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Experience

- 2015-present Senior Lecturer, Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies, Washington University
- 2014-present Faculty Fellow, Institute for Public Health, Washington University
- 2011-2012 Interim Associate Program Director, WGSS, Washington University
- 2004-2015 Lecturer, Women and Gender and Sexuality Studies, Washington University
- 1997-2003 Graduate Assistant, German Department, Washington University
- 1996-1997 Adjunct Instructor in German, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
- 1996-1997 German Teacher, Fort Zumwalt High School
- 1994-1996 Graduate Assistant, Department of Linguistics & Germanic, Slavic, Asian and African Languages, Michigan State University (Includes Summer Assistantship at Taos Sommer Schule)

Education

- 2003 Ph.D. German, Washington University
- 1997 M.A. German Studies, Michigan State University
- 1993 B.A. (honors) German Literature, University of Michigan
Junior Year at Albert Ludwigs Universität, Freiburg, Germany

Honors and Awards

- 2019 Lead OUT Loud Award granted by Washington U OUTLaw group
- 2012 Jim McLeod Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching
- 2012 Gephardt Institute Grant for Service-Learning (\$3,000)
- 2010 Holobaugh Award for LGBT leadership at Washington University
- 2002-2003 Dissertation Fellowship, Washington University
- 2002 Andrew Mellon Foundation Fellowship for Early Modern Scholarship
- 2002 Dean's Award for Excellence in Teaching, Washington University

1997-1998 Egon Schwarz Fellowship, Washington University
1994-1996 Graduate Assistantship, Michigan State University
1995 Michigan State University College of Arts and Letters Summer Fellowship
1994 Delta Phi Alpha (National honor society for German Studies)

Courses Designed and Taught in Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies

Introduction to Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies

Making Sex and Gender: Understanding History of the Body

“No boys Allowed”: Girlhood and Programming for Girls in 19th and 20th Centuries, United States

Service-Learning: Girls’ Studies

Service-Learning: Feminist and Queer Youth Studies

Trans* Studies

Gender, Medicine, Religion and Science

Publications

Book

Paracelsus’s Theory of Embodiment: Conception and Gestation in Early Modern Europe. London: Pickering and Chatto, 2010. (peer reviewed)

Educational Recording

“Caring for Gender Variant Children and Adolescents” *Pediatric Update* Vol 38 (March 2017)

Articles

In Progress: with Madeline Owens Jansen, Dominique Meekers and Anne Glowinski “A Public Health Approach to LGBTQ+ Youth Suicide Prevention”

“Transgender: A Primer” *Center for Humanities 16-17 A Year in Review*, Washington University 2017.

“Us and Them: Teaching Students to Critically Analyze Gender in a Global Context”. *Activities for Teaching Gender and Sexuality in the University Classroom*. Eds. Michael Murphy and Elizabeth Ribarsky. Rowman & Littlefield, 2013. (peer reviewed)

“Paracelsus’s Conception of Seeds: Rethinking Paracelsus’s Ideas of Body and Matter”. *Ambix* 55.3 (November 2008). 274-282. (peer reviewed)

"Gilbertus Anglicus" Eds. Helen Bynum and William F. Bynum. *Dictionary of Medical Biography*. Westport: Greenwood Press, 2006.

Book Reviews

"Is Rape the New Campus Rage? A Review of *Unwanted Advances* by Laura Kipnis" *The Common Reader* January 2019

"Gay Berlin by Robert Beachy" *The Common Reader* 2016

"Häresie und Wissenschaft by Ute Frietsch" *Ambix* 62.1 February 2015 p.100-101

"Panacea's Daughter's: Noblewomen as Healers in Early Modern Germany by Alisha Rankin" *Early Modern Women* 9.2 Spring 2015

"Johann Daniel Mylius Artzt, Musiker und Alchemist as Wetter in Hessen by Oliver Humberg" *Ambix* 61.4 November 2014

"*Paracelsus. Die Kleine Wundarznei. Zum ersten Mall vollständig in modernes Hochdeutsch übertragen und mit Anmerkungen versehen.* Edited by Daniel Hornfisher." *Ambix* 59.3 (2012) p. 297

"Charles Webster's *Paracelsus: Medicine, Magic and Mission at the end of Time*". *ISIS* 101.2 (June 2010)

"*Paracelsus (Theophrastus Bombastus von Hohenheim 1493-1541): Essential Theoretical Writings.* Trans. Andrew Weeks, ed." *Sixteenth Century Journal* 242.4 Fall 2010. p. 64

