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Education

- Ph.D. **Stanford University**, History, 2009
- M.A. **Stanford University**, History, 2004
- B.A. **Columbia College**, History, cum laude, 2000

Teaching Experience

- Associate Professor of History, The New School July 2017-present
- Assistant Professor of Education Studies and History, The New School 2009-2017
- Spanish Teacher, P.S./I.S. 111 2001-2002

Research Interests

- U.S. History, culture, politics, education, gender, the body, conservatism, capitalism, sexuality, race, ethnicity, language, consumption, the American West, youth, family, public scholarship

Books

- *Fit Nation: The Gains and Pains of America's Exercise Obsession*, University of Chicago Press December 2022
- *Classroom Wars: Language, Sex, and the Making of Modern Political Culture*, Oxford University Press 2015; paperback 2017

Peer-Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters

- "Putting Feminist Methodologies into Action," *Feminist History* special issue of *Pacific Historical Review*, 2024. Forthcoming, 2024
- "The Myth of the Anti-Family Feminist," in eds., Kevin Kruse and Julian Zelizer, *Myth America: Historians Take on the Biggest Lies and Legends About Our Past* October 2022
- "From Performance to Participation: The Origins of the Fit Nation," *Transatlantica* special issue "Places and Cultures of Capitalism: New Histories from the Grassroots" March 2021
- "The Siren Song of Yoga': Sex, Spirituality, and the Popularization of Yoga in Modern America," *Pacific Historical Review* August 2020

- “An Intellectual History of the Gym, (Thanks, Gender!),” eds. December 2018
Andrew Hartman and Raymond Haberski, *American Labyrinth: Intellectual History for Complicated Times*, Cornell University Press.
- “HealthClass2.0: Crossing Boundaries Through Campus-Based Civic September 2015
Engagement,” *Anthropology Now*, Vol. 7 No. 2.
- “Revisiting the Rightward Turn: Max Rafferty, Education, and May 2014
Modern American Politics,” *The Sixties: A Journal of History, Politics, and Culture*, Vol. 6, No.2.
- With Sarah Manekin, “The Accountability Partnership: Writing and October 2013
Surviving in the Digital Age,” in Dougherty, Jack, and Nawrotzki, Kristin, eds., *Writing History in the Digital Age*, University of Michigan Digital Humanities Series
- “Before the Federal Bilingual Education Act: Legislation and Lived November 2010
Experience,” *Immigration and Education: A Special Issue of the Peabody Journal of Education*, Vol.85, No.4., 406-424.
- “‘Sex Ed... and the Reds?’ Reconsidering the Anaheim Battle over May 2007
Sex Education, 1962-1969,” *History of Education Quarterly*, Vol. 47, No. 2, 203-232.

Encyclopedia Entries and Book Reviews in Scholarly Journals

- “Clayton Howard: The Closet and the Cul de Sac: The Politics of Sexual Privacy in Northern California,” *Reviews in American History*, 2022.
- “Navigating Social Media as an Academic,” Eds., Lori Ann Flores and Jocelyn Olcott, *The Academic’s Handbook*, Fourth Edition, Duke University Press, 2020.
- “Sarah Schrank: Free and Natural: Nudity and the American Cult of the Body,” *Pacific Historical Review*, 2020.
- “Rachel Louise Moran: Governing Bodies: American Politics and the Shaping of the Modern Physique,” *Journal of American Studies*, 2020.
- “Campbell Scribner: The Fight for Local Control: Schools, Suburbs, and American Democracy,” *American Historical Review*, October 2017.
- “Roger Geiger: The History of American Higher Education: Learning and Culture from the Founding to World War II,” *Pacific Historical Review*, Vol. 85, No. 4, November 2016.

- “Robin Jensen: Dirty Words: The Rhetoric of Sex Education, 1870-1924,” *Journal of the History of Sexuality*, Vol. 22, No. 2, May 2013
- “Multiculturalism,” in Ness, Immanuel, *Encyclopedia of Global Human Migration*, Wiley-Blackwell, Vol. 4, 2013
- “Sex Education,” in Hunt, Thomas and Carper, James C. *The Encyclopedia of Educational Reform and Dissent*, SAGE Publications, 2010.

