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EDUCATION

Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island
Doctor of Philosophy, History, 2010
Master of Arts, History, 2002

Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, New York
Bachelor of Arts, History concentration, 1998

TEACHING

TEACHING POSITIONS

Rider University, Professor, 2022-present
 Associate Professor, 2017-2022
 Director, Gender and Sexuality Studies, 2017-present
 Assistant Professor II, 2014-2017
 Assistant Professor I, 2012-2014

Montclair State University, Adjunct Professor, Summer 2011

Ramapo College of New Jersey, Adjunct Professor, 2008-2011

Fairleigh Dickinson University, Adjunct Professor, Spring 2010

COURSES TAUGHT AT RIDER

HIS-151: World History from 1500 to the present
 HIS-181: US History II
 HIS-218: America Between the Wars
 HIS-220: History of America's Culture Wars
 HIS-260: Craft of History: US and the World
 HIS-260: Craft of History: the Jazz Age
 HIS-306: Modern American Cultural History
 HIS-309: American Women's History
 HIS-307: The Immigrant in American Life
 HIS-319: History of Gender and Sexuality in America
 HIS-337: Post-1945 American History
 HIS-398: Special Topics: Modern American Political Culture
 HIS-460: Historical Methods: Modern American Cultural History
 HIS-460: Historical Methods: Modern American History

BHP-227: Race, Gender, and Sexuality in the Age of Empire
 GSS-245: Popular Constructions of Gender and Sexuality
 GSS-400: Transcultural Seminar in Gender and Sexuality

INDEPENDENT STUDIES

History Capstone Research Projects (490s):

Spring 2021
 Nora Sayed

Spring 2019
 Douglas Martinson

Spring 2018
 Melissa Goldberg

Spring 2015
 Rachel Jenson, Levine Research Prize winner, ISCAP day presenter
 Gerald DeMattia, ISCAP day presenter

Fall 2014
 Karryne Maclean, Levine Research Prize winner, ISCAP day presenter
 Kelsey Valentino
 Nicholas Lim

Spring 2012
 Christine O'Brien

BHP Theses:

Preston Hicks, Fall 2021
 Elizabeth Sirdar, Spring 2021
 Melissa Goldberg (see above)
 Eric Faeder, Spring 2016
 Rachel Jenson (see above)
 Karryne Maclean (see above)
 Lindsay O'Mara, Fall 2013

HIS-490s:

Michael Newton, Fall 2019
 Kelly Lindenau, Summer 2018
 Jaclyn Caffrey, Fall 2013

GSS-491s (internships):

Samantha Triolo, Fall 2019
 Joyce Montserrate, Fall 2019

AWARDS & HONORS

Frank N. Elliott Award for Distinguished Service (2021)

Donation to Class Gift Fund in my honor (Peter Vaccaro, 2017)

Ziegler-Gee Award, Rider University and Gender and Sexuality Studies program (2016)

School of Liberal Arts and Sciences Honor Society, Rider University, Influential Mentor Recognition (Nicole Lipari 2014, Rachel Jenson 2015, Eric Faeder 2016, Joseph Milosz 2018)

Donation to Rider Student Scholarship Fund in my honor (Eric Faeder, 2016)

SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

PUBLICATIONS

Books

When the World Broke in Two: the Roaring Twenties and the Dawn of America's Culture Wars. Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger, 2018

Red War on the Family: Sex, Gender, and Americanism in the First Red Scare. Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 2014

Peer Reviewed Articles

“[Women, Gender, and Red Scares in the Modern United States.](#)” In *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of American History*. Oxford University Press. Article published June 2020. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780199329175.013.579>.

