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EDUCATION

BROWN UNIVERSITY

Ph.D., History, May 2010

A.M., History, May 2005

- Dissertation entitled, “Defending ‘Family Values’: Women’s Grassroots Politics and the Republican Right, 1970-1980.” Dissertation co-advisors, Mari Jo Buhle and Robert Self; Committee Member, Naoko Shibusawa.
- Preliminary examination fields completed in May of 2006 in 20th-Century U.S. History with Robert Self, U.S. Women’s History with Mari Jo Buhle, and 20th-Century Middle Eastern History with Engin Akarli.

DUKE UNIVERSITY

A.B., Major in History, Minor in Spanish, May 2001

- Graduated *Magna Cum Laude*; Cumulative GPA: 3.8
- Earned Honors Distinction in History (Completed a Senior Honors Thesis)
- Senior Honors Thesis entitled, “Southern Sisterhood: The Homosocial World of Antebellum Plantation Mistresses.” Thesis advisor, Edward Balleisen; History Honors Thesis Program Director, Kristen Neuschel.

TEACHING

RAMAPO COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY

Professor of History (2026-present); Associate Professor of History (2015-2026);

Assistant Professor of History (2010-2015)

- HIST 150: History Matters: Political Movements in the 20thc. U.S., 2023-present
- HIST 102: Modern America Since 1865, 2010-2023
- HIST 216: Abortion in American History, 2019-present
- HIST 226: The 1960s, America in Transition, 2011-present
- HIST 231: U.S. Women’s and Gender History, 2010-present
- HIST 316: Women and American Politics, 2012-present
- HIST 323: America Since 1945, 2010-present
- HIST 410: Historical Research Capstone, 2021-present
- The History of America’s Modern Culture Wars (first-year seminar), 2013
- The History of Politics in the Era of Trump (first-year seminar), 2019

EDITING

ASSOCIATE EDITOR, MADE BY HISTORY, *THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER* (FORMERLY AT *TIME MAGAZINE* AND *THE WASHINGTON POST*)

2021-present

- Work with fellow editors (all professional historians) to publish approximately 3-5 articles per week for the online Made By History section of *The Philadelphia Inquirer* (formerly at *Time Magazine* & *The Washington Post*).
- Solicit articles from professional historians able to weigh in on some aspect of current events by sharing the historical context for those events.
- Evaluate the merits of article proposals with fellow editors (received every week from professional historians, academics across a range of disciplines, and journalists).
- Edit several 1000-1200-word articles a week, a time intensive process that involves multiples edits with each author.

BOOKS

- Co-editor with Dr. Leandra Zarnow of *Suffrage at 100: Women in American Politics Since 1920*, Johns Hopkins University Press, 2020.
 - Co-author with Zarnow of two chapters in the book: “Introduction: From Voting Power to Political Power,” p. 1-10; “Chapter 1: A History of Women in American Politics and the Enduring Male Political Citizenship Ideal,” p. 11-55.
- Author of *Kitchen-Table Politics: Conservative Women and Family Values in New York* University of Pennsylvania Press, Politics and Culture in Modern America Series, 2017.
 - Winner of the 2017 Arlene Custer Memorial Award sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference (MARAC).

ARTICLES

- “Goodbye to the Party of Rockefeller: How a Decidedly ‘Un-Silent Minority’ Pushed the GOP to Embrace Anti-Feminism,” in *The Silent Majority: A Transatlantic Perspective*, ed. Anna von der Goltz and Britta Waldschmidt-Nelson, Cambridge University Press, 2017, p. 317-338.
- “Defending ‘Women Who Stand by the Sink’: Suburban Homemakers and Anti-ERA Activism in New York State,” in *Making Suburbia*, ed. John Archer, Paul J. P. Sandul, Katherine Solomonson, University of Minnesota Press, 2015, p. 36-50.
- “Ellen McCormack for President: Politics and an Improbable Path to Passing Anti-Abortion Policy,” *Journal of Policy History* 24:2, Spring 2012, p. 263-287. Article chosen as one of five finalists for the Organization of American Historians’ 2009 Louis Pelzer Memorial Award.
- “The Sheppard-Towner Maternity and Infancy Act and Its Reception in Rhode Island,” *Rhode Island History* 66:1, Winter/Spring 2008, p. 3-21.

