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## **Current Status**

Doctoral Candidate in History (anticipated 2024)  
Binghamton University, SUNY  
Dissertation: "André Thevet's Brazil in Sixteenth-Century French Natural History"  
Main Advisor: Richard S. Mackenney, Ph.D.

## **Positions Held**

1. Middle School Social Studies Teacher, Nativity Parish School (2023)  
Leawood, Kansas, United States
2. Course Developer, Barstow Global Online, Kansas City, (2023 - present)  
Missouri, United States
3. Substitute Teacher, Pembroke Hill School, Kansas City, (2023)  
Missouri, United States
4. Teaching Assistant, Binghamton University, SUNY (2019 - present)
5. Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Missouri-Kansas City (2017 - 2019)
6. Literacy Teacher, Real Action, London, United Kingdom (2015 - 2016)
7. Undergraduate Tutor, Aylward-Dunn Learning Center (2013 - 2015)  
Rockhurst University, Kansas City, Missouri, United States

## **Education**

Master of Arts in History (2019)  
University of Missouri-Kansas City  
Thesis: "The Humanist Education of Margaret Roper."  
Main Advisor: David Freeman, Ph.D.

Master of Arts with Merit in International Relations and Democratic Politics (2016)  
University of Westminster  
Thesis: "How has promotion by the Irish and Welsh governments aided in the revival of the Irish and Welsh languages in those two countries?"  
Main Advisor: Tassilo Herrschel, Ph.D.

Bachelor of Arts in History and Theology, French and Philosophy minors (2015)  
Rockhurst University  
Main Advisor: Faith Childress, Ph.D.

## Publications

- "Amerindians in Brazil" in *South America: From European Contact to Independence*. Edited by H. Michael Tarver. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio. (forthcoming 2024)
- Review of *Locusts of Power: Borders, Empire, and Environment in the Modern Middle East*. By Samuel Dolbee. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2023. in the *Journal of World History*. (forthcoming 2024)
- "The Bounty of Thevet's Brazil and 'Earth's increase, foison plenty' in *The Tempest*" in *William Shakespeare: Tensions and Tempest*. Edited by Francis Mickus. Wilmington, DE: Vernon Press. (forthcoming 2025)
- English translation of André Thevet, *Les Singularitez de la France Antarctique*, (Antwerp: Christophe Plantin, 1557). (in development)

## Teaching Experience

- Nativity Parish School, Leawood, Kansas, United States (2023)
1. 6th Grade Social Studies (World History)
  2. 7th Grade Social Studies (Geography and Kansas History)
  3. 8th Grade Social Studies (U.S. History to 1900)
- Barstow Global Online, Kansas City, Missouri, United States (2023 - present)
- Course Builder for*
1. Modern World History – 10th Grade
  2. French I
- Pembroke Hill School, Middle and Upper School, (2023)  
Kansas City, Missouri, United States  
*Substitute Teacher*
- Department of History, Binghamton University, SUNY (2019 - present)
- Instructor of Record for*
1. Western Civilization (History 101A) – online: Winter 2021, 2022
  2. First Contacts, 1492–1800 (History 381D) – online: Summer 2021
  3. Science in the Renaissance, 1500–1610 (History 281A) – online: Winter 2023
  4. Columbian Exchange, 1500–1700 (History 381J) – online: Summer 2023
- Teaching Assistant for*
1. Western Civilization (History 101A) - in person & online: Fall 2019, 2020, 2021
  2. Modern American Civilization (History 104A) - in person & online: Spring 2020
  3. Europe Since 1500 (History 281D) – online: Spring 2021

4. Wars of Religion (History 281U) – in person: Spring 2022
5. Animals and Society (History 231) – in person: Fall 2022

Department of History, University of Missouri-Kansas City (2017 - 2019)

*Graduate Teaching Assistant for*

1. U.S. History: Beginnings to 1877 (History 101): Fall 2017
2. U.S. History: 1877 to the Present (History 102): Fall 2018; Spring 2018, 2019

Real Action, London, United Kingdom (2015 - 2016)

*Courses taught*

1. Fourth Year English Literacy

Aylward-Dunn Learning Center, Rockhurst University (2013 - 2015)

*Courses tutored*

1. Beginner French
2. Reality and Human Existence
3. Ethical Theory
4. Communication
5. American Federal & State Government
6. Music History
7. Western Civilization I

