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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2019–2020 **Andrew W. Mellon Engaged Scholar Initiative Postdoctoral Fellow**
The University of Texas at Austin
- 2013–2014 **Instructor and Student Teaching Coordinator**
2012–2013 **Associate Student Teaching Coordinator**
Program in Social Studies, Teachers College, Columbia University

EDUCATION

- 2019 **PhD**, *The University of Texas at Austin*, U.S. History
Health Humanities Graduate Scholar Certificate
- 2014 **ABD**, *Teachers College, Columbia University*, Social Studies Education
- 2007 **MA**, *Clark University*, History
- 2006 **BA**, *Clark University*, History, *Magna Cum Laude* & Highest Honors

BOOK MANUSCRIPT

To Cure a Sinful Nation: A History of Conversion Therapy in the United States. Under contract with the University of Chicago Press.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Forthcoming Conversion Therapy and the Debate Over Religious Liberty. *Bloomsbury Religion in North America*. Invited & in-progress.
- 2019 Changing Medical Practice, Not Patients—Putting an End to Conversion Therapy. *New England Journal of Medicine*. Co-authored with Carl Streed, J. Seth Anderson, and Michael Ferguson.
- 2019 Conversion Therapy. *Encyclopedia of Psychology and Religion*. New York: Springer.
- 2019 Kent Philpott and the Charismatic Roots of Contemporary Conversion Therapy. *Journal of Faith, Education, and Community*. Accepted.
- 2019 Leanne Payne and Gendered Cannibalism in the Ex-Gay World, 1970-1990. *Quarterly Horse: A Journal of (Brief) American Studies*.
- 2013 Occupy Wall Street as a Curriculum of Space. *The Journal of Social Studies Research*. Co-written with Sandra Schmidt.

EXTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, & AWARDS

- 2019 Harvard University, Schlesinger Library on the History of Women, Oral History Grant
2019 Historical Society of the Episcopal Church, Research Grant
2019 Mormon History Association, Conference Travel Grant
2019 New York Public Library, Martin Duberman Visiting Fellowship
2019 Princeton University, Library Research Grant
2019 Seton Hall University, Afflicted Bodies, Affected Societies Conference Travel Stipend
2019 St. Louis University, Lived Religion in the Digital Age Fellowship
2019 Yale University, Ferenc Gyorgyey Research Travel Grant
2018–2019 University of California, Riverside, Holstein Dissertation Fellowship in Queer and/or Transgender Studies in Religion
2018 ONE Archives Foundation, LGBTQ Research Fellowship
2018 Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association, Presidents' Travel Award
2018 Southern Association for the History of Medicine and Science, Student Travel Grant
2017 American Historical Association, Albert J. Beveridge Grant
2017 Cornell University, Phil Zwickler Memorial Grant in the History of Human Sexuality
2017 Harvard University, Schlesinger Library on the History of Women, Dissertation Grant
2017 Massachusetts Historical Society, New England Regional Fellowship
2017 Society for U.S. Intellectual History, Henry F. May Award
2017 Tel Aviv University, Disciplining the Modern Family Workshop Travel Award
2017 University of Chicago, Robert L. Platzman Memorial Fellowship
2017 Virginia Theological Seminary, African American Episcopal Historical Collection Grant
2017 Yale University, Funded Runner-Up, LGBT Studies Research Fellowship
2016 American Historical Association, Career Diversity Department Grant (Collaborator)
2016 Columbia University, Libraries Research Award
2016 Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Albert M. Greenfield Fellowship
2016 Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, Lynn E. May Research Study Grant
2016 University of Minnesota, Elmer L. Andersen Research Scholars Award
2016 University of North Texas Libraries, Special Collections Fellowship
2002–2006 Walton Foundation, Future Leaders Award

INTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, & AWARDS

- 2018–2019 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation/UT, Engaged Scholar Initiative Completion Fellowship
2018 & 2017 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation/UT, Engaged Scholar Initiative Summer Fellowship
2018 & 2017 The University of Texas at Austin Graduate School, Professional Development Award
2018 The University of Texas at Austin, Faculty Innovation Center, Teaching Commendation
2018 The University of Texas at Austin, Division of Diversity and Community Engagement Graduate Student Travel Award
2017–2018 The University of Texas at Austin, History Department Writing Fellowship
2016–2017 The University of Texas at Austin, History Department Research Fellowship
2016 & 2015 The University of Texas at Austin, History Department Research Grant
2015 The University of Texas at Austin, History Department Summer Fellowship
2014–2015 The University of Texas at Austin, History Department Fellowship