REVIEWS

- Article review, “‘Revolutionizing Society’: Gloria Steinem and Left-liberal Feminism,” *Journal of Women’s History*, 2026.
- Book proposal review of *From Mother to Childless Cat Lady: How US Conservatism Defines Women in Politics, Media, and Culture* (Palgrave MacMillan, 2026).
- Manuscript review of *The Abortion Market: Buying and Selling Access in the Era Before Roe* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2025).
- Review of Melissa Estes Blair’s *Bringing Home the White House: The Hidden History of Women Who Shaped the Presidency in the Twentieth Century* (University of Georgia Press, 2023), for *The American Historical Review* 130:2, June 2025: p. 967-968.
- Review of Erin M. Kempker’s *Big Sister: Feminism, Conservatism, and Conspiracy in the Heartland* (University of Illinois Press, 2018), for the *Indiana Magazine of History* 117:4, December 2021, p. 321-322.
- Review of Joan Marie Johnson’s *Funding Feminism: Monied Women, Philanthropy, and the Women’s Movement, 1870-1967* (Chapel Hill, NC: The University of North Carolina Press, 2017) for *Journal of American Studies* 54:5, December 2020, p. 1058-1059.
- Review of John A. Lawrence’s *The Class of ’74: Congress After Watergate and the Roots of Partisanship* (Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2018) for the *Journal of American History* 106:2, September 2019, p. 536–537.
- Review of Elizabeth Gillespie McRae’s *Mothers of Massive Resistance: White Women and the Politics of White Supremacy* (New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 2018) for *The American Historical Review* 124:1, February 2019, p. 289–290.
- Review of Megan A. Sholar’s *Getting Paid While Taking Time: The Women’s Movement and the Development of Paid Family Leave Policies in the United States* (Philadelphia, PA: Temple University Press, 2016) for the *Journal of American History* 104:2, September 2017, p. 555.
- Review of Heather Cox Richardson’s *To Make Men Free: A History of the Republican Party* (New York, NY: Basic Books, 2014) for the *Journal of American History* 102: 2, September 2015, p. 567.

PUBLIC WRITING

- Co-author with Leandra Zarnow, “The History Behind Kamala Harris’s ‘Freedom’ Campaign Theme,” *Time*, 22 August 2024.

- “The GOP can thank suburban N.Y. for its slim control of the House,” *The Washington Post*, 28 November 2022.
- “Emily’s List is ditching Sen. Sinema because voting rights are also women’s rights,” *The Washington Post*, 25 January 2022.
- Co-author with Leandra Zarnow, “Mixed 2020 election results show that women still face a sexist political culture,” *The Washington Post*, 6 November 2020.
- Co-author with Leandra Zarnow, “Women’s Equality Day is a reminder that the fight for women’s rights didn’t end with the Nineteenth Amendment,” *Time*, 26 August 2020.
- Co-author with Leandra Zarnow, “Suffrage at 100,” *Gender on the Ballot*, 19 August 2020.
- Co-author with Leandra Zarnow, “For Kamala Harris’s choice to really matter, she must be a true partner to Biden,” *The Washington Post*, 12 August 2020.
- Co-author with Reva Siegel, “What antiabortion advocates get wrong about the women who secured the right to vote,” *The Washington Post*, 22 January 2020.
- “The playbook that can land Joe Biden in the White House. The author may surprise you,” *The Washington Post*, 31 July 2019.
- “Why feminists won’t celebrate every win today. The year of the woman is about policy, not just electing women,” *The Washington Post*, 2 November 2018.
- “As the midterms approach, women’s rights remain the fault line in American politics. They have been since *Roe v. Wade*,” *The Washington Post*, 15 October 2018.
- Author interview with Michelle Nickerson regarding *Kitchen Table Politics: Conservative Women and Family Values in New York* (University of Pennsylvania Press), *Nursing Clio*, 24 January 2018.
- “How abortion became the single most important litmus test in American politics. Abortion wasn’t always about partisan politics,” *The Washington Post*, 22 January 2018.
- “One Year After the Women’s Marches: Lessons for the Left from the History of the Right,” *The Penn Press Log*, 19 January 2018.
- “Why abortion—not sexual misconduct—is likely to decide the Alabama Senate race. Roy Moore is trying to save himself with a tried and true conservative move: resorting to the politics of abortion,” *The Washington Post*, 30 November 2017.

- “The Senate health-care battle isn’t what you think. It’s a fight between two versions of the Republican right, not between moderates and conservatives,” *The Washington Post*, 18 July 2017.
- “Phyllis Schlafly and the Making of Grassroots Conservative Sexual Politics,” *Notches*, 9 September 2016.

