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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2024-Present	Assistant Teaching Professor in the Cornerstone Program and Department of History, Purdue University
2022-2024	Continuing Lecturer of History, Purdue University Northwest

EDUCATION

2022	Ph.D., History, Brown University <i>Research interests:</i> history of science, Anglo-Atlantic, early modern Europe, alchemy, household science, public history, digital humanities <i>Examination fields</i> (completed December 2018): History of Early Modern European Science (Tara Nummedal, advis.) History of Medicine (Harold Cook) Anglo-America and the Caribbean (Linford Fisher)
2015	M.A., Social Sciences (history focus), University of Chicago
2013	B.A., History, Anthropology, and Germanic Studies (with high honors), Indiana University, Bloomington Minor: Western European Studies Phi Beta Kappa, Hutton Honors College Notation

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

"Gershom Bulkeley, 'Saltbox Science,' and the Colonial New England Laboratory." *Ambix* 71, no. 4 (2023): 1-23.

Book Reviews

"Review of Natural Things in Early Modern Worlds." *Renaissance Quarterly* 78, no. 3 (2025). Forthcoming.

"Review of The Experimental Fire: Inventing English Alchemy, 1300-1700." H-Net Online (2023).

"Review of Chemistry in 17th-Century New England, by Gary Patterson." *Ambix* 69, no. 1 (2022): 91-92.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2024-2025 Research and Administrative Manager responsible for running ongoing talent recruitment and data collection for Knowledge Indiana, a Lilly Endowment-funded digital encyclopedic history project of Indiana history, project currently includes participants from over a dozen colleges and Indiana organizations
- 2020-2021 Center for Digital Scholarship fellow responsible for developing website components and model images for The Sensory Monastery, a Mellon-funded digital publications initiative project supported by Brown's CDS, and also a 3-D virtual reality model of a colonial saltbox home based on dissertation research <https://library.brown.edu/create/digitalpublications/the-sensory-monastery/>
- 2019-2020 Researching the Archive, Folger Shakespeare Library (full competitive attendance grant awarded)
- 2017-2018 Transcriber and coder, Furnace and Fugue, Mellon-funded digital publications initiative project supported by the Brown Center for Digital Scholarship & winner of the American Historical Association's 2022 Roy Rosenzweig Prize for Creativity in Digital History
<https://furnaceandfugue.org/>
- 2017-2018 Introduction to English Paleography, Folger Shakespeare Library (full competitive attendance grant awarded)
- 2016-2017 A Folger Orientation to Research Methods and Agendas, Folger Shakespeare Library (full competitive attendance grant awarded)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Purdue University (Instructor of Record)

Spring 2025 (approx. 120 students)

Transformative Texts I, first-year experience courses (x4), seminar

Fall 2024 (approx. 120 students)

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Purdue University Northwest (Instructor of Record)

Spring 2024 (approx. 65 students)

Heretics and Healers (history of medicine), special topics seminar

American History to 1877, survey
American History to 1877, online, survey

Fall 2023 (approx. 120 students)

Europe Since 1500, online, survey x2
American History to 1877, survey x2
US History Since 1877, survey

Summer 2023 (approx. 30 students)

Great Issues II (history of ideas, 1500 to present), online, senior seminar
American History to 1877, online, survey

Spring 2023 (approx. 150 students)

History of Pirates (Global), special topics seminar
Europe Since 1500, online, survey
American History to 1877, online, survey
American History to 1877, survey x2

Fall 2022 (approx. 150 students)

American History to 1877, survey x2
American History to 1877, online, survey
US History Since 1877, survey
US History Since 1877, online, survey

Brown University (Instructor of Record)

History of the Laboratory, sophomore seminar (spring 2022)

Brown University (Graduate Teaching Assistant)

Locked Up: A Global History of Prisons, survey (fall 2019)
Pirates, survey (spring 2019, spring 2018)
Foods and Drugs in History, survey (fall 2017)

Ivy Tech Community College (Adjunct Instructor)

World Civilizations I, survey (spring 2016)
American History I, survey (spring 2016)
American History II, survey (summer 2016)

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2022-2023 Short-Term Fellowship, Science History Institute (Declined)

2021-2022 History Advanced Teaching (HAT) Fellowship, Department of History, Brown University

2021-2022	Travel Grant, Linda Hall Library (accepted in 2020, delayed because of Covid)
2020-2021	Interdisciplinary Opportunities (5th-Year, 9-Month) Fellowship, Center for Digital Scholarship, Brown University
2019-2020	Ulyot Scholarship, Science History Institute
2018-2019	Graduate Research and Travel Grant, History Department, Brown University
2017-2018	Graduate Research and Travel Grant, History Department, Brown University

