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Education

Ph.D. in history, August, 2012. University of Cincinnati, Department of History

Major field: American History

Minor fields: African American History, Comparative Women's History, Comparative History of Medicine, Comparative Race and Science

M.A. in history, June, 2007. University of Cincinnati, Department of History, with distinction

Major field: American History

Minor fields: Gender and Women's Studies, African American History

B.A. in history, May, 2005. University of Southern Indiana, Department of History, with honors

Professional Experience

Associate Professor, Department of Social Sciences and Humanities, Missouri Western State University. Saint Joseph, Missouri, 2023-present

American History to 1865

American History Since 1865 (in classroom and online)

American Women's History

African-American History

Race, Science, and Medicine in American History

Recent US History

Assistant Professor, Department of Social Sciences and Humanities, Missouri Western State University. Saint Joseph, Missouri, 2017-2023

Visiting Assistant Professor, African American Studies Program (Affiliate Faculty, Center for Gender, Sexualities, and Women's Studies Research), University of Florida. Gainesville, Florida, 2014-2017

History of Black Women's Health (cross listed with the History Department and Women's Studies)

Introduction to African American Studies

Key Issues in African-American and Black Atlantic Thought (in classroom and online)

Research Methods in African American History (cross listed with the History Department)

Independent Study: Slave Rebellions

Independent Study: Race, "Criminality," and the Origins of Mass Incarceration

Adjunct Assistant Professor, History Department, University of Cincinnati. Cincinnati, Ohio, 2012-2014

Adjunct Instructor, History Department, Xavier University. Cincinnati, Ohio, 2012-2013

Adjunct Instructor, History Department, University of Cincinnati. Cincinnati, Ohio, 2007-2012;

Selected Publications

AS AUTHOR

“Abortion on Trial: the Legal History of Abortion Before *Roe v. Wade*,” *The Bloomsbury Handbook on the History of Sexuality*, Bloomsbury (New York) (forthcoming, 2026)

“Just a Pinch: Pain, IUDs, and Consciousness-Raising,” edited with more content and adjusted title, in *Nursing Clio Reader*, Rutgers University Press (September, 2025)

“Medical Exemptions in Abortion Bans Won’t Protect Women’s Health,” *The Washington Post* (September 8, 2022)

“Just a Pinch: Pain, IUDs, and Consciousness-Raising,” *Nursing Clio* (June 2, 2022)

“Manslaughter of Necessary Operation? Abortion and Murder in Early 20th-Century Missouri,” *Nursing Clio* (June 15, 2021)

“Justice and Agency: Why Women Love True Crime,” *Nursing Clio* (August 29, 2019)

“Marion D. Butler,” *Online Biographical Dictionary of the Woman Suffrage Movement in the United States* (2019)

“Osceola Macarthy Adams,” *Online Biographical Dictionary of the Woman Suffrage Movement in the United States* (2019)

“Black Radicalism Reconceptualized: Struggle and Resistance in the Ohio Valley,” *Ohio Valley History* 18 (Summer, 2018)

“The Media and Native American Protest: the Native American Women’s Health Education Resource Center and Domestic Violence,” *Nursing Clio* (March 2, 2017)

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of Adrienne D. deNoyelles, *The Lung Block: Plagues, Parks, and Power in Progressive-*

Era New York (Pittsburgh: The University of Pittsburgh Press, 2024), *The American Historical Review* (Fall, 2025)

Review of Kathleen M. Crowther, *Policing Pregnant Bodies: From Ancient Greece to Post-Roe America* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2023), *Nursing Clio* (forthcoming, 2025)

Review of Jenifer L. Barclay, *The Mark of Slavery: Disability, Race, and Gender in Antebellum America* (Urbana, IL: University of Illinois Press, 2021), *The American Historical Review* (Spring, 2024)

Review of Peter A. Swenson, *Disorder: A History of Reform, Reaction, and Money in American Medicine* (New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 2021), *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences* (Fall, 2023)

Review of Felicity M. Turner, *Proving Pregnancy: Gender, Law, and Medical Knowledge in Nineteenth-Century America* (Chapel Hill, NC: The University of North Carolina Press, 2022), *Journal of the Early Republic* (Fall, 2023)

