

# Matt King Curriculum Vitae

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## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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### University of South Florida, Tampa, FL (henceforth USF)

Assistant Professor of Medieval History and Digital Humanities, August 2018 – Present

## EDUCATION

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### University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN (henceforth UMN)

Ph.D. in History, minor in Medieval Studies, March 2018

Dissertation: “The Norman Kingdom of Africa and the Medieval Mediterranean”

Committee: Michael Lower, Kathryn Reyerson, Daniel Schroeter, Giancarlo Casale, Oliver Nicholson

M.A. in History, 2014

### University of Washington, Seattle, WA

B.A. in History and Latin, *magna cum laude*, 2012

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Books

*Dynasties Intertwined: The Zirids of Ifriqiya and the Normans of Sicily*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2022.

### Peer-Reviewed Articles

“An Emir in the Ruins of Carthage: The Life and Times of Muhriz ibn Ziyad.” In [\*The Journal of North African Studies\*](#), 2021.

“The Crusades in North Africa.” In [\*The Oxford Research Encyclopedia of African History\*](#). Oxford University Press, 2021.

“The Possibilities and Problems of *Sid Meier’s Civilization* in the Classroom,” [\*The History Teacher\*](#) 54.3 (2021): 539-567.

(with Davide Tanasi, Stephan Hassam, Kaitlyn Kingsland, Paolo Trapani, and Denise Cali) “Melite Civitas Romana in 3D: Virtualization Project of the Archaeological Park and Museum of the Domus Romana of Rabat, Malta,” [\*Open Archaeology\*](#) 7.1 (April 2021).

“The Normans and the Italian City-States in North Africa.” In [\*The Oxford Research Encyclopedia of African History\*](#). Oxford University Press, 2020.

“Reframing the Fall of the Zirid Dynasty, 1112-35 CE,” [\*Mediterranean Studies\*](#) 26.1 (2018): 1-25.

(with Tim Hoogland, Jennifer Hootman, Mary Schoenborn, and Lynn Skupeko) “College Access, Historical Research, and Student Empowerment: The National History Day Partnership in Minnesota,” [\*The History Teacher\*](#) 52.1 (Nov 2018): 89-118.

“The Sword and the Sun: The Old World Drought Atlas as a Source for Medieval History.” [\*Al-Masāq: Journal of the Medieval Mediterranean\*](#) 29.3 (2017): 221-234.

“The Norman Kings of Africa?” [\*The Haskins Society Journal\*](#) 28 (Oct 2017): 143-166.

“Perceptions of Islam in the *Carmen in Victoriam Pisanorum*,” [Hortulus](#) 11.2 (Spring 2015).

### Chapters in Edited Volumes

(forthcoming) “Muslims in Medieval Malta: Epigraphic Evidence from a Cemetery in Rabat” for *Companions to Late Antique and Medieval Archaeology in the Mediterranean Basin* (Gainesville: University Press of Florida).

“Holy War in the Central Mediterranean: The Case of the Zirid and the Normans.” In [The Normans in the Mediterranean: Comparative Studies in the Process of Conquest](#), edited by Emily A. Winkler and Liam Fitzgerald, 229-248. Turnhout: Brepols, 2021.

### Book Reviews

[Review for \*The International Journal of Middle East Studies\*](#) (2022) of William Granara. *Ibn Hamdis the Sicilian: Eulogist for a Falling Homeland*. London: Oneworld Academic, 2021.

[Review for \*The Mediterranean Seminar\*](#) (2021) of Jonathan Rubin. *Learning in a Crusader City: Intellectual Activity and Intercultural Exchanges in Acre, 1191-1291*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018.

[Review for H-Net](#) (2021) of Oliver Creighton and Duncan Wright. *The Anarchy: War and Status in 12th-Century Landscapes of Conflict*. Liverpool: University of Liverpool Press, 2017.

[Review for \*The Historian\*](#) (2021) of Phillips, Jonathan. *The Life and Legend of the Sultan Saladin*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2019.

[Review for \*The Journal of Military History\*](#) (2021) of Stanton, Charles. *Roger of Lauria (c. 1250-1305): 'Admiral of Admirals.'* Woodbridge: The Boydell Press, 2019.

