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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 291: Rivers of Empire: Water and Environment in China (Dr. Yuan Gao) Spring 2026

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

Orenstein Fellowship, CWRU Dept. of History 2026

College of Arts & Sciences Dissertation Fellowship, Case Western Reserve University 2026

Baker-Nord Institute Graduate Affiliate, Case Western Reserve University 2026

History Associates Fellowship, CWRU Dept. of History 2026

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, 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, 1961-2026”
- Bridges and Borders: Material Actualities Conference, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. March 2026
 - History Associates Fellowship Talks, CWRU Dept. of History, Cleveland, Ohio. November 2025
 - A Fresh Look on Men, Masculinities and Reproduction, Early-Career Researchers’ Symposium, in conjunction with Brocher Foundation, Schweizerischer Nationalfonds, University of Zurich, and Universität Luzern, via Zoom. August 2025
- “Insignificant and Inappropriate Surgery: Non-Normative Orchiectomy for Testicular Cancer in Historical Context and Patient Narratives, 1906-2018”
- American Association for the History of Medicine 2026 Annual Conference, Buffalo, New York. [Forthcoming poster presentation.] June 2026
 - NEH Medical Humanities Conference, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas. [Accepted, conference canceled due to NEH cuts.] October 2025
 - Bridges and Borders: The Archive Conference, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. April 2025
 - History Associates Fellowship Talks, CWRU Dept. of History, Cleveland, Ohio. January 2025
- “Histories of Testicular Cancer, Masculinity, and Modernity”
- Graduate Student Research Showcase for the Academic Affairs and Student Life Committee of the CWRU Board of Trustees, Cleveland, Ohio. October 2024
- “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, Saratoga Springs, New York. April 2022
 - Waring Library Society Lecture Series, Medical University of South Carolina, via Zoom. December 2021
- 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