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## EMPLOYMENT

2014- Dema G. Seelye Chair in the History of Medicine, Department of History, Purdue University

2010- 2014 Professor, Department of History, University of Cincinnati

2005-2010 Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Cincinnati

2000-2005 Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Cincinnati

1999 Lecturer, Department of American Studies, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich

## EDUCATION

Ph.D. September 1998. University of California Davis, Department of History

B.A. January 1992. Smith College. Magna cum laude with high honors in American Studies.

## DISTINCTIONS and AWARDS

Purdue University Office of Research Book Excellence Award, 2023-24

Purdue University College of Liberal Arts Excellence in Discovery and Creative Endeavors Award, 2020

Fulbright Distinguished Chair, 2019-2020, University of Birmingham, U.K.

British Academy Fellow, 2018-2019, University of Strathclyde, U.K.

Purdue Policy Research Institute Excellence in Research Award, 2018

William E. Hewitt Distinguished Professor, University of Northern Colorado, 2016

Organization of American Historians Distinguished Lecturer, 2014-present

## RESEARCH

### BOOKS

*Exposed: The Hidden History of the Pelvic Exam* (Polity Press, forthcoming June 2024 (U.K.; September 2024 U.S.).

*Coming Home: How Midwives Changed Birth* (Oxford University Press, 2019; reissued in paper, January 2021)

*Bodies of Knowledge: Sexuality, Reproduction, and Women's Health in the Second Wave* (University of Chicago Press, 2010).

*Building a Better Race: Gender, Sexuality, and Eugenics from the Turn of the Century to the Baby Boom* (University of California Press, 2001). Reissued in paper, 2005.

### BOOK CHAPTERS and JOURNAL ARTICLES (PEER REVIEWED)

"Remembering to Forget: How the U.K. Disappeared from the Psychedelic Map," in Erika Dyck and Chris Elcock, eds., *Expanding Mindscapes: A Global History of Psychedelics*, MIT Press, 2023.

"Psychedelic Birth: Bodies, Boundaries, and the Perception of Pain in the 1970s," *Gender and History*, Vol. 32 (1), pp. 70-85, March 2020.

"The Historian and the Activist: How to Tell Stories that Matter," *Nursing History Review* 27 (1) 99-103, January 2019

"Back to Bed: From Hospital to Home Obstetrics in the City of Chicago," *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences*, Vol. 73 (1), pp. 29-51, January 2018

"The Little Manual That Started a Revolution: How Hippie Midwifery Became Mainstream," in David Kaiser and Patrick McCray, eds., *Groovy Science: The Countercultural Embrace of Science and Technology over the Long 1970s* (University of Chicago Press, 2016).

"Health, Ethnicity, Eugenics, and Genetics," in Ronald H. Bayor, ed., *The Oxford Handbook of American Immigration and Ethnicity* (Oxford University Press, 2016).

"Communicating a New Consciousness: Countercultural Print and the Home Birth Movement in the 1970s," *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* vol 89 (Fall 2015).

"Historical Roots in Women's Health," coauthored with Heather Prescott, in Mary V. Spiers, Pamela A. Geller and Jacqueline D. Kloss, eds., *Women's Health Psychology* (Wiley, 2013).

“Eugenics,” in Hugh Slotten, ed., *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the History of American Science, Medicine, and Technology* (Oxford University Press, 2013).

“Bodies of Evidence: Activists, Patients, and the FDA Regulation of Depo Provera,” in *The Journal of Women’s History* vol 22 issue 3 (September 2010).

“Eugenics in the United States” in Alison Bashford and Philippa Levine, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of the History of Eugenics* (Oxford University Press, 2010).

“The Making of *Our Bodies, Ourselves*: Rethinking Women’s Health and Second-Wave Feminism” in Stephanie Gilmore, ed., *Feminist Coalitions: Historical Perspectives on Second-Wave Feminism in the United States* (University of Illinois Press, Women and American History Series, 2008).

“Birth Control Debates” in Amy Lind, ed., *Battleground: Women and Gender* (Westport: Greenwood Publishing, 2008).

“Women Readers and the Feminist Health Movement in the 1970s and 1980s.” *Major Problems in American Women’s History*, 4<sup>th</sup> ed. (Houghton Mifflin, 2007).

“‘Please Include This in Your Book:’ Readers Respond to *Our Bodies, Ourselves*.” *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* (Spring 2005)

“A New Deal for the Child: Ann Cooper Hewitt and Sterilization in the 1930s” in Sue Currell and Christina Cogdell, eds., *Popular Eugenics: National Efficiency and American Mass Culture in the 1930s* (Ohio University Press, 2006)

## **REVIEW ESSAYS**

“Risk and Responsibility: The Brave New World of Reproductive Medicine,” in *Historical Studies in the Natural Sciences*, vol 43 (2), 2013.

“Overexposed? Sex and the Female Body in American History,” in the *Journal of Women’s History*, fall 2005

## **EDITORIALS**

“Simone Biles has Courageously Exposed the Blurred Line between Medicine and Abuse,” *Washington Post*, July 29, 2021

“COVID-19 Exposes the Need for Midwives,” *Washington Post*, May 5, 2020

“Why Rumors of a Royal Home Birth were Greeted So Differently in the U.K. and the U.S.,” *Washington Post*, May 7 2019

“To Lower Maternal and Infant Mortality Rates, We Need More Midwives,” *Washington Post*, January 16, 2019

“The Exam Room Controversy that Puts Women at Risk,” *Washington Post*, June 1, 2018

“Trump’s Latest Assault on Women: Why Banning the CDC from using certain words has major political ramifications,” *Washington Post*, December 18, 2017

## BLOGS

[“Writing Gender into Eugenics,”](#) November 19, 2020, H-Eugenics

[“A Historian’s Reflection on Music and Psychedelics,”](#) December 17, 2020, Chacruna.net

## BOOK REVIEWS

*Testosterone: An Unauthorized Biography* by Rebecca Jordan-Young and Katrina Karkazis, *The Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, Volume 51, Issue 3, Winter 2021, p 465-66.

