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Curriculum vitae
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Washington State University
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EDUCATION

- 2008 PhD (Department of History), University of Cambridge, UK
 “The Opium Industry in Colonial Burma, 1826—1948.”
- 2003 MPhil (Department of History), University of Cambridge, UK
 “Britain, China, and the Problem of Opium, 1800-1860.”
- 2002 BA, University of British Columbia, Canada

EMPLOYMENT

- 2013- Assistant Professor, Washington State University
- 2011-2013 Visiting Lecturer, Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Surrey, BC
- 2009-11 Sessional Lecturer, University of Toronto
- 2008-09 Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Wisconsin—Eau Claire

RESEARCH

Book

- 2014 *Opium and Empire in Southeast Asia: Regulating Consumption in British Burma*. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2014.

Refereed Journal Articles

- “Gender, Violence and Justice in Colonial Assam: the Webb case, c. 1884” (under revision).
- 2017 “Not just a ‘place for the smoking of opium’: the Indian opium den and imperial anxieties in the 1890s.” *Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History* 18, 2 (2017).

- 2017 “Maintaining the bar: regulating European barmaids in colonial Calcutta and Rangoon” *Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History* 45,1 (2017), 22-45.
- 2008 “Opium and Imperial Control in Colonial Burma.” *Contemporary Drug Problems* 35,4 (2008), 611-646.

Book reviews and other publications

- 2017 Review of Erica Wald, *Vice in the Barracks: Medicine, the Military and the Making of Colonial India, 1780-1868*. (Palgrave Macmillan, 2014) for *The Journal of Military History*. 81,1(2017).
- 2016 Review of Nilanjana Sengupta, *The Female Voice of Myanmar: Khin Myo Chit to Aung San Suu Kyi* (Cambridge University Press, 2015) for *Southeast Asian Studies*. 5,2(2016).
- 2016 Review of Geok Yian Goh, *The Wheel-Turner and His House: Kingship in a Buddhist Ecumene* (Northern Illinois University Press, 2015) for *The American Historical Review*. 121,3(2016).
- 2016 Entry on “Opium” for *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Postcolonial Studies*
- 2013 Review of Jessica Harriden, *The Authority of Influence: Women and Power in Burmese History* (NIAS Press, 2012) in *Southeast Asian Studies* 2,3(2013).
- 2011 Review of Eric Tagliacozzo and Wen-Chin Chang (eds.) *Chinese Circulations: Capital, Commodities, and Networks in Southeast Asia* (Duke University Press, 2011) in *Itinerario* 35,3 (2011).
- 2011 Review of Tony Ballantyne and Antoinette Burton, (eds.) *Moving Subjects: Gender, Mobility, and Intimacy in an Age of Global Empire* (University of Illinois, 2009) in *Itinerario* 35,1(2011).
- 2007 Review of Judith L. Richell, *Disease and Demography in Colonial Burma* (Singapore and Copenhagen, 2006) in *Itinerario* 31, 2(2007).

Conference Papers

- 2018 ‘European orphans in colonial India post 1857: Child custody, sectarianism and empire’ Northwest World History Association Meeting 2018, Seattle, February 16-18, 2018.

- 2017 "The Channing Arnold case: reputation, scandal and empire in Burma, Britain and India, c. 1914" World History Association 2017 Conference, Boston, June 22-24, 2017.
- 2017 "Opium, war, and the end of empire in British Burma, c. 1940-46" ASPAC 2017 Conference, Salem, June 9-11, 2017.
- 2017 "Law, colonialism and gendered violence in late nineteenth century India". The Seventeenth Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Genders, and Sexualities, Hofstra University, Long Island, June 1-4, 2017.
- 2016 "Law and the regulation of sexual violence in colonial India, c.1884" World History Association 2016 Conference, Ghent, Belgium, July 2-5, 2016.
- 2015 "The Webb case and the regulation of sexual violence in colonial India, c.1884" North American Conference on British Studies Annual Meeting, Little Rock, Arkansas, November 13-15, 2015.
- 2015 "Opium regulation and the end of empire: British Burma c. 1937-1947" NW and CA World History Meeting 2015, Seattle, February 27-March 1, 2015.
- 2015 "Maintaining the bar: ordering the employment of European women in colonial South Asia." Practices of Order: Colonial and Imperial Projects Conference, University of Copenhagen, January 28-30, 2015.
- 2014 "Social purity, labour and consumption: regulating barmaids in colonial India." North American Conference on British Studies Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 7-9, 2014.
- 2014 "Drug control and border control in nineteenth century Burma." World History Association 2014 Conference, Costa Rica, July 16-18, 2014.
- 2014 "An honest employment? The regulation of barmaids and social prestige in colonial India." NWA and CA World History Meeting 2014, University of California, Berkeley, February 28-March 2, 2014.
- 2013 "Opium policy, regulation and race in the British Empire." Poetics of Law, Politics of Self conference, University of Plymouth, 5-6 September 2013.
- 2013 "Opium dens and imperial anxieties: regulating consumption in Britain and colonial South Asia, c.1890." World History Association 2013 Conference, Minneapolis, June 26-29, 2013.

