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ACADEMIC CV [FICTIONAL]

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Education

MPhil Medieval History, University of Cambridge (2024 – present) – award pending

During my MPhil in Medieval History, I have completed a number of modules relevant to religion and superstition in Early Modern Europe, including 'Power and Authority in Medieval Europe, 1000–1500', 'The Crusades: Ideology, Violence and Memory', and 'The Body and the Supernatural in Late Medieval Europe'. Relevant modules on research skills include 'Historical Methods in Medieval Studies' and 'Latin and Palaeography', whilst my dissertation is entitled 'Interpretations of Celestial Phenomena in Late Medieval Bavaria, c. 1250–1450'.

MA (Hons) History, London School of Economics and Political Science (2023 – 2024) – Distinction

Modules taken during my postgraduate degree at LSE focused on the early modern period, including: 'Genesis of the Modern World: Europe, China & India, 1550–1840', 'The Origins of the World Economy: Europe and Asia, 1000–1800', and 'Mediating the Past (Historiography)'. My dissertation focused on the economic challenges facing the Catholic Church during the Reformation.

BA (Hons) History and Philosophy, University of Warwick (2019 – 2022) – 1st Class

Grants and Awards

Corpus Christi Humanities Travel Grant (2024) – College-awarded travel grant for research trip, used to fund dissertation research carried out in Munich

The Gemima Fairhurst Scholarship in Late Medieval and Early Modern Studies (2024) – Partial funding for tuition fees awarded on basis of essay competition

The Hobsbawm Memorial Fund (2023) – Partial funding for tuition fees on the basis of a postgraduate research proposal in History

The Raleigh Prize for Undergraduate Research (2022) – Institutional award for outstanding research, awarded in Economic History category

Award for Academic Promise (2022) – Departmental cash prize

Second Year Merit Prize (2020) – Departmental cash prize

Publications

Fisher, A.B. Interpretations of Celestial Phenomena in Late Medieval Bavaria, c. 1250–1450. *Forthcoming*.

Fisher, A.B. 'Tyndale and Tithes: How the English Reformation Forced Economic Reform in the Catholic Church', *The Postgraduate Historical Review*, vol. 24, no. 2 (2025), pp. 124-67.

Experience

Seminar Tutor – University of Cambridge, Corpus Christi College (2024 – present)

- Part-time leading undergraduate seminars in modules on medieval and early modern history
- Designed and presented two lectures as part of undergraduate modules – one on the poem, *The Dream of the Rood*, and another on the phenomenon of cat massacres

Key Research Skills

Archival Research

- Experience locating, accessing, and making copies of physical documents in archives, libraries, and collections (manuscripts, letters, records, maps, etc.)
- Have extensive experience searching and using digitised archives
- Language skills necessary for interpreting medieval/early modern documents (palaeography, Latin, Chancery/Secretary hand)

Qualitative Analysis

- Experienced in undertaking leading methods of historical analysis, including cross-cultural and comparative analysis
- Extensive historiographical knowledge, allowing for in-depth analysis of secondary sources
- Practised in undertaking thematic analysis of both primary and secondary documentation (NVivo)

Quantitative Analysis

- Extensive experience in statistical analysis of various data types (e.g., prices, wages, tax records, trade volume, etc.)
- Comfortable completing various forms of analyses involved (e.g., t-tests, Spearman's ranks, Pearson's test, regression analysis (ANOVA/MANOVA), etc.)
- Practised in using statistical analysis software (e.g., SPSS, Excel, Python)

Referees

Dr. Erasmus Hall, Senior Lecturer, Corpus Christi College, University of Cambridge.

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Dr. Julius Tanfield, Lecturer, Magdalene College, University of Cambridge.

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