*A History of Midwifery in the United States: The Midwife Said Fear Not* by Helen Varney and Joyce Beebe Thompson (book review) *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* Volume 90, Number 4, Winter 2016 pp. 724-725

Birth Story: Ina May Gaskin and the Farm Midwives (film review), in *Nursing History Review*; New York 25 (2017): 133-135.

Popular Medicine in America (database review) in *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* Volume 90, Number 4, Winter 2016

Wendy Mitchinson, *Body Failure: Medical Views of Women, 1900-1950*, in *Isis*, vol 106, Number 3, September 2015.

Jonathan Eig, *The Birth of the Pill*, in *The Women’s Review of Books*, March/April 2015

Marika Seigel, *The Rhetoric of Pregnancy* in *Social History of Medicine*, December 2014  
Peter C. Engelman, *A History of the Birth Control Movement in America*, in the *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*, forthcoming.

Elaine May, *America and the Pill: A History of Promise, Peril, and Liberation*, in the *American Historical Review*, vol. 117 no 1, February 2012.

Lewis Gould, *Helen Taft: Our Musical First Lady*, in *the Historian*, vol. 73 no. 4, Winter 2011.

Cheryl Krasnick Warsh, *Prescribed Norms: Women and Health in Canada and the U.S. since 1800*, in *Isis*, vol. 102, no. 3, September, 2011.

“The Power of Activism.” Susan Bell, *DES Daughters: Embodied Knowledge and the Transformation of Women’s Health Politics*, in the *Women’s Review of Books*, vol 27 no. 6, November 2010.

Jonathan Peter Spiro, *Defending the Mater Race: Conservation, Eugenics, and the Legacy of Madison Grant*, in the *Journal of American History*, vol. 96 no. 4, March 2010.

Margaret Marsh and Wanda Ronner, *The Fertility Doctor: John Rock and the Reproductive Revolution* in *Isis*, vol 100 no. 4, December 2009.

Laura Lovett, *Conceiving the Future: Pronatalism, Reproduction, and the Family in the U.S., 1890-1938* in the *Journal of Social History*, June 2009.

Mark Largent, *Breeding Contempt: The History of Coerced Sterilization in the United States* published in *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences* 2008 63(4):537-539

Elizabeth Watkins, *The Estrogen Elixir: A History of Hormone Replacement Therapy in America* in *History and Philosophy of the Life Sciences*, 29 (2007).

Judith A. Houck, *Hot and Bothered: Women, Medicine, and Menopause in Modern America* in *Isis*, December 2006.

Rebecca Kukla, *Mass Hysteria: Medicine, Culture, and Mothers’ Bodies* in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, October 2006.

Christina Cogdell, *Eugenic Design: Streamlining America in the 1930s* in the *Journal of Social History*, September, 2006.

Johanna Schoen, *Choice and Coercion: Birth Control, Sterilization, and Abortion in Public Health and Welfare*, in the *American Historical Review*, Vol. 11, No. 1, February 2006.

Alexandra Minna Stern, *Eugenic Nation: Faults and Frontiers of Better Breeding in Modern America* in the *Bulletin of History of Medicine*, Vol. 80, issue 3, Spring 2006.

Helen Horowitz, *Rereading Sex: Battles over Sexual Knowledge and Suppression in Nineteenth-Century America*, in *Ohio History*, Vol 114, Winter-Spring 2005.

Christine Rosen, *Preaching Eugenics: Religious Leaders and the American Eugenics Movement*, in *The Journal of American History*, Vol 92 no. 1, June 2005, 265.

Edwin Black, *War against the Weak: Eugenics and America's Campaign to Create a Master Race*, in *Journal of the American Medical Association*, in *Journal of the American Medical Association*, Vol. 292, No. 7, 868-69.

Sandra Morgen, *Into Our Own Hands: The Women's Health Movement in the United States, 1969-1990*, in the *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*, Winter, 2003.

Judith Ezekiel, *Feminism in the Heartland*, in *Ohio Valley History*, Vol. 3 No. 2, Summer, 2003.

Mary Klages, *Woeful Afflictions: Disability and Sentimentality in Victorian America*, H-Disability, H-Net Reviews, September, 2001.

### **MEDIA/live performances**

Interviewed on BBC4 for radio series and podcast, "Bad Blood: The Story of Eugenics," episode two, "Birth Controlled," <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m001fw0c> December 4, 2022.

Historical commentator, "Bloom," live performance on the history of the speculum, Park Armory, New York City, September 10, 2022  
[https://www.armoryonpark.org/programs\\_events/detail/bloom](https://www.armoryonpark.org/programs_events/detail/bloom)

Interviewed as historical expert for forthcoming series on Showtime television, "Pharma," (forthcoming 2023), New York City, June 2022.

Interviewed live on KCBS radio regarding the National Archives decision to alter women's march photo January 22, 2020.

