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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Assistant Professor, Department of the History and Sociology of Science, University of Pennsylvania,
July 2006-present.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Department of History, Yale University, 2006.
M.Phil., Program in the History of Medicine and Science, Yale University, 2003.
M.A., Interdisciplinary Programs in Health and Humanities, Michigan State University, 1999.
B.S., Physical Therapy, Ithaca College, 1992.

PUBLICATIONS

-Book-

War's Waste: Rehabilitation in World War I America (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2011),
304 pages.

-Articles and Book Chapters- (*refereed)

*"A Dangerous Curve: The Role of History in America's Scoliosis Screening Programs" *American Journal of Public Health*, Public Health Then and Now, forthcoming [accepted on 10/9/11].

*"Shooting Disabled Soldiers: Medicine and Photography in World War I America," *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences* 66, no. 3 (July 2011): 313-346.

*"Feet for Fighting: Locating Disability and Social Medicine in First World War America," *Social History of Medicine* 20, no. 1 (April 2007): 91-109. [Winner of the **Roy Porter Memorial Prize Essay**, Society for the Social History of Medicine]

"Resuscitating the 'Great Doctor': The Career of Biography in Medical History," In Thomas Söderqvist, ed., *The History and Poetics of Scientific Biography* (Aldershot: Ashgate Press, 2007): 221-239.

*"Strength and Science: Gender, Physiotherapy, and Medicine in Early Twentieth Century America," *Journal of Women's History* 17, no. 3 (Fall 2005): 105-132.

*"The Business of Ethics: Gender, Medicine, and the Professional Codification of the American Physiotherapy Association, 1918-1935," *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences* 60, no.3 (July 2005): 321-354. [Winner of the **American Association for Bioethics and Humanities Essay Award**]

-In Progress-

-Books and Edited Volumes-

Slouch: The Rise and Fall of American Posture (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, expected contract by August 2011).

Globalizing Disability: World War I and the Making of Modern Rehabilitation, co-edited with Heather Perry, Ph.D. [book proposal in preparation]

Civil Disabilities: Citizenship, Theory, and the Body, co-edited with Nancy Hirschmann, Sigal Ben-Porath, and Mara Mills [volume based on April 1, 2011 conference held at the University of Pennsylvania. Proposal to be reviewed by the University of Pennsylvania Press]

-Articles- (*refereed)

*"Disability in the History of Medicine: The State of the Field," *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*, 35 typescript pages. [accepted and under revision]

-Reviews and Encyclopedia Entries-

Review of Heather Munro Prescott, *Student Bodies: The Influence of Student Health Services in American Society and Medicine* by (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2007), *Nursing History Review*.

"Rest Cure," in *The Encyclopedia of American Disability History*, ed. Susan Burch, vol. 3 (New York: Facts on File, 2009): 780-781.

Review of Jeffrey S. Reznick, *Healing the Nation: Soldiers and the Culture of Caregiving in Britain During the Great War* (Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2006), *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*.

Review of Nicholas I. Tilney, *A Perfectly Striking Departure: Surgeons and Surgery at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, 1912-1980* (Sagamore Beach: Science History Publications, 2006), *Isis*.

Review of David M. Oshinsky, *Polio: An American Story* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2005), *Medical History*.

Review of Carol Poh Miller, *A Second Voice: A Century of Osteopathic Medicine in Ohio* (Athens: Ohio University Press, 2004), *Ohio Valley History*.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

National Endowment for the Humanities, Research Fellowship, submitted and under review.

School of Arts and Sciences Research Opportunity Grant, Penn, 2011.

Karen Buhler-Wilkerson Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, School of Nursing, 2011.

Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholars Program, Grant, 2011.

Pennsylvania Area Center for the History of Science (PACHS) Conference Support Grant, 2011.

Mellon Cross-Cultural Conference Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, 2010-2011.

Trustees' Council of Penn Women Faculty Research Fellowship, 2009.

Mellon Faculty Research Fellow, Penn Humanities Forum, 2008-2009.

Distinguished International Scholars Program at Penn, Grant, 2007.

Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholars Program, Grant, 2006-2007.

Winner of the Roy Porter Memorial Prize Essay, Society for the Social History of Medicine, 2005.

John F. Enders Fellowship, Yale University, 2005.

Wood Institute Research Fellowship, College of Physicians of Philadelphia, 2004-2005.

Yale University Dissertation Fellowship, 2004-2005.

Donaghue Initiative in Biomedical and Behavioral Research Ethics, Grant, 2003-2006.

Yale University Teaching Fellowship, 2002-2004.

Dean's Fund, Yale Graduate School, 2003-2004.

Winner of the American Association for Bioethics and Humanities Student Essay Award, 2002.

Michigan State University College Merit Fellowship, 1999.

ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies, University of Pennsylvania, 2011-present.