Review of Amy Murrell Taylor, *Embattled Freedom: Journeys through the Civil War's Slave Refugee Camps* (Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina Press, 2020), *Insights: Notes from the Coordinating Council for Women in History* (Winter, 2023)

Review of Kim E. Nielsen, *Money, Marriage, and Madness: the Life of Anna Ott* (Urbana, IL: University of Illinois Press, 2020), *The Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era* (July, 2022)

Review of *Reshaping Women's History: Voices of Nontraditional Women Historians*, ed. By Julie A. Gallagher and Barbara Winslow (Urbana, IL: University of Chicago Press, 2018), *Insights: Notes from the Coordinating Council for Women in History* (Spring 2020)

Review of Christina D. Baker, *Contemporary Black Women Filmmakers* (Columbus, OH: Ohio State University Press, 2019), *Insights: Notes from the Coordinating Council for Women in History* (Winter 2020)

Selected Presentations

Panelist, "Challenges and Opportunities in Researching and Teaching the History of Reproductive Health and Rights in the Post-Dobbs Era," at the 2024 annual meeting of the American Association for the History of Medicine, KC, May, 2024

"Dying Declarations and Abortion Cases: the Unique Case of Missouri," at the 2023 meeting of the Southern Historical Association, Charlotte, NC, November, 2023

“The Despicable Dr. Goodson?,” for the St. Joseph Public Library’s “True Crime Time” series, August, 2023

“Dying Declarations and Corroborating Evidence in Abortion Prosecutions: the Unique Case of Missouri,” at the 2023 meeting of the American Association for the History of Medicine, virtual, May 2023

“Colonial Medicine: Keeping the Continental Army Healthy” for the William C. Corum Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution Monthly Meeting, April, 2023

“Dying for Fashion: When Clothing Kills,” for the Alexander Doniphan Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution’s Monthly Meeting, March, 2023

“Dying for Fashion: When Clothing Kills,” for Rolling Hill Library’s Women’s History Month Celebration, March, 2023

“Who Defines an Emergency? Medical Exceptions and Abortion Laws before *Roe v. Wade*,” For “Stories from the History of Abortion in America” in the series “Reproductive Justice, Rights, and Liberties: Conversations Post-*Roe v. Wade*” at West Chester University, October 2022

“Dying for Fashion: When Clothing Kills,” for MWSU’s Women’s History Month Celebration, March 2022

“Identifying and Understanding Microaggressions,” for MWSU’s Center for Teaching And Learning, October 2021

Panelist, “Medicalizing the History Survey Course: Tools and Methods for Lower-Division Courses” at the annual meeting of the American Association for the History of Medicine, Virtual, May 2021

“Archival Tales: The Missouri Supreme Court and the *State v. Goodson*, 1923” at Archival Kismet, Virtual, April 2021

“Abortion on Trial: the *State v Goodson*, 1923” at the annual Missouri Conference on History, State Historical Society of Missouri, Virtual, March 2021

“Fight the Power: Putting Today’s Protests in Historical Context” at MWSU, September 2020

“100 Years of Women’s Suffrage? Black Suffragists and the 19th Amendment” for Rolling Hills Library’s 19th Amendment Celebration, September 2020

Panelist, “Thoughts on Feminist as a Label” for MWSU’s Women of the the Future Club, October, 2019

“A Violation to the Community At Large: *The Native American Women’s Health Education Resource Center vs. City of Lake Andes*” at the 2019 meeting of the American Association for the History of Medicine, Columbus, OH, April 2019

Panelist, “Social Justice: Using STEAM to Revolutionize the World,” discussion on science and Social justice, Highland Community College, Highland, KS, October, 2018

“Memories of a Movement: Race, Racism, and Feminist Memoir” at the 2018 meeting of the Popular Culture Association, Indianapolis, IN, March, 2018

“Immortality In Vito: the Story of Henrietta Lacks” for Rolling Hills Library’s Classy Seniors Group, March, 2018

“Coalition Building and Women’s Health Activism” at the Center for the Humanities and Public Sphere, Gainesville, FL, January, 2017

