

DAVID Y. NEUFELD

## EDUCATION

2018            Ph.D. in History, University of Arizona

Dissertation: "Marginal Coexistence: Anabaptists between Persecution and Toleration in Reformed Zurich, 1585-1650"

Advisors: Susan C. Karant-Nunn and Ute Lotz-Heumann

2013            M.A. in History, University of Arizona

2009            B.A. in History, University of Waterloo

## UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

2022-present    Assistant Professor of History, Conrad Grebel University College, University of Waterloo

2019-2022    Visiting Assistant Professor of History, Conrad Grebel University College, University of Waterloo

2019-2020    J. Winfield Fretz Visiting Research Scholar, Conrad Grebel University College, University of Waterloo

2018-2019    Assistant Director, Office of Nationally Competitive Scholarships, Honors College, University of Arizona

## PUBLICATIONS

*BOOK MANUSCRIPT* (in preparation)

*Separating Tares from Wheat: Making an Anabaptist Minority in Early Modern Switzerland*

Manuscript in preparation for review by the University of Toronto Press.

*BOOK*

*Common Witness: A Story of Ministry Partnership between French and North American Mennonites, 1953-2003.* Elkhart, IN: Institute of Mennonite Studies, 2016.

French translation by Marie-Noël von der Recke published as *Témoignage Commun: Histoire d'un Partenariat Missionnaire entre Mennonites Français et Nord-Américains*. Les Ponts-de-Martel, Switzerland: Editions de la Talwogne, 2016.

## ARTICLES/CHAPTERS

"'Historical Sentiment' at Five Hundred Years: Abandoned Mines and Alternative Timelines," *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 99, no. 1 (2025): 187-93.

"In the Clergy's Sights: Making Anabaptists Visible in Reformed Zurich," *Religions* 12, no. 15 (2024): 1495, <https://doi.org/10.3390/rel15121495>.

"'Under the Guise of Christian Generosity': Anabaptist Responses to Poverty in Reformed Zurich, 1600-1650," in *"Do Good unto All": Charity and Poor Relief across Christian Europe, 1400-1800*, ed. Timothy Fehler and Jared Thomley (Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2023), 108-29.

"'As Far as the Records Dictate': Archival Logics in Anabaptist Source Collections," in *Thinking Outside the Cages: New Directions in the Radical Reformation*, Studies in Central European History (Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2023), 265-90.

"Early Swiss Anabaptism," in *T&T Clark Companion to Anabaptism*, ed. Brian Brewer (London and New York: T&T Clark, 2021), 33-50.

"Narrating Anabaptist Conversion in Early Modern Switzerland," *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 94, no. 4 (2021): 459-94.

"'So weit [...] wie der Aktenbefund es gebietet': Archivierungs-Logiken in täuferischen Quellensammlungen," *Mennonitica Helvetica* 43 (2020): 59-83.

(with Cory D. Davis) "Thinking with the Early Modern Past: The Relevance of our Scholarship," *The Sixteenth Century Journal* 50, no. 1 (2019): 212-18.

"'Ihr hand dergleichen Leucht auch under Euch': Gemeindedisziplin unter Zürcher Täufern im siebzehnten Jahrhundert," *Mennonitica Helvetica* 39 (2016): 34-46.

#### REVIEW ESSAY

"Arnold Snyder's 'In Search of the Swiss Brethren': A Response," *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 90, no. 4 (2016): 385-390.

#### BOOK REVIEWS

*Zwingli: God's Armed Prophet*. By Bruce Gordon. *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 97, no. 3 (2023): 355-57.

*Exiled Among Nations: German and Mennonite Mythologies in a Transnational Age*. By John P. R. Eicher. *Conrad Grebel Review* 39, no. 2 (2021): 170-72.

*The Swiss Brethren: A Story in Fragments, Source Evidence for the Trans-Territorial Expansion of a Clandestine Anabaptist Church in Early Modern Europe, 1538-1619*. By Martin Rothkegel. *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 96, no. 1 (2022): 135-37.

*Later Writings of the Swiss Anabaptists, 1529-1592*. Edited by C. Arnold Snyder, translated by H. S. Bender, C. J. Dyck, Abraham Friesen, Leonard Gross, Sydney Penner, Walter Klaassen, C. Arnold Snyder, and J. C. Wenger. *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 92, no. 4 (2018): 595-97.

