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Position

Assistant Professor of History.
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Fall 2025-Present
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Education

Ph. D. in History, University of Illinois Chicago (UIC), August 2017 - May 2024.
-Dissertation Title: "Reconstructing Siege Mentality: The History & Success of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lincoln, Nebraska since the Middle of the Twentieth Century," Advisor: Dr. Kevin M. Schultz, Committee Members: Dr. Ralph Keen, Dr. Michael O. Emerson, Dr. Joaquin M. Chávez, and Dr. Michelle Nickerson.
M.A. in History, University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO), 2014 - 2017.
-Thesis Title: "Traditional Versus Symbolic: The Evolution of Italian American Ethnicity, 1918-1960."
B.A. in History, University of Nebraska at Lincoln (UNL), 2010 - 2014.

Teaching

Assistant Professor of History.
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Courses Taught:
-Fall 2026-HIST 1300-US History to 1865, 2 section (30 students each); HIST 3301-Native America, 1492-1864, 1 section (20 students); HIST 3384-US since 1945, 1 section (20 students).
-Spring 2026-HIST 1380-US History since 1865, 2 sections (20 students each); HIST 3301-US Military History, 1 section (20 students); HIST 3383-Prosperity & Depression, 1919-1941, 1 section (20 students).
-Fall 2025-HIST 1380-US History since 1865, 2 sections (30 students each); HIST 1300-US History to 1865, 1 section (30 students); HIST 3280-Modern Asia Survey, 1 section (20 students).

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Lecturer.
Utah Valley University (UVU)
Department of History & Political Science
Courses Taught:
-Summer 2025-HIST 2710-US History since 1877, 1 section (30 students), online.
-Spring 2025-HIST 2710-US History since 1877, 5 sections (30 students each), 2 online.
-Fall 2024-HIST 2710-US History since 1877, 3 sections (30 students each), 1 online; HIST 1700-American History, 2 sections (30 students each), 1 online.

Visiting Lecturer.
University of Illinois Chicago
Department of History
Courses Taught:
-Chicago and the World, History 199, UIC Global, Summer 2024, (20 students).

Instructor of Record/Adjunct.
University of Illinois Chicago
Department of History
Courses Taught:
-American History Since 1866, History 104, Spring 2024, (180 students).
-Chicago and the World, History 199, UIC Global, Fall 2023, (20 students).
-American History Since 1866, History 104, Spring 2022, (180 students).
-American History Since 1866, History 104, Fall 2021, (60 students).

Graduate Teaching Assistant.
University of Illinois Chicago
Department of History
Courses Assisted:
-Western Civilization to 1648-History 100, (30 students)-Spring 2021-Dr. John Abbot.
-Middle Eastern Civilizations-History/Religion 177, (30 students)-Fall 2020-Dr. Junaid Quadri.
-History of Modern Africa-History/AAST 242, (30 students)-Spring 2020-Dr. Kirk Hoppe.
-Western Civilization Since 1648-History 101, (30 students)-Fall 2019-Dr. Nicole Jordan.
-American History Since 1866-History 104, (30 students)-Summer 2019-Dr. Kevin M. Schultz.
-Western Civilization to 1648-History 100, (30 students)-Spring 2019-Dr. James Sack.
-American History Since 1866-History 104, (30 students)-Fall 2018-Dr. Matthew Friedman.
-American to 1866-History 103, (30 students)-Spring 2018-Dr. Cory Davis.
-American History Since 1866-History 104, (30 students)-Fall 2017-Dr. Kevin M. Schultz.

University of Nebraska at Omaha
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-World Civilizations I, (Spring 2016-Dr. Charles King).
-United States History Since 1865, (Fall 2015-Dr. Danielle Battisti).

Research Positions

Graduate Research Assistant.
University of Nebraska at Omaha
-Dr. Danielle Battisti, Fall 2015.
-Conducted Research on the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration for Advisor's Book, *"Whom We Shall Welcome:" Italian Americans & Immigration Reform, 1945-1965*, (New York: Fordham University Press, 2019).

Fellowships, Grants, & Awards

Marion Miller Dissertation Fellowship. Department of History, University of Illinois Chicago, Fall 2022 - Spring 2023, (Full tuition waiver and $22,000 stipend).
Robert V. Remini Scholarship. Department of History, University of Illinois Chicago, Fall 2022-Spring 2023, ($4,500 stipend).
Hank Fellowship in the Catholic Intellectual Tradition. The Hank Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage, Loyola University Chicago, Awarded May 26, 2022, ($4,000 stipend).
Teaching Assistantship. Department of History, University of Illinois Chicago, Fall 2017 - Spring 2021, (Full tuition waiver and $20,000 stipend each academic year).
History Doctoral Award (HDA). Department of History, University of Illinois Chicago, Fall 2017 - Fall 2021, ($5,000 stipend each academic year).
George and Virginia Dare Shuflata Master's Thesis Fellowship. Department of History, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Fall 2016 - Spring 2017, (Full tuition waiver and $14,000 stipend).
The Charles W. & Mary Caldwell Martin Fund Award. Department of History, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Grant in Aid of Travel Funding for Italian American Studies Association Conference Participation, Awarded October 2016, ($1,200 stipend).
The Charles W. & Mary Caldwell Martin Fund Award. Department of History, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Grant in Aid of Thesis Research, Awarded April 2016, ($1,500 stipend).
University Committee on Research and Creative Activity Grant. Office of Research and Creative Activity, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Grant in Aid of Thesis Research, Awarded April 2016, ($500 stipend).
Graduate Research and Creative Activity Award. Office of Research and Creative Activity, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Grant in Aid of Thesis Research, Awarded March 2016, ($3,875 stipend).

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Teaching Assistantship. Department of History, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Fall 2015 - Spring 2016, (Full tuition waiver and $12,000 stipend).

Publications & Conference Presentations

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Article. Upcoming, solicited article on the Diocese of Lincoln, Nebraska, *American Catholic Studies*.
Article. "Growth in the Midst of Decline: Catholic Education in Lincoln, Nebraska in the Second Half of the Twentieth Century," *U.S. Catholic Historian*, 41, no. 1 (Winter 2023): 27-46.

Newspaper Articles

Article. "Bucking the Trend," *Southern Nebraska Register* (Lincoln, NE), September 2, 2022, Vol. XCI, no. 28, 3.

Conference Presentations

Presenter. "Pretty in Pink & Blue: How Female Religious Orders in Lincoln, Nebraska Bucked National Decline," 12th Triennial Conference on the History of Women Religious, The Cushwa Center, University of Notre Dame, June 26 - 29, 2022.
Presenter. "Rethinking Midwestern Catholicism: The Importance & Impact of Smaller Dioceses," Midwestern History Association Conference, Grand Rapids, Michigan, May 19 - 20, 2022.
Presenter. "The Impact of Teaching & Contemplative Life on Female Religious Growth," The Brown Bag Lecture Series, University of Illinois Chicago, Department of History, November 17, 2021.
Presenter. “We Played Our Part:’ Italian American Memory and Perceptions during the Two World Wars," Session 10, 2017 Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha, Nebraska, March 4th, 2017
Presenter & Panel Organizer. "Effects of Military Service during World War II on the Identity of Italian American Men,” on the Panel *Italian American Experiences during World War II*, Italian American Studies Association Annual Conference, Long Beach, California, November 3 - 5, 2016.

Service

Committee Service at Benedictine College

Committee. Graduate Studies Committee. Spring 2026-Present

References

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Professional Memberships

American Catholic Historical Association
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American Society of Church History
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