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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Yale University, United States History, 2006
M.Phil. Yale University, History, 2004
M.A. Yale University, History, 2002
B.A. Yale University, History (with distinction), *cum laude*, 1998

EMPLOYMENT

Miller Family Endowed Early Career Professor of History, University of Delaware (2020 to present)
Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Delaware (2012 to present)
Joint appointment in the Department of Women and Gender Studies
Associated Faculty, Minor in Sexuality and Gender Studies
Associated Faculty, Program in Jewish Studies
Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Delaware (2007 to 2012)
Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University (2006-2007)

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND HONORS

Faculty Excellence in Service Award, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Delaware (2018), in recognition of interdisciplinary alliance-building between History Department and the African American Public Humanities Initiative (NEH-supported PhD program) and diversity recruitment for History graduate program
Research Travel Support, Department of History, University of Delaware (2018)
IGS-Globex Travel Grant, Institute for Global Studies, University of Delaware (2018)
Research Grant, Yetta and Frank Chaiken Center for Jewish Studies, University of Delaware (2018)
Torrey M. Johnson, Sr., Scholarship Fund, Evangelism Research Grant, Billy Graham Center Archives, Wheaton College (2018)
Research Fellowship, Office of the Associate Dean for the Humanities, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Delaware (2017)
Research Travel Grant, Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, University of Notre Dame (2017)
Director's Fellowship, Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives (2017)
Visiting Fellow, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University (2016-2017)
OAH Distinguished Lecturer (2016-2019; renewed 2019-2022)
Summer Research Support, Department of History, University of Delaware (2016)
Conference Travel Support, Yetta and Frank Chaiken Center for Jewish Studies, University of Delaware (2016)

LGBT Religious History Award from the LGBT Religious Archives Network (2012)
General University Research Grant (GUR), University of Delaware (2009)
Women's Studies Research Fellowship, University of Delaware (2009)
Excellence in Undergraduate Advising Award Nominee, University of Delaware (2008)
Travel Grant, American Heritage Center at the University of Wyoming (2008)
Postdoctoral Fellowship, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University (2006-2007)
George Washington Egleston Historical Prize for the Best Dissertation in American History, Yale University (2006)
Whiting Fellowship in the Humanities, Mrs. Giles Whiting Foundation, Yale University (2005-2006)
Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation (2005-2006; declined)
Mellon Fellowship for Dissertation Research in the Humanities in Original Sources, Council on Library and Information Resources (2003-2004)
Margaret Storrs Grierson Fellowship, Sophia Smith Collection, Smith College, Northampton, Mass. (2004)
Schlesinger Library Dissertation Support Grant, The Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. (2004)
John F. Enders Fund Grant for Dissertation Research, Yale University (2003)
Audre Rapoport Fellowship, Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio (2003)
Mellon Foundation Gender History Research Fellowship, Harvard University (2002)
Best Graduate Student Paper 2001-2002, Institute for the Advanced Study of Religion at Yale, awarded for "Total Women and Real Men: Conservative Evangelicals, Marriage Guides, and Antigay Politics, 1950-1980"
Research Fellowship, Institute for the Advanced Study of Religion at Yale (2001)

PUBLICATIONS

Books (Single Author)

Sex in America (advance contract from Liveright Press)

Public Confessions: The Religious Conversions that Changed American Politics (University of North Carolina Press, forthcoming 2021)

More Perfect Unions: The American Search for Marital Bliss. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2010.

Books (Edited)

Co-Editor with Michele Mitchell, *Heterosexual Histories*. New York: New York University Press, 2021.

Articles and Book Chapters (Peer Reviewed)

“Purity and Population: American Jews, Marriage, and Sexuality,” in *Devotions and Desires: Histories of Sexuality and Religion in the Twentieth Century United States*, edited by Gillian Frank, Bethany Moreton, and Heather White, 54-70. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2018.

“‘These Are a Swinging Bunch of People’: Sammy Davis, Jr., Religious Conversion, and the Color of Jewish Ethnicity,” *American Jewish History* 100, no. 1 (January 2016): 25-50.

“My Homosexuality is Getting Worse Every Day’: Norman Vincent Peale, Psychiatry, and the Liberal Protestant Response to Same-Sex Desires in Mid-Twentieth Century America.” In *American Christianities: A History of Dominance and Diversity*, edited by Catherine Brekus and W. Clark Gilpin, 347-365. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2011.