PRESENTATIONS

Conferences

2024	<p>“Chymical Knowledge and the Medical Material: A Study of Late Seventeenth-Century New England Alchemical-Medical Networks of Drug Transport,” Scientiae Conference 2024, Providence, RI, October 25-26.</p> <p>“Gershom Bulkeley’s Antiguan Voyage: Colonial Alchemy in the Atlantic World,” Renaissance Society of America Conference 2024, Chicago, IL, March 21-23.</p>
2023	(Chaired with comments) “History, Memory, and Experimental Intercultural Networks in the Hudson and Connecticut River Valleys,” Society of Early Americanists Conference 2023, University of Maryland, College Park, June 8-11.
2022	“Chymical Medicine as Practice: Gershom Bulkeley’s Spiritual Laboratory and Parlor Patients,” New College Renaissance Conference 2022, Sarasota, FL, March 3-5.
2021	<p>“Alchemy and Architecture: The Place of Gershom Bulkeley’s Seventeenth-Century Laboratory in his New England Home,” Omohundro 2021 Conference, Williamsburg, VA. (2020 conference canceled due to COVID-19, rolled over to 2021), June 17-19.</p> <p>“Alchemy and Architecture: The Place of Gershom Bulkeley’s Seventeenth-Century Laboratory in his New England Home,” Scientiae 2021 Conference, Amsterdam. (2020 conference canceled due to COVID-19, rolled over to 2021), June 9-12.</p> <p>“‘The House of Experiment’: Science and Social Life in Gershom Bulkeley’s Seventeenth-Century New England Home,” Applied Arts of Alchemy Conference, May 19-21.</p> <p>“Colonial Chymistry: Gershom Bulkeley and the Seventeenth-Century</p>

Connecticut Alchemical Household,” Renaissance Society of America 2021 Conference, Dublin. (2020 conference canceled due to COVID-19, rolled over to 2021), April 13-15, 20-22.

- 2019 “Alchemy in the Home: The Bulkeley and Colonial Connecticut Household Science,” Colonial Society Graduate Forum, Colonial Society of Massachusetts, June 6-7.
- 2017 “Gershom Bulkeley, Minister-Physician, and the Connecticut Alchemical Laboratory,” (Al)Chemical Laboratories: Imagining and Creating Scientific Work-Spaces, Chemical Heritage Foundation, Philadelphia, December 1-2.

Invited Papers and Talks

- 2024 “Gershom Bulkeley’s Alchemy,” Department of History and Philosophy of Science and Medicine, Indiana University, Bloomington, March 28.
- 2021 “Saltbox Science: Science and Medicine in Early America,” Joshua B. Stein Lecture Series, Roger Williams University, Bristol, RI, October 27.
- 2020 “Patients in the Parlor: Treating the Sick in Late Seventeenth-Century New England,” Brown Early American Graduate Seminar, Brown University, November 20.
- “Accounting for Alchemy: Searching, Building, and Securing a Material (and Personal) Scientific Network,” Brown Early American Graduate Seminar, Brown University, April 10.
- 2018 “The Philosopher’s Furnace: Gershom Bulkeley and his Connecticut Alchemical Laboratory,” Seminar in the History of Early America, Providence College, Providence, April 9.
- “The Philosopher’s Furnace: Gershom Bulkeley and his Connecticut Alchemical Laboratory,” Science, Technology, and Society Graduate Workshop, Brown University, March 6.
- “The Philosopher’s Furnace: Gershom Bulkeley and his Connecticut Alchemical Laboratory,” Brown Early American Graduate Seminar, Brown University, February 23.

Public Lectures and Interviews

- 2024 “Dorothy Treat’s Alchemy,” History Matters Lectures, Purdue University Northwest, February 7.
- 2022 “English Colonial Alchemy,” discussed on *The Roundtable Perspective*, WYIN-channel 56 (Chicagoland PBS), taped October 4.

“Alchemy in the Archives: Finding Early America’s Hidden History of Chemistry,” History Matters Lectures, Purdue University Northwest, September 29.

“Building Saltbox Science: 3-D Modeling as Dissertation Work,” Digital Humanities Salon, Brown University, March 18.

2021 “3-D Modeling as Dissertation Work,” 21st Century Ph.D.: Discover your data: Modeling and visualizing data in the humanities, Cogut Center for the Humanities and Center for Digital Scholarship, Brown University, March 11.

“Patients in the Parlor,” Lunch and Learn Lectures, Connecticut Historical Society, January 19.

2020 “Colonial Chymistry: Gershom Bulkeley and the Seventeenth-Century Connecticut Alchemical Laboratory,” Lunchtime Lectures, Science History Institute, April 1.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

2024 Honors College stacked course mentorship for student (American History to 1877)

Retention Committee member, Department of History, Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, Purdue University Northwest

Liberal Studies review group, Department of History, Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, Purdue University Northwest

2022 Futurist Committee member, Department of History, Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, Purdue University Northwest

Undergraduate Honors Program thesis reader, Department of History, Brown University

2019 Logistics chair, “Peripheries: The Politics of Space and Place,” History Graduate Student Association Conference, Brown University

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

2023 Association of College and University Educators (ACUE) Promoting Active Learning Certificate

2021 Science, Technology, and Society (STS) PhD Certificate, Brown University

2018 Teaching Certificate, Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning, Brown University

LANGUAGES

German – intermediate

Latin – intermediate

French - beginner

XML (Oxygen editor)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Society for the History of Alchemy and Chemistry (SHAC)

Renaissance Society of America (RSA)

Omohundro

Society of Early Americanists (SEA)