E d e n K n u d s e n M c L e a n

Curriculum Vitae

310 Thach Hall, Auburn University, AL 36849-5207, 334.844.5865, ekmclean@auburn.edu

**E M P L O Y M E N T**

Auburn University (Auburn, AL) 2012 –

Joseph A. Kicklighter Endowed Associate Professor, Department of History 2023 –

Associate Professor, Department of History 2018 –

Assistant Professor, Department of History 2012 –18

Western Connecticut State University (Danbury, CT) 2010 –12

Visiting Assistant Professor of European History, Department of History and

Non-western Cultures

**E D U C A T I O N**

EURAC Summer School on Minority Rights 2016

Yale University

Ph.D. in History 2010

Dissertation: “Race and Childhood in Fascist Italy, 1923-1940”

M.Phil in History 2007

Orals Fields (passed with distinction): Italy since 1799; Fascism; European Imperialism

M.A. in History 2006

Università per Stranieri di Perugia 2005

Month-long intensive Italian language and culture program

University of Virginia 2002

B.A. in History; Anthropology minor

Distinguished Majors Program in History completed with high distinction

**P U B L I C A T I O N S**

***Book***

*Mussolini’s Children: Race and Elementary Education in Fascist Italy.* Lincoln, NE: University of Nebraska Press, 2018.

Reviewed in: *American Historical Review, Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Journal of Education Quarterly, Journal of the History of Childhood and Youth, Journal of Modern History, Journal of Modern Italian Studies, Modern Italy*, *Quaderni d’italianistica*

***Peer-reviewed Articles***

“The Un-Common Sense of National Identity: Luigi Molina, Trentini, and the Fascist Italianisation Campaign in Southern Tyrol,” *Contemporary European History*, 2023, 1-21. DOI: 10.1017/S0960777323000139

***Other Articles***

“Fascism’s History Offers Lessons about Today’s Attacks on Education.” *Scientific American*, April 7, 2023 [opinion].

***Book Chapter***

**“**A Border within the Borderland: Assimilation through Separation in Fascist Italy’s South Tyrol.” In “Myths in Austrian History: Construction and Deconstruction,” edited by Günter Bischof, Marc Landry, and Christian Karner. Special issue, *Contemporary Austrian Studies* 29 (2020): 285-295.

Knudsen, Eden Rebecca. “The Rhetoric of Race in Fascist Elementary Education.” In *New Perspectives in Italian Cultural Studies, Volume 2: The Arts and History*, edited by Graziella Parati, 265-284. Madison, NJ: Fairleigh Dickinson University Press, 2012.

***Book Reviews***

Review of *Anti-Southern Racism and Education in Post-War Italy* by Grazia De Michele. *Journal of Modern Italian Studies*, (2024). DOI: 10.1080/1354571X.2024.2342747

“What Does It Mean to Be a(n Italian) Borderland? Recent Literature on Italy’s ‘New Provinces’ of South Tyrol and the Julian March.” *Contemporary European History* (2021): 1-11. DOI: 10.1017/S0960777320000545. [Review of six books]

Review of *Mussolini’s Army in the French Riviera: Italy’s Occupation of France* by Emanuele Sica. *Journal of Military History*, 80:4 (October 2016), 1261-1262.

Review of *Catholic Women’s Movements in Liberal and Fascist Italy* by Helena Dawes. *Journal of Modern Italian Studies*, 21:2 (2016), 366-368.

Review of *National Belongings: Hybridity in Italian Colonial and Postcolonial Cultures.* Vol. 7, edited by Jacqueline Andall and Derek Duncan. *Journal of Modern Italian Studies*, 17:5 (2012), pp. 663-4.

