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### Academic Appointments

Associate Professor of History, Brigham Young University, 2009 to present

Assistant Professor of History, Brigham Young University, 2001-2009.

### Education

Ph.D. in History, Yale University, May 2002.

Dissertation: *Defining "Greater Italy": Migration and Colonialism in Africa and the Americas, 1880-1915*.  
Committee: Frank Snowden (Chair), Paul Kennedy, Robert Harms, Paolo Valesio.  
Awarded the Hans Gatzke Prize in European History by Yale University, 2002.

M.Phil. in History, Yale University, December 1998.

Orals fields: Italy since 1789 (with Frank Snowden)  
International History of World Powers, 1890-1945 (with Paul Kennedy)  
European Thought and Culture from the Enlightenment to Modernism (with Frank Turner)

M.A. in History, Yale University, December 1996.

B.A., *magna cum laude* with Distinction in the History Major, Yale University, May 1995.

### Book

*Emigrant Nation: The Making of Italy Abroad*. Harvard University Press, June 2008.

Awarded the Council for European Studies Book Award, 2009-2010, a biennial prize "for the best first book on any subject in European studies," Council on European Studies at Columbia University

Awarded the Howard R. Marraro Prize, 2009, for "the most distinguished work dealing with Italian history or Italo-American history or relations," American Catholic History Association

Selected as an Editor's Pick by the Foreign Policy Association.

Translation into Italian, forthcoming in October 2010 from Arnoldo Mondadori Editore, Oscar imprint.

### Refereed Journal Articles

"The Tunisia Paradox: Italy's Strategic Aims, French Imperial Rule, and Migration in the Mediterranean Basin."  
*California Italian Studies* 1, n. 1, "Italy in the Mediterranean" (February 2010): 1-20.  
<http://escholarship.org/uc/item/8k97g1nc>

"Sending States' Transnational Interventions in Politics, Culture, and Economics: The Historical Example of Italy." *International Migration Review* 41, n. 3 (Fall 2007): 728-768.

"Identity Politics and Political Perception in the European Settlement of Tunisia: The French Colony vs. the Italian Colony." *French Colonial History* 8 (2007): 97-109.

"From Territorial to Ethnographic Colonies and Back Again: The Politics of Italian Expansion, 1890-1912." *Modern Italy: Journal of the Association for the Study of Modern Italy* 8, n. 1 (Spring 2003): 65-75.

"The Migrant Family as a Basis for Political Expansionism: Italian Colonies in the Americas, 1900-1913." *The BYU Family Historian* 1 (Fall 2002): 9-14. [www.lib.byu.edu/dlib/spc/famhistorian/](http://www.lib.byu.edu/dlib/spc/famhistorian/)

"D'Annunzio's Political Dramas and his Idea-State of Fiume." *Forum Italicum: A Journal of Italian Studies* 31, n. 2 (December 1997): 367-388.

### Refereed Book Chapter

"National Communications for a Transnational Community: Italy's promotion of *italianità* among emigrants, 1870-1920," in *Transnational Political Spaces: Agents - Structures - Encounters*, edited by Mathias Albert, Gesa Bluhm, Jan Helmig, Andreas Leutzsch, and Jochen Walter (Frankfurt/New York: Campus Verlag, 2009), 145-161.

### Encyclopedia Articles

"Salvatore Quasimodo" and "Eugenio Montale." Articles in *Europe since 1945: An Encyclopedia*, edited by Bernard A. Cook. New York: Garland Publishing Inc., 2001.

### Book Reviews

Review of Nancy C. Carnevale, *A New Language, A New World: Italian Immigrants in the United States, 1890-1945*, in *The Journal of World History* 22:1 (forthcoming, 2011).

Review of Alfonso Scirocco, *Garibaldi: Citizen of the World*, in *The Historian* 72 (forthcoming, 2010).

Review of Luca Einaudi, *Le politiche dell'immigrazione in Italia dall'Unità a oggi*, in *Journal of Modern Italian Studies* 13, n. 2 (Summer 2008): 272-274.

