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## EDUCATION

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- 2010 Ph.D., Department of History, Women's History, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH  
2006 M.A., Department of History, Women's History, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH  
2003 B.A., Department of History and Department of Women's Studies, Summa Cum Laude, Metropolitan State College of Denver, Denver, CO

## EMPLOYMENT

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- 2016 – present Associate Professor, Department of History, Texas State University - San Marcos.  
2010 – 2016 Assistant Professor, Department of History, Texas State University - San Marcos.  
2012 – 2013 Visiting Assistant Professor, Human Trafficking and Modern Day Slavery Fellow, Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition at the Whitney and Betty MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, Yale University.

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Books:

- 2016 Jessica Pliley, Robert Kramm, and Harald Fischer-Tiné, eds. *Global Anti-Vice Activism, 1890 - 1950: Fighting Drinks, Drugs, and 'Immorality,'* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2016).  
2014 *Policing Sexuality: The Mann Act and the Making of the FBI* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2014).

### Refereed Journal Articles:

- 2016 "Vice Queens & White Slavery: The FBI's Crackdown on Elite Brothel Madams in 1930s New York City," *Journal of the History of Sexuality* 25, no. 1 (Jan 2016): 137-67.  
2013 "The Petticoat Inspectors: Women Boarding Inspectors and the Gendered Exercise of Federal Authority," *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era* 12, no. 1 (Jan 2013): 95-126.  
2010 "Claims to Protection: The Rise and Fall of Feminist Abolitionism in the League of Nations' Committee on the Traffic in Women and Children, 1919 – 1937," *Journal of Women's History* 22, no. 4 (Winter 2010): 90-113.  
2008 "Voting for the Devil: Unequal Partnerships in the Ohio Woman Suffrage Campaign of 1914," *Ohio History* 115 (Spring 2008): 4 – 27.

### Refereed Book Chapters

- 2017 "Protecting the Young and the Innocent: Age, Consent, and the Enforcement of the White Slave Traffic Act" in *Child Slavery Before and After Emancipation: An Argument for a Child-Centered Slavery Studies*, ed. Anna Mae Duane (New York: University of Cambridge Press, forthcoming).

- 2016 “The FBI’s White Slave Division: The Creation of a National Regulatory Regime to Police Prostitutes in the United States, 1910 – 1917,” in *Global Anti-Vice Activism, 1890 - 1950: Fighting Drinks, Drugs, and Immorality*, ed. Jessica Pliley, Robert Kramm, and Harald Fischer-Tiné (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2016).

**Book Reviews:**

- 2016 “A Crop of Boys and Girls: Review of *The 4-H Harvest: Sexuality and the State in Rural America* by Gabriel Rosenberg,” *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era* 15, No. 3 (July 2016): 373-374.
- 2011 “Review of *Texas Through Women’s Eyes: The Twentieth-Century Experience*,” By Judith N McArthur and Harold L. Smith, *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* 115, No. 2 (October 2011): 226-227.

**Manuscripts in Development:**

- “From White Slavery to Anti-Prostitution, The Long View: Law, Policy and Sex Trafficking,” in *Using History to Make Slavery History: The Past and the Challenge of Human Bondage in a New Millennium*, ed. James Brewer Stuart, Elizabeth Swanson Goldberg, and Claude D’Estree (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2017).
- “Archivally Bound and Confounded: Researching the History of Sex Trafficking,” in *Understanding the Global Business of Forced Labour*, ed. Genevieve LeBaron, *Proceedings of the British Academy* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017).