“We Are Guerrillas in the Midst: Health, the Language of War, and the Battle for Equality” at Waging Peace: A Conference Studying the Challenges of Postwar Peace sponsored by the Dale Center for the Study of War & Society, New Orleans, LA, September, 2016

“Building an Inclusive Movement: the National Black Women’s Health Project and the Battle for Women’s Health” at the Sophia Smith Archives, Smith College, Northampton, MA, July, 2016

“Building an Inclusive Movement: the National Black Women’s Health Project, Coalition Building and the Fight Against Gender Essentialism” at the 88th Annual Meeting of the American Association for the History of Medicine, New Haven, CT, May, 2015

“Women’s Health Re-Defined: The National Black Women’s Health Project and ‘Wholistic’ Health” at the 85th Annual meeting of the American Association for the History of Medicine, Baltimore, MD, April, 2012

“Guerrillas in the Midst:’ The National Black Women’s Health Project and Reproductive Health” at the 2011 Berkshire Conference of Women’s Historians, Amherst, MA, June 2011

“We Are the Ones We've Been Waiting For:’ The National Black Women’s Health Project and Self-Help Women’s Health Activism” at the 84th Annual Meeting of the American Association for the History of Medicine, Philadelphia, PA, April, 2011

“The National Black Women’s Health Project and the Women’s Health Movement” at the Arthur and Elizabeth Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, July, 2010.

“‘We Are the Ones We've Been Waiting For:’ The National Black Women's Health Project's Self-Help Activism” at the 95th Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of African-American Life and History, Raleigh, NC, October, 2010.

“‘The Conspiracy of Silence is Killing Us:’ Ballye Avery and the Founding of the National Black Women's Health Project” at the Charles Phelps Taft Research Center Fellows Colloquium, Cincinnati, OH, May, 2010

“‘Guerrillas in the Midst:’ The National Black Women's Health Project” at the 94th Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of African-American Life and History; Cincinnati, OH, October, 2009.

“‘Guerrillas in the Midst:’ The National Black Women's Health Project” at the Queen City Colloquium at the University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH, June, 2008.

Selected Scholarly Project

Member, *Digital Abortion History Project* (in early stages)

Selected Media Appearances/Coverage

Interviewed by Jonathan Shorman for a forthcoming article of the history of “fetal viability” and abortion laws for the *Kansas City Star* (interviewed October 14, 2024)

Interviewed for “The Medical Instrument Behind 155 Years of Women's Pain,” Diane De Vignemont, *New Lines Magazine* (May 24, 2024)

Interviewed for “One Year after Dobbs, Missouri's Abortion Ban has Forced Patients to Seek Care Elsewhere,” Kacen Bayless, J. Shorman, and D. Desrochers, *Kansas City Star* (June 23, 2023)

Interviewed for *Giddy* (a sexual health website) on abortion history, Kate Daniel, (forthcoming, 2023)

Interviewed for “What Does History Tell Us About How the Idaho Supreme Court Might Rule On Abortion?,” Kelcie Moseley-Morris, *Idaho Capital Sun* (November 14, 2022)

Pod-textualizing the Past, special guest on “Episode 22: Birth Control and Abortion in American History,” hosted by Dr. Susan Stanfield at the University of Texas at El Paso (Sept. 1, 2022)

Interviewed for “What a Midwestern ‘Ghost Story’ Reveals About the Last Time Abortions Were

Banned,” Mackenzie Martin, *KCUR/NPR* in Kansas City (August 5, 2022)

Interviewed by Tatti Ribeiro for *franknews* on abortion history (July 6, 2022)

Interviewed for “Inside Missouri’s Anti-Abortion History Before *Roe v. Wade*,” Jonathan Shorman, *Kansas City Star* (May 13, 2022)

Interviewed for “The Black Mortality Gap and a Document Written in 1910,” Anna Flagg, *The New York Times* (August 30, 2021)

Interviewed for “Shortage and a History of Sacrifice,” Terry Jordan, *The St. Joseph News Press* (May 3, 2020)

Selected Honors and Awards

Missouri Governor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching, COPHE, 2025

