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Academic Employment

2018-present Assistant Professor, History Department, Northeastern Illinois University
2017-2018 Instructor, History Department, Duke University

Education

PhD History Department, Duke University, Durham, NC, 2017
Dissertation: "Waste Not: Criminalizing Wastefulness in Early Modern Germany"
MA History Department, Duke University, Durham, NC, 2013
Certificate Latin Summer Language Institute, University of Virginia, 2011
BA History and German Language & Literature, University of California, Los Angeles, 2006-2010, *Summa cum laude*

Languages: German (advanced), Latin (intermediate), and French (intermediate)

Professional Affiliations: American Historical Association, Sixteenth Century Studies Association, Renaissance Society of America, Council for European Studies, Society for Disability Studies, Disability History Association

Teaching

Teaching Fields: Western Civilization; Early Modern Europe; History of Science; Science, Magic, & Religion; Gender Studies; U.S. & Global Disability History; Race, Crime, & Poverty in Modern Europe & U.S.

Courses Taught

Instructor of Record

The West to 1500; Early Modern Europe; Age of Reformation; Age of Enlightenment; Science, Magic, and Religion in History; Disability History; Comparative Disability History; The Historian's Craft; Capstone for History Majors

Teaching Assistant

Magic, Religion and Science since 1400, Crime and the City from Dickens to *The Wire*

Advising

M.A. thesis committee, Frances Michelle Quiñones, "Puerto Rican Sign Language: A Creole Dialect or an Endangered Language?," Northeastern Illinois University, 2021

Research

Publications

- 2022 “‘Moral Madness’: Representations of Prodigality, Disability, and Competence in German History,” in *Disability in German-Speaking Europe: History, Memory, and Culture*, ed., Linda Leskau, Tanja Nusser, and Katherine Sorrels (under contract with Camden House as of June 2020; volume out for peer review as of Sept 2021).
- 2020 Review of *The Revolt of Snowballs: Murano Confronts Venice, 1511* by Claire Judde de Larivière, *Renaissance Quarterly* 73.2 (2020): 669-671.
- 2019 “Denouncing the Spendthrift: Debating Social Identity in the Court of Law and Public Opinion,” in *Names and Naming in Early Modern Germany*, edited by Beth Plummer and Joel Harrington (Oxford, UK: Berghahn Publishers, 2019).

Translations

- 2016 With Hole Rößler: Joseph Furttenbach, *Codex iconographicus 401* (ca. early 17th century) Hybrid online and print publication of Furttenbach’s seventeenth century text on early modern theater techniques, 2016. Featured at the international workshop, “Technologies of Spectacle: Knowledge Transfer in Early Modern Theater Cultures,” University of Amsterdam, School for Cultural Analysis, November 14-15, 2015.

Presentations

Pedagogy

- 2021 New Faculty Orientation Lunch and Learns, Northeastern Illinois University, November 12, 2021.
- 2021 "Validating Learning Differences: Re-Thinking What it Means to Make 'Reasonable Accommodations' for Learning Disabilities," Faculty Institute: Advancing Student Success Through Culturally Responsive Pedagogies," Northeastern Illinois University, August 18, 2021.
- 2021 "Cultivating DEI Initiatives in Curricular Governance, Pedagogical Development and Beyond," Faculty Institute, Northeastern Illinois University, August 18, 2021.
- 2021 "Careers for Historians: Tracking the Tenure-Track," roundtable, Duke University, April 19, 2021.
- 2021 "Cafe Conversations: Addressing Whiteness in Academia," co-facilitator, Northeastern Illinois University, December 11, 2021.
- 2021 "Moving Toward Syllabi that Serve Our Students," co-facilitator of online workshop series, Northeastern Illinois University, August 19, 20, and December 3, 2021.
- 2020 “Universal Design for Learning (UDL) Remote Learning Tips,” Teaching and Learning in the Age of Agency series, Northeastern Illinois University, July 21, 2020.
- 2019 "Language, History, and Representation," roundtable at Disability in the Disciplines Conference, Duke University, April 25-26, 2019.
- 2018 “Teaching Race, Gender, Sexuality, and Disability in Early Modernist Classrooms,” roundtable at Sixteenth Century Society Conference, Albuquerque, NM, November 1-4, 2018.

