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CAREER

Positions Held

- 2019-present Professor of History, School of History, University of St Andrews.
 2015-2019 Reader in Mediaeval History, School of History, University of St Andrews.
 2014-2018 Pro Dean for Research Postgraduates, Proctor's Office, University of St Andrews.
 2007-2015 Lecturer in Continental Mediaeval History, School of History, University of St Andrews.
 2006-2007 Leverhulme Early Career Fellow, School of History, University of Nottingham.
 2005-2006 Lecturer in Medieval History, School of Historical Studies, University of Leicester. Fixed-term contract.

Education

- 2000-2004 PhD, University of Sheffield (supervised by Prof Sarah Foot).
 1999-2000 MPhil in Medieval Studies, Queens' College, Cambridge University.
 1996-1999 BA Dual Honours in History and Philosophy, first class honours, University of Sheffield.

Awards, Grants, Fellowships

- 2018 Leverhulme Major Research Fellowship (3 years).
 2016 Lindsay Young Distinguished Visiting Senior Scholar, Marco Institute, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.
 2013 Visiting Scholar, Dept of Religion and Cultural Studies, Virginia Tech.
 2011 AHRC Research Fellowship (1 year).
 2011 ERASMUS Lecturer, School of Archaeology, Conservation and History, University of Oslo.
 2010 Elected Fellow of the Royal Historical Society.
 2006 Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship (2 years).
 2004 Royal Historical Society Postgraduate Research Support Grant for the conference 'St Boniface: Englishman and European' (York, 2004).
 2000 University of Sheffield Teaching Doctoral Fellowship (3 years).

RESEARCH

Key words: Anglo-Saxons, apocalypse, Carolingians, computus, cults, hagiography, historiography, intellectual, manuscripts, medicine, Merovingians, mission, paganism, Scandinavia, science.

Publications

▪ Monographs (3)

- 2018 *Early Medieval Hagiography*. Leeds: Arc Humanities Press.
 2014 *The Apocalypse in the Early Middle Ages*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

2009 *Anglo-Saxons in a Frankish World, c. 690-900*, Studies in the Early Middle Ages, 19.
Turnhout: Brepols.

In preparation: *Merovingian Worlds* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press).

▪ Edited Volumes (1)

2018 *Apocalypse and Reform from Late Antiquity to the Middle Ages* [with Matthew Gabriele].
London: Routledge.

▪ Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles (10)

2019 'The making of a world historical moment: the battle of Tours (732/3) in the nineteenth century', *postmedieval*, 10. 2: 206-18.

2018 'The global eminent life: sixth-century collected biographies from Gregory of Tours to Huijiao of Jiexiang Temple', *Medieval Worlds*, 8: 22-41.

2017 'Climates of crisis: apocalypse, nature, and rhetoric in the early medieval world', *Viator*, 48. 2: 1-20.

2017 'The adoption of the Dionysian Easter in the Frankish kingdoms (c. 670-800)', *Peritia*, 28: 135-54.

2011 'Calculating time and the end of time in the Carolingian world, c. 740-c. 820', *English Historical Review*, 523: 1307-1331.

2007 'Defining paganism in the Carolingian world', *Early Medieval Europe*, 15. 4: 402-25.

2006 'Saxon or European? Interpreting and reinterpreting St Boniface', *History Compass*, 4. 5: 852-69.

2005 'The "vigorous rule" of Bishop Lull: between Bonifatian mission and Carolingian church control', *Early Medieval Europe*, 13. 3: 249-76.

2004 'The Frankish cult of martyrs and the case of the two saints Boniface', *Revue bénédictine*, 114. 3-4: 326-48.

2004 'Rimbert's *Vita Anskarii* and Scandinavian mission in the ninth century', *Journal of Ecclesiastical History*, 55. 2: 235-56.

▪ Chapters in Edited Volumes (14)

2020 'Apocalyptic insiders? Identity and heresy in early medieval Iberia and Gaul', in V. Eltschinger & V. Wieser (eds.), *Cultures of Eschatology*. Berlin & Boston: De Gruyter: 337-56.

2020 'Boniface's missionary circles and networks', in M. Aaij & S. Godlove (eds.), *A Companion to Boniface*. Leiden: Brill. 46-67.

2018 'Reform and the beginning of the End', in M. Gabriele & J. T. Palmer (eds.), *Apocalypse and Reform from Late Antiquity to the Middle Ages*. London: Routledge. 1-9 (with Matthew Gabriele).