Review of Carla Ghezzi, *Colonie, Coloniali. Storie di donne, uomini e istituti fra Italia e Africa*, in *The International Journal of African Historical Studies* 38, n. 1 (Spring 2005): 137-138.

Review of Piero Bevilacqua, Andreina De Clementi, and Emilio Franzina, eds. *Storia dell'emigrazione italiana*, 2 vols., in *Modern Italy: Journal of the Association for the Study of Modern Italy* 9, n. 2 (November 2004), 282-283.

Review of Patrizia Palumbo, ed., *A Place in the Sun: Africa in Italian Colonial Culture from Post-unification to the Present*, in *The International Journal of African Historical Studies* 37, n. 2 (Spring 2004): 367-368.

Review of Hasia R. Diner, *Hungering for America: Italian, Irish, and Jewish Foodways in the Age of Migration*, in *International Migration Review* 37, n. 2 (Summer 2003): 504-505.

Review of Mauro Canali, *Il delitto Matteotti. Affarismo e politica nel primo governo Mussolini*, in *Journal of Modern Italian Studies* 5, n. 1 (Spring 2000): 126-128.

Reviews of Walter Laqueur, *Fascism: Past, Present, Future* and Stanley G. Payne, *A History of Fascism 1914-1945*, in *Modern Italy: Journal of the Association for the Study of Modern Italy* 2, n. 1-2 (Autumn 1997): 124-127.

### Article Review

Review of Julia F. Irwin, "Nation Building and Rebuilding: The American Red Cross in Italy During the Great War," *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era* 8, 3 (July 2009), H-Diplo Article Review No. 249, 27 October 2009.

### Paper Presentations

"Emigration as 'economic development,' immigration as 'foreign aid': Representations of transnational citizenship, remittances, and trade." *The Language of Difference: Mechanisms of Inclusion and Exclusion of Migrants 1945-2005*, Leiden University, January 2010.

"'The Destiny of the Race': Legacies from Fascism in Italy's Population and Migration Policies." Society for Italian Historical Studies Meeting, at the 123rd Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, New York City, January 2009.

"Biological Theory, Pseudo-Science, and Migration: Darwinist Politics and Ethnic Population Policies, 1871-1924." 33rd Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Miami, October 2008.

"Mapping Italians Abroad: Documenting emigration as the spread of language, culture, and influence." 22nd International Conference on the History of Cartography, Bern, Switzerland, July 2007.

"Uniting Italians Abroad: Transnational promotion of *italianità* among emigrants, 1870-1920." *The Communicative Construction of Transnational Political Spaces and Times: An Interdisciplinary Conference*, Universität Bielefeld, Schule für Historische Forschung, April 2007.

"Politics and Perception in the European Settlement of Tunisia: The French Colony vs. the Italian Colony." *Cultures et colonization en Afrique française/Cultures and Colonization in French Africa*, 32d Annual Conference of the French Colonial Historical Society, Dakar, Senegal, May 2006.

"Myths of 'Greater Italy': Emigration, colonialism, and the invention of a transnational nationalism." *Nation and Empire*, 15th Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism, London School of Economics, April 2005.

"'Are not these our brothers?': Mass Migration, Irredentism, and the Cultural Politics of Italians Abroad." Society for Italian Historical Studies Meeting, at the 117th Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Chicago, January 2003.

"'For Religion and the Fatherland': Support from Italy and Germany for Expatriate Separatism in the United States, 1880-1915." 116th Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, San Francisco, January 2002. Published in *Proceedings of the American Historical Association, 2002* (Ann Arbor: Bell and Howell, 2002).

"Demographic colonialism and 'Greater Italy': Italian expatriate colonies in Africa and the Americas, 1887-1911." *Conference on Italian Colonialism and Post-Colonial Legacies*, Association for the Study of Modern Italy, London, December 2001.

"The Migrant Family as a Basis for Political Expansionism: Italian Colonies in the Americas, 1900-1913." "Families Crossing Frontiers" Conference, Brigham Young University, October 2001.

