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### : EDUCATION

# University of California, Santa Barbara | Santa Barbara, California

Doctor of Philosophy (Expected December 2019)

Major Field: Modern Italian History

General Fields: Modern European History; Transnational Consumer and Material

Cultures; Colonial Studies

## San Francisco State University | San Francisco, California

Master of Arts (December 2011)

### Sonoma State University | Rohnert Park, California

Bachelor of Arts (December 2008)

### **.. PUBLICATIONS**

PEER- REVIEWED	"Bacchus among the Blackshirts: Winemaking, Consumerism, and Identity in Fascist Italy, 1919-1937," <i>Contemporary European History</i> (forthcoming).
EDITORSHIPS	Co-edited with Kashia Amber Arnold and Tim Paulson, "Food Fights: The Politics of Provisions in Global Perspective," <i>Zapruder World: An International Journal for the History of Social Conflict</i> No. 5 (2019). https://www.doi.org/10.21431/Z3QG6P
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT	"'Chi ne beve giusto è un leone': anti-alcoolismo, vitivinicoltura, e la realizzazione di una bevanda nazionale nell'Italia fascista," <i>La Vigna News:</i> pubblicazione trimestrale della Biblioteca Internazionale La Vigna 9:35 (dicembre 2016): 26-50.

"Cultivating Fascism: Winemaking and Identity Construction in Interwar Italy," *Perspectives on Europe* 46:1 (Spring 2016): 87-92.

**PEDAGOGY** Co-authored with Sarah A. Curtis and Jason Lahman, "Blogging in the Classroom: Using a Blog as a Supplemental Resource," *Perspectives on* 

History: The Newsmagazine of the American Historical Association 50:4 (April

2012): 20-22.

Reviews of *The History Harvest, The Public Historian* 41:3 (August 2019): 160-

163.

Review of Peter Naccarato, Zachary Nowak, and Elgin K. Eckert, eds., Representing Italy through Food (London: Bloomsbury Academic Press, 2017), Food, Culture & Society: An International Journal of Multidisciplinary

### **: CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS**

**DISSERTATION** Bringing Bacchus to the People: Winemaking and "Making Italians" in

Fascist Italy, 1919-1939

: A study on winemaking, identity, and political agency in interwar Italy

### **∴ FUTURE RESEARCH PROJECTS**

**MONOGRAPH** Black Coffee, Blackshirts: Coffee and Its Culture in Interwar Italy

∴ A planned study on the interwar origins of Italy's renowned coffee culture

**MONOGRAPH** The Eagle of Rome and the Lion of Judah: Fascist Italy, Colonial Jamaica,

and Transnational Contact and Exchange during the "Ethiopian Crisis,"

1930-1939

 $\therefore$  A planned study on the transnational exchanges between Italian Fascism and

Jamaican Rastafarianism during the Second Italo-Ethiopian War

**SOURCEBOOK** Reds and Blacks: Letters from Political Exile in Mussolini's Italy

: A planned critical translation of the unpublished writings of an Italian

volunteer in the Red Brigades during the Spanish Civil War

## : FUTURE AND ONGOING DIGITAL AND PUBLIC HISTORY PROJECTS

SYLLABUS New Fascism Syllabus

: A crowd-sourced, digital syllabus on the global history of Fascism

**SOURCEBOOK** "Sorella fascista": The Collected Writings of an American Fascist in

Interwar Italy's African Empire

∴ A digital volume featuring the (un)published writings of an American fascist

who toured throughout Fascist Italy's North and East African colonies

**EXHIBITION** Where Monsters Are Born: Documenting a Fascist Revival in the Streets of

Matteo Salvini's Rome, 2018-2019

∴ A digital archive of 50 neo-fascist posters that I personally collected in Rome

**SIMULATION** The Exhibition of the Fascist Revolution: A Virtual History

: An interactive virtual model of the regime's *Mostra della rivoluzione fascista* 

#### ∴ SELECT CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

4 January 2018 "An All-Consuming Nationalism: Winemaking, Consumerism, and

National Identity in Mussolini's Italy"

American Historical Association Annual Conference | Washington D.C.

27 October "'Propaganda for Our Italy': Ruth Williams Ricci and Fascist Italy's African

2016 Empire, 1935-1941"

Conference: "Transnational Italies: Mobility, Subjectivities, and Modern Italian

Cultures," The British School at Rome | Rome, Italy

8 July 2016 "Fascist Italy's Agro-Political Spectacles: Displaying the Nation's Grapes,

Wines, and Regional Heritages at Popular Festivals, Markets, and

### Exhibitions"

International Federation for Public History Annual Conference, Universidad de los Andes | Bogotá, Colombia

# 21 June 2016 "'Native but Foreign': Winemaking and Colonization in Fascist Italy's

Alpine and Adriatic Borderlands"

**Conference:** "Food, Drink, and the Articulation of Power and Agency in Modern Europe," University of St. Andrews | St. Andrews, Scotland

# 15 April 2016 "Mussolini's Winescapes: Typical Wines, Heritage Tourism, and National

Identity in Interwar Italy"