Interviewed live on CNN with anchor Fredricka Whitfield regarding the National Archives decision to alter women's march photo January 18, 2020  
<https://www.cnn.com/2020/01/18/politics/national-archives-womens-march-photo-trump/index.html?fbclid=IwAR19ol5AyfmtvYxjxkge0izgSbVX462cJTByXHNKTuW9j7-uYTMhg3EIsQI>

Quoted in *Washington Post* regarding the National Archives decision to alter women's march photo, January 18, 2020. [https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/national-archives-exhibit-blurs-images-critical-of-president-trump/2020/01/17/71d8e80c-37e3-11ea-9541-9107303481a4\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/national-archives-exhibit-blurs-images-critical-of-president-trump/2020/01/17/71d8e80c-37e3-11ea-9541-9107303481a4_story.html)

Featured in Netflix documentary series "Sex, Explained," episode 5, "Childbirth, Explained" <https://www.vox.com/2020/1/2/21046744/sex-explained-netflix>

Consultant and speaker featured in “The Eugenics Crusade,” 2-hour documentary, PBS American Experience series, produced and directed by Michelle Ferrari, premiered October 16, 2018.

“The Surprising History of Marriage Counseling,” published on PBS American Experience website (<https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americalexperience/features/eugenics-surprising-history-of-marriage-counseling/>), October 2018

“The Ways we are Born – Again and Again,” interview and podcast, *To the Best of Our Knowledge*, NPR, first aired September 5, 2018. <https://www.ttbook.org/show/ways-we-are-born-again-and-again>

“Committed: Marriage in America,” *BackStory with the American History Guys*, <https://www.backstoryradio.org/shows/committed-2016/>; latest rebroadcast 16 June 2016.

Interviewed on “The Ethical Doctor,” WBAI, 99.5 FM, New York, live broadcast, January 26, 2012.

“Game Changers: Our Bodies, Ourselves,” *The Current*, CBC radio, live broadcast, October 24, 2011.

“Prelude to the Human Genome Project,” Radio show “Action Speaks,” guest panelist, live broadcast on NPR, Providence, RI, October 1, 2008.

Interviewed live on CBC radio one “maritime noon” regarding the delivery of the Frank MacKinnon lecture at the University of Prince Edward Island, May 16, 2008.

Interviewed as historical expert for *CBS Sunday Morning* opening segment on prenatal genetic testing, October 21, 2007.

## FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Huntington Library Short-Term Research Fellowship, 2022

Repository Research Fellow, Indiana University Institute for Advanced Study, 2022

Enhancing Research in the Humanities and the Arts Grant, Office of the Executive Vice President for Research and Partnerships (\$20,000), Purdue University 2022

ASPIRE international travel grant, College of Liberal Arts (\$2500), July 2022

ASPIRE international travel grant (\$2500), November 2021

Fulbright Distinguished Chair, 2019-2020, University of Birmingham, U.K. (29,000 GBP)

British Academy Visiting Fellowship, Glasgow, Scotland, July-December 2018 (33,000 GBP)

International Incoming Fellowship, Global Engagement Fund, University of Strathclyde, with Dr. Laura Kelly (\$3,000 to visit Strathclyde in May 2018 to solidify proposed research and teaching collaboration).

ASPIRE Research Enhancement Grants, College of Liberal Arts, Purdue University (9 awarded for a total of \$17,250), 2015-2017

Enhancing Research in the Humanities and the Arts Grant, Office of the Executive Vice President for Research and Partnerships (\$15,000), Purdue University 2015

INNOVATE 2.0 Undergraduate Education Fund Grant, College of Liberal Arts, Purdue University, 2017 (\$10,000 for course development for Medical Humanities Certificate Program)

Service Learning Junior Fellow, Center for Instructional Excellence, Purdue University, 2016-2017 (\$2,000)

INNOVATE undergraduate education fund grant, College of Liberal Arts, Purdue University, 2015 (\$25,000 to develop medical humanities certificate program)

SAIL travel grant, Purdue University, 2015 (\$2000 for travel to France and Germany in summer 2015)

UC International Program Development Grant, 2014 (\$3200 for travel to Bali, Indonesia to set up study abroad program, May 2014)

UC International Faculty-led Study Abroad Mentor Grant, 2014 (\$3200 for travel to Ghana with Jason Blackard's "Studying Public Health in Ghana" class, March 2014)

UC Forward development grant, 2013 (\$7,000 for development and teaching of collaborative UC Forward course with Professor Danielle Bessett)

Charles Phelps Taft Center Fellowship, University of Cincinnati, 2012-2013 (\$97,000)

Margaret Storrs Grierson Travel-to-Collections Grant, Sophia Smith Collection, Smith College, 2012-2013 (\$3,000)

ACOG (American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists) Fellowship in the History of Medicine, 2011 (\$5,000)

Charles Phelps Taft Summer Research Fellowship, University of Cincinnati, 2011 (\$8,000)



Charles Phelps Taft Faculty Release Fellowship, University of Cincinnati, 2011 (1/3 salary)

University Research Council Summer Faculty Research Fellowship, University of Cincinnati, 2010

Schlesinger Library Research Support Grant, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University, 2010

Taft Domestic Travel Grant, fall 2009

Friends of Women's Studies Travel Grant, spring 2008

Faculty Release Fellowship, Charles Phelps Taft Research Center, University of Cincinnati, spring 2008

