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## Employment

Visitor, School of Social Science, Institute for Advanced Study 2015	2014-
Assistant Professor of History, University of South Florida	2008 - present
Barra Postdoctoral Fellow, McNeil Center for Early American Studies, University of Pennsylvania	2008 - 2010
Visiting Assistant Professor of History, Philadelphia University	2006 - 2008

## Education

Ph.D., History, Rutgers University	2007
B.A., History, Rutgers University	1998

## Publications

### Book

*Domestic Intimacies: Incest and the Liberal Subject in Nineteenth-Century America* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, Spring 2014)

### Journal

Founding Co-editor, *History of the Present: A Journal of Critical History*, University of Illinois Press (First Issue, Summer 2011)

\* Award: Best New Journal, Council of Editors of Learned Journals, 2013 \*

### Edited Volumes

“Kinship and Race in Early America,” *Early American Studies*, special issue co-edited with Dawn Peterson (Emory University), Scheduled for Fall 2016.

“Slavery and the Archive,” *History of the Present*, special issue co-edited with Marisa Fuentes (Rutgers University), Scheduled for Fall 2016.

### Articles

“Against Accumulation,” *J19: The Journal of Nineteenth-Century Americanists* (Spring 2014): 72-79.

“Liberalism’s Incestuous Subject: Private and Public Sex in the Nineteenth-Century United States,” *History of the Present: A Journal of Critical History* (Summer 2011): 31-58.

“Intimate Atlantics: Toward a Critical History of Transnational Early America,” *Common-place* 11.2 (January 2011)

“the family become a school of abominable impurity’: Incest and Theology in the Early Republic’ *Journal of the Early Republic* (Fall 2010): 413-442.

“‘Hindoo Marriage’ and National Sovereignty in the Early Nineteenth Century,” *Warring for America, 1803-1818* eds. Nicole Eustace, Rob Parkinson, and Fredrika Teute (Accepted, volume under review at the Omuhundro Institute for Early American History and Culture and University of North Carolina Press)

### **In Progress**

“The Curse of Canaan; or, A Fantasy of Origins in Nineteenth-Century America,” *Connexions: Histories of Race and Sex in North America*, eds. Jennifer Brier, Jim Downs, and Jennifer Morgan (volume under review, University of Illinois Press).

“On Food and Necessity in the Age of the Chef; or, Why the Chef is the Subject-Supposed-to-Know”

*Sacred Kin: Kinship, Religion, Modernity in Nineteenth-Century America*

### **Short Publications**

“Comment on John Borneman, Incest, the Child, and the Despotism of the Father” *Current Anthropology* (April, 2012): 195-196.

“Incest,” in *Encyclopedia of Women in World History*, ed. Bonnie G. Smith (New York: Oxford University Press, 2008).

Review of Kathleen M. Brown, *Foul Bodies: A History of Cleanliness in Early America*; Doron Ben-Atar and

Richard D. Brown, *Taming Lust: Crimes Against Nature in the Early Republic*; Elaine Forman Crane, *Witches,*

*Wife Beaters and Whores: Common Law and Common Folk in Early America* (forthcoming, *Massachusetts Historical Review*).

Review of Christine Talbot, *A Foreign Kingdom: Mormons and Polygamy in American Political Culture, 1852-1890* (forthcoming, *H-SHGAPE*).

Review of Lynn Sacco, *Unspeakable: Father Daughter Incest in American History*, *Journal of American History* (December 2011): 848-849.

Review of Daniel Noah Moses, *The Promise of Progress: The Life and Work of Lewis Henry Morgan* and David

Andrew Nichols, *Red Gentleman and White savages: Indians, Federalists, and the Search for Order on the American*

*Frontier*, *Journal of the Early Republic* (Winter 2010): 669-674.

Review of J.M. Opal, *Beyond the Farm: National Ambitions in Rural New England*, *Journal of the Early Republic*

(Spring 2009): 171-174.

## **Honors, Awards, Grants**

Visitor, School of Social Science, Institute for Advanced Study, 2014-2015

Summer Grant, Humanities Institute, University of South Florida, 2013

Best New Journal, Council of Editors of Learned Journals, 2012

Creative Scholarship Grant, University of South Florida, 2011

Barra Postdoctoral Fellow, McNeill Center for Early American Studies, University of Pennsylvania, 2008-2010

## **Conferences and Panels**

### **Conference Organized**

“Situation Critical!: Critique, Theory, and Early American Studies,” with Max Cavitch (University of Pennsylvania), McNeil Center for Early American Studies, March 31-April 2, 2016.

