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Employment

2013-present, John W. and Jeanne M. Rowe Professor of Byzantine History and (since 2016) Vilas Distinguished Achievement Professor, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2013-present, Professor of Classical and Ancient Near Eastern Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2010-2013, John W. and Jeanne M. Rowe Professor of Byzantine History, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Associate
2004-2010, Associate Professor of History, The Catholic University of America, Washington DC
1998-2004, Assistant Professor of History, The Catholic University of America, Washington DC

Education

1998 Ph.D. in History, Princeton University. Thesis “Local Provincial Elites in Hellas and Peloponnese” directed by Judith Herrin
1992 B.A. in History, with distinction in the major, Yale University

Publications

Books:

Change in Civic Religion of the Medieval Roman Empire, in progress

Byzantine Gender, under contract with Arc Medieval Press, Past Imperfect Series, in progress.

Guide to Byzantine Historical Writing, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, in press, publication expected April 2018.

Anna Komnene: The Life and Work of a Medieval Historian, New York: Oxford University Press, *Onassis Series in Hellenic Culture*, 2016.

Heroes and Romans in Twelfth-Century Byzantium: The Material for History of Nikephoros Bryennios, Cambridge University Press, 2012; Paperback reprint 2016.

Authority in Byzantine Provincial Society: 950-1100, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004; Paperback reprint, 2008

Articles:

“Imperial Religion in the *Muses* of Alexios Komnenos and the *Alexiad* of Anna Komnene” In *Auteurs byzantins et leur époque. Expression, idéologie, société*, edited by Alicia Simpson and Vasiliki Vlyssidou. Athens: l’Institut de Recherches Historiques, article submitted to the editors.

“Pity and Lamentation in the Authorial Personae of Ioannis Kaminiates and Anna Komnene.” In *Gender and Emotions in Byzantium*, edited by Stavroula Constantinou and Mati Meyer. London: Palgrave, article submitted to the editors.

“Byzantine Leaders and Classical Models.” In *The Blackwell Companion to Ancient Leadership*, edited by Sarah Ferrario and Norman Sandridge. Oxford: Blackwell, forthcoming, article submitted to the editors.

“Looking Back: The Ancient Mediterranean from Byzantine Eyes.” In *Mediterranean Studies in Antiquity: Setting the Agenda*, edited by Rubina Raja. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming, article submitted to the editor.

“Anna Komnene, a monastic intellectual?” In *Women and Monasticism in the Medieval Eastern Mediterranean: Decoding a Cultural Map*, edited by Eleanora Koutoura Galake, Athens: National Hellenic Research Foundation, forthcoming, article submitted to the editor.

“Legal Performance in Provincial Society” In *Center, Province and Periphery in the Age of Constantine VII Porphyrogenetos: From De Cerimoniis to De Administrando Imperio*. Edited by Neils Gaul, Volker Menze, and C. Bálint. Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz, in press, publication expected 2018.

“Anna Komnene, Princess, Historian, and Conspirator?” In *Portraits of Medieval Eastern Europe 800–1300*, edited by Christian Raffensperger. New York: Taylor and Francis, 2017, 81-90.

“Grundlagen der Sozialstruktur” In *Byzanz: Historisch-kulturwissenschaftliches Handbuch*. Edited by Falko Daim. Der Neue Pauly Supplement 11. Stuttgart: J. B. Metzler, 2016, chapter 3.7.

“Why the Byzantines Wrote History” In *Proceedings of the 23rd International Congress of Byzantine Studies: Plenary Papers*, Edited by Smilja Marjaović-Dušanić,

