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### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

- 2022 Department Chair, History and Sociology of Science
- 2019 Samuel H. Preston Endowed Term Associate Professor in the Social Sciences, Department of History and Sociology of Science, University of Pennsylvania
- 2012 Associate Professor, Department of History and Sociology of Science, University of Pennsylvania
- 2006 Assistant Professor, Department of History and Sociology of Science, University of Pennsylvania

### **EDUCATION**

- 2006 Ph.D., Department of History, Yale University
- 2003 M.Phil., Program in the History of Medicine and Science, Yale University
- 1999 M.A., Bioethics, Humanities, and Society, Michigan State University
- 1992 B.S., Ithaca College, Physical Therapy

### **ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS**

Core Faculty in Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies, University of Pennsylvania  
Department of History Graduate Group, University of Pennsylvania  
School of Nursing Graduate Group, University of Pennsylvania  
Associate Fellow, Center for Bioethics, University of Pennsylvania Medical Center

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Books**

- 2024 *Slouch: Posture Panic in Modern America*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2024.
- 2015 *Civil Disabilities: Citizenship, Membership, Belonging*. Co-edited with Nancy Hirschmann. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2015. Paperback edition, 2019.
- 2011 *War's Waste: Rehabilitation in World War I America*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2011. Paperback edition, 2014.

#### **Peer Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters**

- 2023 + “Disability Futures and the Making of Modern Epidemics,” *Osiris*, edited by Mara Mills, Sarah Rose, Jaipreet Viridi, forthcoming.
- 2020 + “No Scalpel Required: When Orthopedic Surgery was Conservative,” *Bulletin of the American College of Surgeons*, 138-139.
- 2021 + “Physical Therapy in the Time of Pandemic,” *Physical Therapy Journal*: 1-2.
- 2019 + “Tracing Paper, The Posture Sciences, and the Mapping of the Female Body,” in *Working with Paper: Gendered Practices in the History of Knowledge*, edited by Carla Bittel, Elaine Leong, and Christine von Oertzen, Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 124-40.
- 2017 + “The Body Politic in Pain,” *Perspectives in Biology and Medicine* 60, no. 2, 285-91.  
+ “Confectionary Care: The Child As a Category of Historical Analysis,” *Nursing History Review* 25, no. 1, 82-85.  
+ “Prosthetic Imaginaries: Spinal Surgery and Innovation from the Patient’s Perspective,” in *Technological Change in Modern Surgery: Historical Perspectives on Innovation*, edited by Thomas Schlich and Christopher Crenner, Rochester: Rochester University Press, 100-28.  
+ “Half a Man: The Symbolism and Science of Paraplegic Impotence in World War II America, (with Whitney Laemmli) in *Phallacies: Historical Intersection of Disability and Masculinity*, edited by Kathleen M. Brian and James W. Trent, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 126-52.
- 2016 + “Spines of Steel: A Case of Surgical Enthusiasm in America,” *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* 90, no. 2, 222-49.  
+ “Teamwork: Metaphors and Myths of Equality in the Health-Care Setting,” *Nursing History Review* 24, no. 1, 69-75.  
+ “The Great War and Modern Health Care.” *New England Journal of Medicine* 374, no. 20, 1907-09.
- 2015 + “Half a Man: The Symbolism and Science of Paraplegic Impotence in World War II America,” (with Whitney Laemmli), *Osiris*, edited by Robert A. Nye and Erika Lorraine Milam, 30, no. 1, 228-49.  
+ “Integrating Disability, Transforming Disease History: Tuberculosis and Its Past,” (with Emily Abel), in *Civil Disabilities: Citizenship, Membership, Belonging*, edited by Nancy Hirschmann and Beth Linker, Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 83-102.  
+ “Civil Disabilities: An Introduction,” (with Nancy Hirschmann), in *Civil Disabilities: Citizenship, Membership, Belonging*, edited by Nancy Hirschmann and Beth Linker, Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 1-21.
- 2013 + “On the Borderland of Medical and Disability History: A Survey of the Fields.” *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* 87, no. 4, 499-535.  
+ “Beware of the One-Armed Soldier,” *Physical Therapy* 93, no. 9, 1160.
- 2012 + “A Dangerous Curve: The Role of History in America’s Scoliosis Screening Programs,” *American Journal of Public Health* 102, no. 4, 606-16.
- 2011 + “Shooting Disabled Soldiers: Medicine and Photography in World War I America.” *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences* 66, no. 3, 313-46.
- 2007 + “Feet for Fighting: Locating Disability and Social Medicine in First World War America,” *Social History of Medicine* 20, no. 1, 91-109. **Winner of the**

### **Roy Porter Prize, Society for the Social History of Medicine.**

- +“Resuscitating the ‘Great Doctor’: The Career of Biography in Medical History,” In *The History of Poetics and Scientific Biography*, edited by Thomas Söderqvist, Aldershoot: Ashgate Press, 221-39.
- 2005 +“Strength and Science: Gender, Physiotherapy, and Medicine in Early Twentieth Century America,” *Journal of Women’s History* 17, no. 3, 105-32.
- +“The Business of Ethics: Gender, Medicine, and the Professional Codification of the American Physiotherapy Association, 1918-1935,” *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences* 60, no. 3, 321-54. **Winner of the American Association for Bioethics and Humanities Essay Award.**

### **Other Publications**

- 2021 + [“Toward a History of Ableness.”](#) *All of Us*. A Blog for the Disability History Association.
- 2017 +“Legacy of War Includes Medical System for Vets.” *USA Today*, Special Centennial Edition, World War I, The Legacy Endures. March 28, p. 25.
- 2014 +[“The VA: Trouble from the Start.”](#) *Boston Globe*, September 7.
- + [“The Great American Concussion.”](#) *Huffington Post*, January 30.
- 2013 +[“Beware of the One-Armed Soldier.”](#) *Public Books*, Soldier Exposures and Technical Publics, February 14.

