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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, with honors, University of Kansas, 2016
Specializations: Trans Studies, Intersectionality, Feminist Theory, Gender, Race, Disability,
Eugenics, Sexuality

M.A., Women's and Gender Studies, Roosevelt University, 2009

Graduate Coursework, Chicago Theological Seminary, 2006-2007

B.A., Religious Studies, Texas Christian University, 2002

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor in Women's & Gender Studies, West Chester University, 2017

Visiting Assistant Professor in Gender Studies, College of St. Benedict/St. John's University, 2016-17

Instructor in Women's and Gender Studies, Louisiana State University, 2014-16

AREAS OF RESEARCH & TEACHING INTEREST

Feminist Theory; Trans Studies; TransFeminism & TransFeminist Theory; Disability Studies; Theories of Intersectionality; Queer Theory; Sexuality Studies; Science, Race, & Gender; LGBTQ Studies; Foucauldian Theory and Methods

TEACHING

West Chester University, 2017-2018

Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies (New Syllabus for Fall 2017)

TransFeminist Theory (New Course for Spring 2017)

College of St. Benedict/St. John's University, 2016-2017

Introduction to Gender Studies; LGBTQ Life, Culture, and Politics in the U.S.; Coalitional Politics and Movements for Social Justice; First Year Seminar: Let's Talk About Sex, funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation

Louisiana State University, 2014-2016

Gender & Popular Culture; Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies; (Trans)Gender in the Media || Graduate Independent Study

University of Kansas, 2011-2014

Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies; Transgender Identities, Issues, and Politics; Perspectives in LGBTQ Studies

PUBLICATIONS (SCHOLARLY ARTICLES & CHAPTERS)

“Eugenics, Sexology, and Controlling Trans Bodies,” *Transgender Studies Quarterly* (under review)

“Sexology, Eugenics, and Hirschfeld’s Transvestites,” in *Introduction to Women’s, Gender, & Sexuality Studies*, eds. L. Ayu Saraswati, Barbara Shaw, and Heather Rellihan (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018)

“Selected Mergers in Higher Education,” (Appendix A); “Selected Closures in Higher Education,” (Appendix B); and “Selected Partnerships, Strategic Alliances, Consortia, and Affiliations in Higher Education,” (Appendix C), co-authored with James E. Samels, Arlene Lieberman, and Samels Associates in *Consolidating Colleges and Merging Universities: New Strategies for Higher Education Leaders*, eds. James Martin, James E. Samels & Associates (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2017)

“Embodied Knowledge and Accessible Community: An Oral History of Four Rehearsals and a Performance,” co-authored with Ashley Mog, *Oral History Review* 43, no. 1 (2016)

“Interrogating Trans* Identities in the Archives,” in *Out of the Closet, Into the Archive: Researching Sexual Histories*, eds. Jamie Cantrell and Amy Stone (Albany: SUNY Press, 2015)

PUBLICATIONS (OTHER)

Book Review: *How Sex Became a Civil Liberty* by Leigh Ann Wheeler, *Oral History Review* 42, no. 2 (2015), 391-393

Book Review: *Steel Closets: Voices of Gay, Lesbian, and Transgender Steelworkers* by Anne Balay, *Oral History Review* 42, no. 1 (2015), 166-68

“Wikipedia Assignments in Gender Studies,” *WikiEdu.org*, December 21, 2015, <https://wikiedu.org/blog/2015/12/21/wikipedia-gender-classroom/>

“Diagnoses and Autobiographies: Transwomen in the 1940s, 50s, and 60s,” *Kinsey Confidential: Sexual Health Information from the Kinsey Institute*, December 28, 2014, <http://kinseyconfidential.org/diagnoses-autobiographies-transwomen-1940s-50s-60s/>

“Gender and Gender Roles in the 20th Century,” in *American Centuries: The Ideas, Issues, and Trends that Made U.S. History*, Volume 5, ed. Robert Johnston (New York: Facts on File, 2011)