### **Panels Organized**

“Sex in Common,” C19: Society of Nineteenth-Century Americanists, Chapel Hill, NC, March 13-16, 2014

“Kinship, Democracy, Modernity,” American Historical Association, New Orleans, LA, January 3-6, 2013

“Rethinking the History of Sexuality in the Early Republic,” Organization of Early American Historians Annual Meeting, Houston, TX March 17-20, 2011

### **Conference Presentations**

Roundtable Presenter, “The Pleasure of the Archive,” American Studies Association, Los Angeles, CA.

“Uncommon Families,” C19: Society of Nineteenth-Century Americanists, Chapel Hill, NC, March 13-16, 2014

“The Sex of ‘Hindoo’ Children: Religion and Sexuality in the Nineteenth-Century United States,” American Historical Association, Washington, D.C., January 2-5, 2014

“What’s Left of Domesticity as Political Critique?” Solidarity and Social Justice?: Recasting Histories of Women, Gender and Sexuality, Rutgers University, October 24-26, 2013

“‘Hindoos’ and ‘Mahometans’ in the United States: Religion, Kinship, and Modernity in the Early Republic,” American Historical Association, New Orleans, LA, January 3-6, 2013

“‘Hindoos’ and Mahometans’ in the Democratic Republic,” American Studies Association San Juan, Puerto Rico, November 14-17, 2012

“Lewis Henry Morgan, Hawaiian Marriage, and the Geopolitics of Incest,” Society for the History of the Early American Republic, Baltimore, MD July 13-16, 2012

Roundtable, "Childhood, Sexuality and the Politics of Consent," American Studies Association, Baltimore, MD, October 20-23, 2011

"Incest, Phrenology, and the History of Sexuality in the Nineteenth Century," Organization of Early American Historians Annual Meeting, Houston, TX March 17-20, 2011

"Incest, Liberalism, and the Erotics of Hereditary Science in the Nineteenth Century United States," Family Ties: Rethinking the Politics of Kinship, Cornell University, October 1, 2010

"Liberalism's Incestuous Subject: Public and Private Sex in Nineteenth-Century America," Humanities Institute, University of South Florida, October 15, 2009

"Incest at the Edges of Liberalism," Center for the Humanities, Temple University, February 17, 2009

"Incest, Hereditary Science and the Nation in the Early Republic," Society for the History of the Early American Republic, Philadelphia, July 17-20, 2008.

"This Insidious Enormity": The Theology of Incest in the Early Republic," McNeil Center for Early American Studies, University of Pennsylvania, October 19, 2007.

### **Invited Talks**

"Domestic Intimacies: Incest and the Liberal Subject in Nineteenth-Century America" Intellectual History Workshop, New York University, February 17, 2014

"Religion and the Politics of Incestuous Marriage: Erotic Families in the Early American Republic," Connecticut College, March 31, 2010

## **Teaching**

### **Graduate Courses**

Atlantic Modernities, 1750-1900 (University of South Florida)

PhD Proseminar: Liberalism (University of South Florida)

Sentiment and Families in American History (University of South Florida)

History of Sexuality (University of South Florida)

### **Undergraduate Courses**

Theory of History (University of South Florida)

Nineteenth-Century United States (University of South Florida)

American History to 1877 (University of South Florida)

Sexual Revolutions (University of Pennsylvania)

Sex and Family in Early America (University of Pennsylvania)

## **Service**

### **To the Profession**

Selection Committee, NEH-AAS Long-term Fellowships, American Antiquarian Society,  
2014

Juror, Best New Journal Award, Council of Editors of Learned Journals, 2013-2014

Manuscript Reviewer for *The Journal of the History of Sexuality*, *Journal of the Early Republic*, *The Historian*, University of Pennsylvania Press

Postdoctoral Fellow Selection Committee, McNeil Center for Early American Studies,  
University of Pennsylvania, 2008-2009

### **To the University**

Advisory Board, Humanities Institute, University of South Florida, 2010-

Graduate Committee, Department of History, University of South Florida, 2010-2014

Graduate Coordinator, Department of History, University of South Florida, 2012-2014

Graduate Committee, School of Humanities, University of South Florida, 2012-2014

Graduate Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, University of South Florida, 2012-2014

### **Professional Affiliations**

American Historical Association

American Studies Association

C19: The Society of Nineteenth-Century Americanists

Organization of American Historians

Society for the History of the Early American Republic