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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2026–present **Assistant Professor of History**
Benedictine College (USA)

2023–2026 **Excellence Strategy Postdoctoral Fellow**
University of Hamburg (Germany)

EDUCATION

2019–2023 **Ph.D., History**
University of Notre Dame (USA)
Dissertation Title: "Socratic Learning in Lutheran Germany: Philosophy, Religion, and Politics in the Life of Johannes Caselius (1533–1613)"
Advisor: Brad S. Gregory
Committee: Robert Goulding, Daniel Hobbins, Evan Ragland, Denis Robichaud

2017–2019 **M.A., History**
University of Notre Dame (USA)
Qualifying Examination Fields: Christianity in the Reformation Era (Brad S. Gregory); Early Modern Intellectual Culture (double field, Robert Goulding and Evan Ragland); High and Late Middle Ages (Daniel Hobbins)

2012–2016 **B.A., History** (with Honors), *summa cum laude*, ΦΚΦ
Hillsdale College (USA)
Honors Thesis: "Knowledge and Love at the Heart of Reality: The Role of Aquinas in Dante's *Commedia*"
History Thesis: "Reason in Captivity to Christ: Daniel Hofmann Reconsidered"
Advisor: Matthew Gaetano

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS[1]

[2027] *"Making 'Affection' Matter: A Case Study in Wittenberg Knowledge Production," in *Classical Reformations: Beyond Christian Humanism*, ed. Micha Lazarus and Lucy Nicholas (London: Palgrave Macmillan), 52–78. (Final version submitted August 2025.)

[1] * = solicited publication.

2025 *"History of Orality," with Raf Van Rooy, in *Student Notes from Latin Europe (1400–1750): A Research Companion*, ed. Xander Feys, Maxime Maleux, Andy Peetermans, and Raf Van Rooy (Leuven: Leuven University Press), 223–235. Open access: https://library.oapen.org/handle/20.500.12657/100869.

2024 *"Engaged Pedagogy in the Late-Humanist Classroom: How Johannes Caselius Taught Aristotle's *Rhetoric*," *Archiv für Reformationsgeschichte / Archive for Reformation History* 115: 135–170.

2022 "Eilhard Lubin, Academic Unorthodoxy, and the Dynamics of Confessional Intellectual Cultures," *Journal of the History of Ideas* 83, n. 2 (April): 181–206.

IN PREPARATION

"Confessionalisation or Culture? Reflections on Greek Poetic Production in 1550s Wittenberg," in *Confessionalising Poetry: Studies in Neo-Latin and Neo-Greek Verse from the Reformation and Counter-Reformation*, ed. Lucy Nicholas and Nathaniel Hess (Bloomsbury Academic). (7,500 words; initial draft submitted March 2026.)

Religion in the History of Scholarship: Prospects and Perspectives, special issue edited for *Erudition and the Republic of Letters*.

- "Introduction: Religion in the History of Scholarship" (5,000 words)
- "Johannes Caselius, Anti-Confessional Humanism, and Multiple Options in Post-Reformation Intellectual Culture" (9,000 words)
- Further contributors: Asaph Ben-Tov (Hamburg); Theodor Dunkelgrün (Antwerp); Abigail Hayton (Oxford); Emily Kent (London); Samuel Roberts (Notre Dame).

*"Northern Humanism and the Reformation," in *Routledge Resources Online – The Renaissance World*, ed. Kirsten Poole (Routledge). Under contract, due March 2027. (6,000 words)

*"Renaissance Theology and Confessionalization," in *The Cambridge Companion to Renaissance Theology*, ed. Matthew Gaetano (Cambridge University Press). Under contract, due July 2027. (7,500 words).

The Saxon Socrates: Learning, Religion, and Politics in the Life of Johannes Caselius. Book manuscript submission planned for summer 2027 (110,000 words).

BOOK REVIEWS AND SHORT PUBLICATIONS

2025 Review of *The Aristotelian Tradition in Early Modern Protestantism: Sixteenth- and Seventeenth-Century Commentaries on the Ethics and the Politics*, by Manfred Svensson, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, published February 17, https://ndpr.nd.edu/reviews/the-aristotelian-tradition-in-early-modern-

protestantism-sixteenth-and-seventeenth-century-commentaries-on-the-ethics-and-the-politics/.

2023 Review of *Biblical Scholarship in an Age of Controversy: The Polemical World of Hugh Broughton (1549–1612)*, by Kirsten Macfarlane, *H-Soz-Kult*, published March 14, www.hsozkult.de/publicationreview/id/reb-117379.

2017 "Liddel, Duncan," *Renaissance Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, ed. Marco Sgarbi (Springer International): https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-02848-4_515-1.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

2023–2025 Lilly Postdoctoral Fellowship, Valparaiso University (declined).

