

Jonathan Sadowsky *Curriculum Vitae*
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Shaker Heights, Ohio 44122

Academic Employment

At Case Western Reserve University:

Current:

Professor of History, 2017-
Theodore J. Castele Professor of the History of Medicine, 2000-
History Department Chair, 2006-2015, 2022-
Associate Director, Program in Medicine, Society and Culture,
Department of Bioethics, 2016-
Adjunct Professor of Psychiatry, 2014-
Adjunct Professor of Bioethics, 2016-

Previous:

Associate Professor of History, 1999-2017
Assistant Professor of History, 1993-1998
Director, College Scholars Program, 2001-2006

Education

Ph. D., 1993, History, The Johns Hopkins University
Dissertation: "Imperial Bedlam: Institutions of Madness and Colonialism in
Southwest Nigeria"
Fields in Comparative World History, African History, Cultural Anthropology,
and European Intellectual History
Visiting Fellow, Fall 1989, Psychiatric Epidemiology Training Program, Columbia
University School of Public Health
Course work in Epidemiology, Psychiatric Epidemiology, Clinical Psychiatry,
and Medical Anthropology
M.A., 1987, Modern British History, Stanford University
B.A. with High Honors, 1984, History, Wesleyan University
Concentration: European Imperialism and the Third World
Thesis: "Bulhoek: The Millenium and the Rise of Racial Politics in South
Africa"

Teaching and Research Interests

History of medicine, history of psychiatry and madness; modern African history; comparative history of race, slavery, and colonialism; world history.

Fellowships, Awards, and Distinctions

Nationally Competitive Fellowships and Grants

Greenwall Foundation Grant (as Co-Principal Investigator), Spring 2006
Howard Foundation Fellowship, Spring 2003
Fellow, National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar on the Contributions of the History of Medicine to Social History, Summer 1995
Fellowship, Institute for Advanced Research in the Humanities in Africa, Evanston, Illinois, Winter 1991-1992
Fellowship for Interdisciplinary Training and Research in Health and Agriculture in Africa, Social Science Research Council, June 1989
Fellowship for Research in Africa from the Social Science Research Council, May 1989 (declined)

Internal CWRU Fellowships and Grants

Expanding Horizons Disciplinary Grant, 2024
Baker-Nord Center for the Humanities Conference Grant, Summer 2006
CGREAL Grant (as Co-Investigator), Spring 2006
Service Learning Fellowship, Fall 2004
U-CITE Learning Fellowship, Fall 2004
College of Arts and Sciences Senior Faculty Research Fellowship, Spring 2001
1525 Foundation Ethics Fellowship, Summer, 1997
Glennan Fellowship, 1996

Other Honors

Baker-Nord Center Award for Distinguished Scholarship in the Humanities, 2019
Jessica Melton Perry Award for Distinguished Teaching in Disciplinary and Professional Writing, 2019 (also nominated in 2018)
John S. Diekhoff Award for Distinguished Graduate Teaching, CWRU, 1999 (also a finalist in 2008, 2021)
Finalist for the John S. Diekhoff Award for Distinguished Graduate Mentoring, 2021 (also nominated in 2020 and 2022)
Nominee for the Bruce Jackson Award for Undergraduate Mentoring, 2023
Nominee for the Carl F. Wittke Award for Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching, 2022 CWRU (and 5 other times)
Northeast Ohio Council on Higher Education Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2005
Nominee for the Bruce Jackson, M.D., Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching
Ph. D. qualifying examinations with distinction, June 1989

Wesleyan Student Poets, 1984

Publications (Refereed Publications are marked with an asterisk)

Sole-Authored Books

Inner Visions: Psychedelics, Psychoanalysis, and the Meaning of Medicine (in preparation)

**The Empire of Depression: A New History* (London: Polity Books, 2020).

“Wry, practical, humane...”

--*The New York Review of Books*

(A complete list of media links is at the end of this CV)

Chinese edition published by Beijing Jie Teng Culture Media Co, 2022

French edition published by Editions Amsterdam, 2022

Spanish edition published by Alianza Editorial, 2022

Russian edition published by AST Publishing, 2023

Turkish edition published by Iletisim Yayinlari, 2023

Arabic edition published by Page Seven Publishing and Distribution, 2025

* *Electroconvulsive Therapy in America: The Anatomy of a Medical Controversy* (New York: Routledge, 2017).

