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### PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2017-present Assistant Professor, Department of Communication Arts and Sciences, and Associate Director, Center for Humanities and Information, Penn State University
- 2014-2017 Assistant Professor, Department of English, Old Dominion University

### EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Department of English, University of Pittsburgh, 2014  
Concentration: Composition, Literacy, Pedagogy, and Rhetoric  
Certificate: Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies
- M.A. Department of English, San Francisco State University, 2009
- M.A. Department of Women's Studies, Ohio State University, 2002
- B.A. Department of English, Saginaw Valley State University, *summa cum laude*, 2000

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Books

Queering Romantic Engagement in the Postal Age: A Rhetorical Education (forthcoming with University of South Carolina Press, Sept. 2019).

Archival Seductions and the Rhetorics of Romantic Friendship (archival research under way).

#### Refereed Journal Articles

- 2017 Romantic Correspondence as Queer Extracurriculum: The Self-Education for Racial Uplift of Addie Brown and Rebecca Primus. *College Composition and Communication*, vol. 69, no. 2, pp. 182-207.
- 2017 "Making It" in the Academy through Horizontal Mentoring. *Peitho: Journal of the Coalition of Feminist Scholars in the History of Rhetoric and Composition*, vol. 19, no. 2, pp. 210-33. With Steph Ceraso.

- 2016 Gossip as Rhetorical Methodology for Queer and Feminist Historiography. *Rhetoric Review*, vol. 35, no. 2, pp. 135-47.
- 2015 Archival Literacy: Reading the Rhetoric of Digital Archives in the Undergraduate Classroom. *College Composition and Communication*, vol. 67, no. 2, pp. 216-42. With Jessica Enoch.
- 2015 New Archival Engagements: Student Inquiry and Composing in Digital Spaces. *College English*, vol. 78, no. 1, pp. 34-55.
- 2014 Queering “the language of the heart”: Romantic Letters, Genre Instruction, and Rhetorical Practice. *Rhetoric Society Quarterly*, vol. 44, no. 1, pp. 6-24.
- \*2015 Charles Kneupper Award
- 2010 More Talk about “Basic Writers”: A Category of Rhetorical Value for Teachers. *Journal of Basic Writing*, vol. 29, no. 1, pp. 99-124.

### Reviews & Blog Posts

- 2018 Review of *Teaching Queer: Radical Possibilities for Writing and Knowing*, by Stacey Waite. *Rhetoric Society Quarterly* (advance publication online).
- 2017 Rhetoric, Digital Humanities, and the Archive. *Media Commons: A Digital Scholarly Network*, 20 Apr. Web.
- 2017 Teaching and Researching Feminist Rhetorics: Digital Curation as Collaborative Archival Method. *Coalition of Feminist Scholars in the History of Rhetoric and Composition Blog*, 24 Feb. Web. With Cassandra Book, Meagan Clark, Christopher Giofreda, Kimberly Goode, and Meredith Privott.
- 2014 Feminist Invitations to Digital Historiography. *Digital Rhetoric Collaborative*. Gayle Morris Sweetland Center for Writing, University of Michigan, 28 Mar. Web. With Jessica Enoch and Jean Bessette.
- 2013 Making Relations. *Centered: Writing Center Tutors Reflect*, edited by Diane Boehm and Scott Merrow, Saginaw Valley State University, pp. 103-4.

### Forthcoming

African American Rhetorical Education and Epistolary Relations at the Holley School, 1868-1917 (forthcoming in *Advances in the History of Rhetoric*, vol. 21, Dec. 2018).

“Opulent Friendships,” Rhetorical Emulation, and Belletristic Instruction at Leache-Wood Seminary (forthcoming in *Women at Work: Rhetorics of Gender and Labor in the U.S.*, edited by David Gold and Jessica Enoch, under review with University of Pittsburgh Press).

Review of *Textual Curation: Authorship, Agency, and Technology in Wikipedia and Chambers’s Cyclopædia*, by Krista Kennedy (forthcoming in *Rhetoric & Public Affairs*, vol. 21, no. 3, 2018).