- Serbian National Committee of the Association Internationale des Études Byzantines, 2016, 265-276.
- “The Authorial Voice of Anna Komnēnē” In *The Author in Middle Byzantine Literature*, Edited by Aglae Pizzone, De Gruyter, 2014, 263-274.
- “The Adventures of a Provincial Female Founder: Glykeria and the Rhetoric of Female Weakness” In *Wiener Jahrbuch für Kunstgeschichte* 60 volume guest-edited by Margaret Mullett, Michael Grünbart and Lioba Theis, 2014, 153-162.
- “Lamentation, History and Female Authorship in Anna Komnene’s *Alexiad*.” *Greek, Roman & Byzantine Studies* 53 (2013): 192–218
- “Organic Local Government and Village Authority.” In *Authority in Byzantium*, ed. Pamela Armstrong, Ashgate, 2013, 285-295.
- “Families, Politics, and Memories of Rome in the *Material for History* of Nikephoros Bryennios.” In *The Byzantine Family* ed. Shaun Tougher and Leslie Brubaker, Ashgate, 2013, 359-370.
- “Strong Women and their Husbands in Byzantine Historiography.” In *The Byzantine World*, ed. Paul Stephenson, Routledge, 2010, 72-82.
- Thirteen encyclopedia entries for the *Encyclopedia of Medieval Warfare and Military Technology*, ed. Clifford J. Rogers, Oxford University Press, 2010. Entries on: Theophilos, Nikephoros Bryennios, Nikephoros Botaneiates, Basil I, Romanos IV Diogenes, Gregory Pakourianos, Siege of Thessaloniki, Battle of Dristria, Battle of Mantzikert, Battle of Levounion, Battle of Dyrrachium, Battle of Calavryta, Pronoia.
- “A history of Caesar John Doukas in Nikephoros Bryennios’s *Material for History*?” In *Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies* 32.2 (2008) 168-188.
- “Taxing Sophronia’s Son-in-Law: Representations of Women in Provincial Documents.” In *Women in Byzantium: Varieties of Experience, 800-1200*, ed. Lynda Garland, Ashgate, 2006, 75-87.
- “Toward a Definition of Medieval World History,” *World History Bulletin* 21.2 (2005): 31-32.
- “Novel, Byzantine Law.” In *Dictionary of the Middle Ages, Supplement*, edited by William Jordan, New York: Scribner, 2003. 426-427.
- “Information, ceremony and power in Byzantine fiscal registers: varieties of function in the Cadaster of Thebes,” *Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies* 25 (2001): 20-43.
- “The Marcian Treatise on Taxation and the Nature of Bureaucracy in Byzantium,” *Byzantinische Forschungen* 26 (2000): 47-62.

Reviews:

Stratis Papaioannou, *Michael Psellos: Rhetoric and Authorship in Byzantium*, Anthony Kaldellis and Ioannis Polemis *Psellos and the Patriarchs*. Reviewed in: *Speculum* 92.1, 2017, 292-294

Anthony Kaldellis, *The Byzantine Republic: People and Power in New Rome*. Reviewed in: *Speculum* 91.2, 2016, 511-513.

Alexander Beihammer, Stavroula Constantinou, and Maria Parani, eds., *Court Ceremonies and Rituals of Power in Byzantium and the Medieval Mediterranean: Comparative Perspectives*. Reviewed in *Speculum* 90.2, 2015.

Ruth Macrides, ed. *History as Literature in Byzantium*. Reviewed in *Speculum* 87.4, 2012, 67-69.

Vasilios N. Makrides, *Hellenic Temples and Christian Churches: A Concise History of the Religious Cultures of Greece from Antiquity to the Present*. Reviewed in *Speculum* 86.4, 2011, 1092-1093

Claudia Rapp's *Holy Bishops in Late Antiquity* in *The Catholic Historical Review*. Vol. 2, Number 93, 2007, 374-375.

Comte Paul Riant *Exuviae sacrae Constantinopolitanae* in *The Catholic Historical Review*. Vol. 92, Number 2, 2006, 364-365.

Wolfram Brandes's *Finanzverwaltung in Krisenzeiten: Untersuchungen zur byzantinischen Administration im 6.-9. Jahrhundert* in *Speculum* 80.1, 2005, 194-195.

Jonathan Riley-Smith's *The First Crusaders* in *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, Vol. 32, 2000, 534-536.

Editorial Work

Co-editor, with Florin Curta and Shaun Tougher, of *New Approaches to Byzantine History and Culture*, series published by Palgrave.

Editorial Board member: *Beyond Medieval Europe*, series published by Arc Medieval Press.

