

## JUDITH C. BROWN

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**PERSONAL DATA:** Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina

**EDUCATION:**

Ph.D. The Johns Hopkins University (History)  
M.A. University of California, Berkeley (History)  
B.A. University of California, Berkeley (History)

**ACADEMIC POSITIONS:**

2011- Professor of History emerita, Wesleyan University  
2006-2011 Professor of History, Wesleyan University  
2000-2006 Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost – Wesleyan University  
and Professor of History  
1995-2000 Dean of the School of Humanities and Allyn and Gladys Cline Professor  
of History - Rice University  
1991-1995 Professor, History Department, Stanford University  
1985-1991 Associate Professor, History Department, Stanford University  
1985-1986 Acting Director, Center for Research on Women, Stanford University  
1982-1985 Assistant Professor, History, Stanford University  
1978-1982 Assistant Professor, History, University of Maryland Baltimore County  
1976-1977 Instructor, History, University of Maryland Baltimore County  
1975-1976 Assistant Editor, *The Journal of Economic History*

**HONORS and AWARDS RECEIVED:**

2005-07 President, Society for Italian Historical Studies  
1991-92 Fellow, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences  
1986-87 Guggenheim Fellowship  
1986-87 Stanford Humanities Center Fellowship  
1983-84 Pew Foundation Grant  
1982 American Council of Learned Societies Travel Grant  
1981 NEH Summer Seminar for College Teachers  
1981 American Philosophical Society Award  
1979-82 Appointed Doctor of the University, The Johns Hopkins University  
1979 UMBC Summer Fellowship  
1977-78 I Tatti Fellowship (The Harvard University Center for Renaissance Studies)  
1977-78 Schepp Foundation Fellowship  
1974-75 Abell Fellowship, The Johns Hopkins University  
1973-74 Fulbright Fellowship for study in Italy  
1973 Butler Prize in History, The Johns Hopkins University  
1969-71 Ford Foundation Career Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley  
1968 Honorary Woodrow Wilson Fellowship

## Recent and Forthcoming Articles, Online Writings, Essays, and Books:

“Talking Policy During the Shutdown: Obama Education Plan Part II,” in Claire Potter, Tenured Radical Blog, *Chronicle of Higher Education*, October 9, 2013.

<http://chronicle.com/blognetwork/tenuredradical/2013/10/talking-policy-during-the-shutdown-obama-education-plan-part-ii/>

“President Obama’s Plan for Higher Education Part I, in Claire Potter, Tenured Radical Blog, *Chronicle of Higher Education*, September 22, 2013.

<http://chronicle.com/blognetwork/tenuredradical/2013/09/up-with-tenured-radical-president-obamas-plan-for-higher-education/>

“On the Nature of Change in Higher Ed (Part III); Assessing the Costs,” in Claire Potter, Tenured Radical Blog, *Chronicle of Higher Education*, November 19, 2011,

<http://chronicle.com/blognetwork/tenuredradical/2011/11/on-the-nature-of-change-in-higher-ed-part-iii-assessing-the-costs/>

“On the Nature of Change in Higher Ed (Part II): Education and the New Economy,” in Claire Potter, Tenured Radical Blog, *Chronicle of Higher Education*, November 13, 2011,

<http://chronicle.com/blognetwork/tenuredradical/2011/11/on-the-nature-of-change-in-higher-ed-part-ii-education-and-the-new-economy/>

“On the Nature of Change in Higher Ed (Part I): A Guest Post by Judith C. Brown,” in Claire Potter, Tenured Radical Blog, *Chronicle of Higher Education*, November 9, 2011,

<http://chronicle.com/blognetwork/tenuredradical/2011/11/on-the-nature-of-change-in-higher-ed-part-i-a-guest-post-by-judith-c-brown/>

“Lesbian Nuns: Still Immodest After All These Years: Judith Brown’s Influential History Hits a Milestone,” Interview by Susan Henking on the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of *Immodest Acts: The Life of a Lesbian Nun in Renaissance Italy*. In *Religion Dispatches*, September 15, 2011.

