Allyson Poska

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Dr. Poska is an internationally known expert on the history of women in early modern Europe and colonial Latin America.

Biography

Allyson M. Poska is Professor of History at the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, Virginia and the author of four books, including Gendered Crossings: Women and Migration in the Spanish Empire (New Mexico, 2016), winner of the 2017 best book prize from the Society for the Study of Early Modern Women and Women and Authority in Early Modern Spain: The Peasants of Galicia (Oxford, 2005), winner of the 2006 Roland H. Bainton Prize. I am coeditor of Early Modern Women: An Interdisciplinary Journal (with Bernadette Andrea and Julie Campbell). My work has been funded by grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities (2000 and 2019), the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (2018), the American Council of Learned Societies (2007 and 2018), and the American Philosophical Society (2018).

Industry Expertise

Education/Learning, International Affairs, Media - Print, Museums and Institutions, Research, Women, Writing and Editing, Religious Institutions

Areas of Expertise

Spanish History, Latin American History, Women's History, Smallpox Vaccination

Affiliations

Sixteenth Century Society , Society for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies , Society for the Study of Early Modern Women

Education

University of Minnesota Ph.D. History

Brown University M.A. History

Johns Hopkins University B.A. International Studies

Accomplishments

Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities Granted for a project on women in northern Spain

Roland H. Bainton Prize

Her book Women and Authority in Early Modern Spain was awarded the Roland H. Bainton Prize as the best book in early modern history in 2006.

Grant from the American Council of Learned Societies Received for a project on transatlantic migration.

Poska Publishes New Book

Allyson Poska, professor of history and program chair of Women's and Gender Studies, has published a new book, "Gendered Crossings: Women and Migration in the Spanish Empire" (University of New Mexico Press, 2016).

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