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Curriculum Vitae

Josh Timmermann

Sessional Lecturer, The University of British Columbia (Vancouver)

Education

Ph.D., History, The University of British Columbia, 2021 (supervisor: Prof. Courtney Booker; advisors: Profs. Mark Vessey, Paul Dutton, Gernot Wieland)

M.A., History, The University of British Columbia, 2015

B.A. (Hons.), History, The University of British Columbia, 2013

Publications

Books

In the Footsteps of the Ancient Fathers: The Construction and Use of Patristic Authority in the Carolingian Era. Receptio Patristica. Leiden: Brill, 2025.

[forthcoming] as lead editor, with Sean Hannan and Andrew Cain. *The Writing of Ancient Christianity: Essays in Honour of Mark Vessey.*

Articles

[forthcoming] “*In veterum vestigia patrum: Following (and Fashioning) ‘The Fathers’ in the Carolingian World.*” *Studia Patristica* (2026).

“An Authority among Authorities: Knowledge and Use of Augustine in the Wider Carolingian World.” *Early Medieval Europe* 28.4 (2020), pp. 532–559. **(Q1 journal)**

“Sharers in the Contemplative Virtue: Julianus Pomerius’s Carolingian Audience.” *Comitatus* 45 (2014), pp. 1-44.

Book Chapters

[forthcoming] “On the Margins of the City of God: Reading and Using Augustine’s *De civitate Dei* (as *historia*) in the Carolingian World.” In *Living in a Carolingian World*. Edited by Valerie Garver. Leiden: Brill, 2025.

[forthcoming] “Augustine as Guarantor of ‘Patristic’ Status in the Early Middle Ages: The *Nachleben* of Tyconius, (Donatist) Father of the (Catholic) Church.” In *Augustine and the Making of Christian Practice*. Edited by Matthieu Pignot. Turnhout: Brepols.

[forthcoming] “‘*Observantes divinae scripturae doctrinam et documenta sanctorum patrum*’: Varieties of ‘Patristic Authority’ at Carolingian Church Councils.” In *Visions of Authority in Patristic and Medieval Texts/Sermons*. Edited by Riccardo Macchioro. Turnhout: Brepols.

[forthcoming] “(The ‘Historical’) Jesus as (‘Digital’) Writer? The *Pericope adulterae* and Problems of Scriptural Veridicality from the Latin Fathers to the Jesus Seminar.” In *The Writing of Ancient Christianity: Essays in Honour of Mark Vessey*. Edited by Josh Timmermann, Sean Hannan, and Andrew Cain. Turnhout: Brepols.

“Pomerius, Julianus.” In *Brill Encyclopedia of Early Christianity*. Edited by David G. Hunter, Paul J.J. van Geest, and Bert Jan Lietaert Peerbolte. Leiden, 2021.

Book Reviews

Review of Charles West, *Fall of a Carolingian Kingdom: Lotharingia, 855–869*, *University of Toronto Quarterly* 94.3 (2025), pp. 442–444.

Review of Graeme Ward, *History, Scripture, and Authority in the Carolingian Empire: Frechulf of Lisieux*, *Early Medieval Europe* 30.4 (2022).

Review of Martin Goodman, *Josephus’s The Jewish War: A Biography*, *H-War* (2021).

Review of Rutger Kramer, *Rethinking Authority in the Carolingian Empire: Ideals and Expectations during the Reign of Louis the Pious (813–828)*, *Early Medieval Europe* 29.1 (2021), pp. 116–119.

Review of K. Patrick Fazioli, *The Mirror of the Medieval: An Anthropology of the Western Historical Imagination*, *Francia-Recensio* 2018/1.

Review of Nancy Mandeville Caciola, *Afterlives: The Return of the Dead in the Middle Ages*, *Comitatus* 48 (2017), pp. 196–199.

Review of *Law, Rulership, and Rhetoric: Selected Essays of Robert L. Benson*, ed. Loren J. Weber, in collaboration with Giles Constable and Richard H. Rouse, *Comitatus* 46 (2015), pp. 258–260.

