frühneuzeit Kolloquium – Frankfurt, Germany (Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main Early Modern Colloquium) 30/04/2024

- Paper: 'Abel Jouan: Imagining the Spatial Imagination of Sixteenth-Century France'

Religion and Conflict in the Medieval and Early Modern Periods Conference – Nottingham, England (Centre for the Study of Religion and Conflict in the Medieval and Early Modern Periods) 27/06/2023

- Paper: 'Protecting the Prestige of Sens: Justifications of the 1562 Massacre during the Royal Tour of France

Urbanities: History, Concept, Uses – Weimar, Germany (Religion and Urbanity: Reciprocal Formations) 17/11/2022

- Paper: 'Angoulême: Constructing a Royal Connection on the Forgotten Periphery'

Colloquium of the Max-Weber-Kolleg – Erfurt, Germany (Religion and Urbanity: Reciprocal Formations) 20/05/2022

- Paper: 'A Centre on the Periphery?: The French Monarchy and the Lyon City Council'

Society for the Study of French History Conference – Oxford, England 12/04/2022

- Paper: 'Showcasing Religious Toleration on the Urban Stage: Spatial Encounters between the French Monarchy and the Lyon City Council during the French Wars of Religion'

Reformation Studies Colloquium – Birmingham, England 10/10/2021

- Paper: 'Showcasing Religious Toleration on the Urban Stage: The French Monarchy and the Lyon City Council during the French Wars of Religion'

Durham – Münster Workshop – Durham, England 6/11/2020

- Paper: 'Examining how the Valois Monarchy Reacted to the Centre and the Periphery, 1547-1589'

Funding and Research Grants

Plan d'Accueil et d'Accompagnement des Chercheurs et Chercheuses 01/01/2027 - Present

- Funded by the Centre-Val de Loire regional government (€80,000)

Teach@Tübingen Postdoctoral Fellowship 01/04/2024 – 31/03/2025

- Funded by Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen

Lyon, Angoulême, Sens, and Agen Research Trip 14/07/2022 – 29/07/2022

- Funded by Durham University Arts & Humanities

Loire Valley Research Trip 14/03/2022 – 23/03/2022

- Funded by the Society for the Study of French History

Paris Research Trip 11/02/2022 – 19/02/2022

- Funded by the Humanities Centre for Advanced Studies 'Religion and Urbanity: Reciprocal Formations (FOR 2779)' at Universität Erfurt (German Research Foundation)

Doctoral Fellowship 01/10/2021 – 30/09/2022

- Funded by the Humanities Centre for Advanced Studies 'Religion and Urbanity: Reciprocal Formations (FOR 2779)' at Universität Erfurt (German Research Foundation)

Research Interests

- Early Modern France & Europe
- French Wars of Religion
- Urban & Spatial History
- Centre & Periphery
- Religious Toleration & Coexistence

Languages

- English (native language)
- French (professional proficiency)
- German (some knowledge)

Honours & Awards

- Catawba College Honors Graduate
- Recipient of the 2018 Rice, Andrews, Young Award for Excellence in Modern Foreign Languages (French)

Professional Memberships

- College of Fellows at Tübingen
- Society for the Study of French History
- Society for Court Studies
- Society for Renaissance Studies
- Society for Early Modern French Studies

Referees

Available on request.