### **Reviews and Encyclopedia Entries**

- 2021 +Review of *Hearing Happiness*, by Jaipreet Viridi. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. In *Isis*, 112, no. 3 (2021): 592-593.
- 2019 +Review of *The End of Physiotherapy*, by David Nicholls. London: Routledge, 2017. In *Nursing History Review* 27, no. 1 (2019): 147-49.
- 2017 +Review of *Out of the Horrors of War: Disability Politics in World War II America*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2015. In [H-Disability, H-Net Reviews](#)
- 2016 +Review of *Disability Histories*, edited by Susan Burch and Michael Rembis. Chicago: University of Illinois Press, 2014. In *Social History of Medicine* 29, no. 1, 206-08.
- 2014 +Review of *Health Care for Some: Rights and Rationing in the United States since 1930*, by Beatrix Hoffman. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2012. In *American Historical Review* 116, no. 1, 214-15.
- +Review of *Downs: The History of a Disability*, by David Wright. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011. In *Nursing History Review* 22, no. 1, 201-04.
- 2011 +Review of *Student Bodies: The Influence of Student Health Services in American Society and Medicine*, by Heather Munro Prescott. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan, 2007. In *Nursing History Review* 19, no. 1, 231-32.
- 2009 +“Rest Cure.” In *The Encyclopedia of American Disability History*, vol. 3, edited by Susan Burch, 780-81. New York: Facts on File, 2009.
- 2007 +Review of *Healing the Nation: Soldiers and the Culture of Caregiving in Britain during the Great War*, by Jeffrey S. Reznick. Manchester University Press, 2006. In *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* 81, no. 4 (Winter 2007): 880-81.
- +Review of *A Perfectly Striking Departure: Surgeons and Surgery at the Peter Brent Brigham Hospital, 1912-1980*. Sagamore: Science History Publication, 2006. In *Isis*

- 98, no. 2, 431-32.  
 +Review of *Polio: An American Story*, by David M. Oshinsky. New York: Oxford University Press, 2005. In *Medical History* 51, no. 1, 138-39.
- 2006 +Review of *A Second Voice: A Century of Osteopathic Medicine in Ohio*. Athens: Ohio University Press, 2004. In *Ohio Valley History* 6, no. 2, 74-76.

### **GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2018 +National Institutes of Health/National Library of Medicine Grant for Scholarly Works in Biomedicine and Health (1G13LM012781-01)  
 +National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (FEL 257639-18)  
 +American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship  
 +National Humanities Center Fellowship (declined)
- 2017 +Penn Humanities Forum Faculty Fellow, University of Pennsylvania  
 +Trustees' Council of Penn Women, Faculty Research Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania
- 2016 +Visiting Scholar, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin  
 Penn Undergraduate Research Mentorship Grant, University of Pennsylvania
- 2014 +School of Arts and Sciences University Research Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania
- 2013 +Pearce Fellowship in the History of Medicine, University of Kansas  
 +Gentle Foundation Award, University of Pennsylvania  
 +Weiler Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania  
 +School of Arts and Sciences Research Opportunity Grant, University of Pennsylvania
- 2011 +School of Arts and Sciences Research Opportunity Grant, University of Pennsylvania  
 +Karen Buhler-Wilkerson Fellowship, School of Nursing, University of Pennsylvania  
 +Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholars Program Grant  
 +Pennsylvania Area Center for the History of Science (PACHS) Conference Support Grant
- 2010 +Mellon Cross-Cultural Conference Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania
- 2009 +Trustees' Council of Penn Women, Faculty Research Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania
- 2008 +Mellon Faculty Research Forum, Penn Humanities Forum, University of Pennsylvania
- 2007 +Grant for Distinguished International Scholars Program, University of Pennsylvania
- 2006 +Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholars Program Grant
- 2005 +John F. Enders Fellowship, Yale University  
 +Wood Institute Research Fellowship, College of Physicians of Philadelphia
- 2003 +Grant from Donaghue Initiative in Biomedical and Behavioral Research Ethics

### **AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS**

- 2022 Deans' Distinguished Visiting Professorship, Perelman School of Medicine
- 2017 Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching, University of Pennsylvania
- 2005 Winner of Roy Porter Memorial Essay Prize, Society for the Social History of

## Medicine

- 2002 Winner of the American Association for Bioethics and Humanities Student Essay Award

