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EDUCATION

Ph.D., History, Minor in Medieval Studies, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, 2009.
M.A., History, Minor in Medieval Studies, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, 2005.
B.A., History, Concentrations in Archaeology and Medieval and Renaissance Studies,
Carleton College, 2001.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Interim Chair, Department of History, Philosophy, and Religious Studies, 2022-2023.
Associate Professor, History, Department of History, Philosophy, and Religious Studies,
Eastern Kentucky University, 2019-present.
Assistant Professor, History, Department of History, Eastern Kentucky University, 2013-
2019.
Visiting Assistant Professor, History, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Rose-
Hulman Institute of Technology, 2011-2013
Instructor, History, Robert D. Clark Honors College, University of Oregon, 2009-2011.
Visiting Instructor, History, Department of History, St. Olaf College, 2008-2009.

TEACHING

Course Prefix and Number	Title	Times Taught
History 100	World Topics to 1500	6
History 204W	Historical Inquiry	3
History 246	World Civilization to 1500	1
History 290	Historical Research and Methods	3
History 300C	Topics in Non-Western History	1
History 302B	Research Topics in History	7
History 310	History of Science	1
History 339	Medieval Civilization	3
History 802B/802C	Premodern Frontiers	2
History 849	Readings and Research	4
History 861	Readings in European History	4
Honors 308W/310W/320W	Medieval Spain	1
Honors 308W/310W	The Book: A Cultural History	3

RESEARCH/CREATIVE INTERESTS

I am a social and economic historian who focuses his research on the medieval Mediterranean, specifically Sicily from the eleventh to the thirteenth centuries.

PUBLISHED WORKS

Refereed Journal Articles:

Timothy Smit. 2009. Pagans and Infidels, Saracens and Sicilians: Identifying Muslims in the Eleventh-Century Chronicles of Norman Italy. *Haskins Society Journal: Studies in Medieval History*, 21, 67-86.

Timothy Smit. 2021. Weaving Connections: Sicilian Silk in the Medieval Mediterranean. *Textile History*, 52, 5-22.

Refereed Chapters in Books:

Timothy Smit. 2014. This Island of Many Natural Riches and Many Peoples: Geography, Population, and the Economic Identities of Norman Sicily. In: Kathryn Reyerson and John Watkins, *Mediterranean Identities in the Premodern Era – Entrepôts, Islands, Empires* (93-108). Aldershot: Ashgate Press.

Book Reviews:

Timothy Smit. 2018. Review of *Mercenaries to Conquerors: Norman Warfare in the Eleventh- and Twelfth-Century Mediterranean*, by Paul Brown. *Journal of Military History*, 82, no. 4.

ORAL PAPERS PRESENTED/ INVITED LECTURES

Timothy Smit. Muslim Peasants and Rural Resistance in Medieval Sicily. 54th *International Congress on Medieval Studies/Western Michigan University*, Kalamazoo, MI, May 2019.

Timothy Smit. Muslim Coins from Norman Mints: The Return of Islamic Coinage to Sicily. *The Normans in the South/St Edmund Hall, Oxford University*, Oxford, UK, June 2017.

Timothy Smit. *Sarraceorum Regulos*: Muslim Rebellion in Sicily and Mediterranean Connections. *51st International Congress on Medieval Studies/Western Michigan University*, Kalamazoo, MI, May 2016.

Timothy Smit. North Africa and the End of Norman Sicily. *Annual Conference of the Haskins Society/Carleton College*, Northfield, MN, November 2015.

Timothy Smit. Frederick II and the Administration of the Muslims of Sicily. *54th Annual Midwest Medieval History Conference/Indiana State University*, Terre Haute, IN, October 2015.

Timothy Smit. The Economic Regulation of Muslims in Medieval Sicily. *Annual Conference of the Charles Homer Haskins Society/Boston College*, Boston, MA, October 2013.

Timothy Smit. Commercial and Religious Identity in Medieval Sicily. *46th International Congress on Medieval Studies/Western Michigan University*, Kalamazoo, MI, May 2011.

Timothy Smit. Mediterranean Connections: Merchants and Identity in Medieval Sicily. *Identity in the Mediterranean World: From the Middle Ages to Today/University of Minnesota*, Minneapolis, MN, April 2011.

Timothy Smit. Medieval Sicily in Global Networks of Trade. *Seventh Annual Northwest World History Conference/University of Oregon*, Eugene, OR, October 2010.

Timothy Smit. Loans between Christians and Muslims in Twelfth-Century Italy. *Center for Medieval Studies/University of Minnesota-Twin Cities*, Minneapolis, MN, April 2009.