**Other Publications:**

- 2016 “The FBI, Sexual Predators, and the Mann Act,” *Notches: (Re)marks on the History of Sexuality*, Sept. 22, 2016.
- 2015 “Sexual Surveillance and Moral Quarantines: A History of Anti-Trafficking,” *Beyond Trafficking and Slavery*, *OpenDemocracy*, Apr. 27, 2015.
- 2015 “Sex Trafficking and the Carceral State,” *End Slavery Now: The Blog*, Mar. 15, 2015.
- 2014 “Why is it Congress Seems Concerned with Families Only When Sex Trafficking is at Issue?” *TIME* Dec. 13, 2014.
- 2014 “Why is it Congress Seems Concerned with Families Only When Sex Trafficking is at Issue?” *History News Network*, Dec. 7, 2014.

**FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS**

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- 2015 College of Liberal Arts Achievement Award for Excellence in Scholarly/Creative Activity, Texas State University – San Marcos.
- 2015 Outstanding Faculty Award for Outstanding Scholarly Contributions to Women and Gender Studies, Center for Diversity and Gender Studies, Texas State University - San Marcos
- 2012 – 2013 Human Trafficking and Modern Day Slavery Fellow, The Gilder Lehman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition, Yale University
- 2011 Research Enhancement Program Grant, Texas State University - San Marcos
- 2010 Library Research Grant, Texas State University - San Marcos
- 2009 – 2010 Presidential Fellowship, Ohio State University
- 2008 – 2009 P.E.O. Scholar Award from the International Chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood

- 2008 College of Humanities Summer Research Award, Department of History, Ohio State University
- 2008 College of Humanities Graduate Research Small Grant, Ohio State University
- 2008 Clarke Chambers Travel Fellowship, Social Welfare History Archives, University of Minnesota
- 2007 Coca-Cola Critical Difference for Women Grant for Research on Women, Gender, and Gender Equity, Department of Women's Studies, Ohio State University
- 2007 Genevieve Brown Gist Dissertation Research Award in Women's History, Department of History, Ohio State University

#### INVITED TALKS

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- 2016 "Archivally Bound and Confounded, Revisited: Researching Sex Trafficking in the Early Twentieth Century," Challenges in Researching the Shadow Economy: A Methods Symposium on Forced Labour, Sponsored by the British Academy for the Humanities and Social Sciences, London, UK, October 14 – 15, 2016.
- 2016 "Mobilizing against Trafficking: Transnational Feminist Coalitions against 'Consuming' Women's Bodies," Forging Bonds Across Borders: Transnational Mobilization for Social Justice in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Transatlantic World, German Historical Institute, Washington, DC, April 28-30, 2016.
- 2016 "Protecting White Slaves or Policing Prostitutes? Sex Trafficking, the FBI, and the Mann Act, 1900-1941," Sex, Gender and the Carceral State, Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Northeastern University, March 18, 2016.
- 2015 "White Slaves and Moral Borders: The Enforcement of Anti-Sex Trafficking Policy in the United States, 1904-1941," Conference on Human Trafficking, Labor Migration & Migration Control in Comparative Historical Perspective, Pozen Family Center for Human Rights, University of Chicago, October 16 – 17, 2015.
- 2015 "Archivally Bound and Confounded," Challenges in Researching the Shadow Economy: A Methods Symposium on Forced Labour, British Academy for the Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Sheffield, October 8 – 9, 2015.
- 2015 "Lessons of Enforcement: The FBI, The White Slave Traffic Act, and 'Any Other Immoral Purpose,'" Using Slavery to Make Slavery History, Historians Against Slavery and the National Underground Freedom Center, Cincinnati, OH, September 24 – 27, 2015.
- 2015 "The FBI Investigates Interstate Sexual Violence: The Mann Act, 1910 – 1941," Historicizing Rape, Cardiff University, UK, July 8 – 10, 2015.
- 2015 "The FBI, the White Slave Traffic Act, and 'Any Other Immoral Purpose,'" Trafficking, Smuggling, and Illicit Migration in Historical Perspective, University of London, Birkbeck, June 18 – 20, 2015.
- 2015 "Beyond White Slavery: Policing Sexuality and the FBI," Ohio State University History Department's Gender and Sexuality Series, Columbus, OH, April 6, 2015
- 2014 "Policing Wives and Prostitutes: The Enforcement of the White Slave Traffic Act," Amerika-Institute, Ludwig-Maximilians Universität-Munich, July 3, 2014.
- 2013 "Protecting the Young and the Innocent: Age, Consent, and the Enforcement of the White Slave Traffic Act," When is a Child a Slave? Children's Labor and Children's Rights, 1760 – 2014, University of Connecticut, Storrs, October 18, 2013.

