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2015-present Senior Lecturer, Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies, Washington University
2014-present Faculty Fellow, Institute for Public Health, Washington University
2015-present Chair, Transgender Spectrum Conference
2004-2015 Lecturer, Women and Gender and Sexuality Studies, Washington University
2011-2012 Interim Associate Program Director, WGSS, Washington University

Education

2003 Ph.D. German, Washington University
1997 M.A. German Studies, Michigan State University
1993 B.A. (honors) German Literature, University of Michigan
Junior Year at Albert Ludwigs Universität, Freiburg, Germany

Publications

Book

Paracelsus's Theory of Embodiment: Conception and Gestation in Early Modern Europe.
London: Pickering and Chatto, 2010. (peer reviewed)

Educational Recording

“Caring for Gender Variant Children and Adolescents” *Pediatric Update* Vol 38 (March 2017)

Articles

“Us and Them: Teaching Students to Critically Analyze Gender in a Global Context”. *Activities for Teaching Gender and Sexuality in the University Classroom*. Eds. Michael Murphy and Elizabeth Ribarsky. Rowman & Littlefield, 2013. (peer reviewed)

“Paracelsus's Conception of Seeds: Rethinking Paracelsus's Ideas of Body and Matter”. *Ambix* 55.3 (November 2008). 274-282. (peer reviewed)

“Gilbertus Anglicus” Eds. Helen Bynum and William F. Bynum. *Dictionary of Medical Biography*. Westport: Greenwood Press, 2006.

Book Reviews

“Gay Berlin by Robert Beachy” *The Common Reader* 2016

“Häresie und Wissenschaft by Ute Frietsch” *Ambix* 62.1 February 2015 p.100-101

“Panacea’s Daughter’s: Noblewomen as Healers in Early Modern Germany by Alisha Rankin” *Early Modern Women* 9.2 Spring 2015

“Johann Daniel Mylius Artzt, Musiker und Alchemist as Wetter in Hessen by Oliver Humberg” *Ambix* 61.4 November 2014

“*Paracelsus. Die Kleine Wundarznei. Zum ersten Mall vollständig in modernes Hochdeutsch übertragen und mit Anmerkungen versehen.* Edited by Daniel Hornfisher.” *Ambix* 59.3 (2012) p. 297

“Charles Webster’s *Paracelsus: Medicine, Magic and Mission at the end of Time*”. *ISIS* 101.2 (June 2010)

“*Paracelsus (Theophrastus Bombastus von Hohenheim 1493-1541): Essential Theoretical Writings.* Trans. Andrew Weeks, ed.” *Sixteenth Century Journal* 242.4 Fall 2010. p. 64

“*Heredity Produced Ed. Müller-Wille and Rheinberger*”. *Sixteenth Century Journal*. XL.3 (Fall 2009) pp. 955-957

Presentations at Conferences and Symposia

“Imagining Gender Identity Development in the Early Modern: A Case Study of the Works of Paracelsus (1493-1541)” as part of the Trans* Historicity Workshop at Shakespeare Association of America, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Atlanta Georgia, April 7, 2017.

“Diagnosing Gender: History of a Diagnosis” Symposium: Caring for the Transgender Patient, Department of Pediatric Medicine, Washington University in St. Louis, September 19, 2016.

Plenary Speaker, “Diagnosing Gender: A Brief Historical Overview” Transgender Spectrum Conference, University of Missouri St Louis November 6, 2015

“Sex Differentiation in the later works of Paracelsus as Precursors to Psychological Theories of Sex and Gender” History of Science Society Conference Chicago, IL. November 6, 2014

Plenary Speaker, “Transgender History” Transgender Spectrum Conference, University of Missouri St. Louis November 20-22, 2014.

Invited Contribution, “From Mary to Adam and Eve: Reproduction in Early Modern Europe” Workshop on Reproduction from Antiquity to Present. History and Philosophy of Medicine and Science Department, Cambridge University, UK July 4-7, 2014

“Community-Based Service Learning: Teaching Girls’ Studies” National Women’s Studies Association Conference Cincinnati, OH November 2013

Panel Organizer, “Teaching Global Girls Studies” NWSA Cincinnati, OH November 2013

“The Curious Relationship between American Feminism and Girl Scouts USA 1912- 2012”, Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies Colloquium Series, Washington University.

“Partnering with Girl Scouts to teaching Girls’ Studies as a Service-Learning Course”, National Women’s Studies Association Conference. Oakland, CA November 9, 2012.

“Developing Service-Learning Education” National Women’s Studies Association Conference, 2011.

“Teaching Transgender Studies” National Women’s Studies Association Conference 2010.

Invited Talk. "Seventeenth Century Paracelsians and the Aging Body: Theory and Practice" (Re)constructing the aging body: Western medical cultures and gender 1650-2000. Johannes Gutenberg University, September 26th-28th, 2008.

Anatomy in Popular Culture: The Life and Work of Leonhard Thurnheisser Sixteenth Century Studies Conference October 26, 2007.

Paracelsus’s Seed Theory Revisited. Sixteenth Century Studies Conference October 26, 2006.