MWSU Teaching Excellence Award, MWSU, 2024

Summer Fellowship, Faculty Research Grant Program, MWSU, 2023

MLK Drum Major for Justice Award, Faculty/Staff, MWSU, 2023

William E. Foley Research Fellowship, Friends of the Missouri State Archives, 2022

Friends of the Smith College Library Fellowship, Sophia Smith Collection, Smith College, 2016

Rothman Faculty Summer Fellowship in the Humanities, Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere, University of Florida, 2016

American Association for the History of Medicine Travel Award, 2011; 2012

Isabel and Mary Neff Fellowship, University of Cincinnati, 2010-2011

The Arthur and Elizabeth Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America Grant, 2010

Sophia Smith Collection at Smith College Travel-To-Collections Fund Award, 2010

Charles Phelps Taft Center Graduate Dissertation Fellowship, 2009-2010

University Graduate Scholarship, University of Cincinnati, 2005-2010

Charles Phelps Taft Center Enrichment Grant, 2009

History Memorial Fund Award, University of Cincinnati, 2009

Charles Phelps Taft Center Travel Award, 2008

Academic Service and Activities

Social Media Manager, Society for the History of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era, 2025-

Chair, Finance Committee, American Association for the History of Medicine, 2025-

Senator, Faculty Senate, 2023-

Senate Liaison, Promotion and Tenure Committee, MWSU, 2025-

Editor, Society for the History of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era Blog, 2019-present

Member, Education Leadership Team, MWSU 2018-present

Dual-Credit Liaison, Early College Academy, MWSU, 2017-present

Chair, Ida B. Wells Graduate Student Fellowship Committee, Coordinating Council for Women in History, 2025-2026

Member, Finance Committee, American Association for the History of Medicine, 2024-2025

Faculty Senate Secretary, MWSU, 2024-2025

Member, George Rosen Prize Committee, American Association for the History of Medicine, 2023-2025

Member, Ida B. Wells Graduate Student Fellowship Committee, Coordinating Council for Women in History, 2023-2025

Chair, Evaluation of Faculty Committee, Faculty Senate, MWSU, 2023-2024

Chair, Nupur Chaudhuri First Article Prize Committee, Coordinating Council for Women in History, 2022-2023

Member, Evaluation of Faculty Committee, Faculty Senate, MWSU, 2022-2023

Judge, National History Day in Missouri, 2022-present

Member, Berkshire Conference of Women Historians Article Prize Committee, 2021-present

Member, Institutional Learning Outcomes Team, MWSU, 2021-2023

Faculty Advisor, Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Society, MWSU, 2020-2023

Faculty Advisor, History Society Student Organization, MWSU, 2020-2023

Chair, Academic Regulations, Standards, Honesty, and Scholarship Committee, Faculty Senate, MWSU, 2021-2022

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Member, Nupur Chaudhuri First Article Prize Committee, Coordinating Council for Women in History, 2019-2021

Organizer, “A Third Revolution: Gilded Age Workers and Civil War Memory” with Dr. Matthew Stanley, Mary Boder History Speaker Series, MWSU, 2018

Member, Academic Regulations and Standards and Honesty, Faculty Senate, MWSU, 2018-2021

Member, Teacher Education Committee, MWSU, 2017-2021

Member, Western Excellence Awards Committee, MWSU, 2017-2020

Member, 20th Century Snapshots Film Series Committee, MWSU, 2017

Co-Organizer, History Dual-Credit Orientation/Training Session, Western Institute, MWSU, 2017

Reader, Advanced Placement United States History Exam, The College Board, 2014-present

Mentor, University Minority Mentor Program, University of Florida, 2016-2017

Member, Steering Committee, University of Florida Martin Luther King Celebration, University of Florida, 2015-2017

Organizer, “Reflections Unheard: Black Women in Civil Rights” Film Viewing and Q&A With Director Nevline Nnaji, University of Florida, 2015-16

Professional Affiliations Past and Present

American Association for the History of Medicine

Association for the Study of African-American Life and History

American Historical Association

Berkshire Conference of Women Historians

Coordinating Council for Women in History

Organization of American Historians

Pop Culture Association

The Society for the History of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era