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***EDUCATION***

1988 Ph.D. With Distinction, Early Modern European History, Syracuse University  
1980 Laurea, Modern Italian History, Università di Firenze, Italy

***TEACHING/RESEARCH EMPLOYMENTS***

Full Professor, University of South Florida, 2010  
Associate Professor, Florida State University, Florence Program 1998  
Associate Professor, University of South Florida, 1996-present  
Assistant Professor, University of South Florida, 1988-1995

***FELLOWSHIPS AND RESEARCH GRANTS***

***National***

Lila Acheson Wallace Publication Subsidy Grant, I Tatti 2010  
American Council of Learned Societies, Fellowship 2007-2008 (\$40,000)  
Harvard University Center for Italian Renaissance Studies at Villa I Tatti, Florence, Fellow  
2004-05 (\$56,000)  
Culture and Heritage Grant, National Italian American Foundation, 2004 (\$2,500)  
American Philosophical Society, Franklin Research Grant, summer 1996 (\$4,800)  
American Council of Learned Societies, Grant-in-Aid, summer 1989 (\$2,600)  
National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Stipend, 1989 (\$3,500)

***University of South Florida***

College of Arts and Sciences (USF) Matching International Travel Award, 2010  
International Travel Grant, 2008, 2004, 2000, 1996, 1993, 1990  
Humanities Institute, College of Arts and Science, Summer Grant, 2007  
Faculty Development Grant, College of Arts and Science, Travel to Conference, 2006  
Faculty Development Grant, College of Arts and Science, 2004  
Research and Creative Scholarship, Summer Grant, 2003, 2001, 1995, 1988  
Faculty, Development Grant, College of Arts and Sciences, 1997  
Competitive One-Semester Research Sabbatical (13 positions university-wide), fall 1997

***RESEARCH AND TEACHING AWARDS***

Outstanding Research Achievement Award, USF Office of Research & Innovation, 2008  
Faculty Award for Research, Scholarly, and Creative Excellence, USF 2008  
Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award, University of South Florida, 1996  
Award for Outstanding Teaching from the Teaching Incentive Program, USF, 1995  
Junior Participant Award, University of Chicago, "The Origin of the Modern State in Italy, 14th-  
16<sup>th</sup> Centuries, April 1993  
Research Enhancement Award, College of Social and Behavioral Science, USF, 1988

## **CURRENT RESEARCH**

“Visions of the Social Order: Women's Last Wills, Notaries, and the State in Baroque Tuscany,” book-manuscript to be submitted to Johns Hopkins University Press.

“Practices of Sociability in the Epistolary Narrative of Vittoria della Rovere,” article manuscript.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books**

*A Dynasty of Women: Tuscany and the Medici Grand Duchesses*, edited volume accepted for publication, Centre for Reformation and Renaissance Studies at the University of Toronto, Forthcoming.

*A Provincial Elite in Early Modern Tuscany: Family and Power in the Creation of the State* (Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1996).

### **Articles and Essays**

“Social Structures: Kinship, Marriage, Family,” in *The Italian Renaissance*, Michael Wyatt, ed. Cambridge University Press, Forthcoming.

“Law and the Fabric of Everyday Life in Tuscany,” in *Renaissance Studies in Honor of Joseph Connors*, Louis A. Waldman and Machtelt Israëls, eds. Florence: Leo S. Olschki, Forthcoming.

“‘Gentilhuomini’ and ‘Bottegai’: Notaries and the State in Grand Ducal Tuscany [‘Gentlemen’ and ‘Shopkeepers’: Notaries and the State in Grand Ducal Tuscany],” D. Curto, E. R. Dursteler, J. Kirshner and F. Trivellato, eds., *From Florence to the Mediterranean and Beyond. Essays in Honor of Anthony Molho* (Florence: Leo S. Olschki, 2009), 285-300.

“La madre e il granduca: Stato e famiglia nelle suppliche al Magistrato Supremo,” in A. Bellavitis and I. Chabot, eds. *Famiglie e Poteri nell’Italia Medievale e Moderna* (Rome: École Française de Rome, 2009), 379-397.

“Carteggi e negozi della Granduchessa Vittoria della Rovere, 1634-1694,” in G. Calvi and R. Spinelli, eds., *Le donne Medici nel sistema europeo delle corti (XVI-XVIII secolo)* (Florence: Edizioni Polistampa, 2008), 415-431.

“Investing the Riches of the Poor: Domestic Women and their Last Wills,” *American Historical Review*, 109.3 (2004): 805-826.

