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Academic Employment

2021-Present	Associate Professor (tenured), University of North Texas, History
2017-2021	Assistant Professor, University of North Texas, History
2014-2017	Lecturer, University of North Texas, History
2013-2014	Post-Doctoral Teaching Fellow, Pennsylvania State University, History

Education

Ph.D. in History and Women's and Gender Studies / The Pennsylvania State University / 2013

M.A. in History and Women's and Gender Studies / The Pennsylvania State University / 2008

B.A. in History and Women's Studies / Syracuse University / 2006

Publications

Books

Blue: A History of Postpartum Depression in America, University of Chicago Press, forthcoming Fall 2024

Governing Bodies: American Politics and the Shaping of the Modern Physique. University of Pennsylvania Press, Politics & Culture in Modern America series, 2018.

Articles and Book Chapters

"Spitting on My Sources: Depression, DNA, and the Ambivalent Historian," *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences* 55 (Fall 2022): 449-458. <https://doi.org/10.1002/jhbs.22219>

"A Women's Health Issue?: Framing Post-Abortion Syndrome in the 1980s," *Gender and History* 33 (October 2021): 790-804. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1468-0424.12554>

"Gender, Sexuality, and the State," co-authored with Jennifer Mittelstadt, in *Companion to American Women's History*, 2nd ed., Ed. Nancy A. Hewitt and Anne Valk, Wiley Blackwell Press, 2021, 279-298.

"Fears of a Nanny State: Centering Gender and Family in the Political History of Regulation," in *Shaped by the State: Toward a New Political History of the 20th Century*, Ed. Brent Cebul, Lily Geismer, and Mason Williams, University of Chicago Press, 2019.

"Weighing in about Weight: Advisory Power in the Bureau of Home Economics," in *Remaking Home Economics: Resourcefulness and Innovation in Changing Times*, Ed. Sharon Y. Nikols and Gwen Kay, Athens, Georgia: University of Georgia Press, 2015.

"Consuming Relief: Food Stamps and the New Welfare of the New Deal," *Journal of American History* 76, (March 2011): 1001-1022. <https://doi.org/10.1093/jahist/jaq067>

Book Reviews

- Review of Xaq Frohlich, *From Label to Table: Regulating Food in America in the Information Age*, in *California History* [forthcoming]
- Review of Ava Purkiss, *Fit Citizens: A History of Black Women's Exercise from Post-Reconstruction to Postwar America*, in the *Journal of American History* [forthcoming]
- Review of Christopher E. Forth, *Fat: A Cultural History of the Stuff of Life*, in *Medical History* 64, no. 1 (January 2020): 144-145.
- Review of Edward Berkowitz and Larry DeWitt, *The Other Welfare: Supplemental Security Income and U.S. Social Policy*, in *Business History Review* 90, no.2, (Summer 2016): 380-382.
- Review of Ira Katznelson, *Fear Itself: The New Deal and the Origins of Our Time*, in *Journal of American Studies* 48, no. 2, (May 2014): 657-658.
- Review of Dona Brown, *Back to the Land: The Enduring Dream of Self-Sufficiency in Modern America*, in *Journal of American Studies* 46, Special Issue 2, (May 2012): E40.

Fellowships and Grants (external)

- National Science Foundation Scholars Award; Science, Technology and Society Program, \$162,619. Award 1849533. (Sole PI). 2019-21.
- Fellowship in the History of American Obstetrics and Gynecology, The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. \$5000. 2017.
- Lillian Sholtis Brunner Fellowship, Barbara Bates Center for the Study of the History of Nursing, University of Pennsylvania. \$2200. 2017.
- Short-Term Postdoctoral Fellow, German Historical Institute, \$9000. 2013-14.
- Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellow, Woodrow Wilson Foundation, \$25,000. 2011-12.
- Miller Center Fellowship in Politics and History (now Jefferson Scholars), Miller Center for Public Affairs, University of Virginia. 2011-12.
- Emerging Scholars Fellowship, University of Georgia, Home Economics: Classroom, Corporate, and Cultural Interpretations Revisited. 2012.
- National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, Science, Technology, and Society Program, \$10,000. Award 1057527. 2011.
- History of Science Society travel grant, National Science Foundation. 2011.
- Dean's Fellowship in the History of Home Economics, Cornell University. 2010.
- Eisenhower Presidential Library, archival research grant. 2010.