2018 'To be prepared: eschatology and reform rhetoric, c. 570 to c. 640', in M. Gabriele & J. T. Palmer (eds.), *Apocalypse and Reform from Late Antiquity to the Middle Ages*. London: Routledge. 31-49.

2016 'Apocalyptic outsiders and their uses in the early medieval West', in W. Brandes, F. Schmieder & R. Voß (eds.), *Peoples of the Apocalypse: Eschatological Beliefs and Political Scenarios*. Berlin & Boston: De Gruyter. 307-20.

2016 'Martyrdom and the rise of missionary hagiography in the later Merovingian world', in R. Flechner & M. Ní Mhaonaigh (eds.), *The Introduction of Christianity into the Early Medieval Insular World*. Turnhout: Brepols. 157-80.

2015 'The otherness of non-Christians in the early Middle Ages', *Studies in Church History*, 51 (2015), 33-52.

2014 'The ends and futures of Bede's *De temporum ratione*', in P. Darby & F. Wallis (eds.), *Bede and the Future*. Farnham: Ashgate. 139-60.

- 2013 'The ordering of time', in V. Wieser, C. Zolles, C. Feik, M. Zolles & L. Schlöndorff (eds.), *Abendländische Apokalyptik. Kompendium zur Genealogie der Endzeit*, Kulturgeschichte der Apokalyptik, 1. Berlin: De Gruyter. 605-18.
- 2013 'St Wilfrid and the Frisians', in N. Higham (ed.), *St Wilfrid: Abbot, Bishop, Saint*. Donington: Shaun Tyas. 231-42.
- 2011 'Beyond Frankish authority? Frisia and Saxony between the Anglo-Saxons and the Carolingians', in H. Sauer & J. Story (eds.), *Anglo-Saxon England and the Continent*, Essays in Anglo-Saxon Studies, 3. Tempe, AZ: Arizona Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies. 139-62.
- 2011 'Computus after the paschal controversy of 740', in D. Ó Cróinín & I. Warntjes (eds.), *The Paschal Controversy of Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages: Its Manuscripts, Texts and Tables*. Turnhout: Brepols. 213-41.
- 2010 'Hagiography and time in the Carolingian *vitae* of St Boniface', in R. Corradini, M. Diesenberger & M. Niederkorn-Bruck (eds.), *Zwischen Niederschrift und Wiederschrift*, Forschungen zur Geschichte des Mittelalters, 18 (Munich & Vienna: Oldenbourg. 93-106.
- 2010 'Anskar's imagined communities', in H. Antonsson & I. Garipzanov (eds.), *Saints and their Lives on the Periphery*. Turnhout: Brepols. 171-88.

▪ Reviews (31)

In: Annual Bulletin of Historical Literature, Catholic Historical Review, Church History and Religious Culture, Early Medieval Europe, English Historical Review, German History, Journal of Ecclesiastical History, Journal of the History of Astronomy, Journal of Religious History, The Mediaeval Journal, The Medieval Review, Nottingham Medieval Studies, Parergon, Peritia.

Select Conference and Seminar Papers Since 2010

* = invited paper

- * 'Resourcing an argument: Tours BM 334 as a compilation of computistical debates', *Techniques of Argumentation*, Amsterdam, Oct 2019.
- * 'An Undefined Evil: Gog and Magog between Exegesis and Prophecy in the Eighth and Ninth Centuries CE', *Politics – History – Eschatology. Functional, Inter(con)textual, Structural, and Comparative Approaches to Gog and Magog*, Erlangen, Sept 2019.
- * 'Encountering time and its end in the early Middle Ages', *Le temps*, Paris, July 2019.
- * 'The Trinity-Worth Lecture: Charlemagne's sciences and the framing of Carolingian religion (757-818)', Dublin, April 2019.
- 'Making worlds collide: Astronomy under the Carolingians and Tang', *Medieval Academy of America*, Philadelphia, March 2019.
- ''Our Computus''? Knowledge networks and the organisation of the liturgy under Louis the Pious and his Heirs (c. 813-c. 877)', *Ordonner l'Église II*, Poitiers, October 2018.
- * 'Collecting saints' stories in the early Middle Ages', Oxford, October 2016.
- 'The use and abuse of the Battle of Poitiers (732/3) 1870-1920', *Medieval Academy of America*, Boston, February 2016.
- * 'Climates of crisis: apocalypse and nature in the early medieval world', Chapel Hill, NC, February 2016; Knoxville, TN, March 2016; All Souls College Oxford, April 2016.
- * 'The cultural politics of time and the rise of AD-dates', Glasgow, November 2015; Cambridge, January 2016.