- 2013 “Local Legal Cultures, the Spread of National Prostitution Policy, and the Mann Act,” American Studies in Transatlantic Perspective: Critical Regionalism in Politics and Culture, The Bavarian American Academy in Munich—5<sup>th</sup> International Summer Academy, Munich, Germany, May 20 – June 3, 2013.
- 2013 “The FBI’s Local White Slavery Corps: The Fight Against Sex Trafficking and the Growth of the Associative State, 1910-1919,” Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance and Abolition at the Whitney and Betty MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, Yale University, New Haven, CT, March 27, 2013.
- 2013 “Enforcing the White Slave Traffic Act: The FBI and Anti-Sex Trafficking Law Enforcement, 1910-1941,” Working Group on Modern Slavery and Trafficking, Carr Center for Human Rights Policy, Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, February 21, 2013.
- 2012 “The White Slave Traffic Act: A Useable Past and the Deep Roots of Modern Day Slavery,” Abolition Past and Present: Scholars, Activists, and the Challenge of Contemporary Slavery, Gilder Lehman’s 14<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference, Yale University, New Haven, CT, November 8 – 10, 2012.
- 2012 “The Immigration Bureau goes Undercover Searching for White Slavery,” International Security Studies Colloquium, Yale University, New Haven, CT, October 17, 2012.
- 2012 “The FBI’s White Slave Division: The Creation of a National Regulatory Regime to Police Prostitutes in the United States, 1910 – 1917,” Fighting Drink, Drugs and Venereal Diseases: Global Anti-Vice Activism, 1870 – 1940, Monte Verità, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Ascona, Switzerland, April 1 – 4, 2012.
- 2008 “Wandering Wives, Deviant Daughters, and Pesky Prostitutes: Moral Boundaries under the Mann Act, 1900 – 1941,” P.E.O Sisterhood, Chapter V, Columbus, OH, April 28, 2008.
- 2008 “Suppression of the Traffic: White Slavery and the League of Nations, 1919 – 1936,” Harvard Graduate Student Conference on International History, Cambridge, MA, March 14 – 15, 2008.

## ANNUAL CONFERENCES

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### Papers Presented

- 2017 “The Marital Dimensions of White Slavery: Questions about Women’s Mobility, Citizenship, and Sexuality in the Global Anti-Sex Trafficking Movement,” Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Genders and Sexualities, Hofstra University, June 1 – 4, 2017.
- 2017 “Boundaries, Borders, & Scale: The Methodological, Conceptual, and Practical Problems with Researching Sex Trafficking,” Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Genders and Sexualities, Hofstra University, June 1 – 4, 2017.
- 2017 “Tracking the Traffic: The League of Nations’ Investigations into Sex Trafficking,” Organization of American Historians, New Orleans, LA, April 6 – 9, 2017.
- 2017 “Moral Border Control: U.S. Compliance with International Anti-Sex Trafficking Policy During World War II,” Organization of American Historians, New Orleans, LA, April 6 – 9, 2017.
- 2017 “A Moral Quarantine: The FBI’s White Slave Division, 1910-1917,” American Historical Association, Denver, CO, January 5 – 8, 2017.
- 2016 “Sexual Surveillance and Moral Border Control,” The European Social Science History Conference, Valencia, Spain, March 30 – April 2, 2016.