### **Awards, Fellowships, and Grants**

1. History Department Graduate Student Professional Travel Grant (2024)  
Binghamton University, New York, United States
2. Renaissance Society of America Travel Grant (2024)
3. Robert M. Kingdon Prize, Sixteenth Century Society (2023)
4. Binghamton University Graduate School Travel Award (2022)  
Binghamton University, New York, United States
5. History Department Graduate Student Professional Travel Grant (2022)  
Binghamton University, New York, United States
6. History Department Graduate Student Professional Travel Grant (2021)  
Binghamton University, New York, United States

### **Conference Presentations and Public Lectures**

1. "André Thevet's Cosmography: Synthesizing Eyewitness Accounts on the Borders of Established Knowledge (1554-1590)" (2024)  
Annual Meeting of the Society for the History of Discoveries  
San Antonio, Texas, United States. 24–26 October 2024.

2. "Cosmographic Singularities: André Thevet as a Collector of American Exotica (1556-1590)". Collecting, Growing, and Exploring in Early Modernity International Interdisciplinary Workshop. EPHE Sorbonne, Paris. 11 June 2024. (2024)
3. "Pepper-Birds: Toucans as Nature transformed into Economic Commodity". 2024 Annual Conference of the Renaissance Society of America (RSA) Chicago, Illinois, United States. 21–23 March 2024. (2024)
4. "The Taxonomic Conservation of Tupinambá Ritual Artifacts in the French Royal Cabinets of Curiosities (1555-1575)". 2023 Annual Conference of the Sixteenth Century Society (SCS), Baltimore, Maryland, United States. 26–29 October 2023. (2023)
5. "Royal Monopolies and the Ineffective Colonial Conservation of the Brazilwood Tree (1500-1570)". Integrating the History and Philosophy of Biodiversity: Narratives of Diversity, Extinction, Conflict and Value. Museum of Natural Sciences, Brussels, Belgium. 20–21 October 2023. (2023)
6. "Strangers in a Strange World: The Anthropocene in André Thevet's Cosmos 1557-1580". (Un)Common Worlds III Human-Animal Studies Conference. University of Oulu, Finland and the University of Derby, United Kingdom. 4–6 October 2023. (2023)
7. "Confronting the Three-toed Sloth: The Taxonomy of a Brazilian Singularity" 2023 Annual Conference of the Renaissance Society of America (RSA) San Juan, Puerto Rico. (2023)
8. "Misconceptions of the Brazilian Maned Sloth Diet and the Trouble of the French Eyewitness, 1550–1590". Binghamton Graduate History Society Brown Bag Presentation. 29 November 2022. (2022)
9. "A Transatlantic Feather Rustling: Belon, Thevet, and Gessner's Initial Classification of the Toucan as a Brazilian Magpie": 2022 Renaissance Society of America (RSA) Online Graduate Student Lightning Talks: Rethinking the Global Renaissance. (2022)
10. "The Beast that Lives Only on Air: André Thevet's Sloth": 2022 Annual Conference of the Sixteenth Century Society (SCS), Minneapolis, Minnesota, United States. (2022)
11. "Close Encounters of the Three-Toed Kind: How Unknown Life was Named in the First Age of Exploration": Friday Evening Program at the Kopernik Observatory and Science Center, Vestal, New York, United States (2022)
12. "French Perspectives on Religion and Marriage in Tupinambá Society" 2021 Annual Conference of the Sixteenth Century Society (SCS), San Diego, California, United States. (2021)

13. "André Thevet's Brazil: Understanding the Cosmographer as a Humanist Reader": 26th Annual James A. Barnes Graduate History Conference, Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, United States. (2021)
14. "Identity and Legacy: The Tupinambá of Brazil and the Cannibals of Early Modern French Literature": 2020 Syracuse Graduate History Conference, Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York, United States. (2020)
15. "The Humanist Education of Margaret Roper": 50th Anniversary Annual Conference of the Sixteenth Century Society (SCS) Saint Louis, Missouri, United States. (2019)
16. "Exploring Ancient Ireland": Series of Public Lectures, Mid-Continent Public Library Camden Point, Raytown, Smithville, & Independence, Missouri, United States. (2019)
17. "Erasmus's *Enchiridion militis Christiani* and the Humanist Knight in early-sixteenth century England": Annual Meeting of the American Catholic Historical Association (ACHA), Chicago, Illinois, United States. (2019)
18. "A Codicological Study of the 1523 English manuscript translation of Erasmus's *Enchiridion militis Christiani*": 65th Annual Midwest Conference on British Studies (MWCBS), University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, United States. (2018)
19. "A History of the Irish in Major League Baseball": Kansas City Irish Fest Culture Stage, Kansas City, Missouri, United States. (2018)
20. "The Northwest Ordinance, Partisan Politics, Frontier Policy, and the Growth of the Union in the Early Republic": Annual Meeting of the Midwest Historical Association (MHA), Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, Michigan, United States. (2018)
21. "Perspectives on the French Counter-Reformation": Spring Meeting of the American Catholic Historical Association (ACHA), Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, Maryland, United States. (2018)
22. "The Irish Language in an Independent Ireland": Midwest Meeting of the American Conference on Irish Studies (ACIS), University of Missouri Columbia, Missouri, United States. (2017)
23. "Ireland in the Empire leading up to 1916": Kansas City Irish Fest Culture Stage, Kansas City, Missouri, United States. (2016)