[Review for \*The Journal of Military History\*](#) (2020) of Crowley, Roger. *The Accursed Tower: The Fall of Acre and the End of the Crusades*. New York: Basic Books, 2019.

[Review for \*The Historian\*](#) (2020) of Tyerman, Christopher. *The World of the Crusades*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2019.

[Review for H-Net](#) (2020) of Rubenstein, Jay. *Nebuchadnezzar's Dream: The Crusades, Apocalyptic Prophecy, and the End of History*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019.

[Review for H-Net](#) (2019) of Hosler, John. *The Siege of Acre, 1189-1191: Saladin, Richard the Lionheart, and the Battle that Decided the Third Crusade*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2018.

[Review for H-Net](#) (2018) of Peter Heather. *Rome Resurgent: War and Empire in the Age of Justinian*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018.

[Review for \*Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture\*](#) (2018) of Kirsi Salonen and Sari Katajala-Peltomaa. *Church and Belief in the Middle Ages: Popes, Saints, and Crusaders*. Amsterdam: University of Amsterdam Press, 2016.

[Review for H-Net](#) (2017) of Mike Carr. *Merchant Crusaders in the Aegean, 1291-1352*. Rochester: The Boydell Press, 2015.

[Review for H-Net](#) (2016) of Paul Cobb. *The Race for Paradise: An Islamic History of the Crusades*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014.

[Review for H-Net](#) (2015) of S.J. Allen and Emilie Amt. *The Crusades: A Reader*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. New York: University of Toronto Press, 2014.

### Peer-Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters Under Review

(with Katherine Jacka) “A Tale of Two Kingdoms: Sicily and Ifriqiya in *The Book of Roger*” for *The Medieval Globe*.

## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

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Subvention Award, USF Publications Council (\$625)  
New Researcher Grant, Research & Innovation, USF (\$10,000)  
Humanities Institute Summer Grant, USF (\$5,000)  
Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, The Graduate School, UMN (\$25,000)  
Outstanding Graduate Instructor Award, Department of History, UMN (\$750)  
Workshop Grant for the 17<sup>th</sup> Vagantes Conference on Medieval Studies, Consortium for the Study of the Premodern World, UMN (\$5,000)  
Grant for Innovation in Community Building and Professionalization for the 17<sup>th</sup> Vagantes Conference on Medieval Studies, Medieval Academy of America (\$2,000)  
Research Fellowship, Department of History, UMN (\$9,000)  
Travel Bursary, Medieval Academy of America (\$370)  
Timothy J. Salo Leadership Award, Council of Graduate Students, UMN (N/A)  
Graduate Research Partnership Program Fellowship, College of Liberal Arts, UMN (\$4,000)  
Thesis Research Travel Grant, The Graduate School, UMN (\$3,094)  
Dissertation Development Fellowship, Consortium for the Study of the Premodern World, UMN (\$9,134)  
Union Pacific Research Grant, Center for Early Modern History, UMN (\$1,500)  
Audrey Christensen Library Prize, Department of History, UMN (\$500)  
Workshop Grant for “Insert Coin, Understand the Past,” Consortium for the Study of the Premodern World, UMN (\$1,000)  
Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, U.S. Department of Education (\$7,500)  
Carol Urness Student Writing Award, Associates of the James Ford Bell Library, UMN (\$100)  
Minnesota Student Association Award for Graduate Student Teaching, Council of Graduate Students, UMN (N/A)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### **USF Department of History: Undergraduate Courses**

Doing History in the Digital Age  
Epidemics and Pandemics in World History  
Historical Methods and Materials  
The Medieval West  
Theory and Methods of History  
War and Society: History of the Crusades

### **USF Department of History: Graduate Courses**

Doing History in the Digital Age  
History of the Crusades  
Readings in World History I

### **USF Department of History: Independent Study**

Fatimid Caliphate  
Norman Sicily  
Sicily and the Medieval Mediterranean

## **UMN: Undergraduate Courses**

Instructor, History and Video Games

Instructor, History of the Crusades

Co-Instructor, Historical Internship (History Day)