Taft International Travel Grant, 2007

Taft International Travel Grant, 2006

Taft International Grant, 2005

Taft Center Fellowship, University of Cincinnati, 2005-2006

Francis A. Countway Library Fellowship in the History of Medicine, Harvard University, 2004-2005

Margaret Storrs Grierson Scholar-in-Residence Fellowship, Smith College, 2004-2005

University Research Council Summer Faculty Research Fellowship, University of Cincinnati, 2004

Schlesinger Library Research Support Grant, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University, 2003

Margaret Storrs Grierson Travel-to-Collections Grant, Sophia Smith Collection, Smith College, 2003

Taft Cost Sharing Grant, University of Cincinnati, 2003

Schlesinger Library Research Support Grant, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University, 2001

Research Training Grant, Center for History and New Media, George Mason University,  
2001

Taft Research Fellowship, University of Cincinnati, 2001

University Research Council Fellowship, University of Cincinnati, 2001

Woodrow Wilson-Johnson & Johnson Dissertation Grant in Women's Health, 1996

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **INVITED TALKS**

"Exposed: The Hidden History of the Pelvic Exam," keynote address, Central Association for Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Nashville, TN, October 25-28, 2023.

"Sexual Misconduct and the Crisis in Reproductive Health Care in the U.S., Public Seminar, Institute of the Americas, University College London, October 11, 2023.

"The Purpose of the Pelvic: A Historical Analysis," Iowa Women's Archives 2023 Women's History Month Lecture, Iowa City Public Library, March 24, 2023.

Grand Rounds lecture on the history of the pelvic exam, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Northwestern Medicine, Chicago, IL, March 3, 2023.

"The Purpose of the Pelvic: A Historical Analysis," Montgomery Lecture, Center for Bioethics and Medical Humanities, Northwestern Medicine, Chicago, IL, March 2, 2023.

"Seeing is Believing: 19<sup>th</sup> c. American Gynecology and the Introduction of the Pelvic Exam," Waring Library, Medical University of South Carolina, March 1, 2023.

"The Purpose of the Pelvic: A Historical Analysis," Medical Center Hour, Center for Health Humanities and Ethics, University of Virginia School of Medicine, October 12, 2022 (featured on youtube channel:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZXtPfi6Gizk&t=2402s> (2K views )

"Psychedelic Birth: Bodies, Boundaries, and the Perception of Pain in the 1970s," University of Virginia Department of History, October 13, 2022

"Eugenics on Trial: The Sterilization of Ann Cooper Hewitt," National Humanities Center webinar series, September 30, 2021 (zoom).

“Schlesinger Library Book Talks: Our Bodies, Ourselves” – I served as moderator of this 90 minute panel in which over 400 people attended live (via zoom), Harvard University, August 17, 2021.

“‘Great Acid from America’: Murder, moral panic, and the underworld distribution of illicit drugs in countercultural London,” Frederic L. Holmes annual lecture, sponsored by Yale University School of Medicine, March 29, 2021.

“‘Great Acid from America’: Murder and Moral Panic in Countercultural London,” for panel on “Psychoanalysis and Psychedelics: Historic Encounters,” the Maudsley Psychedelic Society, Kings College, London, May 7, 2021 (zoom).

“Eugenics: The Shadow Side of Progressivism.” Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice lecture series, February 12, 2021. (zoom)

Invited speaker, University of Colorado Boulder Conference on World Affairs, Boulder, CO April 6-10, 2020. The CWA is a premier forum for discussion of world affairs, attracting a diverse group of experts and engaging panelists from around the world. [cancelled due to COVID]

“RD Laing and LSD: Bodies, Boundaries, and the Perception of Pain in the 1970s,” seminar for the North American History Seminar, Institute of Historical Research, University College London, November 8, 2018.

“Generation to Reproduction,” seminar, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, U.K., October 30, 2018.

“Women’s Health and the history of Psychiatry,” seminar for the Western Cape Medical Humanities Network, University of Cape Town, South Africa, September 21, 2018.

“Bodies, Boundaries, and Consciousness in the 1970s,” WITS Interdisciplinary Seminar in the Humanities, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa, September 17, 2018.

“Histories of Reproductive Health and Activism,” invited talk at the Glasgow Women’s Library, Glasgow, U.K., August 30, 2018.

“Psychedelic Birth: Perceptions of Pain,” Neurosocieties Group Symposium, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia, June 21, 2018.

Keynote Address, 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Queen City Colloquium, Department of History, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH April 6, 2018.

“Psychedelic Birth: Bodies, Boundaries, and the Perception of Pain,” invited talk, University of Newcastle Center for the History of Violence, Newcastle, Australia, March 16, 2018

“Bodies, Boundaries, and Consciousness in the 1970s,” invited talk, University of Sydney, School for History and Philosophy of Science, Sydney, Australia, March 12, 2018

“Psychedelic Birth: Bodies, Boundaries, and the Perception of Pain in the 1970s,” invited seminar, Barbara Bates Center for the Study of the History of Nursing, University of Pennsylvania, February 28, 2018.

