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### **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 Projects**

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

*Globalizing Disability: World War I and the Making of Modern Rehabilitation*, co-edited with Heather Perry, Ph.D. (book proposal under review).

*Slouch: The Rise and Fall of American Posture* (currently preparing a proposal; academic and trade book publishers have already expressed an interest in the project).

#### **Book Chapters and Refereed Articles**

"Disability in the History of Medicine: The State of the Field," *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*, forthcoming.

"Shooting Disabled Soldiers: Medicine and Photography in World War I America," *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences*, forthcoming.

"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 (July 2005): 321-354.

## **Reviews and Encyclopedia Entries**

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

*Healing the Nation: Soldiers and the Culture of Caregiving in Britain During the Great War* by Jeffrey S. Reznick (Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2006). Bulletin of the History of Medicine, 81, no. 4 (2007): 880-1.

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

*A Perfectly Striking Departure: Surgeons and Surgery at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, 1912-1980* by Nicholas I. Tilney (Sagamore Beach: Science History Publications, 2006). Isis, 98, no. 2 (2007): 431-2.

*Polio: An American Story* by David M. Oshinsky (New York: Oxford University Press, 2005). Medical History 51, no. 1 (January 2007): 138-9.

*A Second Voice: A Century of Osteopathic Medicine in Ohio* by Carol Poh Miller (Athens: Ohio University Press, 2004). Ohio Valley History 6, no. 2 (summer 2006): 74-76.

## **ACADEMIC AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Mellon Cross-Cultural Conference fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, SAS Office of the Dean. Granted for the conference, “Civil Disabilities: Theory, Citizenship, and the Body,” to be held March 31-April 1, 2011 at the University of Pennsylvania. Co-organizers: Sigal Ben-Porath, Graduate School of Education; Nancy Hirschmann, Political Science; and Mara Mills, Penn Humanities Forum.

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.

The Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholars Program at Penn, 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 APPOINTMENTS AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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

- I teach courses at both the undergraduate and graduate level in the history of medicine, surgery, disability, American health policy, bioethics, public health; the history and sociology of medicalization; as well as research methods and historiography.
- I advise undergraduates, including incoming freshman, majors in the department, and seniors who are writing honors theses. I also advise Ph.D. students at various stages of the graduate career. I am currently sitting on exam and dissertation committees for graduate students from the Department of Sociology, the Department of History, the Department of the History and Sociology of Science, as well as the School of Nursing.

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

Appointed Faculty Member, School of Nursing Graduate Group, University of Pennsylvania, 2009-2014.

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

#### CONFERENCES AND PUBLIC LECTURES

“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 and Newcastle, United Kingdom**, July 2010.

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

“Walter Reed, Then and Now,” **Penn Humanities Forum, University of Pennsylvania**, 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.

“‘War’s Waste’: Making Men Whole through Rehabilitation,” Institute of the History of Medicine, **Johns Hopkins University**, Feb. 12, 2009.

“Flat Feet and Draft Dodging: The Making of a Disability in World War I America,” Guest lecture for **President’s Commission on Disability Issues, University of Maryland**, October 2, 2008.

“Limb Lab: Technological Experimentation in Prosthetic Design for World War I Amputee Soldiers,” Colloquium on the History of Science, Technology, and Environment, **University of Maryland**, October 2, 2008.

“The Birth of Biomechanics: an Orthopedic View of Worker Efficiency in Early Twentieth-Century America” Department of the Social Studies of Medicine, **McGill University**, September, 24, 2008.

“Brains and Brawn: The Birth of Physical Therapy as an Allied Health Profession,” **Department of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania**, September 17, 2007.

“Crippling Medical History: Making Sense of Medicalization and the Medical Model,” Disability History: Theory and Practice Conference, **San Francisco State University**, August 2, 2008.

"Limb Lab: Getting Amputee Soldiers Back to Work After World War I" **National Museum of Health and Medicine, Walter Reed Army Medical Center**, Washington, D.C., July 24, 2008.

“(Wo)manly Workers: Gender and Rehabilitation in World War I,” **The Barbara Bates Center for the History of Nursing, University of Pennsylvania**, April 30, 2008.

“Limb Lab: Getting Soldiers Back to Work in World War I America,” Medicine in Wartime Lecture Series, **New York Academy of Medicine**, April 24, 2008.

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

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

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

“Beyond Disease to Disability: Medical Welfare for Physically ‘Defective’ Soldiers in World War I America,” **Plenary Address, National Institutes of Health, Washington Society for the History of Medicine Annual Graduate Student Symposium**, May 18, 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**, Panel Chair, Birmingham, Alabama, 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, Wisconsin, 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.

“Codes of Ethics and the Allied Health Professions in Twentieth-Century America,” **American Medical Association**, Ethics Standards Division, Chicago, IL, January 2003.

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

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

#### **PROFESSIONAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

Local Arrangements Committee, American Association for the History of Medicine, 2011 annual conference to be held in Philadelphia.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Manuscript Reviewer for Palgrave Macmillan Press, 2006-present.

“Surviving the Job Market” graduate student workshop series, co-organizer (with John Tresch, Ph.D.) and discussant, Department of the History and Sociology of Science, 2006-2007.

“Ethical and Pedagogical Challenges of Teaching Biology,” (Invited panel discussant with Professors Adrienne Martin and Paul D. Sniegowski), Leidy Hall, Department of Biology, University of Pennsylvania, October 31, 2006.

#### **CURRENT GRADUATE STUDENTS**

Meggie Crnic, Dept. of the History and Sociology of Science, dissertation and qualifying exams committee member.

“Constructing Citizens: Children, the Environment, and Health, 1870-1930.”

Rebecca Cutler, Department of History, dissertation and qualifying exam committee member.

“American Jews and the Politics of Transnational Medical Activities in the Post-World War II Era”

Rachel Elder, Dept. of the History and Sociology of Science, qualifying exam committee member.

Susan Epting, Department of History, dissertation committee member.

“Military Psychology in Europe and the United States from 1918-1945”

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”

Jessica Martucci, Dept. of the History and Sociology of Science, dissertation and qualifying exams committee member.

“Feeding Babies, Making Mothers: The Science, Practice, and Meaning of Infant Feeding, 1945-2000”

Samantha Muka, Dept. of the History and Sociology of Science, qualifying exam committee member.

#### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

American Historical Association

American Association for the History of Medicine

European Association for the History of Medicine and Health

History of Science Society

Organization of American Historians

#### **OTHER EMPLOYMENT**

Outpatient Physical Therapist, Department 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.