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Curriculum Vitae

School of Journalism and Mass Communication
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EDUCATION

- 2016 Ph.D., University of Minnesota (Minneapolis, MN)
Department of American Studies; certificate in Feminist and Critical Sexuality Studies
- 2005 B.A. with High Honors, Wesleyan University (Middletown, CT)
Department of Sociology

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2019-present Assistant Professor, Kent State University (Kent, OH)
School of Media and Journalism; School of Communication Studies
- 2017-2019 Post-Doctoral Fellow, University of Washington Bothell (Bothell, WA)
School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences
- 2016-2017 Visiting Assistant Professor, Bryn Mawr College (Bryn Mawr, PA)
Department of History; Program in Gender and Sexuality Studies

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

- 2021 “Care of the Mindful Self: Gender, Embodiment, and Affect in Meditation Apps.”
Communication, Culture, and Critique (under review).
- 2016 “Viral Transmissions: Safer Sex Videos, Disability, and Queer Politics.”
Disability Studies Quarterly 36, no. 4 (2016). <http://dsq-sds.org/article/view/5325/4483>.
- 2015 “Risky Measures: Digital Technologies and the Governance of Child Obesity.” *Women’s Studies Quarterly* 43, no. 1-2 (2015): 228-45.

Book Chapters

- 2020 “Disability.” *Routledge History of American Sexuality*, eds. K. Murphy, J. Ruiz, and D. Serlin.

Public Scholarship

- 2021 “Gay Men’s Health Crisis” and “ACT UP: Stop the Church,” *A People’s Guide to New York City*. University of California Press, A People’s Guide Series, eds. L Barraclough, W. Cheng, and L. Pulido. Forthcoming.
- 2014 “Sara Josephine Baker: Public Health Pioneer.” *Out History* (February 28, 2014). www.outhistory.org/exhibits/show/sara-josephine-baker/background.

HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2014 – 2015 Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, University of Minnesota (\$22,500)
- 2014 Outstanding Visiting Peer Award for Excellence in a Paper Delivered by a Visiting Graduate Student, Indiana University English Graduate Student Conference Committee
- 2013 – 2014 Graduate School Fellowship, University of Minnesota (\$22,500)
- 2013 Joseph J. Kwiat Award for Best Conference Paper Presented at the American Studies Association, University of Minnesota
- 2013 Departmental Summer Dissertation Award, University of Minnesota (\$4,000)
- 2011 Mulford Q. Sibley Graduate Fellowship for Summer Research Support, University of Minnesota (\$2,000)
- 2010 Graduate Research Partnership Project, University of Minnesota (\$4,500)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Kent State University, Assistant Professor (2019 – present)

JMC 20001: Media, Power and Culture
JMC 40095: Queer Cinema
COMM 35912: Gender and Communication

University of Washington Bothell, Post-Doctoral Fellow (2017 – 2019)

BIS 224: Introduction to Feminist Studies
BIS 293: Introduction to Disability Studies
BIS 393: Gender, Race, and Mental Health
BIS 445: Meanings and Realities of Inequality

Bryn Mawr College, Visiting Assistant Professor (2016 – 2017)

HIST 233: Health and Disability in the United States
HIST 252: American Popular Culture and Politics 1900-present
HIST 284: Queer Cinema
HIST 303: Power, Resistance, and Social Change
HIST 325: Queering Popular Culture
HIST 325: Unruly Bodies and Forbidden Desires: Gender and Sexual Nonconformity in U.S. History

Macalester College, Visiting Assistant Professor (Spring 2016)

GWSS 294: Queer Cinema

University of Minnesota, Graduate Instructor (2012 – 2015)