**Imperial Bedlam: Institutions of Madness and Colonialism in Southwest Nigeria*. (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1999).

Edited Series

*With Chiara Thumiger, series co-editor for six-volume *Cultural History of Madness* (under contract with Bloomsbury Press; publication projected for April 2026)

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

“Madness in Context,” in Stephen Casper and Manuella Meyer, eds., *Cultural History of Madness* (under contract with Bloomsbury Press; publication projected for April 2026)

*“Living Proof: Patients and Survivors, Past and Present,” in Kylie Smith and Courtney Thompson, eds., *Do Less Harm: Ethics in/for the History of Health and Medicine* (forthcoming from The Johns Hopkins University Press, 2025).

**“Sickness and Symptoms as Cultural Capacities: Counting Depressions and Colonial Ideology,” in Hubertus Büschel and Nancy Rose Hunt, eds., *Psychiatric Contours and New African Histories of Madness* (Durham: Duke University Press, 2024).

*“Reflections on the Use of Patient Records: Privacy, Ethics and Reparations in the History of Psychiatry,” with Kylie Smith, *The Journal of the*

- History of the Behavioral Sciences* 60 (1), Winter 2024, originally published online April 2023, <https://doi.org/10.1002/jhbs.22260/>
- “Madness and What Passes for Civilization: The Way We Diagnose Now” (review essay), *American Literary History* 35, 3 (Fall 2023) 1280-1285.
- “The Colonial and Postcolonial Roots of Global Mental Health Efforts,” with Jeremy Greene, in Bibhav Acharya and Anne E. Becker, eds., *Global Mental Health Training and Practice: An Introductory Framework* (London: Routledge, 2023).
- “The Human Factor: Psychotherapy and the Reign of Technology,” (review essay), *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences*, 77, 3 (July 2022)
- *“Before and After Prozac: Psychiatry as Medicine and the Historiography of Depression,” *Culture, Medicine, and Psychiatry* 45 (June 2021) 479-502.
- “Somatic Treatments” in Greg Eghigian, ed., *The Routledge History of Madness and Mental Health* (London: Routledge, 2017).
- The Long Shadow of Colonialism: Why We Study Medicine in Africa” in Paula Viterbo and Kalala Ngalamulume, eds. *Medicine and Health in Africa: Multidisciplinary Perspectives* (East Lansing: Michigan State University Press, 2010).
- *“Beyond the Metaphor of the Pendulum: Electroconvulsive Therapy, Psychoanalysis, and the Styles of American Psychiatry” *The Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences* 61 (January 2006) 1-25.
- *“The Reality of Mental Illness and the Social World: Lessons from Colonial Psychiatry,” *Harvard Review of Psychiatry*, 11, 4 (July 2003).
- *“Symptoms of Colonialism: Content and Context of Delusion in Southwest Nigeria, 1945-1960” in Robert Barrett and Janis Jenkins, eds. *Schizophrenia, Culture, and Subjectivity: The Edge of Experience* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2003).
- *“Confinement and Colonialism in Nigeria,” in Roy Porter and David Wright, eds. *The Confinement of the Insane, 1800-1965: International Perspectives* (Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2003).
- “‘The Great Patients’: Heroes and Anti-Heroes in a Medical History Course,” *Radical History Review* 74 (1999) 173-183 (invited submission)
- *“Psychiatry and Colonial Ideology in Nigeria,” *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* 71, 1 (Spring 1997) 94-111.
- “T. A. Lambo,” in Lois Magner, ed., *Doctors, Nurses, and Medical Practitioners* (Westport: Greenwood Press, 1997).
- *“The Confinements of Isaac O.: A Case of ‘Acute Mania’ in Colonial Nigeria,” *History of Psychiatry*, 7 (1996), 91-112.

Encyclopedia Article

- “T. A. Lambo” in Henry Louis Gates, Jr., and Emmanuel Akyeampong, eds., *Dictionary of African Biography* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2011).