“Il Casentino e la sua gente tra Cinque e Seicento,” in L. Fornasari, ed., *Il Seicento in Casentino. Dalla Controriforma al tardo Barocco* (Firenze: Polistampa, 2001), 29-43.

“The Complex case of ‘Tuscan Urban Identities’,” *Journal of Modern Italian Studies*, 5 (2000): 80-88.

“Equilibri di potere nelle famiglie toscane tra sei e settecento [Balance of Power in Tuscan Families Between the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries],” in G. Calvi and I. Chabot, eds. *Le ricchezze delle donne* (Turin: Rosenberg e Sellier, 1998), 78-92.

“Rethinking the State: Family Strategies and State Formation in Early Modern Tuscany,” *Social History*, 2 (1995): 157-178.

“Career Strategies in Early Modern Tuscany: The Emergence of a Regional Elite,” *The Sixteenth Century Journal*, 1 (1994): 85-99.

“Le politiche del potere nello stato toscano del XVI e XVII secolo,” *Nuova Rivista Storica*, 78 (1994): 123-42.

“Bande Provinciali e Stato Regionale nella Toscana Granducale,” in *Istituzioni e società in Toscana nell'età moderna*, Firenze, 4-5 dicembre 1992 (Rome: Pubblicazioni degli Archivi di Stato, 1994), 2 vols, 231-44.

“Dynamics of Power and Authority in Sixteenth- and Seventeenth-Century Italian Provincial Society,” in ACTA, vol. 19, L. Roberts, ed. *The Middle Ages: One or Many?* (Binghamton, N.Y., 1994), 13-28.

#### ***Non-Refereed***

“La cittadina di Poppi sotto il governo mediceo. L'oligarchia in provincia,” *Storia e Dossier*, 71 (1993): 40-43.

#### ***Book Reviews***

Gregory Hanlon, *Human Nature in Rural Tuscany: An Early Modern History* (Palgrave Macmillan 2007) and Cecilia Hewlett, *Rural Communities in Renaissance Tuscany* (Brepols, 2008) in *The English Historical Review* (Forthcoming).

Elizabeth Horodowich, *Language and Statecraft in Early Modern Venice* (Cambridge University Press, 2006), *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* (Forthcoming).

Rebecca Jean Emigh, *The Undevelopment of Capitalism* (Temple University Press, 2009), in *Renaissance Quarterly* (Winter 2010): 1306-1308.

Naomi J. Miller and Naomi Yavneh, eds. *Sibling relations and Gender in the Early Modern World: Sisters, Brothers, and Others*, (Hants, England and Burlington, VT: Ashgate, 2006), *Renaissance Quarterly*, (Winter 2008): 1402-1404.

Stephen J. Milner, ed. *At the margins: Minority Groups in Premodern Italy*, (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2006), *Renaissance Quarterly*, (Fall 2007): 907-909.

Alessandra Contini, *La reggenza lorenese tra Firenze e Vienna. Logiche dinastiche, uomini e governo (1737-1766)*, (Florence, Leo Olschki, 2002), *Journal of Modern Italian Studies*, 10.1 (2005): 83-85.

Silvana Seidel Menchi and Diego Quaglioni, ed. *Matrimoni in dubbio. Unioni controverse e nozze in Italia dal XIV al XVIII secolo*, (Bologna: Il Mulino, 2001), *Renaissance Quarterly* 56 (Winter 2003): 1194-1195.

William O'Connell, *La città dei crucci. Fazioni e clientele in uno stato repubblicano del '400*, (Florence: Nuova Toscana Editrice, 2000), *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 34.1 (2003): 83-85.

Martha Howell, *The Marriage Exchange. Property, Social Place, and Gender in Cities of the Low Countries, 1300-1550*, (Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1998), *Law and History Review*, (2001): 679-681.

Tommaso Astarita, *Village Justice: Community, Family, and Popular Culture in Early Modern Italy*, (Baltimore and London: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1999), *Journal of Family History* 25 (2000): 546-548.

Jean-Claude Waquet, *Corruption: Ethics and Power in Florence, 1600-1779*, (Pennsylvania State University Press, 1991), *The Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, 2 (1995): 700-702.

Mario Assennato, *Eroi della trasformazione agricola del mezzogiorno tra settecento e ottocento*, (Rome, 1989), *Journal of Modern History*, 1 (1992): 143-144.

Carlo Fabbri, *Statuti e riforme del comune di terranuova, 1487-1675*, (Florence, 1988), *The Sixteenth Century Journal*, 3 (1991): 606.