Honors and Grants

- “Best Podcasts” lists for “Welcome to Your Fantasy,” including *New York Times*, *Vulture*, *Esquire*, *Town + Country*, *GQ*, *Vogue*, *Guardian* 2021
- Mellon Foundation Civic Humanities Pedagogy Grant (with Verso Books and Pineapple Street Studios) 2016-17, 2021
- Provost’s Office Faculty Research Fund (\$5,950) 2016-21
- Finalist, Whiting Public Engagement Fellowship 2018-19
- Eugene Lang College Faculty Opportunity Award (\$2,500) 2017-18
- Robert L. Heilbroner Center for Capitalism Studies Research Grant (\$1,500) 2016-17
- Roy A. Hunt Foundation Grant for HealthClass2.0 (\$10,000) 2014-16
- Frederick Lewis Allen Memorial Room Writer, New York Public Library 2014-15
- Provost’s Office Faculty Research Fund, The New School (\$5,000) 2014-15
- Multiple Civic Engagement and Social Justice Grants (\$7,500) 2012-14
- Rockefeller Foundation/New School for Public Engagement Collaborative Innovation Grant for HealthClass2.0 (\$20,000) 2013-15
- Mrs. Giles M. Whiting Foundation Dissertation Fellow 2008-2009
- Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study Summer Seminar Fellow, “Sequels to the Sixties,” Cambridge, MA 2008
- Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Dissertation Fellow (relinquished) 2007-2008
- Spencer Foundation Dissertation Fellow 2007-2008
- Centennial Award for Excellence in Teaching, Stanford University 2004

Scholarly Presentations

- “From ‘They Put Me in Girls’ Pants to *SNL*: Chippendales and the Making of Modern Masculinity in America,” Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Boston MA. April 2022

- “Collaboration,” Humanities Podcasting Symposium Roundtable October 2021
- “Podcasting for PhDs” Panel for Publics Lab at CUNY Graduate Center September 2021
- “It’s Not Working Out: Fitness and Inequality in the 20th-century U.S.” April 2020
Organization of American Historians annual meeting, Washington, DC. (cancelled)
- “The Past and Future of Political Polarization,” “Trumpian Themes in Context,” June 2019
“Grappling with the Right” at Remaking Political History, Purdue University.
West Lafayette, IN.
- “A Girl Like Me? I Would Have Been a P.E. Teacher!': Physical Fitness, Personal November 2018
Empowerment, and Privatization in the Long 1980s;" Roundtable Participant,
The History of Ideas in the Age of Trump," Society for U.S. Intellectual History.
Chicago, IL.
- Comment, “A Safe and Sane Heartland:’ Fractured Spaces in Late 20th-Century Flyover October 2018
Country,” Western Historical Association. San Antonio, Texas.
- “Fit Nation? Privatizing the Pursuit of Fitness in the Late 20th Century United States,” May 2018
History of Capitalism Workshop, *Association Française des Études Américaines*. Nice,
France.
- “Making Histories of Gender and Sexuality in the Digital Age;” “Classroom June 2017
Wars: Language, Sex, and the Making of Modern Political Culture,” Berkshire
Conference on the Histories of Women, Gender, and Sexualities. Hempstead, NY.
- “Another Women’s Movement: Creating Fitness Culture in Late 20th Century America,” April 2017
Organization of American Historians. New Orleans, LA.
- “Selves of Steel: Hard Bodies and Soft Souls in the 1990s United States,” March 2017
America’s Newest History: The Nineties in Historical Perspective. West Lafayette, IN.
- “A Golden State of Glowing Health: Forging a National Wellness Culture,” October 2016
Society for U.S. Intellectual History. Stanford, CA.
- ““Which Way America?": California’s Moral Guidelines Committee April 2016
and the Forging of a Patriotic Morality,” Organization of
American Historians. Providence, RI.
- “Are the Culture Wars History? New Comments on an Old Concept” January 2016
Roundtable with Stephen Prothero, Leo Ribuffo, Andrew Hartman,
and Adam Laats, American Historical Association. Atlanta, GA.
- “The Forging of a Patriotic Morality: California’s Moral Guidelines November 2015
Committee,” and “New Books on the Culture Wars Roundtable,”
History of Education Society. St. Louis, MO.

