

DR CELESTE MCNAMARA
Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION

- 2013 Ph.D., History, Northwestern University
Dissertation: "The Tragedy of Tridentine Reform in Late Seventeenth-Century Padua." Advisor: Edward Muir, Jr.
- 2008 M.A., History, Northwestern University
Thesis: "Sacred Profanity: Disseminating Religious Reform through Carnavalesque Poetry."
- 2007 B.A., History, College of William and Mary, summa cum laude, with Highest Honors in History

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2021- Assistant Professor, Department of History and Geography, Dublin City University
- 2018-2021 Assistant Professor, Department of History, SUNY Cortland
- 2015-2018 Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Warwick
- 2013-2015 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History, The College of William and Mary

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

- 2020 *The Bishop's Burden: Reforming the Catholic Church in Early Modern Italy* (Washington, DC: The Catholic University of America Press, 2020).

Refereed Journal Articles

- "Dangerous Liaisons, or Strategies for Family Management in 18th-century Venice" (under review).
- "Priests Behaving Badly: The Problem of Scandal in the Early Modern Catholic Church," *The Journal of Modern History* (forthcoming).
- 2021 "Schism in the *stato da mar*: the Bishop of Padua and Missions in South-Eastern Europe" *Historični seminar (Historical Seminar)* 14, (2021): 29-46.
- 2019 "Molding the Model Bishop from Trent to Vatican II," *Church History* 88, (2019): 58-86.
- 2016 "What the People Want: Popular Support for Catholic Reform in the Veneto," *Catholic Historical Review* 102 (2016): 65-89.
- 2013 "Conceptualizing the Priest: Lay and Episcopal Expectations of Clerical Reform in Late 17th-Century Padua," *Archiv für Reformationsgeschichte* 104 (2013): 297-320.

Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

- “The Impact of Catholic Reform on Mannerist Altarpieces” in *Devotio Maniera: The Mannerist Altarpiece in Italy circa 1550*, edited by Steven Cody and Tiffany Hunt (under review).
- 2023 “Pastoral Care,” in *The Cambridge Companion to the Council of Trent*, ed. Nelson Minnich, 225-241. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2023.
- 2016 “Confraternities and Rural Devotion in the Veneto,” in *Rituals of Politics and Culture in Early Modern Europe: Essays in Honour of Edward Muir*, eds. Mark Jurdjevic and Rolf Strom-Olsen, 309-336. Toronto: University of Toronto, 2016.
- 2015 “Extending the Boundaries of the Sacred in Seventeenth-Century Padua,” in *The Sacralization of Space and Behavior in the Early Modern World*, ed. Jennifer Mara De Silva, 215-232. Burlington, VT: Ashgate, 2015.
- 2012 “Challenges to Episcopal Authority in Seventeenth-Century Padua,” in *Episcopal Reform and Politics in Early Modern Europe*, ed. Jennifer Mara DeSilva, 173-193. Kirksville, MO: Truman State University Press, 2012.

Book Reviews

- Review of *A Fake Saint and the True Church: The Story of a Forgery in Seventeenth-Century Naples*, by Stefania Tutino, *English Historical Review* (forthcoming).
- 2022 Review of *La ghianda e la quercia: Saggi per Adriano Prosperi*, edited by Wietse de Boer, Vincenzo Lavenia, and Giuseppe Marcocci, *Renaissance Quarterly* 75 (2022): 640-641.
- 2021 Review of *The Oxford Illustrated History of the Renaissance*, edited by Gordon Campbell, *Renaissance Quarterly* 74 (2021): 605-606.
- 2019 Review of *The Indissolubility of Marriage and the Council of Trent*, by E. Christian Brugger, *Renaissance Quarterly* 72 (2019): 1520-1521.
- 2019 Review of *Preaching and Inquisition in Renaissance Italy*, by Giorgio Caravale and translated by Frank Gordon, *The English Historical Review* 134 (2019): 447-448.
- 2018 Review of *The Sacred Home in Renaissance Italy*, by Abigail Brundin, Mary Laven, and Deborah Howard, *The Catholic Historical Review*, 104 (2018): 714-715.
- 2016 Review of *Daughter of Venice: Caterina Corner, Queen of Cyprus, and Woman of the Renaissance*, by Holly Hurlburt, h-net (h-Italy). <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=46384>, August 2016.
- 2015 Review of *The Renaissance in Italy*, by Guido Ruggiero, h-net (h-Italy). <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=43204>, May 2015.
- 2015 Review of *The Roman Inquisition on the Stage of Italy, c. 1590-1640* by Thomas Mayer, *History: Reviews of New Books* 43 (2015), 32.
- 2014 Review of *Punishment and Penance: Two Phases in the History of the Bishop's Tribunal of Novara* by Thomas Deutscher, *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 65 (2014), 680-681.
- 2013 Review of *The Pulpit and the Press in Reformation Italy* by Emily Michelson, *Renaissance and Reformation* 36 (2013), 177-179.