- 2013 “Social purity and the construction of the opium den in colonial India and Burma”, 2013 Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, San Diego, March 21-24, 2013.
- 2013 “Empire histories and urban histories: teaching the history of Malacca in an undergraduate World History Survey Class”, American Historical Studies Association 127th Annual Meeting, New Orleans, January 3-6, 2013.
- 2012 “Transnational networks and imperial administration in the Indian Ocean world: regulating consumption in colonial Burma”, NWA and CA World History Meeting, Portland State University, October 12-13, 2012.
- 2012 “Opium policy and international opinion: colonial Burma, c.1930-1939”. Cultural Exchange between Europe and Southeast Asia” Symposium, University of Seattle, May 26-28, 2012.
- 2011 “Opium and the Chinese community in colonial Burma, c. 1885-1937”, ASPAC and WCAAS Joint Annual Conference 2011, Pomona College, June 17-19, 2011.
- 2007 “Opium and imperial control in colonial Burma”, Global Approaches: 4th International Conference on the History of Drugs and Alcohol, University of Guelph, August 10-12, 2007.
- 2006 “The opium trade in Burma in the nineteenth century”, Inaugural Singapore Graduate Forum on Southeast Asia Studies, University of Singapore, July 29, 2006.

Invited Talks

- 2013 “The Burmese exception: colonial opium policy and the Royal Commission on Opium of 1895.” Simon Fraser University history colloquium, May 30, 2013.

Grants and Fellowships

- 2014 New Faculty Seed Grant in the amount of \$15,283 awarded by College of Arts and Sciences, Washington State University to fund “Honest employments? Marginal women in the British empire, 1880-1939”.
- International Travel Grant awarded by College of Arts and Sciences, Washington State University in the amount of \$1000.

TEACHING

Courses taught at Washington State University

HIST 105: Roots of Contemporary Issues
HIST 121: World History II
HON 270: Principles and Research Methods in Social Sciences
HIST 435: Expansion of Europe, 1400-1800
HIST 436: Modern Imperialism
HIST 459/559: Modern Britain
HIST 570: World History Theory and Methods
HIST 569: Topics in European History
HIST 571: Topics in World History
HIST 573: Colonial Africa

Other courses taught

Opium and Empire
Nineteenth Century Europe, 1815-1914
European Imperialism
Introduction to South Asia
British India, 1857-1947
Gandhi in History
Gender and History in Colonial South Asia
History of Southeast Asia
Modern Burma: Identity and Conflict
Ten Days that Shook the World
World History Since 1500
Fundamentals of World History

Graduate Student Committees

Katie Perry. Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member. 2013-
Tyler Kinsella. Masters Thesis Committee Member. 2013-2015.
Frederick Hardyway. Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member. 2014-
Carey McCormack. Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member. 2014-
Dan Kotin. Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member. 2015-
Daniel Fogt. Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member. 2016-
Matthias Baudinet. Masters Thesis Committee Member. 2017
Amanda Svehla. Masters Thesis Committee Member. 2017-
Emily Oller. Masters Thesis Committee Member. 2017-
Nicole Albrecht. Masters Thesis Committee Member. 2017-
Karl Krotke-Crandall. Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member. 2017-
Nicholas Martin. Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member. 2017-
Brett Turner. Masters Thesis Committee Member. 2018-

SERVICE

Departmental Service

Undergraduate Committee, 2013-14, 2016-17

Graduate Committee, 2014-2016

Roots of Contemporary Issues Steering Committee, 2015-16

Roots of Contemporary Issues Postdoctoral Fellowship hiring committee, 2015-16, 2016-17

World History Search Committee, 2017-18

Guest Lectures (within WSU)

“Opium and empire in colonial Burma.” Asia 301: Research Journeys, February 21, 2015.

“Roundtable.” History 595: The Teaching of History in College, April 3 and April 10, 2014.

“Drugs in Central Asia.” Asia 301: Central Asia, Global Crossroads, February 21, 2014.

“Roundtable.” Asia 301: Central Asia, Global Crossroads, February 22, 2014.

“Roundtable.” History 580: Historiography, December 4, 2013.

Guest Lectures (outside WSU)

Virtual classroom visit to the University of New South Wales, Australia, August 31, 2014.

Virtual classroom visit to the University of New Wouth Wales, Australia, September 1, 2015.

University service

Evaluated Helen Capron’s Honors College thesis, April 2015.

Advised James Kernan’s Honors College thesis, 2015-16.

Served as a faculty mentor for the McNair program, 2015-16.

LANGUAGES

French (good reading knowledge)

Hindi (basic reading knowledge)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Historical Association

Association for Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast (board member)

Cambridge Commonwealth Society

World History Association

Northwest World History Association

North American Conference on British Studies