Book Reviews in:

History of Pharmacy and Pharmaceuticals
Social History of Medicine
Somatosphere
Medical History (2)
Journal of Religion in Africa
International Journal of African Historical Studies (5)
Journal of the American Medical Association
Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences (3)
American Historical Review (2)
Journal of African History
Hastings Center Report
Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences (4)
Isis (2)
Bulletin of the History of Medicine (14)
The Historian (3)
The Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease (2)

Selected Presentations

Selected Invited Lectures and Seminar Papers

“Inner Visions: Psychedelics, Psychoanalysis, and the Meaning of Medicine,” for the conference “Return to Freud? New Histories of Psychoanalysis, University of California at Berkeley, March 21, 2025

“Repression, Resistance: Colonial Legacies and the Psychoanalysis of Severe Mental Illness,” McGill University Workshop on Global Mental Health, June 3, 2024 (also prepared for the conference “Shaping the Global Psyche,” New Delhi, February, 2023, appearance canceled)

“Depression in History: Psychoanalytic and Other Perspectives,” Indiana Society for Psychoanalytic Thought, October 16, 2021

“Depression: The Power of Diagnosis,” for World Mental Health Month, Future of Madness Project, University of Newcastle Australia, October 12, 2021 (livestream)

“The Empire of Depression,” The Freud Museum of London, September 9, 2021(livestream)

“Narrative Arcs in the History of Psychiatry: The Case of Depression,” for the Richardson Seminar in the History of Psychiatry, Cornell/Weill Medical School, December 2020 (livestream)

“Depression: Medical Science and Medical Humanities,” The 2020 Baker-Nord Distinguished Lecture in the Humanities, Case Western Reserve University, September 2020

“The Body of Depression in History,” Grand Rounds, Department of Psychiatry, University Hospitals of Cleveland, July 2020

“‘What Do *You* Have to Be Depressed About?’: Proportion, Pathology, and the

- ‘Clinical’ in Clinical Depression,” for the conference, “Psychiatry as Social Medicine,” The Johns Hopkins University, November 2019
- “Concepts of Depression in Depth Psychology, from Karl Abraham to Julia Kristeva,” Co-sponsored by the Carl Jung Institute of Cleveland and the Cleveland Psychoanalytic Center, May 2019
- “A Symptom as Cultural Capacity: Guilt Culture, Depression, and Colonial Ideology,” for the conference “Decolonising Madness,” Birkbeck, University of London, April 2019
- “Depression and Culture: The History of a Global Mental Health Conundrum,” for the conference “Global Histories of Psychiatry,” Groningen University, The Netherlands, November 2018
- “Before and After Prozac: The Historiography of Depression,” Department of the History and Sociology of Science and Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, April 2018
- “Cold War Medicine: Electroconvulsive Therapy as Therapy and Control in an Age of Anxiety,” Center for the History of Psychology, Akron, February 2013
- “Electroconvulsive Therapy and the History of Therapeutics,” Program in the History of Medicine and Science, Yale University, September 2011
- “Medicine and Danger,” Washington University, April 2011
- “The History of a Side Effect: Electroconvulsive Therapy and Memory Loss, 1940-The Present,” Department of History of Science and Medical History and Bioethics, University of Wisconsin, Madison, September 2007; also presented as the Annual Zverina Lecture, CWRU, October 2007
- “Unsettling Stories of Shock Therapy,” Program in Science, Technology, and Society at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, November 2005, also presented as the Dorothy Bernstein Lecture, Department of the History of Medicine, University of Minnesota, September 2005, and to the Institute for the History of Medicine, The Johns Hopkins University, November 2003
- “Electroconvulsive Therapy and the Concept of Medical Progress,” The Lillian Sauter Lecture, New York Academy of Medicine, February 2004
- “The Reality of Mental Illness and the Social World: Lessons from Colonial Psychiatry,” at the Conference “The Politics of Racial Health,” Rutgers University, October 2001
- Grand Rounds, Department of Psychiatry, Maimonides Medical Center, Brooklyn, New York, January 2001
- “Colonial Psychiatry and the Historiography of Psychiatry,” Richardson Seminar in the History of Psychiatry, Cornell Medical College, New York City, Sept. 1999
- “‘Symptoms of Colonialism’: Patients and Problems in Southwest Nigeria’s ‘Lunatic Asylums’ in the Late Colonial Period,” Program in Society and Medicine, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, March 1998.
- “The Political Construction of Delusion: A Gain for ‘Normal’ History?” Cleveland Psychoanalytic Society, January 1997
- “T. A. Lambo and the Architecture of African Psychiatry,” Handerson Medical History Society, Cleveland, Ohio, January 1995
- “The Enigma of Colonial Medicine” at the conference “Doing is Believing: Credibility