BOOK MANUSCRIPT IN PROGRESS

Sexology, Eugenics, and Trans Diagnoses: Rethinking Embodiment, in conversation with Temple University Press

GRANTS & AWARDS

Equity, Access, Inclusion, & Diversity Initiatives Grant, 2018 | \$3000 to bring *Free CeCe* documentary and the filmmaker to West Chester in conjunction with my scholarly work and my Spring 2018 TransFeminist Theory Course

SOLICITATION FOR SCHOLARLY EXPERTISE

Interviewee, Student's Resistance of TGNC Critical Educators Classroom Pedagogy research project, Adult & Higher Education at Northern Illinois University, Fall 2017

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Yoakam Award for GLBT & Allied Faculty, College of St. Benedict/St. John's University, 2017
Outstanding Faculty Contribution to WGS, Louisiana State University, 2016
Groundbreaking LGBTQIA+ Research Award, University of Kansas LGBTQ Center, 2016
Argersinger Dissertation Award Nomination, University of Kansas, 2016
Doctoral Research Fund Award, University of Kansas, 2015
Teaching Enhancement Fund Award, Louisiana State University, 2015
Annette K. Baxter Travel Grant, American Studies Association, 2015
Semifinalist, Phillips Exeter Academy Dissertation Year Fellowship, 2015
John Money Fellowship for Scholars of Sexology, The Kinsey Institute, 2014
Doctoral Summer Research Fellowship, University of Kansas, 2014
Summer Research Award, WGSS University of Kansas, 2013
LGBT Community Leadership Scholarship, University of Kansas, 2012, 13, 14
Semifinalist, Point Foundation National LGBTQ Scholarship Fund, 2012,13,14,15
Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Kansas, 2011-14
National Women's Studies Association Travel & Registration Award, 2012,13
Outstanding Thesis Award, Graduate College of Arts and Sciences, Roosevelt University, 2009
Grace Mary Stern Scholarship Award, Roosevelt University, 2008-9
Graduate Scholarship Award, Roosevelt University, 2007-9

MEDIA APPEARANCES (PRINT & ONLINE)

Interviewed for Feature, "Spectrum Hosts Presentation on Trans Information from LSU Faculty Couple," *The Daily Reveille*, Louisiana State University, Oct 14, 2015
Interviewed for Feature, "Louisiana Loves Campaign Kicks Off at State Capital," *The Daily Reveille*, Louisiana State University, Mar 22, 2015
Interviewed for Feature, "Gender is More Fluid than Once Believed," *The Signal*, The College of New Jersey, December 3, 2013
Interviewed & Quoted, "Students Embrace New Initialism: LGBTQIA," *University Daily Kansan*, University of Kansas, Feb 28, 2013
Interviewed & Photographed, "This is What a Feminist Looks Like," The Commission on the Status of Women Feminism Campaign, Fall 2011

INVITED PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

Presenter, "Teaching Introduction to WGS in 2017," Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Wilmington, DE, Fall 2017

Presenter, "Trans Youth & Social Work," West Chester University, Graduate Course in Social Work, Fall 2017

Presenter, "Trans/Gender Possibilities," CSB|SJU REDTalks, CSB/SJU, 2017

Presenter, "Support Trans Patients," CSB|SJU, Undergraduate Nursing Course, 2017

Presenter, "Homonormativity: The Domestication of LGBT/Q Politics," Women on Wednesday, St. Cloud State University Women's Center, 2017

Keynote, "Why Gender Studies is Necessary," Gender Summit, CSB/SJU, 2016

"Residence Halls and Trans* Inclusion," Louisiana State University Residence Life presentation for Resident Assistants, Spring 2016

Presenter & Discussant for Workshop, "Gender & Sexuality: Feminist Approaches," Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, 2015

Presenter, "LGBTQ Lives and Social Work," Speaking event for Social Work Students in LGBTQ Studies, Louisiana State University, Fall 2015

