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**CURRICULUM VITAE**

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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. The University of Texas at Austin, History	2012
M.A. The University of Texas at Austin, History	2008
B.A. The University of Kansas, Humanities and Western Civilization	2006

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

Associate Professor of History, Washington and Lee University	2018-
Assistant Professor of History, Washington and Lee University	2014-
Core Faculty: Medieval and Renaissance Studies Program	
Affiliate Faculty: Women and Gender Studies Program	
Assistant Professor of History, Bridgewater College	2012- 2014

**RESEARCH AND TEACHING FIELDS**

Early modern Britain (emphasis on Scotland); witchcraft and demonology; early modern Europe; the Protestant Reformation; the Atlantic World

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Books**

*Plagues of the Heart: Piety, Crisis, and the Making of a Seventeenth-Century Scottish Community* (manuscript in progress).

*The Routledge History of the Devil in the Western Tradition*, edited with Richard Raiswell and David R. Winter (Routledge, forthcoming 2023).

*Knowing Demons, Knowing Spirits in the Early Modern Period, ca. 1400- 1750*, edited with Richard Raiswell and David R. Winter (Palgrave MacMillan, 2018).

*Satan and the Scots: The Devil in Post-Reformation Scotland, c.1560-1700* (Routledge, 2016).

## Refereed Journal Articles

“Keeping the Covenant in Cromwellian Scotland,” *Scottish Historical Review*, forthcoming October 2020.

“Mapping the Scottish Reformation: Tracing Careers of the Scottish Clergy, 1560-1689,” with Chris R. Langley, *International Review of Scottish Studies*, vol. 44 (2019): 27-34.

“Plague, Covenants, and Confession: The Strange Case of Ayr, 1647-8,” *Scottish Historical Review*, 97:2 (2018): 129-152.

“Internalizing the Demonic: Satan and the Self in Early Modern Scottish Piety,” *The Journal of British Studies*, 54:1 (2015): 23-43.

“Experiencing Satan in Early Modern Scotland,” *Critical Survey*, 23:2 (2011): 26-40.

## Refereed Book Chapters

“Teaching with Demons,” *The Routledge History of the Devil in the Western Tradition*, edited with Richard Raiswell and David R. Winter (Routledge, forthcoming 2023).

“Exhortations and Expectations: Preaching about the Ideal Minister in Post-Reformation Scotland,” in *The Clergy in Early Modern Scotland*, eds. Chris R. Langley, Catherine E. McMillan and Russell Newton (Boydell & Brewer, forthcoming, 2021).

“The Devil and Skepticism,” *The Brill Companion to the Devil and Demons* (forthcoming, 2021).

“Fallen Spirits and Divine Grace: The Supernatural in Early Modern Scottish Sermons,” in *The Supernatural in Early Modern Scotland*, eds. Julian Goodare and Martha McGill (Manchester University Press, forthcoming 2020).

“Theory and Practice in Early Modern Epistemologies of the Preternatural,” with David R. Winter, in *Knowing Demons, Knowing Spirits in the Early Modern Period, ca. 1400- 1750*, edited with Richard Raiswell and David R. Winter (Palgrave MacMillan, 2018), 3-19.

## Digital Humanities Projects

*Mapping the Scottish Reformation*, with Chris. R. Langley. <http://mappingthescottishreformation.org>. With funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities at the University of Edinburgh, and the Strathmartine Trust.

## Media and Public Outreach

Interview on Mapping the Scottish Reformation for the *Ecclesiastical History Society* Podcast, July 2020. <https://anchor.fm/ecclesiastical-history/episodes/Clerical-Lives-in-Early-Modern-Scotland-Mapping-the-Scottish-Reformation-with-Chris-Langley-and-Mikki-Brock-eg4bjc>

“Our strategies for handling a pandemic haven’t changed much in centuries,” *The Washington Post*, April 29, 2020. Published online at <https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2020/04/29/our-strategies-handling->

[pandemic-havent-changed-much-centuries/](#).

Interview for “Time Travels,” *BBC Radio Scotland*, May 2020.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000jntz>.

Interview for “The Scottish Witch-hunts,” *BBC Radio Scotland*, October 2019.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p07rn38z/episodes/guide>

Interview for “Witches of Salem,” Documentary, *Travel Channel*, October 2019.

