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Employment

2025 - present Assistant Professor of History
University of Detroit Mercy

Education

2017 – 2024 **Duke University**, Ph. D., History
Dissertation: “To Take Care of My People: Healing Work in Kiowa Communities, ca. 1867-1920”

Publications

- 2026 “Native Foods: Agriculture, Indigeneity, and Settler Colonialism in American History. By Michael D. Wise. University of Arkansas Press, 2023. 266 pp., paperback, ISBN 9781682262382.” *Agricultural History* 100, no. 1 (February 2026): 149-150.
- 2023 “Strong Hearts and Healing Hands: Southern California Indians and Field Nurses, 1920-1950. By Clifford Trafzer (Tucson: University of Arizona Press, 2021, 424 pp., \$35 paper). Reviewed by Jessica J. Borsellino.” *Southern California Quarterly* 105, no. 4 (Winter 2023): 467-469.

Presentations and Events

- 2025 Organizer, “Native American Solidarity Movements: From the Underground Railroad to Palestine,” University of Detroit Mercy, Detroit, Michigan
- 2023 “Prescription and Power: Agency Physicians, Medicine Men, and Growing Medical Bureaucracy on the Kiowa Reservation, 1867-1895,” American Society for Ethnohistory Annual Meeting, Tallahassee, Florida
- 2022 Panel Organizer, “Airs, Animals, and Places: Expanding Environmentalist Medicine in United States History,” Southern Association for the History of Medicine and Science Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia
- 2021 “‘Of Use to My People’: Government Medicine and Kiowa Survivance in the Life of T’oyhawlna (Laura Doanmoe Pedrick),” American Society for Ethnohistory Annual Meeting, Virtual
- 2021 Panelist, “The Long Gilded Age and Progressive Era: Emerging Scholarship,” Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Virtual
- 2020 “Smallpox and Sovereignty: The Racial Politics of Contagion in Indian Territory, 1898-1901,” American Association for the History of Medicine Annual Meeting, Virtual

Teaching Experience

University of Detroit Mercy

2026 United States since 1877

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Duke University

2022 Instructor of Record, HIST/SCISOC 369: "Public Health in America"

2021 Instructor of Record, HIST/GLHLTH 203: "The History of Global Health"

2020 Research Tutor, "The History of Global Health," Dr. Margaret Humphreys

2020 Research Tutor, "North America to 1760," Dr. Juliana Barr

2019 – 2020 Graduate Mentor, Duke University Department of History *MicroWorlds Lab*, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Humanities Unbounded Initiative

2019 Teaching Assistant, "Chinese Medicine," Dr. Nicole E. Barnes

2018 – 2019 Graduate Mentor, Bass Connections: "Documenting Durham's Health History: Understanding the Roots of Health Disparities"

2018 Teaching Assistant, "American Dreams, American Realities," Dr. Gerald Wilson

2018 Teaching Assistant, "Democracy in America," Dr. Laura F. Edwards

Research Experience

2020 Research Assistant to Dr. Margaret Humphreys for *A Mind Ablaze! Searching for Dr. Harris*

- Tasked with editing a book manuscript in preparation for a revised draft submission to a major academic publisher.

2020 Research Assistant to Dr. Margaret Humphreys, Nutrition History and Early States

- Conducted literature review on the history and anthropology of nutrition and food culture in early states
- Read and notated relevant literature

2020 Convener, Humanities Unbounded *MicroWorlds Lab* Working Group on State Formation

2019 Research Assistant to Dr. Kirk Savage for *His Father's Son: Yonaguska, Will Thomas, and the Forgotten History of the Cherokee Resistance on the Appalachian Frontier*

- Located, transcribed, and scanned archival sources in Cherokee history from two major archives to be included in an historical monograph.

2018 Research Assistant, Bass Connections: "Documenting Durham's Health History: Understanding the Roots of Health Disparities," PIs: Dr. Jeffrey Baker, Dr. Robert Korstad

- Located, transcribed, and scanned archival sources from repositories across the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill area for preliminary project design.
- Synthesized initial archival research into advisement regarding a year-long plan for research and exhibit design
- Instructed a class of undergraduate researchers in archival research, data management, historical research design, and exhibit design
- Participated in research for and design of a rotating public exhibition

Awards and Fellowships

2023 – 2024 American Dissertation Fellowship, American Association of University Women

2023 John F. Wilson Research Fellowship, American Society of Church History

- 2023 Ann Firor Scott Research Award, Duke University Department of History
 2021 – 2022 Julian Price Fellowship in the Humanities and History, Duke University Graduate School
 2022 Bass Instructional Fellowship, Duke University Graduate School
 2021 Summer Research Fellowship for Research on Women or Girls of Color, Duke University Graduate School
 2020 – 2021 Aleane Webb Dissertation Research Grant, Duke University Graduate School
 2019 – 2020 Graduate Fellowship, Duke University Department of History *MicroWorlds Lab*, Andrew W. Mellon Humanities Unbounded Initiative
 2019 Duke University Center for International and Global Studies *Graduate Student Working Groups in Global Issues* Grant: “The Moving Aesthetics of Empire”
 2018 – 2019 Summer Research Fellowship, Duke University Graduate School
 2017 – 2023 Duke University Graduate Fellowship
 2016 Weinberg-Black Memorial Scholarship in History, University of Alabama

University Service

- 2021 – 2022 Co-President, Graduate Student Association, Duke University Department of History
 2021 – 2022 Graduate Representative, Graduate-Faculty Relations Committee
 2018 – 2020 Chair and Editor, Annual Report Committee, Graduate Student Association, Duke University Department of History
 2019 – 2020 Constitutional Committee, Graduate Student Association, Duke University Department of History
 2019 Reviewer, Duke University Department of History Undergraduate Research Journal
 2018 Committee to Consider the Renaming of Carr Building, Duke University

Professional Affiliations

Society for the History of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era
 American Association of University Women
 American Society for Ethnohistory
 American Society of Church History

Languages

English (native), German (reading)