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Academic Employment

2021-Present	Associate Professor, University of North Texas, History Affiliated Faculty, Women's and Gender Studies Program
2017-2021	Assistant Professor, University of North Texas, History
2014-2017	Lecturer, University of North Texas, History
2013-2014	Post-Doctoral Teaching Fellow, Pennsylvania State University, History

Education

Ph.D. in History and Women's and Gender Studies / The Pennsylvania State University / 2013

M.A. in History and Women's and Gender Studies / The Pennsylvania State University / 2008

B.A. in History and Women's Studies / Syracuse University / 2006

Publications

Book

Governing Bodies: American Politics and the Shaping of the Modern Physique. University of Pennsylvania Press, Politics & Culture in Modern America series, 2018.

Reviewed in: *American Historical Review*; *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*; *CHOICE*; *Fat Studies*; *Graduate Journal of Food Studies*, *H-Soz-Kult*; *Journal of American History*; *Journal of American Studies*, *Journal of Social History*; *Somatosphere*; *Western Historical Quarterly*

Articles and Book Chapters

"A Women's Health Issue?: Framing Post-Abortion Syndrome in the 1980s," *Gender and History* 33, (October 2021): 790-804. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1468-0424.12554>

"Gender, Sexuality, and the State," co-authored with Jennifer Mittelstadt, in *Companion to American Women's History*, 2nd ed., Ed. Nancy A. Hewitt and Anne Valk, Wiley Blackwell Press, 2021.

"Fears of a Nanny State: Centering Gender and Family in the Political History of Regulation," in *Shaped by the State: Toward a New Political History of the 20th Century*, Ed. Brent Cebul, Lily Geismer, and Mason Williams, University of Chicago Press, 2019.

"Weighing in about Weight: Advisory Power in the Bureau of Home Economics," in *Remaking Home Economics: Resourcefulness and Innovation in Changing Times*, Ed. Sharon Y. Nikols and Gwen Kay, Athens, Georgia: University of Georgia Press, 2015.

"Consuming Relief: Food Stamps and the New Welfare of the New Deal," *Journal of American History* 76, (March 2011): 1001-1022. <https://doi.org/10.1093/jahist/jaq067>

Book Reviews

Review of Christopher E. Forth, *Fat: A Cultural History of the Stuff of Life*, in *Medical History* 64, no. 1 (January 2020): 144-145.

Review of Edward Berkowitz and Larry DeWitt, *The Other Welfare: Supplemental Security Income and U.S. Social Policy*, in *Business History Review* 90, no.2, (Summer 2016): 380-382.

Review of Ira Katznelson, *Fear Itself: The New Deal and the Origins of Our Time*, in *Journal of American Studies* 48, no. 2, (May 2014): 657-658.

Review of Dona Brown, *Back to the Land: The Enduring Dream of Self-Sufficiency in Modern America*, in *Journal of American Studies* 46, Special Issue 2, (May 2012): E40.

Work in Progress

Book manuscript in process: *Postpartum Politics: Motherhood and Mental Health in 20th Century America*

Fellowships and Grants (external)

National Science Foundation Scholars Award; Science, Technology and Society Program, \$162,619. Award 1849533. (Sole PI). 2019-20.

Fellowship in the History of American Obstetrics and Gynecology, The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. \$5000. 2017.

Lillian Sholtis Brunner Fellowship, Barbara Bates Center for the Study of the History of Nursing, University of Pennsylvania. \$2200. 2017.

Short-Term Postdoctoral Fellow, German Historical Institute, \$9000. 2013-14.

Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellow, Woodrow Wilson Foundation, \$25,000. 2011-12.

Miller Center Fellowship in Politics and History (now Jefferson Scholars), Miller Center for Public Affairs, University of Virginia. 2011-12.

Emerging Scholars Fellowship, University of Georgia, *Home Economics: Classroom, Corporate, and Cultural Interpretations Revisited*. 2012.

National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, Science, Technology, and Society Program, \$10,000. Award 1057527. 2011.

History of Science Society travel grant, National Science Foundation. 2011.

Dean's Fellowship in the History of Home Economics, Cornell University. 2010.

Eisenhower Presidential Library, archival research grant. 2010.

Fellowships and Grants (internal)

Scholarly and Creative Activity (SCA) award, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, UNT, \$5000. 2022.

Faculty Development Leave, UNT, Spring 2022.

Creative and Research Enhancement Activity Time for Engagement (CREATE) grant, UNT, \$4000. 2021.

Research Seed Grant, Research and Economic Development office, UNT, \$2435. 2016.

The Crawford Family Fellowship in Ethical Inquiry, Pennsylvania State University, College of Liberal Arts. 2010-2011.

Women's Studies Outstanding Graduate Student Award, Pennsylvania State University. 2011.

Rock Ethics Institute Fellowship, Pennsylvania State University. 2010.

