

# Emily Skidmore

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## Education

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Ph.D. History, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, August 2011  
Minor Certificate from the Gender and Women's Studies Program

M.A. History, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, May 2008

B.A. with Honors History and Urban Studies, Minor in Sociology, Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota, May 2004

## Professional History

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Associate Professor of History, Texas Tech University, 2018-present

Assistant Professor of History, Texas Tech University, 2011-2018

## Publications

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### Monograph:

*True Sex: The Lives of Trans Men at the Turn of the Twentieth Century* (New York: New York University Press, 2017).

### Articles:

"The History of Sexuality and LGBT History," in *The Cambridge World History of Sexualities*, edited by Mathew Kuefler and Merry Wiesner-Hanks (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming).

"Recovering a Gender Transgressive Past," in *A Companion to Women's History*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, edited by Nancy Hewitt and Annie Valk (New York: Wiley-Blackwell, 2020).

"Ralph Kerwineo's Queer Body: Narrating the Scales of Social Membership in the Early Twentieth Century," *GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies* 20, 1-2 (2014): 141-166.

"Constructing the 'Good Transsexual': Christine Jorgensen, Whiteness, and Heteronormativity in the Mid-Twentieth Century Press," *Feminist Studies* 37, no. 2 (Summer 2011): 270-300.

### Online Works:

"Trans Men Reported in the United States Press, 1876-1939," Online Exhibit featuring primary sources utilized in *True Sex*, forthcoming on [www.outhistory.org](http://www.outhistory.org)

"Troubling Terms: The Label Problem in Transgender History," November 28, 2017:  
<http://notchesblog.com/2017/11/28/troubling-terms-the-label-problem-in-transgender-history/>

"Life as a Trans Man in Turn-of-the-Century America," Literary Hub, September 22, 2017: <https://lithub.com/life-as-a-trans-man-in-turn-of-the-century-america/>

#### *Selected Book Reviews:*

Jen Manion, *Female Husbands: A Trans History* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2020), in *TSQ\*: Trans Studies Quarterly*, forthcoming.

Jaime Harker, *The Lesbian South: Southern Feminists, the Women in Print Movement, and the Queer Literary Canon* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2018), in *Journal of Southern History*, forthcoming.

C. Riley Snorton, *Black on Both Sides: A Racial History of Trans Identity* (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2017), in *Journal of American Ethnic History*, in press, expected fall 2020.

Jeffery Weeks, *What is Sexual History?* (New York: Polity Books, 2016), in *Canadian Journal of History* 52, no. 3 (2017): 660-662.

Gabriel Rosenberg, *The 4-H Harvest: Sexuality and the State in Rural America* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2016), in *Journal of the History of Sexuality* 26, no. 3 (2017), 544-545.

Clare Sears, *Arresting Dress: Cross-Dressing, Law, and Fascination in Nineteenth-Century San Francisco* (Durham: Duke University Press, 2014) in *Journal of American History*, 102, no. 4 (2016): 1198-1199.

Daniel Winunwe Rivers, *Radical Relations: Lesbian Mothers, Gay Fathers, and Their Children in the United States Since World War II* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2013) in *Journal of the History of Sexuality* 24, no. 3 (2015), 543-545.

#### **Editorial Projects**

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Editorial Board Member, *The Encyclopedia of Trans Studies* (SAGE), forthcoming, expected late 2020.

Associate Editor, *Global Encyclopedia of LGBT History* (Cengage/Scribner's, 2019).

#### **Selected Media Appearances**

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*True Sex* book interview, "New Books in Gender Studies" podcast, New Books Network, aired September 23, 2019

Kritika Agarwal, "What is Trans History?" *Perspectives on History: The Newsmagazine of the American Historical Association*, May 2018.

"Emily Skidmore: On Her book *True Sex: The Lives of Trans Men at the Turn of the Twentieth Century*," cover feature on ROROTOKO: Cutting Edge Intellectual Interviews, October 15, 2017

"A Surprising History of Trans Men in America," on The Point with Mindy Todd, WCAI Cape Code & the Islands Public Radio, September 6, 2017

*True Sex* included on the list "BitchReads: 15 Books You Must Read in September," by Evette Dionne in *Bitch Magazine* August 31, 2017.