*European Mennonites and the Challenge of Modernity over Five Centuries: Contributors, Detractors, and Adapters.* Edited by Mark Jantzen, Mary S. Sprunger, and John D. Thiesen. *Conrad Grebel Review* 35, no. 2 (2017): 211-13.

#### **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

(forthcoming) "Death and Dying among Swiss Anabaptists," in *Routledge Resources Online – The Renaissance World*, ed. Duncan Hardy et al

(with Randolph C. Head) "Switzerland," in *Oxford Bibliographies Online: Renaissance and Reformation*, ed. Margaret King (New York: Oxford University Press),  
<http://doi.org/10.1093/OBO/9780195399301-0277>.

#### **GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

2019-2020 J. Winfield Fretz Visiting Research Scholarship in Mennonite Studies, Institute of Anabaptist and Mennonite Studies, Conrad Grebel University College, Waterloo, Canada

2014-2017 Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship - Doctoral, awarded to students studying at U.S. institutions as SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Ottawa, Canada

2013-2017 Graduate and Professional Student Association Travel Grants (4), University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona

2016 Doctoral Research Grant, Leibniz-Institut für Europäische Geschichte, Mainz, Germany

2015 Miriam Usher Chrisman Travel Fellowship, Society for Reformation Research

2013 Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Institute Pre-Doctoral Grant, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona

2013 Oberman-Reesink Fellowship, Division for Late Medieval and Reformation Studies, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona

2011-2012 Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Masters Scholarship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Ottawa, Canada (declined)

#### **INVITED TALKS**

2020 "Where Moth and Rust Destroy: Archives and the Contest over Anabaptist Information," J. Winfield Fretz Visiting Scholar Lecture, Conrad Grebel University College, March 12

#### **PAPERS PRESENTED**

- 2025 "Delivered from Herod's Hand: Divine Power in Swiss Anabaptist Opposition to Confinement," 500 Jahre Täuferbewegung in der Schweiz, Institut für Schweizerische Reformationsgeschichte, Zurich, Switzerland, June 2-4, 2025
- 2024 "Which Swiss? Commemorating an Anabaptist Orientation in Flux," Sixteenth Century Society, Toronto, ON, Oct. 31-Nov. 2
- 2024 "(Im)Movable People and (Im)Movable Property: The Material Dimensions of Swiss Anabaptist Mobility," Sixteenth Century Society, Toronto, ON, Oct. 31-Nov. 2
- 2024 "Let Your Yes Be No: Swiss Anabaptists Sanctify Casuistry," Renaissance Society of America, Chicago, Illinois, March 21-23
- 2023 "Death and Dying Among Later Swiss Anabaptists," Sixteenth Century Society & Conference, Baltimore, Maryland, October 26-29
- 2023 "Blameless People Among the Wicked: Distinguishing Anabaptist from Reformed in Rural Switzerland," Renaissance Society of America, San Juan, Puerto Rico, March 9-11
- 2022 "Archiving Anabaptist Error: Officers, Information Management, and the Project to Rid Zurich of Dissent," Sixteenth Century Society & Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 27-30
- 2021 "The Marginal Swiss in Martin Rothkegel's Swiss Brethren," Sixteenth Century Society & Conference, San Diego, California, October 28-31
- 2019 "'Under the Guise of Christian Charity': Anabaptist Responses to Poverty in Reformed Zurich, 1570-1650," Sixteenth Century Society & Conference, St. Louis, Missouri, October 17-20
- 2018 Contribution to Plenary Roundtable, "New Approaches to the Radical Reformation," Sixteenth Century Society & Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico, November 1-4
- 2018 "Knowledge Production and Repressive Action: Anabaptist-Reformed Relations in Zurich's Archives," Sixteenth Century Society & Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico, November 1-4
- 2017 "Seeking to be Saved: Anabaptist 'Conversion' in Reformed Zurich, 1585-1650," Sixteenth Century Society & Conference, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, October 26-29
- 2017 "Wandering the Lord's Earth: Anabaptist Movement in Reformed Zurich, 1585-1650," Global Reformations: Transforming Early Modern Religions, Societies, & Cultures, Centre for Reformation and Renaissance Studies, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada, September 27-30