- 2015 “The Long History of the International Anti-Sex Trafficking Movement,” Organization of American Historians, St. Louis, MO, April 16 – 19, 2015.
- 2014 “Beyond White Slavery: The Enforcement of the Federal White Slave Traffic Act in the United States, 1910 – 1941,” Fourth Annual European Conference on World and Global History, hosted by the European Network in Universal and Global History, École Normale Supérieure Paris, Paris, France, September 4- 7, 2014.
- 2014 “The FBI’s War on the High-Handed and High-Living Vice Queens: Sex Trafficking and Elite Prostitution in Depression-Era New York City,” Berkshire Conference on Women’s History, University of Toronto, May 22 – 25, 2014.
- 2013 “World War I, the FBI, and the Mann Act: The White Slave Officer and Camp MacArthur,” Southern History Association, St. Louis, MI, October 31 – November 3, 2013.
- 2013 “The Associative Surveillance State: The White Slave Division, 1910 – 1917,” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, Washington, DC, June 20 – 22, 2013.
- 2013 “Policing Disorderly Homes: The FBI, the Mann Act, and the Family, 1919 – 1941,” American Historical Association, New Orleans, LA, January 5, 2013.
- 2011 “Enforcing a Moral Quarantine: The Federal Bureau of Investigation and the White Slave Traffic Act of 1910,” Berkshire Conference on Women’s History, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA, June 9 – 11, 2011.
- 2010 “White Slavery under J. Edgar Hoover’s Bureau of Investigation: The Federal Policing of Interracial Sex under the Mann Act during the 1920s and 1930s,” Organization of American Historians, Washington, DC, April 7 – 10, 2010.
- 2008 “Wandering Wives, Philandering Parents, and Deviant Daughters: Policing Moral Boundaries under the Mann Act, 1910 – 1929,” Berkshire Conference on Women’s History, Minneapolis, MN, June 12 – 15, 2008.
- 2008 “Interrogating Affairs: Policing Moral, Racial, and Gender Boundaries under the Mann Act, 1919 – 1929,” American Historical Association, Washington, DC, January 3 – 6, 2008.
- 2007 “‘Publicity Means Opposition’: Conflicts between Local, State-wide, and National Suffrage Organizing Tactics in the Ohio Suffrage Campaign of 1914,” Graduate Symposium on Women’s and Gender History, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, March 8 – 10, 2007.

#### **Discussant**

- 2016 “New Perspectives on the FBI and American Politics,” Organization of American Historians, Providence, Rhode Island, April 7 – 10, 2016.
- 2015 “Communities Confronting Violence,” Rural Women’s History Association, San Marcos, TX, February 13, 2015.
- 2012 “Sex and the Southern City: Female Sexuality and Vice in Urban Environments,” The Southern Association of Women’s Historians Conference, Fort Worth, TX, June 7 – 10, 2012.

#### **Campus Talks**

- 2015 “*Policing Sexuality*: Research Adventures,” Philosophy Dialogue Series, Texas State University - San Marcos, April 9, 2015.
- 2014 “The Relationship of Global Civil Society to Slavery,” End Child Trafficking, Philosophy Dialogue Series, Texas State University - San Marcos, October 8, 2014.

- 2011 “Beyond White Slavery: Policing Women and the Growth of the FBI, 1900 – 1941,” Center for Multicultural and Gender Studies, Women and Gender Research Collaborative, Brown Bag Research Seminar, Texas State University, November 30, 2011.
- 2011 “The FBI Takes on NYC’s Vice Queens: The War on Crime and White Slavery,” Phi Alpha Theta Brown Bag Series, Texas State University - San Marcos, San Marcos, TX, April 5, 2011.
- 2010 “Under Suspicious Circumstances: The Bureau of Investigation Enforces the Mann Act, 1900 – 1915,” Modern U.S. Seminar, Department of History, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, February 12, 2010.

