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Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor of United States History, *Claremont McKenna College*, 2010-

Education

Ph.D. History, *University of Michigan*, 2010

Dissertation: “Don’t Blame Us: Grassroots Liberalism in Massachusetts, 1960-1990”

Dissertation Committee: Matthew Lassiter (Chair, History), Matthew Countryman (History), Regina Morantz-Sanchez (History), Anthony Chen (Sociology)

B.A. History, *Brown University*, *magna cum laude*, honors in history, 2003

Publications

Books:

Don’t Blame Us: Suburban Liberals and the Transformation of the Democratic Party, Princeton University Press, 2015

Journal Articles:

“Good Neighbors for Fair Housing: Suburban Liberalism and Racial Inequality in Metropolitan Boston,”
Journal of Urban History (May 2013 vol. 39 no. 3): 454-477

“*At Home in America* through the Lens of Metropolitan and Political History,” Special Issue of the *Journal of American Jewish History* (forthcoming, 2016)

Book Chapters:

“Kennedy and the Liberal Consensus” in *A Companion to John F. Kennedy*, ed. Marc Silverstone, Wiley-Blackwell, 2014

“More Than Megachurches: Liberal Religion and Politics in the Suburbs” in *Faithful Republic: Religion and Politics in the 20th Century United States*, ed. Andrew Preston, Bruce Schulman, and Julian Zelizer, University of Pennsylvania Press, 2015

“Ending Welfare as We Know It’: Bill Clinton’s Welfare Reform” in *Retrieving the American Past*, Pearson (forthcoming, 2016)

“Urban Politics Since 1940” in *The Oxford Research Encyclopedia of American History*, Oxford University Press, (forthcoming, 2016)

Other Articles:

“Overcoming the Gender and Political History Divide: Teaching and Studying Post-1945 United States History,” with Tamar Carroll *Perspectives on History: The Newsmagazine of the American Historical Association* (March 2012): 28-30.

Reviews:

Review of Kevin Kruse, *One Nation Under God: How Corporate America Invented Christian America* in *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* (forthcoming, 2016)

Review of Eric Avila, *The Folklore of the Freeway: Race and Revolt in the Modernist City* in *CITY: Analysis of Urban Trends, Culture, Theory, Policy, Action* (forthcoming, 2015)

Review of *Rabble Rousers: The American Far Right in the Civil Rights Era* in *Journal of American Ethnic History* (Volume 32, Issue 2, Winter 2013): 101-102

Review of Bruce Miroff, *The Liberals' Moment: The McGovern Insurgency and the Identity Crisis of the Democratic Party* in *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* (Volume 39, Issue 2, Autumn 2008): 301-303.

Awards and Fellowships

Fellow, Charles Warren Center, Harvard University, 2015-2016

Arnold L. Graves and Lois S. Graves Award in the Humanities, 2014-2015

Mellon/American Council for Learned Societies Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2009-2010

Miller Center of Public Affairs Fellowship, 2009-2010

Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship, University of Michigan, 2009-2010 (Declined)

Research Award Fellowship, Institute for Research on Women and Gender, University of Michigan, 2009

Dissertation Research Grant, Arthur and Elizabeth Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, 2008-2009

Phi Beta Kappa, elected Spring 2003

Gaspee Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution Prize in American History, Brown University, 2002

Teaching Experience

Assistant Professor of History, Claremont McKenna College

History 81: Modern America: 1865 to the Present

History 100: Modern American Politics

History 121: United States History Since 1945

History 124: What is Political?: Rethinking American Political History Since 1900

History 144: Reagan's America: The Politics and Culture of the 1980s

History 171: American Suburbia and Its Consequences

Instructor, Department of History, University of Michigan
United States Environmentalism Since 1945

Graduate Student Instructor, Department of History, University of Michigan
History of the Family in the United States
United States History Since 1945
History of American Suburbia

Presentations

“Silicon Valley: Changing the World or Selling Out,” at Gould Center Salon, Claremont McKenna College, May 2015

Commenter “Civil Rights and Collective Memory” panel at the California American Studies Association Conference, April 2015

“Politics of High-Tech Societies”, Great Issues Program, Miller Center, University of Virginia, April 2015

“Massachusetts Liberals and Suburban Liberals: Challenging Two Political Pejoratives” at Amherst College, November 2014

“The Perfect Model for the 1990s”: Chicago’s Shorebank Corporation, Microfinancing and Liberal Market-Oriented Solutions to Urban Inequality Following the War on Poverty” at the Urban History Conference, October 2014

