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Education

PhD Candidate, Vanderbilt University (expected graduation August 2017)

Dissertation: The Life and Afterlife of Anna Katharina Emmerick: Re-imagining
Catholicism in Modern Germany

Dissertation Committee: Celia Applegate (main advisor), David Blackbourn, Helmut Walser Smith,
Barbara Hahn

M.A., History, University of Rochester (2012)

Master's Thesis: Jews and the "German Question," 1840-1870: The Debate between Orthodox and
Reform Jewry and the German Nationalist Discourse

B.A., History, College of Idaho (2010)

Honor's Thesis: "A Time to Keep Silent and a Time to Speak:" Cardinal Michael von Faulhaber's
Qualified Opposition to the Third Reich

Awards and Distinctions

Graduate Student Fellow in Residence, University of Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study (NDIAS),
2016-2017

Mellon/American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2016-2017
(declined in order to accept NDIAS Residential Fellowship)

William J. Fulbright Scholarship, Germany, 2013-2014

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Research Grant, 2013-2014 (declined in order to accept
Fulbright Scholarship)

Jacob K. Javits Fellowship, U.S. Department of Education, 2010-2014

Slattery Fellowship, University of Rochester, 2010-2012

Meyers Award of Excellence in Teaching Assistantship, University of Rochester, 2012

Awards and Distinctions (continued)

Lebano-Lettieri Award for Achievement in Italian, Middlebury Language School, 2011

College of Idaho Heritage Scholarship, 2006-2010 (full-tuition scholarship based on academic merit)

Frank Specht Scholarship for Distinction in History, College of Idaho, 2009-2010

Outstanding Achievement in French, College of Idaho, 2009

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) University Summer Course Grant, 2008

Outstanding Achievement in German, College of Idaho, 2008

Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award for Academic Achievement by a High School Student in the Humanities, University of Rochester, 2005

Merle Wells Historic Preservation Award, Idaho History Day, 2002-2003

National History Day Finalist, 2002-2003

Teaching

Research and Teaching Fields:

- Modern Europe
- Modern Germany
- Religious History
- Roman Catholic Studies
- Global and Transnational History
- Russian and Soviet History

Experience:

- TA, HIS-230: 20th-Century Germany, Vanderbilt University
- TA, HIS-172: World War II, Vanderbilt University
- TA, HIS-205: Europe since 1945, University of Rochester
- TA, HIS-238: History of British India

Academic Lectures and Presentations

"Stigmatized by Choice: A Case Study of Confinement, Gender, and Mysticism in Napoleonic Germany" – Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Genders, and Sexualities, Hofstra University, New York City, June 2017 (pending acceptance)

"Documenting the Miraculous: Popular Veneration and Clerical Beatification in 20th-Century Germany" – German Studies Association Annual Conference, San Diego, CA, September 2016

"Pilgrimage to the *Heimat*: Anna Katharina Emmerick's Interwar Cult of Veneration and the Re-imagination of Place," German Historical Institute Transatlantic Doctoral Seminar, May 2016

"A Crucified Saint for a Crucified *Volk*:' Anna Katharina Emmerick's Beatification Bid and Catholic Memory in Interwar Germany" – American Historical Association/American Catholic Historical Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, January 2016

"Thinking with Saints' and Reinventing Catholic Identity" – seminar, "Re-thinking the Fate of Nathan: Religion and Religious Identity in Nineteenth-Century German Europe (1800-1914)," German Studies Association Annual Conference, Washington, DC, October 2015

"Like a Wayside Cross:' Anna Katharina Emmerick as Symbol of the Catholic Church in Early Nineteenth-Century Germany" – German Studies Association Annual Conference, Kansas City, MO, September 2014

"Jews and the 'German Question,' 1840-1870: The Orthodox-Reform Debate and the German Nationalist Discourse" – American-Canadian German Studies Conference, University of Rochester, April 2012

"A Time to Keep Silence and a Time to Speak:' Cardinal Michael von Faulhaber's Qualified Opposition to the Third Reich" – Annual Research Conference, College of Idaho, May 2010

Academic Leadership Roles

Vice President, Graduate History Society, University of Rochester, 2011-2012

Abstract Committee Chair, University of Rochester Graduate History Conference, 2012

Co-organizer, American-Canadian German Studies Conference, 2012

Professional Memberships

German Studies Association

American Historical Association

American Catholic Historical Association

Professional References

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