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Education

- 2030 PhD Student, University of Notre Dame,
Notre Dame, Indiana 46556-5602
Department of History, Medieval History
GPA: 4.00/4.00
- 2023 A.B. Summa cum Laude, Dartmouth College,
Hanover, New Hampshire 03755
Major: Special, Interdisciplinary: Medieval Studies (ca. 300 - ca.1500 CE), High Honors
GPA: 3.96/4.00
- 2019 High School Diploma, Dulaney High School,
Lutherville-Timonium, Maryland 21093
GPA: 4.00/4.00

Honors and Awards

- 2026-27 Gabriel Fellowship, University of Notre Dame, Medieval Institute.
- 2025 Critical Language Scholarship, U.S. Department of State, for the Arabic program in Meknes, Morocco.
- 2024-25 Gleason Prize for best published article, honorable mention, University of Notre Dame, Department of History.
- 2024-29 University Presidential Fellowship, University of Notre Dame, Graduate School.
- 2024 Medieval Academy of America 2024 Annual Meeting Student Commendation
awarded for the conference paper “The Cult of the Cross in the Hispanic Rite, fourth to eighth centuries.”
- 2023 Jonathan B. Rintels Prize for best honors thesis in the Social Sciences, The Faculty of Arts and Sciences,
Dartmouth College
- 2023 Peter J. Reichard 1966 Memorial Research Award for best honors thesis, Dartmouth Department of History
- 2023 Phi Beta Kappa, Dartmouth College
- 2023 Dartmouth Graduate Study Fellowship, Dartmouth College
- 2021-23 Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellow, Dartmouth College
- 2021-23 Rufus Choate Scholar (First Honor Group), Dartmouth College
- 2021 Louis Morton Memorial Prize in European History, Dartmouth Department of History,
awarded for the term paper “‘As it had been in Toledo...’ The Asturian Cross and Iberian Political
Theology from the Visigoths to the Astur-Leonese Kingdom,” Professor M. Cecilia Gaposchkin,
HIST 44.02 (Art and Power from Augustus to the Sun King).
- 2021 Sperry Writing Prize in Religion, Dartmouth Department of Religion
awarded for the term paper “Entering the Iberian Orbit: The *Hisham Casket* and Inter-Faith Dialogues
in the Spanish March,” Professor Christopher MacEvitt, REL 33 (Christians, Jews, and Muslims in
the Age of the Crusades).
- 2021 P3 Scholar, Princeton Prospective PhD Preview, Princeton University
- 2020-21 Second Honor Group, Dartmouth College
- 2019-20 Third Honor Group, Dartmouth College

Research and Projects

Interests: Religious and cultural history of the Iberian Peninsula and North Africa, ca. 200 CE to ca. 1250 CE

[In Progress] “Pastoral Penance: Translation and Analysis of *al-Qānūn al-Muqaddas*, Book II, titulus 16, entry 01.”

[In Progress] “The Case of Maḥmūd ibn ‘Abd al-Jabbār: State formation, rebellion, and religion in ninth- and tenth-century Iberia.”

2022-23 *The Cult of the Cross in the Hispanic Rite, fourth to eighth centuries.*

Senior Honors Thesis. Advisor: Professor M. Cecilia Gaposchkin, Dartmouth History Department

2022 The Gorge Project, Student Archaeological Research Assistant

Advisor: Professor Darryl Wilkinson, Dartmouth Department of Religion

2022 Independent research term in Spain, grant funding from Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship,

2021 Research and Editorial Assistant to Professor M. Cecilia Gaposchkin, Dartmouth Department of History

2021 Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative,

Conflict of Interest” and “Responsible Conduct of Research” online courses

2021 Sophomore Research Scholar

Advisor: Professor Nicola Camerlenghi, Dartmouth Department of Art History

Publications

2026 “Crying for Indulgence: Funerals, Good Friday, and penitential ritual transmission in early medieval Iberia,” *Journal of Medieval Iberian Studies* [submission preparation].

2024 “The Spanish Emperors and the True Cross: The variable uses of the *lignum crucis* of Sahagún in early twelfth-century Iberia.” *Comitatus: A Journal of Medieval and Renaissance Studies*, vol. 55 (November 2024): pp. 29-61.