- “Charting the Intellectual Origins of America’s Postwar Wellness Revolution,” Society for U.S. Intellectual History. Washington, D.C. October 2015
- “Crafting Research to Writing Workflow,” Fireside Chat, American Educational Research Association. Chicago, IL. April 2015
- Comment, “Unsettling Pleasures and Pains: Conservatism, Neoliberalism, and Intimate Labors,” American Studies Association. Los Angeles, CA. November 2014
- “Sex, Spirituality, and the Popularization of Yoga in Modern America,” Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University. Princeton, NJ. July 2014
- “Cultural Feminism, Family Values, and Natural Motherhood in the 1970s and 1980s U.S.,” American Society for Environmental History. San Francisco, CA. April 2014
- “One-Worldism, Bilingual Education, and Conservatism in Postwar California,” Organization of American Historians. Atlanta, GA. April 2014
- “Historians Off the Page,” Roundtable participant, History of Education Society. Nashville, TN. November 2013
- “Defining Family, Defining Nation: Gender and Patriotism in 1960s California,” Activism and Scholarship: A Conference Honoring Amy Swerdlow and Gerda Lerner, Sarah Lawrence Women’s History Conference. Bronxville, NY. March 2013
- “Innovation Presentation: HealthClass2.0,” AshokaU Exchange. San Diego, CA. February 2013
- “In Defense of the Family: Parents, Teachers, Taxes, and Sex Education,” Society for U.S. Intellectual History. New York, NY [cancelled due to Hurricane Sandy]. November 2012
- “Transformative Arts and Health Education: Promoting Health and Wellness through University-Community Partnerships and Culturally Relevant Narrative,” Imagining America Conference. New York, NY October 2012
- “Fear of a One-World Child: Bilingualism and Conservatism in Cold War California,” History of Education Society. Chicago, IL. November 2011
- “Public Education, Family Values, and the Roots of the Culture Wars, 1968-70,” Organization of American Historians. Houston, TX. March 2011
- “Culture, Education, and a New Interpretation of Proposition 13,” Power and the History of Capitalism Conference. New York, NY. April 2011

- “Constructing Family Values: Parents, Teachers, Taxes, and Sex Education in Contemporary America,” and Panelist, “How Historians Research, Write, and Publish: The Art of Crafting Dissertations and Books in Educational History,” History of Education Society, Boston, MA. November 2010
- “The Secret History of Bilingual Education,” History of Education Society. Philadelphia, PA. October 2009
- “Seedbeds of the Culture Wars: Bilingual and Sexuality Education in California, 1968-70,” University of Pennsylvania History of Education Conference in Honor of Michael Katz. Philadelphia, PA. April 2008
- “Sex, Language, and ’68: School in the Changing Society of the 1970s,” Organization of American Historians. New York, NY. March 2008
- “Sex, Language, and the State: Bilingual and Sex Education in California During the Long 1970s,” Social Sciences and History Association, Chicago, IL. November 2007
- “‘They Were Doing the Mexican Hat Dance’: The *Lau* Era in the San Francisco Unified School District,” Pacific Coast Branch-American Historical Association. Stanford, CA. August 2006
- “One District and Diversity: The San Francisco Unified School District and Multiculturalism in the Post-Civil Rights Era,” American Educational Research Association. San Francisco, CA. April 2006
- “Living Multiculturalism: Latinos and Bilingual Education in Late 20th-century San Francisco,” History of Education Society. Baltimore, MD. October 2005
- “Sex Ed... and the Reds? Reconsidering the Anaheim Battle over Sex Education, 1962-69,” History of Education Society. Kansas City, KS. October 2004