### **Internships and Volunteer Positions**

1. Genealogy Research Volunteer, National Archives and Records Administration, Kansas City, Missouri, United States (2017 - 2018)

2. Archival Intern, Rockhurst University Archives (2015)  
Kansas City, Missouri, United States
3. Intern at *The Leaven*, Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas (2007-2009)  
Kansas City, Kansas, United States
4. Genealogy and Archival Volunteer, Irish Center of Kansas City (2006-2010)  
Kansas City, Missouri, United States

### **Professional Service**

1. Alumnus Interviewer, Rockhurst University Competitive Scholars' Day (2024)
2. Recording Secretary, Fr. Bernard Donnelly Division, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Mission, Kansas, United States (2024-2026)
3. Scholarship Committee Chairman, Fr. Bernard Donnelly Division, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Mission, Kansas, United States (2023-)
4. Selection Committee Chairman, *Binghamton Journal of History*, Binghamton University, SUNY, Binghamton, New York, United States (2022-)
5. Chairman of the Historical & Archival Committee, Kansas State Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Overland Park, Kansas, United States (2022-)
6. President, Graduate History Society, Binghamton University, SUNY Binghamton, New York, United States (2021-2022)
7. Peer Reviewer, *Past Tense Graduate Review of History* (2021-)
8. Peer Reviewer, *Alpenglow: Binghamton University Undergraduate Journal of Research and Creative Activity* (2021-)
9. Scholarship Committee, Fr. Bernard Donnelly Division, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Mission, Kansas, United States (2021-)
10. History Graduate Committee Member, Binghamton University, SUNY Binghamton, New York, United States (2020-2022)
11. Treasurer, History Graduate Student Association, University of Missouri–Kansas City, Kansas City, Missouri, United States (2018-2019)
12. President, Phi Alpha Theta Chapter, Rockhurst University (2013-2015)  
Kansas City, Missouri, United States

## **Academic Societies**

1. American Historical Association (AHA)
2. American Catholic Historical Association (ACHA)
3. Sixteenth Century Society (SCS)
4. Renaissance Society of America (RSA)
5. Society for the History of Discoveries (SDH)
6. The Society for the History of Natural History (SHNH)
7. Student Associate of the Linnean Society of London
8. History of Science Society (HSS)

## **Languages**

Native: English

Proficient: French, Irish Gaelic, Scottish Gaelic

Elementary: Italian, German

Reading: Latin, Spanish, Lowland Scots, Portuguese

## **Research Experience**

1. Bibliothèque nationale de France, Paris, France (2024)
2. Musée du Quai Branly-Jacques Chirac, Paris, France (2024)
3. Musée du Quai Branly-Jacques Chirac, Paris, France (2023)
4. Linda Hall Library of Science, Engineering, and Technology, Kansas City Missouri, United States (2022)
5. Houghton Library, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, United States (2021)
6. Archives nationales de France, Paris, France (2021)
7. Newberry Library, Chicago, Illinois, United States (2018)
8. British Library, London, United Kingdom (2018)
9. Library of Congress, Washington, D.C., United States (2013)

## **Public Service, Teaching Licenses, and Certificates**

1. Buck Institute for Education Project Based Learning Certificate (2023)
2. Missouri Substitute Teaching License (2023 - 2027)
3. Notary Public for the State of Missouri, registered in Jackson County (2017 - 2019)

## References

1. Dr. Richard Mackenney, Ph.D., Professor of History, Binghamton University.  
rmackenn@binghamton.edu
2. Dr. Fa-ti Fan, Ph.D., Professor of History, President of the History of Science Society,  
Binghamton University. ffan@binghamton.edu
3. Dr. David Freeman, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History and Religious Studies, University  
of Missouri-Kansas City. freemandf@umkc.edu