***Reviewed Manuscripts for:***

*Journal of Women's History*

*Journal of Medieval and Early Modern Studies*

*Globalizations*

University of Notre Dame Press

Johns Hopkins University Press

Princeton University Press

Bedford/St. Martin

Prentice Hall

Houghton Mifflin College Division

***CONFERENCE PAPERS***

“The Law and the Fabric of Everyday Life in Tuscany,” Renaissance Society of America  
Venice (Italy), April 2010, (Session Organizer)

“The Politics of Last Wills in Early Modern Tuscany,” American Historical Association, San  
Diego (CA), January 2010

“Women and Work in Early Modern Italy,” Labouring Feminism and Feminist Working-Class  
History in Europe and Beyond, conference organized by *The Labour Feminist Research  
Network*, August 2008, Stockholm (Sweden), August 2008

“Epistolary Narratives of Royal Women: Sharing the Stage and Practicing Power in Baroque

- Tuscany,” *Spaces of the “Self” in Early Modern Culture: Circles of Sociability*, UCLA William Andrews Clark Memorial Library, Los Angeles (CA), October 2007
- “Who Owned Last Wills in Sixteenth-Century Tuscany? Notary and the State in Grand Ducal Tuscany,” Renaissance Society of America, San Francisco (CA), March 2006 (Session Organizer)
- “Thinking about the State, Notaries, and Testators in Sixteenth-Century Tuscany,” New College Conference on Medieval-Renaissance Studies, Sarasota (FL), March 2006
- “The Prince, the Magistrate and Family Strife in Tuscany” Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, San Antonio (TX), October 2002 (Session Organizer)
- “Rethinking Testaments in Early Modern Italy,” New College Conference on Medieval-Renaissance Studies, Sarasota (FL), March 2002
- “Negotiating Honor in Early Modern Tuscany,” American Historical Association, San Francisco (CA), January 2002 (Session Organizer)
- “Domestic Servants and Their Last Wills in Seventeenth-Century Tuscany,” Southern Historical Association, New Orleans (LA), November 2001 (Session Organizer)
- “The Magistrato Supremo: Justice and Property Rights,” New College Conference on Medieval-Renaissance Studies, Sarasota (FL), March 2000
- “Law and Culture in the ‘Supplications’ to the Medici Grand Dukes,” American Historical Association, New York (NY), January 2000 (Session Organizer)
- “The Boundaries of Privilege: Women and their Families in Provincial Tuscany,” Renaissance Society of America, Vancouver (Canada), April 1997
- “In Search of Regional History,” American Historical Association, New York (NY), January 1997
- “Making Space: The Last Wills of Early Modern Provincial Women,” New College Medieval-Renaissance Conference, Sarasota (FL), March 1996
- “Between Memory and Privilege: Images of the Self in Early Modern Tuscany,” American Historical Association, Atlanta (GA), January 1996 (Session Organizer)
- “El Poder del la Periferia. El Estado y la Sociedades Locales,” International Conference on Theoretical and Practical Problems of Regional and Local History, Habana (Cuba), April 1996
- “Dialoghi di potere nella famiglia toscana dell'età moderna,” Conference of the Società delle Storiche Italiane, Rimini (Italy), June 1995
- “The Family in Early Modern Tuscany,” Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Atlanta (GA), October 1992
- “The Political Dynamics of State Consolidation,” Conference of the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, State University of New York at Albany (NY), April, 1992
- “The State and Local Societies,” New College Conference on Medieval-Renaissance Studies, Sarasota (FL), March, 1992
- “Patronage, Friendship and Kinship: Stability in a Tuscan Community,” American Historical Association, New York (NY), December, 1990
- “Rural Women in Sixteenth-and Seventeenth Century Tuscany,” Berkshire Conference of Women's Historians, Rutgers University, (NJ), June, 1990
- “The Economic Initiatives of a Provincial Elite in Sixteenth-Century Tuscany,” New College Conference on Medieval-Renaissance Studies, Sarasota (FL), March, 1990
- “Army and Society: Provincial Elites and the Tuscan Regional State in the Sixteenth and

Seventeenth Centuries,” Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Minneapolis (MN), October, 1989

“Matrimonial and Patrimonial Strategies in Sixteenth and Seventeenth-Century Poppi,” New College Conference on Medieval-Renaissance Studies, Sarasota (FL), March, 1988

“The Response of a Provincial Elite: Poppi and its Society,” American Historical Association, Chicago (IL), December 1986