- 2017 “Archives and the Construction of Anabaptism in Early Modern Zurich,” Marbach Weimar Wolfenbüttel Forschungsverbund International Summer School: The New History of the Archives: Early Modern Europe and Beyond, Herzog August Bibliothek, Wolfenbüttel, Germany, July 4
- 2016 “‘If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth’: Anabaptist religious practice and the Reformed response in seventeenth-century Zurich,” Sixth Annual RefoRC Conference, Copenhagen, Denmark, May 26-28
- 2016 “Fractious Coexistence: Anabaptists between Persecution and Toleration in Reformed Zurich, 1585-1650,” Research Colloquium of the Leibniz-Institut für Europäische Geschichte, Mainz, Germany, May 23
- 2014 “Reconsidering Colombian *Canoas*: Indigenous Technology and Colonial Transportation along the Magdalena River, 1525-1600,” American Society for Ethnohistory, Indianapolis, Indiana, October 8-12
- 2009 “Pilgram Marpeck’s Vision of the Church in Relationship to the World: An Ecclesiology for His Acculturated Theological Descendants?” Anabaptist Convictions After Marpeck, Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio, June 26-28

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

*CONRAD GREBEL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO*

2019-present          HIST 110: Western World I

HIST 111: Western World II

HIST 201: Columbus and After: New Worlds in the Americas

HIST 235/RS 240: History of Christianity

HIST 247: Mennonite History

HIST 348/RS 344/TS 642: The Radical Reformation

HIST 379/RS 343/TS 645: The Reformation

HIST 391: Special Topics: History of Latin America

*UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA*

2017-2019    HIST/RELI 271: History of Christianity

HIST/LAS/MAS 368: Colonial Mexico

HSTV/RELV 405A: Medieval Europe

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

## WRITING

2017-2019 Contributor, *Anabaptist Historians* blog (<https://anabaptisthistorians.org/>)

2017 Contributor, Reformation 2017 European Roadmap, Zurich station, "Koexistenz, Konflikt und Kommunikation zwischen reformierten und täuferischen Nachbarn in Zürich" (<https://r2017.org/europaeischer-stationenweg/blog/>)

## SPEAKING

2024 "Let Your Yes be No? Early Anabaptists and the Oath," Senior Connections, Waterloo North Mennonite Church

2016 "An Old or a New Way?: Catholic Orders in Late Medieval Germany," Division for Late Medieval and Reformation Studies Summer Lecture Series, University of Arizona

2014 "'The Stars Above Us, Govern Our Conditions': Seeking Signs of Order in Celestial Bodies in the Early Modern Period," Division for Late Medieval and Reformation Studies Summer Lecture Series, University of Arizona

## EXHIBITS

2023 Curator, "A New History: Russländer Painting in Ontario," Conrad Grebel University College Gallery

## MEDIA INTERVIEWS

2024 Marc Vartabedian, *The Wall Street Journal*

2023 Camila Zuluaga, Mañanas Blu, *Blu Radio*, Colombia

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2023-present Conference Planning Committee Member, Early Anabaptism in Global Perspective, Elizabethtown College

2022-present Director, Institute of Anabaptist and Mennonite Studies, Conrad Grebel University College

2020-present Board of Directors, Mennonite Historical Society

2018-present Reference Council Member, Classics of the Radical Reformation

2020-2022 Conference Planning Committee Member, Indigenous-Mennonite Encounters in Time and Place, Conrad Grebel University College, University of Waterloo

2019-2022 Associate Director, Institute of Anabaptist and Mennonite Studies, Conrad Grebel University College, University of Waterloo

2016-2017 Travel Grants Judge, Graduate and Professional Student Council, University of Arizona

## **LANGUAGES**

Spanish, fluent

German, advanced proficiency

French, advanced proficiency

Latin, reading knowledge

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Mennonite Historical Society

Mennonite Historical Society of Ontario

Renaissance Society of America

Schweizerische Verein für Täufergeschichte

Sixteenth Century Studies Society

Society for Reformation Research

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