“The Politics of Place: Joseph DeLee, Home Birth, and the Rise of Modern Obstetrics,” Plenary address, Midwives Alliance of North America annual conference, Long Beach, CA, Nov 2-5, 2017

Annual Lecture, The Centre for the Social History of Health and Healthcare, University of Strathclyde, “Making the Invisible Visible: The Unexpected Entanglements of Psychiatry, Midwifery, and Psychedelics,” Glasgow, Scotland, October 10, 2017

“Making the Invisible Visible: The Unexpected Entanglements of Psychiatry, Midwifery, and Psychedelics,” Breaking Convention, London, June 30-July 2, 2017

“Gender, medicine, and the politics of pain,” invited talk, Centre for Gender Research, University of Trondheim, March 31, 2017

“Making the Invisible Visible: The Unexpected Entanglements of Psychiatry, Midwifery, and Psychedelics,” Science Studies Colloquium Series, University of Oslo, March 29, 2017

Keynote Address, “Psychedelic Birth: The Countercultural Politics of Pain,” Gender and Pain in Modern History, (public conference), Birkbeck College, University of London, March 24-25, 2017.

“Groovy Science: Midwifery, Psychiatry, Psychedelics,” Science on Tap Lecture series, Lafayette, IN, February 1, 2017

“Countercultural Medicine in the 1970s,” invited lecture for American History Seminar series, Boston University, October 26, 2016.

Keynote lecture, Altman Program Lecture Series on Medicine and the Humanities, Miami University, Oxford, OH, September 15, 2016.

“Sterilization on Trial,” keynote address, Race and Membership Seminar, Facing History and Ourselves, Brookline, MA, July 20, 2016.

“Immigration, Medical Regulation, and Eugenics in Twentieth-Century America,” invited lecture at Kyungpook University, Daegu, South Korea, May 18, 2016.

“The Business of Birth and the Politics of Place,” 2016 Hewitt Distinguished Lecture, University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, CO, April 13, 2016.

“The Bowland Bust: Discovering and Defining Midwifery,” New York Academy of Medicine, Seminar on the History of Medicine and Health, sponsored by the Consortium for the History of Science, Technology and Medicine, February 19, 2016.

“The Creation of the Seattle Midwifery School,” invited talk sponsored by the Center for Bioethics and Social Sciences in Medicine,” University of Michigan, September 24, 2015

“How Midwives Learn: Origins of the Home Birth Controversy,” invited lecture and webinar sponsored by the Center for Ethics and Humanities in the Life Sciences, Michigan State University, September 23, 2015

“The Business of Birth and the Politics of Place,” keynote address, European Association for the History of Medicine and Health, Cologne, Germany, September 2-5, 2015

“The Bowland Bust: Medicine, Midwifery, and the Law in 20<sup>th</sup> century California,” invited talk sponsored by the Program for the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality, Johns Hopkins University, March 25, 2015.

“Coming Home: Medicine, Midwives, and the Transformation of Birth in Late Twentieth-Century America,” History of Science, Medicine, and Technology colloquium, Johns Hopkins University, March 26, 2015.

“The Home Birth Controversy,” lecture sponsored by IUPUI Medical Humanities Center, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis, March 4, 2015.

“Writing and Reading Our Bodies, Ourselves,” Humanities Lecture, Willamette University, Willamette, OR, September 25, 2014.

“The Little Manual that Started a Revolution: How Hippie Midwifery Became a Hippie Practice,” keynote address, Medical Humanities Conference, Western Michigan University, September 15-16 2014.

“The Little Manual that Started a Revolution: How Hippie Midwifery Became Mainstream,” scholar seminar, Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholars Program, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, November 7, 2013.

“The Little Manual that Started a Revolution: How Midwifery Became a Hippie Practice,” sponsored by the Living Archives on Eugenics in Western Canada, The Department of History, and Women’s and Gender Studies, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada (as part of Alberta Eugenics Awareness Week), October 18, 2013.

“Feminism, Motherhood, and Eugenics: Historical Perspectives,” Persons Day Panel, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada, October 18, 2013

“Reexamining the Pelvic: Lessons from History,” keynote address, Queer, Feminist, and Trans Studies and the Undisciplining of Science Conference, University of California, Davis, CA, May 16 2013.

“The Vulnerable Empowered Woman,” Author Meets Readers event, Department of Women’s and Gender Studies, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, March 6 2013.

“Reexamining the Pelvic: The Pelvic Instruction Controversy of the 1970s,” Fridays at Newcomb Lecture, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA, January 25, 2013.

“Birth in Transition: Modern Midwifery and the Controversy over Home Birth” invited talk, History of Science/ History of Medicine lecture series, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, November 2, 2012.

“Communicating a New Consciousness: Home Birth in Modern America,” invited talk, Social Science Research Seminar, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC, September 14, 2012.

“Eugenic Legacies, Eugenic Reparations: California’s Sterilization Secret,” at the Tarrytown Meeting, an annual convening of scholars, advocates, policy experts, creative artists and others working to ensure that human biotechnology and related emerging technologies support rather than undermine social justice, human rights, ecological integrity, democratic governance and the common good. Tarrytown, New York, July 23-25, 2012.

“Reexamining the Pelvic: Women’s Health from a Recent Historical Perspective,” invited lecture, Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa, May 2, 2012.

“Reexamining the Pelvic: Women’s Health from a Recent Historical Perspective,” invited lecture, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, May 1, 2012.

“Bodies of Knowledge: Women’s Health from a Recent Historical Perspective,” invited lecture, Xavier University, March 13, 2012.

“Coming Home: Modern Midwifery and the Controversy over Home Birth,” invited talk, “Communicating Reproduction” Conference, Department of the History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge, England, December 5-6, 2011.

“Bodies of Evidence: Eugenics and the Regulation of Depo Provera,” invited talk, “The Study of Eugenics: Past, Present, and Future,” Uppsala University Department of the History of Science and Ideas, Sweden, November 10-11, 2011.