“Heterosexuality and Americanization: “Social Education” for Immigrant Youth in the 1920s,” *Notches: remarks on the history of sexuality*. January 2015. <http://notchesblog.com/2015/01/22/heterosexuality-and-americanization-social-education-for-immigrant-youth-in-the-1920s/>

Articles

“Red War on the Family: An Interview with Erica Ryan,” *Notches: remarks on the history of sexuality*, July 2015. <http://notchesblog.com/2015/07/21/red-war-on-the-family-an-interview-with-erica-ryan/>

“Sheppard Towner Act,” *Encyclopedia of the Jazz Age: 1918-1929*, James Ciment ed., (Armonk, New York: M.E. Sharpe, Inc., 2008)

“Women and Gender,” *Encyclopedia of the Jazz Age: 1918-1929*, James Ciment ed., (Armonk, New York: M.E. Sharpe, Inc., 2008)

Book Reviews

Book Review of “Alice Paul: Claiming Power,” by J.D. Zahniser and Amelia R. Fry, in *New Jersey Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal*, Vol 6, No 2 (2020), 135-139.

Book Review of “Protecting the Home Front: Women in Civil Defense in the Early Cold War,” by Michael Scheibach, in *H-War, H-Net Reviews*, December 2019.

Book Review of “American Girls in Red Russia: Chasing the Soviet Dream,” by Julia Mickenberg, in *The American Historical Review*, Vol. 123, Issue 4, Oct 2018, 1335-1336.

Book Review of “*Reproductive Justice: The Politics of Health Care for Native American Women*,” by Barbara Gurr, in *Women and Social Movements in the United States*, September 2015.

Book Review of “What Adolescents Ought to Know: Sexual Health Texts in Early Twentieth-Century America,” by Jennifer Burek Pierce, in *History: Review of New Books*, Vol. 41, Issue 1, 2013, 16.

Book Review of “The Masculine Woman in America, 1890-1935,” by Laura Behling, in *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, Vol. 35, No. 3, June 2006, 384-386.

Book Review of “Choice and Coercion: Birth Control, Sterilization, and Abortion in Public Health and Welfare,” by Johanna Schoen on *Women and Social Movements in the United States*, March 2006.

FELLOWSHIPS

Rider University Summer Fellowship Award (2012, 2014, 2017)

John Lax Fellowship, Department of History, Brown University (2006)

Clarke Chambers Travel Fellowship, Social Welfare Archives, University of Minnesota (2005)

Sophia Smith Collection, Travel-to-Collection Grant, Smith College (2004)

PRESENTATIONS and INVITED LECTURES

“Fathers Know Best: The Politics of American Fatherhood at the Cold War’s End.” Berkshire Conference on Women, Genders, and Sexualities, Santa Clara University, CA June 2023

“When the World Broke in Two: the Roaring Twenties and the Reshaping of American Culture.” Invited lecture, Somerset County Library, New Jersey, November 2022.

“Making the Public Private: Race and Masculinity in the Fatherhood Responsibility Movement at the End of the Cold War.” Society for United States Intellectual History Conference, Nashville, TN, Oct 2021

“Families at the Turning Point: The Fatherhood Responsibility Movement in America at the end of the Cold War.” Social Science History Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA, Nov 2021

“An Inclusive History of Women’s Suffrage.” Invited lecture, Moore Library, New Jersey Council for the Humanities Grant, March 2021

Chair, “New Jersey Women’s Suffrage: Its Many Faces,” NJ History Conference, NJ Historical Commission, November 2020

“When the World Broke in Two: America on the Cusp of the 1920s.” Invited opening plenary at “Un/Tethered: Cather on the Cusp of the 1920s” conference, Willa Cather Center, Red Cloud, NE, June 2020

“The Passing Show.” Panelist, invited to link Willa Cather’s short stories to the historical theme of “rules and rebellion” in the 1920s. “Un/Tethered: Cather on the Cusp of the 1920s” conference, Willa Cather Center, Red Cloud, NE, June 2020

Invited reading from “When the World Broke in Two.” “Un/Tethered: Cather on the Cusp of the 1920s” conference, Willa Cather Center, Red Cloud, NE, June 2020
<https://vimeo.com/426499861>

“A Powerful Promise: The Fatherhood Responsibility Movement in America at the End of the Cold War.” Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Genders, and Sexualities, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, May 2020 (Cancelled-Covid19)

