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EMPLOYMENT

Director of Interdisciplinary, International, and Experiential Programs. College of Arts and Sciences, UTK, 2015 –

Interim Chair, Program in American Studies, 2017 -

Associate Professor, History. University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2010 -

Assistant Professor, History. UTK, 2004 - 2010

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, 2000 - 2001

Practicing Attorney, Chicago, 1979 - 1994 (licensed in Illinois)

EDUCATION

Ph.D. History, University of Southern California, 2001

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

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

B.A. Marquette University, Milwaukee, 1975

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Innocent Desires: A Cultural History of Adult-Child Eroticism (current book project)

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

“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 (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

SELECTED ACADEMIC GRANTS AND AWARDS

David V. and Kathryn G. White Undergraduate Teaching Award, UTK, 2012

Diversity Leadership Award, College of Arts and Sciences, UTK, 2011

2010-2011 Thomas Jefferson Prize, UTK (\$3000/annually for three years)

QUEST Scholar of the Week, UTK, 2009

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

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

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

Scholarly and Research Incentive Funds (SARIF), UTK Office of Research, 2003
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, UC, 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

INVITED TALKS – EXTERNAL

Q & A with Author Graham Hoppe, Gone Dollywood (2018). Union Ave. Books, Knoxville, TN. 11 October 2018

“East Tennessee's Favorite Girl: Teaching Dolly Parton in Knoxville.” Andrew Bogle Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. Knoxville. 11 October 2017

“Act Like a Man: Easier Said Than Done.” The Ron Morrow Lecture Series, Western Carolina University. 17 February 2015.

Respondent, “The Past and Future of Women's History.” Academy of Polymathic Study, University of Southern California. 17 January 2014

Keynote Address. Twenty-Second Annual Bluegrass Symposium, History Graduate Student Association. University of Kentucky. 22 February 2013, Lexington, KY

“The Political and the Academic.” The Past, Present, and Future of Feminist Studies, Department of Feminist Studies, University of California. 9 - 11 February 2012, Santa Barbara, CA

“Not Talking About ‘It’: Diagnosing Incest in American History.” Public Lecture, Rhodes College. 2 November 2009. Memphis, TN

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

“LGBT @ UTK,” PFLAG [Parents and Friends of Gays and Lesbians]. TVUUC. 9 September 2009. Knoxville, TN

“‘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

““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.

INVITED TALKS – UTK

“Why Study Dolly?” College Scholars. 19 September 2018

Discussant, “The Mask You Live In.” UT Men’s Project. 26 October 2017

Co-Presenter, “We’re Here, We’re Queer, Get Used to It: Activism and Erasure at UTK.” Intersections Discussion, Tennessee Diversity Now! 20 September 2017

Panelist, “Top Girls and Busy Bodies: Spotlight on Women’s Issues.” UT Commission for Women and Clarence Brown Theater. 9 March 2017

“Gold Diggers of 1933: Working Class Heroes.” Honors Film Series. 24 September 2015

“Sex: A Brief History.” Haslam Honors Friday Faculty Series. 23 January 2015

“Pre-Code America: When the American Dream Died.” Honors Films Series. 21 January 2015

“Ideology v. Lived Experience.” College Scholars. 26 February 2014

“History, Incest, and Medicine,” Medical Humanities Series, UT Medical College / Graduate School of Medicine, 15 January 2014, Knoxville

Panelist, “Diversity Dialogues: Race, Gender, Religion and the 2012 Elections.” Black Law Student Association. October 2012

“Same-Sex Marriage.” Baker Center Learning Community. 10 October 2011

“History of Sexuality,” College Scholars. 9 February 2011

Guest Speaker, “History of Sexuality, Gender, and Medicine.” Health 520, Sex Education and Human Sexuality. 24 October 2008

CONFERENCES

Panels Organized

Session Organizer and Presenter, “Constructing Desire: Age, Beauty, and Ethnicity in Popular Culture,” 2017 Berkshire Conference on Women’s History. 1–4 June 2017, Hofstra University, NY

Session Organizer and Presenter, “Sassy, Sexy, or Cute: Child Actors and the Erotic,” 2014 Berkshire Conference on Women’s History. 22–25 May 2014, University of Toronto

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.” 12th 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, 95th 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, 116th Annual Meeting. 3-6 January 2002, San Francisco, CA