### ***Invited Papers and Lectures***

“Carteggi e negozi della granduchessa Vittoria della Rovere, 1634-1694,” Le donne Medici nel sistema europeo delle corti (XVI-XVIII secolo), Archivio di Stato di Firenze and the European University Institute in Florence (Italy), October 2005

“Between Barga and Florence: Truth and Justice in Petitions to the Prince,” The Other Tuscany: XIII-XVII Centuries, Summer Seminar, Villa I Tatti, Florence (Italy), June 2005

“La madre e il granduca: Stato e Famiglia nelle Suppliche al Magistrato Supremo,” Famiglie e Potere in Italia tra Medioevo ed Invited Speaker, Età Moderna (XIV-XVII secoli), École française de Rome and Università degli studi di Pisa, Lucca (Italy), June 2005

Lecture, “Domestic Relations: Masters, Mistresses and Servants in Early Modern Italian Households,” Department of History and Civilization, European University Institute, Florence (Italy), December 2004

“Trusting Subjects and Benevolent Rulers: The Supplications to the Medici Grand Dukes at the Beginning of the Seventeenth Century,” University of Warwick in Venice-Thirty-seventh annual symposiums on Renaissance History and Art History, Venice (Italy), November 2004

Lecture, “From Statistic to Anthropology and Beyond: Reading Last Wills in Early Modern Tuscany,” Department of History and Civilization, European University Institute, Florence (Italy), October 2004

“Between Class and Gender: Last Wills and the Notarial Practice in Seventeenth-Century Provincial Tuscany,” Roundtable: Women Acting in Law, American Society for Legal History, Washington (D.C.), January 2004

“La bella morte. Status e privilegi nei testamenti delle donne toscane del Seicento,” Seminario di Storia delle Donne/Storia di Genere, Università degli Studi di Pisa, Pisa (Italy), January 1998

“Problemas Teóricos y Prácticos de la Historia Regional y Local,” Roundtable International Conference on Theoretical and Practical Problems of Regional and Local History, Habana (Cuba), April 1996

“Stato e Famiglia nella Toscana Moderna,” “Changes in Family Patterns in Western Countries” Bologna (Italy), October, 1994

“Bande Provinciali e Stato Regionale nella Toscana Granducale,” Giornate di studio dedicate a Giuseppe Pansini: “Istituzioni e società in Toscana nell’età moderna,” Archivio di Stato di Firenze, Florence (Italy), December, 1992

Presentation, Lawrence Stone, keynote speaker at the De Bartolo Eighteenth Century Studies Conference, Tampa (FL), April 1989

### ***Chair and Commentator***

Chair/Commentator, *Sharing spaces: neighborhoods and social interactions in early modern Rome*, Renaissance Society of America, Montreal (CA), March 2011

Chair, *Material Matters in Late Renaissance Italy*, Renaissance Society of America, Venice

(Italy), April 2010 (Session Organizer)  
Commentator, *Rethinking Gender in Baroque Rome*, American Historical Association, New York (NY), January 2009 (Session Organizer)  
Chair, *Cultural Tourists: Food, Identity, and Ethnicity*, Renaissance Society of America, Chicago (IL), April 2008  
Chair, *Civic Negotiations I, New College Conference on Medieval and Renaissance Studies*, Sarasota (FL), March 2008  
Chair, *Elusive Realities: Public Words and Religious Images in Civic Life*, Renaissance Society of America, Miami (FL), March 2007  
Commentator, *Unsettling Decisions and Women's Lives in Early Modern Italy*, American Historical Association, Atlanta (GA), January 2007  
Commentator, *Controversial Deeds: Redefining what Women Could Do in Early Modern Europe*, American Historical Association, Washington (D.C.), January 2004  
Chair, *Poverty, Charity, and the Plague in Milan and Venice*, Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Atlanta (GA), October 2005  
Chair, *Religion in the Italian Renaissance*, New College Medieval-Renaissance Conference, Sarasota (FL), March 2004  
Chair, *Costume and Custom: Organizing the World in Renaissance Italy*, Renaissance Society of America, Tempe (AZ), April 2002 (Session Organizer)  
Commentator, *Political Life in Late Renaissance Italy: In Search of New Critical Categories*, Renaissance Society of America, Florence (Italy), March 2000  
Commentator, *Parents, Children, and Family Strategies*, Third Carleton Conference on the History of the Family, Ottawa (Canada), May 1997  
Chair, *Society in the Renaissance State*, New College Medieval-Renaissance Conference, Sarasota (FL), March 1994