Selected Multimedia Projects

- Cohost, “Past Present” podcast 2015-present
- Co-producer and host, “Welcome to Your Fantasy,” 9-part podcast series, with Pineapple Street Media and Gimlet/Spotify 2021
- Creator and host, “The Unlikely History of Everyday Things,” History Channel (webseries) 2018
- In development: scripted television adaptation of *Welcome To Your Fantasy* for Netflix; podcast series *The Man Who Ripped America*

and revamp of *Past Present* for Novel Audio (London); podcast series on the Robert Blake murder (title TBD) for Orbit Media

Selected Popular Writing

- Columnist, *The Observer* March 2022-present
- “Building a Better Movement Culture Will Require Inclusion and Creativity,” *Global Sports Matters* February 2022
- “Omicron Could Finally Kick Our Unhealthy New Year’s Gym Obsession,” *Washington Post* January 2022
- “School Culture Wars Stirred Up Voters For A Reason – Classrooms Really Did Change,” *Washington Post* November 2021
- “Everything Has a History: *Muscle Motion*,” *Perspectives* (American Historical Association) September 2021
- “Goodbye to the Cult of SoulCycle,” *New York Times* February 2021
- “How Long Can Gyms Survive?” *Marker* November 2020
- “Trump’s 1776 Project Part of a Decades-Long, Right-Wing Plan— But Scariest,” *NBC Think* October 2020
- “Get in Shape Girl: A Century of Working Out From Home,” *Jezebel* May 2020
- “Jogging Has Always Excluded Black People,” *New York Times* May 2020
- “Remote Work,” *LOGIC Magazine, Bodies Issue* August 2019
- “Can Self-Help Heal the Body Politic?” *The Atlantic* June 2019
- “The Fitness Craze that Changed the Way Women Exercise,” *The Atlantic* February 2019
- “Yoga Pants Made Chip Wilson a Billionaire. Why Isn’t He Grateful to the Women Who Wear Them?” *Well+Good* January 2019
- “The Fitness Industry is Booming. So Why are P.E. Classes Disappearing?” *The Washington Post* November 2018
- “Why a Far-Right Extremist Targeted a Yoga Studio for Violence,” *Washington Post* November 2018
- “What the Grievance Studies Hoax Means,” *Chronicle of Higher Education* October 2018
- “The New Colin Kaepernick Campaign Captures the Tension Between Nike’s Values and Its Reality,” *Washington Post* September 2018
- “As Swimsuit Season Ends, Pursuit of the Bikini Body Endures,” *Washington Post* September 2018
- “The American Fitness Obsession Has Made its Way to France— But Something Has Gotten Lost in Translation,” *Well+Good* August 2018

- “Working, Out: Homophobia at Crossfit is a Good Time to Remember that Gym Culture Wouldn’t Exist Without Queer People,” *Slate* June 2018
- “Good Choices and Bad Excuses: The Danger of Self-Congratulation,” *Chronicle of Higher Education* “The Awakening: Women and Power in the Academy” series April 2018
- “ConBody’s Success Is Forcing the Fitness World to Confront Some Uncomfortable Truths,” *Well+Good* April 2018
- “Self-Help Gurus Like Tony Robbins Have Often Stood In the Way of Social Change,” *Washington Post* (with Christine Whelan) April 2018
- “Make Every Class Sex Ed,” *Huffington Post Opinion* March 2018
- “Shouldn’t You Be in California?” *BOOM California* January 2018
- “Helping Latino Kids Succeed in the Classroom Doesn’t Have to be an Ideological War,” *Washington Post* September 2017
- “Why Donald Trump’s Diet is Bad for America’s Health,” *Washington Post* June 2017
- “The Truth About the Republican Party’s Pussy-Grabbing and Pedestal Problems,” *Refinery29* October 2016
- “Politicizing and Practicing Motherhood: Why We Should Care What Phyllis Schlafly Served Her Kids for Breakfast,” *Process, Organization of American Historians Blog* October 2016
- “When Wellness is a Dirty Word,” *Chronicle of Higher Education* May 2016
- “Mission High and the Educational Culture War,” *Los Angeles Review of Books* April 2016
- “The Democratic Party and the Not-So-New Family Values,” OUPBlog June 2015
- “Do We Need Wonder Woman?” *Public Books* (syndicated by *Huffington Post*) May 2015
- “Petrzela on Perlstein: *The Invisible Bridge: The Fall of Nixon and the Rise of Reagan*,” *H-1960s* April 2015
- “In My Bed: Fifty Years of Sexual Violence on One College Campus,” *NotchesBlog* February 2015
- “Race, Wellness, and the Hilarity of Thug Kitchen,” *Medium* October 2014
- “There’s Someone Missing From My Facebook Pictures,” *Slate* July 2014
- “(Trying to) Speak Truth to Power: Ten Observations From My 90 Minutes with Lululemon’s CEO,” *Huffington Post* May 2014