Co-Instructor, Special Topics Seminar: Campus Engagement with K-12 Education

Teaching Assistant, Civilization and the Environment: World History to 1500

Teaching Assistant, Europe and the World to 1500

Reader/Grader, Islam: Religion and Culture

Reader/Grader, Islam and the West

Reader/Grader, History of the Crusades

## **Other**

Instructor, History of Pandemics, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, USF

Instructor, History of the Not-So-Dark Ages, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, USF

Instructor, History of the Crusades, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, USF

Instructor, History of the Crusades, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, UMN

## **DIGITAL HUMANITIES**

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Webmaster, [USF Department of History](#) and [USF Phi Beta Kappa](#), AY 2018-Present.

Website Contributor, [USF Title IX](#), AY 2019-Present.

Website Contributor, [USF Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion](#), AY 2020-Present.

Webmaster, [American Society of Church History](#), AY 2016-18.

Webmaster, [UMN Environmental Humanities Initiative](#), AY 2017-18.

Digital Exhibition, "[A Long, Troublesome, and Dangerous Passage from England to India](#)," James Ford Bell Library, UMN.

Experience with ArcGIS, QGIS, Google Maps API, Voyant Tools, Orange, Gephi, Omeka, Wordpress, OUCampus, and Drupal.

## **RESEARCH LANGUAGES**

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**High Proficiency:** Arabic, French, and Latin

**Low/Basic Reading Proficiency:** German and Italian

## **TALKS AND CONFERENCES**

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### **Conference Papers**

"The Founder of Wahhabism? Medieval and Modern Perceptions of Ibn Taymiyya," *Scripture and Aesthetics of Violence: Comparative Perspectives on World Religions and the Social Reception of their Narratives about Violence*, St. Petersburg, FL, 15 January 2022.

"The Normans and the Franks in Ibn al-Athir's *Complete History*," International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, 12 May 2019.

"The Colonization of 'Medieval' Africa," 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Atlanta, GA, 30 November 2018.

"Interfaith Masculine Identities in the Rihla of Ibn Jubayr," International Medieval Congress 2018, Leeds, UK, 3 July 2018.

“Crusade and Jihad in Medieval Sicily and Ifriqiya: The Case of the Zirids and the Normans,” The Normans in the South: Mediterranean Meetings in the Central Middle Ages, Oxford, UK, 1 July 2017.

“Good Christians and Bad Christians in the *Rihla* of Muhammad al-Tijani,” 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Medieval and Renaissance Forum, Keene, NH, 22 April 2017.

“The Intersecting Mediterranean: The Case of Norman Sicily and Zirid Ifriqiya,” 2017 Annual Meeting of the Medieval Academy of America, Toronto, CA, 7 April 2017.

“Deepening Student Engagement in World History through National History Day,” The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Midwest World History Association, Saint Paul, MN, 24 September 2016.

“Count Roger II and the Islamicate Mediterranean, 1112-1130” 19th Annual International Congress of the Mediterranean Studies Association, Palermo, Italy, 26 May 2016.

“New Approaches to Environmental History in Medieval North Africa,” International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, 14 May 2016.

“Educational Equity and the History Day Mentor Program at the University of Minnesota,” Grand Challenges Community Engagement Conference, Minneapolis, MN, 31 March 2016.

“The Normans in Africa and Ifriqiya,” 34<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Haskins Society, Northfield, MN, 6 November 2015.

“Dynastic and Tribal Politics in the Age of the Norman ‘Kingdom of Africa,’” International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, 16 May 2015.

### **Invited Talks and Interviews**

Interview with Luka Gabriel Haeberle. [New Books in Medieval History Podcast](#). 10 June 2022.

“The Afterlife of Carthage: Archaeology and Colonialism in Medieval North Africa,” Time Sifters Archaeology Society, Sarasota, FL, 2 February 2022.

“Pillaging the Ruins of Carthage in Medieval and Colonial North Africa,” Past to Present History Seminar Series, University of North Florida, 21 October 2021.

“Pedagogy and the Merit of Video Games,” University of New Hampshire, 20 April 2017.

