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EDUCATION

Harvard University PhD History of Science, November 2017

Secondary field in Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality

General examination fields: Feminist movements in America with Michael Bronski; Women, Gender, and Science with Sarah Richardson; History of Psychiatry with Anne Harrington

New York University Advanced Certificate in Trauma & Violence Transdisciplinary Studies, May 2010

Goldsmiths College, University of London MA in Cultural History (with distinction), November 2007

Carnegie Mellon University BA cum laude, May 2002

Majors: History & Anthropology; Financial Economics

Minor: International Affairs

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

History of medicine; history of psychiatry; history of sexuality; feminist science studies; American feminist history, women's history in America

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (AS TEACHING FELLOW AND CONSULTANT)

Teaching Consultant, Derek Bok Center for Teaching Excellence, Fall 2016-present

Co-created and facilitate a workshop and lunch series for teaching fellows/discussion leaders called "Teaching for Equity: Power, Privilege, and Identity in the Classroom"

Broken Brains; History of Science, Spring 2016*

Sexual Ethics as Ethical Reasoning; General Education (Ethical Reasoning), Spring 2016*

The Freudian Century; History of Science, Fall 2015*

Gender and Science: From Marie Curie to Gamergate (course developer and Head Teaching Fellow),

General Education (Culture and Belief), History of Science, and Women, Gender, and Sexuality; Spring 2015*

History of Science Sophomore Tutorial; History of Science, Spring 2015*

Advocacy, Activism, and Social Movements in Medicine; History of Science, Spring 2013

Sex, Gender, and Evolution; History of Science and Women, Gender, & Sexuality, Spring 2013

Medicine and Society; General Education (US in the World), History of Science, Fall 2013*

Junior Tutorial; History of Science (research methods seminar), Fall 2013*

* Awarded Certificate of Distinction from Derek Bok Center for Teaching Excellence

PRIOR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director of Exhibits and Archives, Museum of American Finance; New York, NY 2008-2011

- Proposed, researched, wrote, and mounted temporary exhibits (see “Exhibitions,” below)
- Planned and oversaw the inventory and reorganization of the museum’s unorganized 10,000-item archive, a three-year process that made its use as a research collection possible
- Oversaw the museum’s graduate and undergraduate internship programs, from recruitment to program running
- Recruited and developed a team to take over my roles as the museum expanded

Self-employed, finance, currency markets, and trading; New York, NY 2005-2007

- Self-employed, including while doing MA degree in London

Sales/Client Support Manager & Business Development Manager, Forex Capital Markets, LLC, New York, NY 2003-2005

- Managed sales and client support desk at a growing currency trading brokerage during US, European, and Asian trading hours
- Promoted laterally to business development-related project management

Bartender and server in various restaurants, bars, and clubs in Cork, Ireland; Pittsburgh, PA; and New York, NY 1998-2003

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Co-facilitator, Derek Bok Center for Teaching Excellence Fall Teaching Conference, August 2016

“Race, Gender, and Sexuality in the Classroom”

Title IX Teach-in, Tufts University, October 2014

Co-moderator, panel on Title IX and harassment and discrimination in academia

CARE tutor for Pforzheimer House at Harvard University; Fall 2014-Summer 2016

Emergency room advocate and advisory board member for Domestic and Other Violent Emergencies Program at Columbia-Presbyterian Hospital in New York, NY; 2007-2011

Hotline volunteer and emergency room advocate with Pittsburgh Action Against Rape in Pittsburgh, PA; 2000-2002

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University

(awarded April 2016)

Certificate of Distinction from Derek Bok Center for Teaching Excellence

(awarded in Fall 2013, Spring 2015, Fall 2015, and Spring 2016; seven total, a department record)

Matthew Storminger Prize Fellowship, 2014-2015 History of Science Department, Harvard University

(awarded Spring 2015)

Barbara Rosenkrantz Oral History Research Grant History of Science Department, Harvard University

(awarded September 2014)

Charles Warren Center Summer Research Fellowship Harvard University (awarded April 2014)

Merit/Term-Time Fellowship Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University (awarded April 2014)

Matthew Storminger Prize Fellowship, 2013-2014 History of Science Department, Harvard University

(awarded Fall 2013)

Head Scholar, Mass Humanities Exhibition Production Grant, funded by the Massachusetts Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities for redevelopment of the permanent exhibition at the Public Health Museum in Tewksbury, MA (Summer 2012)

PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

Boston University Society of Physics Students, Boston University, March 2017

“Perspectives on Women in STEM”

History, Humanities, and Health Colloquium, Yale University, March 2016

“From Rape Trauma Syndrome to PTSD”

Historicizing Rape, Cardiff University, July 2015

“Skepticism and Grey Spaces: Legal theorists and the liberalization of sex crime laws in America”

Thinking Gender, UCLA Center for Studies of Women, April 2015

“Counseling Blind: Consciousness-raising and the development of new intervention models for assault survivors”

PUBLICATIONS

Akhtar, Leena. “Donna J. Drucker. *The Classification of Sex: Alfred Kinsey and the Organization of Knowledge*.” *Isis* 107, no. 1 (March 1, 2016): 196–97 (book review)

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

Co-coordinator for Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Gender and Sexuality Workshop (via the Women, Gender and Sexuality Committee), 2015-2016

Coordinator for History of Science Department graduate student seminar series, Fall 2013

Coordinator for The Maternal Imprint Symposium Series, co-sponsored by the Committee on Degrees in Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality and the Mahindra Humanities Center, Fall 2013 and Spring 2014

Publicity Coordinator, 2013 Robert and Maurine Rothschild Lecture with Walter Isaacson

Coordinator for Neuroethics Reading Group (advised by former Harvard University Provost Professor Steven Hyman), Fall 2011 and Spring 2012

EXHIBITIONS

Public Health Museum in Tewksbury, MA

Redevelopment of exhibitions in the Public Health Museum’s permanent exhibition gallery, 2012

Director of Exhibits, Museum of American Finance, New York, NY

Scandal! Financial Crime, Chicanery and Corruption in America, 2011

Women of Wall Street, 2010

Actiën Handel: Early Dutch Finance and the Founding of America, 2009

Tracking the Credit Crisis, 2009 (ongoing)

Trading on the Street: From the Buttonwood Agreement to Today, 2008

LANGUAGES

French (reading, writing); German (reading)

SELECTED MEDIA EXPERIENCE (RELATED TO MUSEUM WORK)

NPR, BBC radio, NY Observer, Reuters, Nightly Business Report, Bloomberg Germany, etc.