- “Why this Lululemon Scandal is Different,” *Huffington Post* November 2013
- “Marianne Williamson for Congress: A New Age for American Politics?” *Huffington Post* November 2013
- “The Strange Gender Politics of Natural Living,” *Society for U.S. Intellectual History Blog* May 2013
- “Wellness: The Latest Frontier in the Culture Wars?” *I Love You but You’re Going to Hell Blog* December 2012
- “My Brief Teaching Career,” *New York Times* June 24, 2002

Selected Invited and Public Talks

- “On Education, Culture Wars, and Repair,” Reconciliation in America National Symposium, John Hope Franklin Center for Reconciliation, Tulsa, OK, May 26, 2022.
- “Doing History For The Public,” Albert Lepage Center for History in the Public Interest, Villanova University, February 16, 2022.
- “It’s Not Working Out: Exercise, Inequality, and the Fit Nation,” Boston University Political History Seminar, October 20, 2021.
- “Get in Shape, Ladies: Home Exercise for Women, from Jane Fonda to Peloton,” Hadassah Lecture Series, January 13, 2021.
- “Understanding the Past to Help Us Stay Connected in the Present,” Gap Inc. Speaker Series, January 7, 2021.
- “1980s Fitness Industry and Culture,” Lectures in American History for C-SPAN American History TV, April 4, 2020.
- “Classroom Wars: Language, Sex, and the Making of Modern Political Culture,” guest lecture in Professor Mike Amezcuca’s *Global Culture Wars* course, New York University. New York, New York, December 4, 2019.
- “Education at the Crossroads: Understanding Max Rafferty and his Legacy for 21st Century Education,” Inaugural Maxwell Rafferty Keynote Lecture in Educational Leadership, Troy University. Troy, Alabama, November 18, 2019.
- “What Does ‘Diversity’ Mean in 21st-Century Education?” Contemporary Issues Lecture Series, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. Whitewater, Wisconsin, October 28, 2019.
- “But Who Will Lead?” Redefining Leadership in Eras of Political and Social Upheaval,” Myles Martel Lecture in Leadership and Public Opinion, University of Connecticut. Storrs, Connecticut, September 18, 2019.