“Mandate for Change: the Post-Industrial Economy, Market-Oriented Solutions and the Transformation of Liberalism and the Democratic Party” at the Policy History Conference, June 2014

“How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the 1964 Election” at the Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, April 2014

Commenter, “Rethinking the Post-’60s Left, from the Grassroots to the White House” panel at the Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, April 2014

“Beyond Red and Blue: Suburban Liberals, High-Tech Industry, and the Transformation of the Democratic Party,” Clark Davis Memorial Lecture, LA History and Metro Studies Group, April 2014

“‘Massachusetts Liberal’: Challenging a Political Pejorative” at the Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, April 2013

“From Taxachusetts to the Massachusetts Miracle: Michael Dukakis, Suburban Liberals, and the Transformation of the Democratic Party” American Political History Seminar, Princeton University, November 2012

“Religion and Liberal Religious Activism in the Suburbs” at the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Annual Meeting, August 2012

“Reagan, the Right and Recent History” Teaching American History Program for the Pomona School District, Pitzer College, August 2012

“Beyond the Busing Crisis: Voluntary Integration, Market-Based Individualism and Suburban Liberalism in Metropolitan Boston,” at the Policy History Conference, June 2012

Commenter, “Implementation and Aftermath: Women and Social Policy in the 1970s and 1980s” panel at the Policy History Conference, June 2012

“Religion and Liberal Religious Activism in the Suburbs” at the Religion and American Political History Conference, Boston University, March 2012

“Suburban Liberals, Equal Rights and Class-Blind Politics in the Post-Civil Rights Era” at the American Historical Association Annual Meeting, January 2012

“Suburban Liberals and the Politics of Planned Racial Diversity in Metropolitan Boston” at the Society for American City and Regional Planning History Conference, November 2011

Panelist, “California Women Win the Vote: Screening and Panel Discussion” Marian Miner Cook Athenaeum, Claremont McKenna College, November 2011

“Good Neighbors: White Suburban Female Activism and Fair Housing in Massachusetts in the Postwar Period,” at the Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, June 2011

“The Suburbanization of Liberalism and Rise of Fiscal Moderation in Massachusetts” at the Power and the History of Capitalism Conference, April 2011

Participant, “Roundtable: Teaching the History of Women and Politics,” Western Association of Women Historians, April 2011

“Grappling with Growth: the Possibilities and Limits of Suburban Environmentalism in Massachusetts” at the Urban History Association Conference, October 2010

“Don’t Blame Me, I’m From Massachusetts: Suburban Liberals and George McGovern’s 1972 Presidential Campaign,” at the Policy History Conference, June 2010

“Obama Through the Disciplines” at the Frances and Kenneth Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies, University of Michigan, January 2010

“Don’t Blame Us: Suburban Liberals in Massachusetts in the 1960s and 1970s” at the Diverse Suburbs Conference, Hofstra University, October 2009

“Don’t Blame Us: Suburban Liberals During the Boston Busing Crisis” at the Americas Colloquium, Cornell University, February 2009

“Suburban Liberals: Race and the Democratic Party” at the Associations for the Study of African American Life and History Conference, October 2008

“An Open Door’: Suburban Grassroots Organizing and Fair Housing Law in Massachusetts in the 1960s” at the Policy History Conference, June 2008

“Suburban Liberalism,” Metropolitan History Workshop, University of Michigan, May 2008

Selected Service and Professional Activities

Urban History Association Board of Directors, 2014-16

Co-Host, Urban History Association Podcast, 2014-present

Co-organizer, Los Angeles History & Metropolitan Studies Group, Huntington Library, 2012-present

Co-organizer, “Seeing Beyond the Partisan Divide” Conference at the Miller Center, University of Virginia, October 2015

Program Committee, California American Studies Association Conference, April 2015

Program Committee, Urban History Association Conference, October 2016

Manuscript Reviewer, University of Pennsylvania Press, *Journal of Policy History*, *Journal of Urban History*, *Journal of Illinois State History*

Conduct Board, Claremont McKenna College, 2011-13, 2014-15

Steering Committee, Intercollegiate Feminist Center for Teaching, Research and Engagement, 2011-13

CMC Faculty Representative to 5C American Studies program, 2014-15

Faculty Advisor, *Portside Magazine*, 2014-15

Panelist, Claremont Consortium New Faculty Orientation, May 2011

Selected Media Appearances

Guest, The Majority Report with Sam Seder, majority.fm April 22, 2015

Interview, Charlottesville, NBC 29, April 10, 2015

Guest, Behind the News with Doug Henwood, Pacifica, KPFA January 15, 2015