2023 “Uncontaminated in Córdoba: Feminine paradigms of virgin martyrdom in Raguel’s *The Passion of Saint Pelagius*,” *The Dartmouth Undergraduate Historical Review*, vol. 02 (summer 2023): pp. 1-13.

Conferences and Presentations

2026 Presenter *Crying for Indulgence: Funerals, Good Friday, and ritual transmission in early medieval Iberia*
International Congress on Medieval Studies
Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI (May 14th-16th).

2025 Presenter *Arabizing the Liturgy: RBME ms. árabe 1623 and the study of the Old Hispanic Rite*
Medieval Liturgy Working Group, Medieval Institute
University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN (October 13th).

2025 Presenter *The Indulgentia Rite Revisited: Funerals, Good Friday, and ritual transmission in early medieval Iberia.*

First-Year History PhD Student Conference, Department of History
University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN (May 7th-8th).

2025 Presenter *Requesting Indulgence: The Indulgentia rite in the Old Hispanic Rite, seventh to eleventh centuries.*

Medieval Liturgy Working Group, Medieval Institute
University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN (April 2nd).

2025 Participant Annual Meeting, Premodern Spanish History Association of the Midwest (PSHAM)
University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN (March 08, 2025).

2024	Presenter	<i>The Cult of the Cross in the Hispanic Rite, fourth to eighth centuries.</i> The 99th Annual Meeting of the Medieval Academy of America Notre Dame University, Notre Dame, IN (March 14th-16th).
2024	Presenter	<i>"The Cult of the Cross in the Hispanic Rite, fourth to eighth centuries," Allabough Panel with Emilie L. Bowerman '23 and Dr. Molly Lester, USNA.</i> Allabough Memorial Fund Panel for the Reichard Thesis, Department of History Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH (February 26th-27th).
2023	Presenter	<i>Between Political Theology and 'Popular Religion': The cult of the cross in the Hispano-Visigothic kingdom, ca. 580 – ca. 750 CE</i> Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Northeast Regional Conference Yale University, New Haven, CT (March 3rd-4th).
2023	Participant	The 98th Annual Meeting of the Medieval Academy of America Washington, DC (February 23rd-25th, 2023). Undergraduate participant; attended presentations, workshops, and museum visits.
2022	Presenter	<i>The Cult of the Cross in Medieval Iberia.</i> Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Northeast Regional Conference virtual conference hosted by Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH (February 25th-26th).
2022	Moderator	Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Northeast Regional Conference virtual conference hosted by Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH (February 25th-26 th).

Teaching

2026	Graduate Teaching Assistant for 'The Crusades', Department of History, University of Notre Dame
2025	Graduate Teaching Assistant for 'Intro to American Studies', Department of American Studies, University of Notre Dame
2023	Latin Tutor and Grader, Department of Classics, Dartmouth College
2022	Learning Fellow for Latin III, Department of Classics, Dartmouth College
2022	Latin Tutor and Grader, Department of Classics, Dartmouth College
2021	Learning Fellow for Latin I, Department of Classics, Dartmouth College

Leadership and Extracurricular Activities

2026-27	CLS Alumni Ambassador, U.S. Department of State and American Councils of International Education.
2026-27	Graduate Student Organizer, Religion and Pluralism Working Group, University of Notre Dame, Medieval Institute.
2019-23	Dartmouth German Club and German Living Learning Community Oktoberfest Organizing Committee and Event Organizing Committee, 2021-23
2019-22	Dartmouth Cycling Club Team Social Media Officer, 2020-21

Languages and Paleography

Spanish	(9 years formal study)
Latin *	(5 years formal study)
Arabic *	(3 years formal study)
Ancient Greek *	(1.5 years formal study)
German	(reading skills, 3 months formal study)
French	(reading skills)
Italian	(3 months formal study)

* Paleographic training

Computing

ArcGIS and QGIS mapping skills

Other Skills:

Latin Paleography, antique and medieval scripts;
Greek Paleography, antique and medieval scripts;
Arabic Paleography, Maghribi script
Training in classical drawing, painting, and calligraphy