2023 Herzog Ernst Fellowship, Forschungszentrum Gotha (January–April).

2022 Rolf-und-Ursula-Schneider-Stiftung Fellowship, Herzog August Bibliothek (November–December, declined original offer of ten-month fellowship, November 2021 – August 2022).

2021–2022 One-Year Doctoral Research Fellowship, Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (November–October).

2021 Fulbright U.S. Student Research Fellowship to Germany, U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (January–October).

2019–2020 Gabriel Fellowship, University of Notre Dame Medieval Institute.

2018 Summer Research Grant, Nanovic Institute for European Studies, University of Notre Dame.

2018 Vincent P. De Santis Prize, University of Notre Dame History Department.

2016–2017 Kirk Scholar Research Fellowship, Russell Kirk Center for Cultural Renewal.

2016 Windsor Hall Roberts Award, Hillsdale College History Department.

2015–2016 Edwin Roodhouse Memorial Scholarship, Hillsdale College English Department.

2015–2016 Intercollegiate Studies Institute Honors Scholar.

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

2026 "New Perspectives on the German Reformations," accepted paper panel, Sixteenth Century Studies Conference (Chicago, USA, October). Further participants: Istvan Szepesi (Messiah University), Matei Epure (Vanderbilt), Amy Nelson Burnett (University of Nebraska–Lincoln).

2026 *Ecosystems of the Mind: Resources for Reconstructing Early Modern Intellectual Life*, individually organized international conference (Hamburg, Germany, May). CFP: https://www.hsozkult.de/event/id/event-157626. Further presenters: Diego Arenas (Universidad Panamericana); Alicja Bielak (Warsaw); Natasha Constantinidou (University of Cyprus); Micha Lazarus (London/Jerusalem); Dirk van Miert (Utrecht); Martin Mulsow (Erfurt); Odile Liliana Panetta (Oxford/Aarhus); Maryam Patton (Wesleyan); Matthias Roick (Warsaw); Timothy Twining (Trinity College Dublin); Linde Van den Eede (KU Leuven); Arnoud Visser (Utrecht); Tim Wade (Warwick); Thomas Wallnig (Vienna); Elizabeth Yale (University of Iowa). Discussants: Felix Schlichter (I Tatti, Florence); Maren Elisabeth Schwab (Kiel).

2025 "Modeling the Ancients," solicited roundtable, co-organized with Jamie Ferguson (Houston) for the Series on Religion and Literature at the Sixteenth Century Studies Conference (Portland, USA, October). Further participants: Heather James (University of Southern California); Douglas Pfeiffer (Stony Brook); Sarah Van der Laan (University of Kansas); Jessica Lynn Wolfe (Chapel Hill).

2025 "Religion in the History of Scholarship: Current Prospects and Emerging Perspectives," series of three paper panels and a roundtable, Renaissance Society of America Annual Conference (Boston, USA, March). Further participants: Asaph Ben-Tov (Hamburg); Richard Calis (Utrecht); Theodor Dunkelgrün (Antwerp); Anthony Grafton (Princeton); Abigail Hayton (Oxford); Emily Kent (Edinburgh); Christa Lundberg (Cambridge); Kirsten Macfarlane (Chicago); Samuel Roberts (Notre Dame); Paolo Sachet (Geneva); Stefania Tutino (UCLA); Timothy Twining (Leuven).

2024 "Humanists in the Crucible: Learning, Piety, and Lamentation," paper panel, Sixteenth Century Studies Conference (Toronto, Canada, October). Further participants: Constance Furey (Bloomington); Emily Ransom (Belmont Abbey); Ronald Rittgers (Duke).

2024 "This is Your Brain on Greek: The Greek Language and Renaissance Ways of Knowing," series of two paper panels, Scientiae Annual Conference (Brussels, Belgium, June). Further participants: Theodor Dunkelgrün (Antwerp); Maxime Maleux, Mariia Timoshchuk, Raf Van Rooy, Manou Vermeire (Leuven); Stefan Weise (Wuppertal).

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY AND LECTURES[2]

2026 "Learning to Code-Switch in Reformation Germany: Origins and Consequences of a Humanist Habit of Speech," History of Scholarship Seminar, organized by Jarrik Van Der Biest and Abigail Hayton (online, May).

2026 "Elements in an Ecosystem: A History of Knowledge Approach to Mid-Sixteenth-Century Wittenberg," *Ecosystems of the Mind: Resources for Reconstructing Early Modern Intellectual Life*, organized by Tomás Antonio Valle (Hamburg, Germany, May).