- Moderator, “Break a Sweat, Change Your Life,” LA84 Foundation Youth Sports Summit. Los Angeles, California, September 10, 2019.
- “History for the Public(s)” Wolfsonian Public Humanities Symposium, Florida International University. Miami, Florida, April 2019.
- “Women and Children First? #MeToo, #NeverAgain, and the New Faces of American Activism,” Lessons in History Distinguished Lecture, Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts and Humanities. Cape May, New Jersey, October 7, 2018.
- “When Fitness Became Life: Exercise and American Selfhood in the Long 1980s,” New Perspectives on the Long 1980s in the United States, *Histoire et Dynamique des Espaces Anglophones*, Sorbonne Université, March 22, 2018.
- “Fake News and Real Life: How Studying the Past Helps Us Understand the Present and Shape the Future,” Keynote Address, Ramapo College History Honors Society Induction Ceremony, April 2017.
- “Gender and Fitness History,” Sports in American History, Cornell University, February 2017.
- “When Wellness Was Weird,” Citizenship and Crisis Initiative, Oregon State University, January 2017.
- “The Business of Wellness: Evolution of a Multibillion Dollar Industry,” Pregame Clubhouse, Portland, OR, January 2017.
- “Classroom Wars: Sex Education, Bilingual Education, and the Making of Modern Political Culture,” Wellesley College, November 2016.
- “When Wellness Was Weird,” Temple University, November 2016.
- “Gender, Sexuality, and Intellectual History in the 21st Century,” Symposium: Dangerous Ideas: U.S. Intellectual History and the Debate Over Ideas in America, Institute for American Thought, Indiana University, July 2016.
- “From ‘We Can Do It!’ to ‘Strong is the New Skinny!’: Feminism, Capitalism, and the Fitness Industry,” at Summit Series W+. Eden, Utah, June 2016.
- “Yoga, Fitness, and American Physical Culture: A Historian’s Perspective,” in conversation with Leslie Kaminoff, The Breathing Project. New York, June 2016.
- “Wellness in Historical Perspective,” at “Hashtag Wellness,” NBC Universal employee event, New York, May 2016.

- “My Story, Your Story, Our Story: Fitness Narratives and Leadership,” teacher training workshop, *Physique 57*, New York, May 2016.
- “Educational History and the Search for Common Ground,” at Progressive/Conservative, Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies, Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, MI, April 2016.
- “Education for Liberation or Regulation? Sex and Schools in the Modern United States,” History of Sexuality Lecture Series, College of Staten Island, NY, April 2016.
- “Link Together, Lead Together,” #LinkedNotRanked consciousness-raising event for wellness leaders, Santa Monica, CA, April 2016.
- “The Politics of Education and Inequality,” in conversation with Jonathan Kozol and David Garcia, Tucson Festival of Books, Tucson, March 2016.
- “Classroom Wars: Sex Education, Bilingual Education, and the Making of Modern Political Culture,” Teachers College, Columbia University, March 2016.
- “Classroom Wars: Sex Education, Bilingual Education, and the Making of Modern Political Culture,” Department of History, Stanford University, November 2015.
- “Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Being An Early-Career Historian,” Center for the Study of Race and Ethnicity, Stanford University, November 2015.
- “Wellness, Culture, and U.S. Education, Past and Present,” School of Public Health, Tufts University, October 2015.
- Moderator, Plenary Session on “Little Magazines,” Society for U.S. Intellectual History, October 2015.
- “Wellness Culture and the New Speed of Transformation: A Look Back,” Life Reimagined Thought Leadership Summit, Gateway Junction, CO, July 2015.
- In conversation with Dana Goldstein, author of *The Teacher Wars*, Happier Hour Literary Salon, New York, June 2015.
- In conversation with Trey Kay, host of podcast “Us and Them,” Brooklyn, June 2015.
- “Girls, Gender, and Education: Past, Present, and Future,” with neuroscientist Wendy Suzuki, Girls, Inc. Fundraiser, New York, June 2015.
- “Sex Ed Under Siege: Lessons for Today and Tomorrow,” Bay Area literary salon, April 2015.
- “Classroom Wars – Book Talk With Author,” BookHampton, East Hampton, NY, April 2015.

