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EDUCATION

Case Western Reserve University, ABD; Ph.D. in History anticipated Spring 2027

Dissertation: "Wrecking Ball: A History of Testicular Cancer as Disruptor of Masculinity, 1906-2025"

Fields of study: History of Medicine, Modern US, Race and Gender, Medical Rhetoric

Committee: Jonathan Sadowsky (Advisor), Peter Shulman, Noël Voltz, Kimberly Emmons

The College of William and Mary, M.A. in History, 2019

Vassar College, B.A. in History, 2017

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant to Dr. Jonathan Sadowsky 2022-present

Research Assistant to Dr. Justine Howe Fall 2022

Instructor of Record, HSTY 221: Epidemics in History Summer 2022

Teaching Assistant

HSTY 113: Intro to Modern World History (Dr. Jonathan Sadowsky) Fall 2025

WGST 201: Intro to Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (Dr. Justine Howe) Spring 2025

HSTY 395/495: History of Medicine (Dr. Jonathan Sadowsky) Fall 2024

HSTY 132: Intro to Modern East Asia (Dr. James Bonk) Spring 2024

HSTY 113: Intro to Modern World History (Dr. Jay Geller) Fall 2023

RLGN 101: Religion and Culture (Dr. Justine Howe) Fall 2023

HSTY 113: Intro to Modern World History (Dr. Aviva Rothman) Spring 2023

WGST 201: Intro to Women's and Gender Studies (Dr. Justine Howe) Fall 2021

PUBLICATIONS

Book Review: Sandra Eder, *How the Clinic Made Gender: The Medical History of a Transformative Idea* (University of Chicago Press, 2022), in *History of Psychiatry* 35, no. 2 (June 2024): 255-56.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

History Associates Fellowship, CWRU Dept. of History 2025

College of Arts & Sciences Dissertation Fellowship, Case Western Reserve University 2024

Marion Siney Prize for Best Qualifying Exam Performance, CWRU Dept. of History 2024

History Associates Fellowship, CWRU Dept. of History 2024

Carl Ubbelodhe Prize for Best Teaching Assistant, CWRU Dept. of History 2023

First Place Graduate Essay, "A Partner in the Ballroom: Addressing the Emotional Impact of Testicular Prosthesis on Masculinity According to Medical Journals and Patient Experiences, 1941-2020," W. Curtis Worthington, Jr. Essay Contest in the History of Health Sciences 2021

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

“A Seminal Undertaking: Testicular Cancer, Sperm Banking, and Fatherhood”

History Associates Fellowship Talks, CWRU Dept. of History, November 2025
Cleveland, Ohio.

A Fresh Look on Men, Masculinities and Reproduction, August 2025
Early-Career Researchers’ Symposium, in conjunction with Brocher Foundation,
Schweizerischer Nationalfonds, University of Zurich, and Universität Luzern,
via Zoom.

“Insignificant and Inappropriate Surgery: Non-Normative Orchiectomy for Testicular Cancer in Historical Context and Patient Narratives, 1906-2018”

NEH Medical Humanities Conference, Sam Houston State University, October 2025
Huntsville, Texas. [Accepted, conference canceled due to NEH cuts.]

Bridges and Borders: The Archive Conference, Carnegie Mellon University, April 2025
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

History Associates Fellowship Talks, CWRU Dept. of History, January 2025
Cleveland, Ohio.

“Histories of Testicular Cancer, Masculinity, and Modernity”

Graduate Student Research Showcase for the Academic Affairs and Student Life October 2024
Committee of the CWRU Board of Trustees, Cleveland, Ohio.

“A Partner in the Ballroom: Addressing the Emotional Impact of Testicular Prosthesis on Masculinity According to Medical Journals and Patient Experiences, 1941-2020”

American Association for the History of Medicine 2022 Annual Conference, April 2022
Saratoga Springs, New York.

Waring Library Society Lecture Series, Medical University of South Carolina, December 2021
via Zoom.

Course Lectures:

“What is Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies? Key Terms” Spring 2025

WGST 201: Intro to Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

“Introduction to the History of Cancer,” Fall 2024

HSTY 395/495: History of Medicine

“The End of History? The Cold War Ends,” Fall 2023

HSTY 113: Intro to Modern World History

“Women’s Rights and Human Rights: The Pill as International Development,” Spring 2023

HSTY 113: Intro to Modern World History

“Men, Masculinities, and Androgyny,” Fall 2021

WGST 201: Intro to Women’s and Gender Studies

SERVICE

Graduate Student Representative, CWRU Dept. of History, Fall 2024-present

Website Manager, CWRU Dept. of History, Summer 2024-present

Social Media Co-Editor, Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences, 2022