"*Heredity Produced Ed. Müller-Wille and Rheinberger*". *Sixteenth Century Journal*. XL.3 (Fall 2009) pp. 955-957

Presentations at Conferences

"Teaching Girls Studies Panel" National Women's Studies Association Conference, San Francisco November 16, 2019

"The Curious Queerness of Paracelsus and his Works" Sixteenth Century Studies Society, Hyatt Hotel, St. Louis MO October 19, 2019

"Imagining Gender Identity Development in the Early Modern: A Case Study of the Works of Paracelsus (1493-1541)" as part of the Trans* Historicity Workshop at Shakespeare Association of America, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Atlanta Georgia, April 7, 2017.

"Diagnosing Gender: History of a Diagnosis" Symposium: Caring for the Transgender Patient, Department of Pediatric Medicine, Washington University in St. Louis, September 19, 2016.

Plenary Speaker, "Diagnosing Gender: A Brief Historical Overview" Transgender Spectrum Conference, University of Missouri St Louis November 6, 2015

"Sex Differentiation in the later works of Paracelsus as Precursors to Psychological Theories of Sex and Gender" History of Science Society Conference Chicago, IL. November 6, 2014

Plenary Speaker, "Transgender History" Transgender Spectrum Conference, University of Missouri St. Louis November 20-22, 2014.

Invited Contribution, "From Mary to Adam and Eve: Reproduction in Early Modern Europe" Workshop on Reproduction from Antiquity to Present. History and Philosophy of Medicine and Science Department, Cambridge University, UK July 4-7, 2014

"Community-Based Service Learning: Teaching Girls' Studies" National Women's Studies Association Conference Cincinnati, OH November 2013

Panel Organizer, "Teaching Global Girls Studies" NWSA Cincinnati, OH November 2013

"The Curious Relationship between American Feminism and Girl Scouts USA 1912- 2012", Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies Colloquium Series, Washington University.

"Partnering with Girl Scouts to teaching Girls' Studies as a Service-Learning Course", National Women's Studies Association Conference. Oakland, CA November 9, 2012.

"Developing Service-Learning Education" National Women's Studies Association Conference, 2011.

"Teaching Transgender Studies" National Women's Studies Association Conference 2010.

Invited Talk. "Seventeenth Century Paracelsians and the Aging Body: Theory and Practice" (Re)constructing the aging body: Western medical cultures and gender 1650-2000. Johannes Gutenberg University, Mainz Germany September 26th-28th, 2008.

Anatomy in Popular Culture: The Life and Work of Leonhard Thurnheisser Sixteenth Century Studies Conference October 26, 2007.

Paracelsus's Seed Theory Revisited. Sixteenth Century Studies Conference October 26, 2006.

Invited talk. Co-discussion leader. *Anatomy in Early Modern Germany.* Women, Health and Healing Workshop. Johns Hopkins University April 21, 2006

The Problem of Anonymous Texts in Paracelsus Scholarship. Sixteenth Century Studies Conference November 1, 2003

Paracelsus, Wicked Doctors, and "Samen": An Argument Against Sperm. Sixteenth Century Studies Conference October 24, 2002

Divine Inspiration: Paracelsus's theory of Procreation Frühe Neuzeit Interdisziplinär April 22, 2001

Birth, Deformity and Witchcraft: Paracelsus' Forgiving Analysis of the Role of Women. German Department Graduate Student Symposium February 26, 2000 and Sixteenth Century Studies Conference October 30, 1999

SERVICE

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

College of Arts and Sciences Honors Thesis Committees:

- 2020 Honors thesis Advisor for Gabriella Ruskay-Kidd, “Sexual (Mis)Education”
- 2016 Honors Thesis Reader (East Asian Languages and Cultures) Katarina Klafka, “The Glimmering Girl”: Contextually Trans(lating) Eriko in Cross Cultural Kitchens.
- 2015 Honors Thesis Advisor for Cameron Kinker, “Transgender Health in St. Louis” Department: Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies.
- 2011 Advisor for Rachel Cohen, “Gender Identity Disorder: The Pathologization of Gender Variance in Contemporary American Psychiatry” Department: Philosophy, Neuroscience, Psychology
- 2010 Reader for Laura Lane-Steele, “It’s Just Gay!’: An Analytic Look into the Lives of Black Lesbians in South Carolina” Department: Anthropology.