## HONORS & AWARDS

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| 2016 | Institutional Nomination, National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, Old Dominion University     |
| 2015 | Charles Kneupper Award, Rhetoric Society of America   |
| 2014 | Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies Dissertation Prize, University of Pittsburgh                         |
| 2013 | Graduate Writing Award in Literacy, Pedagogy, and Rhetoric, University of Pittsburgh                        |
| 2012 | Distinction, Ph.D. Project Exams, University of Pittsburgh  |
| 2010 | Assignment Sequencing Award, Composition Program, University of Pittsburgh                                  |
| 2009 | Graduate Student Award for Distinguished Achievement, Department of English, San Francisco State University |

## GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

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| 2018      | Charlotte I. Hall Archives and Special Collections Library Research Grant, Vassar College (\$250) |
| 2016      | Summer Research Fellowship, Office of Research, Old Dominion University (\$7,000)                 |
| 2015-2016 | Robin L. Hixon Fellowship, Department of English, Old Dominion University (\$15,000)              |
| 2015      | Summer Research Grant, College of Arts and Letters, Old Dominion University (\$5,000)             |
| 2013-2014 | Andrew Mellon Predoctoral Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh (\$20,356)                         |

- 2012-2013      Dissertation Research Travel Grant, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Pittsburgh (\$2,533)
- 2010             Summer Fellowship, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Pittsburgh (\$3,000)
- 2009-2010      Graduate Fellowship, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Pittsburgh (\$17,822)
- 2009             Sally Casanova Predoctoral Scholar Summer Research Grant, California State University (\$5,946)
- 2008-2009      Sally Casanova Predoctoral Fellowship, California State University (\$3,000)
- 2007             Jan Gregory Postsecondary Reading and Composition Scholarship, Department of English, San Francisco State University (\$500)

### **INVITED TALKS**

- 2017             Teaching Public Memory: Digital Archival Analysis and Invention. National Archives of Composition and Rhetoric Workshop, Conference on College Composition and Communication, Portland, OR (March 15)
- 2015             Digital Archives, Gender Inquiries, and Student Writing. Department of English, University of Virginia (April 3)

### **CONFERENCE ACTIVITY**

#### **Papers**

- 2018             Straightening Up: Femmes and Romantic Friends in the Archives. Rhetoric Society of America (RSA), Minneapolis, MN (June 3)
- 2017             “So these people shall know their rights”: Rhetorical Education for Racial Justice at the Holley School. Feminism(s) and Rhetoric(s), Dayton, OH (Oct. 7)
- 2017             Digital Curation: Collecting Archives for Graduate Research on Women’s Rhetorics. Conference on College Composition and Communication (CCCC), Portland, OR (March 16)
- 2016             Reading Digital Archives: Cultural Rhetorics and Public Memory. Cultural Rhetorics Conference, East Lansing, MI (Oct. 2)

- 2016 Digital Curation, Archival Access, and Graduate Education. RSA, Atlanta, GA (May 24)
- 2016 The Pedagogical Erotics of Romantic Friendship Beyond Repair. DC Queer Studies Symposium, College Park, MD (April 22)
- 2016 Romantic Correspondence as Queer Extracurriculum. CCCC, Houston, TX (April 7)
- 2015 Women's Ways of Making It as New Faculty on the Tenure Track. Feminism(s) and Rhetoric(s), Tempe, AZ (Oct. 31)
- 2015 Speculative Gossip for Queer History. DC Queer Studies Symposium, College Park, MD (April 17)
- 2015 Queering Critical Imagination in the Archive. CCCC, Tampa, FL (March 20)
- 2014 Responsivity to the Queer Extracurriculum: Self-Education for Racial Uplift in the Romantic Correspondence of Addie Brown and Rebecca Primus, 1859-1868. Thomas R. Watson Conference, Louisville, KY (Oct. 17)
- 2014 Albert Dodd's "queer in the extreme" Composing, 1836-1839. CCCC, Indianapolis, IN (March 21)
- 2013 Past and Present Links: Teaching (Online) Archives, Revising Historiographic Practices. Feminism(s) and Rhetoric(s), Stanford, CA (Sept. 26)
- 2013 Teaching to Queer "Straight" Archives. CCCC, Las Vegas, NV (March 26)
- 2012 Reframing Romantic Identifications. RSA, Philadelphia, PA (May 25)
- 2012 Rhetorical Education for Romantic Engagement. CCCC, St. Louis, MO (March 22)
- 2012 Rhetorical Pedagogies of Romance and Sexuality. Queer Rhetoric: Fifth Annual LGBT Studies Symposium, Hempstead, NY (March 17)
- 2011 I Heard We Were There: Queer Relations, Letters, and Gossip. CCCC, Atlanta, GA (April 7)
- 2010 The Rhetorical Value of "Basic Writer": A Case Study of Teacher Talk. RSA. Minneapolis, MN (May 31)
- 2010 The Composition MA Remixed: Preparing New Community College Faculty, Addressing Diverse Student Needs. CCCC, Louisville, KY. With Sugie Goen-Salter et al. (March 17)