“History of Women’s Suffrage.” Invited talk for International Women’s Day, Princeton Merrill Lynch, March 2020

“Radicalism and Suffrage in 1920.” Invited talk for NJ Women Vote, NJ, Dec 2019

“History of Women’s Suffrage.” Invited talk for Rider Women’s Leadership Council, NJ, Nov 2019

“Radicalism and Suffrage During the Red Scare of 1919.” Invited talk for the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, PA, July 2019

“Radicalism and Suffrage: Winning the Vote in the First Red Scare.” Invited talk for the Suffrage Speak Series, Alice Paul Institute, NJ Jun 2019.

“When the World Broke in Two: The Roaring Twenties and the Reshaping of American Culture.” Invited talk for 34th Annual Whitehall Lecture Series, Flagler Museum, FL Feb 2019

“The Surprisingly Long History of the Culture Wars.” Invited talk at Ewing Public Library, NJ, Sep 2018

- “Feminism and Bolshevism: Antiradicalism and the Decline of Women’s Power in the 1920s.” Invited lecture presented at Sarah Lawrence College, NY Feb 2016.
- “History of Women at Rider University.” Brief invited lecture presented at Rider University for Sesquicentennial Celebration and the 35th anniversary of the Gender and Sexuality Studies Program, Nov 2015.
- “Red War on the Family.” Poster presented at the Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Toronto, Canada, May 2014.
- “Sex, Gender, and the Decline of Women’s Power in the 1920s.” Invited lecture presented to the History Club, Ramapo College of New Jersey, NJ, Mar 2013.
- “Interpreting Women’s Activism in Red Scare America, 1919-1929.” Presented at 15th Annual Women’s History Month Conference, Sarah Lawrence College, NY, Mar 2015.
- “The Revolution Caught My Imagination: the Radical Implications of American Feminism After World War I.” Presented at Women’s Organizations and Female Activism in the Aftermath of the First World War: Moving Across Borders Conference, Hamline, MN, May 2012.
- “‘The Bolshevism of Sex’: Nationalism, Sexuality and Gender in 1920s America.” Presented at the Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, New York, NY, Mar 2008.
- “Red War on the Family: The Gendered Discourse of Americanism in the First Red Scare.” Presented at the 13th Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Claremont, CA, Jun 2005.
- “Making a Home: Gendered Discourse on Women and Family in the First Red Scare.” Presented at the Fifth Annual Graduate Symposium on Women’s and Gender History, University of Illinois-Urbana/Champaign, IL, Mar 2004.

SCHOLARLY REVIEW

Reviewer of fellowship proposals, National Humanities Center, Fall 2021

Invitation to be NEH Panel Judge for 2021 Collaborative Research Grant, “History and Studies of the Americas” Jan 2021 (Declined)

Reviewed article manuscript for *Journal of Social History* June 2019, July 2020

Invitation to review manuscript for University of Nebraska Press Jan 2020 (Declined)

Reviewed manuscript, *The American Woman Suffrage Movement*, for Taylor & Francis/Routledge October 2019

Reviewed article manuscript for *The Journal of Women's History*, Nov 2015

PUBLIC HISTORY

Panel coordinator, ERA Symposium, Alice Paul Institute, Sept 2022-March 2023

Invited to create a “best books” list related to *When the World Broke in Two* for *Shepherd* website

offering curated book lists by authors and scholars 2021 https://shepherd.com/best-books/cultures-role-in-shaping-race-class-gender-america?fbclid=IwAR2JIKqlVF_lttWcgt4yaegvXPR8VTbU4hgJV6jgR_VEmzTS6owL1vCXrCw

“Standing on the Shoulders of Giants” Foreword to *Rider University Women's Suffrage Centennial Cookbook*, published on medium.com (ghost written for/with Coline Jenkins), for Rider's Women's Leadership Council, Summer 2020
<https://medium.com/@rideruniversity/standing-on-the-shoulders-of-giants-e8d96b51a2e0>