## **MEDIA APPEARANCES AND PUBLIC OUTREACH**

- 2023 +Kristina Garcia, [“Disability in America: a Q&A with Beth Linker.”](#) *Penn Today* (August 3, 2023).  
+Susan Ahlborn, [“Seeing Disability Differently,”](#) *Omnia* (May 31, 2023).
- 2021 +Patricia Marx, [“Is the Pandemic Breaking our Backs?”](#) *The New Yorker* (March 29, 2021). Interviewed for background and quoted.
- 2018 +Matthew Keough, [“AHA Member spotlight: Beth Linker.”](#) *Perspectives on History* (July 17, 2028).
- 2017 +[“Orthopaedics.”](#) Module for the American College of Surgeons, Surgical History Education. Authored text and video production.
- 2016 +“World War I and American Art.” Exhibit, Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. Consultant.
- 2015 +Radio Interview, Newsworks, WHYY, Philadelphia, November 2.  
+Screening and Panel Discussion with Ric Burns, WHYY, Philadelphia, November 2.  
+Featured in [“A Debt of Honor: The History of Disabled Veterans in America.”](#) Documentary directed by Ric Burns, PBS. Aired nationally November 10.
- 2014 +Kevin Hartnett, [“Wounded Warriors and the Legacies of World War I,”](#) *The Pennsylvania Gazette* (October 30, 2014).  
+Radio Interview, [“War’s Waste: Rehabilitation in World War I America.”](#) New Books in Military History.  
+Radio Interview, [“The Great War: The Long Shadow of World War I.”](#) Backstory with the American History Guys.  
+“Talkback” Expert Panelist for “The Disappearing Quarterback.” By Mike Boryla, Plays and Players Theatre, Philadelphia.
- 2011 +Blake Cole, [“On the Mend: Beth Linker describes the impact of rehabilitation services during World War I,”](#) *Omnia* (December 20, 2011).  
+Featured in [“American Exceptionalism \(Not the Good Kind\).”](#) In *The New Republic*, by Jonathan Cohn. May 24, 2011.  
+Penn 60-Second Lecture, [“What’s the Matter with American Exceptionalism?”](#) April 20, 2011.

## **NAMED LECTURES**

- 2023 +McGovern Lecture, Yale University. “Disability Futures and Modern Epidemics”  
+The Society for the Social History of Medicine Lecture, U.K., online. “Disability Futures and Modern Epidemics”
- 2015 +The Frederick L. Holmes Lecture, Yale University. “Making the Cut: A Case of Surgical Enthusiasm in America.”
- 2014 +The Anton and Rose Zverina Lecture, Dittrick Medical History Center, Case Western Reserve University. “Disabled Doughboys: How the Great War Changed American Medicine.”

- 2013 +The Nigel Rusted Lectureship, Memorial University School of Medicine, St. John's, NL. "Back Talk: Scoliosis Screening Programs in Twentieth-Century America."
- 2010 +Charles E. Culpeper Lecture, University of Minnesota. "Liberty Limbs: Prosthetic Design and the Rearming of U.S. Amputee Soldiers during World War I."  
+New York Council for the Humanities Lecture, Clarkson University. "War's Waste: The Rehabilitation of Disabled Soldiers in American History."
- 2008 +President's Commission on Disability Issues, University of Maryland. "Flat Feet and Draft Dodging: The Making of Disability in World War I America."  
+The Kate Hurd-Mead Lecture of The College of Physicians of Philadelphia. "Brains and Brawn: The Birth of Physical Therapy as an Allied Health Profession."
- 2007 +National Institutes of Health Plenary Address. "Beyond Disease to Disability: Medical Welfare for Physically 'Defective' Soldiers in World War I America."

### **INVITED LECTURES**

- 2023 +Massachusetts Historical Society, "The Other Disabled President: JFK, Low Back Pain, and the Posture Sciences in Cold War America."  
+Bryn Mawr Hospital Grand Rounds, "The Other Disabled President: JFK, Low Back Pain, and the Posture Sciences in Cold War America."  
+Consortium for the History of Science, Technology, and Medicine, Disability and Mad Studies Working Group, "Disability and the Making of the Posture Sciences."  
+Department of the History of Medicine and Bioethics, University of Wisconsin-Madison, "Disability Futures and Modern Epidemics."  
+Consortium for the History of Science, Technology, and Medicine, History of Anthropology Working Group, "The Making of the Posture Sciences."
- 2022 +Perelman School of Medicine, Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, + "The Other Disabled President: JFK, Low Back Pain, and the Posture Sciences in Cold War America."  
+Medical Sociology Workshop, University of Pennsylvania, "Disability Futures and the Making of Modern Epidemics."
- 2021 +Northwestern University, School of Medicine, Grand rounds. "Disability and Epidemics: A History."
- 2020 +American College of Surgeons, Annual Clinical Congress. "Surgical History."
- 2017 +The New York Academy of Medicine. "The Great War and Modern Veteran Care."  
+Chemical Heritage Foundation, Cain Conference on Visualizing and Measuring Bodies. "The American Slouch: Human Posture and Visual Inscriptions."  
+Consortium for the History of Science, Technology, and Medicine. "Huddled Masses: The Making of a Poor Posture Epidemic."
- 2016 +The Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin. "Papering of the Body: Clelia Mosher, the Posture Sciences, and the Schematograph."  
+The Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin. "Toward a History of Habitus: Paper, Gender, and the Inscription of Body Techniques."
- 2015 +The Hague, Keynote Address at Conference on the Legacy of World War I. "From Disabled Doughboy to Wounded Warrior: How the Great War Changed U.S. Veteran Care." [conference cancelled]  
+Harvard University, Department of History of Science. "Making the Cut: A Case of Surgical Enthusiasm in America."