Conference Presentations and Invited Talks

- “Self-Help, Psychiatric Help, and the Postpartum Revolution of the 1980s,” American Association for the History of Medicine, April 2022.
- “Spitting on My Sources, or, A Depressing DNA Test,” Archival Kismet 2021: Silence or Screams? Archives of Race, Gender, & Sexuality, University of Mississippi, December 10, 2021.
- “As Natural as Childbirth: Postpartum Depression and Feminism in the 1970s,” American Association for the History of Medicine, May 13, 2021.
- “First, You Need a Task Force: Politicizing Postpartum Support Groups in the 1980s,” The Southern Association for the History of Medicine and Science, March 12, 2021
- “‘A New-Woman Post-Feminist Idea’: Consumer Activism and Postpartum Depression in the 1980s,” Critical Conversations on Reproductive Health/Care: Past, Present, and Future, Johns Hopkins University symposium, February 6, 2021
- “The Most Natural of Human Activities: Ideologies of Motherhood in Post-Abortion Syndrome,” The Berkshire Conference on the Histories of Women, Gender, and Sexualities, May 29, 2020. [cancelled for COVID-19]
- “The Invention of Post-Abortion Syndrome and the Politics of Women’s Mental Health,” *Gender & History* Symposium on Health, Healing, and Caring, May 22, 2020. [moved online]
- “Good Adjustment?: Negotiating Postpartum Depression in the Women’s Health Movement,” Organization of American Historians, April 3, 2020. [cancelled for COVID-19]
- “An Insane Arrangement: The Politics of Motherhood and Madness in 1970s Feminism,” University of North Texas Postwar Faculty Colloquium, March 20, 2020. [cancelled for COVID-19]
- “In the Formative Stages: Inventing Post-Abortion Syndrome in the 1980s,” Society for U.S. Intellectual History, November 8, 2019.
- “A Medical Syndrome That Does Not Exist,” UNT History Department Faculty Research Series, October 29, 2019.
- “Psychology and the Surgeon General: Post-Abortion Syndrome and the Culture Wars,” University of North Texas Postwar Faculty Colloquium, March 22, 2019.
- “He Cannot Confine His Interests Solely to the Pelvic Outlet: The Rise of Psychiatric Screening in Obstetrical Practice, 1955-1995,” American Association for the History of Medicine, May 11, 2018.
- “‘Emotionally Efficient Motherhood’: Managing Maternal Emotion in Mid-Century America,” Dallas Area Social History Group, April 27, 2018.
- “No Free Man Can Admire the Soviet System: American Physical Fitness in the Cold War,” University of North Texas Postwar Faculty Colloquium, April 6, 2018.
- “From Lactational Insanity to the Baby Blues: Calibrating the Normal Postpartum in 20th Century America,” Drexel University, Science Technology and Society Works in Progress series, March 14, 2018.
- “The Uses of Personhood: Negotiating Social Welfare and Definitions of Dependence,” The Berkshire Conference on the Histories of Women, Gender, and Sexualities, June 2, 2017.
- “The Physiological Impossibility of Aid: The Politics of Pregnancy and Poverty in the Late 20th Century,” Policy History Conference, June 3, 2016.
- Panelist, “Outsiders Within: The Precarious Nature of Now,” National Women’s Studies Association, November 14, 2015.
- “A National Nanny?: Health Care Policy and the Gender of Government, 1965-2000,” Minding the Field: Exploring and Expanding Women's and Gender Studies in North Texas symposium, University of Texas at Arlington, October 29, 2015.

- “Queering the Nanny State: Metaphors of APD and their Consequences,” Seeing Beyond the Partisan Divide symposium, The Miller Center at the University of Virginia, October 2, 2015.
- “Embodied Assistance: Pregnancy, Lactation, and Food Welfare in the 1970s,” Moral Cultures of Food: Past and Present, North Texas, April 3, 2015.
- “The Poor Cannot be Trusted: Nutrition and Pregnancy in the American Welfare State,” German Historical Institute, June 25, 2014.
- “Eat Less, Be More: Hunger, Malnutrition, and Food Welfare Policy in the 1970s,” Policy History Conference, June 4, 2014.
- “Builder of Men: The Civilian Conservation Corps and the Muscular State,” Organization of American Historians, April 10, 2014.
- “The Good Wife and Mother Does Not Understand: Federal Expertise and Authority in American Nutrition Science, 1880-1935,” Obesity, Health, and the Liberal Self, German Historical Institute, September 27, 2013.
- “To Investigate and Report: How the Children’s Bureau Became a Back-Door Policy Maker,” Policy History Conference, June 8, 2012.
- “The Advisory State: Physical Fitness through the Ad Council, 1955-1965,” American Historical Association, January 7, 2012.
- “Puny and Pudgy Privates: Measuring Draftees in WWII,” History of Science Society, November 5, 2011.
- “Lazy and Crazy: Physical Fitness Meets Psychology in Post-War America,” The Regimen of Bodily Health: Nourishment and Natural Knowledge, Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology at the University of Toronto, March 18, 2011.
- “Watchful Weighing: The Body Politics of Home Economics, 1920-1950,” Cornell University, Women's History Month Series, March 3, 2011.
- “Through the Normal Channels: Food and Family in the New Deal,” Organization of American Historians, April 10, 2010.
- “Inventing the Hungry: Food Welfare in the New Deal Era,” Agriculture, Food and Human Values Society, May 2009.

