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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, 1906-2026”

Fields of study: History of Medicine, Modern United States, 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

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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

Teaching Assistant

HSTY 395/495: History of Medicine Fall 2026

RLGN 101: Religion and Culture Fall 2026

HSTY 291: Rivers of Empire: Water and Environment in China Spring 2026

HSTY 113: Intro to Modern World History Fall 2025

WGST 201: Intro to Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Spring 2025

HSTY 395/495: History of Medicine Fall 2024

HSTY 132: Intro to Modern East Asia Spring 2024

HSTY 113: Intro to Modern World History Fall 2023

RLGN 101: Religion and Culture Fall 2023

HSTY 113: Intro to Modern World History Spring 2023

WGST 201: Intro to Women’s and Gender Studies Fall 2021

OTHER ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Research Assistant to Dr. Jonathan Sadowsky 2022-present

Research Assistant to Dr. Justine Howe Fall 2022

PUBLICATIONS

“Why Now? Why This Sperm?” Sperm Banking and Fatherhood in the Context of Testicular Cancer, 1961-2026,” in preparation for the edited volume *Rethinking Male Reproduction: The Thinkable, The Sayable, and the Doable* (under contract with NYU Press), volume edited by Alice Margaria and Carole Ammann.

Forthcoming: “A Seminal Undertaking: Testicular Cancer, Sperm Banking, and Fatherhood” blog post for Men, Masculinities, and Reproduction Blog Symposium on Gender Campus (gendercampus.ch/en)

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

“Graduate Work-in-Progress: Wrecking Ball: A History of Testicular Cancer as Disruptor of Masculinity, 1906-2026”	
Forthcoming: Baker-Nord Institute for the Humanities, CWRU, Cleveland, OH.	December 2026
“The Masculine Mystique: Breaking and Building Male Identity After Testicular Cancer, 1977-2017”	
Forthcoming: Southern Association for the History of Medicine and Science 2026 Graduate Student Conference, via Zoom.	September 2026
“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”	
Forthcoming: Swiss Gender Medicine Symposium 2026, Bern, Switzerland. [Poster presentation.]	October 2026
American Association for the History of Medicine 2026 Annual Conference, Buffalo, New York. [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” WGST 201: Intro to Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies	Spring 2025
“Introduction to the History of Cancer,” HSTY 395/495: History of Medicine	Fall 2024
“The End of History? The Cold War Ends,” HSTY 113: Intro to Modern World History	Fall 2023
“Women’s Rights and Human Rights: The Pill as International Development,” HSTY 113: Intro to Modern World History	Spring 2023
“Men, Masculinities, and Androgyny,” WGST 201: Intro to Women’s and Gender Studies	Fall 2021

SERVICE

Co-organizer, Departmental Poster Session, CWRU Dept. of History, Fall 2026

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