Translations

Primary source contributions to *Written, Spoken, Heard: Social History Sources for Early Modern Italy (ca 1400-1700)* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, forthcoming).

- 2021 “Investigating an unusual ‘convent’ (1687-1688), in *Global Reformations Sourcebook*, ed. Nicholas Terpstra, (London: Routledge, 2021), 259-63.
- 2017 Cecilia Cristellon, *Marriage, the Church, and its Judges in Renaissance Venice, 1420-1545*, trans. Celeste McNamara (London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2017). Translation from the Italian of Cecilia Cristellon, *La carità e l’eros. Il matrimonio, la Chiesa, i suoi giudici nella Venezia del Rinascimento (1420-1545)* (Bologna: Il Mulino, 2010).

Public History Projects

Production of a trail for *Hidden Venice* app, part of *Hidden Cities* project (<https://hiddencities.eu/>), forthcoming.

Manuscripts in Preparation

(with Lu Ann Homza), “The Mediterranean” in *A Companion to the Parish in Late Medieval and Early Modern Christianity*, edited by Beat Kümin and Arnd Reitemeier, forthcoming from Brill.

“The Counter-Reformation,” commissioned for *Modern History Review*.

“Hunting a Harasser: Urban Space and Anonymity in Eighteenth-Century Venice” (journal article)

(with Juliana Adelman), “Historical Fiction in the Classroom” (journal article)
Sin in the Serenissima (monograph)

CERTIFICATIONS

- 2018 Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (<https://www.heacademy.ac.uk/>)

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2023 Conference Participation Scheme, Dublin City University
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- 2021-2023 Gladys Kriebel Delmas Foundation Venetian Research Grant
- 2020-2021 Faculty Research Program Award, Research and Sponsored Programs Office, SUNY Cortland
- 2020 United University Professions Individual Development Award [declined due to COVID-19]
- 2020 SUNY Cortland Faculty Development Center Small Grant [declined due to COVID-19]
- 2020 SUNY Cortland Department of History Research Enrichment and Development Initiative [declined due to COVID-19]
- 2019 United University Professions Individual Development Award
- 2019 SUNY Cortland Department of History Research Enrichment and Development Initiative
- 2018 University of Warwick Humanities Research Fund Travel Grant, February 2018

- 2017 University of Warwick Humanities Research Centre Summer Research Fund Travel Grant, March 2017
- 2017 University of Warwick Humanities Research Fund Travel Grant, February 2017
- 2016 University of Warwick Humanities Research Fund Travel Grant, February 2016
- 2015 Renaissance Society of America Conference Travel Grant, March 2015
- 2014 Faculty Participant, "Narratives of Conversion" Seminar
Folger Shakespeare Library, September 2014
- 2014 Visiting Scientist, University of Padua
Department of Political Science, Juridical Studies, and International Studies, May-June 2014.
- 2014 Gladys Kriebel Delmas Foundation Research Grant
Awarded for Research in Venice and the Veneto
- 2013 Academy for Advanced Study in the Renaissance Fellow
Funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Distinguished Achievement Award
- 2012-2013 University Fellowship
Awarded by The Graduate School of Northwestern University
- 2011-2012 External Award Research Grant
Awarded by The Graduate School of Northwestern University
- 2008-2012 Jacob K. Javits Fellow
Awarded by the U.S. Department of Education
- 2007-2008 University Fellowship
Awarded by The Graduate School of Northwestern University