- +Loyola Marymount University. “Disabled Doughboys: How the Great War Changed American Medicine.”
- 2014 +Barbara Bates Center for History of Nursing, University of Pennsylvania. “Impotency, Masculinity, and Disability in World War II America.”  
 +University of California San Francisco, 33rd Annual Western Humanities Alliance, Opening Address. “Real Men Make Babies: Impotence as Disability.”  
 +New York University, Roundtable on Histories of Disabilities and Medicine. “The Peripheries of World War I: New Methodological and Spatial Perspectives.”  
 +Temple University’s Interdisciplinary Faculty Council on Disability. “Disability and Change.”
- 2013 +University of Kansas, Department of History and Philosophy of Medicine. “Spines of Steel: The Technoscience of Implantable Devices to Cure Scoliosis.”  
 +Princeton University, History of Science Colloquium. “Brace Yourself: Scoliosis and Posture in Twentieth Century America.”  
 +Barbara Bates Center for History of Nursing, University of Pennsylvania. “The Backbone of the Modern U.S. Posture Movement: Nurses as Promoters and Adherents.”
- 2012 +Dartmouth University, Department of History. “Military Service and National Obligation.” (declined)  
 +Pennsylvania Area Center for the History of Science. “Bringing It Up: Impotence and Disabled World War II Veterans in America.”  
 +Syracuse University, Department of History. “A Dangerous Curve: Scoliosis and the Importance of Posture in Twentieth Century America.”
- 2011 +Johns Hopkins University, Institute for the History of Medicine. “A Dangerous Curve: Scoliosis Screening in Twentieth Century America.”  
 +Yale University, Program in the History of Science and Medicine. “Notes from the Borderlands of Medical and Disability History.”
- 2009 +Johns Hopkins University, Institute for the History of Medicine. “War’s Waste: Making Men Whole Through Rehabilitation.”
- 2008 +University of Maryland, Colloquium on the History of Science, Technology, and Environment. “Limb Lab: Technological Experimentation in Prosthetic Design for World War I Amputee Soldiers.”  
 +McGill University, Department of the Social Studies of Medicine. “The Birth of Biomechanics: An Orthopedic View of Worker Efficiency in Early Twentieth-Century America.”  
 +National Museum of Health and Medicine, Walter Reed Army Medical Center. “Limb Lab: Getting Amputee Soldiers Back to Work After World War I.”  
 +New York Academy of Medicine, Medicine in Wartime Lecture Series. “Limb Lab: Getting Soldiers Back to Work in World War I America.”
- 2007 +University of Delaware, Department of History. “Body Works: Physical Culture in Early Twentieth Century America.”
- 2003 +American Medical Association, Ethics Standards Division. “Codes of Ethics and the Allied Health Professions in Twentieth-Century America.”
- 2002 +University of Copenhagen. “Great Doctors, Great Scientists: The Career of Biography in the History of Medicine and Science.”

## **CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

### **Conferences Organized**

- 2011 +“Civil Disabilities: Theory, Citizenship, and the Body.” Co-organizer. A Mellon Cross Cultural Conference, University of Pennsylvania.  
+American Association for the History of Medicine Annual Meeting. Local Arrangements Committee, Philadelphia.
- 2007 +Penn’s 2007 Distinguished International Scholar, Jacalyn Duffin, M.D., Ph.D. Faculty Organizer and Host.
- 2003 +Frederic L. Holmes Workshop, Yale University. Founder and organizer.

### **Panels Organized**

- 2023 +“The Making of Scientific Ableism.” Panel organized for the History of Science Society, Portland, Oregon.
- 2016 +“Before Fitbits and iHealth: Histories of Biometrics and Healthcare Citizenry.” Panel organized at the American Association for the History of Medicine, Minneapolis.
- 2014 +“Rival Siblings or Conjoined Twins? Revisiting the Debate between Medical and Disability History.” Co-organizer of roundtable at the American Association for the History of Medicine, Chicago.
- 2010 +“Envisioning the Disabled Soldier: The Use of Medical and Popular Images in Europe and the United States during the Great War.” Society for the Social History of Medicine, Durham, England.
- 2004 +“‘Not Your Father’s Old-Time Medical History’: The New Disability History and its Claim to Authenticity.” American Association for the History of Medicine, Madison.  
+“Militarizing the Body: Prosthetics, Propaganda, and Medical Politics in Wartime Europe and the United States, 1914-1919.” American Historical Association, Washington, D.C.

### **Papers Presented**

- 2023 + “The Creation of an Ability-Disability Binary in the U.S. Posture Sciences,” History of Science Society, Portland, Oregon.  
+“Disability and the American Past,” Massachusetts Historical Society, online.  
+“Paleo Posture: Race, Disability, and Back Pain Prevention in postwar U.S.” American Association for the History of Medicine, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- 2020 +“Chair Design as Disability Prevention and Accessibility in Interwar America.” Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Genders, and Sexualities, Johns Hopkins University. [cancelled due to COVID]
- 2017 +“Papering over the Female Body: Clelia D. Mosher, The Posture Sciences, and the Schematograph.” History of Science Society, Toronto.  
+“The American Slouch.” Histories of Measurement and Self-Making Workshop. Utrecht University, Netherlands.
- 2016 +“The American Slouch: Clelia Mosher, Posture Sciences, and the Schematograph.” American Association for the History of Medicine, Minneapolis.
- 2014 +“Half a Man: The Science and Symbolism of Masculinity and Disability.” American Association for the History of Medicine, Chicago.
- 2012 +“Brace Yourself: Treatment and the Inner Lives of Adolescent Girls in Twentieth



- Century America.” Max Planck Institute for Human Development, Berlin.
- 2010 +“Shooting Disabled Soldiers: Photography, Passing, and the Pursuit of Rehabilitation.” Society for Disability Studies, Philadelphia.
- 2009 +“Walter Reed, Then and Now.” Penn Humanities Forum, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.  
+“No Scalpel Required: Orthopedic Surgeons and the ‘Curative Workshop’ in World War I America.” American Association for the History of Medicine, Cleveland.
- 2008 +“Crippling Medical History: Making Sense of Medicalization and the Medical Model.” Disability History: Theory and Practice Conference, San Francisco University, San Francisco.  
+“(Wo)manly Workers: Gender and Rehabilitation in World War I.” The Barbara Bates Center for the History of Nursing, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.
- 2007 +“The Burden of the Body: Making Exercise Mechanical in Interwar America.” History of Science Society, Washington, D.C.  
+“Brains and Brawn: The Birth of Physical Therapy as an Allied Health Profession.” Department of History and Sociology of Science, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.
- 2005 +“Fallen Arches: Orthopedic Surgeons, Flat Feet, and the Making of Disability in World War I.” European Association for the History of Medicine and Health, Paris.
- 2004 +“Picture Perfect: Representations, Medicine, and Consensus in Wartime America, 1918-1919.” American Historical Association, Washington, D.C.
- 2002 +“The Business of Ethics: Women in Medicine and the American Physiotherapy Association’s 1935 Code of Ethics.” American Association for Bioethics and Humanities, Baltimore.  
+“A Strange Medical Alignment: Gender, Healing, and Physiotherapy in the United States, 1920-1935.” American Association for the History of Medicine, Kansas City.
- 1999 +“Embodied Experience: A Phenomenological Interpretation of Illness.” American Society for Bioethics and Humanities, Philadelphia.