2026 *Commentator, "Helmstedt 450: A German Renaissance University's Reputation and Networks Reconsidered," Renaissance Society of America Annual Conference (San Francisco, USA, February).

2026 "The Strange Fate of Lutheran Plato: Philology, Theology, and Pedagogy in the Mid-Sixteenth Century," Renaissance Society of America Annual Conference (San Francisco, USA, February).

2026 "Wittenberg and the Evangelical Intellectual Ecosystem: The Rise and Fall of a Local Culture," American Society of Church Historians Annual Conference (Chicago, USA, January).

2025 *"Seelenbildung und Friedenssuche. Johannes Caselius als philosophischer Aktivist des 16. Jahrhunderts," *Toleranz – eine braunschweigische Tradition!*, public-facing symposium organized by the Braunschweiger Geschichtsverein and the Evangelische Akademie Abt Jerusalem (Braunschweig, Germany, November).

2025 *"Melanchthon's Humanisms: Philological and Pedagogical Tensions," Sixteenth Century Studies Conference (Portland, USA, October).

2025 *Roundtable participant, "Modeling the Ancients," Sixteenth Century Studies Conference (Portland, USA, October).

2025 "Melanchthonian Discourse: Reconstructing the Knowledge Ecosystem of Mid-Sixteenth-Century Wittenberg," The History of Knowledge Conference (Lund, Sweden, October).

2025 "Code-Switching as an Oral Practice: A Manuscript Perspective," Annual Meeting of the International Association for Neo-Latin Studies (Aix-en-Provence, France, July).

2025 *"Technical Terminology and Confessional Conflict: The Consequences of Greek Learning in Lutheran Intellectual Culture," *Greek Sources in the Reformation and*

[2] * = invited presentation; German titles indicate a German-language presentation.

Confessional Debates, organized by GrECI – Greek Heritage in European Culture and Identity (Besançon, France, May).

2025 Roundtable participant, "Religion in the History of Scholarship," Renaissance Society of America Annual Conference (Boston, USA, March).

2025 "Johannes Caselius, Anti-Confessional Humanism, and Multiple Options in Post-Reformation Intellectual Culture," Renaissance Society of America Annual Conference (Boston, USA, March).

2025 *"Spiritual Discipline in Post-Reformation Humanism: Learning, Religion, and Politics in the Life of Johannes Caselius (1533–1613)," Seminar in Early Modern Intellectual History, All Souls College, University of Oxford (Oxford, UK, February).

2025 "Wissensökosystem Wittenberg. Eine wissensgeschichtliche Betrachtung der Schnittstelle zwischen Humanismus und Reformation," Historisches Oberseminar hosted by Prof. Markus Friedrich, Chair of Early Modern History, Universität Hamburg (Hamburg, Germany, January).

2024 "Grieving in Homeric Greek: A Lutheran Scholar Mourns his Children," Sixteenth Century Studies Conference (Toronto, Canada, October).

2024 "The Argument from Greek: Terminology and Quotations in Wittenberg Intellectual Culture," Scientiae Annual Conference (Brussels, Belgium, June).

2024 *"*Eis sōtēra brotōn*: Greek religious verse in Wittenberg intellectual culture," *"Carmina nunc mutanda": confessionalizing tendencies in Neo-Latin and Greek poetry of the Reformation period*, Warburg Institute conference organized by Lucy Nicholas and Nathaniel Hess (London, UK, May).

2024 *"Melanchthonian Discourse: Reconstructing the Intellectual Ecosystem of Reformation Humanism," Warburg Institute (London, UK, May).

2024 "Quotations in Motion: Early *Stammbücher* and the History of Reading," Renaissance Society of America Annual Conference (Chicago, USA, March).

2023 "Teaching and Learning in the Late Humanist Classroom: Johannes Caselius (1533–1613) Plies His Craft," Sixteenth Century Society Annual Conference (Baltimore, USA, October).

2023 "Greek Code-Switching as Knowledge-Making in Lutheran Intellectual Culture," Scientiae Annual Conference (Prague, Czech Republic, June).

2023 "Sokratische Bildung im frühneuzeitlichen Luthertum. Philosophie, Religion und Politik bei Johannes Caselius (1533–1613)," Intellectual History Seminar, Forschungszentrum Gotha, Universität Erfurt (Gotha, Germany, May).

2022 "Späthumanismus und Politik bei Johannes Caselius (1533–1613). Gründe, Theorie und Praktiken eines philosophischen Aktivismus," Herzog August Bibliothek Fellows' Colloquium (Wolfenbüttel, Germany, November).

2022 "*Hae erant olim regum deliciae*: Johannes Caselius (1533–1613) and the Curation of Princely Learning," International Society for Intellectual History Annual Conference (Venice, Italy, September).