INVITED LECTURES

- 2022 "From Servitude to Sex Work: Strategies for Family Management in 18th-century Venice." University of Limerick; October 2022.
- 2022 "From Servitude to Sex Work: Strategies for Family Management in 18th-century Venice." Trinity College Dublin; October 2022.
- 2021 "Dangerous Liaisons: Illicit Relationships and Illegitimate Births in 18th century Venice." Dublin City University; November 2021.
- 2021 "How to make a bishop-saint: The beatification and canonization of San Gregorio Barbarigo." En el paraíso de los altares: Trayectoria, privilegio, e idiosincrasia de las élites eclesiásticas en el Antiguo Régimen, SS. XVI-XVIII (In the paradise of altars: Trajectory, privilege, and idiosyncrasy of ecclesiastical elites in the Ancien Régime, 16th-18th centuries), Universidad Autónoma de Madrid; March 2021.
- 2020 "Daily Life in Italy during the Black Death." Clark Center for Global Engagement, SUNY Cortland; November 2020.
- 2019 "Sin and Salvation: The Threat of Scandal in Early Modern Italy." College of William and Mary; April 2019.
- 2018 "Priests Behaving Badly: The Problem of Scandal in Renaissance Italy." Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine; October 2018.
- 2018 "Misbehaving Priests and the Problem of Scandal in 17th-century Padua." Venice Seminar, Cambridge University; May 2018.
- 2017 "Schism in the *stato da mar*: The Bishop of Padua and Missions in the Balkans."

- Historical Seminar of the Scientific Research Centre, Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts; November 2017.
- 2017 “Building the Universal Church: An Italian Bishop and Global Catholic Missions.” Early Modern and Eighteenth-Century Centre Seminar Series, University of Warwick; February 2017.
- 2015 “The Priest’s Harem: Challenges to Catholic Reform in Seventeenth-Century Padua.” The Warwick in Venice Annual Conference. Palazzo Pesaro Papafava, Venice, University of Warwick; December 2015.
- 2015 “Why History Matters.”
Keynote address, Induction Ceremony of Phi Alpha Theta, History Honors Society, College of William and Mary; April 2015.
- 2014 “La globalizzazione della cristianità.” (“The Globalization of Christianity.”) Department of Political Science, University of Padua, Italy; May 2014.
- 2014 “The Priest’s Harem: Challenges to Catholic Reform in Late 17th-Century Padua.” Old Archives, New Histories: Refining Religious Lives in Early Modern Spain and Italy: A Research Symposium. Medieval and Renaissance Studies Program, College of William and Mary; February 2014.

PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 “Defining Sexual Violence in 18th-Century Venice.” Worlds of Conflict: Violence in the Early Modern Period, Centre for Reformation and Renaissance Studies, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada; September 2023.
- 2023 “Teaching Across Borders: Practical Challenges in Teaching Transnationally,” Roundtable Session, Renaissance Society of America Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico; March 2023.
- 2023 “‘The best ruffian in Venice’: Elite Tourists and the Sex Trade,” Renaissance Society of America Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico; March 2023.
- 2022 “True versus real? Historical fiction and the teaching of history,” with Juliana Adelman, Telling Stories, Queen’s University Belfast Centre for Public History, Belfast, Northern Ireland; September 2022.
- 2022 “The Value of Virginity in Early Modern Venice,” Renaissance Society of America Conference, Dublin, Ireland; April 2022.
- 2020 “The Value of Virginity in Early Modern Venice,” Society for Renaissance Studies Conference, Norwich, Norfolk, United Kingdom; July 2020 July 2021. [Postponed from 2020, later canceled due to COVID-19]
- 2020 “Armed Clergy in the Early Modern Veneto,” Renaissance Society of America Conference, Philadelphia, PA; April 2020. [Canceled due to COVID-19]
- 2020 “Illicit Sex in Early Modern Venice,” American Historical Association/Society for Italian Historical Studies Conference, New York, NY; January 2020.
- 2019 “Telling Tales of Seduction in Early Modern Venice,” Making Stories in the Early Modern World: Conference in Honor of Thomas and Elizabeth Cohen. University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada; November 2019.
- 2019 “Confession and Scandal in the Catholic Church,” Confession, Truth and Power (interdisciplinary workshop). Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY; May 2019.

