Andrew Russo

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Education

PhD University of Rochester, History, Expected 2021

Dissertation: Exile and Nostalgia: The Creation of Andalusī Identity in Eleventh/Seventeenth Century North Africa.

Fields

Medieval History, with Laura Smoller History of Islam, with Emil Homerin Mediterranean Studies, with Thomas Devaney Violence and Social Order, with Richard Kaeuper

- MA University of Rochester, History, 2016
- MA **SUNY College at Brockport**, History, 2015 Thesis: *This Man Never Lies: Al-Idrisi, Roger II, and Patronage in Norman Sicily.*
- BA **SUNY Empire State College**, Cultural Studies, 2011 Concentration in Philosophy and History

Presentations and Talks

- October 2018. New York State Association of European Historians Conference, D'Youville College, Buffalo, NY. *How Should We Read Barbary Captivity Narratives?*
- April 2018. "Mediterranean Migrations" The Mediterranean Seminar 2018 Spring Workshop. University of Oregon, Eugene, OR. Exile and Nostalgia: The Formation of Andalusi Identity in the Seventeenth-Century Maghreb.
- April 2017. Early Modern Iberia Study Group Symposium, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA. How Are We Supposed to Know One Another? Communal Refashioning in Francisco Nuñez Muley's Memorandum.
- October 2015. New York State Association of European Historians Conference, St. John Fischer College, Rochester, NY. *Cartography as King Making: Muslim Scholars in the Norman Court of Sicily*.
- April, 2015. Scholar's Day, SUNY College at Brockport, Brockport, NY. The Political Context of Sufism in Sixth/Twelfth Century al-Andalus.

Fellowships and Awards

- 2018 NEH Summer Scholar "Thresholds of Change: Modernity and Transformation in the Mediterranean, 1400-1700".
- 2018 Dr. Bruce F. Pauley Research Fellowship, University of Rochester.
- 2017 Harkins Paper Prize, University of Rochester.

- 2017 Newberry Summer Fellow Mellon Institute for Spanish Paleography.
- 2016 Lina and A. William Salomone Prize, University of Rochester.
- 2016 Graduate Travel and Research Award, University of Rochester.
- 2015 George S. Queen Award, SUNY College at Brockport.
- 2015 SUNY Graduate Assistant Fellowship, SUNY College at Brockport.
- 2014 SUNY Graduate Assistant Fellowship, SUNY College at Brockport.

Book Reviews

Autobiography and Letters of a Spanish Nun. ed. Susan Diane Laningham. trans. Jane Tar. Toronto and Tempe: Iter Press and Arizona Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, 2016. In The Sixteenth Century Journal. (forthcoming)

Teaching Experience

University of Rochester

HIS 192 Al-Andalus: Journeys through Muslim Spain, Instructor.

HIS 193 Marco Polo and Medieval Travelers, Instructor.

HIS 126 Hitler's Germany, 1914-1945, Teaching Assistant.

HIS 106 Witchcraft and Witch Hunts in Early Modern Europe, Teaching Assistant.

SUNY College at Brockport

HST 130 Ancient and Medieval World Survey, Teaching Assistant.

Professional Service

- 2018- Corresponding Secretary, Graduate History Society.
- 2017 Co-Organizer, "The Future(s) of Microhistory," an international symposium held at the University of Rochester. November 17-18, 2017.
- 2016 Co-coordinator, Graduate History Society Annual Conference, University of Rochester.
- 2015- Manuscript Reviewer for Hortulus.

Professional Development

2016 Casa Árabe Summer Intensive Seminar, "Al-Andalus: Problems and Perspectives". Cordoba, Spain.

Language Skills

Language and Paleographic training for research in: Arabic, Spanish, and Latin.

Professional Associations

Medieval Academy of America; Middle East Studies Association; Renaissance Society of America; Spain-North Africa Project; American Institute for Maghrib Studies.