- in Science,” Cornell University, April 1995
- “Benin and Benin Art in Modern World History,” Cleveland Museum of Art, May 1994.
- “The Confinements of Isaac O.: A Case of ‘Acute Mania’ in Colonial Nigeria,”
Institute for Advanced Research in the Humanities in Africa, Evanston, Illinois,
January 1992.
- “The Colonial ‘Lunatic Asylums’ of Southwestern Nigeria: A Historical Overview,”
presented to the Institute of African Studies, the University of Ibadan, Nigeria,
April 1991.
- “Institutionalization in a Colonial Context: Southwestern Nigeria, 1906-1960,”
Faculty Fellows Seminar, Psychiatric Epidemiology Training Program, Columbia
University School of Public Health, December 1988

Conference Papers

- “Darkness Legible: Depression Memoirs and the History of the Antidepressant Era,”
for the Conference of the American Association for the History of
Medicine, April 2019
- “Whatever Works: Medical Efficacy in History and Anthropology,” (co-authored with
Eileen Anderson), American Anthropological Association, November 2015
- “Problems of Presentism: History and Psychoanalysis in a Post-Freudian Culture,”
Conference of the American Historical Association, January 2008.
- “A Therapy of the Mind Meets a Technology of the Body: American Psychoanalysis
and Electro-Convulsive Therapy,” International Congress of the History of
Technology, Prague, August 2000
- “Colonial Psychiatry and its Historiography,” presented at a panel on “African
Historiographies 1995: Reflections on Current Work and New Directions,”
African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Orlando, November 1995 (also
chaired panel).
- “How the Mad Made God in West Africa: Conversion and the Enigma of Lunacy in
Southwest Nigeria” for panel on “Evangelical Health and the Colonial
Representation of the Body,” Conference of the American Historical Association,
January 1995.
- “Domination and Diagnosis: The ‘Lunatic Asylums’ of Colonial Nigeria as a Cultural
Frontier,” Conference of the American Association for the History of Medicine,
May 1994, and at a panel on “The Politics of Scientific and Expert Knowledge
in Twentieth Century Africa,” Conference of the African Studies Association,
November 1994.
- “The Science of Colonialism: Psychiatry’s Definition of the ‘African Mind’ in Nigeria,”
Conference of the American Association for the History of Medicine, May 1993.

Public Engagement

Authored Newspaper and Magazine Articles

- “Does John Fetterman’s Openness Signal New Acceptance of Mental Illness?” *The
Washington Post*, February 21, 2023

“Electroconvulsive Therapy: A History of Controversy, But Also of Help,” *The Conversation*, January 13, 2017.
Reprinted in *Scientific American* on-line, January 2017; *Live Science*, January 2017; and *The Scientific Explorer*, January 2017.

Print Interviews

Le Carnet Psy (France), June 2024
Gazete Duvar (Turkey), August 4, 2023
Le Un Hebdo (France), April 19, 2023
La Vie (Belgium), March 2, 2023
Mouvement (France), December 22, 2022
El Mundo (Spain), October 18, 2022
Salon, July 27, 2022
Mindsight, January 26, 2022
Nursing Clio, April 8, 2021
Psychiatric Times, March 5, 2021
Psychology Today, January 12, 2021
Salon, November 9, 2020
Culture, Medicine, and Society, February 1, 2017.
Psychiatric Times, June 23, 2017.

Invited Radio and Podcast Appearances

Interviewed for program on treatments for mood disorders for WCPN, Cleveland, May 29, 2025
Interviewed about mental health history for podcast, “Taye Uhuru Celebrity Podcast,” October 26, 2024
Interviewed about the history of depression for podcast, “Finding Genius,” April 13, 2023
Interviewed about the history of depression for podcast, “The Curiosity Project,” February 21, 2023
Interviewed about the history of depression for the Podcast, “The Mind, Body, and Soul in Healing” with Harvey Schwartz, October 8, 2021
Interviewed about the history of depression for WCPN, Cleveland, August 12, 2021
Interviewed about the history of depression for the Chris Voss Show, July 20, 2021
Interviewed about the history of depression for public radio program “Inquiry,” WICN, Worcester, Massachusetts; May 13, 2021
Next Big Idea Book Club Nomination, and podcast, February 21, 2012
Interviewed about the history of depression for the New Book Network Podcast, January 4, 2021
Interviewed about the history of electroconvulsive therapy for the syndicated public radio program “The Pulse”; February 17, 2017
Interviewed about the history of electroconvulsive therapy for the syndicated public radio program “The Infinite Mind”; May 4, 2005
Interviewed for program on culture and mental illness for the program, “Odyssey” at