Speculum: Journal of the Medieval Academy of America, Editorial Review Board, 2012-2015

The Medieval Review, Editorial Review Board, 2011-2013

Editorial Board, *Translated Texts for Byzantinists* (Liverpool University Press), Since 2010

Presentations & Lectures

Colloquium Paper: “Administering the Byzantine Neighborhood,” in *The Byzantine Neighborhood: Urban Space and Political Action*, Dumbarton Oaks, November 16-17th, 2017

Symposium Paper: “Authorship, Female Nature, and Reading the *Alexiad* in Byzantium and Early Modern Europe,” *The Invention of Byzantine Studies in Early Modern Europe*, Harvard University, October 26-27th, 2017

Conference Paper: “Gender, Emotion, and Authorial Self-Presentation,” 2017 Byzantine Studies Conference, University of Minnesota, October 5-8th, 2017

Symposium Paper: “Mount Athos and Empire,” Symposium on *Mount Athos in Context*, Department of Art History, University of Wisconsin Madison, March 10, 2017

Symposium Paper: “Civic Religion, Taxes, and Citizenship in the Tenth Century,” in *Collectivities, Individuals, Identity and the Polity: Imagining the Commons in Late Antiquity and Byzantium*, Simon Fraser University, February 3-4th, 2017

Invited Lecture: “Why the Byzantines Wrote History,” 23rd International Congress of Byzantine Studies, Belgrade, Serbia, August 26, 2016

Invited Lecture: “Breaking all the Rules: A Byzantine Princess Writes History,” John C. Rouman Lecture Series, University of New Hampshire, March 9, 2016. Faculty Seminar, “Ancient History through Byzantine Eyes,” March 10, 2016.

Colloquium Presentation: “Anna Komnene,” History Department University of Wisconsin Madison, January 25, 2016.

Invited Paper: “Gender & the Historian’s Voice in Anna Komnene’s *Alexiad*” Workshop for Late Antiquity and Byzantium, University of Chicago, October 9th, 2015

Conference Paper: “An Author’s Lamentations and Her Audience’s Pity: Necessary Emotions in the *Alexiad* of Anna Komnene,” Leeds International Medieval Congress, University of Leeds, UK, July 7, 2015

Conference Paper: “Rethinking the Biography of Anna Komnene,” 40th Byzantine Studies Conference, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, CA, November 8, 2014

- Conference Paper: “Classical Roman Honor & 12th Century Byzantine History: Ideal Masculinity in the *Material for History* of Nikephoros Bryennios,” Leeds International Medieval Congress, University of Leeds, UK, July 10, 2014.
- Invited Paper: “Gender and Authorship in Medieval Byzantium,” Center for Russia, East Europe & Central Asia, UW Madison, February 13, 2014.
- Invited Paper: “Social Hierarchies and Social Power in Medieval Greek Villages,” at *Visualizing Community: City and Village in Byzantine Greece*, Dumbarton Oaks & National Gallery of Art joint Colloquium, November 15-16th, 2013.
- Conference Paper: “Anne Komnene and the Challenge of Female Authorship,” at the 2013 Byzantine Studies Conference, Yale University, October 31-November 3, 2013.
- Invited Paper: “*Sincerity, Empathy and Morality in Contemporary Crusades Studies*,” at *The Crusades through Byzantine Eyes*, The Kallinikeion Colloquium in Byzantine Studies, Queens College, CUNY, Friday, April 12, 2013.
- Conference Paper: “Authorial Freedom and Classical Traditions in the Histories of Anne Komnene and Nikephoros Bryennios,” At *Byzantine Authorship: Theories and Practices*, International conference, Durham UK, 23rd-25th July 2012
- Panel Presentation: “Writing Across and Beyond the University: Innovative Writing Assignments that Foster Deep Learning in All Disciplines,” with Brad Hughes, Stephanie White, Michael Thornton, Catherine Middlecamp and Bryan Hendricks, 2012 Teaching and Learning Symposium University of Wisconsin Madison, May 23, 2012
- Invited Paper: “Taxes & Taxis” 45th Spring Symposium of Byzantine Studies, “Being in Between: Byzantium in the Eleventh Century,” Oxford March 24-26, 2012.
- 2012 Rowe Lecture, University Wisconsin Madison, “Empire, Power and Sibling Rivalry: New Interpretations of Anna Komnene’s failed coup of 1118,” March 9, 2012.
- Conference Paper: “Singing Threnodies While Writing History: Gender and Grieving in Anna Komnene’s *Alexiad*” Byzantine Studies Conference, DePaul University, Chicago, November 3, 2011
- Invited Paper: “Roman Honor, Cultural Memory, and Nikephoros Bryennios’ Twelfth-Century History” Workshop for Late Antiquity and Byzantium, University of Chicago, May 17, 2011
- Local Lecture: “The Emergence of the Icon Tradition” Symposium on Russian Icons in Context, University of Wisconsin Madison, April 15-16, 2011

Local Lecture: "Roman Masculinity in Twelfth-century Constantinople" Pillinger Lecture Series, Department of Classics, University of Wisconsin Madison, October 29, 2010

Conference Paper: "Cultural Hybridity and Historical Memory in 12th Century Constantinople" *Neither Strange nor Familiar: Contemporary Approaches to Hybridity*, University of Toronto, October 23, 2010.