<https://www.travelchannel.com/shows/witches-of-salem/episodes>

"Why universities should be on the front lines of the monument wars," with Sarah Horowitz and Molly Michelmore, *The Washington Post*, September 6, 2018. Published online at

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2018/09/06/why-universities-should-be-front-lines-monument-wars/>

“No, there is no witch hunt against powerful men,” *The Washington Post*, October 18, 2017. Published online at

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/made-by-history/wp/2017/10/18/no-there-is-no-witch-hunt-against-powerful-men/>.

“Pregnancy, Choice, and the Lessons of the Early Modern Past,” *The University of Edinburgh’s Global Justice Academy Blog*. October 5, 2015. Published online at

<http://www.globaljusticeblog.ed.ac.uk/2015/10/05/righttochoose/>.

“Why We Blame the Victim, and Why We Have to Stop: a Historian’s Perspective,” *The University of Edinburgh’s Global Justice Academy Blog*. December 8, 2014. Published online at

<http://www.globaljusticeblog.ed.ac.uk/2014/12/08/victimblaming/>

“What Halloween Can Learn from History,” *Washington and Lee News Blog*, October 28, 2014. Published

online at <http://news.blogs.wlu.edu/2014/10/28/what-halloween-can-learn-from-history/>

“History Respawned: Diablo III,” History Respawned (YouTube channel dedicated to historical and cultural analysis of video games), October 13, 2014. Available online at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ssxOjMHDkf8>

“Scotland Votes No, but Dreams Persist,” *Richmond Times Dispatch*. September 21, 2014. Published in print

and online at [http://www.timesdispatch.com/opinion/their-opinion/columnists-blogs/guest-columnists/brock-scotland-votes-no-but-dreams-persist/article\\_0e69be8d-4ce9-5419-bc36-bc16c514288e.html](http://www.timesdispatch.com/opinion/their-opinion/columnists-blogs/guest-columnists/brock-scotland-votes-no-but-dreams-persist/article_0e69be8d-4ce9-5419-bc36-bc16c514288e.html)

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

### Positions

Vice President, Britain and the World 2018-

Fellow, Royal Historical Society 2017-

Book Review Editor, <i>Preternature: Critical and Historical Studies on the Preternatural</i>	2017-
North American Conference on British Studies, Program Committee	2017-
Editor, <i>Britain and the World</i> Book Series, Palgrave MacMillan	2014-

### HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Strathmartine Trust Grant	2020
Digital Scholarship Visiting Research Fellowship, Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, The University of Edinburgh	2020
NEH Humanities Collection and Reference Resource Grant	2019-20
American Philosophical Society, Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, The University of Edinburgh	2019
Finalist, SCHEV Faculty Rising Star Award	2017
Mellon Digital Humanities Incentive Grant, Washington and Lee University	2017
Visiting Research Fellow, Institute of Scottish Historical Research and Reformation Studies Institute, University of St Andrews	2016
Lenfest Summer Grant, Washington and Lee University	2016
Mellon Digital Humanities Incentive Grant, Washington and Lee University	2015
Lenfest Summer Grant, Washington and Lee University	2015
Mike Hogg Endowment Fellowship, The University of Texas at Austin	2011-12
Churchill Scholarship, British Studies, The University of Texas at Austin	2010-11
The Gardner F. Marston Endowed History Scholarship, University of Texas at Austin	2009-10
Newberry Consortium Grant for Research at the Folger Shakespeare Library	2009
Summer Dissertation Research Fellowship, The University of Texas at Austin	2009
Churchill Scholarship, British Studies, The University of Texas at Austin	2008-09
Churchill Scholarship, British Studies, The University of Texas at Austin	2007-08
Graduation with Honors, The University of Kansas	2006

### Select Invited Talks

“Ministers and Intimations: The Making of a Covenanted Community,” *Scottish History Seminar Series*, The University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK, February 13, 2020.

“*Mapping Religious Change with Messy Data: Mapping The Scottish Reformation, 1560 – 1689*,” with Chris R. Langley, The Centre for Data, Culture and Society, The University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK, January 24, 2020.

“Witches, Demons, and Ghosts: Why We Should Study the Supernatural,” Medieval and Renaissance Studies Lecture, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA, March 19, 2019.

“Digital Humanities and the History Classroom,” *Teaching the Digital Humanities Roundtable*, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA, September 21, 2018.

“Covenants and Confessions: Preserving the Scottish Reformation,” *Cultural Impact of the Reformation Conference*, Southern Virginia University, Buena Vista, VA, November 16, 2017.

