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PhD in History (2024). I study the history of chanceries and records, ecclesiastical and monastic archives (the Carmelites of the Ancient Observance in Lviv), digital archives, and the use of handwritten text recognition (HTR) and artificial intelligence in historical research. I also work in cybersecurity (threat intelligence).

Employment

since 1 Oct 2025	Senior Lecturer, Chair of Archival Studies, Institute of History, Faculty of History and Cultural Heritage, UPJPII
since 1 Jun 2025	Senior engineer, Threat Intelligence team large multinational corporation; previously (from 1 Mar 2023) second-line cybersecurity support, and in 2022–2023 IT service desk analyst at HCLTech
2017–2022	Lecturer, Faculty of History and Cultural Heritage, UPJPII from 10 Oct 2019 in the Chair of Archival Studies and Auxiliary Sciences of History; also contract teaching in 2025
2022	Documentalist, DARIAH.LAB project, Tadeusz Manteuffel Institute of History, Polish Academy of Sciences

Education

24 Sep 2024	PhD in History, Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow the dissertation was published as a monograph in 2026
2016–2017	Postgraduate studies in Computer Science (systems design, programming and operation), AGH University of Krakow
2014–2019	Doctoral studies in History, UPJPII
2007–2012	BA and MA in History (archival studies), Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow ecclesiastical licentiate in history: 28 Jun 2014

Grants and projects

2026–2027	Principal investigator, National Science Centre MINIATURA 10: *The Historian's Research Practice in Relation to Digital Archives and the Use of Artificial Intelligence Tools* National Science Centre, Poland, DEC-2026/10/X/HS3/00454
2026–2027	International Visegrad Fund research grant: *Bronisław Geremek's European Thought and Poland's Integration into the European Union* Historical Archives of the European Union, European University Institute, Florence; awarded 23 June 2026
2026	ICA and Shanghai University travel grant to attend the International Workshop on Archives 2026, Shanghai
2022	DARIAH.LAB – DARIAH-PL research infrastructure Institute of History, Polish Academy of Sciences; digitising the *Polish Biographical Dictionary* card index, Dublin Core metadata, Omeka
2019–2020	A Witness to the Nation's History: Cardinal Adam Stefan Sapieha (1867–1951) in Archival Documents Ministry of Science "Dialog" programme; archival research in Rome, including the Vatican Apostolic Archive
2017–2019	The Chancellery of the Carmelite Monastery in Lviv in the 19th Century, parts I and II – principal investigator faculty research grants; archival research in Rome, Lviv and Vienna

Selected publications

2026	*Kancelaria lwowskiego większego klasztoru karmelitów dawnej obserwy w okresie niewoli narodowej. Studium archiwoznawcze* [The chancery of the greater monastery of the Carmelites of the Ancient Observance in Lviv during the partitions: an archival study], Kraków: Wydawnictwo Avalon 2026 monograph; ISBN 978-83-7730-683-3

2022	*Niepodległa na kartach zakonnych kronik* [Independent Poland in monastic chronicles], ed. J. Marecki, M. Rdzak, Kraków: Wydawnictwo Avalon co-editor, source edition
2020	Kontrakty i umowy z archiwum większego klasztoru karmelitów starej obserwy we Lwowie (XVII–XVIII w.) [Contracts and agreements from the archive of the Carmelite monastery in Lviv, 17th–18th c.], „Nasza Przeszłość" 133, pp. 129–146
2017	Kancelarie kościelne w Polsce. Stan i perspektywy badań [Ecclesiastical chanceries in Poland: state and prospects of research], in: *Badania inspirowane chrześcijaństwem*, Kraków 2017, pp. 92–103

In total: a monograph, a journal article, 9 book chapters, an edited volume and a dictionary entry. Translations of Polish titles are my own.

Selected conference papers

2–7 Nov 2026	When HTR meets historical Latin: a local AI laboratory for evaluating archival transcription International Workshop on Archives 2026, ICA and Shanghai University, Shanghai
26 Apr 2018	Records from the 19th century related to the history of the Carmelite Convent in Lviv kept in the General Archive of Carmelite Order in Rome international conference, Charles University, Prague
25 Sep 2017	The Book of Enrolment to the Fraternity of the Scapular from the Convent of Carmelite Fathers in Lwow international conference (Trans)missions, Charles University, Prague
23–24 Jun 2016	Web archiving institutions in the light of the Web Archiving Environmental Scan (in Polish) National Digital Archives of Poland and Pedagogical University of Krakow

In total: 21 conference papers (2011–2026); organiser of 10 conferences.

Teaching and service

since 2017	Courses at UPJPII: archival science, records management, databases, digital humanities over 40 different courses, 2016/2017–2026/2027
since 1 Oct 2026	Deputy head of the degree programme in Archival Science, Records Management and Information Brokerage, UPJPII also 2020–2022
since 1 Nov 2026	Secretary of the Faculty Committee for the Quality of Education; member of the team revising the University's Study Regulations

International placements

2019	Erasmus+ traineeship, Historical Archives of the European Union, European University Institute, Florence 6 Jun – 6 Aug 2019; arranging the papers of John Pinder
2022	Erasmus+ Teaching Staff Mobility, Catholic University in Ružomberok, Slovakia
2021	Digital Humanities at Oxford Summer School (DHOx21)

Cybersecurity certifications

2023–2025	CompTIA Security+ (SY0-701), Splunk Core Certified Power User (SPLK-1002), AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner, ITIL 4 Foundation, Microsoft SC-900 and AZ-900
2022–2024	Red Team Specialist (University of Warsaw – HackerU), Sekurak Academy 2024

Memberships

since 2020	International Council on Archives (ICA)
since 2025	ISSA Poland, Krakow chapter
since 2018	Polish Theological Society, Historical Section

Languages: Polish, English.