Winner of the 2012 LGBT Religious History Award

Featured on the *Religion and Culture Web Forum*, a project of the Martin Marty Center at the University of Chicago, with responses from Amy DeRogatis (Michigan State University), Kathryn Lofton (Yale University), and Heather White (New College of Florida), December 2012

“Eroticized Wives: Evangelical Marriage Guides and God’s Plan for the Christian Family.” In *The Embrace of Eros: Bodies, Desires, and Sexuality in Christianity*, edited by Margaret Kamitsuka, 165-179. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2010.

“Family.” In *The Blackwell Companion to Religion in America*, edited by Philip Goff, 117-129. West Sussex: Wiley-Blackwell, 2010.

“Not Marriage at All, but Simple Harlotry’: The Companionate Marriage Controversy,” *Journal of American History* 94, no. 4 (March 2008): 1137-1163.

Review Essays

“Love, Marriage, and Civil Rights in African American History,” a review of Tera W. Hunter, *Bound in Wedlock: Slave and Free Black Marriage in the Nineteenth Century*, in *Reviews in American History* 48, no. 2 (June 2020): 277-82.

“Gendered Power in Mormon History: A Review of Laurel Thatcher Ulrich’s *A House Full of Females: Plural Marriage and Women’s Rights in Early Mormonism*,” in *Reviews in American History* 46, no. 3 (September 2018): 428-432.

“Pleasure, Danger, *Playboy*, and Porn,” *Journal of Women’s History* 26, no. 3 (Fall 2014): 167-177.

Other Publications

“Faith in Marriage: Religion, Heterosexuality, and the *Obergefell* Decision,” www.publicseminar.org, posted July 29, 2015.

“Religion and Reproductive Politics in the United States since World War II,” notchesblog.com, posted June 23, 2015.

“Believe It: Finding Religion in the History of U.S. Sexuality,” with Gillian Frank, Bethany Moreton, and Heather White, notchesblog.com, posted November 24, 2014.

Entries in *Jewish Women: A Comprehensive Historical Encyclopedia*, edited by Paula E. Hyman and Dalia Ofer, DVD (Shalvi Publishing, Ltd., 2006), and <http://jwa.org/encyclopedia>.

“American Birth Control Movement”; “Elga Wasserman”

Book Reviews

Review of Sarah Imhoff, *Masculinity and the Making of American Judaism*, in *The American Jewish Archives Journal* 69, no. 11 (2017): 83-86.

Review of Nicholas Syrett, *American Child Bride: A History of Minors and Marriage in the United States*, in *Journal of American History* 104, no. 2 (September 2017): 562-563.

Review of April R. Haynes, *Riotous Flesh: Women, Physiology, and the Solitary Vice in Nineteenth-Century America*, in *The Journal of the History of Sexuality*, 25, no. 2 (Spring 2017): 329-331.

Review of Christina B. Hanhardt, *Safe Space: Gay Neighborhood History and the Politics of Violence*, in *Canadian Journal of History* 51, no. 2 (Autumn 2016): 398-400.

Review of Rachel Hope Cleves, *Charity and Sylvia: A Same-Sex Marriage in Early America*, in *The Historian* 78, no. (June 2016): 322-323.

Review of Erica J. Ryan, *Red War on the Family: Sex, Gender, and Americanism in the First Red Scare*, in *The Journal of the History of Sexuality*, 25 no. 2 (May 2016): 381-383.

Review of Estelle B. Freedman, *Redefining Rape: Sexual Violence in the Era of Suffrage and Segregation*, in *The Journal of the History of Sexuality*, 24, no. 2 (May 2015): 329-332.

Review of Clare Virginia Eby, *Until Choice Do Us Part: Marriage Reform in the Progressive Era*, in *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era* 14, no. 2 (2015): 269-270.

Review of Deborah Weinstein, *The Pathological Family: Postwar America and the Rise of Family Therapy*, in *The American Historical Review* 119, no. 1 (February 2014): 215.

Review of Thomas A. Robinson and Lanette D. Ruff, *Out of the Mouths of Babes: Girl Evangelicals in the Flapper Era*, in *The American Historical Review* 118, no. 1 (February 2013): 193-194.

Review of Fay Botham, *Almighty God Created the Races: Christianity, Interracial Marriage, and American Law*, in *The Journal of the History of Sexuality* 22, no. 1 (January 2013): 163-165.

Review of Carolyn Herbst Lewis, *Prescription for Heterosexuality: Sexual Citizenship in the Cold War Era*, in *Maryland Historical Magazine* 106, no 3 (Fall 2011): 393-395.