- 2009 Feminist Rhetorics of Community-Based Literacies. Feminism(s) and Rhetoric(s), East Lansing, MI (Oct. 9)
- 2009 More Talk about So-Called “Basic Writers.” Working Class Studies Association Conference, Pittsburgh, PA (June 6)
- 2009 Community Literacy Work and Graduate Students: Finding Best Practices. Expanding Literacy Studies Conference, Columbus, OH. With Rebecca Lorimer (April 4)
- 2009 Knowledge Making, Making Students: Constructions of “Basic Writer” and “First-Generation College Student.” Qualitative Research Network, CCCC, San Francisco, CA (March 11)
- 2002 Going to “Prom”: Negotiating Femininity and Heteronormativity. Sixth Annual Women’s Studies Symposium: Third Wave Feminism, West Lafayette, IN (April 5)

**Panels Chaired**

- 2017 Public Participatory Rhetorics. Feminism(s) and Rhetoric(s), Dayton, OH (Oct. 7)
- 2015 How to Train Your Woman: The Rhetoric of Feminine Conduct in Historic Manuals. CCCC, Tampa, FL (March 20)

**Additional Participation**

- 2017 National Communication Association, Dallas, TX (Nov. 16-19)
- 2017 Information + Humanities Conference, State College, PA (Sept. 22-23)
- 2017 Queer Archival Immersion: Rhetoric, Performance, Pedagogy, and Politics at the Kinsey Institute. RSA Summer Institute, Bloomington, IN. Workshop facilitated by E. Cram, Charles Morris, Eric Darnell Pritchard, and K.J. Rawson (May 22-25)
- 2015 Academic Publishing in Rhetorical Studies. RSA Summer Institute, Madison, WI. Workshop facilitated by James Jasinski (June 5-7)
- 1999 Feminism(s) and Rhetoric(s), Minneapolis, MN (Oct. 7-9)

**INVITED DEPARTMENT & COLLEGE TALKS**

- 2017 Research Plans. Postdoctoral Teaching Fellows, Department of Communication Arts and Sciences, Penn State University (Dec. 6)

- 2016 Moving from Dissertation to Book Manuscript. Dissertation Bootcamp, Summer Doctoral Institute, Old Dominion University (July 20)
- 2016 Queering Rhetorical Education: Romantic Engagement in the Postal Age. Junior Faculty Forum, Institute for the Humanities, Old Dominion University (March 3)
- 2015 Publishing in Rhetoric and Composition. English Graduate Student Organization, Old Dominion University (Sept. 29)
- 2015 Rhetoric as Seduction. Rhetoric Society, Old Dominion University (March 27)
- 2014 Finding Queer Archives (and Surprising Finds). Anticipating Archives: A Panel on Research Methodology, University of Pittsburgh (April 7)
- 2013 Rhetorical Education for Romantic Engagement: Normative Genre Conventions and Queer Practices in Nineteenth-Century Epistolary Instruction. Writing Now: Celebrating Graduate Work in Literacy, Pedagogy, and Rhetoric, University of Pittsburgh (March 29)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2017-present **Penn State University, Department of Communication Arts and Sciences, Assistant Professor**  
 Studies in Public Address: LGBTQA Rhetorics (F 2017)  
 Issues in Rhetorical Theory: Rhetoric/Archives/Information (graduate, Sp 2018)  
 Issues in Rhetorical Theory: Queer Rhetorics (graduate, Sp 2019)
- Thesis committees: Marguerite Nguyen Lehman
- 2014-2017 **Old Dominion University, Department of English, Assistant Professor**  
 Introduction to Rhetorical Studies (F 2014, Sp 2015, F 2015, Sp 2016, Sp 2017)  
 Advanced Composition (F 2014, Sp 2017)  
 Teaching College Composition (graduate, Sp 2016)  
 Women's and Feminist Rhetorics (graduate, F 2016)  
 Classical Rhetoric and Theory Building (graduate, Sp 2015)  
 Rhetorics of Seduction (graduate, cross-listed with Women's Studies, F 2015)  
 Independent Study: Tensions in Digital Archive Creation (graduate, Sp 2015)
- Dissertation committee: Beth Wilson, "In-Service Teachers as Rhetorical Audience"  
 M.A. committees: Tina Vermillion, Kristi Viers