Papers Presented

Roundtable, “Mentoring 102: A Calculating Teacher,” Women, Gender, Sex: Social and Cultural Histories of the Long Nineteenth Century. 2 May 2015, University of California, Santa Barbara

Roundtable, “Nancy Whittaker’s, The Politics of Child Sexual Abuse.” Social Science History Association, 36th Annual Meeting. 17 - 20 November 2011, Boston, MA

“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

“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, 72nd Annual Meeting. 6-9 May 1999, New Brunswick, NJ

Panels Chair / Discussant

Chair and Discussant, “Who Wants Kids, Anyway? Intergenerational Desire and the Transformation of American Culture.” American Studies Association Annual Meeting, 20-23 October 2011, Baltimore

Chair and Discussant, “Same Sex Relationships in the 20th Century.” 2011 Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, June 9-11, 2011, Amherst, MA

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

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.'" 13th Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, 2-5 June 2005, Claremont, CA

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (regularly taught courses)

Graduate

His 580, Gender and Sexuality in U.S. History, reading seminar

Dissertation Director, Matthew Blaylock, "Appalachian Aristocrats: Tourism, Class, and the Construction of Western North Carolina, 1880-1920." Ph.D. awarded 2017.

I regularly direct two MA students and serve on two Ph.D. and two MA committees annually.

Undergraduate -- History

His 436, History of Gender & Sexuality in the U.S.

His 383, History of Rape in the U.S.

His 373, 20th Century Popular Culture

His 354, U.S. History, 1877-1933, Invention of Cinema and Creation of Modern America

His 326, Gay American History

His 307, Dolly Parton's America, History Honors [internationally publicized 2017]

His 222, U.S. History, 1877- Present

Undergraduate Honors | Other Departments

Faculty Mentor, ORE Student-Funded Research, Summer 2018 (2)

Committee, English Senior Thesis, 2017 - 18

Faculty Director, Honors-By-Contract, spring 2017 (3), fall 2018 (4)

Faculty Mentor, College Scholars, 2015 – (1-2 annually)

Faculty Advisor, Chancellor's Honors Thesis, 2015

Committee, College Scholars Thesis, 2013 - 15

Faculty Advisor, History Honors Thesis, 2009 – 12; 2016 – (average 2 annually); 2017 – 18 (3)

Faculty Mentor, Undergraduate Summer Research Internship, 2011, 2012, 2017

Coordinator, History Honors Program, 2009 - 2011 [includes teaching His 407-409, senior thesis]

Faculty Advisor, Women's Studies Independent Project (2 students), 2007-09

Committee, College Scholars Thesis, 2008

SERVICE

History Department

Undergraduate Recruitment Committee, 2018 -

Heads Advisory Committee, 2013 - 14, 2015 - 17

Member, UTK U.S. History Faculty Outreach. Teaching AP U.S. History at Fulton and Austin East High Schools. 2014 -

Chair, Julie Reed 4th Year Review Committee, 2014

Member, Luke Harlow Tenure Committee, 2014

"Hollywood Movies as Historical Sources: Teaching Visual Literacy," 33rd Annual Social Studies Teacher Workshop, 22 February 2014

Chair, Search Committee, History of Slavery, 2013 - 14

Search Committee, African American History, opportunity hire, 2012 - 13

Graduate Committee, 2012 - 13

Organizer, "Activism & Change: A Conversation with Dr. Rip Patton," 13 March 2012

Search Committee, 20th century transnational US history, 2011 - 12

Search Committee, Civil War, 2011 - 12
 Coordinator, History Honors Program, 2009 - 11
 Chair, Undergraduate Committee, 2009 - 10; 2011 – 12; 2013 - 15
 Native American Search Committee, 2010
 Ad-Hoc Committee on His 510, 2009 - 10
 Faculty Advisor, Phi Alpha Theta, 2008 - 10
 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,” 27th Annual Workshop for
 Teachers of Social Studies, 5 March 2005
 “Professionalization and the Job Market,” Phi Alpha Theta, 18 November 2004

