

Debra A. Salata, Ph.D.

Professor of History



Biography

Debra A. Salata is a Professor of History at Lincoln Memorial University. She received her M.A. degree from Northern Illinois University in Ancient and Medieval History and her Ph.D. in Medieval History with comparative areas in Ancient and Early Modern History from the University of Minnesota. Her area of specialization is late-medieval economic, legal, and social history of southern France and the Mediterranean area. She served as the President of the Fourteenth-Century Society from 2016 to 2018, having served as the Vice-President of that society from 2014 to 2016. She has also served as a member of an international coalition of consultants on a project entitled *Monastic Mapping* for the Rare Book and Special Collection Department, Western Michigan University from 2013 to 2015, and as a member of the Advisory Board of Medieval Manuscripts, for the Rare Book and Special Collection Department, Western Michigan University from 2009 to 2010. In addition to having presented more than a dozen conference papers, she co-authored a book with Dr. Kathryn L. Reyerson, entitled *Medieval Notaries and Their Acts: The 1327-1328 Register of Jean Holanie*, published by TEAMS, Documents of Practice Series, Medieval Institute Publications in 2004. Dr. Salata teaches the world history surveys, various upper-level courses in ancient and medieval history, and independent- and directed-study courses in Latin at Lincoln Memorial University.

Teaching and Research Interests

Teaching Interests

Dr. Salata's teaching interests include medieval, ancient, and world history classes.

Research Interests

Dr. Salata's research interests focus on late-medieval economic, legal, and social history of southern France and the Mediterranean area.

Publications and Presentations

Presentations

“Discovering the Life of a Medieval Merchant in the Notarial Documents” (revised version). Presented at the 58th International Congress on Medieval Studies. Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 11-13, 2023.

“Discovering the Life of a Medieval Merchant in the Notarial Documents.” Presented to the School of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, TN, March 30, 2022.

“The Saffron Trade between Catalonia, Montpellier, and Paris in the Fourteenth Century.” Presented at the 26th International Medieval Congress. Leeds University, Leeds, England, July 1-4, 2019.

“The Catalan Saffron Trade and its Economic Connection between Rural Catalonia and Urban Montpellier in the Fourteenth Century.” Presented at the 54th International Congress on Medieval Studies. Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 9-12, 2019.

LMU and other Professional Service

Service to LMU: (last five years)

2023-2024	History Program Director
2023-2024	World History Coordinator
2023-2024	Faculty Appeals Committee
2023-2024	School of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Research Committee
2023-2024	Fall Symposium Committee
2023-2024	Various Advising/Recruitment Events such as New Student Registrations and Railsplitter-for-a-Day
2023-2024	Volunteered for CMH Mentor
2022-2023	History Program Director
2022-2023	World History Coordinator
2022-2023	Faculty Appeals Committee
2022-2023	School of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Research Committee
2022-2023	Various Advising/Recruitment Events such as New Student Registrations and Railsplitter-for-a-Day
2022-2023	volunteered for CMH Mentor
Spring 2022	Faculty Search Committees (2)
2021-2022	History Program Director
2021-2022	World History Coordinator
2021-2022	Faculty Appeals Committee
2021-2022	Mini-Grants Committee
2021-2022	School of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Research Committee
2021-2022	volunteered for CMH Mentor
2021-2022	Various Advising/Recruitment Events such as New Student Registrations and Railsplitter-for-a-Day
2020-2021	History Program Director
2020-2021	World History Coordinator
2020-2021	Mentor to New Faculty Member
2020-2021	Faculty Appeals Committee
2020-2021	Mini-Grants Committee
2020-2021	Library and Learning Resources Committee
2020-2021	School of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Research Committee
2020-2021	Various Advising/Recruitment Events such as New Student Registrations and Railsplitter-for-a-Day
2020-2021	volunteered for CMH Mentor
2019-2020	History Program Director
2019-2020	World History Coordinator
2019-2020	Faculty Appeals Committee
2019-2020	Mini-Grants Committee
2019-2020	Library and Learning Resources Committee

2019-2020	Mentor to New Faculty Member
2019-2020	volunteered for CMH Mentor
2019-2020	Various Advising/Recruitment Events such as Railsplitter-for-a-Day
2019-2020	Advising for New Student Registrations

Service to Profession: (Last five years)

May 11-13, 2023	Presided over a general session entitled “Merchants and Merchant Life in the Fourteenth Century I: Italy” on behalf of the Fourteenth-Century Society at the 58 th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI.
May 11-13, 2023	Presided over a general session entitled “Oaths and Pledges in Later Medieval Law” on behalf of the Medieval Institute at the 58 th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI.
Summer 2021	Peer Reviewer for several articles based on medieval notarial manuscript studies for the Papers of the Bibliographical Society of America.
Summer 2020	Peer Reviewer for three articles on medieval trade submitted to a volume by Dr. David Wallace-Hare (San Diego State University).
May 9-12, 2019	Presided over a general session entitled “Medieval Architecture” on behalf of the Medieval Institute at the 54 th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI.
June 5-11, 2019	Reader for the Advanced Placement Program in Seminar, Online.