

# Ashley L. Elrod

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## Academic Employment

2018-present Assistant Professor, History Department, Northeastern Illinois University  
2017-2018 Instructor, History Department, Duke University  
2015 Instructor, Thompson Writing Program, Duke University  
2012-2014 Teaching Assistant, History Department, Duke University  
2008-2010 History Tutor, Covell Peer Learning Labs, University of California, Los Angeles

## Education

PhD History Department, Duke University, Durham, NC, 2017  
Dissertation: "Waste Not: Criminalizing Wastefulness in Early Modern Germany"  
Primary Fields: Early Modern Europe, Mediterranean History, Gender and Visual Studies, Disability Studies  
Dissertation Committee: Thomas Robisheaux, John Martin, Jocelyn Olcott, Marjorie Plummer  
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*  
Education Abroad Advanced Proficiency in German, Georg-August Universität, Göttingen, Germany, 2009

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

Professional Affiliations: Sixteenth Century Studies Association, Council for European Studies, Society for Disability Studies, Disability History Association

## Teaching

Teaching Fields: Early Modern Europe; Reformation; Enlightenment; Western Civilization; Mediterranean History; Gender and Visual Studies; U.S. & Global Disability History; History of Science; Magic, Science, & Religion since 1400; Race, Crime, & Poverty in Modern Europe & U.S.

## Courses Taught

*Instructor of Record*

Age of Reformation, Age of Enlightenment, The West to 1500, Early Modern Europe, Disability History, Comparative Disability History, Present Yet Absent: History of Disability

## Research

### Publications

- 2018 “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. Berghahn Publishers (Oxford, UK), May 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.  
*Translation 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.*

### Conference Presentations

- 2018 “Teaching Race, Gender, Sexuality, and Disability in Early Modernist Classrooms,” Sixteenth Century Society Conference, Albuquerque, NM, November 1-4, 2018
- 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 “‘Civilly 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 Zeüig 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.

- 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.

### **Invited Talks**

- 2016 “A History of Magic, 1400-1800,” presented to “Harry Potter and Christian Thought,” House Course 59.07, Duke University, September 19, 2016.
- 2016 Guest lecturer: “Disability Rights & the Millennial Generation,” for History 171 “Millennial Generation in the U.S.,” Elon University for Prof. Rodney Clare
- 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.
- 2013 “The Secret World of an Unwanted Child.” Professor Thomas Robisheaux’s Microhistory Class, Duke University, February 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

2010-2015 History Departmental Fellowship, Duke University

2006-2010 National Merit Scholarship

2006-2010 Robert C. Byrd Scholarship

2006-2010 Dean's Honors, University of California, Los Angeles

## Service

### Professional Experience & Service

2018- Universal Design for Learning Committee, Northeastern Illinois University

2018-2017 Council Member & Secretary, North Carolina Statewide Independent Living Council

2018-2017 Board Director, Alliance of Disability Advocates, Raleigh, NC

2018-2017 Co-Founder, Disability and Access Initiative Faculty Working Group

2018-2017 Faculty Fellow, Teaching for Equity Fellowship Program

2017-2016 Faculty Advisor, Duke Disability Alliance, Duke University

2016 Program Coordinator, Language, Arts and Media Program Lab, Duke University

2015-2014 History Department Search Committee, 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

2015-2013 History Professional Development Committee, Duke University

2013-2012 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

2012-2011 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