[http://www.religiondispatches.org/books/sexandgender/4845/lesbian\\_nuns%3A\\_still\\_immodest\\_after\\_all\\_these\\_years](http://www.religiondispatches.org/books/sexandgender/4845/lesbian_nuns%3A_still_immodest_after_all_these_years)

“Challenges and Transformations in the Economy of Renaissance Italy,” forthcoming in the *Cambridge Companion Guide to the Italian Renaissance*, M. Wyatt, ed. (expected 2014).

***Medici Women: The Making of a Dynasty in Grand Ducal Tuscany***, co-editor and contributing author with Giovanna Benadusi (expected, 2014).

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS:

### Books:

***Gender and Society in Renaissance Italy***, co-editor and contributing author with Robert C. Davis (London: Longman Publishers, 1998).

***Immodest Acts: The Life of a Lesbian Nun in Renaissance Italy*** (New York: Oxford University Press, 1986).

Translations in Dutch (Bert Bakker, 1986), French (Gallimard, 1987), Italian (Mondadori, 1987), Portuguese (Editora Brasiliense, 1987), German (Reclam, 1988), Japanese (Minerva

Press, 1988), Spanish (Editorial Critica, 1989), Serbocroatian (Graficki Zavod Hrvatske, 1989), Chinese (Commercial Press, 1993), Hungarian (Osiris Kiadó, 2001), Hebrew (Xargol Books, 2002), Korean (Prunyoksa, 2011).

*[In the Shadow of Florence: Provincial Society in Renaissance Pescia](#)* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1982). Italian translation (Pescia: Benedetti, 1988).

### Articles and Essays:

"Gender," *Advances in Renaissance Historiography*, Jonathan Woolfson, ed. (Palgrave Macmillan, 2004), pp. 177-92.

"Everyday Life, Longevity, and Nuns in Early Modern Florence," in *Everyday Life in Early Modern Europe: Practice and Representation*, Patricia Fumerton and Simon Hunt, eds. (University of Pennsylvania Press, 1998).

"A Woman's Place Was in the Home: Women's Work in Renaissance Tuscany," in *Rewriting the Renaissance: The Discourses of Sexual Difference in Early Modern Europe*, eds., M. Ferguson, M. Quilligan, and N. Vickers (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1986), pp. 206-24. Reprinted in part in *Major Problems in the History of the Italian Renaissance*, eds. B.G. Kohl and A. A. Smith (Lexington: D.C. Heath, 1995).

"Christians and Courtiers: The Reception of the First Japanese Emissaries to Europe (1585)," *Renaissance Quarterly*, 47:4 (Winter 1994), 872-906.

"Monache a Firenze all'inizio dell'età moderna. Un'analisi comparata," *Quaderni storici*, 85 (1994), 117-52.

"The Economic Decline of Tuscany: The Role of the Rural Economy," in *Florence and Milan: Comparisons and Relations* (Florence: La Nuova Italia, 1990), pp. 101-15.

"Prosperity or Hard Times in Italy?" *Renaissance Quarterly*, 42:4 (Winter 1989), 761-80.

"Lesbian Sexuality in Medieval and Early Modern Europe", in *Hidden from History: Reclaiming the Gay and Lesbian Past*, G. Chauncey, M. Duberman, M. Vicinus, eds. (New York: New American Library, 1989), pp. 67-75.

"Lesbian Sexuality in Renaissance Italy: The Case of Sister Benedetta Carlini," *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society*, 9:4 (Summer, 1984).

Reprinted in *The Lesbian Issue: Essays from Signs* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1985). Also reprinted in translation in *Historia y Género: Las Mujeres en la Europa Moderna y Contemporanea* (Valencia: Institucio Valenciana d'Estudis i Investigacio, 1990), pp. 67-75.

"The Patriate of Pescia in the Fifteenth Century," in *I ceti dirigenti nella Toscana del Quattrocento* (Florence: Olschki, 1985), pp. 279-87.

"Concepts of Political Economy: Cosimo I in a Comparative European Context," in *Firenze e la Toscana dei Medici nell' Europa del '500* (Florence: Olschki, 1984), pp. 279-93.

