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EDUCATION

2017 **PhD, History Research**

King's College London

“‘A Riddle of the Sphinx’: Cancer in Britain, 1792-1914’

Supervised by Professor Abigail Woods and Dr Caitjan Gainty

Examined by Professor Keir Waddington and Dr Carsten Timmermann

Studies fully funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC)

2013 **MSc, History of Science, Technology and Medicine**

Imperial College London/University College London

‘The Changing 19th Century: Feminism, History, and Medical Historiography, 1968-1980’

Supervised by Professor David Edgerton

Studies fully funded by the AHRC

2012 **BA Hons, Modern History**

University of Oxford, Hertford College

‘Edwin Sidney Hartland: Matrilineal Kindship and the Patriarchy in 19th Century Britain’

Supervised by Dr David Hopkin

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2017-2019 **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**

‘A Theatre of Emotions: The Affective Landscape of Nineteenth-Century British Surgery’

Roehampton University

Research project funded by the Wellcome Trust

2018 **Teaching Fellow in the History of Medicine and Science**

Department of Science and Technology Studies

University College London

2017-2018 **Visiting Research Fellow**

Centre for the History of Emotions

Max Planck Institute for Human Development

Berlin, Germany

2017 **Research Assistant**

‘From Microbes to Matrons: Infection Control in British Hospitals, c.1870-1970’

Glasgow University and King's College London

Research project funded by the Leverhulme Trust

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

‘Mapmaking and Mapthinking: Cancer as a Problem of Space in Nineteenth-Century England’,
Social History of Medicine (Accepted Subject to Revisions)

'Gender, Pain and the 'Calculus of Suffering' in the Nineteenth-Century Clinic', *Gender and History*, (In Preparation)

Book Chapters

"'A Rebellion of the Cells'": Cancer, Modernity, and Decline in Fin-de-Siècle Britain', in Sally Shuttleworth (ed.), *Medicine and Modernity in the Long Nineteenth Century*, (Manchester University Press, Forthcoming)

'The Pre-History of the Paleo Diet: Cancer and Dietary Innovation in Nineteenth-Century Britain', in David Gentilcore and Matthew Smith (eds.), *Dietary Innovation and Disease*, (Bloomsbury, Forthcoming)

Review Essays

2016 'Pathology of Progress? Locating the Historiography of Cancer', *British Journal for the History of Science*, (December, 2016)

Book Reviews

2017 Ornella Moscucci, *Gender and Cancer in England, 1860-1940*, in *Social History of Medicine*, (October, 2017)

Other Publications

2017 'Metaphors and Malignancy in Senator McCain's Cancer Diagnosis', *Nursing Clio*, (July, 2017)

2017 'The Pre-History of the Paleo Diet', *Nursing Clio*, (May, 2017)

2016 "'The Unreasonable Indulgence of That Appetite'": Cancer as a Venereal Disease in the Nineteenth Century', *Notches [Re]marks on the History of Sexuality* (January, 2016)

2015 'How Doctors of the Past Blamed Women for Breast Cancer', *Time Magazine*, (April, 2015)

2015 'The Hazards of Womanhood: Cancer in the Nineteenth Century', *History Today* (April, 2015)

2014 'Clitoridectomies: Female Genital Mutilation c.1860-2014', *Notches [Re]marks on the History of Sexuality* (November, 2014)

2014 "'What a Woman Is?": Breast Cancer, Sexuality and the Unreconstructed Self', *Notches [Re]marks on the History of Sexuality*, (August, 2014)

2014 'The Queer Caribbean: Conflicting Uses of the Colonial Past', *Notches [Re]marks on the History of Sexuality*, (May, 2014)

FUNDING AND AWARDS

2017 American Association for the History of Medicine, Grant, \$1000.00

2016 American Association for the History of Medicine, Grant, \$500.00

2016 Society for the Social History of Medicine, Bursary, £500.00

- 2015 British Society for the History of Science, £500.00
- 2014 King's College London, Individual Research Grant, £680.00
- 2013 King's College London, Individual Research Grant, £200.00
- 2013 Friends of the Wellcome Trust Prize, £250.00 awarded to the best MSc dissertation in the history of medicine
- 2013 Arts and Humanities Research Council, Doctoral Studentship
- 2012 Arts and Humanities Research Council, Postgraduate Studentship

INVITED TALKS

- 2015 “‘The Tyranny Which Germ Theory May Exercise’: Contagion and the Causes of Cancer in the Nineteenth Century’, University of Birmingham (October 2015) and University of Manchester (November, 2015)
- 2014 “Clitoridectomy’ vs. ‘Female Circumcision’: Gynaecological Practices and the Language of Pathology and Tradition, 1860-1945’, Transnational Approaches to Child Abuse, Cardiff University, UK (April, 2014)
- 2014 ‘The Changing Nineteenth Century: Feminism and Medical Historiography’, Conversations and Disputations: Discussions Among Historians, Institute of Historical Research, London, UK (January, 2014)