- 2012 Teachers College, Columbia University, Diversity Research Fellowship
 2011–2014 Teachers College, Columbia University, Three-Year Recruitment Fellowship
 2006–2007 Clark University, Master’s Tuition Award
 2006 Clark University, George A. Billias Prize in American History
 2002–2006 Clark University, Academic Achievement Scholarship

ONLINE & OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2018 Raising Modern-Day Knights: Evangelical Child Rearing Literature and Masculine Authority in Conservative America. *Activist History Review*.
 2018 Student-Centered Exam Prep: A Gallery Walk Model. *Teaching U.S. History*.
 2018 Keep Calm and Zinn On. *Teaching U.S. History*.
 2018 Fostering Historical Empathy in the Age of Social Media. *Teaching U.S. History*.
 2018 How Would Brett Kavanaugh Rule on Conversion Therapy? *The Washington Post*.
 2018 The Horror of “Ex-Gay” Therapy Once Involved Ice–Pick Lobotomies. *The Advocate*.
 2018 “Conversion Therapy” and the Culture Wars. *Los Angeles Blade*.
 2017 “Doing” History in the Modern U.S. Survey: Teaching with and Analyzing Academic Articles. *Process: A Blog for American History*. Reposted on *Not Even Past* in 2017 and *Teaching U.S. History* in 2018.
 2017 Transforming “Conversion Therapy” Amid the Sexual Revolution. *The Society of U.S. Intellectual History Blog*.
 2017 “They are Coming for Us”: Conversion Therapy, Now and Then. *AHA Today*. [Invited]
 2017 Digital Teaching: A Mid-Semester Timeline. *Not Even Past*. Reported on *Teaching U.S. History* in 2018.
 2017 Finding Hitler (in All the Wrong Places?). *Not Even Past*.
 2016 The Blemished Archive: How Documents Get Saved. *Not Even Past*.
 2015 Another Perspective on the Texas Textbook Controversy. *Not Even Past*. Reposted on *History News Network* as “The Texas Textbook Controversy: It’s Part of a Long, Awful Tradition.”

REVIEWS

- Forthcoming Review of Philip E. Muehlenbeck, ed., *Gender, Sexuality, and the Cold War for Human Rights Review*.
 Forthcoming Review of Julian Gill-Peterson, *Histories of the Transgender Child* & Arlene Stein, *Unbound: Transgender Men and the Making of Identity for Resources for Gender and Women’s Studies*.
 Forthcoming Review of Timothy Spears, *Spirals: A Family’s Education in Football for Journal of Sport History*.
 2019 Review of Melissa Wilcox, *Queer Nuns: Religion, Activism, and Serious Parody for Resources for Gender and Women’s Studies*.
 2018 Review of Charlie McNabb, *Nonbinary Gender Identities: History, Culture, Resources for Journal of Contemporary Archival Studies*.
 2018 Review of *The Miseducation of Cameron Post* for *Not Even Past*.
 2016 Review of Matthew Hedstrom, *The Rise of Liberal Religion: Book Culture and*

- American Spirituality in the Twentieth Century for Not Even Past.*
- 2015 Review of Jessica Grogan, *Encountering America: Humanistic Psychology, Sixties Culture, and the Shaping of the Modern Self for Not Even Past.*
- 2015 Review of Daniel T. Rodgers, *Age of Fracture for Not Even Past.*
- 2014 “Abolitionism and the Search for a Useable Past.” Review of Andrew Delbanco, ed., *The Abolitionist Imagination for H-Civil War.*
- 2013 Review of Thomas Borstelmann, *The 1970s: A New Global History from Civil Rights to Economic Inequality for The Councilor: A Journal of the Social Studies.*
- 2012 Review of Allen Guelzo, *Fateful Lightning: A New History of the Civil War and Reconstruction for The Councilor: A Journal of the Social Studies.*

ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

- Forthcoming Signal Programs of Alex Jones: *The Final Edition, The Alex Jones Show, & InfoWars. Anti-Intellectualism and Elitism in America.* Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO.
- Forthcoming UFO Sightings and the Public Response. *Anti-Intellectualism and Elitism in America.* Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO.
- 2019 Clinton, Bill and Hillary. *Conspiracies and Conspiracy Theories in American History.* Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO.
- 2016 Tony Beaver. *American Myths, Legends, and Tall Tales: An Encyclopedia of American Folklore.* Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO.
- 2014 Rape. *The Social History of the American Family: An Encyclopedia.* Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- 2020 Closing the Door to Satan: Charismatic Healing in Evangelical Conversion Therapy. American Society of Church History. New York City.
- 2019 Elizabeth Moberly and the Transatlantic Politics of Gender Reparative Therapy. Western Conference on British Studies. Salt Lake City.
- 2019 Catholic Conversion Therapy in the United States. Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association. Las Vegas.
- 2019 Straight, Manly Knights: Conservative Child Rearing Literature in an Age of Change, 1980–2000. Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association. Las Vegas.
- 2019 The Diseased and the Demonized: Kent Philpott and Ex-Gay Ministering in San Francisco, 1968-1980. Queer History Conference. San Francisco.
- 2019 Repairing Mormon Men and Women: A. Dean Byrd and Conversion Therapy in the LDS Ranks, 1985-2010. Mormon History Association. Salt Lake City.
- 2019 From Sick Mind to Healthy Genes: Same-Sex Desires and Sites of Health and Disease. Sites of Health: A Symposium on the Medical Humanities. University of Strathclyde/Shanghai University. Shanghai, China. [Invited]
- 2019 Medical Violence and Gender and Sexuality History. The Symposium on Gender, History, and Sexuality. The University of Texas at Austin.
- 2019 Stoned, Horny, and Straight: Psychedelics and Sexual Conversion in an Age of Gay Panic. Body, Place, and Identity Conference. University of North Texas.

- 2019 Four Stories of Conversion Therapy. Queer/Transgender Studies in Religion Conference. University of California, Riverside.
- 2019 The Diseased and the Demonized: Kent Philpott and Ex-Gay Ministering in the San Francisco Bay Area, 1968-1980. Association for the Scientific Study of Religion. Irving, TX.
- 2019 Stoned, Horny, and Straight: Psychedelics and Sexual Conversion in an Age of Gay Panic. Symposium on Afflicted Bodies, Affected Societies: Disease and Wellness in Historical Perspective. Seton Hall University.
- 2019 Raising Heterosexual Children: Conversion Therapists and the Modern American Family, 1945-2000. Dallas Area Society of Historians Workshop. Southern Methodist University.
- 2018 Threats to Your Life: Gender, Embodied Therapy, and the AIDS Crisis, 1980-1993. Lockridge History Workshop. University of Montana.
- 2018 The Puritanical Psychoanalytic Police: The Legal System, Homosexuality, and Therapy, 1930-1960. Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association. Santa Clara University.
- 2018 Fostering Historical Empathy in the Age of Social Media. Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association. Santa Clara University.
- 2018 Born That Way: The Search for the Gay Gene Amid the U.S. Culture Wars. History and Philosophy of Science Colloquium & the Symposium on Gender, History, and Sexuality. The University of Texas at Austin.
- 2018 Abandoning Our Moral Obligations: Gay Conversion in the World of Professional Psychiatry, 1973-1987. Southern Association for the History of Medicine and Science. Augusta, GA.
- 2017 Raising Heterosexual Children: Conversion Therapists and the Modern American Family. Workshop on Disciplining the Modern Family: Gender, State and Society. Tel Aviv University. Tel Aviv, Israel. [Invited]
- 2017 Curing the Fallen: Women Conversion Therapists, Freudianism, and Prayer in the 1970s and 1980s. The Society of U.S. Intellectual History. Dallas.
- 2016 The King of the Wild Frontier: *Davy Crockett Almanacs*, Bourgeois Emasculation, and Frontier Masculinity in Antebellum America. The Society for Appalachian Historians. The University of Tennessee, Knoxville.
- 2016 From Sin to Science?: Conversion Therapy as an Intellectual Movement in Post-World War II America. The Center for Women's and Gender Studies Graduate Student Conference. The University of Texas at Austin.
- 2015 The King of the Wild Frontier: *Davy Crockett Almanacs*, Bourgeois Emasculation, and Frontier Masculinity in Antebellum America. The Symposium on Gender, History, and Sexuality. The University of Texas at Austin.
- 2013 The Pedagogy of Bondage: Laboring over Emotional Memories of Slavery in *Lincoln* and *Django Unchained*. National Council for the Social Studies. St. Louis.
- 2013 Educators, Communities, and Activism: Organizing and Occupying. American Education Research Association (AERA). San Francisco. Co-presented with Sandra Schmidt.
- 2012 Occupy Wall Street as a Curriculum of Space. National Council for the Social Studies. Seattle, WA. Co-presented with Sandra Schmidt.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