Timothy Smit. Commerce and Coexistence: Muslim Merchants and Traders in Norman Sicily. *The Mediterranean and its Seas Conference/University of Minnesota-Twin Cities*, Minneapolis, MN, September 2008.

Timothy Smit. They are the Merchants of the Place: Commercial Interactions between Christians and Muslims in Norman Sicily. *32nd Mid-America Medieval Association Conference/Missouri Valley College*, Marshall, MO, February 2008.

Timothy Smit. Monks and Muslims in Norman Sicily. *42nd International Congress on Medieval Studies/Western Michigan University*, Kalamazoo, MI, May 2007.

Timothy Smit. Muslims in the Eleventh-Century Chronicles of Norman Italy. *Annual Conference of the Charles Homer Haskins Society/Georgetown University*, Washington, DC, November 2006.

Timothy Smit. Egypt as a Destination for Crusades in Relief of the Holy Land. *Midwest Medieval History Conference/University of Evansville*, Evansville, IN, October 2006.

OTHER MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Online Course Development and Teaching Online Course. Office of E-Campus Learning, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY, 2014.

STUDENT SUPERVISION (Scholarly/Creative Activities)

Miles Mckinney. The History of the Cape Colony. 2019-2020.
Justin Burton. The Albigensian Crusade. 2018-2019.
Macey Campbell. The Economic Impact of the Plague in Late Medieval England. 2018-2019.
Rachel Bracker. Jouhikko: An Instrumental Evolution. 2017-2018.
Michael Martin. Holy Women: A Comparison Between Late Medieval Byzantine Orthodox Female Saints and their Catholic Counterparts. 2017-2018.
Bradley Foxx. The Principle of the Thing: Medieval Knights and the Ideal versus Reality. 2016-2017.
Rachel Lachut. Eleanor of Aquitaine: A Musical Examination. 2016-2017.
Jeffrey Robinson. Stewards of the Kingdom: The Face of the Franks in the Kingdom of Jerusalem. 2015-2016.
Benjamin Whitaker. God's New Chosen People: Analyzing Crusader Self-Image during the First Crusade. 2015-2016.

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

Travel Committee, Department of History, Philosophy, and Religious Studies, 2019-2020.
Assessment Committee, Department of History, Philosophy, and Religious Studies, 2013-2015, 2017-2019. (Chair, 2017-2018)
Social/Outreach Committee, Department of History, Philosophy, and Religious Studies, 2013-2015, 2017-2019, 2021-2022. (Chair, 2014-2015)
Awards/Appeals Committee, Department of History, Philosophy, and Religious Studies, 2015-2017, 2018-2019. (Chair, 2016-2017)

Faculty Senate, Eastern Kentucky University, 2019-2020, 2021-2022.
Strategic Planning and Budget Committee, CLASS, 2016-2022.
Textbook Task Force, College of Arts and Sciences, 2015-2016.
Dean's Award Work Group, College of Arts and Sciences, 2014-2015.
Academic Integrity Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, 2014.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Treasurer, Midwest Medieval History Conference, 2018-2022.
2019 Annual Meeting Program Committee Member, American Historical Association, 2017-2019.
President, Midwest Medieval History Conference, 2017-2018.
Vice-President, Midwest Medieval History Conference, 2016-2017.
Councilor, Midwest Medieval History Conference, 2013-2016.

Haskins Society Journal, Manuscript Review, 2015-2016, 2018-2019.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association. (2005-2014, 2017-2020).

The Haskins Society. (2014-present).

Middle East Medievalists. (2005-present).

The Medieval Academy of America. (2005-present).

Middle East Studies Association. (2010-2014).

World History Association. (2010-2014).

HONORS AND AWARDS

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute, 2015, National Endowment for Humanities (Scholarly/Creative)

Junior Faculty Research Grant, Eastern Kentucky University, 2015 (Scholarly/Creative)

Lindsay Young Regional Visiting Faculty Fellowship, 2014, University of Tennessee Knoxville (Scholarly/Creative)

Hedley Donovan History Fellowship, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, 2007 (Scholarly/Creative)

Graduate Research Partnership Program Fellowship, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, 2007 (Scholarly/Creative)

Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship (Arabic), United States Department of Education, 2005 (Scholarly/Creative)

Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship (Arabic), United States Department of Education, 2005-2005 (Scholarly/Creative)

Albert and Virginia Wimmer Fellowship, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, 2003-2004 (Scholarly/Creative)