"Outed: Sexual Identity in America," Backstory (NPR Podcast), January 31, 2014

### **Selected Fellowships, Grants, and Awards**

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Research Support Grant, Granted by Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America, 2020  
 Gloria Lylerla Research Travel Grant, Granted by the Texas Tech University Library, 2020  
 Integrated Scholar Award, Granted by the Texas Tech University Provost, 2020  
 Dartmouth Metal for Excellence in Reference (for *Global Encyclopedia of LGBT History*), Granted by the Reference Service and User Association, 2020  
 Faculty Travel Award, Granted by the Texas Tech University Office of Innovation and Research, 2020  
 Texas Tech University President's Faculty Book Award, Second Place, 2019  
 PROSE Award for Best Book in U.S. History (for *True Sex*), Granted by the Association of American Publishers, 2018  
 Outstanding Teaching Award, granted by the Texas Tech University History Graduate Student Organization, 2018  
 Humanities Center Alumni College Fellowship, Texas Tech University, Spring 2018  
 Scholarship Catalyst Program Research Grant, Office of the Vice President of Research at Texas Tech University, 2018  
 Audre Lorde Prize for Outstanding Article in LGBT/Queer History Published in 2014-2015, Committee on LGBT History, 2016  
 Humanities Center Category B Fellowship, Texas Tech University Humanities Center, Spring 2016  
 Inclusive Excellence Fellow, Division of Institutional Diversity, Equity & Community Engagement, Texas Tech University, 2015  
 Phil Zwickler Memorial Research Grant, Cornell University Library, Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections, 2014  
 Gloria Lylerla Library Memorial Fund Research Travel Grant, Texas Tech University, 2014  
 Feminist Scholarship Grant, University of Illinois Gender and Women's Studies Program, Spring 2009  
 Woodrow Wilson Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship in Women's Studies, Finalist, 2009  
*Feminist Studies* Award for best article submitted to the journal by a graduate student, 2008  
 Marianne A. Ferber Graduate Scholarship in Women's Studies, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Gender and Women's Studies Program, 2008-2009  
 Joan Heller-Diane Bernard Fellowship, Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies (CLAGS), City University of New York, 2008

### **Selected Invited Talks**

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State University of New York, Geneseo, History Department (2020)  
 University of Illinois, History Department (2019)  
 Virginia Commonwealth University, Humanities Center (2018)  
 Northern Illinois University, Center for the Study of Women, Gender and Sexuality (2018)  
 University of New Mexico, History Department (2018)  
 Florida Atlantic University, History Department (2018)  
 University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Honors College (2018)  
 West Texas A&M University, Distinguished Lecture Series (2017)

## Courses Taught

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### *Undergraduate:*

United States History to 1877  
 Women in Early America  
 History of Sexuality in the United States  
 Bad Girls in Early America  
 History of Women in America  
 LGBTQ History in the United States

### *Graduate:*

19<sup>th</sup> Century U.S. Historiography  
 Research Methods Seminar  
 Studies in LGBT History  
 Women in Early America  
 Studies in Sexuality

## Undergraduate Student Advising

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### *Honors College Undergraduate Research Scholar Advisor*

Nejahla Hopkins, fall 2019-present  
 Project: "Without the Burnt Cork: Blackface Minstrelsy and its Impact in Modern Day Media"

### *Honors Thesis Advisor*

Justin Salgado (co-advised with Dr. Aliza Wong), fall 2017-spring 2018  
 Thesis: "The Expression of Sexuality and Gender, Post World War II"

## Graduate Student Advising

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### *Master's Thesis Chair*

Justin Salgado, defended spring 2020  
 Thesis: "Out at the Rodeo: A Queer History of the International Gay Rodeo Association, 1976-Present"

Melissa Thompson, defended summer 2020  
 Thesis: "Breadwinners, Bachelor Dads, and Sperm Donors: Searching for the Meaning of Fatherhood and Family in Twentieth-Century America"

Melanie Highsmith, defended May 2018  
 Thesis: "Gender and Madness at St. Elizabeth's Asylum"

Tobin Brannan (Interdisciplinary Studies), defended summer 2017  
 Thesis: "Reflecting the Past: The Impacts of Socioeconomic Status, Race, Religion, Age, and Gender on Parental Acceptance of Their Transgender Children, 1990-2015"

Renee Celeste, defended Fall 2014  
 Thesis: "Forty Lashes: Gender and Court Punishments in Colonial Virginia and Massachusetts"

### *Masters Chair, Non-Thesis Track*

Bethany Moore, defended summer 2020

Jackie Manz, Interdisciplinary Studies, defended fall 2018

Dolores Luna, defended spring 2015

*Masters Thesis Committee Member*

Leah Frank, defended spring 2020

Thesis: " 'There is Such a Happiness in a Secret Well Kept': The Life of a Queer Man in Twentieth Century Massachusetts"