### **Discussant and Chaired Panels**

- 2021 +“An Introduction to Disability History.” Roundtable Participant. Massachusetts Historical Society.  
+“Constructing and Challenging Disability.” Panel comments at the Canadian Society for the History of Medicine, online.
- 2017 +“Robotic Phallacies.” Comments to Ex Machina, Penn Bioethics Film Festival, University of Pennsylvania.  
+“Designing Disability: User Modifications of Prosthetics and Assistive Technologies.” Comments at the American Association for the History of Medicine, Nashville.
- 2016 +“Making Modern Disabilities: Histories of Disability, Design, and Technology.” Respondent at the Hagley Center for History of Business, Technology, and Society, Wilmington.
- 2015 +“The Child as Biomedical Problem in Twentieth Century America.” Comments at the History of Science Society, San Francisco.  
+“Considering Anthropology’s Role in Medical Humanities and Social Medicine: Programs, Ideas, Methods and Practice.” Panelist at the American Anthropological Association, Denver.

- 2014 +“Rival Siblings or Conjoined Twins? Revisiting the Debate between Medical and Disability History.” Roundtable participant at the American Association for the History of Medicine, Chicago.  
+“Silos or Synergies: Considering the History of Interprofessional Education and Practice in the United States.” Roundtable participant at the American Association for the History of Medicine, Chicago.
- 2013 +“War and State Formation in the Global Nineteenth Century.” Panelist at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.  
+“Children and Disabilities.” Panel moderator at the American Association for the History of Medicine, Atlanta.
- 2012 +“Ethical Treatment of War-Related PTSD in LGBT Veterans.” Respondent at the Bioethics, Sexuality, and Gender Identity: A National Conference, Philadelphia.  
+“Disability and Public Representation.” Panel moderator at the American Association for the History of Medicine, Baltimore.
- 2011 +“Federal Measures: Standardization of the Body throughout the 20th Century.” Panel moderator and commentator at the History of Science Society, Cleveland.  
+“Curious Liaisons: Machines, Bodies, and the Making of Inappropriate Technology.” Discussant at the American Studies Association, STS Caucus Sponsored Panel, Baltimore.  
+“Race, Sexuality, and Disability.” Roundtable participant at the Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.  
+“Disease and Disability.” Panel moderator at the American Association for the History of Medicine, Philadelphia.
- 2010 +“Repair Shop for Heroes: Technology in, and as, Rehabilitation in Post-World War II America.” Commentator at the Hagley Center for the History of Business, Technology, and Society, Wilmington.
- 2009 +“Histories of the Body.” Plenary Roundtable Participant at the Penn Women’s Studies 35th Anniversary Conference, Philadelphia.
- 2005 +“Self-Perception of Disability and Illness.” Panel Chair at the American Association for the History of Medicine, Birmingham, AL.
- 2004 +“Not Your Father’s Old-Time Medical History’: The New Disability History and its Claim to Authenticity.” Panel Chair at the American Association for the History of Medicine, Madison.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### **Editorships and Editorial Board Memberships**

Associate Editor for History, *Physical Therapy Journal*, 2020-  
Editorial Board Member, *History Compass*, 2020 –  
Fulton Association, *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences*, 2018-23.  
Editorial Board Member, *Disability Studies Quarterly*, 2015 – 2020.  
Editorial Board Member, *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*, 2014-17.

### **Grant Reviewer**

The American Academy of Berlin, Grant Reviewer, 2021-2022.

The Wellcome Trust Fund, Grant Reviewer, 2021-2022.  
National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, Review Committee, 2017.  
National Library of Medicine Grants for Scholarly Works in Biomedicine and Health, Grant Reviewer, 2015.  
Pennsylvania Area Center for History of Science, Reviewer of Consortium Fellowship Applications, 2015.

### **Manuscript Reviewer**

Palgrave Macmillan Press; University of Chicago Press; Johns Hopkins University Press; Routledge; Oxford University Press; University of Illinois Press; *Bulletin of the History of Medicine; Health and History; Disability Studies Quarterly; Medical History; Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences; Social History of Medicine; Physical Therapy Journal, History Compass.*

### **Advisory Committees**

The Massachusetts Historical Society, Advisory Committee on Disability History, 2021-  
International Advisory Board, Museum of disAbility History, Amherst, NY, 2012 –2020  
World War I Outreach Committee, Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, 2015-16  
Academic Advisory Board, [Disability History Museum](#), 2010 –  
Executive Committee Member, Section of Medical History, The College of Physicians of Philadelphia, 2007 – 2009.