- “Classroom Wars Book Launch,” with comments by Jonathan Zimmerman, Jeremy Varon, Claire Potter, and Federico Finchelstein, The New School, New York, April 2015.
- “Classroom Wars: Language, Sex, and the Making of Modern Political Culture,” Speaker Series in Latino Studies, Yale University, April 2015.
- “Yoga, Aerobics, and the Making of Modern Femininity,” *HERStory* for History Club, Ramapo College, March 2015.
- “Classroom Wars: Language, Sex, and the Making of Modern Political Culture,” Department of Educational Policy Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison, December 2014.
- “Yoga, Fitness, and the Rise of American Wellness Culture,” School of Human Ecology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, December 2014.
- “Lessons from the Core I Carry Beyond the Classroom,” Keynote Address, Columbia College Women’s Alumni Networking Luncheon, April 2014.
- Panelist on “The Practice of Leadership” with lululemon CEO Laurent Potdevin and other social critics re: my viral “Why this Lululemon Scandal is Different” article, Yoga Journal Conference, New York, April 2014.
- “Progressive Education in American History,” in “Learning Through Design Course,” Parsons The New School for Design, October 2013.
- “Voices for Education: A Historical Perspective,” 92Y Tribeca, New York, April 2013.
- Discussant, “Improbable Scholars” book talk with David Kirp and Clara Hemphill, Center for New York City Affairs, New York, April 2013.
- “Writing History in the Digital Age: The Accountability Partnership,” with Sarah Manekin, Department of History, University of Pennsylvania, November 2012.
- Moderator, “Children and Food,” with Jan Poppendieck, Lynn Fredericks, Stefania Patinella, Lisa Sasson, New School for Public Engagement, New York, October 2012.
- “Max Rafferty and the Rise of Contemporary American Conservatism,” Teaching American History Lecture Series, New York University-Steinhardt School of Education, June 2012.
- “The World of Self-Betterment,” in conversation with *New York Times* columnist Alina Tugend, Soho Rep Theater, New York, March 2012.
- Dean’s Lecture, Eugene Lang College First-Year Orientation, September 2011.
- “Sex Education and the Politics of Family,” Gender Studies 101, University of Iowa, Cedar Rapids, October 2010.

- “Life After the Dissertation,” Spencer Foundation Fellows Conference, October 2010.
- Graduate Student Commencement Speaker, Department of History, Stanford University, June 2009.

Courses Developed and Taught

- When History Met Podcasting: Representing History in the Digital Age (Civic Liberal Arts Mellon Grant, with Pineapple Street Studios Senior Producer Eleanor Kagan)
- History of U.S. Education
- American Youth Cultures, Past and Present
- Introduction to Educational Theory
- Pursuits of Happiness: American Journeys (Civic Liberal Arts Mellon Grant, with Verso Books Managing Editor Jake Stevens)
- Sources and Methods in Historical Research (graduate)
- Cultural Conflict in American Education
- HealthClass2.0 Practicum
- Body, Mind, and School: Wellness and American Education
- Senior Research Seminar in Education Studies
- Senior Research Seminar in History
- Kids, Classrooms, and Culture
- Sculpting the American Self: Fitness Culture in the Postwar U.S.
- Publishing Life: Critical Theory, History, and Practice (with Verso Books Managing Editor, Jake Stevens)
- First-Year Fellow Teaching and Learning Mentorship Seminar
- Transatlantic Feminisms: France and the United States (taught at Parsons Paris)
- Classroom Wars Across the Atlantic: France and the United States (taught at Parsons Paris)

University Service

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| • Chair, Eugene Lang College Curriculum Committee | Fall 2022-present |
| • Communications Committee, History Department | 2017-present |
| • Several tenure/promotions committees | 2018-present |
| • New School Alumni events | 2018-present |
| • New School Admissions events | 2016-present |
| • Director, Eugene Lang College First Year Program | 2016-2022 |
| • Member, Dean’s Search Committee, Eugene Lang College | 2021-22 |
| • Chairs and Directors Council | 2012-14, 2016-22 |
| • Undergraduate Advising Faculty Liaison | 2019-22 |
| • Senior Editor, <i>Public Seminar</i> | 2018-2020 |

- Visiting Faculty Member, Parsons Paris Spring 2018
- Honorary Degree Committee 2013-14, 17-18, 18-19 (chair)
- Dean’s Honor Symposium Review Committee 2015-16
- Lang Executive Committee 2015-17
- Lang Faculty Council 2015-17, 2018-19
- Faculty Director and Co-founder, HealthClass2.0 2012-2017
- Steering Committee, The New School Collaboratory 2014-15
- University-wide Education Working Group 2013-14
- Co-chair, Education Studies Department 2012-2014
- Lang Civic Engagement and Social Justice Committee 2012-14
- Judge, The New Challenge 2013-14