2022 *"Dissimulation as a Virtuous Practice: Reading Varieties of Socratic Irony with Johannes Caselius," Historisches Oberseminar hosted by Prof. Markus Friedrich, Chair of Early Modern History, Universität Hamburg (Hamburg, Germany, June).

2022 "*Disciplina Socratica*. Philosophische, theologische und politische Bildung bei Johannes Caselius (1533–1613) als Beispiel der lutherischen Gelehrsamkeit zwischen dem Tod Melanchthons und dem Ausbruch des Dreißigjährigen Krieges," Reformationsgeschichtliches Oberseminar hosted by Prof. Thomas Kaufmann, Chair of Church History, Universität Göttingen (Göttingen, Germany, June).

2022 "Athens by way of Alexandria and Florence: Johannes Caselius reads Classical Antiquity," Renaissance Society of America Annual Conference (Dublin, Ireland, March).

2022 "Socratic Learning in Lutheran Germany: Philosophy, Theology, and Politics in the Life's Work of Johannes Caselius (1533–1613)," Herzog August Bibliothek Fellows' Colloquium (Wolfenbüttel, Germany, March).

2021 *"Socratic Learning: The Educational Vision of Johannes Caselius," lecture arranged by Prof. Markus Friedrich, Chair of Early Modern History, Universität Hamburg (Hamburg, Germany, November).

2021 "Johannes Caselius's *Letters to Italy*: Outlines of an Intellectual Culture," Herzog August Bibliothek Fellows' Colloquium (Wolfenbüttel, Germany, August).

2020 "Lutheran Orthodox Atomism? Theological Motivations for Radical Natural Philosophy," Colloquium of the Program in History and Philosophy of Science (Notre Dame, USA, February).

2018 "'Monstrous Religion': Church and State in a Lutheran Critique of Hobbes," Center for Ethics and Culture Fall Conference (Notre Dame, USA, November).

2018 "Under Orthodoxy: Eilhard Lubin and Lutheran Intellectual Culture," Patristics, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference (Villanova, USA, October).

2018 "Crafting the Map of Orthodoxy: The Case of Eilhard Lubin," Department of History First-Year Graduate Student Conference (Notre Dame, USA, May).

2018 "A Lutheran, a Jesuit, and a Calvinist Walk into a Bar: Inter-confessional Dialogue, Intra-confessional Conflict, and Pan-confessional Problems," English Graduate Student Association Symposium (Notre Dame, USA, April).

2017 "Daniel Hofmann and His Legacy: Faith and Reason in Early Lutheran Orthodoxy," Patristics, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference (Villanova, USA, October).

TEACHING

Benedictine College

Fall 2026 "World Civilization since 1500."

University of Hamburg[3]

WS 2025/26 "Renaissance-Humanismus. Geist, Wissenschaft, Kultur" ("Renaissance Humanism: Spirit, Science, Culture").

SS 2025 "Aufgeklärter Konsum, konsumierte Aufklärung. Wissen, Güter und Gesellschaft im 18. Jahrhundert" ("Enlightened Consumption, Consumed Enlightenment: Knowledge, Commodities, and Society in the Eighteenth Century").

WS 2024/25 "Religiöse und nationale Identitäten im Werden. Abgrenzung und Gemeinschaftsbildung in der Frühen Neuzeit" ("Religious and National Identities in the Making: Boundaries and the Formation of Community in Early Modernity").

University of Notre Dame

Fall 2020 Teaching Assistant: "World War 2: A Global History" (Prof. Ian Ona Johnson).

Spring 2019 Teaching Assistant: "Western Civilization since 1500" (Prof. Alexander Martin).

[3] WS = Winter semester (October–March); SS = Summer semester (April–September); courses taught in German.

Fall 2018 Teaching Assistant: "Christianity, Commerce, and Consumerism: The Last 1000 Years" (Prof. Brad S. Gregory).

Hillsdale College

2013–2016 Writing Center Tutor.

SERVICE

University of Notre Dame

Fall 2020 Early Modern Latin Reading Group Primary Organizer.

Fall 2020 Early Modern German Reading Group Primary Organizer.

2019–2020 Early Modernist Working Group Co-Director.

2018–2020 Colloquium on Religion and History Co-Director.

Hillsdale College

2013–2016 Hillsdale Lyceum Treasurer and Events Liaison.

2013–2015 Hillsdale Fairfield Society Co-President.

LANGUAGES

German: full professional fluency in reading, writing, and speaking.

Classical, Medieval, and Neo-Latin: advanced reading.

Homeric, Ionic, Attic, and Koine Greek: intermediate reading.

Dutch, Spanish, French, and Italian: basic reading.

REFERENCES

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