- 2018 “Secular Control Over Religious Behavior: Venice’s *Esecutori contro la Bestemmia*.” Renaissance Society of America Conference, New Orleans, LA; March 2018.
- 2017 “‘I only say dirty words when I’m drunk’: Reforming the Unfit Priest.” Renaissance Society of America Conference, Chicago, IL; March 2017.
- 2016 “Making the Model Bishop.” Sixteenth-Century Studies Conference, Bruges, Belgium; August 2016.
- 2016 “Suppressing Scandals to Save Souls.” Renaissance Society of America Conference, Boston, MA; March 2016.
- 2015 “Reform without Jesuits: Episcopal Use of Jesuit Methods in 17th-Century Padua.” Renaissance Society of America Conference, Berlin, Germany; March 2015.
- 2014 “Reforming the Veneto: Localizing the Universals of Trent.” Sixteenth-Century Studies Conference, New Orleans, LA; October 2014.
- 2014 “Popular Devotion in Rural Parishes in the Veneto.” Rethinking Early Modernity: Methodological and Critical Innovation since the Ritual Turn. Centre for Reformation and Renaissance Studies, Toronto, Canada; June 2014.
- 2014 “Seeing Reform in Rural Parishes: Altar Dedications and Confraternities in the Diocese of Padua.” Renaissance Society of America Conference, New York, NY; March 2014.
- 2013 “Conversion and Catholic Reform in Seventeenth-Century Padua.” Sixteenth-Century Studies Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico; October 2013.
- 2013 “Keeping Rome at Bay: Diocesan Reform in the Veneto.” Renaissance Society of America Conference, San Diego, CA; April 2013.
- 2012 “Redefining the Sacred Landscape in Seventeenth-Century Padua.” Sixteenth-Century Studies Conference, Cincinnati, OH; October 2012.
- 2012 “Allies or Opponents? Lay Involvement in Clerical Reform in late 17th-century Padua.” Chabreja Center for Historical Studies Workshop, American Academy in Rome, Rome, Italy; May 2012.
- 2012 “‘To better govern this ample diocese’: Gregorio Barbarigo and the *vicari foranei* in Seventeenth-Century Padua.” Renaissance Society of America, Washington, DC; March 2012.
- 2011 “From Discipline to Mercy: ‘Model’ Tridentine Bishops in Italy.” Sixteenth-Century Studies Conference, Dallas, TX; October 2011.
- 2010 “Negotiating Reform: Episcopal and Lay Interactions in Seventeenth-Century Padua.” Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Montréal, Canada; October 2010.
- 2010 “The Tridentine Reformation as a Transregional Phenomenon: Episcopal Strategies for Religious Reform in 16th and 17th-century Europe.” Center for Historical Studies Workshop, Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche e Istituto di Storia dell’Europa Mediterranea, Sestri Levante, Italy; April 2010.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Dublin City University

Fact, Fiction, and European History (2nd year option, Winter 2023)

Witch Hunting in Early Modern Europe (3rd year option, Fall 2022)

Europe, 1450-1648 (1st year core, Winter 2022, 2023)
Europe, 1648-1848 (2nd year core, Winter 2022)
Renaissance, Reform, and Religious Wars (2nd year, Fall 2021, 2022)
Witchcraze (3rd year option, Fall 2021)
Interpretation and Argument in History, Seminar on Early Modern Historiography (MA seminar, Fall 2021, Fall 2022)
Research Methods, Seminar on methodology in pre-modern history (MA seminar, Fall 2022)
MA Dissertation supervision (1 student, 2021-22; 1 student, 2022-2023)