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- 2017 ‘Cancer and the ‘Calculus of Suffering’ in the Nineteenth-Century Clinic’, American Association for the History of Medicine Annual Meeting, (May, 2017)
- 2017 ‘Gender and Pain in Nineteenth-Century Cancer Care’, Gender and Pain in Modern History, Birkbeck College, (March, 2017)
- 2016 ‘Pathology of Progress: Cancer in Nineteenth-Century Britain’, Medicine and Modernity in the Long Nineteenth Century, University of Oxford, (September, 2016)
- 2016 ‘Cancer and Public Health in Nineteenth-Century Britain’, Society for the Social History of Medicine Conference, University of Kent, Canterbury (July, 2016)
- 2016 ‘Pathology of Progress: Cancer in Nineteenth-Century Britain’, Dietary Innovation and Disease, Venice, (June, 2016)
- 2016 “‘The Tyranny Which Germ Theory May Exercise’: Contagion and the Causes of Cancer in the Nineteenth Century’, American Association for the History of Medicine Annual Meeting, (March-April, 2016)
- 2016 ‘Cancer in Situ: Disease Mapping in Nineteenth-Century Britain’, Social History Society Conference, University of Lancaster, (March, 2016)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Masters

2018 'Science in the Nineteenth Century', Science and Technology Studies Department, University College London. Designed course, conducted seminars, marked essays, provided feedback.

Third Year Undergraduate

2018 'Disease in History', Science and Technology Studies Department, University College London. Designed course, wrote lectures, conducted seminars, marked essays, provided feedback.

2016 '20th Century Medicine, State, and Society in the US and UK', History Department, King's College London. Guest lectured ('HIV and AIDS in Historical Context', 'Second-Wave Feminism and Medicine', 'Cancer and Public Health'), conducted seminars.

Second Year Undergraduate

2014-2017 'History and Memory', History Department, King's College London. Graduate Teaching Assistant, guest lectured ('Queering the Past'), conducted seminars, marked essays, provided feedback.

2016 'Modern London', History Department, King's College London. Guest lectured ('Hospitals, Health, and Sanitation').

2015 'Victorian London', History Department, King's College London. Guest lectured ('Health in the City').

First Year Undergraduate

2016 'Politics and Society in Britain, 1789-1945', History Department, King's College London. Guest lectured ('The History of the NHS', 'Health and Disease').

Mentorship and Essay Writing Support

2016 Free Standing Long Essay Workshops [advising final-year undergraduates on self-designed research projects/dissertations], King's College London

Summer Schools

2014 History of Medicine Summer School, King's College London, (July, 2014)

Assessment

2015 Assessing Oral Presentations on the History of Medicine by Medical Students, King's College London, (December, 2015)

2014 Assessing Oral Presentations on the History of Medicine by Medical Students, King's College London, (December, 2014)

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

2015-2017 Graduate Student Representative, Gender Equality Committee, History Department, King's College London

2015-2016 Committee Member, Graduate Student Seminar Series, History Department, King's College London

2015-2016 Graduate Teaching Assistant Representative, Departmental Education Committee, History Department, King's College London

2015-2016 Graduate Teaching Assistant Representative, Staff Student Liaison Committee, History Department, King's College London

COMMUNITY OUTREACH/PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

University Access

2016 Thinking Further Summer School, King's College London, (June, 2016)

2014-2016 Personal Statement Checker, The Social Mobility Foundation

2014 The Philosophy of Fairness, PhD Tutor, The Brilliant Club, (October-November, 2014). Article on my experiences published in the Guardian: <http://www.theguardian.com/teacher-network/2015/jan/28/teach-students-equality-smarties>

Public Lectures

2016 'The Genital Touch: Understanding Male Cancers Past and Present', Royal College of Nursing Library & Archives, Manchester Central Library, (November, 2016)

2015 'Cancer and Animals', Being Human Festival, Hunterian Museum, (November, 2015)

Editorial

2015 Editor, *Notches [Re]marks on the History of Sexuality*, (www.notchesblog.com)

2015 Assistant Editor, *Notches [Re]marks on the History of Sexuality*, (www.notchesblog.com)

NON-ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2015-2017 Executive Assistant, Carradale Consultancy

2012-2015 Research Assistant and Fundraising and Communications Officer, SafeHands for Mothers

2014 Country Impact and Sustainability Intern, Joint United Nations Programme for HIV/AIDS

LANGUAGES

English – native reading, writing, speaking and listening – Common European Framework of Reference for languages level [CEFR] C2/mastery

French – good reading and writing, conversational speaking and listening – CEFR B1-2/intermediate to upper intermediate

Spanish - good reading and writing, conversational speaking and listening – CEFR A2-B1/elementary to intermediate