"Conceptualizing the Geography of a 'Greater Italy': Emigration as Colonial Expansion, 1880-1915." Eleventh International Conference of Historical Geographers, Quebec City, August 2001.  
Awarded the Andrew Hill Clark Prize, 2002, by the American Academy of Geographers, Historical Geography Specialty Group.

"Roman Conquest or Ethnographic Empire? Liberal and Nationalist Myths of 'Greater Italy,' 1899-1912." Yale Conference in Imperial and Colonial Histories, February 2001.

"Italy's 'Colonial Expansion' in the Americas: Changing Views of Emigration, 1896-1901." Yale International Security Studies Colloquium in International History and Security, December 2000.

"Defining 'Greater Italy': Emigration and Colonialism in America and Africa, 1880-1915." Recent Work in International History Conference, Yale University, December 1999.

"'Greater Italy': Nationalism, Migration, and Demographic Colonialism in Africa and America, 1880-1914." Yale Symposium on Imperial, Colonial, and International History, October 1997.

"*La Nave, La Gloria*, and D'Annunzio's Politics at Fiume." Beautiful Lies and Brutal Truths: Yale Graduate Conference in Italian Studies, March 1997.

"The Holy Roman Empire and the Kingdom of Italy, 1530-1576." Yale Legal History Forum, October 1996.

### **Academic Conference Panel Chair and Comment**

Comment for Book Discussion Panel, Mark Choate's "Emigrant Nation: The Making of Italy Abroad." Council for European Studies 17th International Conference, Montréal, April 2010..

Comment for Panel, "Repatriates or migrants? Postcolonial migrants in Western-Europe." The Language of Difference: Mechanisms of Inclusion and Exclusion of Migrants 1945-2005, Leiden University, January 2010.

Comment for Book Discussion Panel, Mark Choate's "Emigrant Nation: The Making of Italy Abroad." 34th Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Long Beach, November 2009.

Panel Chair, "Gender, Work and Household Survival Strategies." 34th Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Long Beach, November 2009.

Comment for Panel, "The Edges of Hispanic Hegemony." The Limits of Empire: A Conference in Honor of Professor Geoffrey Parker, Columbus, Ohio, February 2009.

Panel Chair, "Migration and the rights of citizenship." 33rd Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Miami, October 2008.

Panel Chair, "Rethinking the Role of Violence in the Colonial Setting." 121st Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Atlanta, January 2007.

### **Special Lectures**

"Emigrant Nation: The Making of Italy Abroad," Alfonse M. D'Amato Lecture, hosted by the Center for Italian Studies, State University of New York at Stony Brook, April 2009.

"Emigrant Nation: The Making of Italy Abroad," Lauro De Bosis Colloquium in Italian Studies hosted by the Harvard University Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, Cambridge, Massachusetts, March 2009.

"Emigrant Nation: The Making of Italy Abroad," Philip V. Cannistraro Seminar in Italian American Studies hosted by the John D. Calandra Italian American Institute, City University of New York, February 2009.

"Heirs of Columbus: Italian Emigrants and the Making of Italy Abroad," hosted by the Italian Center of the West, Salt Lake City, October 2008.

"The Berlin Airlift and the Projection of American Military Power," Brigham Young University Library House of Learning Lectures, Provo, Utah, November 2007.

Guest Speaker at the University of Utah's American Center of the West International Westerns Film Festival, presenting *Once Upon a Time in the West (C'era una volta il West)*, Salt Lake City, October 2007.

Guest Lecture on "Fascisms in Europe," at the Teacher Training Workshop, Center for the Study of Europe, Brigham Young University, February 2006.

Guest Lecture on "Benito Mussolini" for the Social Science Education Center, secondary school teacher History Seminar, Weber State University, Ogden, Utah, November 2005.

Public Lecture, "Italy and Italians Abroad: Cultivating *italianità* in emigrant colonies, 1880-1915," at the Italian Center of the West, Salt Lake City, November 2004.

## **Teaching Experience**

*Brigham Young University History Department, September 2001 to present:*

Lecture Courses: "World Civilizations since 1500."