Review of Barry Hanks, ed., *Evangelicalism and Fundamentalism: A Documentary Reader*, in *Louisiana History Journal* 51, no. 4 (Fall 2010): 494-496.

Review of Richard W. Santana and Gregory Erickson, *Religion and Popular Culture: Rescripting the Sacred*, in *History: Reviews of New Books* 38, no. 2 (April 2010): 46-47.

Review of Deborah Dash Moore, *G.I. Jews: How World War II Changed a Generation*, in *Women in Judaism: A Multidisciplinary Journal* 4, no. 2 (Fall 2007),
<http://jps.library.utoronto.ca/index.php/wjudaism/index>.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

Producer and Story Editor, *Sexing History* podcast, www.sexinghistory.com (2017 to present)

Member of the Scholarly Advisory Board, Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History (2020 to present)

Research Associate, Council on Contemporary Families

Delaware Public Humanities Institute (DELPHI) workshop presenter on the digital humanities, University of Delaware, May 2020

External Examiner for History Honors Course, History of Gender and Sexuality field, Swarthmore College (2018)

Editorial Board Member, *Journal of the History of Sexuality* (2014-2018)

Reviewer of manuscripts for *American Religion*, *Journal of American History*, *Journal of Family History*, *Journal of the Gilded Age and the Progressive Era*, *Journal of the History of Sexuality*, *Journal of Women's History*, *Modern American History*, *Religion and Gender*, Bedford St. Martin's, Oxford University Press, Temple University Press, University of North Carolina Press, University of Pennsylvania Press

Contributing historian: FAIR Act (California K-12 History) Framework, report to the California Department of Education, sponsored by the Committee on LGBT History, American Historical Association (2013)

External Assessment: Swarthmore College Senior Research Seminar (2013)

Fellowship Review Committee: The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation for Dissertation Research in the Humanities in Original Sources, Council on Library and Information Resources (2011)

Fellowship Review Committee: The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (2010, 2013)

INVITED LECTURES, COLLOQUIA, & PANELS

Katz Chat, "Sex in American Religious History," Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania (2020)

Keynote, "Community is Contagious (In a Good Way)," One Book One Swarthmore event launch, Swarthmore, Pa. (2020)

Lecture, "What's Queer about the Twentieth Century?" presentation to the University of Delaware faculty and staff PRIDE Caucus (2020); presentation to Temple Shalom in Broomall, Pa. (2020)

Lecture, "Free to Be: The Religious Roots of Today's Debates over Gender, Race, and Sexual Truth," Center for the Study of Religion and the Program in Gender and Sexuality Studies, Princeton University (2019)

Invited Speaker, "I'm Free to Be Who I Want: Finding Faith and Making the Self in America," Swarthmore Discussion Group, Swarthmore, Pa. (2018)

Invited Participant, "Inventing the Normal Heterosexual in the 20th-Century U.S.," Thinking Critically with the Normal, a conference sponsored by the Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities of the University of Queensland, Australia; event located in Volterra, Italy (2018)

Invited Speaker, Diversity Research Café, "Sex in Public: History, Podcasting, and Our Political Moment," hosted by the Department of Women & Gender Studies, University of Delaware (2018)

Lecture, "Marriage in the Twentieth-Century United States," Rotary Club of Swarthmore, Swarthmore, Pa. (2018)

Invited Panelist, "Queer History," Conference to Celebrate the Work of Nancy Cott, Cambridge, Mass. (2017)

Invited Roundtable Participant, “Conversion Through History,” *The Politics of Conversion*, Newberry Library, Chicago, Ill. (2017)

Symposium Speaker, “Beyond Stonewall: New Histories of Religion and Sexuality in America,” Department of Religion, Princeton University, Princeton, N.J. (2017)

Colloquium Presenter: “The Celebrity Convert,” Religion and Public Life Workshop, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton, N.J. (2017)

Colloquium Presenter: “Jews and Feminism in the United States,” Program in Jewish Studies, University of Delaware, Newark, Del. (2015)

Keynote Address: “Religion, Marriage, and Sexual Counterrevolutions,” Graduate Student Conference, “Religion and Sexual Revolutions,” John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics, St. Louis, Mo. (2014)

Invited Lecture: “‘These Are a Swinging Bunch of People’: Sammy Davis, Jr., Judaism, and Ethnic Identification in the Mid-Twentieth-Century United States,” Transylvania University, Lexington, Ky. (2013)