Fellowships and Grants (internal)

- Small Grant, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, UNT, \$750. 2023.
- Scholarly and Creative Activity (SCA) award, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, UNT, \$5000. 2022.
- Faculty Development Leave, UNT, Spring 2022.
- Internal Nomination for NEH Summer Stipend, UNT. 2021.
- Creative and Research Enhancement Activity Time for Engagement (CREATE) grant, UNT, \$4000. 2021.
- Internal Nomination for NEH Summer Stipend, UNT. 2018.
- Research Seed Grant, Research and Economic Development office, UNT, \$2435. 2016.

The Crawford Family Fellowship in Ethical Inquiry, Pennsylvania State University, College of Liberal Arts. 2010-2011.

Women's Studies Outstanding Graduate Student Award, Pennsylvania State University. 2011.

Rock Ethics Institute Fellowship, Pennsylvania State University. 2010.

Conference Presentations and Invited Talks

"Postpartum Professionals: Psychology, Gender, and Advocacy in the 1980s-1990s," American Association for the History of Medicine, May 2024.

"Postpartum Professionals in the 1980s," invited workshop on Women, Reproduction and Mental Illness in the 'Long' Twentieth Century, University of Warwick, United Kingdom, April 2024.

"'We Sense Entrapment': Postpartum Depression and The Women's Health Movement," 4S (Society for Social Studies of Science), November 2023.

"Not a Political Issue: Debating Postpartum and Post-Abortion Depressions, 1988-2010," American Association for the History of Medicine, May 2023.

"Retail Therapy, Not Psychotherapy: Managing the Baby Blues, 1945-1965," The Southern Association for the History of Medicine and Science, March 2023.

"The Baby Blues and the Baby Boom," University of North Texas Postwar Faculty Colloquium, April 8, 2022.

"The Golden Age of Postpartum Psychosis," The Southern Association for the History of Medicine and Science, March 11, 2022.

"Spitting on My Sources, or, A Depressing DNA Test," Archival Kismet 2021: Silence or Screams? Archives of Race, Gender, & Sexuality, University of Mississippi, December 10, 2021.

"As Natural as Childbirth: Postpartum Depression and Feminism in the 1970s," American Association for the History of Medicine, May 13, 2021.

"First, You Need a Task Force: Politicizing Postpartum Support Groups in the 1980s," The Southern Association for the History of Medicine and Science, March 12, 2021

"'A New-Woman Post-Feminist Idea': Consumer Activism and Postpartum Depression in the 1980s," Critical Conversations on Reproductive Health/Care: Past, Present, and Future, Johns Hopkins University symposium, February 6, 2021

"The Most Natural of Human Activities: Ideologies of Motherhood in Post-Abortion Syndrome," The Berkshire Conference on the Histories of Women, Gender, and Sexualities, May 29, 2020. [cancelled for COVID-19]

"The Invention of Post-Abortion Syndrome and the Politics of Women's Mental Health," *Gender & History* Symposium on Health, Healing, and Caring, May 22, 2020. [moved online]

"Good Adjustment?: Negotiating Postpartum Depression in the Women's Health Movement," Organization of American Historians, April 3, 2020. [cancelled for COVID-19]

"An Insane Arrangement: The Politics of Motherhood and Madness in 1970s Feminism," University of North Texas Postwar Faculty Colloquium, March 20, 2020. [cancelled for COVID-19]

"In the Formative Stages: Inventing Post-Abortion Syndrome in the 1980s," Society for U.S. Intellectual History, November 8, 2019.