"Europe since 1914."

"European Fascisms, 1914 to the present."

"Italy and the Modern World since 1848."

Methods Seminar: "The Historian's Craft"

Junior Seminars: "European Colonialisms, 1830-1960."

"Topics in World Migrations since 1800."

Senior Thesis Seminars: "Europe since 1789."

"International Migration since 1800."

Graduate Seminar: "Topics in European History since 1789."

Guest Lecturer in "The Idea of Italy," winter 2004; "Introduction to European Studies," winter 2007, fall 2009; "Cultural History of Russia," fall 2008.

*Yale University History Department Teaching Fellow, 1997-1998, 2000-2001:*

"The Military, War, and Society in the United States, 1775-1991," with Mary Habeck, spring 2001.

"Ideas and Revolution in Europe, 1789-1917," with Frank Snowden, fall 2000.

"Britain 1815-1945: From Dominance to Decline," with Linda Colley, spring 1998.

"European Thought and Culture: Rousseau to Nietzsche," with Frank M. Turner, fall 1997.

"European Civilization, 1648-1945," with John M. Merriman, spring 1997.

Guest Lecturer in "Modern Italy 1848-1945," fall 2000.

## **Teaching and Research Interests**

Modern Italy, from 1800.

Colonialism and Empire, from 1800.

International history, from 1860: diplomacy, military history, and strategy.

History of Fascism and Nazism.

East African and North African colonial history.

World migrations, from 1800.

Intellectual and cultural history of Europe, Enlightenment to Modernism.

Religion and ethnicity in the United States and Western Europe, from 1860.

Early modern Europe, 1500-1650: diplomatic and political history.

## **Teaching Awards**

General Education Teaching and Learning Grants, 2004, 2005, and 2008

Writing Across the Curriculum Grant, 2006

Office of Research and Creative Activities Mentoring Grants, 2003 and 2007

Brigham Young University Faculty Center Course Development Grant, 2002

## **Prizes and Honors**

Council for European Studies Book Award, 2009-2010, for *Emigrant Nation: The Making of Italy Abroad*

Howard R. Marraro Prize, 2009, American Catholic History Association, for *Emigrant Nation: The Making of Italy Abroad*

Elected Fellow of the Royal Historical Society of London, 2008.

Fellow, Società Italiana per lo Studio della Storia Contemporanea, 2009.

Hans Gatzke Prize, 2002. Awarded by Yale University for the outstanding dissertation in European history.

Andrew Hill Clark Prize, 2002. Awarded by the American Academy of Geographers, Historical Geography Specialty Group, for best conference paper written at the doctoral level.

## **Grants and Fellowships**

National Italian American Foundation Grant, book subvention, 2007.

Brigham Young University Center for the Study of Europe Travel Grant, with U.S. Department of Education Title VI funding, 2005.

Brigham Young University College of Social Sciences Faculty Grants, 2001, 2007.

Fulbright Fellow, Rome, Italy, 1998-1999.

Pew Charitable Trusts/The Institute for the Advanced Study of Religion at Yale Fellowship, 2000.

Smith-Richardson Foundation Research Fellowships, 1997, 1998, 1999.

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation/Yale Center for International and Area Studies Fellowship, 1997.

Yale University Fellowships, 1995-2001.

Resident Fellow of Timothy Dwight College, Yale University, 1995.

## Archival Research Experience

### *Migration, colonialism, and fascism research, 1997-2007:*

Rome: Central State Archive	Paris: National Archives
Diplomatic Archive	Diplomatic Archives
Army Staff Archive	Aix-en-Provence: Colonial Archives
Chamber of Deputies Archive	
Dante Alighieri Society Archive	London: Public Record Office
Italian Red Cross Archive	Durham: Sudan Archive
Milan: Ambrosian Library	
Naples: Banco di Napoli Archive	Berlin: Bundesarchiv
Venice, Palermo, and Rovigo: State Archives	Munich: Institut für Zeitgeschichte
Vatican City: Apostolic Vatican Library	College Park: U.S. National Archives
Secret Vatican Archive	
	New York: Center for Migration Studies

### *Research on sixteenth-century Italy and the Holy Roman Empire, 1998-1999:*

Vienna: Haus-, Hof- und Staatsarchiv; Hofkammer Archiv  
Milan and Modena: State Archives.