Consulted and co-wrote script for “It Happened Here New Jersey: New Jersey Women Vote 1964,” for New Jersey Historical Commission August 2020
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=esXKUuKLArS>

Consulted and helped write copy for award winning exhibit, “Marketing the Movement: How Women Won the Vote” with Alice Paul Institute, Winter 2019
<https://www.alicepaul.org/marketing-the-movement/>

Created a panel by choosing participants and moderating, “New Jersey Suffrage: Its Many Faces,” for the Alice Paul Institute, Winter 2019-Spring 2020

SCHOLARLY INTERVIEWS

Vice News, interview with reporter Carter Sherman on the 1920s, “Is Hot Vax Summer Even Happening?” July 2021
<https://www.vice.com/en/article/xgx74n/hot-vax-summer-dating-apps>

Washington Post, interview with reporter Maura Judkis on the 1920s, “Hot Vax Summer is Coming. Can It Possibly Live Up to the Hype?” May 2021
https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/style/post-vaccination-summer-partying-dating-sex/2021/05/17/a04ca36e-b43c-11eb-9059-d8176b9e3798_story.html

KYW News Radio, interview with reporter Cherri Gregg, “Nineteenth Amendment Marked the End of One Struggle for Women—and the Beginning of Another” August 2020
<https://www.audacy.com/kywnewsradio/articles/feature-article/voting-marks-end-of-one-struggle-for-women-start-of-another>

La Nacion, interview with reporter Enrique Fraga, “The Centennial Roar of the Crazy Years”
Feb 2020

<https://translate.google.com/translate?hl=en&sl=es&u=https://www.lanacion.com.ar/el-mundo/el-rugido-centenario-anos-locos-nid2333188/&prev=search&pto=aue>

American Women’s History Journey Podcast, interview with Virginia Bensen on the history of feminism, *Red War on the Family*, and *When the World Broke in Two* Nov 2018

<https://americanwomenshistoryjourney.com/>

VALUE

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

Internship coordinator, 2021-present

Subcommittee on the state of the history major, 2022-2023

Worked on revising department P&T criteria to include DEI, 2021-2022

Admission events, 2012-present

Faculty expert for history major Dani Jackson’s documentary “A Two Front War”, 2021

Formal department mentor for Assistant Professor Nicholas McCleod, 2020-present

Crafted Department message to majors in aftermath of George Floyd’s murder, 2020

Member, History Faculty Search Committee (African Diaspora), 2019-2020

History Department Secretary, 2018-present

Advisor, History Club, 2016-2018

Advisor, Phi Alpha Theta (History Honor Society), 2016-2018

Co-writer, Prioritization Report, History Department, 2016

Member, History Faculty Search Committee (Middle East/South Asia), 2014-2015

Graduate School Advisor, History Department, 2013-present

Participant, History Department Assessment/Curriculum Retreat, 2013-2019

History Department Liaison, School of Education, 2013-2017

Organizer, Women's History Lecture, 2013, 2019

Organizer, Faculty film series, History Department, 2012-present

Judge, Levine Research Prize, History Department, 2012, 2014, 2017

Co-organizer, Levine Lecture, History Department 2012-2015, 2017

Co-writer, Department Self-Study, 2012

CLAS SERVICE

Planned and coordinated Talking About Roe panel for CAS, October 2022

Director, Gender and Sexuality Studies Program, 2017-present (includes advising minors, planning workload, new courses, creation of a certificate, and the annual colloquium)

Developed and led Antiracism in the Academy faculty development program, 2020, 2021, 2022

Panelist for CLAS event "Seeing Privilege," 2019

CLAS orientation session leader for shared read, 2017, 2018

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Served as liaison for Rider University with the Campus Pride Index, 2022

Served on the committee to choose Frank N. Elliot Award recipients, 2022

Prepared and delivered panel on sexual orientation and gender identity for new faculty orientation with Ashley Archer, Asst. Director of CDI, August 2021

