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Employment

Associate Professor, Department of History, Rutgers-Newark: 1998- present
Assistant Professor, Department of History, Rutgers-Newark: 1992-1998

Education

Ph.D., American Studies, Yale University, 1992
Dissertation Director: Nancy F. Cott
M. Phil., American Studies, Yale University, 1989
M.T.S. (Master of Theological Studies), Harvard Divinity School, 1986
B.A., Barnard College, 1981

Areas of Specialization

U.S. Cultural, Intellectual, and Religious History; U.S. Women's History; U.S. Urban History.

Courses Taught

History of Women in the United States, 1600-1877
History of Women in the United States, 1877-Present
History of the United States, 1865-Present
Modern America, 1890-1940
Social Class in America, 1877-1940
The Twenties and the New Deal
Contemporary America, 1945-Present
America in the Sixties
Senior Research Seminar in History
Gender, Science and Technology in the Modern World (Graduate)
Colloquium in American History III: The Middle Period (19th Century) (Graduate)
Problems and Readings in U.S. History, 1912-1945 (Graduate)
Problems and Readings in U.S. History Since 1945 (Graduate)
Topics in American Urban and Ethnic History (Graduate)
Colloquium on the History of Women (Graduate)

Awards and Honors

- 2004: J. Anthony Lukas Prize Finalist, Work-in-Progress Award for Exceptional Works of Non-Fiction
Project, Columbia Graduate School of Journalism and Nieman Foundation at Harvard
- 2004: Institute for the Study of Ethnicity and Culture, Rutgers-Newark Grant for Faculty Research
- 2002: Institute for the Study of Ethnicity and Culture, Rutgers-Newark Grant for Faculty Research
- 2001: Cornwall Center for Metropolitan Research, Rutgers-Newark Metropolitan Research Award
- 2001: University College-Newark Alumni Association Henry J. Browne Teaching Excellence Award
- 1998 Freshman Seminar Program Teaching Recognition Award
- 1994: Pew Program in Religion Faculty Fellowship
- 1994: Howard Foundation Finalist, Fellowship Award
- 1993: Rutgers-Newark Henry Rutgers Research Fellow
- 1992: Rutgers-Newark Henry Rutgers Research Fellow
- 1991: Yale University Dissertation Fellowship
Woodrow Wilson Foundation Finalist, Women's Studies Grant
- 1990: Yale University Enders Fellowship
Woodrow Wilson Foundation Finalist, Women's Studies Grant
- 1987: Yale University University Fellowship
- 1986: Rutgers University Johnson Fellowship
- 1985: Harvard University Divinity School Grant
- 1984: Harvard University Divinity School Grant
- 1981: Barnard College Graduated Magna Cum Laude with Honors in history

Works in Progress

Book, "Family Properties: Cons, Contracts, and the Fight to Save Chicago's West Side, 1950-1980." A study of exploitative, racially based real estate speculation in Chicago and of the activists who fought such practices, whose efforts resulted in the passage of federal legislation in the 1970s (the Community Reinvestment Act and the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act). Under contract to Henry Holt/ Metropolitan Press.

Book, "American Enchantment: Cultural Battles Over Passivity, Family Structure, and Political Freedom, 1945-2000." A study of American culture, 1945-2000, in light of broad-ranging debates over the problem of passivity, its roots in family structure, and its effects on political freedom.

Publications

Book, *Each Mind a Kingdom: American Women, Sexual Purity, and the New Thought Movement, 1875-1920* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1999). (Paperback, 2001.) A study of New Thought, a popular religious movement that originated as a women's healing faith and evolved into the "American Religion of Success," or the cult of positive thinking.

Review Essay, "Writing Gender History: What Does Feminism Have To Do With It?" *History and Theory: Studies in the Philosophy of History* 45:3 (October 2006): 436-447.

Article, "Our greatest moments of glory have been fighting the institutions we love the most': the Rise and Fall of Chicago's Interreligious Council on Urban Affairs, 1958-1969," U.S. Catholic Historian 22:2 (Spring 2004): 33-44.

Article, "The Sexual Abuse Paradigm in Historical Perspective: Passivity and Emotion in Mid-Twentieth-Century America," Journal of the History of Sexuality 12: 3 (July 2003): 424-464.

Article, "New Thought and the 1890s `Era of Woman,'" Intellectual History Newsletter, Fall 1999: 24-30.

