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### EDUCATION

#### University of Chicago

*Ph.D. student, Department of History, October 1991–present*

Dissertation: "Observation and experience in early modern natural history" (working title).

Dissertation topic approved November 1994; formally admitted to degree candidacy.

Dissertation advisor: Lorraine J. Daston

Comprehensive exams passed October 1993: Early modern natural philosophy and natural history; humanism and early modern Europe; historiography and historical writing.

Coursework completed June 1993: history and historiography of science; Roman imperial society; classical historiography; medieval and early modern history; Renaissance art history; social theory.

*M.A., History, December 1992*

M.A. thesis: "Joachim Camerarius's emblematic natural history: A study in Renaissance genres."

*B.A., History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Science and Medicine, December 1990*

Departmental and general honors.

B.A. Thesis: "Darwin's use of domesticated animals in his early species theorizing."

Courses in history of nineteenth and twentieth-century biology, focusing on evolution.

#### Herzog August Bibliothek, Wolfenbüttel, Germany

Participant, 19. Internationaler Wolfenbütteler Sommerkursus, August 1–27, 1994

"Aristoteles-Kommentare in der Renaissance."

#### University of Cambridge (England), Trinity College

Senior year abroad, October 1989–June 1990

Department of History and Philosophy of Science; courses in philosophy of science, history of medicine from antiquity to the nineteenth century.

### HONORS

Mellon Fellow in the Humanities, 1991.

National Science Foundation Graduate Fellow, 1991.

University of Chicago Century Fellow, 1991.

National Endowment for the Humanities Younger Scholar, 1989.

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

History Department Preceptor, University of Chicago, October 1994–June 1995

Directing fourth-year undergraduates writing BA theses; meeting with them to discuss practical aspects of historical research; ensuring that third- and fourth-year students' course programs meet departmental requirements for BA in history.

Lecturer, University of Chicago, January–March 1994

Designed and taught undergraduate history of science tutorial on "Humanism and Science, 1450–1600," HiPSS 191, Winter Quarter 1994. Was responsible for syllabus, assignments, grading. Translated a number of primary source selections into English.

**PAPERS PRESENTED**

“The wonders of the north: The Arctic regions in early modern natural history,” Workshop on the Cultures of Early Modern Europe, University of Chicago, May 8, 1995.

“The wonders of the north: Olaus Magnus’s *Carta marina* and *Historia de gentibus septentrionalibus* and their reception among European naturalists,” 14th Barnard Medieval and Renaissance Conference, Barnard College, New York, N.Y., December 3, 1994.

“Observation and experience in Niccolò Leoniceno’s criticism of Pliny,” History of Science Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, October 13–16, 1994.

“Reading Roman antiquities: The hermeneutics of objects in the sixteenth century,” Historical Epistemology international workshop, University of Toronto, October 29–November 3, 1993.

“On numismatics and antiquarian method in the sixteenth century,” History of the Human Sciences Workshop, University of Chicago, May 28, 1993.

“Darwin’s use of domesticated animals in his early species theorizing,” International Society for the History, Philosophy and Social Studies of Biology, Evanston, Illinois, July 11–14, 1991.

**PUBLICATIONS**

“*Fundamentalisms Observed*. Edited by Martin E. Marty and R. Scott Appleby.” *Zygon* 28 (1993): 103-106 [book review].

“Adrian Desmond. *The Politics of Evolution: Morphology, Medicine, and Reform in Radical London*.” *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences* 29 (1993): 158-160 [book review].

Index to Robert Chambers, *Vestiges of the Natural History of Creation and other evolutionary works*, ed. James A. Secord (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1994).

**UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

University of Chicago  
Editor, Fishbein Center Newsletter, January 1994–June 1995. Edited quarterly four-page newsletter of the Morris Fishbein Center for the History of Science and Medicine.

**LANGUAGES**

German, French (speaking); Latin, Italian, Dutch (reading)

**REFERENCES**

Lorraine J. Daston, Department of History, University of Chicago

Robert J. Richards, Department of History, University of Chicago

Constantin Fasolt, Department of History, University of Chicago