- 2010-2013 **University of Pittsburgh, Department of English, Graduate Teaching Fellow**  
 Seminar in Composition (F 2010, Sp 2011, F 2012)  
 Seminar in Composition: Gender Studies (F 2011, Sp 2012)  
 Written Professional Communication (Su 2011, Su 2012)  
 Writing for the Public (Su 2013)
- 2008-2009 **San Francisco State University, Department of English, Graduate Teaching Associate**  
 Freshman Composition (F 2008, Sp 2009)
- 2001-2002 **Ohio State University, Department of Women's Studies, Graduate Teaching Associate**  
 U.S. Women Writers: Text and Context (F 2001, W 2002, Sp 2002)  
 Internship in Feminist Theory and Collective Action (Sp 2001)

## SERVICE

### Profession

- 2018-present Managing Editorial Board, *QED: A Journal in GLBTQ Worldmaking*
- 2016-present Advisory Board, Coalition of Feminist Scholars in the History of Rhetoric and Composition
- 2018 George E. Yoos Distinguished Service Award Committee, Rhetoric Society of America
- 2017-2018 Reviewer, *Rhetoric Review*
- 2017 Reviewer, *Advances in the History of Rhetoric*
- 2017 Reviewer, 2018 Conference Proposals, Rhetoric Society of America
- 2017 President's Dissertation Award Committee, Coalition of Feminist Scholars in the History of Rhetoric and Composition
- 2017 Reviewer, *Rhetorica: A Journal of the History of Rhetoric*
- 2016 Reviewer, *Peitho: Journal of the Coalition of Feminist Scholars in the History of Rhetoric and Composition*
- 2016 Reviewer, *Journal of Basic Writing*



**Department, College & University**

2018-present	Future Faculty Committee, Communication Arts and Sciences, Penn State University
2017-present	Facilitator, Professional Development Series for Visiting Postdoctoral Fellows, Center for Humanities and Information, Penn State University
2017-present	Technology Committee, Communication Arts and Sciences, Penn State University
2018	Ad Hoc Search Committee for Joint Appointment with College of Information Sciences and Technology, Communication Arts and Sciences, Penn State University
2018	Selection Committee for Junior Visiting Fellow, Center for Humanities and Information, Penn State University
2018	Chair, Selection Committee for Senior Visiting Fellow, Center for Humanities and Information, Penn State University
2018	Advisory Board, Undergraduate Speaking Center, Penn State University
2016-2017	Facilitator, Writing Habits: A Dissertation Group, English Graduate Student Organization, Old Dominion University
2016-2017	Search Committee, Rhetoric and Women's Studies, Old Dominion University
2016	Research and Publications Committee, College of Arts and Letters, Old Dominion University
2015-2017	Gay Cultural Studies Advisory Board, Old Dominion University
2015-2017	Safe Space Committee, Old Dominion University
2015-2017	Assessments Committee, Old Dominion University
2015-2016	Search Committee, Writing Studies, Old Dominion University
2014-2017	Undergraduate Studies Committee, Old Dominion University
2014	Committee for Graduate Writing Award, University of Pittsburgh
2013-2014	Committee on Pedagogy, University of Pittsburgh
2012-2014	Composition Curriculum Committee, University of Pittsburgh

- 2012-2013 Faculty Development Subcommittee, University of Pittsburgh
- 2012-2013 Committee for the Evaluation and Advancement of Teaching, University of Pittsburgh
- 2009 Graduate Essay Test, Reader, San Francisco State University
- 2009 Learning Assistance Center, Tutor, San Francisco State University
- 2008-2009 Junior English Proficiency Essay Test, Reader, San Francisco State University
- 2008 Writing and Reading Lab, Instructional Aide, Skyline College
- 2006-2008 English Tutoring Center, Tutor, San Francisco State University
- 2001-2002 Graduate Studies Committee, Ohio State University
- 2001 Writing Center, Tutor, Ohio State University
- 1997-2000 Writing Center, Tutor, Saginaw Valley State University
- 1997-2000 Writing Program, Assistant to Director, Saginaw Valley State University

### **COMMUNITY-BASED TEACHING**

- 2013 Neighborhood Learning Alliance, volunteer tutor in summer program
- 2007-2008 First Graduate, teacher in summer program for first generation college students
- 2007-2008 Transgender Law Center, tutor in professional writing for legal advocacy employees
- 2006-2008 City College of San Francisco, facilitator of “Healing through Writing” workshops
- 2005-2008 Building Futures, facilitator of educational groups at domestic violence shelter
- 2004-2005 Rape Trauma Services, teacher of violence prevention curriculum
- 2002-2004 CHOICES, coordinator of domestic violence classes for incarcerated survivors

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Rhetoric Society of America

Coalition of Feminist Scholars in the History of Rhetoric and Composition

American Society for the History of Rhetoric

National Communication Association