## TEACHING

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### Teaching Interests:

- U.S. Women History
- History of Feminism
- Transnational History
- History of Sexuality
- History of Social Movements
- History of Crime and Law Enforcement
- History of Immigration

### Courses Taught and Developed:

- American Civilizations to 1877, survey
- American Civilizations since 1877, survey
- Latin American History, pre-Columbian to 1825, survey
- Slavery: Past and Present, upper division
- History of Sexuality, upper division
- Victorian Britain, upper division
- U.S. Women’s History, upper division
- European Women Women’s History, upper division
- From White Slavery to Sex Trafficking, upper division
- Gender and Citizenship, graduate level
- History of Sexuality, graduate level
- Women in Modern America, graduate level

## SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

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- 2016 – 2018 Co-Director (with Genevieve LeBaron), Yale Working Group on Modern-Day Slavery and Trafficking, Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance and Abolition at the Whitney and Betty MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, Yale University, New Haven, CT.
- 2016 – 2017 Member of the Gender and the State Programming Committee, Berkshire Conference of Women’s Historians.
- 2016 – 2019 Advisor, UK Arts & Humanities Research Council Grant, “Trafficking, Smuggling and Illicit Migration in Gendered and Historical Perspective, c. 1870 – 2000,” Julia Laite (PI) and Philippa Heatherington (PI).
- 2015 – present Texas Coordinator, National American Woman Suffrage Association Biography Project, Women and Social Movements-United States, ed. Thomas Dublin, Alexander Street Press.
- 2015 – present Member of the Advisory Board of Women and Social Movements-International, Alexander Street Press.
- 2014 – 2015 Co-Organizer with Julia Laite (University of London, Birbeck) and Philippa Hetherington (University of Sydney, now University College London) of Trafficking, Smuggling, and Illicit Migration in Historical Perspective, Birkbeck, University of London, June 18-20, 2015.
- 2013 – 2014 Co-Organizer of American Studies in Transatlantic Perspective: Critical Regionalism in Politics and Culture, Center for the Study of the Southwest at Texas State University and the Bavarian American Academy in Munich—6<sup>th</sup> International Summer Academy, San Marcos, TX, May 31 – Jun 10, 2014.

- 2013 Participant, “The Supreme Court in the Age of Holmes and Brandeis,” Institute for Constitutional History, New York Historical Society, New York, NY, Spring 2013.
- 2012 – 2013 Member, Working Group on Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking, Carr Center for Human Rights Policy, Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 2012 – 2013.
- 2012 – 2013 Co-Organizer, “The Double Lives of First Ladies: Power, Paradox, and Pageantry Symposium,” Department of History, Texas State University - San Marcos, February 28 to March 1, 2013.
- 2011 – present Peer reviewer, *Journal of Research on Women and Gender*, *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era*, *Media History*, *Contemporary European History*, *Journal of Women’s History*.

#### **SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY**

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- 2014 – present Chair, Website Committee, Department of History, Texas State University - San Marcos.
- 2014 – present Member, Policy Committee, Department of History, Texas State University - San Marcos.
- 2011 – present Member, Journal Committee, Women and Gender Research Collaborative, Texas State University - San Marcos.
- 2011 – present Chair, Phi Alpha Theta Committee, Department of History, Texas State University - San Marcos.
- 2010 – 2012 Chair, Undergraduate Success Committee, Department of History, Texas State University – San Marcos.
- 2011 – 2012 Member, Symposium Committee: “Occupy Free Speech: Getting Women’s Voices Heard,” Women and Gender Research Collaborative, Texas State University - San Marcos.
- 2006 – 2010 Co-Chair for the Women’s History Workshop, Department of History, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.
- 2007 – 2010 Graduate Student Representative, Student Health Insurance Committee, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.
- 2007 – 2009 Organizer and Web Administrator, Gender & Emancipation Project, Transnational Feminisms Graduate Organization, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio  
<http://genderandemancipation.org.ohio-state.edu>.

#### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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American Historical Association  
 Organization of American Historians  
 Western Association of Women’s Historians

Coordinating Council for Women in History  
 Berkshires Conference of Women’s Historians