University

Steering Committee, Voices Out Loud Project, UT Libraries and Digital Projects, 2018 -
 “LGBTQ Issue and Beyond,” Graduate School of Education Student Orientation, UTK, Fall, 2017
 UT/ONSF Scholarship (Truman) Nomination Committee, 2017
 Steering Committee, Tennessee Diversity Now! 2016 – 17
 “LGBTQ at UTK,” CEHHS Graduate School of Education Student Orientation, 2016
 Academic Outreach and Engagement Council, 2015 – 16
 Vice President, UTK chapter AAUP, 2015 - 16
 Programs Abroad Committee, CIE, 2015 -
 Working Group for Long-Term General Education Assessment, 2014 - 15
 UT/ONSF Scholarship (UK/Ireland | Rhodes, Marshall, Mitchell) Nomination Committee, 2013 – 15
 Faculty Advisor. Sexual Empowerment and Awareness at Tennessee Committee, “Sex Week,”
 UTK. 2012 - 15
 Session Leader, Sexual Assault Workshop, 2013 - 16
 Invited Presentations:
 “Gender Smackdown: The Interplay of Biology and Culture,” 9 April 2018
 “History of Rape and Resistance,” 5 April 2017
 “Drag Theory,” 4 April 2016
 Panelist, “After ‘I Do’: Marriage Equality,” 6 April 2016
 “Road Head: The Role of the Automobile in American Sexuality,” 6 April 2014
 “Birds Did It, Bees Did It: History of Sex,” 3 March 2014
 “Sexuality at UTK,” 2013
 Discussant, “Before Stonewall,” Out Film Series: Resistance & Resilience, 27 September 2017
 “How to Survive a Plague,” LGBTQ History Month Film Series, UTK, 29 October
 2013
 UTK Chancellor’s Commission for LGBT People, 2007 - 11
 Chair, 2010 - 11
 Chair-Elect, 2009 - 10
 Member, Executive Advisory Committee, 2007 - 11
 Member, Resource Center Committee, 2009 - 10

Chair, Development Committee, 2008 - 09
Chair, Curricular Committee, 2007 - 09
Invited Panelist. "Past, Present, Trust, Tolerance and Growth: Cultural Capital to Enrich Our Community," Leadership Knoxville. 11 November 2010, Oak Ridge, TN
Invited Interviewee. "Six News at 5:30," WATE-TV. 4 October 2010
Co-organizer. Dorothy Allison, "Out in Appalachia," UTK. 13 November 2009
Panelist. "Opening the Door: Exploring Issues in the LGBT Community," SGA Diversity Week. 24 March 2009
Interviewee. Voices of Diversity: An Online LGBT Archive, 2008
Web Interview. "InSight UT: LGBT Panel Brings Awareness to UT's Lack of Acceptance," TN Journalist, 2008
Panelist. "Out on Campus: What is it Like to be LGBT at UTK?" Kickoff, National LGBT History Month, UTK. 1 October 2008
Chancellor's Advisory Council, 2010 - 11
Council for Diversity and Interculturalism, 2010 - 11
Chancellor's Commission for Blacks, 2010 - 11
Chancellor's Commission for Women, 2010 - 11
Moderator. "The Great Porn Debate," Issues Committee Event, UTK. 28 September 2010
Invited panelist, "'What We Wish Someone Had Told Us...' Words of Wisdom from the Recently Tenured," New Faculty Orientation, Office of the Provost. 11 August 2010
Transition to Online Student Assessment of Instruction System (SAIS) Committee. Offices of the Provost and Institutional Research and Assessment. 2010 - 11
Selection Committee. Arts & Sciences Advising Awards. Fall 2008
Invited 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. 15 October 2008
Interviewee. "UT's First Class of Hope Graduates." 2008
Faculty Discussion Leader. Life of the Mind, 2005, 2006, 2016

College of Arts & Sciences

College Awards Selection Committee, 2017 -
Co-Presenter, Gender Brown Bag Series. Tennessee Diversity Now! Spring 2017
Affiliate Faculty, Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies. 2017 -
Steering Committee, Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies. 2016 - 17
Standing Committee on Gender Issues. Council of Colleges of Arts & Sciences. 2017 -
Chair, Committee to Revise Women's Studies IDP, 2015 - 16
Steering Committee, Cinema Studies. 2011 - 15
Social Theory Program Committee. 2012 - 14
Chair. Search Committee, Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Diversity. Spring 2012
Search Committee. Assistant Director, UT Teaching and Learning Center. Summer 2009
Advisor. Arts and Sciences Advising Services, 2008-09

Profession

External Tenure Reviewer. School of Library and Information Science, University of Iowa, 2010
Executive Board. Western Association of Women Historians, 2009 - 10
Chair. Barbara Kanner Prize Committee (best book, women / gender history), WAWH, 2009 - 10
Member. Barbara Kanner Prize Committee, WAWH, 2007 - 09