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Academic Positions

Senior Lecturer, Legal Studies Program, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Aug., 2011—present.
 Associate Professor, History Department, Western Kentucky University, Aug., 2009– May, 2011.
 Assistant Professor, History Department, Western Kentucky University, 2002–2009.
 Visiting Assistant Professor, History Department, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2001–2002.

Education

Ph.D. Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, History, 2001.
 M.A. Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, History.
 B.S. College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA, Biology.

Publications: Edited Volumes

With Abigail P. Dowling, eds. *Conservation's Roots: Managing for Sustainability in Preindustrial Europe, 1100-1800*. New York: Berghahn Books, 2020. See [here](#).

Publications: Articles and Book Chapters

“Introduction” (with Abigail P. Dowling). In *Conservation's Roots: Managing for Sustainability in Preindustrial Europe, 1100-1800*, ed. Abigail P. Dowling and Richard Keyser, 1-28. New York: Berghahn Books, 2020.

“The Medieval Roots of Woodland Conservation: Northern France and Northwestern Europe, ca. 1100-1500.” In *Conservation's Roots: Managing for Sustainability in Preindustrial Europe, 1100-1800*, ed. Abigail P. Dowling and Richard Keyser, 203-29. New York: Berghahn Books, 2020.

“Wood for Burning: The Continuity of Woodland Management in Medieval and Early Modern France.” In *Environmental History in the Making. Vol. I: Explaining*, ed. Estelita Vaz, Cristina Joanaz de Melo, and Lígia M. Costa Pinto. Basel, Switzerland: Springer Publishing, 2017. Pp. 307-20. Available [here](#).

“Agreement Supersedes Law, and Love Judgment: Legal Flexibility and Amicable Settlement in Anglo-Norman England.” *Law and History Review* 30.1 (Feb., 2012): 37-88. Available [here](#).

“The Transformation of Traditional Woodland Management: Commercial Sylviculture in Medieval Champagne.” *French Historical Studies* 32 (2009): 353-84. Available [here](#).

“La transformation de l'échange des dons pieux: Montier-la-Celle, Champagne, 1100-1350.” *Revue Historique* 628 (2003): 793-816. Available [here](#).

“Du don au contrat: la transformation médiévale des transactions foncières. L'exemple de Montier-la-Celle.” *La Vie en Champagne*, n.s. 35 (2003): 4-11.

“Les archives de l'abbaye de Montier-la-Celle jusqu'en 1350.” *La Vie en Champagne*, n.s. 1 (1995):35-41.

Book Project

Grounding Power: Property, Common Rights, and Lordship in Medieval France. This book will explore how rights to use, own, and control landed property, including such uncultivated spaces as common pastures and woodlands, were articulated in the eleventh and twelfth centuries in northern France. My research shows that a system of private property rights coexisted with shared or common property in uncultivated land, and that both depended on the public recognition of rights within an emergent civil society.

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

Alice Hamilton prize from the American Society for Environmental History for the best article of 2009
 National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, 2007-8
 Western Kentucky University, Faculty Summer Scholarship, 2007
 Friedrich Solmsen Fellowship, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2006-7
 Western Kentucky University, Faculty Summer Scholarship, 2006
 Society for French Historical Studies, Research Travel Award, Summer 2004
 Western Kentucky University Junior Faculty Fellowship, Summer 2003
 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, Summer, 2002
 Faculty Research Grant, Univ. of Nebraska at Omaha, Martin Fund, Summer, 2002
 Dean's Teaching Fellowship, Johns Hopkins University, Spring 1998
 Fulbright Fellowship for Dissertation Research, France, 1992

Conference Papers and Scholarly Presentations since 2009

"Medieval Conservation: The Example of French Woodlands." American Society for Environmental History, Chicago, March 30, 2017.
 "Medieval Conservation: Definitions and the Example of French Woodlands." Center for Medieval and Early Modern Studies Conference, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, Oct. 20-22, 2016.
 "Medieval Conservation: Definitions and the Example of French Woodlands." Sewanee Medieval Colloquium, University of the South, Sewanee, TN, April 1-2, 2016.
 "A Research Priority: Assessing the Sustainability of Traditional Management in French Woodlands." Eighth European Society for Environmental History Biennial Conference, Versailles, France, June 30 - July 3, 2015.
 "Wood for Burning: Firewood Production and Collection in Medieval and Early Modern France." Second World Conference on Environmental History, Guimarães, Portugal, July 8-12, 2014.
 "A Long Durée of Legislation: Firewood Collection and Usage in Medieval and Early Modern France." 49th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May 8-11, 2014.
 "A Plea for a Counter-Narrative of French and European Forest History." Society for French Historical Studies 59th Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, April 4-7, 2013.
 "Common Rights and Intensive Silviculture in Medieval Champagne." Première École d'Été d'Histoire Rurale (Université de Toulouse & European Society for Environmental History), June 28-30, 2012, Flaran, France.
 "The Peasant and Customary Basis of Traditional Woodland Management in Europe's Deciduous Forest Zone." American Society for Environmental History, Madison, WI, March, 27-30, 2012.
 "Peaceable Power: Civil Law and the Limitations of Lordship, Champagne, France, 1150-1300." 46th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May 12-15, 2011.
 "The Keys to Sustainability in Premodern European Woodlands." American Society for Environmental History, Phoenix, AZ, April 13-17, 2011.
 "Common Rights, Eminent Domain, and Sustainability in Medieval Woodlands." Medieval Academy of America, New Haven, CT, March 20, 2010.
 "The Roots of Eminent Domain in Natural Resources: Under and Over the Ground in Medieval France." First World Congress of Environmental History, Copenhagen, Denmark, Aug. 4-8, 2009.

Courses Taught at UW

American Legal History I and II (Legal Studies/History 261-262), 2011-present
 Law and Environment (Legal Studies/Environmental Studies/History 430),
 2012-present
 Environmental History of Europe (History/Environmental Studies 328), 2013-present

Public and Professional Service

Article Submission Reviewer, *Speculum*, 2016-2017.
 Article Submission Reviewer, *French Historical Studies*, 2011-2012
 Alice Hamilton Essay Prize Committee, American Society for Environmental History, 2011
 Reviewer, NEH Summer Stipend Panel, European History, 2009

Professional Associations

American Society for Environmental History

American Society for Legal History

European Society for Environmental History