Council for European Studies' Annual International Conference of Europeanists | Philadelphia, PA

# 27 August 2015

"Bringing Bacchus to the People: Viticulture, Autarky, and Domestic Tourism in Fascist Italy"

International Committee of Historical Sciences Annual Congress | Jinan, China

# 27 March 2015 "From New York City to Addis Ababa: Ruth Williams Ricci in Italian East

and North Africa, 1935-1941"

American Association for Italian Studies Annual Conference, University of Colorado, Boulder | Boulder, CO

# 9 March 2013 *"Una fascista americana*: Ruth Williams Ricci and Transnational Italian

Fascism"

**Conference:** "All Things Trans-," California Interdisciplinary Consortium for Italian Studies Annual Conference, University of California, Berkeley | Berkeley, CA

### **... CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION**

26-27 Assistant Coordinator

February 2016 Conference: "Italia senza frontiere (Borderless Italy)," California

Interdisciplinary Consortium for Italian Studies Annual Conference, UC Santa

Barbara | Santa Barbara, CA

### **∴ PUBLIC-FACING PRESENTATIONS**

# 18 February 2019

Enotria: On the Modernization of Winemaking in Interwar Italy

 $\therefore$  A presentation on the history of Italian winemaking during the interwar years at the Azienda Agricola Trebotti Winery near Castiglione in Teverina, Italy

### ∴ FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

### **EXTRAMURAL FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS**

2018- 2019 Fulbright Study/Research Grant (\$16k)

Fulbright U.S. Student Program, Institute of International Education

2015-2016 Council for European Studies Pre-Dissertation Research Fellowship (\$4k)

Council for European Studies, Columbia University

#### **INTRAMURAL FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS**

Spring 2014- Regent's Dissertation Fellowship (\$15k)

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Spring 2018 Kenneth Mouré and Sara Norquay Graduate Study Fellowship (\$2.9k)

History Associates Fellowship (\$2.5k) History Department, UC Santa Barbara

Spring 2014- Graduate Humanities Research Fellowship (\$24k)

Spring 2017 Brython Davis Endowment Graduate Fellowship (\$7.5k)

Albert and Elaine Borchard Foundation European Studies Fellowship for

Dissertation Research (\$3.8k)

Humanities & Social Sciences Research Grant (\$1.7k)

Graduate Division, UC Santa Barbara

### ∴ AWARDS AND HONORS

Spring 2015 Dick Cook Memorial Award

: An award for research, teaching, and service to the department.

History Department, UC Santa Barbara

Spring 2014 Graduate Students Association Excellence in Teaching Award

: One of only three recipients, campus-wide, for the 2013-2014 academic year.

Graduate Students Association, UC Santa Barbara

### **∴ TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**GRADUATE LEVEL COURSES** 

Spring 2020 Digital History: Origins, Technologies, and Methods

History Department, UC Santa Barbara

#### **UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL COURSES**

∴ INSTRUCTORSHIPS

Spring 2020 Food in World History

History Department, UC Santa Barbara

Summer 2018 Interwar Crisis: Europe, 1919-1939

History Department, UC Santa Barbara

Winter 2018; The Digital Turn in Historical Consciousness and Scholarship

Winter 2015 \* Co-taught with Claudio Fogu

Interdisciplinary Studies, UC Santa Barbara

Summer 2015 Modern Europe in War and Revolution

History Department, UC Santa Barbara

: TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

Fall 2012 – World History (Prehistory to 1000 CE) (4x)

Spring 2016 World History (1000 CE to 1700 CE) (1x)

World History (1700 CE to Present) (2x)

Western Civilization (1715 CE to Present) (4x)

History Department, UC Santa Barbara

Fall 2014; History in the Digital Age (2x)

Fall 2012 Interdisciplinary Studies, UC Santa Barbara

**PROFESSIONAL MENTORSHIP** 

Summer 2016 Research Mentorship Program

Summer Sessions, UC Santa Barbara

Spring 2014 Undergraduate Research Assistantship

History Department, UC Santa Barbara

### **∴ INVITED AND GUEST LECTURES**

Spring 2019 "Black Grapes, Blackshirts: Towards a National 'Wine Consciousness' in

Mussolini's Italy"

The Umbra Institute | Perugia, Italy

Spring 2018 "Winemaking and Making Italians in Fascist Italy"

Occidental College | Los Angeles, CA

# **∴ PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE**

Spring 2014 - Managing Editor

Present Zapruder World: An International Journal for the History of Social Conflict

See http://www.zapruderworld.org

Fall 2014 – Assistant Review Editor Spring 2015 *The Public Historian* 

See <a href="http://www.ucpressjournals.com/journal.php?j=tph">http://www.ucpressjournals.com/journal.php?j=tph</a>

### LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Fall 2015 – Website Administrator

Present Society for Italian Historical Studies

See http://www.italianhistoricalstudies.org

Fall 2014 - President

Spring 2015 History Graduate Student Association

History Department, UC Santa Barbara