Conference Paper: "The Character of Alexios Komnenos in the 'Material for History' of Nikephoros Bryennios" Byzantine Studies Conference, University of Philadelphia, October 10, 2010

Conference Paper: "Families and Politics in the 'Material for History' of Nikephoros Bryennios" International Medieval Congress, University of Leeds, July 15, 2010.

Invited Conference Paper: "Legal Performance and Ordering Provincial Society," International Symposium *Centre and Periphery in the Age of Constantine VII*, Central European University, Budapest, November 12-14th, 2009.

Invited Conference Paper: "Community Consensus and Organic Civic Government" International Symposium on Byzantine Towns, University of Crete, Rethymnon, Greece, October 18-20th, 2009.

Conference Paper: "Fortuna and Providence in the Twelfth-Century Byzantine history of Nikephoros Bryennios" Medieval Academy of America, Chicago IL, March 28th, 2009.

Conference Paper: "The Adventures of a provincial female founder: Glykeria and the rhetoric of female weakness." University of Vienna, Institute für Kunstgeschichte, International Colloquium on Female Founders in Byzantium and Beyond, September 23-25th, 2008.

Conference Paper: "A Memoir of Caesar John Doukas in Nikephoros Bryennios' History?" Byzantine Studies Conference, University of Georgia Athens, GA; October 28th, 2005.

Public Lecture: "Fictive Kinship and Byzantine Political Success" Medieval and Byzantine Studies Lecture Series; The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC; February 16th, 2005.

Public Lecture: "Emperors and Dynasties of Byzantium," The Smithsonian Associates, Smithsonian Castle Washington, DC; July 14th, 2004.

Conference Paper: "Autocracy and Bureaucracy in the Byzantine Empire in the Middle Ages and Twentieth-century Historiography," World History Association; George Mason University, Fairfax, VA; June 19th, 2004.

Conference Paper: “Transient Reality and Eternal Bureaucracy: Change in Byzantine Fiscal Practice,” Byzantine Studies Conference; University of Notre Dame, South Bend, ID; November 10th, 2001.

Conference Paper: “Complete Authority and Perfect Free Will: Formulas of Possession and Volition in Tenth to Twelfth Century Acts of Athos,” 26th Annual Byzantine Studies Conference; Harvard University Cambridge, MA; October 28th, 2000.

Public Lecture: “People and Land in Eleventh-Century Greece,” Medieval and Byzantine Studies Program Lecture Series; The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC; December 2nd, 1998.

Conference Paper: “The Dölger Treatise on taxation as a Source for Social History,” Byzantine Studies Conference; University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY; November 5th, 1998.

Conference Paper: “Gregory Pakourianos and Byzantine Internal Expansion,” Byzantine Studies Conference; University of Michigan; November 10th, 1994.

Conference Paper: “Four Embassies of Emperor Theophilus,” Byzantine Studies Conference; Princeton University; November 4th, 1993.

Colloquia and Seminars

History Department Colloquium Presenter, “Theodora’s Rhetorical Legacy: Power-hungry Byzantine Empresses and the functions of Women in Byzantine historical narrative,” November 29th, 2007, The Catholic University of America.

History Department Colloquium Commentator for a paper by Leor Halevi, October 19th, 2005 The Catholic University of America.

History Department Colloquium Commentator for a paper by Margaret Mullett, December 3rd, 2003 The Catholic University of America.

History Department Colloquium Commentator for a paper by Bill North, April 28th, 1999 The Catholic University of America.

Awards

Vilas Distinguished Achievement Professor, University of Wisconsin Madison, 2016

UW Madison University Housing’s Honored Instructor Award, 2013

UW Madison University Housing’s Honored Instructor Award, 2011

Co-Winner of the Prize in Memory of Nikolaos Panagiotakis, 2007 edition, for the essay “Power-Hungry Byzantine Emperresses and Theodora’s Rhetorical Legacy: the functions of women in Byzantine historical narrative” given by the Università Ca’Foscari in Venice and the Greek Ministry of Culture.