"Women and Industry in Florence," (co-authored with Jordan Goodman) *Journal of Economic History*, 40:1 (March 1980), 73-80.

"Women in Renaissance Pescia," *Tremisse Pistoiese*, 5:1 (1980), 36-37.

### Article in Progress:

"Opportunities and Barriers in the Creation of a Tuscan 'Nobility' in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries."

### Book Reviews:

Sister Giustina Niccolini. **The Chronicle of Le Murate**. Ed. and trans. Saundra Weddle, *Renaissance and Reformation / Renaissance et Reforme*, 34:4 (Winter 2012), 167-169.

Nicholas Terpstra, **Lost Girls: Sex and Death in Renaissance Florence**, *University of Toronto Quarterly*, 81:3 (Summer 2012), 680-681.

Rebecca Emigh, **The Undevelopment of Capitalism. Sectors and Markets in Fifteenth-Century Tuscany**, *Social History*, 35:2 (2010), 244-45.

R. Burr Litchfield, **Florence Ducal Capital, 1530-1630** (ACLS Humanities E-Book, 2009), *Seventeenth-Century News*, 67: 1-2 (Spring-Summer 2009), 1-4.

Caroline P. Murphy. **Murder of a Medici Princess**. *Renaissance Quarterly*, 61: 4 (Winter 2008), 1231-1233.

Cinzia Lorandini, **Famiglia e impresa: I Salvadori di Trento nei secoli XVII e XVIII**. *Renaissance Quarterly*, 60: 3 (Fall 2007), 905-907.

Catherine M. Kovesi Killerby, **Sumptuary Law in Italy: 1200-1500**. *Renaissance Quarterly*, 57:1 (Spring 2004), 177-78.

Samuel K. Cohn, Jr., **Creating the Florentine State: Peasants and Rebellion, 1348-1434**, *Speculum*, 77:3 (July 2002), 900-02.

Dyan Elliott. **Fallen Bodies: Pollution, Sexuality, and Demonology in the Middle Ages**, in *The American Historical Review*, 105:5 (Dec. 2000), 1788-89.

William Caferro. **Mercenary Companies and the Decline of Siena**, *Journal of Economic History*, 60:2 (June 2000), 550-51.

Trevor Dean and K.J.P. Lowe, **Marriage in Italy, 1300-1650**, *The American Historical Review*, 104:2 (Apr. 1999), 670-71.

Anthony Molho. **Marriage Alliance in Late Medieval Florence**, *The Journal of Economic History*, 55:1 (Mar. 1995), 162-63.

Alessandro Stella, **La Revolte des Ciompi: Les homes, les lieux, le travail**, *The Journal of Economic History*, 54:3 (Sept. 1994), 694-95.

Peter Musgrave. **Land and Economy in Baroque Italy: Valpolicella, 1630-1797**, in *Journal of*

Economic History, 53:3 (December 1993), 664-66.

Antonio Calabria. ***The Cost of Empire: The Finances of the Kingdom of Naples in the Time of Spanish Rule.*** in Journal of Economic History, 52:4 (December 1992), 941-42.

Samuel K. Cohn, Jr. ***Death and Property in Siena, 1205-1800: Strategies for the Afterlife,*** in Speculum, 67:3 (June 1992), 127-29.

Carlo M. Cipolla, ***Money in Sixteenth Century Florence,*** in Journal of Modern History, 63:4 (Winter, 1991), 794-95.

James Banker, ***Death in the Community: Confraternities in an Italian Commune in the Late Middle Ages,*** in Speculum, 66:2 (April 1991), 370-72.

Carolyn Walker Bynum, ***Holy Feast and Holy Fast: The Religious Significance of Food to Medieval Women,*** in American Historical Review, 94:3 (June 1989), 735-36.

Peter Burke, ***The Cultural Anthropology of Early Modern Italy,*** in Journal of Social History, 14:1 (Jan. 1989), 110-12.

Joan Kelly, ***Women, History and Theory,*** in American Historical Review, 92:4 (Oct. 1987), 938-40.

