

Stanford



Rowan Dorin

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 Curriculum Vitae available Online

Bio

BIO

I am a historian of western Europe and the Mediterranean, primarily during the high and late Middle Ages. Much of my research tries to understand how law and society interact with each other, especially where legal norms conflict with social practices. Another strand of my research explores the history of economic life and economic thought, especially medieval debates over usury and moneylending. I have also written on the circulation of goods, people, and ideas in the medieval Mediterranean.

My current book project (*Conflicts of Interest: Jews, Christian Moneylenders, and the Rise of Mass Expulsion in Medieval Europe*) uses the banishment of Jewish and Christian moneylenders to explore the rise of mass expulsion as a widespread practice in the later Middle Ages. A second ongoing project examines the ways in which medieval canon law was adapted, reinterpreted, or resisted in local contexts in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries. The latter builds on *Corpus Synodali*, a searchable full-text database of late medieval local ecclesiastical legislation that I have been developing since 2016, with assistance from colleagues around the world.

Born and raised in western Canada, I did my undergraduate and doctoral work at Harvard University, earning an MPhil in Medieval History from the University of Cambridge along the way. Before coming to Stanford, I was a Junior Fellow at the Harvard Society of Fellows.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Assistant Professor, History

Teaching

COURSES

2021-22

- Blood and Money: The Origins of Antisemitism: HISTORY 86Q (Win)

2020-21

- Core Colloquium: Graduate Readings in Medieval History: HISTORY 313 (Aut)
- Doing Legal History: HISTORY 200A (Win)
- Out of Eden: Deportation, Exile, and Expulsion from Antiquity to the Renaissance: HISTORY 211, HISTORY 311 (Win)
- Traders and Crusaders in the Medieval Mediterranean: HISTORY 116, HISTORY 16 (Aut)

2019-20

- Blood and Money: The Origins of Antisemitism: HISTORY 86Q, JEWISHST 86Q (Aut)

- Core Colloquium: Graduate Readings in Medieval History: HISTORY 313 (Aut)
- Out of Eden: Deportation, Exile, and Expulsion from Antiquity to the Renaissance: HISTORY 211, HISTORY 311 (Spr)
- Traders and Crusaders in the Medieval Mediterranean: HISTORY 116, HISTORY 16 (Spr)

2018-19

- Doing Legal History: HISTORY 200A (Win)
- Making and Interpreting Historical Records, 100-1600: ENGLISH 212, ENGLISH 312A, HISTORY 208E, HISTORY 308E (Aut)
- Making the Middle Ages: HISTORY 14N (Spr)
- Research Seminar in Medieval History: HISTORY 414A (Win)
- Research Seminar in Medieval History: HISTORY 414B (Spr)

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