“Coming Home: Modern Midwifery and the Controversy over Home Birth,” invited talk, Department of the History of Medicine, Yale Medical School, New Haven, CT, February 21, 2011.

“U.S. Reproductive Citizenship in a Global Context.” Chair and Commentator, annual meeting of the American Studies Association, Washington, D.C., November 5, 2009.

“Eugenics and American Society.” Guest Lectures for Facing History and Ourselves Race and Membership workshop, Chicago, IL, July 20-22 2009.

“Reproducing *Our Bodies, Ourselves*: Birth Control and the Women’s Health Movement,” annual Anton and Rose Zverina Lecture, Dittrick Medical History Center, Case Western Reserve University, September 25, 2008.

“Building a Better Race: The Positive Eugenics Movement, 1930-1960,” Centre for American Studies, The University of Western Ontario, November 20, 2008.

“Surveying the Women’s Health Movement: Technology, Research, and Reading *Our Bodies, Ourselves*.” Frank MacKinnon Lecture and keynote address, Women, History, and Technology conference, Canadian Committee on Women’s History, University of Prince Edward Island, May 16-17, 2008.

“Regulating Birth Control: The Depo Provera Controversy.” Seminar paper for the Department of the History and Sociology of Science, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, November 5, 2007

“Bodies of Evidence: Activists, Patients, and the FDA Regulation of Depo Provera.” Seminar paper for the Department of the Social Studies of Medicine, McGill University, Montreal, September 12, 2007.

“Re-examining the Pelvic: Medical Education and the Female Body.” University of Michigan, RWJ Clinical Scholars Program Seminar Series, Ann Arbor, MI, December 7, 2005.

“The Contraceptive Double Standard: Debating Depo Provera in the 1970s,” and “Recent Trends in the History of Women’s Health,” University of Iowa Global Health Studies Program, Iowa City, IA Nov. 7-8, 2005.

“Taking Their Bodies Back: A History of the Women’s Health Movement,” invited talk at the Women’s Resource Center, California State University, Sacramento, October 21, 2005.

“A New Deal for the Child: Ann Cooper Hewitt and Sterilization in the 1930s,” at “From Eugenics to Designer Babies: Engineering the California Dream,” a major one-day symposium at California State University Sacramento, October 22, 2005

“Calling the Shots: Women Speak Out against Depo-Provera.” Invited speaker, Spring Colloquia Series, History of Science and Technology, University of California, Berkeley, April 18, 2005.

“Making Marriage Modern.” Guest speaker, Race and Membership workshop run by Facing History and Ourselves, Boston, MA, March 3-4 2005.

“The Effects of Eugenics on Academic and Professional Disciplines.” Commentator, annual meeting of the American Historical Association, Seattle, WA, January 6-9, 2005.

“Using Eugenics in the Classroom: The Sterilization of Ann Cooper Hewitt.” Guest speaker, Race and Membership workshop run by Facing History and Ourselves, Bard College, July 18-22, 2004.

“Biological Justice and Social Worth.” Commentator, eugenics panel, annual meeting of the Organization of American Historians, Memphis, Tennessee, April 3-6, 2003.

Marriage, Family, and Eugenics in the Twentieth Century. Honorary presentation, Bluegrass Symposium, University of Kentucky, April 22, 2003.

“Making Marriage Modern: Eugenics and the Urban American Family.” Tenth Annual Cincinnati Seminar on the City, 2001-2002, Cincinnati Museum Center, April 18, 2002.

Rethinking Eugenics and the Family. Colloquium Series, Department of Sociology, University of Cincinnati, November 18, 2001.

“Feeble-mindedness, Sterilization, and Sexuality at the Sonoma State Home.” History of Health Sciences Annual Retreat, University of California San Francisco, April 25, 1997.

“From Segregation to Sterilization: Changing Approaches to the Problem of Female Sexuality.” Gender Studies meeting, University of California, Santa Cruz, February 5, 1997.

## **CONFERENCE PAPERS**

“Do I need to take a security guard to the gynecologist? Sexual Misconduct and the Crisis in Reproductive Health Care,” European Association for the History of Medicine and Health, Oslo, Norway, September 1, 2023 (virtual).



“Nassar and the National Nightmare: Gynecology, Gymnastics, and the Potential for Abuse,” American Association for the History of Medicine annual meeting, Saratoga Springs, NY, April 23, 2022

“‘Great Acid from America’: Murder and Moral Panic in Countercultural London,” American Association for the History of Medicine annual meeting, April 3, 2021 (zoom).

“Psychedelic Birth: R.D. Laing and the Transformation of Psychiatry,” American Association for the History of Medicine annual meeting, Columbus, OH, April 28, 2019

“The Bowland Bust: Midwifery, Medicine, and the Law in 20<sup>th</sup> c. California,” Society for the Social History of Medicine, Liverpool, England, July 2018.

“When Legal Mechanisms Fail: Midwifery, Medicine, and the Law in 20<sup>th</sup> c. California,” Organization of American Historians annual meeting, Sacramento, CA, April 13, 2018

“Making the Invisible Visible: The Unexpected Entanglements of Psychiatry, Midwifery, and Psychedelics,” Fourth UK Conference on Philosophy and Psychiatry,” Royal College of Psychiatrists, London, October 5-6, 2017

“The Business of Birth and the Politics of Place: The Surprising History of Modern Obstetrics,” 25<sup>th</sup> International Congress of the History of Science and Technology, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, July 23-29, 2017

“Making the Invisible Visible: The Unexpected Entanglements of Psychiatry, Midwifery, and Psychedelics,” AAHM, Nashville, May 2017

“Psychiatry, Psychedelics, and Birth,” The Driftless Symposium, Viroqua, WI, January 27-29, 2017.

commentator, “Birth Control and Population in Interwar China and India,” American Historical Association, Denver, CO, January 6, 2017.