Co-Presenter, "Making Campus Inclusive for Trans* & GNC Students," Spectrum LGBTQ Student Group, Louisiana State University, Fall 2015

Presenter, "Transfeminism and Women's Studies," Women's and Gender Studies Program, Louisiana State University, Fall 2014

Co-Facilitator, "Making Spaces Safe and Affirming for Trans*/GNC Individuals & Communities," TransKansas Conference, Lawrence, KS, Sept 2013

Facilitator, Transmasculine Discussion Space, TransKansas Conference, Lawrence, KS, Sept 2013

Presenter & Discussant for Workshop, "Making the Campus Inclusive & Affirming," and "The Current State of Trans* Coalitional Activism, College of New Jersey, Ewing Township, NJ, 2013

Presenter, "Trans* Identities, Issues, & Politics," Macalester College, St Paul, MN, 2013

Presenter, "Thinking Against a Trans* Narrative," Minnesota State University – Mankato, MN, 2013

Presenter, "Queer and Trans Masculinities," University of Wisconsin, Madison, 2012

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES (SELECTED)

Presenter, "Renegotiating Trans Diagnoses," Moving Trans History Forward, Victoria, BC, March 2018

Panel Presenter, "Intersectionality," PASSHE Diversity Summit Intersectionality Plenary Panel, West Chester University, Nov 2017

Presenter, "Thinking Through Trans* Diagnoses," Fall Research Day, West Chester University, Nov 2017

Presenter, "Dissenting to Diagnosis: Trans Refusal and Redefinition," American Studies Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, Nov 2017

Moderator, "Furious Feminisms: Mad Max: Fury Road and the (Broken) Body," National Women's Studies Association Conference, Chicago, IL Nov 2017

Presenter, "Biopolitical Violence and the State: Feminist Disability Studies Analyses of Gender Diagnoses," National Women's Studies Association Annual Conference, Montreal, QC, Nov 2016

Presenter, "Eugenics, Trans Diagnoses, and Constructions of Disability," International Trans* Studies Conference, Tucson, AZ, Sept 2016

Presenter, "Trans Legacies: The Importance of History for Contemporary Advocacy Work," Creating Change Conference, Chicago, IL, Jan 2016

Presenter, "Eugenics, Whiteness, and Regulating Gender: Sexology Revisited," American Studies Association Annual Conference, Toronto, ON, Oct 2015

Presenter, "Disciplining Diagnoses: Whiteness, Legitimacy, and Trans* Subject Positions," National Women's Studies Association Annual Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico, Nov 2014

Presenter, "Embodiment, Identity, and Community: Motion, Meaning, and Belonging in Kansas," Oral History Association Annual Meeting, Madison, WI, Oct 2014

Presenter, "(Re)Thinking Futures: Exploring Embodiment and Community in Improvisation," Queer Places, Practices, & Lives Conference, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, May 2014

Presenter, "Belonging in the Midwest: Finding Community in Kansas in Oral Histories and Ethnographic Methods," Mid-American American Studies Association Annual Conference, Lincoln, NE, Feb 2014

Presenter & Organizer, "Effecting Change in the Classroom: 'Outness' as a Pedagogical Tool," National Women's Studies Association Annual Conference, Cincinnati, OH, Nov 2013

Presenter, "Sexuality & the Denial of Trans Existence," National Women's Studies Association Annual Conference, Cincinnati, OH, Nov 2013

Presenter, "Genealogy as Feminist Methodology," The Hall Center for the Humanities Interdisciplinary Graduate Research Workshop, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, Oct 2013

Presenter, "In Search of Trans* Consciousness," National Women's Studies Association Annual Conference, Oakland, CA, Nov 2012

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Search Committee Member, LGBTQA Services Assistant Director, West Chester University, 2018

Faculty Advisor, Triota || Women's & Gender Studies Honor Society, West Chester University, 2017-2018

Planning Committee Member, Cultivating Change Conference, West Chester University, 2017-2018

