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Experience

- 2023-present Teaching Professor, Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies, Washington University
- 2023-present Co-Director of Undergraduate Studies, WGSS, Washington University
- 2014-present Faculty Fellow, Institute for Public Health, Washington University
- 2015-2023 Senior Lecturer, Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies, Washington University
- 2011-2012 Interim Associate Program Director, WGSS, Washington University
- 2007-2015 Lecturer, Women and Gender and Sexuality Studies, Washington University
- 2004-2007 Part-time Lecturer, Women and Gender 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

Cross-listed in Medical Humanities Minor

Making Sex and Gender: Understanding History of the Body

Trans* Studies

Gender, Medicine, Religion and Science

Cross-Listed in Children's Studies Minor

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

Community-Based-Learning: Girls' Studies

Community-Based Learning: Feminist and Queer Youth Studies

Publications

Book

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

Book Chapters

In Progress draft due January 2025, "Chapter 2: Bodies Treatment and Care" *A Cultural History of Trans in the Early Modern Age (1450-1650)* Edited by Nicholas R Jones and Sawyer K Kemp in *A Cultural History of Trans Lives 6 Volumes* Edited by Blake Gutt, Greta LaFleur, Emily Skidmore. Bloomsbury Publishing, 2027.

"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)

Educational Recording

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

Articles

In Progress, “Anti-Paracelsianism and The Institutional Roots of Binary Sex in Medicine and Science”

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

“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

“*Stripping the Veil* by Margorie Plummer” *American Historical Review* submitted November 13, 2023

“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

“The Institutional Roots of Binary Sex in Medicine and Science” Sixteenth Century Studies Society, Hyatt Hotel, Minneapolis, MN October 28, 2022.

“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:

- 2024 Honors Thesis Co-Advisor for Ali Mora, "The Ethics of Student Volunteerism: Confronting Sexual Health Volunteerism at Washington University" Department of Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies
- 2022 Honors thesis Advisor for Sydni Perry-Anderson, "From What Threat? A Transfeminist Discourse Analysis of the 2021 Attempt to Legislate the Erasure of Trans* Student-Athletes in Missouri" Department of Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies
- 2020 Honors thesis Advisor for Gabriella Ruskay-Kidd, "Sexual (Mis)Education" Department of Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies
- 2016 Honors Thesis Reader Katarina Klafka, "The Glimmering Girl": Contextually Trans(lating) Eriko in Cross Cultural Kitchens. Department: East Asian Languages and Cultures.
- 2015 Honors Thesis Advisor for Cameron Kinker, "Transgender Health in St. Louis" Department: Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies.
- 2011 Honors Thesis 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.

Leadership Positions

2022-2024 Co-President, Association of Teaching, Research and Practice Faculty

2019-2022 Arts & Sciences Faculty Council (3 year term)

2016- 2019 Chair, *Transgender Spectrum Conference* (Co-Chair, 2018)

Committee Work and Other Washington University Activities

- 2012-Present WGSS Undergraduate Major Advising
- 2014-Present Medical Humanities Minor Committee
- 2022-Present Medical Humanities Minor advising
- 2024-Present Faculty Advisor, The Lotus and Triota-Epsilon Pi, Student Groups
- 2022-2024 Faculty Advisor, Q-Med & Planned Parenthood Next, Undergraduate Groups
- 2021-2023 Medical Humanities Reading Group Co-Leader (with Jennifer Arch)
- 2021-2023 Lecture on Trans Healthcare/Mental Health for Third Year WU Medical Students (recorded for presentation July 2021); designed the assessment module.
- 2022 Panel organizer, Service Expectations for Teaching Faculty, November 17 2022
- 2022 Panelist, "Neuroscience & Society Colloquium" 06 April 2022
- 2022 Panelist, "Incorporating Female and Gender Diverse Perspectives in the Classroom" Teaching Center 29 March, 2022
- 2021 Panelist, "Girl Up" a Student-Led organization (April 18, 2021)
- 2020 Panelist, "Beyond the Police: The Impact of Discrimination on America's Education and Healthcare Systems" (July 12, 2020)
- 2020 Panelist, "Reaching Milestones: What it takes to get promoted" Faculty Orientation (September 14, 2020)
- 2019-2021 Recording Secretary, Association of Teaching Research and Professors of Practice
- 2019-2021 Curriculum Committee, Minor in Medical Humanities
- 2018 Presentation & Discussion leader, "World of Politics Pre-Orientation Program" (August 21, 10am)
- 2018-2021 Annual Guest Lecture in *Gender, Youth and Global Health Class*
- 2018 Panelist, "What does it mean to be Human?" Medical Humanities (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

- 2017-2020 Historia Medica Lecture Series Steering Committee
- 2015-2018 Frankenstein Symposium Planning Committee
- 2017-2019 Helped design and teach part of Medical Selective for WUSM, *Intro to LGBT Studies*
- 2016 Led Medical Humanities Reading Group discussion of Colapinto's *As Nature Made Him*.
- 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.
- 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

Community Service

- 2018-2023 Camp Director, Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri D7N4 Spring Camp
- 2009-2022 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, one Gold Award.
- 2021 Guest Lecture, "Trans* Studies" East Central College (November 8)
- 2018-2020 Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri District 7 Neighborhood 4 Manager
- 2019 Panelist, St Louis International Film Festival Screening of Seahorse (Nov. 9 ,2019)
- 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
- 2012 Talk, "Creating an LGBT Friendly Clinic" Hope Clinic for Women, Granite City Illinois.

Research & Teaching Specialties

Paracelsus, Embodiment and History of Science and Medicine in Early Modern German Areas

Transgender Studies

Girlhood Studies

German Language and Literature

LANGUAGES

English, native speaker

German, near native fluency

French, advanced beginner speaking, intermediate reading knowledge