Katherine Reid Ranum

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**Education**

University of Cincinnati, Degree to be Conferred December 9, 2022

Ph.D., History

Dissertation: *Hearing the Gospel in a Silent World: Faith, Disability, and Anomalous Bodies in the British Atlantic, 1680-1860*

Defended with Distinction August 8, 2022

University of Cincinnati, Conferred April 2017

M.A., History

Thesis: *With a Mother’s Hand: A Study of First World War Chaplains, Religion, and Gender Identity*

Defended with Distinction

Mount Vernon Nazarene University, Conferred May 2004

B. A. in History, Magna Cum Laude

Minor in English

**Research Interests**

I research the intersections between religion and the body in the Early Modern and Revolutionary Atlantic world. My research examines questions of gender, disability, and other forms of somatic anomaly, and how they impact sacramental, devotional, funerary, and mortuary practices in Protestantism, Judaism, and folk religion in North America, Europe, and the Caribbean.

**Publications**

Katherine R. Ranum, “Hearing the Gospel in a Silent World: Understanding the Intersection of Theology, Disability and Religious Practice in the Early Modern British Atlantic,” *2021 Annual Proceedings, ­­­­­­­­­­­­­Living with Disabilities in New England, 1630-1930* (Dublin Folklife Seminar). Forthcoming.

Katherine R. Ranum, “Hospitality in the Classroom.” *Fides et Historia*. Forthcoming.

Katherine R. Ranum, “The Jews of Eighteenth-Century Jamaica: Review,” *American Jewish Archives Journal*. Forthcoming.

Katherine R. Ranum, “Bosom Friends: Review,” *Ohio Valley Journal* (Winter, 2022).

**Teaching Experience**

University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio.

* *World History I: to 1500* (Spring 2023).
* *World History II: Since 1500* (Fall 2022).
* *United States History Survey I: to 1877* (Summer 2020).
* *Special Topics in History:* *Religion and the Body: Fits, Fainting, Mesmerism, and Monstrous Births* *in the* *Atlantic World* (Spring 2020).

Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio: Visiting Assistant Professor (2023-2024).

* *Religion and American Society* (Fall 2023).
* *Death & Mourning in U.S. History (*Fall 2023).
* *History of Disability Since the Middle Ages* (scheduled for Spring 2024).

Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio.

* *History of Disability Since the Middle Ages* (Spring 2023).
* *Death & Mourning in U.S. History: 1577-1965* (Fall 2022).

**Conferences and Roundtable Presentations**

*North American Conference on British Studies*, Chicago, IL – (November 2022),

* Presenter: “Dialectics of Hearing and Seeing in the Journals of Rev. Ezra Stiles Ely, 1811-1813.”

*Conference on Faith and History*, Baylor University, Waco, TX – Invited (March 2022),

* Panelist: "Faith at State? Combining Faith, Teaching, and Scholarship at Public Universities and Other Secular Institutions."

*Dublin Seminar for New England Folklife* “Living with Disabilities, 1600-1900,” Historic Deerfield, Inc., Deerfield, MA (June 2021),

* Presenter: “Hearing the Gospel in a Silent Word: Disability, Gender and Religion in the Massachusetts Bay Colony, 1630-1684.”

*Remains of the Body: Legacy and Memory of Bodies in World Culture*, University of Warwick, Coventry, UK(May 2021),

* Presenter: “Turning Faces Away from Heaven: The Religious Meaning and Cultural Uses of

 Prone Burial and Iron Grave Goods in Christian North America.”

*Midwest American Academy of Religion*, Ball State University, Muncie, IN – Invited (May 2021),

* Round table member, “How do Scholars Change Institutions that Normalize Inequality?”

*Conference on Faith and History* Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI (October 2018),

* “Hearing the Gospel in a Silent Word: Disability, Gender and Religion in the Massachusetts Bay Colony, 1630-1684.”

**Public Speaking**

Shaker Historical Society, Shaker Heights, Ohio (March 12, 2023),

* “The Afterlife of Cemeteries: Understanding the Shakers, the Victorians, and American Death Culture.”

Krieger Visiting Scholar in Religious Studies, Defiance College (February 27, 2023),

* “Circumcising the Dead: Postmortem Circumcision, Jewish Identity, and Religious Authority in the British Atlantic in the 1830s.”

Ohio History Connection, Columbus, Ohio (October 29, 2022),

* “Faces Turned Away from Heaven: A Strange Case of Deviant Burial in Antebellum Ohio.”

**Research Experience**

Research assistant to Dr. Willard Sunderland, Henry R. Winkler Professor of Modern History, University of Cincinnati (Summer 2022).

Research assistant to Dr. Maura O’Connor, Head, Department of History, University of Cincinnati (Summer 2021).

Research and social media assistant for the University of Cincinnati Taft Health Humanities Research Group (Summer 2020, Summer 2022).

Research assistant and reference editor to Rabbi Gary Zola, Ph.D., Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, Ohio (March 2019 – March 2020).

Research assistant to Dr. Susan Longfield Karr, Educator Assistant Professor, University of Cincinnati (Spring 2019).

Research assistant to Professor David Stradling, Associate Dean for Humanities, and Zane L. Miller Professor of History at the University of Cincinnati (Summer 2017).

Research assistant to author Karen Abbott for *The Ghosts of Eden Park* (2016-2019).

**Professional Associations**

Conference on Faith and History

North American Conference on British Studies

**Awards and Honors**

Dean’s Dissertation Completion Fellowship, UC 2021-2022

Taft Competitive Dissertation Fellowship, Taft Research Center, UC 2020-2021

John K. Alexander Teaching Award, UC 2020

Zane Miller Award: First Prize for Original Graduate Research, UC 2018

Niehoff Fellowship, UC 2017-2018

Zane Miller Award: First Prize for Original Graduate Research, UC 2017

Phi Alpha Theta: History Honor Society 2016

**Languages**

German, translation proficiency

French, translation proficiency