Courtney Slavin, defended summer 2018

Thesis: "Vendors of Identity: Remembering the American Revolution through Nineteenth Century Schoolbooks"

Janice O'Connor, defended summer 2018

Thesis: "HIV/AIDS, the Double Rhetoric, and Grassroots Activism in France, 1987-1993"

Mani Gilmore, defended spring 2017

Thesis "On the Border of Life and Death: San Francisco Bay Area Urban Indian Responses to the AIDS Crisis"

Michael Rangel, defended summer 2016

Thesis: "Queer in the Valley: A Study of Queer Stories in the Rio Grande Valley"

Regina Burch, defended summer 2016

Thesis: "The Pleasurable Culture: Sex, Media, and Enlightenment 1715-1789"

Amanda Lancaster, defended spring 2015

Thesis: "Artists, Alcoholics & Anarchists: Subversives in the Belle Époque France"

Lorin Scott, Spring defended spring 2014

Thesis: "The Vilification of Mary Tudor: Propaganda Machines of the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Century"

Tiffany Gonzalez, defended fall 2014

Thesis: "Chicana Politics: Maria Cardenas and La Raza Unida Party, 1935-1993"

*Masters Committee, Non-Thesis Track*

Darian Condarco, defended summer 2017

*Dissertation Committee Member*

Rebecca McGee, fall 2018-present

Dissertation: TBD

Samantha Lack, Spring 2017-present

Dissertation: "Innocent Deviants: Child Crime and Criminality in England"

Sarah Myers, defended fall 2014

Dissertation: "'I'm an American soldier, too': The Women Airforce Service Pilots of World War II"

*Dissertation Committee, External Reader*

Taryn Gilbert Howard, Department of English, Texas Tech University, defended spring 2020  
 Dissertation: "The Children Used Her Up": Sexual (Im)Possibilities of American Motherhood"

*PhD Comprehensive Field Examiner*

Willie Armstrong, Early America, spring 2013  
 Samantha Lack, Women and Gender (thematic field), spring 2017  
 Taryn Gilbert Howard (English department), American Motherhood (thematic field), summer 2017  
 Fred Aguilar, Nineteenth Century United States History, spring 2018  
 Ian McDowell, Nineteenth Century United States History, spring 2018  
 Giang Trinh, Women and Gender (thematic field), fall 2019  
 Aritra De, Women and Gender (thematic field), spring 2020  
 Nipa Majumder, Women and Gender (thematic field), spring 2020  
 Olivia Bursch, Women and Gender (thematic field), fall 2020

**Selected Conference Presentations**

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*Commentator:*

Roundtable: "New Directions in Global Histories of Gender, Sexuality, and Reproduction," 18<sup>th</sup> Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Genders, and Sexualities, Baltimore, MD, May 28-31, 2020 *cancelled due to COVID-19*

Roundtable: "Trans Histories, Trans Lives," Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, April 5, 2019, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Roundtable: "New Directions in History: Sexuality and Reproduction," Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Chicago, Illinois, January 4, 2019

Roundtable: "New Directions in Trans History," Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Washington D.C., January 6, 2018

Roundtable: "Queering the West," Western Historical Association Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon, October 22, 2015

Panel: "Sex and Southern Legislatures: Examining the Politics of Regulation During the Late-Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries," Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, November 15, 2014

*Paper Presenter:*

"Breastfeeding While Butch: Navigating the Hyper-Feminine Discourses Surrounding Breastfeeding, 1956-Present," Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, New York City, January 2020

"Rural Queerness and the Challenges of Labels," Annual Meeting of the Western Historical Society, San Diego, California, November 3, 2017

“Rural, Settler, Queer: Astrid Arnoldsen’s Montana, circa the 1920s,” American Historical Association Annual Conference in Denver, Colorado, January 7, 2017

“Jack Garland’s Racial Drag: Female-Bodied Men and Racial Performativity,” Berkshire Conference on the History of Women in Toronto, Canada, May 24, 2014

“Migrants, Miscreants and Model Citizens: Female-Bodied Men and Immigration Politics, 1901-1918,” Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association in Washington D.C., January 6, 2014

“Willie Ray’s Queer Mississippi: Gender Deviance in Rural Prentiss County During the Early Twentieth Century,” Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association in New Orleans, Louisiana, January 5, 2013