Colloquium Presenter: “Choosing Jews: Conversion and Jewish Identity in the Post-World War II U.S.,” Program in Jewish Studies, University of Delaware, Newark, Del. (2013)

Invited Lecture: “More Perfect Unions: Marriage, Heterosexuality, and U.S. History,” Spring Faculty Lecture, Department of Women and Gender Studies, University of Delaware, Newark, Del. (2013)

Discussant: “Family Values,” Sexuality and Gender History Graduate Student Colloquium, Yale University, New Haven, Conn. (2013)

Invited Lecture: “Liberal Protestants and Homosexuality in the 1950s,” LGBT Caucus at the University of Delaware, Newark, Del. (2012)

Seminar Paper: “‘No Matter Ever Seemed so Public’: The Conversion, Catholicism, and Anticommunism of Clare Boothe Luce, 1940-1950,” Shelby Cullom Davis Center for Historical Studies at Princeton University, Princeton, N.J. (2012)

Invited Lecture: “Norman Vincent Peale, Homosexuality, and Religion,” annual meeting of the LGBT Religious Archives Network, Berkeley, Ca. (2012)

Invited Lecture: “The Marriage Cure: Liberal Protestant Advice about Same-Sex Desires in the 1950s,” GLBT History Museum, San Francisco, Ca. (2012)

Keynote Address: “A Science of Romance: Marriage Counseling and Personality Testing in the 1950s,” History Honors Banquet, University of Delaware, Newark, Del. (2011)

Seminar Paper: “‘My Homosexuality is Getting Worse Every Day’: Norman Vincent Peale, Psychiatry, and the Liberal Protestant Response to Same-Sex Desires in Mid-Twentieth Century America,” History Workshop, University of Delaware, Newark, Del. (2010)

Invited Lecture: “Becoming a Historian of Marriage and Sexuality,” Shaker Heights High School, Shaker Heights, Ohio (2010)

Colloquium Presenter: “Family First: How American Jews Put Marriage in Its Place, 1935-1980,” Program in Jewish Studies, University of Delaware, Newark, Del. (2008)

Discussant: “Transparent in America,” Women’s History Month Film Series, University of Delaware, Newark, Del. (2008)

Invited Lecture: “Saving Marriage: Women and Marital Conflict in Twentieth-Century America,” Research on Women lecture series, Women’s Studies Program, University of Delaware, Newark, Del. (2007)

Discussant: “Same Sex Marriage in New Jersey: History and the Next 180 Days,” Princeton University Program in American Studies and Modern America Workshop, Princeton, N.J. (2006)

Seminar Paper: “‘Not Marriage at All, But Simple Harlotry’: Companionate Marriage, Religion, and ‘Scientific’ Morality, 1927-1942,” American Religious History Forum, Yale University, New Haven, Conn. (2004)

Invited Lecture: “‘The Pre-Marital Interview is a Supreme Occasion’: Reform Rabbis and Premarital Counseling, 1930-1960,” Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio (2003)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Respondent, “Making Evangelical Histories After the Sexual Revolution,” Annual Meeting of the American Society for Church History, New York, N.Y. (2020)

Chair, “Historicizing Heterosexualities in the United States,” Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, New York, N.Y. (2020)

Respondent, “Intellectual Histories of the Modern American Family,” Annual Meeting of the Society for U.S. Intellectual History, New York, N.Y. (2019)

Chair and Respondent, “Finding Friendship in Queer Histories,” Queer History Conference 2019, San Francisco, Ca. (2019)

Panelist, “Brainwashing the King of the World: Muhammad Ali and the Nation of Islam,” *The Politics of Conversion*, Newberry Library, Chicago, Ill. (2017)

Roundtable Participant, “Critical Heterosexualities: Thinking about Heterosexuality as a Category of Historical Analysis,” Seventeenth Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Gender, and Sexualities, Hofstra University, N.Y. (2017)

Respondent, “Circulating/Constructing Heterosexuality,” Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, New Orleans, La. (2017)

Chair and Respondent, “Married to Evangelicalism: Women, Power, and Celebrity in Modern America,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, Texas (2016)

Roundtable Participant, “The Color Issue – Special Problems in Establishing Academic Legitimacy,” AJHS Biennial Scholars Conference, New York, N.Y. (2016)

Conference Paper: “Inventing Heterosexual Histories,” *Gay American History* at 40, New York, N.Y. (2016)

Chair, “Beyond/Outside/Before Gay Marriage: New Directions in the History of Marriage in the U.S.,” Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Atlanta, Ga. (2016)