- * ‘Heresy, prophecy and the disunity of the West c. 780-c. 880’, *Making Ends Meet: Cross-Cultural Perspectives on the End of Times in Medieval Christianity, Islam and Buddhism*, Vienna, September 2015.
- * ‘Calendars, religion, and order in the Carolingian world (740-900)’, *Calendars and Religion*, UCL, February 2015.
- ‘Irish computistics in eighth-century Lombardy’, *5th International Conference on the Science of Computus*, Galway, July 2014.
- * ‘Plenary Lecture: The otherness of pagans in the early Middle Ages: a comparative view’, *Ecclesiastical History Society*, London, January 2014.
- * ‘Apocalypse and Arab conquests: views from the eighth-century West’, *MARS*, Sheffield, December 2013.
- * ‘Martyrdom and the rise of missionary hagiography’, *The Isles and the Wider World*, Converting the Isles Network, Cambridge, September 2013.
- * ‘Apocalyptic outsiders and their uses in the early medieval West’, *Völker der Endzeit*, Frankfurt, October 2011; Earlier Middle Ages Seminar, Institute of Historical Research, February 2012 [longer version]; International Congress of Medieval History, Kalamazoo, MI, May 2012.
- * ‘Calendars and apocalypticism in the Early Middle Ages’, Utrecht, October 2011.
- * ‘Successor and keeper? Lull and *Bonifatii et Lulli Epistolae*’, *Letters of St Boniface Workshop*, PIMS, Toronto, September 2011.
- ‘Changing paradigms: contexts for the fragmentary computi of 743 and 751’, *3rd International Conference on the Science of Computus*, Galway, July 2010.

- Conference Organisation

Natures: Sciences, Cultures and Politics 500-1500, St Andrews (postponed March 2020 due to Covid-19).

Apocalypse, Prophecy and Reform, strand at Leeds IMC, July 2015.

St Boniface: Englishman and European, King’s Manor, York, 10th-11th 2004.

Support for the Wider Discipline

- External Examining (UG): Newcastle University (2015-19); Queen’s University Belfast (2017-21)
- PhD Examining: Cambridge (2015), Edinburgh (2009), St Andrews (6 as internal 2009-18).
- Journal Editing: Reviews editor, *The Mediaeval Journal* (Brepols) (2011-17); General editor, *The Mediaeval Journal* (Brepols) (2017-present).
- Series Editorial Boards
Renovatio: Studies in the Carolingian World (Trivent).
 MARCO Medieval and Renaissance Studies (Brepols).
- Anonymous Reader/ Reviewer
 Funding Bodies: Irish Research Council; Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO); Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.
 Books: Amsterdam University Press, Bloomsbury, Brepols, Cambridge University Press, Cornell University Press, Manchester University Press, Oxford University Press, Pearson Longmans, Pennsylvania University Press, Yale University Press.

Journals: *Early Medieval Europe*, *English Historical Review*, *European Review of History/Revue européenne d'histoire*, *History Compass*, *History of Education*, *Journal of Medieval History*, *Journal of Religious History*, *Proceedings of the British School in Rome*, *Revista de História da Sociedade e da Cultura*, *Speculum*, *Viator*.

▪ Other Positions

Executive Committee Member, Scottish Graduate School for Arts and Humanities (2014-18).
Expert Panel (History), Research Council Flanders (FWO) (2019-present).

Media Work, Public Engagement, Knowledge Exchange

▪ Documentaries (as Guest Expert):

When Greeks Flew Kites (BBC Radio 4, Sept 2017).

Apocalypse How, Sunday Feature (BBC Radio 3, Jan 2017).

Mission Bayern: Leben und Wirken der Missionare Willibald, Wunibald und Walburga (DVD, Diocese of Eichstätt, 2012; broadcast on arte, May 2013).

Charting Christmas (Australian Christian Channel, Dec 2012).

▪ Magazine and Newspapers:

'Crossing the Continent', *History Today* 66. 8 (2016), p. 6 – a reflection on deep bonds in Europe after the Second World War and the EU Referendum result.

▪ Public Lectures:

How the End of the World Changes the World (public lecture at Residential College at West Ambler Johnston Hall, Virginia Tech, April 2013).

Why Easter Moves: The Science and the Politics (Anstruther Improvements Society Meeting, Feb 2012).

Bede on Time (Bede's World Lecture, Aug 2009).

Aug 2020