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[**EDUCATION**](mailto:navales2@illinois.edu)

**PhD Candidate in History**: The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (expected May 2020)

Dissertation: *The Prose Lives of Venantius Fortunatus and the Promotion of Lay Piety in Sixth-Century Gaul*

Directed by Ralph Mathisen (Chair), Danuta Shanzer, Carol Symes and Richard Layton

Fields of Expertise: Late Antiquity, religious history, Medieval Europe, late Latin

**MA in Social Sciences**: The University of Chicago (December 2010)

Thesis: *‘To Fortify the Censure of Priests’: The Hagiography of Gregory the Great and Gregory of Tours as Ecclesiological Propaganda*

**BA in History**: The University of New Mexico (December 2008)

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Peer-Reviewed Articles**

**2019**

“‘Written on the Parchment of the Heart’: Memory, Writing and Pastoral Care in the Prose Lives of Venantius Fortunatus” *Clio* (in review)

**Book Reviews**

**2019**

“Book Note: Stefan Esders, Yitzhak Hen, et. al., *The Merovingian Kingdoms and the Mediterranean World: Revisiting the Sources*. Bloomsbury, 2019,” Ancient Jew Review (forthcoming)

**Contributions to Online Databases**

**2019**

“The Life of Marcellus,” *The Cult of Saints in Late Antiquity*, <http://csla.history.ox.ac.uk/record.php?recid=E06716>

“The Life of Albinus,” *The Cult of Saints in Late Antiquity*,

<http://csla.history.ox.ac.uk/record.php?recid=E06715>

“The Life of Severinus,” *The Cult of Saints in Late Antiquity*, <http://csla.history.ox.ac.uk/record.php?recid=E07358>

**2018**

“A Letter from Bishop Nicetius of Trier to Chlodosinda, Queen of the Lombards,” *Epistolae: Medieval Women's Latin Letters*, <https://epistolae.ctl.columbia.edu/letter/26102.html>

**FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Lawrence M. Larson Scholarship in History | AY 2019/2020 |
| Teacher Ranked as Excellent: Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning | Spring 2019 |
|  | AY 2017/2018 |
| Conference Travel Award (Program in Medieval Studies) | Spring 2018 |
|  | Spring 2017 |
| Conference Travel Award (Department of History) | Spring 2017 |
| Conference Travel Award (Graduate College) | Spring 2017 |
| Smalley Fellowship (Dissertation Research) | AY 2016/2017 |
| Lawrence M. Larson Scholarship for Studies in Medieval or English History | Spring 2015 |
| Travel Grant for Pre-Dissertation Research | Summer 2014 |
| Joseph Ward SwainSeminar Paper Prize | Spring 2014 |
| University Scholarship (University of Chicago) | AY 2009/2010 |

**TEACHING**

**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**

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| --- | --- |
| HIST 100 Global History (Teaching Assistant) | Fall 2019 |
|  | Fall 2014 |
| HIST 141 Western Civilization I (Instructor of Record) | Spring 2019 |
| HIST 498/5 Late Antiquity (Instructor of Record) | Fall 2018 |
| HIST 245 Women and Gender in Pre-Modern Europe (Instructor of Record) | Spring 2018 |
| HIST 247 Medieval Europe (Instructor of Record) | Fall 2017 |
|  | Spring 2016 |
|  | Fall 2015 |
| HIST 141 Western Civilization I (Teaching Assistant) | Spring 2015 |
|  | Fall 2013 |
| HIST 142 European Civ 1750 to the Present (Teaching Assistant) | Spring 2014 |
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**Tutoring**

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| SAT and TOEFL English | Fall 2019 |

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

**2018**

“*In Cordis Membrana*: Memory, Writing and Living Tradition in the Prose Lives of Venantius Fortunatus” International Medieval Congress, Leeds, UK, July 2-5, 2018

Session Chair: “Platinum Latin: Manuscripts and Editing” International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 10-13 2018

**2017**

“Lay Piety and Religious Outsiders in Venantius Fortunatus’ Prose Hagiography” International Medieval Congress, Leeds, UK, July 3-6 2017

“*Ad aedificationem plebis*: Lay Piety and Pastoral Care in Venantius Fortunatus’ Prose Hagiography” International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 11-14, 2017

**2015**

“*Pudore mota muliebri*: Women and Pastoral Care in Venantius Fortunatus' Prose Hagiography” International Medieval Congress, Leeds, UK, July 6-9 2015

“Venantius Fortunatus' Treatment of Women in his Prose Hagiography” International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 14-17 2015

**2013**

“The Prose Vitae of Venantius Fortunatus and Cult Formation in Sixth-Century Gaul” International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 9-12 2013

**INVITED LECTURES**

**2019**

“The Black Death” University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, September 2019. Special lecture for HIST 100

**2014**

“Government, Economy and Family in Europe, c. 500-850 CE” University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, September 2014. Special lecture for HIST 100

**2013**

“Byzantium and Islam c. 533-1054” University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, November 2013. Special lecture for HIST 141

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND SPECIALIZED TRAINING**

**2018**

Seminar Participant: “Seminar in Roman/Early Medieval/Byzantine Coinage,” Prof. Ralph Mathisen, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Fall 2018

**2015**

Seminar Participant: “*Luminosus Limes*: Geographical, Ethnic, Social and Cultural Frontiers in Late Antiquity,” Central European University, Budapest, 2015

**2014**

Seminar Participant: “Paleography and Codicology: A Seminar on Medieval Manuscript Studies,” University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, 2014

**SERVICE**

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| Organizer of the Medieval Latin Reading Group | Spring 2014-Fall 2017 |
| Steward, History Graduate Students Association | AY 2013-2014 |
| History Graduate Student Association Mentor | AY 2015-2016 |

**RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

Hagiography

Global History

Epistolography

Gender

Theology

Discourse analysis

Classics

**LANGUAGES**

Latin -advanced reading comprehension

German -reading/listening/speaking comprehension

French -some reading comprehension

Old English -some reading comprehension

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Hagiography Society

The Medieval Academy of America