Article, "Marcus Garvey, Father Divine and the Gender Politics of Race Difference and Race Neutrality," American Quarterly 47:4 (March 1996): 43-76. Reprinted in *Harlem Renaissance: A Gale Critical Companion*, vol.1 (Gale Press, 2002), and in *African-American Religious Thought: An Anthology*, edited by Eddie S. Glaude, Jr. and Cornel West (Westminster John Knox Press, 2003).

Review essay, "American Religion and Commercial Culture," Reviews in American History 23 (March 1995): 159-164.

Biographical articles, "Ursula Newell Gestefeld (1845-1921)" and "Alice Bunker Stockham (1833-1912)," in Rima Lunin Schultz and Adele Hast, eds., Women Building Chicago 1790-1990: A Biographical Dictionary (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2001), 318-320 and 851-854.

Encyclopedia entry, "New Thought," in James R. Grossman, Ann Durkin Keating, and Janice L. Reiff, eds., The Encyclopedia of Chicago History (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2004).

Reviews

-Film review of American Experience, "Marcus Garvey," for Journal of American History 88: 3 (Dec. 2001): 1192-1193.

-Book review of Evelyn A. Kirkley, Rational Mothers and Infidel Gentlemen, for The American Historical Review 106: 4 (Oct. 2001): 1379-1380.

-Book review of Elaine Showalter, Inventing Herself, for the New Jersey Star Ledger, April 8, 2001

-Book review of Kathryn J. Oberdeck, The Evangelist and the Impresario, for The Journal of Religion 81:2 (April 2001): 286-288.

-Book review of Gillian Gill's Mary Baker Eddy, for The New England Quarterly, September 1999: 502-504.

-Book review of Molly Ladd-Taylor and Lauri Umansky's "Bad" Mothers: The Politics of Blame in Twentieth-Century America, for Journal of Social History 33:2 (December 1999): 501-03.

-Book review of David J. Langum's Crossing over the Line: Legislating Morality and the Mann Act, for Journal of Social History, 29:3 (Spring 1996): 699-701.

-Book review of Elizabeth Lunbeck's The Psychiatric Persuasion, for Journal of Social History 29:2 (Winter 1995): 447-449.

Editorial Work

Reader for American Quarterly, Journal of Women's History, Michigan Historical Review, The Historian, The Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era, Blackwell Publishers, New York University Press, and Houghton Mifflin Co.

Papers Delivered

"An American Studies Approach to American Religion: What New Thought Tells Us About Late Nineteenth-Century American Culture," Guest Lecture for Professor Robert Nelson's course on "History of Religion in the U.S.," Rutgers-New Brunswick, Feb. 16, 2006.

"The History of the Women's Movement in America Since Seneca Falls," Interdisciplinary Seminar Series in Women's Studies, Bergen Community College, Oct. 20, 2005.

"Child Sexual Abuse in Historical Perspective" (comment on panel "New Perspectives on Child Sexual Abuse"), Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Scripps College, Los Angeles, CA, June 2-5, 2005.

"Racism, Cons and Contracts," Legal History Colloquium, School of Law-Newark, Center for Law and Justice, Rutgers University, Newark, NJ, April 27, 2004.

"'The Million-Dollars-A-Day Cost of Being Black': Race and Credit Exploitation in Mid-Twentieth-Century Chicago," Faculty Luncheon Seminar, Joseph C. Cornwall Center for Metropolitan Studies and The Institute on Ethnicity, Culture, and the Modern Experience, Newark, NJ, March 24, 2004.

"'Our Greatest Moments of Glory have been Fighting the Institutions We Love the Most': The Rise and Fall of Chicago's Interreligious Council on Urban Affairs, 1958-1969," Urbanism and American Religion conference, Fordham University, Bronx, NY, October 25, 2003.

Presentation, "Researching Urban History: Race and Housing in Mid-Century Chicago," Graduate Seminar in Twentieth-Century U.S. History, Fordham University, Bronx, NY, March 6, 2003.

"The Conceptual Place of Race in White Women's Movements of the 1890s and the 1960s," Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Storrs, CT, June 9, 2002.

"Gender, Self-Perfection, and the Politics of Race," Women's Studies in Religion Program, Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA, April 15, 2002.

"History, Religion, and the 1980s-1990s Sexual Abuse Paradigm," Graduate Program in Theology and Religious Studies, Casperson School, Drew University, Madison, NJ, April 3, 2002.

"Gendered Subjectivities and the Political Order: The Case of New Thought," American Academy of Religion, Denver, Colorado, Nov. 19, 2001

"From the Cold War to the Demon Within: The Sexual Abuse Paradigm in Historical Perspective," CLAGS (Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies), City University of New York, March 22, 2001.