Chicago Public Radio, WBEZ, July 18, 2002

Miscellaneous

Invited blog post for “Decolonising Madness?” project at the University of Copenhagen:
<https://decolmad.ku.dk/blog/depression-the-power-of-diagnosis/>

Commissioned program notes on the history of depression for National Theatre (London) production of “The Effect,” by Lucy Prebble

CWRU Junior Faculty Members Formally Mentored

Renée Sentilles, Henry Eldridge Bourne Professor of History (tenured 2005)

Cheryl Toman, Professor of French, University of Alabama, formerly

Professor of Modern Languages and Literature, CWRU (tenured 2009)

Gillian Weiss, Professor of History (tenured 2010)

John Broich, Associate Professor of History (tenured 2014)

Damaris Puñales-Alpízar, Associate Professor of Modern Languages and Literature
(tenured 2016)

Jia-Chen Wendy Fu, Associate Research Fellow Institute of Modern History, Academia
Sinica, Taiwan, formerly Associate Professor of Chinese at Emory University
(tenured 2020), and Assistant Professor of History, CWRU

Ananya Dasgupta, Associate Professor of History (tenured 2023)

Noël Voltz, Assistant Professor of History

Graduate Student Placements

Katherine Schroeder, Historian and Project Officer, Partnerships & Innovation

Directorate, Henry M. Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military
Medicine

Naomi Rendina, Science Writer at Leidos

Student Recognitions in National Competitions

Olivia Weiss, 2021 winner, graduate category, The W. Curtis Worthington, Jr. Essay
Contest in the History of Health Sciences for “A Partner in the Ballroom:
Addressing the Emotional Impact of Testicular Prosthesis on Masculinity
According to Medical Journals and Patient Experiences, 1941-2020.”

Evalyn Bentley, 2021 honorable mention, undergraduate category, The W. Curtis
Worthington, Jr. Essay Contest in the History of Health Sciences for “The
Precedent of the Unprecedented: American Universities, and Their Role in the
1918-1919 Influenza Epidemic.”

Nihal Manjila, 2022 winner of the Phi Alpha Theta Lynn W. Turner Prize for best paper
by an undergraduate for “Substance of Joy: Serotonin Research at the Cleveland
Clinic, 1948-1968.”

Courses Taught

Psychedelics in History
Race and Medicine
Pandemics Past and Present
Epidemics in History
Freud and the Psychoanalytic Movement
Comparative Colonialism
Foundations of Medicine, Society, and Culture
First Year Seminar: The Atlantic Slave Trade
Graduate Seminar in Comparative History: Slavery
Graduate Seminar in Comparative History: Empire
The Age of Prozac: Social and Cultural Aspects of Depression
The Body in History
Colonialism in Africa
History of Southern Africa
Introduction to Modern World History
Introduction to Modern African History
History of Medicine
History and Cultural Studies
Culture, History, and “Mental Illness”

Other Professional Activities (Selected)

Outside examiner on dissertation committees at the University of Kwazulu-Natal,
The Johns Hopkins University, The University of Pennsylvania, The University
Of Delaware, Princeton University, Tel Aviv University
Faculty advisor, Committee on Student Affairs, American Association for the History
of Medicine, 2021-
Consultant, PBS documentary mini-series, “Mysteries of Mental Illness”
Instructor in the History of Psychoanalysis, Cleveland Psychoanalytic Center, 2018-
Co-organizer, “Beyond Empathy: Critical Perspectives on Medicine, Society and
Culture,” Symposium for the Cleveland Humanities Festival Spring 2018
Advisory Editorial Board, h-madness, 2017-
Instructor in the History of Psychiatry, Psychiatry Residency Program, University
Hospitals of Cleveland, 2009-
Editorial Board, *Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry*, 2007-
Editorial Board, *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*, 2008-2011
American Association for the History of Medicine, 2009 Annual Conference Local
Arrangements Committee
American Association for the History of Medicine, 2009 Annual Conference Program
Committee
American Association for the History of Medicine, Welch Medal Committee, 2007-2008
Article Manuscript Peer Reviewer for the *American Historical Review*; *Bulletin of the
History of Medicine*; *Radical History Review*; *Gender and History*; *Comparative
Studies in Society and History*; *History of Psychiatry*; *Journal of the American*