### **Roundtable Discussant / Lightning Round Talks**

“*Assassins’ Creed* and *Sid Meier’s Civilization* in the Classroom,” Day of Digital Humanities, Carleton College, Northfield, MN, 2 June 2017.

“Teaching Intersectionality: Medieval Studies and the Modern World,” 16<sup>th</sup> Vagantes Conference on Medieval Studies, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN, 10 March 2017.

### **Conference Panels Organized / Chaired**

Organizer with Katherine Jacka “Muslim-Christian Relations in Pre-Norman and Norman Italy,” International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May 2019.

Chair, “Hautevilles and Hospitallers,” The Normans in the South: Mediterranean Meetings in the Central Middle Ages, University of Oxford, UK, 2 July 2017.

Organizer, “The Forgotten Coast? North Africa and its Place in the Middle Ages,” International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, 14 May 2016.

### **UMN Campus Talks**

“The Old World Drought Atlas,” Mediterranean Collaborative, 20 September 2017.

“Undergraduate Pedagogy and the Merit of Video Games,” Teaching the Premodern, 14 April 2017.

“The Norman Kings of Africa,” Center for Early Modern History, 12 February 2016.

“Jack Trice, Sandy Stephens, Race, and History in Minnesota,” Student-Athlete Development Department, 11 February 2015.

## **SERVICE AND OUTREACH**

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### **USF General Service**

University Conduct Board Faculty Member (served on three cases), AY 2020-Present.

Violence Prevention CCRT Subcommittee, AY 2019-Present.

CMS Lead Content Manager Team, AY 2019-Present.

Phi Beta Kappa Executive Committee, AY 2018-Present.

History Department Undergraduate Studies Committee, AY 2021-22.

History Department Graduate Studies Committee, AY 2020-21.

History Department Ad Hoc Committee for Historical Methods and Materials Course, AY 2019-20.

History Department Grants and Awards Committee, AY 2019-20.

History Department Ad Hoc Technology Committee, AY 2018-19.

History Department Outreach Committee, AY 2018-19.

### **USF Graduate Student Service**

Reagan Vernon                      M.A. Advisor (ongoing)

Michael Strawbridge              Ph.D. Advisor (ongoing)

Bishoy Garis                        Ph.D. Committee Member (ongoing)

Becky Munson                      M.A. Advisor (graduated spring 2020)

Christina Hotalen                 Ph.D. Committee Member (graduated spring 2020)

### **UMN General Service**

Search Committee, Outreach and Campus Immersion Coordinator, Department of African American and African Studies, Autumn 2017.

Co-Director, 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Vagantes Conference on Medieval Studies (22-24 March 2017).

Director, “Making a Medieval Book Program,” Center for Medieval Studies, Spring 2016 – Spring 2018.

Organizer, Arabic Reading Group, Center for Medieval Studies, AY 2015-16.

Organizer, “Insert Coin, Understand the Past” Research Workshop, Consortium for the Study of the Premodern World, AY 2015-16.

Elected representative for the History Graduate Association, AY 2015-16.

Representative for the History Department Graduate Studies Committee, AY 2014-15.

Representative for the History Department Undergraduate Studies Committee, AY 2013-14.

### **Tampa Bay Area Public Schools**

Member of the Pinellas County Schools History Day Planning Team, AY 2019-Present.

Volunteer Judge, Pinellas County History Day Competition, 2019-2022.

Presenter for Pinellas County Schools Teacher Trainings:

Trading and Crusading: Interfaith Exchange during the Middle Ages, Spring 2022.  
Smallpox, Conquistadors, and Disease in the New World, Summer 2021.  
The Bubonic Plagues and their Many Legacies, Summer 2020.  
Contesting the Legacy of Rome: Byzantium and the Spread of Islam, Summer 2020.  
Teaching Islam after 9/11, Summer 2019.  
Teaching the Not-So-Dark-Ages, Summer 2019.

Volunteer Judge, Hillsborough County History Day Competition, 2020.

**Other**

Volunteer Judge, National History Day Competition, Spring 2020 – 2022.

Vagantes Conference on Medieval Studies Board of Directors, Spring 2016 – Spring 2018.

Campus Outreach Coordinator, Minnesota Historical Society, August 2013 – April 2018.