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# EDUCATION: THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA: PhD, MEDIEVAL HISTORY 2025 Major Field: Medieval Politics and Society, c. 700-1400 Minor Field: Late Antiquity, c. 300-700 Minor Field: Digital Humanities Dissertation: "From Usurper to Emperor: Political Practice and Dynastic Tradition in the Reign of Arnulf of Carinthia, 887-899" (Unpublished, 2025) o Supervisor: Prof. Jennifer Davis 2016 THE UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE: MPHIL, MEDIEVAL HISTORY Thesis: "The Carolingians and the Construction of a Royal Landscape, 768-900" (Unpublished, 2016) Supervisor: Prof. Rosamond McKitterick THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY: BA, HISTORY 2015 Thesis: "Conflict and Contestation in Early Medieval Italy: Charlemagne, Byzantium and the Imperial Coronation" (Unpublished, 2015) Supervisor: Prof. Mary Frances Giandrea **TEACHING EXPERIENCE:** THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA, Instructor: Dept. of History, "Kings, Emperors, and Nobles: Power in the Global Middle 202I Ages" THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA, Teaching Assistant: Dept. of Anthropology, "Introduction to Archaeology" 2024 Dept. of History, "Medieval World" 2023 Dept. of Anthropology, "Introduction to Anthropology" Dept. of Anthropology, "Introduction to Archaeology"

Dept. of Anthropology, "Introduction to Anthropology"

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2020 Dept. of Anthropology, "Introduction to Anthropology"

Dept. of History, "Modern European History"

2019 Dept. of Anthropology, "Introduction to Archaeology"

Dept. of History, "Medieval World"

Dept. of Greek and Latin, "History of Ancient Greece"

2018 Dept. of History, "Medieval Japan"

## Presentations:

"Creating a Vision of the Past in Carolingian Charters,"

to be presented at the International Medieval Congress, The

University of Leeds, July 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

2024 "Northmen Attacks as a Resource in Carolingian History Writing and

Politics," presented at the International Medieval Congress, The

University of Leeds, July 2<sup>nd</sup>-July 5<sup>th</sup>

"Elites in the Charters of Arnulf of Carinthia: Networks and Power,"

presented at the International Medieval Congress, The University of

Leeds, July 3<sup>rd</sup>-July 6<sup>th</sup>

"Political Networks in the Charters of Arnulf of Carinthia," presented

at the 98th Medieval Academy of America Conference, Washington,

DC, February 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>

"Synods as Venues of Royal Authority in the Late 9th Century: Mainz

in 888 and Tribur in 895," presented at the International Medieval Congress, The University of Leeds, July 5<sup>th</sup>-July 9<sup>th</sup>\*\*\*Delivered

virtually due to COVID-19

"Inheriting a Kingdom?: 'Position' Before King in Ninth Century

Bavaria (c. 860-887)," presented at the 46th Sewanee Medieval

Colloquium, The University of the South, April 9th-10th \*\*\* Delivered

virtually due to COVID-19

2020 "Competition and Adaptation in the Reign of Arnulf of Carinthia,

887-899," presented at the 95<sup>th</sup> Medieval Academy of America Conference, University of California, Berkeley, March 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>

\*\*\*Delivered virtually due to COVID-19

2018 "Arnulf of Carinthia and the End of the Carolingian Empire: Charters,

Ancestry, and the Legitimacy of Rulership", presented at the 45<sup>th</sup> New England Medieval Conference at the University of New Hampshire,

November 17<sup>th</sup>

2015 "Conflict and Contestation in Early Medieval Italy: Charlemagne,

Byzantium and the Imperial Coronation," presented at the Longwood Medieval Conference, Longwood University, March 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> (Received

the Abels-Johnson Award for Excellence, see below)

### PANELS ORGANIZED:

2025 "Charters as Repositories of Knowledge I: Understanding

Form" at the International Medieval Congress, the University of Leeds

"Charters as Repositories of Knowledge II: Charters,

Identity, and Memory" at the International Medieval Congress, the

University of Leeds, July 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

"Charters as Repositories of Knowledge III: Charters as

Sources for Social History" at the International Medieval Congress, the

University of Leeds, July 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

"Networks in Early Medieval Charters: Power, Politics, and Society" at

the International Medieval Congress, The University of Leeds, July 3<sup>rd</sup>-

July 6<sup>th</sup>

#### Professional Experience:

1/2024 – Present Medieval Academy of America: Special Projects Assistant

12/2019 – 12/2023 Freelance, Katherine Bader: Research Assistant/Copy Editor

6/2018 - 8/2018 CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA ARCHIVES: Student Assistant

9/2012 – 7/2015 JUSTICE PROGRAMS OFFICE: Research Assistant

Service:	
8/2017 - 5/2020	Graduate Student Union: Senator, Department of History
Fellowships:	
2025	Monumenta Germaniae Historica: "Pro arte edendi – Freunde der MGH e.V." Fellowship
	THE MEDIEVAL INSTITUTE AT WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY: Wallace Johnson Program for First Book Authors
Awards:	
2025	Commission Internationale de Diplomatique Grant, for Leeds International Medieval Congress
	Medieval Academy of America Travel Grant, for Leeds International Medieval Congress
2023 – 2025	The Catholic University of America College of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Guidance Scholarship
2024	The Catholic University of America History Department Teaching Award
2018	THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA HISTORY DEPARTMENT RESEARCH AWARD, for the unpublished paper "The Deployment of a Carolingian Heritage in the Charters of Arnulf"
2015	ABELS-JOHNSON AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE, for the paper "Conflict and Contestation in Early Medieval Italy: Charlemagne, Byzantium and the Imperial Coronation," presented at the Longwood Medieval Conference