### **Professional Association Committees**

American Association for the History of Medicine:  
Pressman Award Committee, 2022-2023  
General Council Member, 2016-18  
Program Committee, 2017-18  
Annual Meetings Committee, 2015-17  
Garrison Lecture Committee, 2011-12  
Local Arrangements Committee, 2010-11  
Ad Hoc Committee on Accessibility, 2009-10  
Chair of Shryock Medical Committee, 2008-09  
Shryock Medal Committee, 2007-08

American Historical Association  
Disability Mentorship Program Mentor, 2013 –

### **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

2022 Committee on Undergraduate Academic Standing.  
2021 Graduate Education Committee for the Dean of the Graduate Division.  
Committee on Undergraduate Academic Standing.  
2021 Graduate Education Committee for the Dean of the Graduate Division.  
2018 University Research Fellowship (Humanities), Selection Committee.

- Lindback and Provost Teaching Awards, Selection Committee.  
 Search Committee Chair, Practice Professor, Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies.
- 2017 Senate Committee on the Publication Policy for Almanac.  
 Committee on Undergraduate Education.  
 Renee Fox Lecture Series, Planning Committee.
- 2016 Senate Committee on the Publication Policy for Almanac.  
 "Making the Abstract Concrete: Teaching with Objects and Demonstrations." Session co-leader, Penn Center for Teaching and Learning.  
 Committee on Undergraduate Education.  
 Renee Fox Lecture Series, Planning Committee.
- 2015 "How to Write Teaching Statements." Penn Center for Teaching and Learning.  
 Committee on Undergraduate Education.  
 Renee Fox Lecture Series, Planning Committee.  
 Review Committee, Humanities and Social Sciences Sector Panel.
- 2014 "The Year of Health." Faculty panelist at the Penn Reading Project.  
 Renee Fox Lecture Series, Planning Committee.  
 Guest Lecturer, Penn Civics Scholars Program.  
 Review Committee, Humanities and Social Sciences Sector Panel.
- 2013 Faculty Panelist, Penn Previews.  
 Renee Fox Lecture Series, Planning Committee.
- 2012 Review Committee, Humanities and Social Sciences Sector Panel.
- 2011 Pre-Major Advisor, School of Arts and Sciences.  
 Review Committee, Humanities and Social Sciences Sector Panel.
- 2010 Faculty Panelist, Penn Previews.  
 Health Professions Advisory Board, Career Services.  
 Pre-Major Advisor, School of Arts and Sciences.
- 2009 Faculty Panelist, Penn Previews.  
 Pre-Major Advisor, School of Arts and Sciences.  
 Review Committee, Humanities and Social Sciences Sector Panel.
- 2008 Faculty Mentor, Penn Women's Biomedical Society.  
 Health Professions Advisory Board, Career Services.  
 Pre-Major Advisor, School of Arts and Sciences.  
 Review Committee, Humanities and Social Sciences Sector Panel.
- 2007 Faculty Speaker, Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Fellow Counselor, Career Services.

## **DEPARTMENT SERVICE**

2023-2024

Chair, Department of History and Sociology of Science

2022-2023

Chair, Department of History and Sociology of Science

Graduate Chair, Department of History and Sociology of Science

Graduate Admissions, Department of History and Sociology of Science

2021-2022

Faculty Organizer, HSS 50th Anniversary  
 Graduate Admissions, Department of History and Sociology of Science  
 2020-21  
 Faculty Mentor, Department of History and Sociology of Science  
 Honors Thesis Advisor, Health and Societies  
 Graduate Admissions, Department of History and Sociology of Science  
 2019-20 (on leave)  
 Faculty Mentor, Department of History and Sociology of Science  
 2018-19 (on leave)  
 Faculty Mentor, Department of History and Sociology of Science  
 Honors Thesis Advisor, Health and Societies  
 2017-18  
 Graduate Chair, Department of History and Sociology of Science  
 Faculty Mentor, Department of History and Sociology of Science  
 Honors Thesis Advisor, Health and Societies  
 Graduate Admissions, Department of History and Sociology of Science  
 2016-17  
 Graduate Chair, Department of History and Sociology of Science  
 Faculty Mentor, Department of History and Sociology of Science  
 Honors Thesis Advisor, Health and Societies  
 Graduate Admissions, Department of History and Sociology of Science  
 2015-16  
 Graduate Chair, Department of History and Sociology of Science  
 Honors Thesis Advisor, Health and Societies  
 Graduate Admissions, Department of History and Sociology of Science  
 2014-15  
 Program Chair, Health and Societies  
 Job Search Chair, Assistant Professor in History of Global Health  
 Graduate Admissions, Department of History and Sociology of Science  
 Honors Thesis Advisor, Health and Societies  
 2012-13  
 Ruth Schwartz Cowan Symposium, Organizing Committee  
 Job Search Committee Member, Associate/Full Professor in the History of Technology  
 Job Search Committee Member, Assistant Professor in the History of Technology  
 Graduate Admissions, Department of History and Sociology of Science  
 2010-11  
 Job Search Co-Chair, Full Time Lecturer Position, Health and Societies  
 Graduate Admissions, Department of History and Sociology of Science  
 Undergraduate Advisor, Health and Societies  
 2007-08  
 Co-Organizer, History and Sociology of Science Workshop Series  
 Graduate Admissions, Department of History and Sociology of Science  
 Undergraduate Advisor, Health and Societies