“When Legal Mechanisms Fail: Activism and the Uphill Battle for Reproductive Justice,” Normal Labour and Birth Conference, Sydney, Australia, October 2016.

“Communicating a New Consciousness: Countercultural Medicine, Transpersonal Psychology, and the Home Birth Movement in the 1970s,” at Beyond Psychedelics Global Forum, Prague, Czech Republic, September 30-October 2 2016.

“The Politics of Place: Joseph DeLee, Home Birth, and the Rise of Modern Obstetrics,” European Society for the History of Science,” Prague, Czech Republic, 22-24 September 2016.

“Before the ‘Barefoot Doctors:’ Establishing Midwifery and Medical Training Programs in Postwar China,” Purdue Nanjing Joint Center for China Studies, Nanjing Agricultural University, Nanjing, China, October 11-12, 2015.

“The Little Manual That Started a Revolution: How Midwifery Became a Hippie Practice,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Association for the History of Medicine, Chicago, May 2014.

“Communicating a New Consciousness: Countercultural Print and Home Birth in the 1970s,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the History of Technology, Portland, ME, October 2013.

“Reconceiving Risk: Home Birth in America,” paper presented at the biennial meeting of the European Association for the History of Medicine and Health, Lisbon, Portugal, September, 2013.

“Communicating a New Consciousness: Home Birth in Modern America,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Association for the History of Medicine, Atlanta, GA, May 2013.

“The Bowland Bust and the Science of Midwifery,” paper presented at the History of Science Society annual meeting, San Diego, CA, November 2012.

“The Bowland Bust and the Criminalization of Traditional Midwifery in California,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Association for the History of Medicine, Baltimore, MD, April 2012.

“Birth in Transition: Modern Midwifery and the Controversy over Home Birth.” Paper presented at the European Association for the History of Medicine and Health, Utrecht, The Netherlands, September, 2011.

“Better Birthing: Consciousness-Raising on the Delivery Table.” Paper presented at the Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Amherst, MA, June 2011.

“Coming Home: Modern Midwifery and the Controversy over Home Birth.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Association for the History of Medicine, Philadelphia, PA, April 29, 2011.

“Choices in Childbirth: A Modern Midwife’s Tale.” Paper presented at Perinatal: A Symposium on Birth Practices and Reproductive Rights, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA, October 7, 2009.

“Beyond Abortion: Women’s Health Activism in Chicago after *Roe*.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Association of the History of Medicine, Cleveland, OH, April 23-26 2009.

“Re-examining the Pelvic”: Women Medical Students and the Pelvic Instruction Controversy.” Paper presented at the Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Minneapolis, June 2008.

“Bodies of Evidence: Activists, Patients, and the FDA Regulation of Depo Provera.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the History of Science Society, Washington, D.C., November 2007.

“Who Calls the Shots? Contraceptive Technology and Women’s Health.” Featured Speaker, Feminism(s) and Rhetoric(s) conference, Little Rock, AK, October 4, 2007.

“Childbirth Made Difficult: Raising Consciousness on the Delivery Table.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Association for the History of Medicine, Montreal, Canada, May 6, 2007.

“Childbirth Made Difficult: Raising Consciousness on the Delivery Table.” Paper presented at the History of Women’s Health Conference, Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, PA, April 11, 2007.

“The Contraceptive Double Standard”: Debating Depo-Provera in the 1970s.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Association for the History of Medicine, Halifax, Nova Scotia, May 7-10, 2006.

“The Making of *Our Bodies, Ourselves*: Rethinking Women’s Health and Second-Wave Feminism.” Paper presented at the tenth anniversary conference of the Woodrow Wilson-Johnson & Johnson Women’s Health Fellows, Washington, D.C., March 2-3, 2006.

“Reexamining the Pelvic: The Doctor Patient Relationship and the Pelvic Instruction Controversy of the 1970s.” Paper presented at the European Association for the History of Medicine, Paris, France, September 7-10, 2005.

“Readers, Feminism, and Women’s Health.” Paper presented at the Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Claremont, CA, June 2-5, 2005.

“Calling the Shots: Women Speak Out against Depo-Provera.” Paper presented at the International conference on “Reproductive Disruptions: Childlessness, Adoption, and Other Reproductive Complexities,” Ann Arbor, MI, May 19-22, 2005.

“Reexamining the Pelvic.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Association for the History of Medicine, Birmingham, AL, April 7-10, 2005.

“Please Include This in Your Book:’ Readers Respond to *Our Bodies, Ourselves*.” Paper presented at the meeting of the Western Association for Women Historians, Berkeley, CA, June 6-8, 2003.

“Incorporating Women and Gender in the History of Medicine.” Paper presented at teaching roundtable, meeting of the American Association for the History of Medicine, Boston, Massachusetts, May 1-3, 2003.

“The Making of Our Bodies, Ourselves: Health, Sexuality, and the Boston Women’s Health Book Collective.” Paper presented at the meeting of the American Association for the History of Medicine, Kansas City, Missouri, April 25-28, 2002.