Research

- 2021 "Visual Judgment in the Early Modern Period," roundtable at the Renaissance Society of America Conference, April 15, 2021 (conducted online due to COVID-19).
- 2019 “Debating Incompetence: Law and the Lived Experience of Disability in Early Modern Germany,” Experiences of Dis/Ability from the Late Middle Ages to the Mid-Twentieth Century, Tampere, Finland, August 21-23, 2019.
- 2018 “Prodigal Sons, Prodigal Fathers: Litigating the Crime of Wastefulness in Sixteenth-Century Germany,” Sixteenth Century Society Conference, Albuquerque, NM, November 1-4, 2018.

- 2018 "Irrational or Just Immoral? Spendthrifts in 19-20th Century Law and Medicine in Southern Germany," 25th International Conference of Europeanists, Chicago, IL, March 28-30, 2018.
- 2017 "Claiming Disability: Debating the Definition of Mental Disability in Civil Suits in Reformation Germany," Sixteenth Century Society Conference, Milwaukee, WI, October 26-29, 2017.
- 2016 "Waste Not: Disciplining Spendthrifts in German Civil Law, 1500-1650," German Studies Association, San Diego, CA, September 29-October 2, 2016.
- 2016 "'Civily Dead': The Legal Exclusion of Spendthrifts from Southwestern German Communities," Sixteenth Century Society Conference, Bruges, Belgium, August 18-21, 2016.
- 2016 "Defining (In)Capacity: Prodigality and the Restriction of Property Rights in Germany, 1500-1650," Triangle Legal History Seminar, Durham, NC, April 1, 2016.
- 2016 "'Just like any other citizen': Representing Capacity and (Dis)Ability in Early Modern German Court Testimony," North Carolina Colloquium in Medieval and Early Modern Studies, Durham, NC, February 20-21, 2016.
- 2015 "Widows and Wastefulness: Determining 'Competence' and Property Rights in Civil Law." Sixteenth Century Society Conference, Vancouver, Canada, October 22-25, 2015.
- 2015 "'Prodigal Children' in Renaissance Germany." Southeastern Renaissance Conference, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, October 2-3, 2015.
- 2015 "'Ob Zeüg wisse waß ein Prodigus seye': Defining wastefulness in early modern southwest Germany." *Frühe Neuzeit Interdisziplinär* (Conference Group for Interdisciplinary Early Modern German Studies), Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, March 3-5, 2015.
- 2014 "Visualizing Child-Witches in Seventeenth-Century Cologne," presented at "Historical and Cultural Visualization: Notes from the Field," Visualization and Interactive Systems Rendezvous, Duke University, December 4, 2014.
- 2014 "'Unnütze Leuth': Work, waste, and household politics in the early modern German courts." *Forschungscolloquium zur Geschichte der Frühen Neuzeit*, Freie Universität Berlin, July 8, 2014.
- 2013 "Disciplinary Dialogue: A Panel Discussion on the Shifting Borders of Women's and Gender History." Working Group in Feminism and History, Duke University, Durham, NC, September 27, 2013.
- 2012 "The 'She-Man' at Work: Representations of Gender Transgression in Sixteenth-Century German print." Duke History Graduate Student Association Annual Conference, Durham, NC, March 16, 2012.
- 2012 "'Not educators or nurturers, but rather seducers and corrupters': Schools and Behavioral Reform in the German Reformations." North Carolina Colloquium in Medieval and Early Modern Studies, Durham, NC, February 4, 2012.

Guest Lectures

- 2021 "Disability & Social Justice," in Justice Studies 101 "Introduction to Social Justice" (Prof. Rachel Birmingham-Hoel), Northeastern Illinois University, October 5, 2021.
- 2020 "Objectivity in the History of Science," in Philosophy 394 "Seminar in Epistemology: Objectivity in Science" (Prof. Stacey Goguen), Northeastern Illinois University, January 29, 2020.
- 2016 "A History of Magic, 1400-1800," in House Course 59.07 "Harry Potter and Christian Thought," Duke University, September 19, 2016.
- 2016 "Disability Rights & the Millennial Generation," in History 171 "Millennial Generation in the U.S" (Prof. Rodney Clare), Elon University, February 29, 2016.
- 2013 "The Secret World of an Unwanted Child," in History 221A "Microhistory" (Prof. Thomas Robisheaux), Duke University, February 20, 2013.