"A Medical Syndrome That Does Not Exist," UNT History Department Faculty Research Series, October 29, 2019.

"Psychology and the Surgeon General: Post-Abortion Syndrome and the Culture Wars," University of North Texas Postwar Faculty Colloquium, March 22, 2019.

"He Cannot Confine His Interests Solely to the Pelvic Outlet: The Rise of Psychiatric Screening in Obstetrical Practice, 1955-1995," American Association for the History of Medicine, May 11, 2018.

“‘Emotionally Efficient Motherhood’: Managing Maternal Emotion in Mid-Century America,” Dallas Area Social History Group, April 27, 2018.

“No Free Man Can Admire the Soviet System: American Physical Fitness in the Cold War,” University of North Texas Postwar Faculty Colloquium, April 6, 2018.

“From Lactational Insanity to the Baby Blues: Calibrating the Normal Postpartum in 20th Century America,” Drexel University, Science Technology and Society Works in Progress series, March 14, 2018.

“The Uses of Personhood: Negotiating Social Welfare and Definitions of Dependence,” The Berkshire Conference on the Histories of Women, Gender, and Sexualities, June 2, 2017.

“The Physiological Impossibility of Aid: The Politics of Pregnancy and Poverty in the Late 20th Century,” Policy History Conference, June 3, 2016.

Panelist, “Outsiders Within: The Precarious Nature of Now,” National Women’s Studies Association, November 14, 2015.

“A National Nanny?: Health Care Policy and the Gender of Government, 1965-2000,” Minding the Field: Exploring and Expanding Women’s and Gender Studies in North Texas symposium, University of Texas at Arlington, October 29, 2015.

“Queering the Nanny State: Metaphors of APD and their Consequences,” Seeing Beyond the Partisan Divide symposium, The Miller Center at the University of Virginia, October 2, 2015.

“Embodied Assistance: Pregnancy, Lactation, and Food Welfare in the 1970s,” Moral Cultures of Food: Past and Present, North Texas, April 3, 2015.

“The Poor Cannot be Trusted: Nutrition and Pregnancy in the American Welfare State,” German Historical Institute, June 25, 2014.

“Eat Less, Be More: Hunger, Malnutrition, and Food Welfare Policy in the 1970s,” Policy History Conference, June 4, 2014.

“Builder of Men: The Civilian Conservation Corps and the Muscular State,” Organization of American Historians, April 10, 2014.

“The Good Wife and Mother Does Not Understand: Federal Expertise and Authority in American Nutrition Science, 1880-1935,” Obesity, Health, and the Liberal Self, German Historical Institute, September 27, 2013.

“To Investigate and Report: How the Children’s Bureau Became a Back-Door Policy Maker,” Policy History Conference, June 8, 2012.

“The Advisory State: Physical Fitness through the Ad Council, 1955-1965,” American Historical Association, January 7, 2012.

“Puny and Pudgy Privates: Measuring Draftees in WWII,” History of Science Society, November 5, 2011.

“Lazy and Crazy: Physical Fitness Meets Psychology in Post-War America,” The Regimen of Bodily Health: Nourishment and Natural Knowledge, Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology at the University of Toronto, March 18, 2011.

“Watchful Weighing: The Body Politics of Home Economics, 1920-1950,” Cornell University, Women’s History Month Series, March 3, 2011.

“Through the Normal Channels: Food and Family in the New Deal,” Organization of American Historians, April 10, 2010.

“Inventing the Hungry: Food Welfare in the New Deal Era,” Agriculture, Food and Human Values Society, May 2009.

Conference Panel Chair/Comment

The AIDS Crisis in Texas panel, panel chair and comment, Texas State Historical Association, March 4, 2021.

Concepts for a 'Post-Industrial' Society panel, panel chair and comment, Society for U.S. Intellectual History, November 8, 2019.

Human Trafficking: Culture, Crime, and Creative Responses panel, panel chair and comment, University of North Texas, Body Place Identity conference, March 2, 2019.