SUNY Cortland

Policing the Public in Early Modern Europe (Graduate seminar, Fall 2020)
Microhistory (Capstone seminar, Spring 2020, Spring 2021)
Fact, Fiction, and European History (Upper-level seminar, Fall 2019, Spring 2021)
Women and Gender in Early Modern Europe (Upper-level seminar, Fall 2019)
The Inquisition in Early Modern Spain and Italy (Upper-level seminar, Spring 2019, Fall 2020)
Renaissance and Reformation (Upper-level lecture course, Fall 2018, Spring 2020)
Western Civilization to 1500 (Survey lecture course, Fall 2018-Spring 2021)

The University of Warwick

Venice in the Renaissance (3rd year seminar taught in Venice, Fall 2017)
Themes and Approaches in the Historical Study of Religious Cultures, Seminar on "Communities, Sites, and Practices" (MA seminar, Spring 2017, Spring 2018)
Themes and Approaches in the Historical Study of Gender and Sexuality, Seminar on theme of religion (MA seminar, Spring 2017, Spring 2018)
Florence and Venice in the Renaissance (3rd year seminar taught in Venice, Fall 2015, Fall 2016)
Historiography (3rd year core module, Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2017)
Order and Disorder: Culture, Society, and Religion in Early Modern Venice (MA seminar taught in Venice, Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2017)
Renaissance Research Project (2nd year seminar, Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2018)
European World (2nd year core module, Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2018)
MA Dissertation supervision (2 students, Spring/Summer 2016, 1 student, Spring/Summer 2017)
BA Dissertation supervision (2 students, Spring 2016, 12 students, Spring 2017, 3 students, Spring 2018)

The College of William and Mary

Microhistory (Senior Capstone Seminar, Spring 2015)
The Inquisition in Spain and Italy (Senior Capstone Seminar, Spring 2014 and Fall 2014)
Globalizing Christianity (Freshman Seminar, Fall 2013)
History of Europe to 1715 (Survey Lecture Course, Fall 2013-Spring 2015)

Northwestern University

Women and Gender in Early Modern Europe (Upper-level Seminar, Instructor of Record,

Summer 2013)
European Civilization, 1100-1800 (Survey Lecture Course, Instructor of Record, Summer 2012; Teaching Assistant, Fall 2009)
The Inquisition in Spain and Italy (Senior Capstone Seminar, Instructor of Record, Fall 2010)

PROFESSIONAL AND INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

Professional Service

- Reviewer, article manuscripts for the following journals: *Journal of Early Modern History*, *Renaissance and Reformation/Renaissance et Réforme*, *Rivista storica italiana*, *Gender & History*, *Studies in Church History*, *Cerae*, *Religions*
- 2023-2023 Member of the Expert Advisory Group, Digital Repository of Ireland (dri.ie)
Chair and Commenter, "Seeing, Hearing, and Singing Violence." Renaissance Society of America Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico; March 2023.
- 2022 External MA thesis examiner, University of Malta
- 2021-2024 Book Reviews Editor, *Journal of Religious History*
- 2021 Member of Scientific Committee, International Congress "En el paraíso de los altares: Trayectoria, privilegio, e idiosincrasia de las élites eclesiásticas en el Antiguo Régimen, SS. XVI-XVIII" ("In the paradise of altars: Trajectory, privilege, and idiosyncrasy of ecclesiastical elites in the Ancien Régime, 16th-18th centuries"), organized by the Asociación Española de Jóvenes Modernistas (Spanish Young Early Modernist Association).
- 2020-2019 Reviewer, book manuscripts, Oxford University Press
Panel Organizer, Chair, and Commenter, "New Approaches to Catholic Reform." Renaissance Society of America Conference, Toronto, Canada, March 2019.
- 2018 Panel Co-organizer, "Surveillance and Control in Early Modern Venice." Sponsored by the Centre for the Study of the Renaissance, University of Warwick. Renaissance Society of America Conference, New Orleans, LA, March 2018.
- 2017 Chair, "Tolerance and Intolerance." Cultures of Exclusion in the Early Modern World: Enemies and Strangers, 1600-1800. University of Warwick, May 2017.
- 2017 Chair for Keynote, Bodies and Minds in the Early Modern Catholic World Conference. University of Warwick, March 2017.
- 2017 Chair, Video Workshop between Universität Basel and University of Warwick, "On Materiality and the Global." University of Warwick, February 2017.
- 2015-19 Correspondent, The New Sommervogel Project
Institute for Advanced Jesuit Studies, Boston College
- 2014 Panel Series Co-organizer "Patronage as Evidence for Early Modern Catholic Reform" (Three panel series). Renaissance Society of America Conference, New York, NY: March 2014.
- 2013 Associate Director, Academy for Advanced Study in the Renaissance
- 2013 Panel Co-organizer, "Rome's Reach: Catholic Reform from the Curia to the Dioceses." Renaissance Society of America Conference, San Diego, CA: April 2013.