AWARDS

RAMAPO COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY

Sabbatical Committee Award (Spring 2024)

- Semester off from teaching to research new book project
- Faculty Scholarship Award Program (Summers 2011-2015, 2018-2020, 2022-23)*
- Writing and Research Stipend, \$4,500-\$7,220

FIVE COLLEGE WOMEN’S STUDIES RESEARCH CENTER

Research Associate (Fall 2010)

- Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship (Offer Declined)

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

American Dissertation Fellowship (2008-09)

- Dissertation Grant, \$20,000

THE WOODROW WILSON NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP FOUNDATION

Dissertation Fellowship in Women's Studies (2008-09)

- Dissertation Grant, \$3,000

NEW YORK STATE PARTNERSHIP TRUST & ARCHIVES

Larry J. Hackman Research Residency Program (2008)

- Travel Grant, \$575

ROCKEFELLER ARCHIVE CENTER

Grants-in-Aid Program (2008)

- Travel Grant, \$200

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study (2007)

- Dissertation Grant, \$700

BROWN UNIVERSITY

Miss Abbott’s School Fellowship (2007-08) & Graduate School Fellowship (2009-10)

- Award for full tuition, healthcare, and a \$19,000 stipend to complete research
- University Summer Fellowship, \$2,500

Teaching Assistant Appointment (2005-06 & 2006-07)

- Award for full tuition, healthcare, and an \$18,000 stipend as a Teaching Assistant
- University Summer Fellowship, \$2,500

DUKE UNIVERSITY

Chester P. Middlesworth Honorable Mention Award (2001)

- Senior Honors Thesis awarded for the effective use of primary sources, \$500

CONFERENCES/ PANELS/TALKS

- Participant on a panel, entitled “How to Publish Your Work in Public-Facing Media,” sponsored by the National Council on Public History (virtual), June 2026.
- Sharing Stories Fellows Program, Spring Research Symposium, University of Houston (virtual), May 2026; chair/commenter on a panel entitled, “New Histories of the 1970s and the Reverberations of the National Women’s Conference.”
- Talk entitled, “Women, Gender, and the 2024 U.S. Presidential Election in Historical Perspective,” Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland, April 2025.
- Participant on a panel, entitled “Race, Gender, and the 2024 Presidential Election,” Monmouth University (virtual), October 2024.
- Equal Rights Amendment Symposium, sponsored by the Alice Paul Institute and the New Jersey Law Center, chair/commenter of a panel entitled, “The ERA: How We Got Here,” Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, March 2023.
- Participant on a faculty and staff panel, entitled “Perspectives on *Dobbs v. Jackson* Overturning *Roe v. Wade*,” Ramapo College of NJ, Mahwah, NJ, July 2022.
- Participant on a panel, entitled “The *Dobbs v. Jackson* Decision in Historical Perspective,” sponsored by the Organization of American Historians (virtual), July 2022.
- Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians in Boston, MA, April 2022; chair/commenter of a panel entitled, “America’s Childcare Crisis.”
- Talk entitled, “Scholars in the Public Square: Commentary, Expertise, and Writing for the Media,” Emory University, Graduate School, History Department, (virtual), April 2022.
- The Thirtieth Annual Society for U.S. Intellectual History Conference (virtual), March 2022; chair/commenter of a panel entitled, “Defining the Public and the Private: New Directions in Gender and Sexuality History in the Postwar U.S.”
- Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians (virtual), April 2021; chair/commenter of a panel entitled, “Conservative White Women in Politics.”
- Select (virtual) book talks/interviews related to *Suffrage at 100: Women in American Politics Since 1920* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2020): interviews with Laura