Review of *Faithful Narratives: Historians, Religion, and the Challenge of Objectivity*, eds. Andrea Sterk and Nina Caputo, *Comitatus* 46 (2015), pp. 231–233.

Review of George E. Demacopoulos, *The Invention of Peter: Apostolic Discourse and Papal Authority in Late Antiquity*, *Comitatus* 45 (2014), pp. 233–236.

Conference Presentations

“When Prayers and Bones Fail: Death, Despair, Hope, and the Church Fathers in the Letters between Einhard and Lupus of Ferrières,” delivered as part of the session “Hope and Despair in the Carolingian World,” at the International Medieval Congress, Leeds, UK, 9 July 2025.

“Jesus as Writer? The *Pericope adulterae* in Late Antique and Early Medieval Exegesis and Modern Biblical Criticism,” delivered at the 2024 University of British Columbia Medieval Workshop, Vancouver, BC, 17 October 2024.

“*In veterum vestigia patrum*: Following (and Fashioning) ‘The Fathers’ in the Carolingian World,” delivered at the International Conference on Patristic Studies, Oxford, UK, 6 August 2024.

“The ‘Patristic’ Past and the Presence of the Fathers in Works by Paschasius Radbertus,” delivered as part of the session “Carolingian Receptions of Augustine’s Texts and Ideas,” at the International Medieval Congress, Leeds, UK, 4 July 2023.

“Constructing ‘Christian Literature’: Texts *De viris illustribus* from Jerome and Gennadius of Marseille to Alcuin of York and Notker Balbulus,” delivered as part of the session “Perceptions of Authorship in the Middle Ages,” at the 58th annual International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Mich., 13 May 2023.

“Augustine as Guarantor of ‘Patristic’ Status in the Early Middle Ages: The *Nachleben* of Tyconius,” delivered at “Augustine and the Making of Christian Practice (400–1000),” Durham, UK, 24 March 2023.

“Varieties of ‘Patristic Authority’ at Carolingian Church Councils,” delivered as part of the session “Patristic Authority in the Early Middle Ages” at the International Medieval Congress, Leeds, UK, 5 July 2022.

“*Tempora periculosa, dies mali*: Tyconius, Augustine, and Their Carolingian Readers’ Responses to Pauline Eschatology,” delivered at the 45th annual UBC Medieval Workshop: “Theologies of the Political: From Augustine to Agamben, and Beyond,” Vancouver, BC, 29 March 2019.

“How ‘Augustinian’ Was the ‘Carolingian World’?”, delivered as part of the session “Living in the Carolingian World,” at the 53rd annual International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Mich., 10 May 2018.

Research Interests

intellectual history; cultural history; uses of the past; political theology; religious studies; Church history; textual reception; Early medieval Europe; Carolingian political and ecclesiastical culture; Augustine of Hippo; Patristics and Late Antiquity; Early Christianity; Pauline Studies; the ‘Synoptic Problem’; time and temporality; authorship and authority; premodern historiography; reform; tradition; canon law and the construction of orthodoxy

Teaching & Supervision

Thesis Supervisor, The University of British Columbia

Crispin Wellburn, “The Hun and the Holy Man: The Reception and Transformation of Leo the Great’s Meeting with Attila the Hun,” History Honours thesis (in progress).

Joseph Del Bigio, “Tracking the Relationship Between Intention and Outcome at Valleyview Hospital,” History Honours thesis, 2023.

Instructor, The University of British Columbia, Department of History

Europe in the Early Middle Ages (HIST 363) – Spring 2026

History of Europe (HIST 220A) – Fall 2025

World History from 1500 to the Twentieth Century (HIST 102) – Summer 2025

World History from 1500 to the Twentieth Century (HIST 102) – Fall 2024/Spring 2025

History of Europe (HIST 220A) – Summer 2024

Europe in the Late Middle Ages (HIST 364), Spring 2024

What Is History? (HIST 100), Fall 2023

World History from 1500 to the Twentieth Century (HIST 102) – Fall 2023/Spring 2024