Department of History Graduate Group, University of Pennsylvania, 2010-present.

School of Nursing Graduate Group, University of Pennsylvania, 2009-present.

Associate Fellow, Center for Bioethics, University of Pennsylvania Medical Center, 2007-present.

NAMED LECTURES

Charles E. Culpeper Lecture, University of Minnesota, "Liberty Limbs: Prosthetic Design and the Rearming of U.S. Amputee Soldiers during World War I," October 25, 2010.

New York Council for the Humanities lecture, Clarkson University, "War's Waste: The Rehabilitation of Disabled Soldiers in American History," August 26, 2010.

President's Commission on Disability Issues, University of Maryland, "Flat Feet and Draft Dodging: The Making of a Disability in World War I America," October 2, 2008.

The Kate Hurd-Mead Lecture of The College of Physicians of Philadelphia, "Brains and Brawn: The Birth of Physical Therapy as an Allied Health Profession," March 20, 2008.

National Institutes of Health Plenary Address, "Beyond Disease to Disability: Medical Welfare for Physically 'Defective' Soldiers in World War I America," May 18, 2007.

INVITED LECTURES

Yale University, Program in the History of Science and Medicine, "Notes from the Borderlands of Medical and Disability History," November 2010.

Johns Hopkins University, Institute of the History of Medicine, "War's Waste: Making Men Whole through Rehabilitation," February 2009.

University of Maryland, Colloquium on the History of Science, Technology, and Environment, "Limb Lab: Technological Experimentation in Prosthetic Design for World War I Amputee Soldiers," October 2008.

McGill University, Department of the Social Studies of Medicine, "The Birth of Biomechanics: an Orthopedic View of Worker Efficiency in Early Twentieth-Century America," September 2008.

National Museum of Health and Medicine, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, "Limb Lab: Getting Amputee Soldiers Back to Work After World War I," July 2008.

New York Academy of Medicine, Medicine in Wartime Lecture Series, "Limb Lab: Getting Soldiers Back to Work in World War I America," April 2008.

University of Delaware, Department of History, "Body Works: Physical Culture in Early Twentieth Century America," October 2007.

The American Medical Association, Ethics Standards Division, "Codes of Ethics and the Allied Health Professions in Twentieth-Century America," January 2003.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Conference Committee, "Histories of Science and Medicine in Global Perspective," **Center for the Social History of Health and Healthcare**, Glasgow, UK, January 2012.

"Federal Measures: Standardization of the Body throughout the 20th Century," Chair and Commentator, **History of Science Society**, Cleveland, OH, November 2011.

"Curious Liaisons: Machines, Bodies, and the Making of Inappropriate Technology," Discussant, **American Studies Association**, STS Caucus Sponsored Panel, Baltimore, MD, October 2011.

Roundtable Participant, "Race, Sexuality, and Disability," **Berkshire Conference on the History of Women**, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA, June 2011.

"Disease and Disability," Moderator, **American Association for the History of Medicine**, Philadelphia, PA, April 2011.

"Repair Shop for Heroes: Technology in, and as, Rehabilitation in Post World War II America," Commentator, **Hagley Center for the History of Business, Technology, and Society**, Wilmington, DE, November 2010.

"Envisioning the Disabled Soldier: The Use of Medical and Popular Images in Europe and the United States during the Great War," Panel Organizer, **Society for the Social History of Medicine**, Durham, England, July 2010.

"Shooting Disabled Soldiers: Photography, Passing, and the Pursuit of Rehabilitation," **Society for Disability Studies**, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, June 2010.

Plenary Roundtable Participant, "Histories of the Body," **Penn Women's Studies' 35th Anniversary Conference**, Philadelphia, PA, October 2009.

"Walter Reed, Then and Now," **Penn Humanities Forum**, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, April 2009.

"No Scalpel Required: Orthopedic Surgeons and the 'Curative Workshop' in World War I America," **American Association for the History of Medicine**, Cleveland, OH, April 2009.

"Crippling Medical History: Making Sense of Medicalization and the Medical Model," Disability History: Theory and Practice Conference, **San Francisco State University**, San Francisco, CA, August 2008.

"(Wo)manly Workers: Gender and Rehabilitation in World War I," **The Barbara Bates Center for the History of Nursing**, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, April 2008.

"The Burden of the Body: Making Exercise Mechanical in Interwar America," **History of Science Society**, Washington, D.C., November 2007.

"Brains and Brawn: The Birth of Physical Therapy as an Allied Health Profession," **Department of Sociology**, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, September 2007.

“Fallen Arches: Orthopedic Surgeons, Flat Feet, and the Making of Disability in World War I,” **European Association for the History of Medicine and Health**, Paris, France, September 2005.

“Self-perceptions of Disability and Illness,” **American Association for the History of Medicine**, Chair, Birmingham, AL, April 2005.