Fellowships and Awards:

Total awarded: \$247,735. Individual / Collaborative / Nationally-Competitive.

2018	NEH Summer Institute "Global Histories of Disability"
2017-2018	Health Humanities Lab Seed Grant Funding, Duke University
2016-2017	Mellon Council for European Studies Dissertation Completion Fellowship
2016-2017	Dissertation Fellowship, Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Duke University (declined)
2016	Summer Research Fellowship, Duke University Graduate School
2015	Dissertation Research Travel Award, Duke University Graduate School
2015	Anne Firor Scott Merit Award
2015	Summer Research Fellowship, Duke University Graduate School
2013-2014	Research Scholarship, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
2013-2014	Research Award, Fulbright Commission (declined)
2013-2014	Finalist, Mellon International Dissertation Research Fellowship
2013	Research Grant for Dissertation Travel, Central European History Society
2013	Summer Research Fellowship, Duke University Graduate School
2012	Summer Research Fellowship for First- and Second-Year Ph.D. Students, Duke University Graduate School
2012	Pre-Dissertation Research Travel Award, Duke University Graduate School
2011	Summer Research Fellowship for First- and Second-Year Ph.D. Students, Duke University History Department
2011	John Snell Prize for best paper in European history, European Section of the Southern Historical Association.
2010-2014	James B. Duke Fellowship, Duke University Graduate School

Service**Professional Experience & Service**

2020-2024	CASA: Creating Access to STEM for All, Title V grant instructor, Northeastern Illinois University
2021-	Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Subcommittee Chair, College of Arts and Sciences Academic Affairs Committee, Northeastern Illinois University
2020-	Secretary and departmental representative, College of Arts and Sciences Academic Affairs Committee, Northeastern Illinois University
2020-2021	Harry Hild Writing Scholarship Committee, Northeastern Illinois University
2018-	Faculty Co-Adviser, Phi Alpha Theta chapter, Northeastern Illinois University
2018-	History Department Assessment Committee, Northeastern Illinois University
2018-2019	Universal Design for Learning Committee, Northeastern Illinois University
2018	"Global Histories of Disability," National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute, Gallaudet University, June 18-July 13, 2018.
2017-2018	Council Member & Secretary, North Carolina Statewide Independent Living Council
2017-2018	Board Director, Alliance of Disability Advocates, Raleigh, NC
2017-2018	Co-Founder, Disability and Access Initiative Faculty Working Group
2017-2018	Faculty Fellow, Teaching for Equity Fellowship Program
2016-2017	Faculty Advisor, Duke Disability Alliance, Duke University
2016	Program Coordinator, Language, Arts and Media Program Lab, Duke University

- 2015 Planning Committee, "Town Hall Meeting on the History of Racism and Lynching," hosted by the Duke University History Department, April 7, 2015
- 2015 Digital History Working Group, Duke University
- 2015 President, Duke History Department Graduate Student Association
- 2014-20145 History Department Search Committee, Duke University
- 2013-2015 History Professional Development Committee, Duke University
- 2012-2013 Planning Committee, "Navigating Place and Power," Duke University History Graduate Student Conference, February 15, 2013
- 2012 Conference aid, "Visual Acuity and the Arts of Communication in Early Modern Germany," triennial conference of the *Frühe Neuzeit Interdisziplinär* (Conference Group for Interdisciplinary Early Modern German Studies), March 29-31, 2012
- 2011-2012 Planning Committee, "(Un)Bound Worlds: Rethinking Boundaries and Borders," Duke University Graduate Student Conference, March 16, 2012
- 2011-2012 Graduate Student Teaching Committee, Duke History Department Graduate Student Association, Spring 2011 - Fall 2012
- 2011-2012 Duke History Latin Reading Group