**W O R K S I N P R O G R E S S**

***Book Manuscript***

*The Limits of Fascism: Luigi Molina and the Fight for Fascist Hegemony in an Italian Borderland, 1923-1944*

***Article Manuscript***

“Bishop Geisler and the 1934 Torello-Ricci Affair: Fighting for Moral Authority in a Fascist Borderland” (under review with *Modern Italy* for a special issue)

**G R A N T S A N D H O N O R S**

Auburn University Creative Works and Social Impact Grant 2023-25

Auburn University Provost’s Professional Improvement Leave 2023

Auburn University nominee for national NEH Summer Stipend application 2021

Auburn University Phi Alpha Theta Robert Reid Outstanding Graduate Professor Award 2014, 2020

Auburn University College of Liberal Arts Competitive Summer Grant 2019

American Philosophical Society Franklin Research Grant 2018

Visiting Researcher at the European Research Academy (EURAC) in Bolzano, Italy 2016

Auburn University Vice-President for Research Matching Funds 2013, 2016

Trinity College Research Grant in Modern Italian History (Barbieri Grant) 2015 – 16

Auburn University College of Liberal Arts Non-competitive Summer Grant 2013

Western Connecticut State University Faculty Development Grant 2011

The Smith Richardson Foundation Fellowship 2008, 2010

Birgit Baldwin Scholarship 2009 –10

The George Frederick Jewett Foundation Fellowship 2009

The Wolfsonian-FIU Fellowship 2009

Yale University John H. Hord Memorial Scholarship Endowed Fellowship 2004 –09

US – Italy Fulbright Commission Award 2007 –08

MacMillan Center Dissertation Research Grant 2007 –08

The John M. Olin Foundation Fellowship 2007– 08

Yale University Center for International and Area Studies Pre-Dissertation Grant 2006

Yale University Ganzfried Fellowship 2006

Phi Beta Kappa 2002

**C O N F E R E N C E A C T I V I T I E S**

***Paper Presenter***

Association for the Study of Modern Italy Annual Conference, “Change, Evolution, 2022

and Disruption in Modern and Contemporary Italy” (London, England)

“Bishop Geisler and the 1934 ‘Torello-Ricci Affair’: Contesting Fascist

Rome’s Power from the Periphery”

The Second World War Research Group – North America (SWWRG,NA) Annual 2019

Workshop (New Orleans, LA)

“Anti-Fascism of a Different Kind: Pro-Nazism in the Italian Borderland”

Austrian Studies Association Annual Conference (Bowling Green, OH) 2019

“A Border within the Borderland: Assimilation through Separation in Italy’s

South Tyrol, 1927-1934”

American Historical Association and Society for Italian Historical Studies Annual 2019

Conference (Chicago, IL)

“Teaching a New Italian Population: Rosa Agazzi and the Italian State in

Venezia Tridentina”

American Historical Association Annual Conference (Washington, DC) 2018

“Molding and Modeling *Italianità*: Teaching National Identity in Italy’s South

Tyrol, 1923-1934”

Association for the Study of Modern Italy Annual Conference, “The Culture and 2017

Politics of the Italian Family from the 19th to the 21st Century (London, England)

“Family or Fatherland? The Vital Role of Family in (Not) Creating an Italian South

Tyrol Under Fascism”

Transnationalizing Modern Languages Conference, “Transnational Italies” 2016

(The British School at Rome, Italy)

“Mapping the National onto the Transnational: Reviving Alto Adige’s *Italianità*

through Language Education”

Association for the Study of Modern Italy Annual Conference, “Educating Italy 2015

(c. 1796-1968): Local, National, and Global Perspectives” (London, England)

“Establishing the Border: Defining the Border: Defining *Italianità* in Alto Adige

Through Language Education, 1919-1929”

John D. Calandra Italian American Institute Annual Conference, “Bambini, Ragazzi 2015

Giovani, Children and Youth in Italy and the Italian Diaspora” (New York, NY)

“Molding Italy’s Newest Children: Language Education in Alto Adige, 1919-1929”

Georgia Gwinnett College, “The Great War, a Hundred Years On” (Lawrenceville, GA) 2014

“Learning to be Italian in Alto Adige, 1919-1929”

Auburn University, Research Week at Auburn University (Auburn, AL) 2014

“’Believe! Obey! Fight!’: Defining Italians at Home Through Conquest Abroad”

