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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Northwestern University, Department of History, 2020

Dissertation: “In Distress: A Marketplace of Feeling in the Early American Republic”

Committee: Caitlin Fitz (chair), Deborah Cohen, Kate Masur, Susan Pearson

Fields: United States, Modern Britain, Women and the Family

M.A., Northwestern University, Department of History, 2014

Thesis: “‘To Lose the Mulatto in the Artiste’: An Artistic Vision of Racial Progress in the Antebellum Era” (Honorable mention, Beiling Wu Prize in Writing, Northwestern University)

B.A., Vassar College, Department of History (*Departmental Honors; minor in French*), 2011

FELLOWSHIPS and AWARDS

Postdoctoral Fellow, Chabreja Center for Historical Studies, Northwestern University, 2020-21

T. H. Breen Graduate Fellow, Chabreja Center for Historical Studies, Northwestern University, 2019-20

Monticello-McNeil Dissertation Fellow, McNeil Center for Early American Studies, University of Pennsylvania, 2018-19

New England Regional Fellowship Consortium Research Grant, 2017-18

Mellon Research Fellowship, The Virginia Historical Society, 2017

Research Fellowship, Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies, 2017

Northwestern University Fellowship, 2013-14; 2016-17

Mellon Fellow, Graduate Cluster in British Studies, Northwestern University, 2013-20

Laura Adelina Ward Prize for Excellence in European History, Vassar College, 2011

PUBLICATIONS in PROCESS

“‘Too great a sacrifice’: Ellen Coolidge and Wifely Emotion Work in the Early American Republic” (under revision for resubmission to the *Journal of the Early Republic*)

Review of *An Intimate Economy: Enslaved Women, Work, and America’s Domestic Slave Trade* by Alexandra J. Finley, *H-Early-America* (forthcoming)

PUBLIC HUMANITIES SCHOLARSHIP

Editor in Women’s History and Gender Studies, *Insurrect!*, Radical Thinking in Early American Studies Blog, 2020-present

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CONFERENCES and PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Seminar paper, “‘make less money, and more happiness’: Merchant Wives and Emotion Work,” McNeil Center for Early American Studies, Philadelphia, PA (October 2020)

Conference convener, “All in a Day’s Work: Labor in History,” Chabreja Center for Historical Studies, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL (May 2020; cancelled due to COVID-19)

Panel paper, “‘Do what you can to reconcile them’: Coercion, Resistance, and the Emotion Work of Slave Sales,” conference on “All in a Day’s Work: Labor in History,” Chabreja Center for Historical Studies, Evanston, IL (May 2020; cancelled due to COVID-19)

Panel paper, “A Commerce of Affection: Bonds of Business and Feeling Among Boston Merchants,” Business History Conference annual meeting, Charlotte, NC (March 2020)

Speaker, “Compensatory Affections: Reconciling Financial and Emotional Debt within 19th-century Virginia Gentry Families,” Fellows’ Forum, Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies, Charlottesville, VA (May 2019)

Workshop paper, “The Pursuit of Happiness: Emotion Work in the Early American Republic,” McNeil Center for Early American Studies, Philadelphia, PA (September 2018)

Panel paper, “Making Happiness: Women’s Emotion Work in the Early Republic,” annual meeting of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Cleveland, OH (July 2018)

Panel paper, “Family Feeling and the Rise of Capitalism among the 19th-century Virginia Gentry,” conference on “Generations in History: Youth, Age, and Metrics of Cultural Change,” Chabreja Center for Historical Studies, Evanston, IL (May 2018)

Invited panelist, “The Role of Representation in Course Design,” Searle Center for Advancing Learning & Teaching, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL (May 2018)

Speaker, “‘Let it be your resolution to be happy’: Women’s Emotion Work in the Early Republic,” Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, MA (October 2017)

Speaker, “Ellen Randolph Coolidge and Emotion Work in the Early Republic,” Fellows’ Forum, Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies, Charlottesville, VA (June 2017)

Panel paper, “Prophesiers and Gamblers: Performing Motherhood in the Early American Republic,” conference on “Intimate Histories: Intersections between the Global and the Personal,” Chabreja Center for Historical Studies, Evanston, IL (April 2016)

Panel paper, “‘I commend my family to your attentions’: Familial and Familiar Relationships in the Global Early American Republic,” conference on “Negotiating Relationships,” Queen Mary University, London, United Kingdom (March 2016)

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TEACHING at NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Primary Instructor, 2018-2020

All in a Day's Work: Gender and Work in Early America (History)

Remember the Ladies: Women in the Early American Republic, 1776-1848 (History)

Teaching Assistant, 2015-2017

U.S. Women's History, 1865-Present (History; Gender & Sexuality Studies Program)

Hamilton's America (History; Latina & Latino Studies Program)

U.S. Gay and Lesbian History (History; Gender & Sexuality Studies Program)

Evolution of Chicago (History)

U.S. History: Reconstruction to the Present (History)

LEADERSHIP and SERVICE at Northwestern University

Co-Founder and Co-organizer, History Department Women's Group, 2017-2018

President, History Graduate Student Organization, 2017-18

Vice President, History Graduate Student Organization, 2016-17

History Representative, Graduate Leadership and Advocacy Council, 2014-17

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

Berkshire Conference of Women's Historians
Society for Historians of the Early American Republic
The Business History Conference
American Historical Association
Coordinating Council for Women in History

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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