“Not Your Father’s Old-Time Medical History’: The New Disability History and its Claim to Authenticity,” **American Association for the History of Medicine**, Organizer and Chair, Madison, WI, May 2004.

“Militarizing the Body: Prosthetics, Propaganda, and Medical Politics in Wartime Europe and the United States, 1914-9,” **American Historical Association**, Organizer, Washington, D.C., January 2004.

“Picture Perfect: Representations, Medicine, and Consensus in Wartime America, 1918-1919,” **American Historical Association**, Washington, D.C., January 2004.

“The Business of Ethics: Women in Medicine and the American Physiotherapy Association’s 1935 Code of Ethics,” **American Society for Bioethics and Humanities**, Baltimore, MD, October 2002.

“Great Doctors, Great Scientists: The Career of Biography in the History of Medicine and Science,” Poetics of Biography in Science, Technology, and Medicine Conference (program directors, Janet Browne and Thomas Söderqvist), **University of Copenhagen**, Denmark, May 2002.

“A Strange Medical Alignment: Gender, Healing, and Physiotherapy in the United States, 1920-1935,” **American Association of the History of Medicine**, Kansas City, KS, April 2002.

“Embodied Experience: A Phenomenological Interpretation of Illness,” **American Society for Bioethics and Humanities**, Philadelphia, PA, October 1999.

ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES AND SPEAKER SERIES

Conference Committee, “Histories of Science and Medicine in Global Perspective,” Center for the Social History of Health and Healthcare, Glasgow, UK, April 2012.

Co-organizer, “Civil Disabilities: Theory, Citizenship, and the Body,” A Mellon Cross-Cultural Conference, University of Pennsylvania, March 31-April 1, 2011.

Local Arrangements Committee, American Association for the History of Medicine Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, April 28-May 1, 2011.

Faculty organizer and host, Jacalyn Duffin, M.D, Ph.D., Penn’s 2007 Distinguished International Scholar, April 2007.

Founded and organized the Frederic L. Holmes workshop, Yale University, a bi-monthly graduate student-faculty colloquium, 2003-2005.

MEDIA

Expert Consultant for documentary series, *Wounded Warriors*, in production and being filmed by Gail Prensky, 2011-present.

Featured in *The New Republic*, Jonathan Cohn, senior editor, "American Exceptionalism (Not the Good Kind)" <http://www.tnr.com/blog/jonathan-cohn/88935/linker-universal-health-right-america>

Penn 60-Second Lecture, "What's the Matter with American Exceptionalism," April 20, 2011. <http://youtu.be/tbJaOim80lo> [1,617 views as of July 20, 2011]

Coverage of the Civil Disabilities Conference in the *Penn Current*, March 24, 2011. <http://www.upenn.edu/pennnews/current/2011-03-24/features/theory-citizenship-and-body>

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Garrison Lecture Committee, American Association for the History of Medicine, 2011-2012.

Local Arrangements Committee, American Association for the History of Medicine Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, April 28-May 1, 2011.

Ad Hoc Committee on Accessibility, American Association of the History of Medicine, 2010.

Academic Advisory Board, Disability History Museum, <http://www.disabilitymuseum.org/>.

Chair, Shryock Medal Committee, American Association for the History of Medicine, 2008-2009.

Shryock Medal Committee, American Association for the History of Medicine, 2007-2008.

Executive Committee Member, Section of Medical History, The College of Physicians of Philadelphia, 2007-present.

Manuscript Reviewer for Palgrave Macmillan Press, *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*, and *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences*

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Guest Lecturer, Penn Civic Scholars Program, 2011.

Review Committee, Humanities and Social Science sector panel, University of Pennsylvania, 2011, 2009, 2008.

Faculty Panelist, Penn Previews, 2009, 2010, 2011.

Faculty Mentor, Penn Women's Biomedical Society, lead monthly luncheon discussions with female undergraduates interested in pursuing careers in science and medicine, 2008-present.

Pre-Major Advisor, University of Pennsylvania, 2008-2011.

Health Professions Advisory Board, Career Services, University of Pennsylvania, 2008-present.

Faculty speaker, Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Fellow Counselor Career Services, University of Pennsylvania, 2007.

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

Co-Chair, Job Search, Full-Time Lecturer A Position, Health and Societies, 2010-2011.

Undergraduate Advisor, Health and Societies, 2006-present.

Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of the History and Sociology of Science, 2006-present.

Faculty Co-Organizer, History and Sociology of Science workshop series, University of Pennsylvania, 2007-2008.

Faculty Co-Organizer, "Surviving the Job Market," Graduate Student Series, Department of the History and Sociology of Science, 2006-2007.

