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Vita

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Education

B.A., History, 2002, Lamar University, Beaumont, Texas
M.A., History, 2004, Lamar University, Beaumont, Texas
Ph.D., History, 2012, University at Buffalo, State University of New York, Buffalo, New York

Honors and Awards

College of Arts & Sciences Summer Research Fellowship, *Lamar University*, 2023
Humanities Institute Summer Research Grant, *University at Buffalo*, 2010
Institute for Research & Education on Women and Gender Scholarship, *University at Buffalo*, 2008
Philadelphia Area Center for the History of Science Dissertation Fellowship
Consortium for History of Science, Technology, and Medicine, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 2008
Clarke Chambers Travel Grant, Social Welfare History Archive, *University of Minnesota*, 2008

Association Memberships

Organization of American Historians
Southern Association for the History of Medicine and Science
Southern Historical Association
Berkshire Conference of Women Historians
Coordinating Council for Women in History
American Association for the History of Medicine

Professional Experience

Member, COAS At-Large Senator, Faculty Senate, Lamar University

Member, COAS Student-Faculty Relations Committee, Lamar University

Reviewer, *History: Reviews of New Books*

Member, Award Committee, Carol Gold Award, Coordinating Council for Women in History

Reviewer, *Southern Association of the History of Medicine and Science*

Research Interests

My research interests include the history of science and medicine, specifically public health, and women's history.

Current Research

I am currently working on a book-length project that examines women convicted of multiple murders. My research centers around how these women are perceived by the criminal justice system, the media, popular culture, and society in general. I will also investigate how race, ethnicity, class, and environmental circumstances play a role in these perceptions. Women who murder family members are particularly subjected to intense scrutiny and moral condemnation. In addition, I am exploring how ideas of maternal instinct are embedded in those perceptions. The concept of maternal instinct is a socially constructed idea shaped by cultural norms that reinforce gender stereotypes and "traditional" roles for women in society. This idea suggests that all women possess an innate, natural desire and ability to care for children. These questions draw together ideas of motherhood, reproduction, the family, and the construction of "fitness." There are societal pressures to normalize the characteristics of a "fit" or "normal" woman and mother. It is against these ideals of normality that women are categorized as "unfit" and "deviant." Women who commit multiple murders, especially those of family members, go against historical societal expectations that women be nurturing and protective. Therefore, the actions of these women are pathologized as "unfit" and "deviant," while those of men are consistently characterized as acting within the framework of hegemonic masculinity.

Teaching Experience

Lamar University, Beaumont, Texas

Assistant Professor

Graduate Courses:

History of Public Health in the United States

The Gilded Age & Progressive Era

U.S. Women's History to 1877

Undergraduate Courses:

U.S. History
Texas History
U.S. Women's History
History of Public Health in the United States
History of Medicine
The Gilded Age & Progressive Era
History Research

Lamar State College-Orange, Orange, Texas***Adjunct Instructor***

U.S. History
World Civilization II

University at Buffalo, State University of New York, New York**Undergraduate Courses:**

U.S. History
World History
Social History of Public Health in the United States

Professional Presentations

"Building a Healthier Community: Dr. Edward Sprott Jr., Equal Rights, and Healthcare in Beaumont, Texas," Texas Gulf Historical Society, Beaumont, Texas, October 18, 2022.

"Community Healing: African American Healthcare in Beaumont, Texas, 1900-1965," Dishman School Nursing, Lamar University, Beaumont, Texas, March 4, 2022.

"The Sprott Family: Three Brothers' Fight Against Discriminatory Medical Practices in Southeast Texas, 1900-1969," Southern Association for the History of Medicine and Science Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 3, 2020.

Publications and Papers***JOURNAL ARTICLES***

"Dr. Edward D. Sprott Jr.: Civil Rights Activist and Champion for Equal Access to Healthcare," *Texas Gulf Historical & Biographical Record* 57 (Fall 2021): 8-36.

"School Desegregation in Port Arthur: The Battle Between the Community, the Board, and the Justice Department," *East Texas Historical Journal* 44 (Fall 2006): 3-16.

BOOK CHAPTER

“Procreating a Superior America Without Poor Jane, Grace, or Doris: Female Field Workers, the Eugenics and Public Health Movements, and the Regulation of Reproductive Behavior,” in *Women Who Belong: Claiming a Female’s Right-Filled Place*. Marsha R. Robinson, ed. UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2013.

BOOK REVIEW

Review of *Mischievous Creatures: The Forgotten Sisters Who Transformed Early American Science* by Catherine McNeur, *History: Reviews of New Books* 51 (November 2023).

References

Available upon request.