Committee Work and Other Washington University Activities

- 2019-present Recording Secretary, Association of Teaching Research and Professors of Practice, elected April 2019 (1 year term)
- 2019-present Elected to Arts & Sciences Faculty Council (3 year term)
- 2019-present Curriculum Committee, Minor in Medical Humanities
- 2014-Present Medical Humanities Minor Committee
- 2012-Present WGSS Undergraduate Major Advising
- 2018 Presentation & Discussion leader, “World of Politics Pre-Orientation Program” (August 21, 10am)
- 2018 Guest Lecture in *Gender, Youth and Global Health* Class, April 9
- 2018 Panelist, “What does it mean to be Human?” (Feb. 8)
- 2017-2020 Work/Life Balance Committee, Office of the Provost
Subcommittee Assignments: Eldercare, Infrastructure and Support
- 2017-2019 Association of Non-Tenure Track Faculty Steering Committee
- 2017-2018 ANTF Governance Workgroup
- 2017-2018 ANTF Parental Leave Policy Workgroup

2017-Present Historia Medica Lecture Series Steering Committee

2015-2018 Frankenstein Symposium Planning Committee

2017-2019 Helped design and teach part of Medical Selective called, Intro to LGBT Studies

2016 Led Medical Humanities Reading Group discussion of Colapinto's *As Nature Made Him*.

2014 Vesalius Symposium planning committee

2014 Commentator for WGSS colloquium, Cynthia Barounis, "'An Inherent Weakness
of the Constitution': Jack London's Revolting Men"

2013 Freshman Read Facilitator

2009-2013 Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

2009-2013 Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies Executive Committee

2012 Post-Doc Search Committee, Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies

2009 Teach in for CORE on Transgender, Talk on Transgender issues for Pride Alliance

2008 LGBT workshop for German Department Teaching Assistants (9/19/2008)
Moderator for German Symposium: Consuming News (April 3-5)

2007-2009 Committee on Sexual Assault, Washington University

2006-2012 Webmaster, International Society for Paracelsus Studies

2001-2004 Senior Peer Mentor (Mentored new teaching assistants in the German Department).

2002 Community outreach organizer for Graduate Students in the German Department
(coordinated the purchase and distribution of dictionaries and other German books for a
St. Louis public high school).

2001-2002 Department Representative to Graduate Student Senate; Peer-Mentoring Committee
and Department Representative to the Graduate Student Council

1999-2001 Graduate Student Symposium Planning Committee, Chair (2001)

1999-2000 German Department Post-17th Century Faculty Search Committee

1998-2002 Worked on various projects for German Day, a day-long university event for
Missouri high schools

1998-1999 Graduate Study Area Library Committee

1998 Conference Assistant, Midwest MLA

1998-1999 Editorial Board GDR Bulletin

Community Service

- 2016- 2019 Chair, *Transgender Spectrum Conference* (Co-Chair, 2018)
- 2018 Lecture, "What is Trans* Studies" Grand Rounds, St Louis University Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology (October 5, 7:30am)
- Lecture, "Thinking about 'Me Too' in Context of the History of U.S. Women's and Feminist Movements, St. Charles County Library (September 4, 7pm)
- 2017 Lecture, "Trans* Before 1900" St Louis Gender Foundation (Oct 21)
- Lecture, "Best Practices: Caring for Transgender Patients" Society for Hospitalist Medicine, St. Louis Chapter (April 20)
- 2016 Expert Advisory Panel to Parkway School District for reform of Sex Education Curriculum
- 2016 Guest Speaker, "OWNing IT In Your Community: How to make a positive Influence in the places you love the most." Washington University Student Group, Own It.
- 2012 Talk, "Creating an LGBT Friendly Clinic" Hope Clinic for Women, Granite City Illinois.
- 2009-Present Girl Scout Leader Troop 2693, led girls to the completion of Bronze and Silver awards, Service to Community Award, Service to Girl Scouts Award, Silver Torch Award, currently working toward the Gold Award.
- 2018-2020 Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri District 7 Neighborhood 4 Manager

Research & Teaching Specialties

Embodiment and Bodily Integrity

Transgender Studies

Paracelsus and Early Modern German Studies

German Language and Literature

Girlhood Studies, including Queer Youth Studies

LANGUAGES

English, native speaker

German, near native fluency

French, advanced beginner speaking, intermediate reading knowledge