Women and Health Activism panel, panel chair, American Association for the History of Medicine, May 12, 2018.

Teaching

Teaching Development and Recognition

- Nominee for UNT CLASS Undergraduate Teaching Award, 2023
- Winner of J.H. Shelton Excellence in Teaching Award, 2022-2023
- Career Connect High Impact Practices Faculty Development Grant, 2020-2021
- UNT Athletics, Mean Green Faculty/Staff Spotlight, Fall 2018
- Professor of the Month, March 2018, Supplemental Instruction program, UNT
- Course Design Institute, Summers 2016 and 2017, CLEAR: Center for Learning Enhancement, Assessment, and Redesign, University of North Texas

Courses Taught:

University of North Texas

Undergraduate:

HIST 2620: U.S. History Since 1865

Fall 2014 (2 sections); Spring 2015 (3 sections); Fall 2015 (2 sections); Spring 2016 (2 sections);
Fall 2016 (2 sections); Spring 2017; Spring 2018; Fall 2018; Fall 2020 [online]; Spring 2021
[online]

HIST 2685: U.S. History Since 1865, Honors

Fall 2017; Fall 2018

HIST 3062: Women in America Since 1900

Fall 2014, Fall 2023

HIST 4260: Special Topics: Madness and Mental Health in Modern History

Fall 2021, Fall 2023

HIST 4405: History of the Body

Spring 2016; Spring 2017; Spring 2018; Fall 2020 [online]; Fall 2022

HIST 4406: Sickness and Health in U.S. History

Fall 2015; Fall 2016; Fall 2017; Spring 2021 [online]; Spring 2024

HIST 4407: Fitness Culture in the U.S. [online]

Summer 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023

HIST 4461: Gender, Race, Class and Policy Since WWII

Spring 2023; Spring 2024

Graduate:

HIST 5110: Graduate Studies in 20th Century US Political History

Fall 2022

HIST 6204: Graduate Seminar in 20th Century US Political History

Spring 2019; Fall 2021; Spring 2023

Pennsylvania State University (Instructor of Record, courses between 2010-2014)

HIST 021 and 021H: U.S. History Since 1877

WMNST 100: Intro. to Women's Studies

HIST/WMNST 117: Women in Modern History

HIST/WMNST 116: History of American Sexuality

HIST 302W: American Poverty and Welfare (Capstone Seminar)

HIST 448: America in the Sixties

Independent Studies Directed

Fitness Cultures in the US (graduate)

Summer 2021

Gender and Medicine in the American West (graduate)

Fall 2018

Reproductive Justice in US History (graduate)

Spring 2023

U.S. Political Historiography (graduate)

Spring 2024

Graduate Committees

Current PhD adviser

Annette Becker (current - ABD) – US – Women's and Gender History

Lauren Jacobsen-Bridges (current) – US – 20th Century

Dana Trammell (current) – US – Women's and Gender History

Peter Sutherland (current - ABD) – US – 20th Century

Leah Walsh (current - ABD) – US – Politics and Policy

Current PhD committee member

Cindy Alvarez (current - ABD) – US – 20th century

Darnell Bolton (current - ABD) – US – 20th century

Andrew Huebner (current - ABD) – US – 20th century

Brittany Huner (current - ABD) – US, Women's and Gender History

Samuel Liberty (current) – US – 20th century

Darrell Reader (current - ABD) – US – 20th century

Nathalie Ross (current - ABD) – US, Women's and Gender History

Former PhD committee Member

William Thweatt (grad. Spring 2023) – US – 20th century

Edy Ritt-Coulter (grad. Summer 2023) – Food and the Body

Current MA adviser

Matthew Williams

Former MA adviser

Brooke Edsall (grad. Spring 2023)

Current MA committee member

Marissa Moore

Monique Mason

Ruth Gibbs

Former MA committee Member

Kate Doak (grad. Spring 2019)

William Stacks (grad. Spring 2021)