Invited talk. Co-discussion leader. *Anatomy in Early Modern Germany.* Women, Health and Healing Workshop. Johns Hopkins University April 21, 2006

The Problem of Anonymous Texts in Paracelsus Scholarship. Sixteenth Century Studies Conference November 1, 2003

Paracelsus, Wicked Doctors, and “Samen”: *An Argument Against Sperm.* Sixteenth Century Studies Conference October 24, 2002

Divine Inspiration: Paracelsus’s theory of Procreation Frühe Neuzeit Interdisziplinär April 22, 2001

Birth, Deformity and Witchcraft: Paracelsus’ Forgiving Analysis of the Role of Women. German Department Graduate Student Symposium February 26, 2000 and Sixteenth Century Studies Conference October 30, 1999

Research Interests

History of Medicine (1300-1850)

History of Gender, Sex and Sexuality

Transgender & Intersex

Paracelsus

Feminist and Queer Youth Studies

Grants, Honors and Awards

2016	Gephardt Institute Small Change Grant for Transgender Spectrum Conference (\$500)
2012	Jim McLeod Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching
2012	Gephardt Institute Grant for Service-Learning (\$3,000)
2010	Holobaugh Award for LGBT leadership at Washington University
2002-2003	Dissertation Fellowship, Washington University
2002	Andrew Mellon Foundation Fellowship for Early Modern Scholarship
2002	Dean's Award for Excellence in Teaching, Washington University
1997-1998	Egon Schwarz Fellowship, Washington University
1994-1996	Graduate Assistantship, Michigan State University
1995	Michigan State University College of Arts and Letters Summer Fellowship
1994	Delta Phi Alpha (National honor society for German Studies)

Current Teaching Responsibilities (All in Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies at Washington University)

Introduction to Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies
Service-Learning: Girls' Studies
Service-Learning: Feminist and Queer Youth Studies
Making Sex and Gender: Understanding History of the Body
Transgender Studies
Gender, Medicine, Religion and Science

Additional Teaching Experience

1998-2003	Washington University Courses taught: Introduction to Women's Texts Teaching Assistant, "Germany Today" German 102 (second semester German) German 190 (accelerated review of basic German skills)
1997	Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville Lecturer, Department of Foreign Languages (taught second semester German)
1996-1997	Ft. Zumwalt South High School St. Peters, MO German Instructor (taught second, third and fourth year German)
1994-1996	Michigan State University, East Lansing MI Teaching Assistant: German 101, 102, 201, 202
1995	Deutsche Sommerschule, Taos, New Mexico Teaching Assistant for 300 level (intermediate) courses.

Professional Service

- 2015 Scholarly Reviewer for the *Journal of Human Rights Practice*- Transgender Articles
- 2014 Planning Committee: Transgender Spectrum Conference, University of Missouri St. Louis
Conference Held November 2014

Washington University

College of Arts and Sciences Honors Thesis Committees:

- 2015 Advisor for Cameron Kinker, "Transgender Health in St. Louis" Department: Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies.
- 2011 Advisor for Rachel Cohen, "Gender Identity Disorder: The Pathologization of Gender Variance in Contemporary American Psychiatry" Department: Philosophy, Neuroscience, Psychology
- 2010 Reader for Laura Lane-Steele, "'It's Just Gay!': An Analytic Look into the Lives of Black Lesbians in South Carolina" Department: Anthropology.

Committee Work and Other Washington University Activities

- 2014-Present Medical Humanities Minor Committee
- 2015-Present Frankenstein Symposium Planning Committee
- 2012-Present WGSS Undergraduate Major Advising
- 2016 Session Leader: Medical Humanities Reading Group discussion of Colapinto's *As Nature Made Him*.
- 2014 Vesalius Symposium planning committee
- 2014 Commentator for WGSS colloquium, Cynthia Barounis, "'An Inherent Weakness of the Constitution': Jack London's Revolting Men"
- 2013 Freshman Read Facilitator
- 2009-2013 Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
- 2009-2013 Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies Executive Committee
- 2012 Post-Doc Search Committee, Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies
- 2009 Teach in for CORE on Transgender, Talk on Transgender issues for Pride Alliance
- 2008 LGBT workshop for German Department Teaching Assistants (9/19/2008)
Moderator for German Symposium: Consuming News (April 3-5)
- 2007-2009 Committee on Sexual Assault, Washington University
- 2006-2012 Webmaster, International Society for Paracelsus Studies
- 2001-2004 Senior Peer Mentor (Mentored new teaching assistants in the German Department).

- 2002 Community outreach organizer for Graduate Students in the German Department (coordinated the purchase and distribution of dictionaries and other German books for a St. Louis public high school).
- 2001-2002 Department Representative to Graduate Student Senate; Peer-Mentoring Committee and Department Representative to the Graduate Student Council
- 1999-2001 Graduate Student Symposium Planning Committee, Chair (2001)
- 1999-2000 German Department Post-17th Century Faculty Search Committee
- 1998-2002 Worked on various projects for German Day, a day-long university event for Missouri high schools
- 1998-1999 Graduate Study Area Library Committee
- 1998 Conference Assistant, Midwest MLA
- 1998-1999 Editorial Board GDR Bulletin

Michigan State University

- 1994-1996 Introduced Weekly German Club at Michigan State University and organized weekly meetings and special events for the group.
- 1995-1996 Department Graduate Representative to University Authorship Symposium
- 1995-1996 College of Arts and Letters Excellence in Teaching Screening Committee
- 1995 Presented my Computer Programs at a University Wide Colloquium
- 1995 Conference Assistant, AATG Michigan Chapter Conference
- 1995-1996 Conference Assistant, Michigan High School German Weekend at Michigan State University.

Community Service

- 2016 Expert Advisory Panel to Parkway School District for reform of Sex Education Curriculum
- 2016 Guest Speaker, "OWNing IT In Your Community: How to make a positive Influence in the places you love the most." Washington University Student Group, Own It.
- 2012 Talk, "Creating an LGBT Friendly Clinic" Hope Clinic for Women, Granite City Illinois.
- 2004-Present Girl Scout Leader Troop 2693
- 2014-2017 Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri Neighborhood Registrar, D7N4

Languages

- English, native speaker
- German, near native fluency
- French, reading knowledge
- Latin, reading knowledge