Member, Gutwirth Award Committee, West Chester University, 2017-2018

Chair, Community Committee for the Women's & Gender Studies Department, West Chester University, 2017-2018

Member, LGBTQA Advisory Group, West Chester University, 2017-2018

Member, Feminist Advisory Committee, West Chester University, 2017-2018

Editorial Team Member, *Hypatia* Reviews Online, 2017-2018

Administrator of Social Media, Women's & Gender Studies, 2017-2018
Advisor to PRISM, Student LGBTQ Group, College of St. Benedict/St. John's University, 2016-2017
Committee Member, Gender Studies Program Review, College of St. Benedict/St. John's University, 2016-2017
Participant, Andrew W. Mellon grant for Inclusive Pedagogy, College of St. Benedict/St. John's University, 2016-2017
Committee Member, Digital Archiving Committee, Gender, Women's, and Feminist Studies Interest Group, NWSA, 2015-2017
Presenter, Trans 101 in over 100 classroom and community settings, 2009-2017
Ad Hoc Reviewer, *Angelaki: Journal of the Theoretical Humanities* special edition, 2015
Panelist, "Teaching WGS to Undergraduates," Louisiana State University, 2015
Member, Lambda Council (LGBTQ Advocacy Council), University of Kansas, 2011-2014
Founder, Women, Gender, & Sexuality Studies Association of Graduate Students, 2011-2014
Consultant, *And I and Silence* by Naomi Wallace, Dir. Lynn Deboeck, University of Kansas, 2013

ADVISING

The College of St. Benedict/St. John's University

First Year Advisees

Jesse Audelo, Nichlas Boggust, Leonardo Cumplido, Heidi Geislinger, Anthony Guzdkiwicz, Quinn Hynes-Marquette, Skyler Jensen, James Koenig, Andrew Lyons, Keegan McSherry, Robert J. Merthan, Molly Peller, Jack Schramel, Josephine Schumacher, Kailee Young

Gender Studies Major Advisees

Lucy Dornbach, Faye Williams

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Participant, Online/Blended Faculty Development Program, West Chester University, 2017

Participant, Philadelphia Trans Health Conference, Fall 2017

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Volunteer, TransLifeline (Transgender Crisis Hotline), 2017-2018

Co-Organizer and Member, Showing Up for Racial Justice Group, College of St. Benedict/St. John's University, 2017

Trainer, Bystander Intervention, College of St. Benedict/St. John's University, 2016-2017

Legal Observer, National Lawyers Guild, 2016

Mentor, First Contact for Newly Out LGBTQ Students, Louisiana State University, 2014-16

Chair & Consultant, LGBTQ Charter Team, Willow Domestic Violence Center, 2011-2016

Volunteer, Capital City Alliance, Serving the LGBTQ Community in Baton Rouge, LA, 2015
Board Member, Equality Kansas, 2013-2014
Founder & Volunteer, Legal-Name Change Program, Lawrence, KS, 2012-2014
Member, Lambda Council (LGBTQ Advocacy Council), University of Kansas, 2011-2014
Speaker/Community Member for KU Alternative Breaks, University of Kansas, 2011-2013
Invited Speaker, Gay/Straight Alliance, Oak Park High School, Oak Park, IL, Spring 2013
Volunteer, Transformative Justice Law Project of Illinois, 2010-2013
Developer and Trainer, "Safe Zone" and Trans* 101 Training, Willow Domestic Violence Center, 2012
Contributor & Participant, Chicago History Museum's Out in Chicago exhibit, 2012
Volunteer, Church Within a Church Movement, 2007-2009
Volunteer Leader, Heyward-Boswell Society – LGBTQI On-Campus Outreach, Chicago Theological Seminary, 2005-2006
Participant, United We Stand, Workshop on white anti-racism and homophobia, Winter 2006

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Studies Association, 2014-2018
Oral History Association, 2013-2018
National Women's Studies Association, 2007-2018