“Choose Your Own Witch-trials: A Pedagogical Adventure in Text-based Gaming,” *Blended Learning Speaker Series*, Wellesley College, Wellesley, MS, April 27, 2017.

“For Covenant and Community: Life in a Seventeenth-Century Scottish Town,” *Joshua B. Stein Works in Progress Series*, Roger Williams University, Bristol, RI, April 26, 2017.

“The Social Life of Sermons,” *History Seminar Series*, Newcastle University, Newcastle, UK, November 30, 2016.

“Plague, Covenants, and Confession: The Strange Case of Ayr, 1647-8,” *History of Christianity Seminar Series*, New College, Edinburgh, UK, October 17, 2016.

“‘The people readily obeyed the minister’: Life and worship in a covenanting town, 1638-1660,” *Institute of Scottish Historical Research Seminar Series*, University of St Andrews, October 13, 2016.

### Select Conference Presentations

“Covenanter Identity in Cromwellian Scotland: The Case of Ayr,” *North American Conference on British Studies*, Vancouver, Canada, November 14-17, 2019.

“Religion and Rationality: Reimagining the Boundaries of Belief,” *Scientiae Conference*, Belfast, UK, June 12-15, 2019.

“Mapping the Scottish Reformation: Digital Scholarship and Collaboration at Teaching-Intensive Universities,” *Digital Archives in the Commonwealth Summit*, George Mason University, November 30, 2018.

“Sermon Giving, Sermon Going: Constructing the Ideal Minister in Early Modern Scotland,” *North American Conference on British Studies*, Providence, RI, October 26- 28, 2018.

“Evil Within, Evil Without: Defining the Supernatural in Post-Reformation Scotland,” *Mid-Atlantic Conference on British Studies*, College Park, MD, April 7-8, 2018.

“The Case for Scottish History in the Classroom,” *North American Conference on British Studies*, Denver, CO, November 3-5, 2017.

“Politics, Provocations, and Pedagogy: Teaching Controversy in the British World,” *Britain and the World Conference*, Austin, TX, April 4-6, 2017.

“Preaching with the Devil: Satan and the Scottish Sermon,” *Sixteenth Century Studies Conference*, Bruges, Belgium, August 17-21, 2016.

“Discerning Evil: The Devil and Human Depravity in post-Reformation Scotland,” *Scientiae Conference*, Oxford, UK, July 5-7, 2016.

“British History in the Classroom: Adventures with the Digital Humanities,” *Britain and the World Conference*, London, UK, June 22-24, 2016.

“Sin, Satan, and Guilt in Eighteenth-Century Scottish Crime Literature,” *North American Conference on British*

*Studies*, Little Rock, Arkansas, November 13-16, 2015.

“Witches, Devils, and Demons, Oh My!: Exploring Witchcraft and Demonology in the College Classroom,” *American Historical Association Annual Meeting*, Washington, D.C., January 2-5, 2014

“Satan on the Streets: Examining the Demonic in Scottish Print Culture,” *Britain and the World Conference*, Austin, Texas, March 2013.

“The Transatlantic Devil: Demonic Belief and the Cultures of Early Modern Scotland, England, and New England,” *Britain and the World Conference*, Edinburgh, UK, June 2012.

“Drinking to the Devil’s Health: Wicked Words and Demonic Belief in Seventeenth Century Scotland,” *Western Conference on British Studies*, Austin, Texas, September 2010.

“Experiencing Satan in Seventeenth-Century Scotland,” *Angels and Demons Conference*, Canterbury, UK, June 2010.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Washington and Lee University:** Assistant and Associate Professor of History

History of the British Isles to 1688

The Age of the Witch-hunts

Blood, Sex, and Sermons: The History of the Reformation in Britain

The Making of Modern Scotland: Scottish History from Braveheart to Brexit

England in the Age of Shakespeare

European Civilization, 1500-1789

History of Ghosts

The Devil in the Western World

The History of Poverty in Britain: From the Tudors to the Tories

Saints and Sinners in the Puritan Atlantic

**Bridgewater College:** Assistant Professor

Europe, 1492-1789

The Age of the Witch-hunts

Medieval Europe

Europe, 1789 to the Present

World History, 1500 to the Present

Research Methods

**The University of Texas at Austin:** Assistant Instructor

Western Civilization, 1492 to the Present