International University of Catalonia, 12th Conference on “European Culture” 2013

(Barcelona, Spain)

“’Libro e Moschetto, Fascista Perfetto’”: Creating a Race of Soldiers in Fascist

Italy, 1930-38”

Società Italiana per lo Studio della Storia Contemporanea, Seminar on Colonialism 2013

and National Identity, “L’Oltremare” between Fascism and the Republic

(Cagliari, Sardinia)

“’Libro e Moschetto, Fascista Perfetto’”: Creating a Race of Soldiers in Fascist Italy, 1930-38”

Dartmouth College, “Italian Cultural Studies” Conference (Hanover, NH) 2010

“Educating the New Italian: Fascist Racial Rhetoric and Its Echoes Today”

American Historical Association, Annual Meeting (New York, NY) 2009

“The Rhetoric of Race and Its Echoes Today”

***Panel Discussant***

University of Alabama, Graduate History Association, “Power and Struggle” 2014

Conference

(Tuscaloosa, AL)

“Nationalism and Fascism in Western Europe”

Phi Alpha Theta Southeastern Regional Conference (Auburn, AL) 2014

“Global Conceptions of Childhood”

***Panel Organizer***

Transnationalizing Modern Languages Conference, “Transnational Italies” (The British 2016

School at Rome, Italy)

“Moving Borders, Moving Identities”

Association for the Study of Modern Italy Annual Conference (London, England) 2015

“Reclaiming Italy’s Children in the Aftermath of World War I”

American Historical Association, Annual Meeting (New York, NY) 2009

“The Politics of Identity: Italian Fascism and Its Legacies”, sponsored by the Society for Italian Historical Studies.

**I N V I T E D T A L K S**

Society for the History of Childhood and Youth, Featured Books 2021

FB #73: “Mussolini’s Children: Race and Elementary Education in Fascist Italy”

Interview with Dr. Erica Moretti (FIT-NYC)

https://www.shcy.org/features/books/

Auburn University History Department Brown-bag Research Talks (Auburn, AL) 2021

“The Untold Story of One Mid-Level Bureaucrat’s Heroic Crusade to Redeem the Italian Periphery and His Un(der)-appreciated (Potential) Successes, according to that Very Same Mid-Level Bureaucrat”

The National World War II Museum (New Orleans, LA) 2019

“Meet the Author: Eden McLean”

Available to view at: https://www.c-span.org/video/?472271-1/education-race-fascist-italy

Trinity College and the Cesare Barbieri Endowment for Italian Culture (Hartford, CT) 2018

“From Exemplars to Enemies Within: The Evolving Identification of Italy’s

Trentini under the Fascist Regime”

Trinity College and the Cesare Barbieri Endowment for Italian Culture (Hartford, CT) 2018

“Mussolini’s Children: Race and Elementary Education in Fascist Italy”

Auburn University European Studies Seminar (Auburn, AL) 2018

“From Exemplars to Enemies Within: The Evolving Identification of Italy’s

Trentini under the Fascist Regime”

Auburn University Symposium in honor of Donna Bohanan, (Auburn, AL) 2017

“Building Walls around the Schoolyard: Italian Identity and Education in Italy’s

Border Region of Alto Adige, 1923-1934”

“Lasting Legacies of the Past” Series, Newnan Carnegie Library Foundation 2015

(Newnan, GA)

“Mussolini in the Classroom: What the Italian Dictator Can Teach Us About

Politics, Race, and Education”

World History, Culture, and Politics: A Symposium to Honor Dr. Joseph Kicklighter 2015

(Auburn, AL)

“Lessons Learned from Studying a ‘Second-rate’ Dictator: Mussolini and Fascism

in World History”

Auburn University European Studies Seminar (Auburn, AL) 2013

“’Believe! Obey! Fight!’: Defining Italians at Home Through Conquest Abroad”

Yale University Modern European History Colloquium (New Haven, CT) 2010

“Raising New Italians for the New Roman Empire, 1934-1938”

Yale University International Security Studies Colloquium (New Haven, CT) 2010

“Recasting the Italian: The Influence of Fascist Racism”

Yale University International Security Studies Colloquium (New Haven, CT) 2009

“Promise of the Fatherland: Creating the Educational Framework for the ‘New Italian’, 1923-1929”.