David Herlihy and Christiane Klapisch-Zuber, ***Tuscans and Their Families: A Study of the Florentine Catasto of 1427*** and Ch. Klapisch-Zuber, ***Women, Family and Ritual in Renaissance Italy,*** in Sixteenth-Century Journal, 18:2 (Summer 1987), 275-77.

Odile Redon, ***Uomini e comunità del contado senese nel duecento,*** in Speculum, 60:3 (April 1985), 714-15.

Angelo Massafrà, ***Problemi delle campagne meridionali nell'età moderna e contemporanea,*** in Journal of Modern History, 56:3 (Sept. 1984), 542-44.

Aldo De Maddalena, ***Dalla città al borgo: Avvio di una metamorfosi economica e sociale nella Lombardia spagnola,*** in American Historical Review, 89:3 (June 1984), 799-800.

Guidobaldo Guidi, ***Il governo della città-repubblica di Firenze del primo Quattrocento,*** in American Historical Review, 87:5 (Dec. 1982), 1418-19.

Lauro Martines, ***Power and Imagination: City-States in Renaissance Italy,*** in Clio, 11:2 (Winter 1982), 197-200.

Samuel Kline Cohn, Jr., ***The Laboring Classes in Renaissance Florence,*** in Journal of Interdisciplinary History, 12:4 (Spring 1982), 690-92.

Melissa Bullard, ***Filippo Strozzi and the Medici: Favor and Finance in Sixteenth-Century Florence and Rome,*** in Journal of Economic History, 41:2 (June 1981), 433-34.

Lauro Martines, ***Power and Imagination: City-States in Renaissance Italy,*** in Clio, 11:2 (Winter 1982), 197-200.

Mario Mirri et al., *Contadini e proprietari nella Toscana moderna: Atti del Convegno di studi in onore di Giorgio Giorgetti*, Vol. 1, in Journal of Economic History, 40:4 (Dec. 1980), 891-92.

Gian Luigi Basini, *Le terre di un monastero: Un'azienda agraria emiliana dal 1650 al 1750*, in Journal of Economic History, 40:3 (Sept. 1980), 632-33.

Frank McArdle, *Altopascio: A Study of Tuscan Rural Society, 1587- 1784*, in Renaissance Quarterly, 32:3 (Autumn 1979), 379-81.

Richard Rapp, *Industry and Economic Decline in Seventeenth- Century Venice*, in Journal of Economic History, 37:2 (June 1977), 551-52.

Richard Webster, *Industrial Imperialism in Italy, 1908-1915*, in Business History Review, 51:1 (Spring 1977), 108-110.

Steven Ozment, *The Reformation in the Cities*, in South Atlantic Urban Studies, 1 (1977), 279-81.

Carlo Cipolla, *Public Health and the Medical Profession in the Renaissance*, in Journal of Economic History, 36:4 (December 1976), 945-46.

### **Conference Participation, Papers, Lectures, and Invited Presentations:**

(Excludes most non-academic lectures and presentations made as an administrator):

"The Liberal Arts and Changes in General Education: Lessons from Three Case Studies," Center for Studies in Higher Education, University of California, Berkeley, February 19, 2013.

Chair and discussant, panel on "Political Images and Image-Making II," Renaissance Society of America, San Diego, California, April 2013.

Organizer of panel on "Women in the Late Renaissance: Art, Religion, and Politics in France and Italy," New College Conference in Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Sarasota, Florida, March 2012.

"Medici Women: The Making of Dynasty in Grand Ducal Tuscany," co-authored with Giovanna Benadusi. New College Conference in Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Sarasota, Florida, March 2012.

"Opportunities and Barriers in the Creation of a Tuscan 'Nobility' in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries," New College Conference in Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Sarasota, Florida, March 2010.

Chair and discussant, panel on "Renaissance Women," Renaissance Society of America, Los Angeles, CA, March 2009

Chair and discussant, panel on "Rethinking Gender in Baroque Rome," American Historical Association, New York, NY, January 2009

Member of the Organizing Committee and Moderator of Concluding Plenary Session of The New

England Renaissance Conference, Wesleyan University, October 2008.

