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EDUCATION

2012- 17 Ph.D. in History, University of Kentucky

Dissertation: “‘Something A Little Bit Tasty’: Women and the Rise of Nutrition Science in Interwar British Africa”

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Phil Harling

Qualifying Exam fields:

 Britain and Empire, 1815-1968

 Europe, 1850-1960

 Gender and Medicine in Colonial Africa and India

2012 M.A. in History, Gender and Women’s Studies, Rutgers University

2010 B.A. in History and French, Murray State University (*Summa Cum Laude*)

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENT

2017 Assistant Professor, University of Southern Maine

PUBLICATIONS

2017 “Too Many Cooks Spoil the Soup: Conflicting British Nutrition Education Policy Approaches and African Responses.” *Journal of World History*. (Forthcoming, Winter 2017-18)

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

2016 University of Kentucky Dissertation Year Fellowship
2016 North American Conference in British Studies Stern Grant
2016 Midwest Conference in British Studies Travel Grant
2016 University of Kentucky Graduate Student Travel Grant
2015 University of Kentucky Dissertation Enhancement Award
2015 Albisetti Dissertation Research Fellowship
2015 University of Kentucky Graduate Student Travel Grant
2015 University of Kentucky History Department Travel Grant
2012 University of Kentucky Graduate Fellowship

CONFERENCES

Panels Organized

- 2016 “Full of Epistemology and Vinegar: How the British Knew What They Knew, 1805-1939” at the Midwest Conference on British Studies
- 2016 “Is There a Doctor in the House? Evolving Medical Knowledge in Britain and the Empire” at the Northeast Conference on British Studies
- 2016 “No Body’s Business: Gender, the Body, and State Power in Modern Britain and Empire” at the North American Conference on British Studies

Papers Presented

- 2017 “Take It with a Grain of Salt: Nutrition Education as Humanitarian Response in Interwar British Africa” in the North American Conference on British Studies
- 2017 “There Is No Such Thing as a Free Lunch: Domestic Science Education in British Nigeria” in the World History Association Conference
- 2016 “Having Their Cake and Eating It Too: Interwar British Solutions to Colonial African Malnutrition” in the Midwest Conference on British Studies
- 2016 “‘A Nutritional Laboratory’: Experiments on Food as Medicine in Interwar British Africa” at the Northeast Conference on British Studies
- 2016 “Making a Fruitful Effort: Experiments in Domestic Science and Nutrition Education in British Colonial Africa” at the North American Conference on British Studies
- 2015 “Contending Englishness: Prostitution and Infanticide Debates of Mid-Victorian England” presented at the Midwest Conference on British Studies
- 2015 “Contending Englishness: Prostitution and Infanticide Debates of Mid-Victorian England” presented at the Ohio Valley History Conference
- 2012 “Racialized Abortion Debates, 1865-70: Determining the Real Barbarians,” presented at Rutgers University’s “Continuities and Changes” History Conference

Discussant

- 2017 “British Discourses on Race, Imperialism, and Nationalism, 19th through 21st Centuries” at the Midwest Conference on British Studies

TEACHING

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE

- 2018 Women in European History
- 2018 Introduction to Historical Methods
- 2018 Entry Year Experience
- 2017 Modern Western Civilizations
- 2017 History of the British Empire

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

Courses taught online:

2016-7 War and Society, 1914-45

Courses taught as primary instructor:

2013-17 War and Society, 1914-45

Courses taught as Teaching Assistant:

2016 Contemporary Europe
2015 The Holocaust
2014 War and Society, 1945-present
2013 Modern Europe

TEACHING AREAS/ COURSES PREPARED TO TEACH

Modern European History
Modern African History
Modern World History
History of the World Wars
Women's and Gender History
History of Science and Medicine

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

2017-18 Midwest Conference on British Studies Program Committee

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2018 Advising Liaison for the History Program

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2011-12 Research Assistant for the former Rutgers University Professor Warren Grover
2011 Internship at the Morristown National Historical Park Research Seminar

EXTRACURRICULAR UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2016-17 Representative on the Graduate Committee
2013-17 Graduate Student Mentor
2015-16 Vice President of Phi Alpha Theta
2015-16 Library Liaison for the History Graduate Student Association
2015 Microteach Instructor to new TAs
2014-15 President of Phi Alpha Theta

2014 Film Discussion Moderator for War and Society Film Series
2013-14 Library Liaison for the History Graduate Student Association

DEPARTMENTAL TALKS

2016 How to Survive Qualifying Exams
2015 How to Stop Worrying and Love the Qualifying Exams
2014 Teaching Bull Session

LANGUAGES

French: Reading, writing, speaking – excellent
German: Can read with a dictionary

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2017 World History Association
2015—present American Historical Association
2015—present North American Conference on British Studies

REFERENCES

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