Respondent, “Religion and Reproduction,” Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, St. Louis, Mo. (2015)

Conference Paper: “Women’s Liberation and the Hetero/Homosexual Binary,” A Revolutionary Moment: Women’s Liberation of the Late 1960s and Early 1970s, Boston University, Boston, Mass. (2014)

Conference Paper: “Heterosexuality / Homosexuality,” Sexual Binaries / Religious Histories, roundtable at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Baltimore, Md. (2013)

Conference Paper: “Seeing Through the Saran Wrap: *The Total Woman* in American Religious History,” *Historiographical Heresies*, Yale University, New Haven, Conn. (2013)

Conference Paper: “Converting Whittaker Chambers,” Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, New Orleans, La. (2013)

Respondent, “How-To Jews: The Instruction Manuals of American Judaism,” Annual Meeting of the Association of Jewish Studies, Chicago, Ill. (2012)

Conference Paper: “Personal Fulfillment and Political Agendas: The Healthy Marriage Initiative,” Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, Washington, D.C. (2010)

Conference Paper: “Healthy Marriage, Heterosexuality, and Marriage Counseling in the United States,” Roundtable on Same-Sex Marriage Debates, Meeting of the American Historical Association, San Diego, Cal. (2010; paper accepted and submitted)

Respondent, “Images of Consequence,” panel at the Hagley Graduate Student Conference, University of Delaware, Newark, Del. (2009)

Conference Paper: “‘The Loneliness of Lovers’: Marriage Encounter, Catholicism, and Pro-Marriage Politics in the 1970s,” Fourteenth Berkshires Conference on the History of Women, Minneapolis, Minn. (2008)

Conference Paper: “The Science of Love: Marriage Prediction, Modern Romance, and Marriage Counseling,” Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, Annual Conference, Minneapolis, Minn. (2007)

Conference Paper: “Making Total Women: Sexual Bodies and Sexual Identity in Evangelical Marital Advice Guides, 1963-1980,” American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. (2006)

Conference Paper: “Class, Race, and Marriage: Marital Counseling among ‘Other’ Americans, 1940-1960,” Thirteenth Berkshires Conference on the History of Women, Claremont, Ca. (2005)

Conference Paper: “Personality Testing, Protestants, and the Science of Heterosexual Marriage, 1935-1957,” Social Science History Association, Annual Conference, Baltimore, Md. (2003); SSHA-Rockefeller Graduate Student Travel Award

Conference Paper: “Personality Testing, Protestants, and the Science of Heterosexual Marriage, 1935-1957,” Cheiron: The International Society for the Study of the Social and Behavioral Sciences, University of New Hampshire, Durham, N.H. (2003); Graduate Student Travel Fellowship

Conference Paper: “Total Women, Real Men, and the New Christian Right, 1963-1978,” New England American Studies Association Regional Conference, Hartford, Conn. (2003)

TEACHING

University of Delaware

History 156: American Sexualities
History 206: U.S. History since 1865. Honors section.
History 222: Religion in Modern America
History 268: American Ethnic Identity
History 268: Religion and American Public Culture
History 311: The Postwar United States, 1963 to 1992
History 387/Sexuality and Gender Studies 387/Women's Studies 387: The History of Sexuality in the United States. Honors section.
History 387/Sexuality and Gender Studies 387/Women's Studies 387 (NEW): The Queer Twentieth Century. Second reading section.
History 411/Women's Studies 411: Marriage and the Family in American History
History 411: Religion in Modern American Culture
History 611: Readings in Immigration, Race, and Ethnicity in the United States
History 617: Women and Gender in North American History
History 633: Readings in 20th Century United States History
History 805: Research and Writing in Topics since 1865

Yale University

History 441: Marriage and Sex in America

SERVICE

National Professional Organizations

Secretary/Treasurer, Committee on LGBT History (American Historical Association affiliate organization) (2016-2018)

Committee Member for the Merle Curti Prize for the Best Book in American Social History, Organization of American Historians (2019-2020)

Committee Member for the Mary Jurich Nickliss Prize for the Best Book in U.S. Women's and/or Gender History, Organization of American Historians (2016-2017)

College and University

Center for Material Culture Studies (CMCS), affiliated faculty (2016 to present); Award Committee member (2019-2020)

Program in Jewish Studies, Executive Committee (February 2009-present); Area Studies Representative (Fall 2010-Spring 2011)

Sexuality and Gender Studies (minor), Affiliated Faculty Member (2009-present)