“Making Marriage Modern: Eugenics and the Family.” Paper presented at the meeting of the Ohio Academy of History, Cincinnati, Ohio, April 20, 2002.

“Sex or Science? How Dr. Robert Dickinson Convinced the Medical Profession that Controlling Conception Was an Essential Component of American Medicine.” Paper presented at the meeting of the Society for the Social History of Medicine, Glasgow, Scotland, July 16-18, 1999.

“Sterilization without Unsexing.” Paper presented at *Using Bodies: Humans in the Service of Twentieth Century Medicine*, Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine, London, England, September 2-4, 1998.

“Mayhem or Morality? The Anne Cooper Hewitt Sterilization Case of 1936.” Paper presented at the meeting of the Organization of American Historians, Indianapolis, Indiana, April 2-5, 1998.

“‘Sterilization without Unsexing’: The Politics, Procedure, and Packaging of Eugenic Sterilization.” Paper presented at the meeting of the American Historical Association, Seattle, Washington, Jan 8-11, 1998.

“‘These Moron Girls are Extremely Prolific’: Sexuality and Eugenics in California.” Paper presented at the meeting of the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association, San Francisco, California, April 24-25, 1996.

## **SERVICE**

### **Talks**

“The Purpose of the Pelvic: A Historical Analysis,” Social Justice Seminar Series, Purdue Graduate School, Office of Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs, October 4, 2022.

“Dreams, Delusions, or Destiny? The Past, Present, and Future of Mental Health Treatment,” Purdue Mental Health Awareness Week, February 19, 2020.

“A History of Public Health,” presentation at the Purdue Public Health Symposium and Launch, November 6, 2015.

“The Business of Birth and the Politics of Place,” invited lecture sponsored by the Purdue chapter of the American Medical Student Association, October 26, 2015.

“Medicine, Midwives, and the Home Birth Controversy,” Dream Team lecture sponsored by the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Purdue University, October 7, 2014.

“Childbirth Made Difficult: Raising Consciousness on the Delivery Table,” Taft Center Medical Humanities Lecture Series, University of Cincinnati, April 23, 2010.

“Who Calls the Shots? Contraceptive Technology and the Women’s Health Movement,” Taft Center, Cincinnati, OH, May 3, 2006.

“Conflicts in FDA drug regulation: a recent history,” for Showcase UC 2006, “Ethics in Realms of Creativity, Innovation, and Transformation,” Cincinnati, OH, April 21, 2006.

“The Making of *Our Bodies, Ourselves*.” Invited talk to the Cincinnati Women’s Political Caucus and the Friends of Women’s Studies, First Unitarian Church, Cincinnati, OH, March 16, 2006.

Departmental:

Graduate Studies Committee (2022-2025)

Advisory Committee (elected as full professor representative) – (2016-2017; 2017-2018)

Undergraduate Studies Committee (2017-2020, 2022)

R Mark Lubbers Chair in the History of Science Search Committee (2014-2015)

Stover Lecture Committee (2014-2015)

College/ University:

Chair, Review Committee, Jennifer William, Head of School of Languages and Cultures (2022-23)

Director, Medical Humanities Program. [www.cla.purdue.edu/medical](http://www.cla.purdue.edu/medical)

Area Committee (2020-2022)

JUST (Jordan University of Science and Technology)- Purdue Project Leadership Team, 2017-

Advisory Board Member, Purdue Public Policy Research Institute, 2016-

Honors College Faculty Preceptor, 2017-2018

Review Panelist, MacArthur Foundation 100&Change competition, Purdue University, Fall 2016

Member, Cancer, Culture, and Community Committee (Purdue, 2014-2016)

Professional:

Pressman-Burroughs Wellcome Award Committee, American Association for the History of Medicine (2022-2025)

Huntington Library Peer Review Committee (2022-2025)

Editorial Board, *Studies in History and Philosophy of Biological and Biomedical Sciences* (2017-2019)

Editorial Board, *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* (2016-2019)

Historical Consultant, PBS American Experience (2016-2018)

Advisory Member, Living Archives on Eugenics in Western Canada, Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada

Advisory Member, Scholars Circle, Action Speaks: Unappreciated 20<sup>th</sup> Century Dates that Changed America (2013-present)

Executive Council of the American Association of the History of Medicine, 2010-2013

Historical Subcommittee of the California Eugenic Sterilization Action Group, 2012

Consultant, Dittrick Medical History Center, Percy Skuy Collection on the History of Contraception, Case Western Reserve University, 2005

William H. Welch Prize Committee, *American Association of the History of Medicine*, 2005.

Member of the *American Historical Association*, *Organization of American Historians*, and the *American Association of the History of Medicine*

Reviewed manuscripts for *Johns Hopkins University Press*, *Princeton University Press*, *NYU Press*, *Yale University Press*, *University of California Press*, *the University of Virginia Press*, *Ohio State University Press*, *University of Illinois Press*, *University of Chicago Press*, *University of Rochester Press*, *Oxford University Press*, *University of Toronto Press*, *Medical Humanities*, *Isis*, *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*, *Journal of American History*, *Signs*, *the Journal of the History of Medicine*, *Feminist Studies*, *the National Women's Studies Journal*, *the Journal of Women's History*, *the Journal of the Gilded Age and the Progressive Era*, *the Social History of Medicine*, *the Journal of the*

*History of Sexuality, Law and Social Inquiry, Oral History Review, the New England Journal of Medicine.*