“Female ‘Sheik’ Picked Up As Vagrant’: Orientalism, Queer Embodiment, and Citizenship in 1920s California,” Annual Meeting of the American Studies Association in San Juan, Puerto Rico, November 15, 2012

### **Service (University and Departmental)**

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Director of Graduate Studies, History Department, Texas Tech University, AY 2019-present  
 Chair and Founder, Women’s History Month Lecture Series Steering Committee, AY 2019-present  
 Search Committee Member for Postdoc in Latinx Gender History, 2020  
 Search Committee for the Director of the Texas Tech Humanities Center, 2020  
 Humanities Center Board of Advisors, Texas Tech University, AY 2018-2021  
 Women’s and Gender Studies Advisory Board, Texas Tech University, AY 2018-2021  
 Chair, Faculty Senate Campus Climate Committee, Texas Tech University, AY 2019-2020  
 Pride Week Planning Committee, Office of LGBTQIA Education and Engagement, Texas Tech University, 2019  
 Faculty Senate Vice President, Texas Tech University, AY 2018-2019  
 Chair, Women’s and Gender Studies Scholarship Committee, AY 2018-2019  
 Search Committee Member for Women’s and Gender Studies Visiting Assistant Professor, AY 2018-2019  
 Graduate Studies Committee, History Department, Texas Tech University, AY 2018-2019  
 Faculty Senate Liaison to the Core Curriculum Committee, Texas Tech University, AY 2017-2018  
 Faculty Senate (elected position), Texas Tech University, AYs 2013-2016, 2017-2020  
 Faculty Advisor, Texas Tech University Student Democrats, AY 2017-2018  
 Awards Committee, History Department, Texas Tech University, AY 2016-2017  
 Executive Committee (elected position), History Department, Texas Tech University, AY 2014-2015, 2015-2016  
 Search Committee for Assistant Professor of Modern German History, Texas Tech University, AY 2015-2016  
 Undergraduate Studies Committee, History Department, Texas Tech University, AY 2014-2015  
 Faculty Advisor, History Graduate Student Faculty Advisor (elected position), AY 2013-2014  
 Chair, Awards Committee, Women’s Studies Annual Conference, Texas Tech University, AY 2013-2014  
 Awards Committee, Arts and Humanities Graduate Student Research Paper Conference, Texas Tech University Graduate School, AY 2013-2014  
 Faculty Advisor, Texas Tech History Department Graduate Student Conference, AY 2012-2013  
 Steering Committee for the “Open Teaching Concept” Initiative, Texas Tech University, AY 2012-2013  
 Search Committee for an Assistant Professor of U.S. Peace, Social Movements, and/or the Law, Texas Tech University, AY 2012-2013  
 Scholarship Committee, Women’s Studies Program at Texas Tech University, AY 2011-2012, AY 2012-2013  
 Search Committee for a Visiting Assistant Professor of U.S. History, Texas Tech University, AY 2011-2012  
 Graduate Studies Committee, History Department at Texas Tech University, AY 2011-2012

## Service (Professional)

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Mary Nickless Book Prize Committee, Organization of American Historians, 2020-2021

Secretary/Treasurer, Committee on LGBT History, 2018-2020

Contributor/Advisor on Supreme Court Amicus Brief No. 18-107 R.G & G.R Harris Funeral Homes Inc. *Petitioner* vs. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Et Al. *Respondents*, On Writ on Certiorari to the Sixth Court of Appeals, "Brief of Law & History Professors in Support of Respondent Aimee Stephens," (2019)

Awards Committee Chair, Committee on LGBT History, 2017

Article Reviewer for *American Historical Review*; *Journal of American History*, *Transgender Studies Quarterly* and *Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy*

Manuscript Reviewer for Nebraska University Press, Routledge, New York University Press, and Texas Tech University Press

Blurb Author for Alex Bakker, Rainer Herr, Michael Thomas Taylor and Annette F. Timm, *Others of My Kind: Transatlantic Transgender Histories* (Calgary: University of Calgary Press, 2020) and Rachel Mesch, *Before Trans: Three Gender Stories from Nineteenth-Century France* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2020)

Book Review Author for *Journal of American History*, *Journal of the History of Sexuality*, *Journal of American Ethnic History*, *Canadian Journal of History*, *Journal of Southern History*

## Professional Associations

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Organization of American Historians  
American Historical Association  
Committee on LGBT History

National Women's Studies Association  
American Association of University Women  
Coordinating Council for Women in History