African American Public Humanities Initiative (AAPHI) advisory committee member (2015-2018)

AAPHI curriculum committee member (2017-2018)

President's Diversity Council, Member of the Diversity and Equity Commission (appointed by university president, 2012-2014)

Women's Caucus Board of Directors (elected, 2011-2015); Co-Chair (2012-2014)

Department of Women and Gender Studies, Executive Committee (elected; 2011-2013)

College of Arts & Sciences Faculty Senate, Committee on Diversity, Recruitment, and Retention (2010-2012)

Department of History

Director of Graduate Studies (2014-2016; 2017-2018)

American Civilization Steering Committee (2007-present)

Departmental Recorder (2007-2008)

Executive Committee Senior Faculty Representative (elected; 2013-2015, 2018-2020)

Executive Committee Junior Faculty Representative (elected; 2009-2011)

Graduate Studies Committee (Spring 2008; 2011-2016; 2017-2018)

Mentoring Committee (2008-2012; 2015-2017)

Social Committee & United Way Campaign Liaison (2007-2008)

Speakers' Committee (2010-2012)

Strategic Planning Committee (2010-2011)

Undergraduate Studies Committee (2008-2011)

Doctoral Dissertations (Advisor)

Michelle Everidge, "Home Away from Home: Displaced Families Negotiate Federal Domesticity, 1933-1945" (defended December 2019; Director of Strategic Initiatives, Witte Museum, San Antonio)

Satomi Minowa, "The Limit of Freedom: Free Love Controversies in the Nineteenth-Century United States" (defended June 2017; tenure-track faculty at the Tokyo University of Social Welfare)

Hillary Neben, "The Figures Seem to Live: Mannequins, Embodiment, and the History of American Consumer Culture" (in preparation)

Doctoral Dissertations (Member of the Committee)

Jeffery Appelhans, "Catholic Persuasion: Power and Prestige in Early American Civil Life" (defended July 2018)

Rachael Beyer, "The Nation's Youngest Capitalists': How the Future Farmers of America Shaped Rural Communities, Agribusiness, and the Modern American Farmer" (in preparation)

Nora Carleson "From Paul Revere to Plains Indians and Peruvian Patterns: The Politics of Progressive Era Fashion in America, 1880-1930" (in preparation)

Anastasia Day, "Growing Factories: Victory Gardens, Industry, and Government on the World War II American Homefront" (in preparation)

Laura Earls, “‘after (and as big as) the Life:’ Women, Wax, and Embodied Knowledge Production in Colonial America” (in preparation)

Jennifer Yi-Heng Fang, “Negotiating Chinese American Middle-Class Identity in the Cold War Suburbs” (defended March 2015)

Elizabeth Georgian, “A Church in Crisis? Paradoxes in the Rise of American Methodism, 1777-1835” (defended December 2010)

Nalleli Guillen, “‘Round the World Every Evening: Panoramic Spectacles, Entertainment Culture, and the Transatlantic Antebellum United States” (defended April 2018)

Alison Kreitzer, “Masculinity, Whiteness, and Technological Play in Dirt Track Automobile Racing, 1924-1960” (defended May 2017)

Sandra Strohhofer Pryor, “The Worlds of Nineteenth-Century Catholic Women: Beliefs and Behaviors” (defended November 2013)

Nathaniel Wiewora, “Punishment for the Sins of Christendom?: The Antebellum Evangelical Reaction to Mormonism” (defended April 2015)

M.A. Thesis Advisor (History Department, University of Delaware)

Helen Siers, “‘Several Miscarriages of a Public Nature’: Networks of Female Religious Dissent in Colonial New England” (2020)

M.A. Thesis Advisor (Winterthur Program in American Material Culture, University of Delaware)

Tess Frydman, “America’s Secret Bloody History: Menstruation Management in the Nineteenth Century” (defended May 2018; winner of the Fleming Thesis Prize for the Most Distinguished Thesis in 2018)

Undergraduate Research Scholars Program (University of Delaware)

Troiana Hicks, Delaware State University, “Our Vote: History, Advocacy, Justice,” three-semester teaching initiative (2019)

Summer Scholars / Undergraduate Research Program in the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences (University of Delaware)

Ian McCabe, research and technical support for the *Sexing History* podcast (2020)

Julian Harbaugh, research and technical support for the *Sexing History* podcast (2019)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion

American Historical Association

American Society of Church History

Association of Jewish Studies

Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender History (AHA Affiliate)

Council on Contemporary Families

Organization of American Historians