Medical Association; Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History; The Lancet; Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences; Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences; Spontaneous Generations; British Journal of Psychiatry; Medical History; Culture, Medicine, and Psychiatry; Law and History Review; Journal of Nervous and Mental Diseases; International Journal of African Historical Studies; Journal of African History; Canadian Journal of History; Medical Anthropology Theory; History of Psychology; Theory and Society; American Journal of Public Health; African Studies Review; Cultural Anthropology; History and Philosophy of the Life Sciences; Journal of Global History; Transcultural Psychiatry; Historia Critica, History of the Human Sciences, East European Politics and Societies, Health and History

Book Manuscript Peer Reviewer for the University of Pennsylvania Press, Rutgers University Press, Prentice Hall, University of Chicago Press, University of Nebraska Press, University of California Press, The Johns Hopkins University Press, Oxford University Press, Routledge, Columbia University Press, Polity Books, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Press, Yale University Press, Harvard University Press, Cambridge University Press

Fellowship/Grant Reviewer for the National Science Foundation, New York Academy of Medicine, The Wellcome Trust

Pre-screener, Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Field Research Fellowships, 1999-2000

Conference Organizing Committee, "German-American Frontiers of Social Science," 1999-2000

Advisory Committee for "African Zion: The Sacred Art of Ethiopia," 1995, and for "The Royal Art of Benin," 1994, at the Cleveland Museum of Art

Outside examiner for history honors committees, Swarthmore College, 1995

Outside examiner for history honors committees, Kenyon College, 1994, 2001

Fourteen tenure and promotion reviews

Selected University Service and Administration

Department of Anthropology Promotion Committee, 2024-2025

SCOTUS Response Task Force, 2023-2024

Department of Classics Third-Year Review Committee, 2023-2024

Faculty advisor, CWRU chapter of Ohio Students Association, 2023-

Director, College of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Seminar, Fall 2022, Fall 2024

Dittrick Museum Advisory Committee, 2021-

African and African American Studies Program Steering Committee, 2019-

President's Vaccine Education Group, 2021

Art History Department Promotion Committee, 2020-2021

Director of Graduate Studies, History Department, 2019-2020

College of Arts and Sciences Graduate Committee, 2017-2020

University Librarian Search Committee, 2009-2010

Ethnic Studies Program Steering Committee, 2004-2011

President's Committee on Child Care Opportunities, 2008-2009

Faculty Senate, 2008-2011; Faculty Senate Executive Committee, 2010-2011

University Strategic Planning Committee on Experiential Learning, 2007-2008
 College of Arts and Sciences Strategic Planning Committee on Graduate Education,
 2007-2008, 2013-2014
 Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Advisory Board, 2007-2008
 University Honorary Degree Committee, 2006-2007
 SAGES Advisory Committee, 2006-2007
 Freshman Common Reading Committee, 2006-2007
 College of Arts and Sciences Executive Committee, 2003-2006; Executive Committee
 Representative to Chair Council, 2005-2006
 History Department Graduate Council, 2003-2004, 2006-2016, 2019-
 Pancoast Fellowship Selection Committee, 2002, 2003
 President's Commission on Undergraduate Education and Life, 2000-2001
Ad Hoc Committee on Course Evaluations, 1999-2000
 University Committee on the Status of Women, 1998-2000
 Chair, History Department Speakers Committee, 1994-1996, 1999-2002, 2007-2011
 Kirk Middle School Project (through U-CITE), 1999-2000
 Co-organizer, Faculty Colloquium on "Body and Embodiment," Baker-Nord Center for
 the Humanities, 1998-1999
 Humanities Week Founder and Coordinator, 1997
 Co-Director, Mellon Fellows Dissertation Program, 1996-1997
 Faculty Advisor for Phi Alpha Theta and the Society for History and Culture, 1994-
 1998
 "Share the Vision" Committee, 1996-1999
 Women's Studies Program Steering Committee, 1996-2002
 Founding Faculty for the Gender and Women's Studies Major
 Undergraduate Advisor for Women's Studies, 1998-2001