History of Europe (HIST 220A) – Summer 2023

Medieval Portraits and Personalities (HIST 478) – Spring 2023

Europe in the Early Middle Ages (HIST 363) –Fall 2022

World History from 1500 to the Twentieth Century (HIST 102) – Fall 2022/Spring 2023

Europe in the Early Middle Ages (HIST 363) – Fall 2021

Uses of the Past and the Perception of Golden Ages (HIST 490) –Fall 2020

Instructor, The University of British Columbia, Department of Ancient Mediterranean and Near Eastern Studies

Women in the Roman World of Republican and Imperial Times (AMNE 325) – Spring 2026

Slavery in the Ancient Greek and Roman World (AMNE 323) – Fall 2025

The Origins of Judaism (AMNE 361) – Spring 2025

Instructor, The University of British Columbia, Department of Central, Eastern, and Northern European Studies

The Viking World (NORD 338) – Spring 2024

Instructor, University of Victoria, Department of History

Epidemics from the Black Death to AIDS (HSTR 101C) – Spring 2025

Laws and Notions of Law in Premodern Cultures (HSTR 371) – Spring 2023

Ten Days That Shook the World (HSTR 101A) – Fall 2022

Epidemics from the Black Death to AIDS (HSTR 101C) – Fall 2022

Other Contributions

Assistance (to Prof. Paul Dutton) with the books *Micro Middle Ages* (2023) and *Eriugena Unbound* (2025), 2022–25.

Assistance (to Prof. Richard Menkis) in creating an educational exhibit on Denmark and the Holocaust for the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre, 2025.

Organizer of the 46th UBC Medieval Workshop: “The Writing of Ancient Christianity in Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages,” Vancouver, BC, 16–18 October 2024.

Invited guest lecture, “Components of *Confessions*: Augustine’s World(s), Thought, and Life (to ca. 397),” at Corpus Christi College, Vancouver, BC, 23 September 2024.

Research Assistance (to Prof. Sebastian Prange) on the medieval section of a project concerning “Outlaw Economics,” 2020.

Coordinator (with Prof. Tara Mayer, et al.) in planning and organizing the international research roundtable “Visual Literacy: Seeing, Making, and Reading Images Across the Disciplines,” held at the Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Study, Vancouver, BC, 23–25 October 2019.

Co-Organizer (with Prof. Courtney Booker) of the 45th UBC Medieval Workshop: “Theologies of the Political: From Augustine to Agamben, and Beyond,” Vancouver, BC, 29–30 March 2019.

Project collaborator (with Prof. Courtney Booker, et al.) on the creation of a database of early modern (ca. 1500–1800) authors’ copies of books, 2016–17.

Project collaborator (with Prof. Richard Pollard, et al.) on “The Latin Josephus Project” (<https://www.latinjosephus.org>), 2013–14.

Research Assistance (to Prof. Leslie Paris) for an historical project on the cloth-diapering subculture in contemporary North America, 2012–13.

Fellowships, Awards, Grants

Association Internationale d'Études Patristiques/International Association of Patristic Studies, Conference Scholarship Award, 2023

Wallace Johnson Program for First Book Authors Fellowship, 2022

President's Academic Excellence Initiative Ph.D. Award (UBC), 2021

Department of History (UBC) Summer Research and Writing Fellowship, 2021

Orville Lloyd Wilmot Memorial Scholarship in History, 2020

President's Academic Excellence Initiative Ph.D. Award (UBC), 2020

David W. Strangway Fellowship, 2019

UBC History Department Teaching Assistant Award, 2019

Conway Summer Travel Scholarship in German History, 2019

UBC Graduate Student Research Award, 2019

Department of History (UBC) Summer Research and Writing Fellowship, 2019

Josephine T. Berthier Fellowship, 2018

David W. Strangway Fellowship, 2018

Department of History (UBC) M.A. Thesis Award, for best thesis in cohort, 2015

SSHRC Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship, 2013

J.H. Stewart Reid Medal and Prize in Honours History, for best thesis in cohort, 2013

Fritz Lehmann Memorial Prize in History, 2012

Language Proficiency

Latin

German

French

Old English (basic)