## **TEACHING**

### **Lecture Courses**

European History Survey, 1300-1800; Renaissance Society; Renaissance and Reformation Europe; The Practice of Every Day Life; Social Conflicts in Early Modern Europe; Popular Culture; Women and Gender in Early Modern Europe; Race and Gender in Early Modern Europe; Women and Men in Renaissance Italy; Renaissance Cities

### **Graduate Seminars**

Early Modern Europe; European Social History; Society and Culture; State and Society; Urban History; The Art of Resistance in Early Modern Europe; Work and Family in Early Modern Europe; Women and Gender; Mediterranean Renaissance; Minorities in Early Modern Europe; Law and Gender, Analysis of Historical Knowledge

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

### **Professional Service**

Chair of the Program Committee of the SIHS, 2010, 2011  
Reviewer, Dissertation Completion Fellowships of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation/ACLS Early Career Fellowship Program, 2009, 2010, 2011  
Advisory Council, Society of Italian Historical Studies, 2007-2013  
Advisory Council, American Academy in Rome, 2008-1011

Nominating Member, Mellon Distinguished Achievement Awards, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, 2008  
Chair, Nominating Committee, Society of Italian Historical Studies, 2006  
Reviewer, Prize and Fellowship Committee for the Leo Gershey, Award American Historical Association, 1998-99

### ***University Service***

Faculty Ad Hoc Committee on Promotion and Tenure - Regulations and Guidelines, 2010  
Research Council 2009-10  
Sabbatical Committee, 2009, 2010  
Women's Status Committee, Presidential Advisory Committee, 2008-10  
Faculty Advisory Committee, Institute for Research in Art/Graphic Studio and the Contemporary Art Museum, 2007-2011  
Reviewer Arts & Humanities Panel, Research and Creative Scholarship Council, 2006  
Search Committee, College of Fine Arts, Medieval Art History, 2005-06  
Reviewer: Arts & Humanities Panel, Research and Creative Scholarship Council, 2005  
Co-supervisor of faculty and student exchange, USF and the Università di Siena, 2003-07  
Faculty Advisory Council, College of Arts and Sciences, 2003-04  
Co-founder and co-chair of the Italian Studies Interdisciplinary Program at the University of South Florida 2000-present  
University Research and Creative Scholarship Council, 1996  
Women Awareness Month Committee, 1993-94

### ***College of Arts and Sciences***

Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2009-11  
Florence Program, Faculty Advisory Committee, 2007  
Search Committee, Department of World Languages, Italian Language and Literature, 2003-04  
Member, Third-Year Review Committee, Interdisciplinary Social Science, 2002  
Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award Committee, Chair, 2000-01  
Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award Committee Member, 1999-2001  
Teaching Incentive Program Award Committee, 1995-96  
Learning Community Committee, Organizer and Participant of first community, 1994-96  
Committee on Retention of Undergraduate Students Committee, 1995  
Students' Grievance Committee, 1995  
Research Council, Ex-officio member of the Fine Arts/Humanities Grant Subcommittee, 1995  
University Student Financial Aid Committee, 1993-94  
Teaching Incentive Program Award Committee, 1993-94  
CAS Faculty Development Committee, 1992-1994

### ***History Department***

Graduate Committees, 2010-11  
Speaker Committee, 2010-11  
PhD *ad hoc* Committee, 2008-11  
Summer Money Committee, 2006-07  
Mentor of junior faculty, 2000-2010  
Library Committee: 2003-04; 1988-91

Graduate Committees: 2005-06; 2002-03; 1993-95

Undergraduate Committee: 1999-02

Executive Council:

Chair, 2005-07, spring 2004, 2001-02, 1999-2000

Member, 2003-04, 2002-03, 2000-01, 1995-97

Search Committees

Asian/Middle East, 2008

European History, Instructor, 2007

Open field, Sarasota-Manatee Campus, 2007

Colonial Latin America, 2006

Medieval Europe, 2005

Byzantine History, 2003

Nineteenth Century US History, 2002

Twentieth century US History, 2002

Colonial America, 2001

Latino/US History, 2001

Latin American History, 1999

US History since 1945, 1995

Russian/Soviet History, 1995

Colonial America, 1995

Gender History, 1993

Colonial Latin America, 1993

Modern European History, 1991

### ***PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS***

American Historical Association; Renaissance Society of America; Coordinating Council for Women in History; Society for Italian Historical Studies; Scholars of Early Modern Studies; Società delle Storiche Italiane; Society for the Study of Early Modern Women