The Catholic University of America’s Nominee for U.S. Professor of the Year Award, 2005

Grants and Fellowships

Graduate School Fall Competition Grant, UW Madison 2012

Graduate School Fall Competition Grant, UW Madison 2011

Dumbarton Oaks Junior Fellowship 1997-1998

Dumbarton Oaks Bliss Prize Fellowship 1992-1994

Advising

PhD’s advised: Nik Hoel 2013, Marin Cerchez 2014; Irina Tamarkina 2015; Alexander Olson 2016

PhD Committees: Staci Duros 2017, Amanda Gregory (CANES) 2016, Nathan Leidholm (University of Chicago) 2015, Laura Wangerin 2014; Jessica Moore 2014; Casey Stark, 2014, Scott Severan 2011, Alexander Hall (Classics) 2011

Undergraduate Senior Theses: Leah Hans 2015

Professional Service and Memberships

Program Committee Member: Byzantine Studies Conference, 2016

Treasurer, Byzantine Studies Association of North America, 2012-2014

Governing Board, Byzantine Studies Association of North America, 2012-2013

Program Committee Member: Byzantine Studies Conference, 2009

Program Committee Chair: Byzantine Studies Conference, 2008

Governing Board Member: Byzantine Studies Conference, 2005-2008

Program Committee Member: Byzantine Studies Conference, 2005

Treasurer: Dumbarton Oaks Byzantine Alumni Association, 2000-2006

Byzantine Studies Conference – Dumbarton Oaks Liaison Committee, 2000-2001

Member: Byzantine Studies Conference, 1990 to present

Member: Medieval Academy, 2007 to present

Member: World History Association, 2002-2006

University Service

Service to the University of Wisconsin Madison

- Member of the Letters & Science ad hoc committee on Teaching and Learning Excellence 2016-2017
- Director of Undergraduate Studies, History Department 2013-2016
- Institute for Research in the Humanities, Solmsen Fellowship Selection Committee 2016
- Department of Classics & Ancient Near Eastern Studies search committee for Biblical Hebrew hire 2015
- Institute for Research in the Humanities, Kingdon Fellowship Selection Committee 2014
- Director, Program in Gender and Women's History 2012-2014
- Graduate School Research Committee 2011-2013
- Joint Committee on Teaching 2012-13
- Ancient Greek Search Committee 2012
- History Department Faculty Council 2012-2013
- Joint Committee on Diversity 2012-2013
- Chair, Assistant Professor Review Committee 2012-2013
- Mellon Post-Doctoral Appointment Selection Committee 2011-2012
- History Department Graduate Council, Fellowships and Scholarships Committee 2011-2012
- History Department Graduate Council, 2010-2012
- History Department Joint Committee on Teaching, 2010-2011

Service to Catholic University:

- Faculty Grievance Committee, 2009-2010
- Undergraduate Board Member, 2008-2010
- Editorial Board, The Catholic University of America Press, 2006-2009
- Search Committee, Department of Semitic and Egyptian Languages and Literatures, Hebrew Philology, 2007-2008
- Founding Committee, Islamic World Studies Minor
- School of Arts and Sciences, Faculty Recorder, 1999-2000
- Teaching and Learning Through Technology Initiative, Summer 2000

Service to the Catholic University Medieval and Byzantine Studies Program:

- Steering Committee Member: 1998-2009
- Medieval Club Tea-Time Lecture Spring 2008
- Curriculum Committee Member 2009
- Admissions Committee Member 2008
- Chair, Sub-committee on the Byzantine Curriculum, 2004
- Guest Lecturer for MDST 601: 1998-2008
- Committee on Awards and Admissions: 1999-2001
- Chair, Committee on Awards and Admissions: 2002

Service to the Catholic University Center for the Study of Early Christianity:

- Associate Director, 2004 – 2010
- Executive Committee: 2000 - 2010
- Conferences and Visitors Committee: Spring 2000-2003
- Curriculum Review Committee: Spring 2003

Service to the Catholic University Department of History

- Search Committee, Early Medieval History, 2007-2008
- Curriculum Reform Committee, 2007
- Search Committee, 19th Century American History, Spring 1999
- Faculty Recorder, 1998-1999

Other Activities

Mother of Anselm Lewis Neville-Rhody, July 26, 2005 to present

Mother of Evangeline Joy Neville-Rhody, March 1, 2007 to present