GWSS/GLBT 1002: The Politics of Sex

WRIT 1301: Writing the Body

AMST 3252W: American Popular Culture and Politics 1900-1940

GWSS/GLBT 3305: Queer Cinema

AMST/GLBT 4101: Gender, Sexuality and Politics in America

CONFERENCES

Selected Conference Presentations

- 2021 “Disability, Mentoring, and Interdependence,” Modern Language Association Annual Convention. Online, Jan. 7-10.
- 2019 “Social Justice, Media, and the Feminist Politics of Self Care.” National Women’s Studies Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, Nov. 14-17
- 2018 “‘Picturing Possibilities’: AIDS Activism, Disability, and the Politics of Belonging.” National Women’s Studies Association Annual Conference. Atlanta, GA, Nov. 8-11
- 2018 “Revitalizing Bodies and Minds: Holistic Health and Lifestyle Media in the Digital Era.” Society for Cinema & Media Studies Annual Conference. Toronto, ON, March 14-18.
- 2016 “Healthy Habits at Home: Fitness Television and the Shaping of Postwar Domesticity.” Annual Meeting of the American Studies Association. Denver, CO, Nov. 16-20
- 2016 “Active Viewing: Gender and Affect in Postwar Fitness Television.” Console-ing Passions: An International Conference on Television, Video, Audio, New Media, and Feminism. Notre Dame University, June 16-18
- 2016 “Intimate Interfaces: Televisual Techniques of Affective Governance in Postwar America.” Envisioning American Studies. University of Michigan, March 17-18
- 2015 “Testing the Limits of Inclusion: Race, Risk, and the Invention of Safer Sex.” Annual Meeting of the American Studies Association. Toronto, Ontario, Oct. 8-11
- 2015 “Child’s Play: Fun, Fitness, and Technologies of Ableism in Activity Tracking Platforms.” Society for Disability Studies Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA, June 10-13
- 2015 “Pornographic Pedagogies: Lesbians, Latex, and Safer Sex Videos.” Society for Cinema and Media Studies Annual Conference. Montreal, QC, March 25-29
- 2014 “Healthy Exhibitions: Cinema and the Affective Governance of Health.” Undoing Health: States of Body and Mind. Indiana University – Bloomington, March 27-29
- 2014 “Dirty Projections: Affect and Embodiment in Progressive-Era Sex Education Films.” Backward Glances: The Margins of Media. Northwestern University, Feb. 7-8
- 2013 “Risky Futures: Child Obesity and the Affective Logic of Debt.” Annual Meeting of the American Studies Association. Washington, D.C., Nov. 21-24
- 2012 “‘A Crime Against the Whole Human Race’: Anarchy, Affect, and the Cultural Production of Terror.” Terror and the Inhuman. Brown University, Oct. 25-27
- 2011 “Fit to be Feminists: Biopower and the Modern Construction of Women’s Health.” National Women’s Studies Association Annual Conference. Atlanta, GA, Nov. 10-13
- 2011 “Inverting Empire: (Homo)colonialism and the Trouble with Sameness.” Critical Ethnic Studies and the Future of Genocide: Settler Colonialism / Heteropatriarchy / White Supremacy. University of California, Riverside, March 10-12

Panels Organized

- 2019 Chair, “Social Justice, Media, and the Feminist Politics of Self Care.” National Women’s Studies Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, Nov. 14-17
- 2018 “Queer World-Making and/as Resistance: Radical Histories and Utopian Futures.” National Women’s Studies Association Annual Conference. Atlanta, GA, Nov. 8-11
- 2017 Chair, “Critical Disability Pedagogy.” Critical Disability Studies Caucus Roundtable. Annual Meeting of the American Studies Association. Chicago, IL, Nov. 9-12
- 2016 “Visions of Home: Mediating Race, Gender, and Sexuality through Televisual Constructions of Domesticity.” Annual Meeting of the American Studies Association. Denver, CO, Nov. 16-20
- 2015 “Beyond Recovery: Neoliberal Health Governance and the Limits of Resistance.” Annual Meeting of the American Studies Association. Toronto, Ontario, Oct. 8-11
- 2015 “Wear/ability: Intimate Data and Technologies of the Quantified Self.” Society for Disability Studies Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA, June 10-13

Conferences Organized

- 2011 Co-Chair, Contingent Belongings: Queer Reflections on Race, Space, and the State. University of Minnesota, September 16-17

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer, *Communication, Culture, and Critique*

Reviewer, *Disability Studies Quarterly*

Reviewer, *Journal of Feminist Studies*

Mentoring Program Coordinator, Critical Disability Studies Caucus, American Studies Association

Member, Queer Caucus and Women’s Caucus, Society for Cinema and Media Studies

DEPARTMENTAL/UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Co-Chair, Diversity and Globalization Committee, School of Media and Journalism (2019 – present)

CCI representative, University Diversity Action Council (2020 – present)

Consultation Committee Member, University Diversity Action Council (2020 – present)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Studies Association, Critical Ethnic Studies Association, Modern Language Association, National Women’s Studies Association, Society for Cinema and Media Studies, Society for Disability Studies, Phi Beta Kappa