### *Research Assistant for Professor Paul Kennedy, 1996-1997:*

“Debates over the United Nations Security Council.”

## Professional Service

Peer Reviewer for grant proposals, National Endowment for the Humanities, 1994 to present. Served on European History Fellowships review panel, August 2008.

Proposal Peer Review Panel, 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Nineteenth-Century French Studies Colloquium, “Fossilization and Evolution,” Salt Lake City, October 2009.

Panel organizer, “Constructing and Contesting Racial and Ethnic Borders in American Religion, 1880-1930.” 116<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, San Francisco, January 2002.

Reviewer of book proposals and manuscripts for Routledge; Bedford-St. Martin’s; and Pearson Longman Allyn & Bacon

Referee for *European History Quarterly*

## Film and Radio

Consultant and commentator for the documentary film *Our Story: Italian-Americans in Utah* (KUED-7 Salt Lake City, June 2008).

Guest for "Thinking Aloud," KBYU-FM Provo, Utah, 25 July 2008: "Emigrant Nation: The Making of Italy Abroad." <http://www.classical89.org/thinkingaloud/past.asp?d=7/25/2008>

Guest panelist for "Thinking Aloud," KBYU-FM Provo, Utah, 29 November 2007: "Ken Burns: The War." <http://www.classical89.org/thinkingaloud/past.asp?d=11/29/2007>

### **Academic Service**

Brigham Young University History Department: Phi Alpha Theta Coordinator, 2009-2011; Undergraduate Studies Coordinator, 2008-2009; Chair, Student Awards Committee, 2004-2006; Member, Student Relations Committee, 2001-2002, 2004-2006, 2008-2009; Facilities and Resources Committee, 2008; Faculty Awards Committee, 2007-2008; Collegiality Committee, 2002-2003; European Caucus, 2001-2004.

Brigham Young University Social Sciences College Curriculum Council Member, 2005-2008; Office of Research and Creative Activities Grant Proposal Review Committee, 2005-2009; College Student Awards Committee, 2005-2008; Judge, Mentored Student Research Conference, April 2008.

Immigration Historian and Advisor, Immigrant Ancestors Project, Family History Center, Brigham Young University, September 2005 to present.

Faculty Affiliate, Kennedy Center for International Studies, Brigham Young University, 2001 to present. Advisor in restructuring the European Studies Program.

Panel chair and commentator, "International History in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century," Phi Alpha Theta Utah Regional Conference, Provo, Utah, March 2004.

Judge, Fulton Annual Mentored Learning Conference, Brigham Young University, 2008.

Judge, Utah State History Fair, Brigham Young University, 2002.

Organizer, Yale History and Methodology discussion group, 2000-2001.

Coordinator between Yale History Department and U.S. Service Academies, 1997-98, 1999-2000.

Workshops held at West Point NY, November 1997; Yale campus, April 1997, April and June 2000. Supported by a grant from the Smith-Richardson Foundation to Yale International Security Studies.

### **Foreign Languages**

Italian, French, and German.

Spanish and Portuguese reading.

Somali and Arabic reading.

### **Professional Affiliations**

American Historical Association

Association for the Study of Modern Italy

Council for European Studies

EurhistXX: The European Network for Contemporary History, Zentrum für Zeithistorische Forschung, Potsdam

Immigration and Ethnic History Society

Istituto per la Storia del Risorgimento Italiano



Phi Alpha Theta

Royal Historical Society, London

Social Science History Association

Società Italiana per lo Studio della Storia Contemporanea

Society for Italian Historical Studies

Young Researchers Network, European Research Forum on Migration and Ethnic Relations, Europäisches  
Migrationszentrum, Berliner Institut für Vergleichende Sozialforschung

World History Association