Lora Tompkins (grad. Spring 2023)

Service

Journal Manuscript Review

- *Cultural History* (2020)
- *Fat Studies* (2018)
- *Journal of American Studies* (2016, 2022)
- *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences* (2022)
- *Women's History Review* (2019)

Book Manuscript Review

- Lexington Books (2017)
- Rutgers University Press (2018, 2020)
- University of California Press (2024)
- University of Chicago Press (2019, 2021, 2021)
- University of North Carolina Press (2022, 2023)
- University of Virginia Press (2022)

Committees and Leadership (service to the profession)

Osler Medal Committee, American Association for the History of Medicine, 2023-present.

Nesbit Prize Committee, Southern Association for the History of Medicine and Science, 2022-Present.

Advisory Board member, H-Nutrition, 2016-present

Co-convenor, New Histories of Psychology working group, hosted by the Consortium for History of Science, Technology, and Medicine (CHSTM), 2021-2022.

Committees and Leadership (service to the college/university)

Personnel Affairs Committee, Women's and Gender Studies Program, University of North Texas, 2023-present.

Advisory Committee, Women's and Gender Studies Program, University of North Texas, 2021-2023.

Chair, search committee for Women's and Gender Studies lecturer position, University of North Texas, Women's and Gender Studies Program, 2022-2023

Prize Committee, Scholarly and Creative Activity award, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, 2022.

Planning Committee, Post-War Faculty Colloquium, UNT, 2017-2022

Reviewer/judge for Texas Academy of Math and Science's Medical Society's Medical Humanities Journal, *Stethoscope*, 2018-2019

Committees and Leadership (service to the department)

Member, Departmental Affairs Committee, UNT Department of History, 2022-present.

Chair, Tenure and Promotion Committee, UNT Department of History, 2022-present.

Member, search committee for Mexican American history position, University of North Texas, Department of History, 2022-2023

Member, Undergraduate Affairs Committee, UNT Department of History, 2017-2019, 2020-2021.

Member, Ad-Hoc committee for Best Practices in the U.S. Survey, UNT Department of History, 2019-2020

Member, Women's History Month Committee, UNT Department of History, 2014-present

- Chair in 2015-2016, 2017-2018, 2022-2023

Member, Ad-Hoc committee for the Status of Women in History, UNT Department of History, 2019 – 2020.

Member, search committee for New South position, University of North Texas, Department of History, 2018-2019

Member, Ad-Hoc committee for Promotion and Tenure policy revisions, University of North Texas, Department of History, 2018.

Member, Food Studies Committee, University of North Texas, Department of History, 2016-present

Member, Mentoring Group for Women in History, 2017-2018

State Employee Charitable Campaign (SECC) Chair for the history department, 2016-2018

Public Speaking

Panelist, College Day Faculty Roundtable, UNT History Department, August 16, 2023.

Panelist, "Toward a Feminist Future of Collective Care," UNT Women's and Gender Studies, April 9, 2021

Constitution Day lecture for "The 19th Amendment: Look Back & Looking Forward," UNT, "Beyond Susan B.: Three Suffragists You Need to Know," September 17, 2020.

Public lecture for the Denton Public Library, "Religion, Power, and American Medicine: The 18th Century Fight Over Small Pox Inoculation," October 13, 2018.

College Day lecture for the UNT History Department, "Don't Be Chicken: American Physical Fitness in the Cold War," August 22, 2018.

Documentary introduction and Super Tuesday discussion of "The War Room" (1993) at the University of North Texas Eagle Commons Media Library, Doc Spot series, March 1, 2016.

Guest speaker, Common Reading Experience for Family and Consumer Science, University of Kentucky, November 19, 2015.

Guest speaker, "Welfare is a Women's Issue: Gender and Anti-Poverty Activism in the 1960s and 1970s," University of Virginia, AAS 2559: Women and the Civil Rights Movement. January 7, 2013.

Guest speaker, "The New Historiography of Gender and the Welfare State," University of Virginia Women's History Working Group, 2012.

Panelist, "The Future of Women's Studies," Department of Women's Studies, Pennsylvania State University, 2011.

Media and Public History

- Interview with Joe Lombardo, "The Government and the Gains," *Scholars and Iron* podcast, July 14, 2020, <https://directory.libsyn.com/episode/index/show/scholarsandiron/id/15212351>
- Interview by Patricia Martins Marcos, *New Books Network* podcast (New Books in Gender Studies), January 14, 2020, <https://newbooksnetwork.com/rachel-louise-moran-governing-bodies-american-politics-and-the-shaping-of-the-modern-physique-u-penn-press-2018>
- "The Best-Fed Baby," *H-Nutrition* series on "Figures," September 16, 2019. <https://networks.hnet.org/node/134048/discussions/4386939/draftsubmission-figures>
- "Openness and Authority in Pregnancy: Lucy Knisley's Kid Gloves," *Nursing Clio*, May 29, 2019. <https://nursingclio.org/2019/05/29/openness-and-authority-in-pregnancy-lucy-knisleys-kid-gloves>
- "Pharmacological Innovation and the Desire to Simplify Postpartum Depression," *Nursing Clio*, April 16, 2019. <https://nursingclio.org/2019/04/16/pharmacological-innovation-and-the-desire-to-simplify-postpartum-depression>
- Interview by Emily Contois, "How the "Advisory State" Shapes American Bodies and Politics: A Conversation with Rachel Louise Moran," *Nursing Clio*, December 1, 2018. <https://nursingclio.org/2018/12/13/how-the-advisory-state-shapes-american-bodies-and-politics-a-conversation-with-rachel-louise-moran>
- "Body Building as Social Welfare: How the Language of Weight Justified the Civilian Conservation Corps," *Food, Fatness, Fitness: Critical Perspectives*, September 1, 2018. <http://foodfatnessfitness.com/2018/09/01/body-building-civilian-conservation-corps>
- "Why American Policy is Leaving Millions Hungry," *Washington Post*, August 7, 2018. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/made-by-history/wp/2018/08/07/why-american-policy-is-leaving-millions-hungry>
- "The Inaccurate and Dangerous Premise of the GOP Farm Bill," *History News Network (HNN)*, May 18, 2018. <https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/169069>
- "Change We Need? Why the Name of the President's Fitness Council Matters," *Nursing Clio*, May 8, 2018. <https://nursingclio.org/2018/05/08/change-we-need-why-the-name-of-the-presidents-fitness-council-matters>
- "Selling American Vigor: The Cold War and the President's Council on Physical Fitness," *Process: A Blog for American History*, February 13, 2018. <http://www.processhistory.org/moran-selling-american-vigor/>
- "Don't Eat That, Eat This: The Troubled History of Food Stamps and Nutrition," *Nursing Clio*, June 23, 2015. <http://nursingclio.org/2015/06/23/health-welfare-and-food-stamp-politics/>
- "The Nanny State on Your Plate?," *Nursing Clio*, December 18, 2014. <http://nursingclio.org/2014/12/18/the-nanny-state-on-your-plate/>
- "Making Perfect Children: Baby Shows and Height-Weight Charts in Early 20th Century America," *The Ultimate History Project*, March 22, 2013. https://ultimatehistoryproject.com/uploads/3/5/0/1/35012707/issue_4.pdf
- Interview, Backstory with the American History Guys, Episode: "Beach Bodies: A History of American Physique," August 2012. <https://www.backstoryradio.org/shows/beach-bodies-2015/>
- "Food Stamps: As American as Apple Pie," *Riding the Tiger: The Miller Center Elections Blog*, February 2, 2012.
- "100 Years of Counting Calories," *The Ultimate History Project*, April 25, 2012.
- Interview, Journal of American History website. <http://www.podtrac.com/pts/redirect.mp3/jahpodcast.com/podcast/201103.mp3>