## **PH.D. STUDENTS**

### **Dissertation Advisor**

- 2011 Jessica Martucci, Department of History and Sociology of Science. Co-chair. “Feeding Babies, Making Mothers: The Science, Practice, and Meaning of Infant Feeding, 1945-2000.”
- 2013 Meghan Crnic, Department of History and Sociology of Science. Co-chair. “Seeking the Salubrious Sea: The Health and Environment of American Urban Children, 1870-1930.”
- 2015 Rachel Elder, Department of History and Sociology of Science. Chair. “Secrecy and Safety: A Cultural History of Seizures in America, 1935-1960.”
- 2019 Elaine LaFay, Department of History and Sociology of Science. Co-Chair. “Atmospheric Bodies: Medicine, Meteorology, and the Cultivation of Place in the Antebellum Gulf South.”
- 2020 Nicole Welk-Joerger, Department of History and Sociology of Science. Co-Chair. “Feeding Others to Feed Ourselves: Animal Nutrition and the Politics of Health from 1900.”
- 2022 Sara Ray, Department of History and Sociology of Science. Chair. “Monsters in the Cabinet: Human Anatomical Collecting and the Question of Organic Change, 1760-1850.”
- Amy Lutz, Department of History and Sociology of Science. Chair. “Chasing the Intact Mind: Autism Discourse, Policy, and Practice 1943-Present.”

### **Dissertation Committee Member**

- 2011 Keith C. Mages, School of Nursing. “The Bellevue Classification Scheme: The Cultural Commentary of a Nursing Library Classification System.”
- 2012 Susan Epting, Department of History. “Military Psychology in Europe and the United States from 1918-1945.”
- 2015 Katherine Smith, School of Nursing. “Both a College Woman and Professional Nurse, 1880-1920.”
- 2016 Whitney Laemmli, Department of History and Sociology of Science. “Moving Parts: The Choreography of Twentieth-Century Life.”
- Nicole Belolan, Department of History, University of Delaware. “Navigating the World: The Material Culture of Physical Mobility Impairment in the Early American North, 1728-1861.”
- 2018 J. Maxwell Rogowski, Department of History and Sociology of Science. “Skin Commerce: An Epidermal Tour through American Medicine and Markets, 1900-1970.”
- Rebecca Cutler, Department of History. “American Jewish Medical Activism, 1945-1955.”
- Kevin Gotkin, Annenberg School of Communication. “The Marathon and On: Disability, Endurance, Aspiration.”
- 2020 Jason M. Chernesky, “The Littlest Victims: Pediatric AIDS and the Urban Ecology of Health in the Late-Twentieth Century United States.”
- 2021 Mark Bookman, East Asian Languages and Civilizations. “Politics and Prosthetics: 150 Years of Disability in Japan.”
- 2022 Chelsea Chamberlain, Department of History. “‘Receiving, Sorting, and Disposing of Children’: Institutions, Education, and Feeble-mindedness in Progressive America.”

### **Examiner for Ph.D. Qualification**

Arnav Bhattacharya, Department of History and Sociology of Science.  
 Chelsea Chamberlain, Department of History.  
 Jason M. Chernesky, Department of History and Sociology of Science.  
 Meghan Crnic, Department of History and Sociology of Science.  
 Rebecca Cutler, Department of History.  
 Taylor Dysart, Department of History and Sociology of Science.  
 Rachel Elder, Department of History and Sociology of Science.  
 Adrien Gau, Department of History and Sociology of Science.  
 Ngamliental Kipgen, Department of History and Sociology of Science.  
 Elaine LaFay, Department of History and Sociology of Science.  
 Whitney Laemmli, Department of History and Sociology of Science.  
 Amy Lutz, Department of History and Sociology of Science.  
 Keith C. Mages, School of Nursing.  
 Jessica Martucci, Department of History and Sociology of Science.  
 Mary Mitchell, Department of History and Sociology of Science.  
 Samantha Muka, Department of History and Sociology of Science.  
 Sara Ray, Department of History and Sociology of Science.  
 Jennifer Reiss, Department of History.  
 Leah Samples, Department of History and Sociology of Science.  
 Nicole Welk-Joerger, Department of History and Sociology of Science.  
 Angela Xia, Department of Religious Studies.

**Current Dissertation Advisees**

Leah Samples, Department of History and Sociology of Science.  
 Taylor Dysart, Department of History and Sociology of Science. Co-Chair.  
 Adrien Gau, Department of History and Sociology of Science.

**Current Dissertation Committees**

Arnav Bhattacharya, Department of History and Sociology of Science.  
 Jennifer Reiss, Department of History.  
 Ngamliental Kipgen, Department of History and Sociology of Science.  
 Julia Bouwkamp, Department of History.  
 Christen Hammock Jones, Department of History.

**UNDERGRADUATE SENIOR THESIS ADVISOR**

- 2021 Morgan Taylor (HSOC) "Misplaced Blame: Uncovering the Black Female Mortality Crisis in the United States, 1945-2020"
- 2019 Lea Eisenstein (HSOC), "From Icon to Bygone: The Rise and Fall of the Diaphragm in Twentieth Century America." Winner of the Rose Award and the Carroll Smith Rosenberg Senior Thesis Award.
- 2017 Alexander Kimmel (HSOC), "Medicalizing Meditation: The Incorporation of Buddhist Practice into the American Clinic, 1960-2000."  
 Allison Sands (PPE), "Reframing Reproductive Rights: Intersectionality and Reproductive Autonomy."
- 2016 Emma Chesson (HSOC), "Rethinking Roe."

- Perry Goffner (HSOC), “W.W. Keen’s Defense of Vivisection and its Effects on the Professionalization of Surgery.” Winner of the Louis H. Castor, M.D., C’48, Undergraduate Research Grant from the College Alumni Society.
- 2013 Charlotte Ezratty (HSOC), “Bulimia: Multi-Causal Perspectives.”  
Line Stensland (HSOC), “Scandinavian LCHF Diet Implications for Food Beliefs and Health in Norway.”
- 2012 Kathyeryne Mezzanotte (Penn Civic Scholars), “From Social Studies to PAP Smears: The Role of High School Education in the Prevention of Cervical Cancer in Philadelphia.”
- 2008 Catherine Wolff (HSOC), “Examining the Fear of Litigation Among Emergency Medical Technicians.”

### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

American Association for the History of Medicine  
 American Historical Association  
 Disability History Association  
 History of Science Society  
 Organization of American Historians  
 American Association for Bioethics and Humanities

### **TEACHING**

#### **Instructor of Record, University of Pennsylvania**

Fall 2023

History and Sociology of Science 6200: Archives and Ethnography: Research Methods in HSS  
 Department Chair, teaching release

Spring 2023

Health and Societies 216: Gender and Health  
 Department Chair, teaching release

Fall 2022

History and Sociology of Science 505  
 Graduate Chair, teaching release

Spring 2022

Health and Societies 420: Senior Research Seminar in Health and Societies  
 Health and Societies 216: Gender and Health

Fall 2021

History and Sociology of Science 507 Reading Seminar in the History of Medicine  
 Health and Societies 041: Cane and Able: A History of Disability

Spring 2021

Health and Societies 216: Gender and Health



Health and Societies 140: History of Bioethics

Fall 2020

Health and Societies 041: Cane and Able: A History of Disability

History and Sociology of Science 561: Disability: History and Theory

Fall 2018 – Spring 2020

On leave

Spring 2018

History and Sociology of Science 517: Gender and Technical Knowledge

Graduate Chair, Teaching release

Fall 2017

Health and Societies 042: Snip and Tuck: A History of Surgery

Health and Societies 216: Gender and Health

Spring 2017

Teaching Leave, Penn Humanities Fellow

Graduate Chair, Teaching Release

Fall 2016

History and Sociology of Science 505

Health and Societies 042: Snip and Tuck: A History of Surgery

Spring 2016

Health and Societies 216: Gender and Health

History and Sociology of Science 999: Independent Reading in the History of Disability and Disease

Fall 2015

Health and Societies 042: Snip and Tuck: A History of Surgery

History and Sociology of Science 505

Spring 2015

Health and Societies 216: Gender and Health

History and Sociology of Science 999: Independent Reading in the History of Disability and Disease

Fall 2014

Health and Societies 002: Medicine in History

History and Sociology of Science 561: Disability: History and Theory

Fall 2013-Spring 2014

On leave

Spring 2013

Health and Societies 420: Senior Research Seminar in Health and Societies

History and Sociology of Science 542: History and Sociology of Surgery

History and Sociology of Science 999: Independent Reading in the History of U.S. Medicine

Fall 2012

Health and Societies 042: Snip and Tuck: A History of Surgery

Health and Societies 140: History of Bioethics

Spring 2012

Health and Societies 420: Senior Research Seminar in Health and Societies

History and Sociology of Science 541: Issues in American Medicine

History and Sociology of Science 999: Independent Reading in the History of the Body and U.S. Medicine

Fall 2011

Health and Societies 042: Snip and Tuck: A History of Surgery

Health and Societies 150: American Health Policy

Spring 2011

Health and Societies 150: American Health Policy

History and Sociology of Science 561: Disability: History and Theory

History and Sociology of Science 999: Independent Reading in the History of U.S. Medicine

Fall 2010

Health and Societies 042: Snip and Tuck: A History of Surgery

Health and Societies 413: Perfect Bodies

History and Sociology of Science 999: Independent Reading in the History of U.S. Medicine

Fall 2009-Spring 2010

On leave

Spring 2009

Health and Societies 420: Senior Research Seminar in Health and Societies

History and Sociology of Science 541: Issues in American Medicine

History and Sociology of Science 999: Independent Reading in the History of U.S. Medicine

Fall 2008

Health and Societies 002: Medicine in History

Health and Societies 042: Snip and Tuck: A History of Surgery

History and Sociology of Science 999: Independent Reading in the History of U.S. Medicine

Sociology 999: Directed Readings and Research

Spring 2008

Health and Societies 150: American Health Policy

History and Sociology of Science 532: Medicalization: History and Theory

Fall 2007

Health and Societies 042: Snip and Tuck: A History of Surgery

Health and Societies 140: History of Bioethics

Health and Societies 498: Honors Thesis

Spring 2007

Health and Societies 041: Disability in Historical Perspective

Health and Societies 150: American Health Policy

Fall 2006

Health and Societies 420: Senior Research Seminar in Health and Societies

History and Sociology of Science 999: Independent Reading in the History of U.S. Medicine

Teaching Fellow, Yale University, 2002-06

History of Science and Medicine 321: Cultures of Western Medicine: A Historical Introduction

History of Science and Medicine 230: Fat and Thin: A History of American Bodies

American Studies 323: Alcohol and Other Drugs in American Culture

Teaching Assistant, Yale University, 2001

German S999: German for Reading Knowledge

Instructor of Record, Michigan State University, 1997-98

Integrative Studies in Arts and Humanities 201: The U.S. and the World

Instructor of Record, Davenport College, 1995

PTA 301: Therapeutic Exercise for Neurological Patients

### **PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT**

1994-97 Physical Therapist, Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Michigan State University.

1994 Home Health Physical Therapist, Visiting Nurse Association, Lansing, MI.

1993-94 Rehabilitation Physical Therapist, Burke Rehabilitation Center, White Plains, NY.

1992-93 Pediatric Physical Therapist, Rickard Rehabilitation Services, Ridgewood, NJ.

### **OTHER PROFESSIONAL TRAINING**

2021 Certified Yoga Instructor, 200-hour, Kripalu Center for Yoga and Health

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