Coordinated Antiracism in the Academy group response to President and Cabinet post-Zoom bombing/campus threat, and attended the many meetings with institutional stakeholders it spawned, 2021

Co-chair of AAUP Subcommittee on DEI, 2021

Developed Derek Chauvin trial resources for the classroom at Provost's request, 2021

Member, CDO Exploratory Committee 2020

Member, DEI Tripartite Committee 2020-present

Panelist, "Vote Your Voice," Rider Women's Leadership Council, Oct 2020

Secured and set up "Marketing the Movement" pop-up suffrage exhibit in SRC, Oct 2020

Panelist, "My Vote Matters," Center for Diversity and Inclusion Teach-In, Sept 2020

Co-chair, LGBTQ+ Tripartite Committee, 2020-present

Guest speaker and Q&A participant, "Wine, Cake, Sex and the Vote," Rider Women's Leadership Council, Nov 2019

Member, Chair Leadership Award Committee, 2019

Panelist, Women in the Workplace panel, Women's History Month event for Rider Women United, March 2019

Organizer, Women's History Month event, "We're Country: Britney Spears, Southern White Femininity, and the American Dream," lecture by Dr. Jennifer Musial, March 2019

Panel member and Organizer, "Creating Safe and Supportive Classrooms for LGBTQ Students", Second Friday Teaching Talk, Teaching and Learning Center, April 2018

Member, LGTBTQ+ Tripartite Committee, 2018-2020

Faculty mentor (informal), 2018-2019

Member, Student Life Committee, 2016-2018

Member, Honorary Degrees Committee, 2016-2018

Member, LGBTQ Advisory Council, 2017-2018

Advisor/University Partner, LGBTQ Task Forces for Community Engagement and Academic Development, 2016-2017

Advisor, Aikido Club, 2016-2018

Chair, ISCAP Day panel, 2016

Member, Admissions and Financial Aid Committee, 2015-2017

Chair, Paper Selection Committee for GSS Colloquium, 2014-2016

Member, Honors Council, 2014-2016

Presenter, TLC Writer's Retreat, 2015

Presenter, Rider Women's Leadership Council and GSS joint event for Rider's 150th Anniversary, 2014

Co-chair, Planning Committee GSS Colloquium, 2013-2014

Member, SLAS Travel Grant Committee, 2012-2020

Affiliated faculty member, Gender and Sexuality Studies program, 2012-present

Member, Conference Planning Committee, The Films of Oliver Stone, Rider University, November 2013.

Participant, Rider Allies Program, 2013

PROFESSIONAL and COMMUNITY SERVICE

Treasurer, New Jersey Women's and Gender Studies Consortium, 2021-present

Member of Steering Committee, Diversity Discovered, <https://diversitydiscovered.org/our-team>, 2020-present

Historical consultant, "Put NJ Suffragists on the Map," Alice Paul Institute grant project via New Jersey Historical Commission, 2019-2020

Planning Committee, "NJ Women Make History": New Jersey History Conference, Nov 1, 2019, New Jersey Historical Commission, 2019

Planning Committee, NJ Women Vote, Public Programs Committee, 2018-2020

Project coordinator, "Suffrage Speaks," Alice Paul Institute grant project via New Jersey Historical Commission, 2018-2019

Co-Chair, New Jersey Women's and Gender Studies Consortium, Sep 2016-2018

Aid in grant preparation, Alice Paul Institute, Paulsdale, NJ Spring 2015

Member, Women's and Gender History Writing Group, New York Historical Society, 2013-present

Participant, New Jersey Women's History Website Advisory Committee, met to plan the overhaul of the New Jersey Women's History website, April 2013.

Interviewed by Cherry Hill, NJ, middle school students for documentary on women's suffrage in America. They submitted the piece for New Jersey National History Day, 2012.

Judge, New Jersey National History Day, Rider University, March 2012

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Historical Association
Organization of American Historians
New Jersey Women's and Gender Studies Consortium
Center for LGBTQ Studies