PH.D. STUDENTS

Jessica Martucci, Dept. of the History and Sociology of Science, Co-Chair (with M. Susan Lindee), of Dissertation Committee, "Feeding Babies, Making Mothers: The Science, Practice, and Meaning of Infant Feeding, 1945-2000." (Accepted Tenure-Track position as Assistant Professor in the Department of History, Mississippi State University)

Keith C. Mages, School of Nursing, Dissertation and Qualifying Exams Committee member. "The Bellevue Classification Scheme: the Cultural Commentary of a Nursing Library Classification System" (dissertation defense: May 18, 2011).

Rebecca Cutler, Department of History, Dissertation and Qualifying Exams Committee member. "American Jews and the Politics of Transnational Medical Activities in the Post-World War II Era."

Susan Epting, Department of History, Dissertation Committee member. "Military Psychology in Europe and the United States from 1918-1945."

Meggie Crnic, Dept. of the History and Sociology of Science, Dissertation and Qualifying Exams Committee member. "The Salubrious Sea: Marine Hospitals, the Environment, and the Health of American Urban Children, 1870-1930."

Rachel Elder, Dept. of the History and Sociology of Science, Co-Chair of Dissertation Committee, Qualifying Exam Committee member.

Samantha Muka, Dept. of the History and Sociology of Science, Qualifying Exam Committee member.

SENIOR THESIS ADVISOR

Catherine Wolff, "Examining the Fear of Litigation Among Emergency Medical Technicians," 2007-2008.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Association for the History of Medicine

- Member, Garrison Lecture Committee, 2011-2012.
- Member, Local Arrangements Committee, 84th Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, 2011.
- Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Accessibility, 2010.
- Chair, Shryock Medal Committee, 2008-2009.
- Member, Shryock Medal Committee, 2007-2008.

American Historical Association

Disability History Association

History of Science Society

Organization of American Historians

TEACHING

Assistant Professor, Department of the History and Sociology of Science, University of Pennsylvania, July 2006-present.

Fall 2011:

- Health and Societies 042: Snip and Tuck: A History of Surgery (TBD)
- Health and Societies 150: American Health Policy (TBD)

Spring 2011:

- Health and Societies 150: American Health Policy (49 students)
- History and Sociology of Science 561: Disability: History and Theory (9 students)
- History and Sociology of Science 999: Independent Reading in the History of U.S. Medicine (2 students)

Fall 2010:

- Health and Societies 042: Snip and Tuck: A History of Surgery (15 students)
- Health and Societies 413: Perfect Bodies (13 students)
- History and Sociology of Science 999: Independent Reading in the History of U.S. Medicine (2 students)

Spring 2009:

- Health and Societies 420: Senior Research Seminar in Health and Societies (14 students)

- History and Sociology of Science 541: Issues in American Medicine (7 students)
- History and Sociology of Science 999: Independent Reading in the History of U.S. Medicine (1 student)

Fall 2008

- Health and Societies 002: Medicine in History (73 students)
- Health and Societies 042: Snip and Tuck: A History of Surgery (16 students)
- History and Sociology of Science 999: Independent Reading in the History of U.S. Medicine (1 student)
- Sociology 999: Directed Readings and Research (1 student)

Spring 2008

- Health and Societies 150: American Health Policy (42 students)
- History and Sociology of Science 532: Medicalization: History and Theory (10 students)

Fall 2007

- Health and Societies 042: Snip and Tuck: A History of Surgery (16 students)
- Health and Societies 140: History of Bioethics (13 students)
- Health and Societies 498: Honors Thesis (1 student)

Spring 2007

- Health and Societies 041: Disability in Historical Perspective (6 students)
- Health and Societies 150: American Health Policy (51 students)

Fall 2006

- Health and Societies 420: Senior Research Seminar in Health and Societies (11 students)
- History and Sociology of Science 999: Independent Reading in the History of U.S. Medicine (1 student)

Teaching Fellow, Yale University, 2002-2006.

- History of Science and Medicine 321: Cultures of Western Medicine: A Historical Introduction
- History of Science and Medicine 230: Fat and Thin: A History of American Bodies
- American Studies 323: Alcohol and Other Drugs in American Culture

Teaching Assistant, Yale University, Summer 2001.

- German S999: German for Reading Knowledge

Instructor, Michigan State University, 1997-1998.

- Integrative Studies in Arts and Humanities 201: The U.S. and the World

Instructor, Davenport College, Lansing, Michigan, Spring 1995.

- PTA 301: Therapeutic Exercise for Neurological Patients

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

Physical Therapist, Dept of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Michigan State University, 1994-1997.

Home Health Physical Therapist, Visiting Nurse Association, Lansing, MI, 1994.

Rehabilitation Physical Therapist, Burke Rehabilitation Center, White Plains, NY, 1993-1994.

Pediatric Physical Therapist, Rickard Rehabilitation Services, Ridgewood, NJ, 1992-1993.