**M E D I A A P P E A R A N C E S**

*On Point*, NPR(May 23, 2023)

*Velshi*, MSNBC (July 30, 2023)

*Focus: Black Oklahoma*, NPR (TBD)

**T E A C H I N G E X P E R I E N C E**

Auburn University 2012 –

Undergraduate courses: World History to 1750, World History since 1750, Europe since 1789, The Historian’s Craft, History of Fascism, Modern Italian History, Twentieth-century Europe

Graduate courses: Twentieth-century Europe, Fascism, Us vs. Them, Historical Methods, Introduction to Teaching History

Western Connecticut State University 2010 –12

Undergraduate courses: Modern Europe Since 1492, Disease and Civilization, Europe and Empire, European Fascism, Italy Since 1815

Graduate courses: Fascism: Revolution or Counterrevolution?, Modern European Imperialism

Yale University (Graduate Instructor) Sp 2009

HIST 227J: Fascism in Theory and Practice

**A C A D E M I C S E R V I C E**

***International***

Respondent for Manuele Gianfrancesco at the annual *Seminario dottorandi*  2020

Department of History, Anthropology, and Religion, Università La Sapienza, Rome

Manuscript reviewer for *Modern Italy* 2020 –

Manuscript reviewer for *The Historical Journal* 2022 –

Manuscript reviewer for University of Toronto Press 2020 –

Manuscript reviewer for Palgrave Macmillan 2022 –

Manuscript reviewer for *European Review of History / revue européenne d’histoire* 2023 –

***National***

Manuscript reviewer for Ohio State University Press 2024 –

Manuscript reviewer for *Journal of Social History* 2024 –

Manuscript reviewer for *Journal of Modern Italian Studies* 2021 –

Dissertation committee member for Kara Peruccio 2019-20

Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, University of Chicago

International Dissertation Research Fellowship (IDRF) application reviewer for the 2015 –18

Social Science Research Council

Representative of Auburn University (Gamma of Alabama) Phi Beta Kappa Chapter 2015

Phi Beta Kappa Triennial Conference in Denver, CO

***University***

New Faculty Scholars Mentor (Biggio Center) 2021-22

Member of Phi Beta Kappa (Gamma of Alabama) 2015 –

President 2017 – 18

Vice president 2016 – 17,

2021 –

Members-in-Course Selection Committee member 2016 –

Member of the Faculty Salaries and Welfare Committee for Auburn University 2015 – 18

***Department***

Director of Graduate Studies 2024 –

Member of ad hoc committee to revise graduate curriculum 2023

New Faculty Mentor 2022 – 23

World History Coordinator 2018 –

Member of Scheduling Committee (ex officio)

Member of the Graduate Studies Committee (ex officio)

Member of the Assessment Committee (ex officio)

Faculty Advisor for Phi Alpha Theta at Auburn University 2016 –18

Organized pilot program of GTA-led discussion sections for World History 2016

Member of the Graduate Studies Committee 2013 – 16

2018 – 19

Graduate advisor for MA and PhD students 2012 –

***Other***

Assistant conference coordinator for an interdisciplinary conference, “The Global 2006– 08

Malaria Crisis: Lessons and Perspectives” at Yale University, November 7 – 9, 2008.

**T E A C H I N G F I E L D S**

Europe since 1750

Histories of Racism, Nationalism, Education

Political, Intellectual, and Cultural History of Europe since 1492

Fascism and Other Forms of Authoritarianism

World History

**L A N G U A G E S**

Fluent in Italian

Proficient in German

Reading knowledge of French and Latin

**P R O F E S S I O N A L A F F I L I A T I O N S**

American Historical Association

Association for the Study of Modern Italy

Society for Italian Historical Studies

Phi Beta Kappa (Gamma of Alabama)

**R E F E R E N C E S**

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