

Michaela Granger

Education

Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

Ph.D. 2024, with Distinction

Program: History

Major Fields: *Medieval Mediterranean—East and West (Christianity and Islam);
Premodern Family and Gender*

Minor Fields: *Early Modern Europe (England and the Continent); Late Antiquity*

Passed Comprehensive Exams with Distinction

Dissertation: “Children of the Flesh: Sanctity, Gender, and Domesticity in the Central and Late Medieval West, 1150-1500”

Committee: Katherine L. Jansen, Professor, Catholic University

Jennifer Davis, Associate Professor, Catholic University

Caroline Sherman, Associate Professor, Catholic University

The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

M.A. 2015

Program: History

Major Field: *Religion and Society of Medieval Europe*

Minor Fields: *Early Modern Atlantic World; Early Modern Europe*

Corban University, Salem, Oregon

B.S. 2011

Major: History

Minor: Religious and Biblical Studies

Graduated *Summa Cum Laude*

Teaching Experience

Raritan Valley Community College, Branchburg, NJ

Full time (Tenure-Track) Instructor of World History, Fall 24 - present

Holy Trinity Georgetown, Washington, DC

Secondary Social Studies and English Teacher, 2023-2024

Mount Saint Mary's University, Emmitsburg, MD

Clinical Professor of History, Fall 2021—Fall 2022

Adjunct Professor of History, Fall 2015—Spring 2021

WCIV 102: *Origins of the West (now Global Premodernity)*

WCIV 201: *Renaissance to the Great War* (now *Atlantic World*)

During my time at Mount St. Mary's University, I helped the university faculty in reorienting their core history courses toward a more diverse, global, and inclusive curriculum.

The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

Teaching Assistant, Fall 2016—Spring 2023

History 235: *The Medieval World*

History 309: *The Rise of Islam*

History 257: *The Making of America: 1607—1877*

History 258: *Emerging Superpower: The US, 1877—1991*

Media Studies 201: *Introduction to Media and Communication Studies*

Media Studies 202: *Media and History*

Media Studies 301: *Media and Rhetoric*

Math and English Academy, Rockville, MD

Vocabulary, Grammar, Writing, and Reading Instructor at SAT preparatory school, 2019—2024

Kenwoods Elementary School, Annandale, VA

Elementary Music Instructor, 2013—2016

Crosshill Christian School, Turner, OR

Elementary and Secondary Instructor, 2012—2013

Awards

The Catholic University of America

Excellence in Teaching, History Department, 2017—2018

Graduate Merit Scholarship, 2013—2015

Phi Alpha Theta Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference

Honorable Mention for Best Graduate Research Paper, March 2015

Corban University

Outstanding History Student of the Year, 2010—2011

Dean's Scholarship, 2009—2011

Work and Service Experience

Mount Core Mentorship Program, Mount Saint Mary's University

Fellow 2021—2022

Part of a small group of faculty tasked with clarifying and integrating the pedagogical, institutional, and departmental goals of the Mount's Core Curriculum.

American Catholic Research Center and Catholic University Archives, Washington DC

Archives Assistant, The Catholic University of America, 2018—2019

Processed collections, verified and produced finding aids, and wrote a blog post which analyzed eighteenth-century documents in the collection for the Archives' public website.

Graduate Student Association, The Catholic University of America

Senator for the History Department, 2016—2018

Public Presentations

"Holy Mothers of the Iberian Peninsula: A Comparative Approach," International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Presenter, May 8-10, 2025

"The Ordinary Parent: Examples of Everyday Parents and Their Children in Medieval *Vitae*," Ordinary People, Everyday Lives: Exploring the Mundane in Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages, Princeton University, Princeton, Presenter, October 26, 2024

"‘And It Was Accounted to Him (or Her?) as Righteousness ...’: The Value of Childrearing in the Construction of Late Medieval Sanctity," Gender and Sainthood Conference, c. 1100–1500, University of Oxford, Oxford, Presenter, April 5-6 2024

"A Mystic for a Mother: The Intersection of Sanctity and Domesticity in the *Vitae* of Medieval Mother-Saints," Medieval Academy of America Annual Meeting, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Presenter, March 2022

"Fathers and Saints: An Examination of How Fatherhood is portrayed in the Hagiography of Medieval Saints," The Catholic University of America: Research Day, Washington DC, Presenter, April, 2021

"The Inconvenient Child: Analyzing the Desire for Child Mortality in the *Vitae* of ‘Parent-Saints,’ International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Presenter, May 2021

"Sanctity and Parenthood: Deconstructing the Hagiography of ‘Parent—Saints’ in the Late Medieval West," International Medieval Congress, University of Leeds, Leeds, Presenter, July 2019

"‘Against the Laws of Nature’: Martyrs, Mothers, and Patriarchs in the Late Antique West," Family in the Premodern World: A Comparative Approach, Princeton University, Princeton, Presenter, April 2017

Late Medieval World Panel, Phi Alpha Theta Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference, Mount St. Mary’s University, Emmitsburg, MD, Judge and Commentator, April 2016

"The Good Wifj": The Construction and Practice of ‘Motherhood’ in Fifteenth-Century England as Revealed by Conduct Literature," Phi Alpha Theta Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference, Georgetown University, Washington DC, Presenter, March 2015

Languages

Classical and Medieval Latin; Medieval Latin Paleography
Italian, French, and German

Memberships

Medieval Academy of America
The Hagiography Society
Society for Medieval Feminist Scholarship

Computer Skills

Microsoft Suite (both traditional and cloud-based programs), including MS Word (Documents, Excel (Sheets), and Powerpoint (Slides)

Blackboard and Canvas (I have designed and taught hybrid courses which feature asynchronous elements using both platforms)

Padlet, Prezi, and Blog Posting Platforms

Zoom and Other Web Conferencing Platforms

References

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