"New Thought, Evolutionary Republicanism, and Early Progressivism, 1890-1905," Columbia University Seminar, December 9, 1999.

"Race, Religion and New Thought," Institute for the Advanced Study of Religion, Yale University, October 21, 1999.

"Sex and Desirelessness: The New Thought Novels of Helen Van-Anderson, Ursula Gestefeld, and Alice Bunker Stockham," University of Chicago History of Christianity Group, May 10, 1999

"The Utopian Sex Writings of Alice B. Stockham: or The Turn-of-the-Century Debate over Whiteness and Womanhood," Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Chapel Hill, NC, June 8, 1996

"The Muckraker and the Hypnotist: or Visions of Thought Power, Pure Womanhood and Race Perfection among Reform Leaders of the 1890s," Organization of American Historians Conference, Chicago, IL, March 28, 1996

"New Thought and the Transition from Victorian to Modern Subjectivity," Pew Program in Religion and American History Fellows Conference, New Haven, CT, April 8, 1995

"'Father Has Redeemed Us from Men': Divinite Women in 1930s Harlem," American Studies Association, Baltimore, Nov. 3, 1991

"'Each Mind a Kingdom': New Thought in America, 1885-1905," American Academy of Religion, New Orleans, Nov. 17, 1990

Community Service

-Presentation on the use of film in teaching the history of immigration, for the Save Ellis Island organization (Ellis Island, New York City), July 11, 2006.

-Presentation on U.S. History and U.S. Art History, Newark Museum, March 12, 2003

- Consulting Scholar for exhibition, "Picturing the New Woman," curator Holly Connor, Newark Museum, Fall 2002 (exhibit planned for Fall 2006)
- Consulting Scholar for exhibition, "Spiritual America," curator Joseph Jacobs, Newark Museum, Spring 2002 (exhibit proposed for 2007)
- Co-Organizer (with Dean James Credle) for Campus Event (Lawrence La Fontaine Stokes' lecture on "The Cultural Productions of the Puerto-Rican Queer Diaspora"), March 26, 2002
- Organizer for Campus Event (Michael Bronski's slide show on "The Eroticization of the Male Body: From Gay Culture to Mass Media," and lecture, "Murdered Innocence: Political Mythologies about Homosexuals, Jews, and Children), November 29, 1999
- Co-Organizer (with Louie Crew) of Rutgers-Newark Queer Faculty and Staff Organization, Fall 1999.

Faculty Service

- Courses of Study Committee, 2006-2008
- Co-chair, Search Committee for Nineteenth-Century U.S. History assistant professor, Fall 2005-Spring 2006
- Acting Graduate Chair, History Department, Rutgers-Newark, Spring 2005- Fall 2005
- Member, Undergraduate Experience Assessment Committee, Fall 2005
- Member, American Studies Ph.D. Curriculum and Programs Committee, Fall 2005
- Member, Graduate Education Committee, New Brunswick, Fall 2005
- Member, Graduate School-Newark Committee on Academic Programs and Policies, Fall 2005
- Ad-hoc Committee on Faculty Recruitment, Spring 2004
- Acting Graduate Director, Department of History, Spring 2003
- Strategic Planning Committee, Department of History, Spring 2003
- Search Committee for Director of Women's Studies, Spring 2003
- Search Committee, History of Technology, NJIT, Fall 2002-Spring 2003
- Ad-Hoc Tenure Review Committee (candidate Jesse Rhines, Afro-American Studies), Fall 2002
- Advisory Committee, Women's Studies, Rutgers-Newark, Fall 2002
- Student Affairs Committee, Fall 2001 – Spring 2004
- Curriculum Review Committee, Fall 2001-Spring 2002
- Search Committees, position in U.S. and the World, and position in Caribbean and/or Latin American history, Fall 2001-Spring 2002
- Acting Chair, History Department, Rutgers-Newark, Fall 2000-Spring 2001
- Acting Graduate Chair, History Department, Rutgers-Newark, Fall 1999
- Acting Chair, History Department, Rutgers-Newark, Spring 1999
- Honors College Task Force Committee, 1998-1999
- Search Committee for Position in Environmental or Technological History, Department of History, Rutgers-Newark, 1998-1999
- Teaching Excellence Committee, 1997-1999
- Search Committee for Position in Twentieth-Century U.S. History, Department of History, Rutgers-Newark, 1996-1997
- Faculty Secretary, 1993-1994