

# Michaela Kleber

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2021-present Assistant Professor, Department of History  
Affiliated Faculty, Center for Native American and Indigenous Research  
Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois
- 2020-2021 College Fellow, Department of History  
Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois

## EDUCATION

- 2020 **Ph.D.**, William & Mary, History  
Dissertation: "Gendered Societies, Sexual Empires: French Colonization among the Illinois"
- 2015 **M.A.**, William & Mary, History
- 2013 **M.A.**, Columbia University, History and Literature
- 2011 **B.A.**, Vassar College, History, English, and French

## AWARDS

- 2021 Lerner-Scott Prize for best dissertation in U.S. Women's and Gender History, Organization of American Historians
- 2019 Dean's Prize for Student Scholarship on Women, William & Mary
- 2017 Judith Ewell Award for outstanding graduate student in comparative or transnational history, William & Mary

## FELLOWSHIPS and GRANTS

### Internationally Competitive

- 2019 Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, Dissertation Fellowship in Women's Studies
- 2019 American Historical Association, Michael Kraus Research Grant
- 2019 French Colonial Historical Society, William Shorrock Travel Award
- 2018 Huntington Library, Mayers Fellowship
- 2018 Coordinating Council for Women in History, Ida B. Wells Graduate Student Fellowship

- 2018 Society for French Historical Studies, Catherine Maley Fellowship (Institut français d'Amérique)
- 2017 Newberry Library, Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois Fellowship
- 2017 John Carter Brown Library, Ruth and Lincoln Ekstrom Fellowship
- 2017 American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Theodore E.D. Braun Research Travel Award
- 2016 American Society of Eighteenth-Century Studies, Traveling Jam-Pot: Fund for Graduate Students

**William & Mary**

- 2019-2020 Michael R. Halleran Dissertation Completion Fellowship
- 2019, '18, '17 Morton Travel Grant
- 2019, '17, '16 Student Leadership Development Conference Funding
- 2019, '17, '16 Arts & Sciences Graduate Research Grant
- 2018, '17 Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences' Research Fund
- 2016 Student Grant for International Research
- 2014 Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, Order of Americans of Armorial Ancestry Fellowship in Historical Editing

**PUBLICATIONS**

- 2022 “A Tale of Two Missions: Illinois Choices and Conversions at the Turn of the Eighteenth Century,” *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture* 91, no. 2 (June)

**BOOK REVIEWS**

- Review of *Indigenous Prosperity and American Conquest: Indian Women of the Ohio River Valley, 1690-1792* by Susan Sleeper-Smith in *William & Mary Quarterly* (April 2021)
- Review of *Polygamy: An Early American History* by Sarah M.S. Pearsall in *Western Historical Quarterly* (Summer 2020)
- Review of *Malinche, Pocahontas, and Sacagawea: Indian Women as Cultural Intermediaries and National Symbols* by Rebecca Kay Jager in *American Indian Quarterly* (Fall 2018)

**INVITED TALKS**

- 2021 “‘Are You a Man?’ and Other Important Questions from French and Indigenous Illinois,” University of South Carolina, March 24

**ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS**

- 2022 “Sexual Economies of Native and African Slaveries in Upper Louisiana,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, January 6-9

- 2021 "A Question of Power: Gender and Imperialism in Illinois Country," Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, April 15-18
- 2020 "'I Know that you have a taste for men: I made you a feast, take your fill': Indigenous Sexuality and Food in Early America," Berkshire Conference of Women Historians, May 28-31 [Cancelled due to COVID-19]
- 2020 "Marrying into a Colony: The Economies of French Inter-marriage," American Historical Association Annual Meeting, January 3-6
- 2019 "Gender Roles and Spiritual Choices among the Illinois," Annual Meeting of the American Society for Ethnohistory, September 25-29
- 2019 "Native Women Order the Disorder in French Illinois," Annual Meeting of the French Colonial Historical Society, June 13-15
- 2019 "French Colonialism and the Illinois: The Story of a Marriage," Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, April 4-6
- 2018 "'Thus You Rob Me of My Husband and Give Him to Another': Native Marriage Practices Confront the French Atlantic," Atlantic World Workshop at New York University Annual Conference, "(En)Gendering the Atlantic World," April 20-21
- 2018 "Translating Native America: Gender and Sexuality in Jesuit Dictionaries," Annual Meeting of the Renaissance Society of America, March 22-24
- 2018 "The Sexual Politics of Colonization: French Imperialism among the Illinois," Virginia Consortium of Early Americanists Annual Meeting, January 27
- 2017 "Colonization in Translation: Sex, Gender, and Dictionaries," Fellow's Talk, John Carter Brown Library, November 29
- 2017 "The Eye of the Colonizer: Representations of Illinois Sexual Encounters," American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Annual Meeting, March 30-April 2

## TEACHING

### **Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, 2020-present**

History of the American Family  
 Early American History to 1754  
 Honors Thesis Seminar

### **William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA, 2014-2020**

American History to 1877, Instructor of Record  
 American Indian History to 1763, Instructor of Record  
 American Revolution through Civil War, National Institute of American History and Democracy, Instructor  
 Global History since 1500, Teaching Assistant  
 History Writing Resource Center, Writing Center Preceptor

### **Lycée d'Arsonval, Saint-Maur-des-Fossés, France, 2011-2**

English, Instructor

## SERVICE and PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2021-present Leopold Fellows Faculty Advisor, History Department, Northwestern University  
2021 Undergraduate Advisor  
2020-2021 Undergraduate Affairs Committee, History Department, Northwestern University  
Undergraduate and Graduate Fellowships Committee, Center for Native  
American and Indigenous Research, Northwestern University  
2018 Coordinator, History Workshop Series, William & Mary  
2015 Graduate Assistant, "Emerging Histories of the Early Modern French Atlantic,"  
Omohundro Institute of Early American History & Culture, October 16-18  
2015-16 Social Chair, History Graduate Student Association, William & Mary  
2014-15 Vice President, History Graduate Student Association, William & Mary  
2013-14 Editorial Apprentice, Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture

## **MANUSCRIPT REFEREE**

*Gender & History*

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Historical Association  
American Society for Ethnohistory  
Berkshire Conference of Women Historians  
Coordinating Council for Women in History  
French Colonial Historical Society  
Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture  
Organization of American Historians