Institutional Service, Dublin City University

- 2023 Research strategy committee

- 2022 Internal examiner for PhD viva
- 2022 Independent panel member, PGR2
- 2021- Programme Board of the Bachelor of Religious Education and History

Institutional Service, SUNY Cortland

- 2020-2021 Member of the Graduate Faculty
- 2020-2021 Clark Center for Global Engagement Steering Committee
- 2020 “Daily Life in the Black Death in Italy” Talk for the Clark Center for Global Engagement
- 2020 “Powertry” Wellbeing Poetry Webinar Participant, October 2020
- 2020-2021 Departmental Curriculum Committee
- 2020-2021 Interim Director, Clark Center for Global Engagement (canceled due to COVID-19)
- 2019-2021 Council of the Clark Center for Global Engagement
- 2019-2021 International Studies Program Faculty Advisory Committee
- 2019-2020 Search Committee, Ancient Mediterranean World
- 2019-2021 Chair of Campus Professional Development Committee
- 2019-2021 Founder and Director of Agora: European Studies Research Group
- 2019-2021 Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society Advisor
- 2019-2021 Departmental Newsletter
- 2019-2021 History major student advising
- 2019 Black History Month Panel Participant, February 2019

Institutional Service, University of Warwick

- 2017-2018 PhD student annual reviews, Centre for the Study of the Renaissance
- 2017 Prospective MA student interviews, Centre for the Study of the Renaissance
- 2016 PhD student upgrade interviews, Centre for the Study of the Renaissance
- 2016-2017 Venice Advisory Committee
- 2015-2017 Warwick in Venice Annual Conference Organizer
- 2015-2018 Venice Programme Coordinator
- 2015-2017 Exam Vetting Committee
- 2015-2018 Personal tutoring (History major student advising)

Institutional Service, The College of William and Mary

- 2014-2015 First-year student advising
- 2014-2015 Graduate student language examination administration, Italian
- 2014-2015 History major student advising

Institutional Service, Northwestern University

- 2013 Program Organizer, Academy for Advanced Studies in the Renaissance
- 2011-2013 Director, European History Dissertator’s Workshop
- 2011-2012 Academic Affairs Liaison, History Graduate Students Organization

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Early Modern Italy

Protestant and Catholic Reformations
Medieval and Early Modern Christianity
Early Modern European Social and Cultural History

LANGUAGES

Italian (Fluent in early modern and modern)
Venetian (Reading)
Latin (Reading)
Spanish (Reading)
French (Reading)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Renaissance Society of America
American Historical Association
Sixteenth Century Studies
Society for Italian Historical Studies
Society for Renaissance Studies
Phi Beta Kappa
Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society
Alpha Delta Gamma Honor Society for Medieval and Renaissance Studies
Higher Education Academy