Conference Panel Chair/Comment

- The AIDS Crisis in Texas panel, panel chair and comment, Texas State Historical Association, March 4, 2020.
- Concepts for a ‘Post-Industrial’ Society panel, panel chair and comment, Society for U.S. Intellectual History, November 8, 2019.
- Human Trafficking: Culture, Crime, and Creative Responses panel, panel chair and comment, University of North Texas, Body Place Identity conference, March 2, 2019.
- Women and Health Activism panel, panel chair, American Association for the History of Medicine, May 12, 2018.

Teaching

University of North Texas

- HIST 2620: U.S. History Since 1865
- HIST 2685: U.S. History Since 1865, Honors
- HIST 4260: American Women Since 1900
- HIST 4260: Madness and Mental Health in Modern History

HIST 4405: Sickness and Health in U.S. History
HIST 4406: History of the Body
HIST 4407: Fitness Culture in the U.S.
HIST 5501: Graduate Seminar in 20th Century US Political History

Independent Studies Directed

Fitness Culture in the U.S. (graduate)
Gender and Medicine in the American West (graduate)

Pennsylvania State University

HIST 021 and 021H: U.S. History Since 1877
WMNST 100: Intro. to Women's Studies
HIST 117: Women in Modern History
HIST 166: History of American Sexuality
HIST 302W: American Poverty and Welfare
HIST 448: America in the Sixties

Media and Public History

- Interview with Joe Lombardo, "The Government and the Gains," *Scholars and Iron* podcast, July 14, 2020, <https://directory.libsyn.com/episode/index/show/scholarsandiron/id/15212351>
- Interview by Patricia Martins Marcos, *New Books Network* podcast (New Books in gender Studies), January 14, 2020, <https://newbooksnetwork.com/rachel-louise-moran-governing-bodies-american-politics-and-the-shaping-of-the-modern-physique-u-penn-press-2018>
- "The Best-Fed Baby," *H-Nutrition* series on "Figures," September 16, 2019. <https://networks.hnet.org/node/134048/discussions/4386939/draftsubmission-figures>
- "Openness and Authority in Pregnancy: Lucy Knisley's Kid Gloves," *Nursing Clio*, May 29, 2019. <https://nursingclio.org/2019/05/29/openness-and-authority-in-pregnancy-lucy-knisleys-kid-gloves>
- "Pharmacological Innovation and the Desire to Simplify Postpartum Depression," *Nursing Clio*, April 16, 2019. <https://nursingclio.org/2019/04/16/pharmacological-innovation-and-the-desire-to-simplify-postpartum-depression>
- Interview by Emily Contois, "How the "Advisory State" Shapes American Bodies and Politics: A Conversation with Rachel Louise Moran," *Nursing Clio*, December 1, 2018. <https://nursingclio.org/2018/12/13/how-the-advisory-state-shapes-american-bodies-and-politics-a-conversation-with-rachel-louise-moran>
- "Body Building as Social Welfare: How the Language of Weight Justified the Civilian Conservation Corps," *Food, Fatness, Fitness: Critical Perspectives*, September 1, 2018. <http://foodfatnessfitness.com/2018/09/01/body-building-civilian-conservation-corps>
- "Why American Policy is Leaving Millions Hungry," *Washington Post*, August 7, 2018. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/made-by-history/wp/2018/08/07/why-american-policy-is-leaving-millions-hungry>
- "The Inaccurate and Dangerous Premise of the GOP Farm Bill," *History News Network (HNN)*, May 18, 2018. <https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/169069>
- "Change We Need? Why the Name of the President's Fitness Council Matters," *Nursing Clio*, May 8, 2018. <https://nursingclio.org/2018/05/08/change-we-need-why-the-name-of-the-presidents-fitness-council-matters>

"Selling American Vigor: The Cold War and the President's Council on Physical Fitness," *Process: A Blog for American History*, February 13, 2018. <http://www.processhistory.org/moran-selling-american-vigor/>

"Don't Eat That, Eat This: The Troubled History of Food Stamps and Nutrition," *Nursing Clio*, June 23, 2015. <http://nursingclio.org/2015/06/23/health-welfare-and-food-stamp-politics/>

"The Nanny State on Your Plate?," *Nursing Clio*, December 18, 2014. <http://nursingclio.org/2014/12/18/the-nanny-state-on-your-plate/>

"Making Perfect Children: Baby Shows and Height-Weight Charts in Early 20th Century America," *The Ultimate History Project*, March 22, 2013. https://ultimatehistoryproject.com/uploads/3/5/0/1/35012707/issue_4.pdf

Interview, Backstory with the American History Guys, Episode: "Beach Bodies: A History of American Physique," August 2012. <https://www.backstoryradio.org/shows/beach-bodies-2015/>

"Food Stamps: As American as Apple Pie," *Riding the Tiger: The Miller Center Elections Blog*, February 2, 2012.

"100 Years of Counting Calories," *The Ultimate History Project*, April 25, 2012.

Interview, Journal of American History website. <http://www.podtrac.com/pts/redirect.mp3/jahpodcast.com/podcast/201103.mp3>