Faculty Search Committees

Chair, Modern Chinese History Search Committee, 2023-2024
 Bioethics and Medical Humanities Search Committee, 2022-2023
 Bioethics and Medical Humanities Search Committee, 2018-2019
 Chair, Search Committee in History of Science, 2017-2018
 Chair, Search Committee in South Asian History, 2012-2013
 Chair, Search Committee in the History of Science, Technology, Environment, or
 Medicine, 2006-2007
 British History Search Committee, 2006-2007
 Chair, Latin American History Search Committees, 2003-2004, 2004-2005
 Early Modern European History Search Committee, 2001-2002
 African Art History Search Committee, 2000-2001
 American Women's History Search Committee, 1999-2000
 Asian History Search Committees, 1995-1996, 1996-1997

Media Links for *Empire of Depression*:

2020

Salon Interview:

<https://www.salon.com/2020/11/08/in-the-empire-of-depression-a-medical-historian-digs-into-the-ailments-peculiar-history/>

2021

Next Big Idea Book Club Nomination, and podcast:

<https://nextbigideaclub.com/magazine/next-big-idea-club-nominees-winter-2021/24833/>

https://nextbigideaclub.com/magazine/empire-depression-new-history-bookbite/26196/?branch_match_id=873603965346141789&utm_campaign=general-share&utm_medium=share

Shepherd Express Review:

<https://shepherdexpress.com/arts-and-entertainment/books/the-empire-of-depression-a-new-history-polity-press-by-jonat/>

Review in *Nature*:

<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-020-03286-1?sf240461180=1>

Psychology Today Interview:

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/intl/blog/hygieias-workshop/202101/depression-past-and-present>

Barron Lerner review on Medium:

<https://medium.com/invisible-illness/understanding-depression-then-and-now-2f022ee3ff7d>

New Book Network Podcast:

<https://newbooksnetwork.com/search?q=Sadowsky>

The New Statesmen Review:

<https://www.newstatesman.com/depression-cure-darkness-alex-riley-mending-mind-oliver-kamm-empire-jonathan-sadowsky-review>

Review in Lavender Magazine:

<https://www.lavendermagazine.com/our-affairs/books-671/>

Review in Bookforum:

<https://www.bookforum.com/culture/jonathan-sadowsky-s-counterargument-to-idea-that-depression-is-a-uniquely-western-affliction-24387>

Interview in Psychiatric Times:

<https://www.psychiatrictimes.com/view/people-history-depression>

Invited blog post for “Decolonising Madness?” project at the University of Copenhagen:

<https://decolmad.ku.dk/blog/depression-the-power-of-diagnosis/>

Nursing Clio Interview:

<https://nursingclio.org/2021/04/08/the-empire-of-depression-a-conversation-with-jonathan-sadowsky/>

Public Radio Interview (WICN):

<https://www.wicn.org/podcast/jonathan-sadowsky/>

Vice article:

<https://www.vice.com/en/article/m7egzq/the-relatable-emotions-of-depressed-people-from-3000-years-ago>

Appearance on the Chris Voss Podcast:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s5Y51vScpBw>

Public Radio Interview (WCPN):

<https://www.wksu.org/health-science/2021-08-02/the-new-book-the-empire-of-depression-examines-how-the-western-concept-of-depression-has-colonized-the-world>

Appearance on the Podcast, “The Mind, Body, and Soul in Healing” with Harvey Schwartz

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-mind-body-and-soul-in-healing/id1552788014>

Review in the New York Review of Books:

https://www.nybooks.com/articles/2021/10/21/depression-mind-in-pain/?lp_txn_id=1285213

Review in Law and Liberty

<https://lawliberty.org/book-review/melancholic-mysteries/>

Chosen as a Book of the Year in *The White Review*:

<https://www.thewhitereview.org/feature/books-of-the-year-2021/>

2022

Mindsite Interview:

<https://mindsitenews.org/2022/01/26/the-empire-of-depression/>

First-page review in Times Literary Supplement:

<https://www.the-tls.co.uk/articles/treating-depression-jonathan-sadowsky-oliver-kamm-alex-biley-book-review-andrew-scully/>

Named to list of “9 Books that Destigmatize Physical and Mental Illness”:

<https://nextbigideaclub.com/magazine/9-books-destigmatize-physical-mental-illness/32295/>

Interview for Salon.com article on depression:

<https://www.salon.com/2022/07/27/depression-capitalism-brain-chemistry/>

Interview in “El Mundo,” 2nd largest print newspaper in Spain:

<https://www.elmundo.es/papel/historias/2022/10/18/634ec3f0fc6c8355038b45bf.html>

Interview in *Mouvement* (France)

<https://www.scopalto.com/issue.download?item=510-24947-027b88c4>

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