Chair and discussant, panel on "Florentine Politics," New College Conference on Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Sarasota, FL., March 2008.

Plenary Session Speaker at Roundtable, Conference on Sexualities, Textualities, Art, and Music in Early Modern Italy, University of Cork, Ireland, May 2007.

Chair and discussant, panel on "Politics, Power and Prose in Early Renaissance Italy," New College Conference on Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Sarasota, FL., March 2002.

"The Present and Hoped-for Future of Undergraduate Writing at Colleges and Universities," Cornell Summer Institute for Writing in the Disciplines, Syracuse, New York (June 23, 1999)

"The Role and Employment Conditions of Non-tenure Track Faculty in the University," Association of University Deans, American Association of University Deans, March 1999.

Commentator, Panel on "Chronicles, Notaries and Wills," Medieval-Renaissance Studies Conference, New College, Sarasota, March 1998.

Commentator, Panel on "Contracts and Contacts: Transacting in Early Modern Europe," Economic History Association Meetings, September 1997, New Brunswick, NJ

Commentator, Panel on "Contracts and Contacts: Transacting in Early Modern Europe," Economic History Association Meetings, September 1997, New Brunswick, NJ

"Being a University Dean," Address to the Board of Directors of the American Council of Learned Societies, October 1997.

Organizer of symposium, "Gender and Society in Renaissance Italy," April 1996, Rice University.

"Gender and the Transformation of the State in Ducal Tuscany," Conference on What Difference Does Gender Make? University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, October 1995.

"Everyday Life, Longevity, and Nuns in Early Modern Florence," Symposium on Everyday Life in Early Modern Europe: Practice and Representation, U. C., Santa Barbara, May 1994.

"Nuns in Renaissance and Early Modern Florence," Jing Lyman Lecture, Stanford University, May 1993.

"Neither Kings nor Emperors: The Reception of the First Japanese Emissaries to Europe," American Historical Association, December 1992.

"Women's Longevity and Marital Status: A Demographic Analysis of Florentine Female Monastics," University of California, Davis, February 1992

"Methodological Issues in the Regional Integration of Pre-Modern Europe: The Case of Tuscany Under Cosimo Medici I," Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, April 1992.

Chair, panel on "Neighborhood, Community, and Class: Urban Space and Urban Identity in Early Modern Venice," American Historical Association, Washington, D.C. 1992

Chair & Commentator, panel on "The Nature of the State: New Perspectives from Early Modern Italy," Sixteenth Century Studies Association, Atlanta 1992

"Cosimo Medici I," Invited Lecture, Getty Museum, May 1991

"Concepts of Absolutism," Comment on Bronowski Symposium on Absolutism and Urban Space in Early Modern Italy, University of California, San Diego, 1991

Commentator, panel on "New Detours in the Feminist History of China," Pacific Coast Conference of the Asian Studies Association, June, 1990

"Prosperity or Hard Times in Italy?" Renaissance Society of America, Harvard, March 1989.

Co-chair, panel on "History Painting and Historiography, 1300-1800," College Art Association, February 1989

"Lesbian Sexuality in an Italian Renaissance Convent: Scholarly Findings and Responses," Plenary Address of the American Academy of Religion, Western Region, Claremont Colleges, 1989.

"Rediscovering the Individual: History of the People and for the People," The Johns Hopkins University, September 1986. Also presented at a plenary session of The New England Renaissance Conference, Williams College, October 1986.

"Women, Gender, and Sexuality in Renaissance Italy: Text and Context," Western Association of Women Historians, Huntington Library, Spring 1986.

Commentator, panel on "Gender and Power in Renaissance Italy," American Historical Association, December 1986.

Commentator, panel on "Women in the Middle Ages," Pacific Branch of the American Historical Association, August 1986.

Chair and commentator, panel on "The Rhetoric of Marginalization in Renaissance Italy and Spain," Western Association of Women Historians, May 1986.

"Lesbian Sexuality in Renaissance Italy: The Case of Benedetta Carlini," Invited lecture, Smith College, Fall 1985.

Chair and commentator, panel on "Representing Women: Ideals and Realities," National Conference of the Renaissance Society of America, March 1985.