- Boersma of the *She's History* podcast, season 2, episodes 1-3 (August-September 2020); panelist, "After the Nineteenth," Duke University Alumni Association (August 2020); interview with Betsy Fischer Martin, Executive Director of the Women & Politics Institute at American University (August 2020); book talk at the St. Paul Ramsey County Historical Society (October 2020); book talk at the Fairlawn Public Library (October 2020); interactive seminar/book talk, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Johns Hopkins University (October 2020); book talk at the Ridgewood Public Library (November 2020); interview with Lilly Goren of the *New Books in Political Science* podcast, episode 77 (December 10, 2020).
- Select book talks related to *Kitchen-Table Politics: Conservative Women and Family Values in New York* (University of Pennsylvania Press, Politics and Culture in Modern America Series, 2017): Ryder University (April 2017); Ramapo College (May 2017); The New School (September 2017); Ridgewood Public Library (October 2017); President's Dinner at Ramapo College (October 2017); Rutgers University-Newark (February 2018); Ridgewood JOLT (Join. Organize. Lead. Teach.) Organization (November 2019); and Brandywine Assisted Senior Living of Mahwah, NJ (February 2020).
- The National Women's Conference: Taking 1977 into the 21st Century in Houston, TX, November 2017; paper entitled, "The Politics of Dissent: Feminists v. Anti-Feminists at the IWY State Meeting in New York."
- Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians in Providence, RI, April 2016; paper entitled, "Vatican II, Anti-Abortion Activism, and the Roots of Political Party Realignment in New York State and Beyond, 1970-1980."
- The Seventh Annual Society for U.S. Intellectual History Conference in Washington, DC, October 2015; paper entitled, "Foregrounding the 'Silent Majority': Vatican II and the Roots of Lay Catholic Political Party Realignment in the Sixties."
- Presented introduction chapter of my book manuscript as part of the Modern America Workshop, sponsored by the History Department at Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, December 2014.
- Presented an article draft, entitled "Goodbye to the Party of Rockefeller: How a Decidedly 'Un-Silent Minority' Pushed the GOP to Embrace Anti-Feminism," as part of the Modern America Workshop, sponsored by the History Department at Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, December 2013.
- National Women's Studies Association Conference on Negotiating Points of Encounter in Cincinnati, OH, November 2013; chair/commenter on a panel entitled, "Troubling Bodies: Identity, National (Un)Belonging and Regulatory Campaigns."
- Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians in San Francisco, CA, April 2013; paper entitled, "Goodbye to the Party of Rockefeller: A Case Study of How the GOP Abandoned Feminist Goals in the 1970s."

- 15th Annual Women's History Conference at Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, NY, March 2013; paper entitled, "Feminism vs. 'Family Values': The Debate Over Abortion in New York State in the Seventies."
- The 2012 Policy History Conference in Richmond, VA, June 2012; paper entitled, "Long Island Housewives, Third-Party Politics, and the New York Right to Life Party, 1970-1980."
- The New School Gender Studies Lecture Series in New York, NY, November 2011; served as a discussant on a panel entitled "Right Wing Women."
- The Fourth Annual Society for U.S. Intellectual History Conference in New York, NY, November 2011; paper entitled, "Conservative Intellectual Thought, Suburban Housewives, and 'Family Values.'"
- Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians in Houston, TX, March 2011; paper entitled, "Broadcasting Family Values: Women, Conservative Talk Radio, and the Long Island Schools, 1976-1980."

SERVICE

RAMAPO COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY

- History Convener (2016-2023) – primarily responsible for scheduling all history courses on campus, hiring adjunct faculty, overseeing assessment activities for the major/minor, approving new history courses and major/minor requirements, determining course equivalencies for transfer students, and acting as the conduit between the dean of the humanities school and history faculty
- History Course Assessment Committee, Chair (2011-present)
- Phi Alpha Theta History Majors' Honor Society, Advisor (2013-2019)
- History Club, Advisor (2011-2022)
- Feminist Club, Advisor (2022-2024)
- Ramapo College, Jane Addams Papers Project, Advisory Board Member (2023-present)
- Ramapo College College-Wide Academic Review Committee, Chair (Jan. 2025-present); Member (2022-present)
- Ramapo College College-Wide Assessment Committee, Member (2018-2022)
- Ramapo College Advisement Council, Member (2016-2018)
- Ramapo College Provost's Scholarship Committee (2013-2024)
- Ramapo College Course Enrichment Component Committee, Member (2011-2012)
- Ramapo College General Education Taskforce Committee, Member (2015-2016)
- Ramapo College Teaching Technology Roundtable, Member (2013-2016)
- Salameño School of Humanities and Global Studies (SSHGS) Grants Committee, Chair (2011-2013), Member (2010-2011)
- SSHGS Colloquium/Speaker Series, Chair (2012-2016)
- SSHGS Film Committee, Member (2010-2013)
- Social Justice Coalition, Co-Advisor (2011-2013)
- Women's and Gender Studies Faculty Group, Member (2010-present)

- Women's History Month Planning Committee, Member (2011-present)
- Managed three student research interns, two American History Textbook Project interns, and five co-op students (2013-2018)

SHARING STORIES FROM 1977

- Member of the Sharing Stories national editorial board; a public history database documenting the only taxpayer-funded national conference on women ever held in America in November 1977 (2024-present)

ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN HISTORIANS (OAH)

- Member of the OAH's Committee on the Status of Women in the Historical Profession (2019-2023)