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EDUCATION

University of Chicago

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

Expected graduation: June 1997

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 (high pass): Early modern natural philosophy and natural history; humanism and early modern Europe; historiography and historical writing.

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

M.A., History, December 1992

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

Departmental and general honors.

Max-Planck-Institut für Wissenschaftsgeschichte, Berlin

Guest (predoctoral fellow) of the Institute, September 1995–July 1996

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

HONORS

Mellon Foundation–University of Chicago Dissertation-Year Fellowship, 1996.

Mellon Summer Research Fellowship (History Dept., U. of Chicago), 1994.

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

Directed fourth-year undergraduates writing BA theses; met with them to discuss practical aspects of historical research; advised third- and fourth-year history concentrators.

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.

PUBLICATIONS

“Encyclopædism in Renaissance botany: From *Historia* to *Pinax*,” in *Pre-modern encyclopædic texts*, ed. Peter Binkley (Leiden: Brill, forthcoming).

“*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).

PAPERS PRESENTED: CONFERENCES

“Travel in Renaissance natural history,” History of Science Society Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, November 7–10, 1996.

“Encyclopedism in Renaissance botany: From *historia* to *pinax*,” International Congress on Pre-Modern Encyclopedic Texts, Center for Classical, Oriental, Mediaeval and Renaissance Studies, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, Netherlands, July 1–4, 1996.

“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 Leonicensi’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.

“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.

PAPERS PRESENTED: INTERNAL SEMINARS AND COLLOQUIA

“Travel and natural history in the sixteenth century,” Abteilungskolloquium (Abt. II), Max-Planck-Institut für Wissenschaftsgeschichte, Berlin, January 24, 1996.

“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.

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

CONFERENCE SESSIONS ORGANIZED

“Practices of experience in early modern natural history,” History of Science Society Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, November 7–10, 1996.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

University of Chicago
History Department Placement Committee member, 1996–97.

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, Dutch, Italian (reading).

REFERENCES

Available upon request.