"The Economic Decline of Tuscany: The Role of the Rural Economy," Villa I Tatti: The Harvard University Center for Italian Renaissance Studies, Sept. 1984.

"Women and Work in Renaissance Tuscany," Stanford Social Science History Workshop, Fall 1983.

"A Lesbian Nun in Renaissance Italy," Joint Meeting of Social Science History Workshop/Berkeley Stanford Economic History Seminar, Spring 1983.



"Methodological Problems of Research on Sexuality in Early Modern Europe," Stanford Humanities Center, Winter 1983.

"Possessed by the Devil: A Lesbian Nun in Early Modern Italy," American Historical Association, San Francisco, December 1983; an earlier version of this paper was presented at the Sixteenth-Century Studies Conference, St. Louis, October 1982.

"The Pesciatine Patriciate," Convegno sui Ceti Dirigenti nella Toscana del Quattrocento e Cinquecento, Florence, December 1982.

"Working Women in Renaissance Tuscany," Renaissance Woman/Renaissance Man: Studies in the Creation of Culture and Society, Yale, March 1982.

"The Creation of a Tuscan Aristocracy: A Study in Medici Political Management," American Historical Association, Dec. 1981.

"Concepts of Political Economy: Cosimo I in a Comparative European Context," Berkeley-Stanford Economic History Seminar, Fall 1982; Folger Institute Seminar, Wash., D.C., Fall 1981

"Women in the Labor Force of Renaissance Florence," workshop on Laboring Women in Early Modern Europe, Berkshire Conference, June 1981.

"Women and the Economy in Renaissance Florence," The Renaissance Seminar of the University of Pennsylvania, November 1980.

"Economic Aspects of Florentine Imperialism," Mid-Atlantic Renaissance-Reformation Seminar, October 1980.

"Concepts of Political Economy: Cosimo I in a Comparative European Context," Congress on Florence and Medicean Tuscany in Sixteenth-Century Europe, Council of Europe, 1980.

"Women and Industry in Florence," Economic History Association, September 1979.

"The Political Economy of Cosimo de' Medici I, Villa I Tatti, The Harvard University Center for Italian Renaissance Studies, May 1978.

**OTHER ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:**  
(EXCLUDES ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES)

Chair of Helen and Howard R. Marraro Prize Committee in Italian History, 2004

Member of Herbert Baxter Adams Prize Committee, American Historical Association, 1993-1995

Chief Organizer, National Meeting of the Renaissance Society of America, 1992

Theme: Cross-Cultural Encounters

Member of Program Committee, American Historical Association Meetings, 1990

Member of Editorial Board, *Journal of Economic History*, 1990-94

Member of Project Equality and Social Science Advisory Panel of ETS, 1985-87

Member of Sixteenth-Century Studies Council, 1986-1988

Chair, membership committee, Economic History Association, 1984-87

Co-chair, program committee, Economic History Association, 1986

Co-editor of a Series on the History of Sexuality for Oxford University Press

Referee of book and article manuscripts for several journals and university presses as well as for grant and fellowship applications at several foundations and research centers.

Outside reviewer of colleges, universities, and academic departments, as well as consultant to many projects at a variety of academic institutions and academic support organizations.

**TEACHING:**

Taught at all levels -- from first year courses to supervising Ph.D. dissertations. A few courses are:

Education in Society: Universities as Agents of Change, Ivory Towers, or Knowledge Factories

The Making of Europe from Late Antiquity to the Renaissance

Women and Gender in Renaissance Italy

Issues in Contemporary Historiography

Western Civilization to 1700

Great Works in Western Civilization

The Age of the Renaissance

The Society of Renaissance Florence

Political Ideals & Social Realities in the Renaissance

The Early Modern City

Social Science Approaches to History

Graduate Colloquia in Early Modern Europe

Art and Society in the Renaissance

Graduate Colloquia on the Renaissance

Topics in the History Women and Gender: A Comparative Approach

**SERVICE:**

This vita excludes details of administrative activities and service at Stanford University, Rice University, and Wesleyan University, where I engaged intensively in these activities during many years.