OnRamps, The University of Texas at Austin [Dual-Enrollment High School Students]

- 2020 *Instructor of Record*, U.S History since 1865
- 2019 *Instructor of Record*, U.S History to 1865
- 2018 *History Assessment Affiliate*, U.S. History since 1865
- 2017 *History Assessment Affiliate*, U.S. History to 1865

The University of Texas at Austin [Undergraduate Students]

- 2017 *Assistant Instructor*, U.S. History since 1865
- 2016 *Teaching Assistant*, U.S. History since 1865
- 2016 *Supplemental Instructor*, Introduction to American Indian History
- 2015 *Supplemental Instructor*, U.S. History to 1865

Program in Social Studies, Teachers College, Columbia University [Master's Students]

- 2014 *Instructor*, U.S. Constitution and Civic Decision Making
- 2014 *Instructor*, Advanced Methods of Teaching Social Studies
- 2013 *Instructor*, Teaching of Social Studies
- 2013 *Instructor*, Student Teaching Seminar
- 2013 *Instructor*, Gendering the Social Studies
- 2013 *Instructor*, Teaching of Social Studies

Manhattanville College [Master's Students]

- 2012 *Instructor*, Introductory Research Methods

The Oxford Academy [High School Students]

- 2009–2010 *Teacher*, The Cold War
- 2008–2010 *Teacher*, American Culture Since World War II
- 2008–2010 *Teacher*, Honors U.S. History
- 2009-2010 *Teacher*, The Atlantic World
- 2009 *Teacher*, Caribbean Piracy
- 2008–2009 *Teacher*, Economics
- 2008–2009 *Teacher*, American Maritime History
- 2007–2009 *Teacher*, The American Civil War
- 2007–2008 *Teacher*, Modern World History

Keio Academy of New York [Middle School Students]

- 2011 *Summer School Teacher*, U.S.-Japanese Relations
- 2011 *Summer School Teacher*, History of New York City

PUBLIC HISTORY POSITIONS

- 2019 – *Sexing History*, Assistant Producer
- 2019 – *New Books in Gender and Sexuality*, Podcast Host
- 2018 – *Teaching U.S. History*, Contributor
- 2017 – *The Mattachine Society of Washington, D.C.*, Archive Activist Scholar
- 2011–2012 *New-York Historical Society*, Museum Research Associate & School Group Docent
- 2011 *WNET/PBS*, Historical Researcher and Curriculum Coordinator
- 2011 *New York Council for the Humanities*, Public Programs Intern
- 2010–2011 *Brooklyn Historical Society*, Research Intern
- 2007 *Nantucket Historical Association*, Museum Educator and Curatorial Assistant

ACADEMIC ADVISING EXPERIENCE

- 2015–2016 *Student Athletics, The University of Texas at Austin*, Academic Mentor & Tutor
- 2012–2014 *Program in Social Studies, Teachers College, Columbia University*, Academic Advisor
- 2006–2007 *Clark University*, Academic Probation Advisor

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- 2018-2020 *Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association*, Annual Meeting Program Committee Member
- 2018 *Essays in History*, Reviewer

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

- 2016–2017 *Department of History, University of Texas at Austin*, Peer Mentor
- 2015–2016 *Department of History, University of Texas at Austin*, Graduate Council Co-Leader
- 2005–2007 *Phi Alpha Theta, Clark University*, Chapter President
- 2004–2006 *College Board, Clark University*, Student Representative

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- 2019 – American Association for the History of Medicine (AAHM)
- 2019 – American Society of Church History (ASCH)
- 2019 – Association for the Scientific Study of Religion (AARS)
- 2019 – Mormon History Association (MHA)
- 2019 – Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) History
- 2017 – Society for U.S. Intellectual History (S-USIH)
- 2016 – Organization of American Historians (OAH)
- 2014 – American Historical Association (AHA)
- 2011–2014 National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS)