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## **EMPLOYMENT**

Assistant Professor, History, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Fall 2004 - Present  
Los Angeles Teaching Fellow | Social Studies Teacher, Locke High School, Summer - Fall 2003  
University of California President's Postdoctoral Fellow, UC Santa Barbara, 2001 - 2003  
Women's Studies Dissertation Fellow, UC Santa Barbara, 200 - 2001  
Attorney, Chicago, 1979 - 1994 (currently licensed in Illinois; retired status)

## **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. History, University of Southern California, 2001  
Dissertation: "Not Talking About 'It': A History of Incest in the U.S., 1890-1940"  
Fields: U.S. women's history; social and popular culture; nineteenth-century U.S.;  
critical theory/film

M.A. American Studies, concentration in Women's Studies, SUNY Buffalo, 1996

J.D. The John Marshall Law School, Chicago, 1979  
Executive Managing Editor, The John Marshall Journal

B.A. Marquette University, Milwaukee, 1975

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Unspeakable: Father-Daughter Incest in American History. Johns Hopkins University Press (2009)

"Venereal Disease." In Encyclopedia of Children and Childhood in History and Society, ed. Paula S. Fass. New York: Macmillan Reference USA, 2003

"Sanitized For Your Protection: Medical Discourse and the Denial of Incest in the United States, 1890-1940." Journal of Women's History 14 (autumn 2002): 80 (awarded the Judith Lee Ridge Article Prize)

"If We're So Smart, Why Are We Still in School?" American Studies Association Newsletter 23 (March 2000): 1

"Wife Abuse: The Failure of Legal Remedies." John Marshall Journal 11 (spring 1978): 549

## **ACADEMIC GRANTS AND AWARDS**

2010-2011 Thomas Jefferson Prize, UT

QUEST Scholar of the Week, UT, 2009

Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching, UT, 2008

David V. and Kathryn G. White Undergraduate Teaching Award, UT, 2008

Faculty Advising Service Award, College of Arts and Sciences, UT, 2007

Judith Lee Ridge Article Prize, Western Association of Women Historians, 2003

Finalist, Allan Nevins Prize, Society of American Historians, 2002

Women's Studies Dissertation Fellowship, University of California, Santa Barbara, 2000-2001

Alternate, Sexuality Research Fellowship Program, Social Science Research Council, 2000

Women's Issues Scholarship, USC Lambda Alumni Association, 2000

Graduate Student Prize, Coordinating Council for Women in History/Berkshire Conference of Women Historians, 1999

Schlesinger Library Dissertation Grant, 1999

Woodrow Wilson-Johnson & Johnson Dissertation Grant in Women's Health, 1999

Founders' Dissertation Grant, Western Association of Women Historians, 1999

American Heritage Center Travel Grant, University of Wyoming, 1999

John R. Hubbard Dissertation Fellowship, USC, Fall 1999

Haynes Foundation Intermediate Fellowship, USC, 1997-1998

Haynes Foundation First Year Fellowship, USC, 1996-1997

## **INVITED TALKS**

"Not Talking About 'It': Diagnosing Incest in American History." Public Lecture, 2 November 2009, Rhodes College, Memphis, TN

"Speaking About the Unspeakable." Sunday Morning Forum, Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church, Knoxville, TN, 4 October 2009.

"'It Is Less Embarrassing to Accuse a Toilet Seat': The Etiology of 'Epidemic' Pediatric Gonorrhea in Early Twentieth-Century U.S. History." Sexually Transmitted Infections Research Group, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. 9 November 2004, Baltimore, MD

"Historical Reflections on the Social Denial of Incest." Child Abuse Listening and Mediation Center. 16 May 2001, Santa Barbara, CA

"Why Is It So Hard to Believe That Incest Occurs? Some Historical Answers." UCSB Women's Center 2000-2001 Colloquium of Dissertation Scholars and Fellows. 24 April 2001, Santa Barbara, CA

"'Oh, Is That Why You're a Lesbian?' Queering the Silence About Incest." Women's Studies Department, Barnard College, 9 April 2001, New York City.

"If We're So Smart, Why Are We Still in School?" ASA/Canadian Association of American Studies Annual Meeting. 28-31 October 1999, Montréal, Québec

## **CONFERENCES**

### **Panels Organized**

Session Organizer and Presenter, “‘A Brute in Human Form’: Respectability and the Incestuous Father.” 2003 International Federation for Research in Women’s History. 11-14 August 2003, Belfast, Northern Ireland

Session Co-Organizer and Presenter, “The Denial of Incest: Turn-of-the-Century Discourses on Gonorrhea and Girls.” 12<sup>th</sup> Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, 6-9 June 2002, Storrs, CT

Session Organizer and Presenter, “Mothers’ Hands and ‘Dangerous Things’: The Progressive-Era Encounter With Incest.” Organization of American Historians, 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, 11-14 April 2002, Washington, D.C.

Session Organizer and Presenter, “‘Abnormal Sexual Gratification’ or ‘Superstitious Cure’?: Accounting for Incest in the United States, 1905-1935.” American Historical Association, 116<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. 3-6 January 2002, San Francisco, CA

Session Organizer and Chair, “Job Interviews in American Studies: A Demonstration Workshop.” American Studies Association Students’ Committee Sponsored Session, ASA Annual Meeting. 12-15 October 2000, Detroit, MI

### **Papers Presented**

“The ‘Superstitious Cure’ in Europe and America: A Resilient, if Unproved, Belief,” Women and Crime in Britain and North America Since 1500: An Interdisciplinary Conference. Centre d’Analyses et de Reserches sur le Monde Anglophone, Université de Lyon 2 & Université de Lyon 3. 12-13 September 2008, Lyon, France.

“‘Good God! Your Child Has Got a Clap’: Gonorrhea in Girls and the Historical Denial of Incest.” Second Annual Conference on the History of Children and Youth. 27-28 July 2001, Milwaukee, WI

“The Lesbian Instructor in the Women’s Studies Classroom.” 12<sup>th</sup> Annual UC Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Association Conference. 16-18 February 2001. Santa Barbara, CA

“Not Talking About ‘It’: How the Prevalence of Incest Was Both Revealed and Obscured in the Campaign Against Venereal Disease, 1900-1940.” American Association for the History of Medicine, 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting. 6-9 May 1999, New Brunswick, NJ

“Adult Women’s Incest Narratives at the Forefront of Feminist Politics.” National Women’s Studies Association, 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. 12-16 June 1996, Saratoga Springs, NY

### **Panels Chaired / Discussant**

Chair, “Securing Sustenance,” American Studies Association Annual Meeting, *18-21 November, 2010*, San Antonio, TX

Chair and Discussant, "American Girls' Cultures and the Politics of Public Space." Western Association of Women Historians, 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference, 20-23 May, 2010, Tacoma, CA

Chair and Discussant, "Children's Sexuality and Agency in the Long Nineteenth Century." Biennial Conference of the Society for the History of Children and Youth," 10-12 July 2009, Berkeley, CA.

Chair, "Rethinking the History of Rape and 'Passion Killings.'" 13<sup>th</sup> Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, 2-5 June, 2005, Claremont, CA

Chair, "Domestic Violence and the State." National Women's Studies Association, 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. 13-16 June 2002, Las Vegas, NV

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Courses Taught**

#### **Graduate**

His 510, Foundations of Graduate Studies in History (f 08)

His 580, Gender and Sexuality in U.S. History, graduate seminar (sp 06, sp 08, *f 10*)

#### **Undergraduate**

His 408, Honors, Senior Paper (s 10)

His 407, Honors: Senior Paper (f 09)

His 482, Research Seminar in the History of Gender and Sexuality (f 08)

His 479, History of Medicine in the U.S., upper-division seminar (sp 05, f 06, f 07, f 09)

His 479, History of Gender and Sexuality in the U.S., upper-division seminar (sp 05, sp 07, sp 09, s 10)

His 479/WS 400, History of Gender and Sexuality in the U.S., upper-division seminar (sp 07)

His 354, U.S. History, 1877-1933, Invention of Cinema and Creation of Modern America, upper-division seminar (f 07), large lecture (f 09, *f 10*)

His 354, U.S. History, 1877-1933, upper-division seminar (f 04)

His 228, Honors: U.S. History, 1877- Present (sp 05, sp 06)

His 222, U.S. History, 1877- Present, survey (f 04, sp 06, f 06, sp 08, sp 09, s10)

Freshman Year Seminar 129, LGBT at UT, (f 08, sp 09, f 09)

FYS 129, In the Bedroom: The Politics of Private Life (sp 08) (co-taught with Lorri Glover)

#### **UCSB, Women's Studies Program.** Winter 2001

"'Private' Lives: The History of Modern Gender and Sexuality in the United States, 1890-1930"  
Upper-division seminar

#### **USC, History Department, Teaching Assistant.** Fall 1998

"Gender and Sexualities in American History." Lower-division general education course

#### **SUNY-Buffalo, American Studies Department.** Fall 1995

"Women in Contemporary Society." Introductory seminar, co-taught with an honors undergraduate

## **Undergraduate Honors Advising**

Coordinator, History Honors Program, 2009 - [includes teaching His 407-409, senior thesis]  
Faculty Advisor, History Honors Thesis (three students), 2007-08  
Faculty Advisor, Women's Studies Independent Project (two students), 2007-09  
Committee, College Scholars Thesis (one student) 2008  
Faculty Advisor, History Honors Thesis (two students), 2006-07  
Faculty Advisor, Chancellor's Honors-By-Contract Project, 2006

## **SERVICE**

### **History Department**

Chair, Undergraduate Committee, 2009 - 10  
Native American Search Committee, 2010  
Ad-Hoc Committee for teaching His. 510, 2009 - 10  
Faculty Advisor, Phi Alpha Theta, 2008 -  
Advisor, Arts and Sciences Advising Services, 2008-09  
Group I Ph.D. Qualifying Exams Committee, 2007-08  
Graduate Committee, 2007-08  
Head Search Committee, 2007  
Undergraduate Committee, 2006-07, 2008-09  
Speakers Committee, 2005-06  
Ad-Hoc Diversity Committee, 2005  
Annual Women Graduate Student Reception, co-organizer and host, 2005-08  
Undergraduate Advising, 2005-  
"More Than Just Pour In and Stir: Adding Women to U.S. History," Twenty-Seventh Annual  
Workshop for Teachers of Social Studies, March 5, 2006  
Presentation for graduate students, "Professionalization and the Job Market," Phi Alpha Theta,  
November 18, 2004 (with Denise Philips)

### **University**

UTK Chancellor's Commission for LGBT People, <http://lgbt.utk.edu/>, 2007 -  
Chair-Elect, 2009 - (three-year rotation)  
Member, Executive Advisory Committee, 2007 -  
Member, Resource Center Committee, 2009 -Chair,  
Chair, Development Committee, 2008-09  
Chair, Curricular Committee, 2007-09  
Interviewee, Voices of Diversity: An Online LGBT Archive, 2008, <http://lgbt.utk.edu/vod/>  
  
Co-organizer, Dorothy Allison, "Out in Appalachia," UTK, November 13, 2009  
Panelist, "Opening the Door: Exploring Issues in the LGBT Community," co-sponsored  
with the SGA Diversity Affairs Committee, SGA Diversity Week, March 24, 2009  
  
Guest Speaker, "History of Sexuality, Gender, and Medicine," Health 520, Sex Education  
and Human Sexuality, October 24, 2008  
  
Web Interview, "InSight UT: LGBT Panel Brings Awareness to UT's Lack of  
Acceptance," TN Journalist, <http://tnjn.com/2008/oct/07/insight-ut-lgbt-panel-brings-a/>

Panelist, "Out on Campus: What is it Like to be LGBT at UTK?" Kickoff for National LGBT History Month, Hodges Auditorium, October 1, 2008 (attendance + 90)

Committee to Transition Teacher Evaluations Online, Office of the Provost and Office of Institutional Research and Assessment, 2009 - 10

Search Committee, Assistant Director, UT Teaching and Learning Center, summer 2009

Selection Committee, Arts & Sciences Advising Awards, fall 2008

Panelist, "Teaching in Your Discipline: How Do the Best College Teachers Teach Ways of Thinking?" Faculty Senate and Tennessee Teaching and Learning Center, Third Annual Fall Teaching Panel Discussion, October 15, 2008

Web Interview, "UT's First Class of Hope Graduates," <http://www.utk.edu/features/hopegrads/>

Faculty Discussion Leader. Life of the Mind, 2005, 2006

### **Profession**

Executive Board, Western Association of Women Historians, 2009-10

Chair, Barbara "Penny" Kanner Prize Committee (book on women or gender history), WAWH, 2009-10

Member, Kanner Prize Committee, WAWH, 2007-09

### **Manuscript Review**

Journal of the History of Sexuality, 2006

Johns Hopkins University Press, 2003

### **Other Academic**

Search Committee. Director of Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity, UCSB. 2001

Co-Chair. Students' Committee, American Studies Association. 1998-2000

Student Representative. Hubbard Chair Search Committee, USC History Department. 1997

### **Non-Academic**

Knoxville Branch Council. Taoist Tai Chi Society of the USA, 2005-06, 2007-

Executive Board. Southwest Women Working Together, a non-profit community empowerment organization, Chicago. 1988-1991

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Association for the History of Medicine

American Historical Association

American Studies Association

Organization of American Historians

Society for the History of Children and Youth

Southern Association of Women Historians

Western Association of Women Historians