Professional Service

- Manuscript Reviewer, University of Chicago Press, Oxford University Press, New York University Press, University of North Carolina University Press, *Journal of American History*, H-Net, *History of Education Quarterly* 2015-present
- Co-chair, New York University History of Education Research and Writing Group 2016-present
- Co-editor with Andrew McGregor, “At the Intersection of Sport and Intellectual History,” Special Issue of the *Journal of Sport History* 2022-2023
- Chair, North American Society for Sport History Colloquium on Sport/Intellectual History May 2021
- Program Chair, Society for U.S. Intellectual History Annual Meeting Fall 2019
- Treasurer, Society for U.S. Intellectual History 2015-16
- Member, NYU History of Education Writing Group 2005-present
- Member, NYU U.S. Women’s and Gender History Writing Group 2015-present
- Treasurer, Society for U.S. Intellectual History 2015-17
- Submission Reviewer, History of Education Society 2011-17
- Member, American Historical Association 2008-present
- Member, Society for U.S. Intellectual History 2013-present
- Member, History of Education Society 2004-present
- Member, Organization of American Historians 2006-present

Selected Media Recognition and Reviews

- Many positive reviews for podcast “Welcome to Your Fantasy,” 2021-present
including but not limited to: *New York Times*, *New Yorker*, *Financial Times*,
Guardian, *Vogue*, *Rolling Stone*, *Vulture*, *GQ*, *Esquire*, *Sydney Morning Herald*,
Dagens Nyheter (Sweden), *Perspectives*, *Times of London*, *The Daily Mail*, *Financial Times*
- “SoulCycle Without the Bike: Here Comes Peoplehood,” *New York Times* April 2022
- “What the Fitness Industry Doesn’t Understand,” *The Atlantic* April 2022
- “Is This the Most Expensive Pilates Class?” *The Atlantic* April 2022
- “Why Schools Are the Next Frontier in the Culture Wars,” *NPR’s 1A* November 2021
- “The Chippendales Murder,” *20/20* Season Premiere, ABC October 2021
- “Students Fight Back Against a Book Ban that has a Pennsylvania Community
Divided,” *Don Lemon Tonight*, CNN September 2021
- “The School Culture Wars: You Have Brought Division to Us,” *New York Times* August 2021
- “Nancye Radmin, Pioneer of Plus-Size Fashion, is Dead at 82,” *New York Times* December 2020
- “How Running’s White Origins Led to the Danger of ‘Running While Black,’”
NPR’s Code Switch July 2020
- “Running Isn’t Racist,” *National Review* May 2020
- “We Don’t Need Marianne Williamson’s Help,” *Teen Vogue* September 2019
- “Jazzercise Turns 50,” *All of It with Alison Stewart*, *WNYC* June 2019
- “An Audience of Athletes: The Rise and Fall of Feminist Sports,” *Longreads* May 2019
- “The Possibly Ominous Return of the Mini-Me,” *New York Times* April 2019
- “How Historians Got Nike to Pull an Ad Campaign – in Under Six Hours” April 2019
- “The Year’s Best History Threads,” *Slate* December 2018
- “The Dark Truths Behind Our Obsession with Self-Care,” *VICE* December 2018
- “The Story of Nike’s HIV-Positive Runner,” *NPR’s Only a Game* October 2018
- “These Gyms Do a Great Job of Hiding the Fact that They’re Gyms,” *GQ Australia*. September 2018
- “Team History,” contributor, *History Channel* 2018
- On fitness intellectual property, “Bike Maker Peloton Claims Flywheel Copied
Its Technology,” *Wall Street Journal* September 2018
- “Physical Education and Health in Public Schools,” Lectures in March 2018
American History, *C-SPAN*
- On fitness history, “The History of Women’s Obsession with Working Out,” February 2018
Harper’s Bazaar
- On self-help cultures, “Whatever Happened to Just Being Type A?” *New York Times* October 2017
- On Richard Simmons’ significance, “An Ode to Richard Simmons,” *Women’s Health* June 2017
- On self care, “A History of Self Care,” *Slate* April 2017

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