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EDUCATION

PhD in Feminist Studies, University of California Santa Cruz, 2022

Designated Emphasis: Critical Race and Ethnic Studies

Committee: Felicity Amaya Schaeffer, Neda Atanasoski, Nick Mitchell, Christoph Hanssmann

Dissertation Title: “Dangerous if Left Untreated: The Construction and Production of the Transgender Body”

Master of Arts in Gender and Cultural Studies, Simmons University, 2015

Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology and Gender and Women’s Studies, *magna cum laude*,
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2012

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor in Gender, Race, and Health
Department of Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
University of South Florida, 2024-Present

Visiting Assistant Professor Queer Studies
Hampshire College, 2023-2024

Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow in Queer/Trans Studies
Department of Gender, Race, and Identity
University of Nevada, Reno, 2022-2023

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Queer and Transgender Studies, Critical Race and Ethnic Studies, Feminist Studies, Science and Technology Studies, Medical Humanities, Disability Studies, Postsocialism

PUBLICATIONS

“Constructing Bodies and Nations: Transgender Medicine and Embodied Histories of State Sanctioned Transition in Cold War-Era Eastern Europe.” *Feminist Critique: East European Journal of Feminist and Queer Studies*, forthcoming.

“Teaching Transgender Studies: Experiential Knowledge and Race.” *Feminists Talk Whiteness*, edited by Leigh-Anne Francis and Janet Gray, Taylor & Francis (2023).

“Review of Transmedicine: The Emergence and Practice of Treating Gender by stef m. shuster.”
Catalyst: Feminism, Theory, Technoscience, 8 no. 2 (2022).

INTERVIEWS AND DIGITAL TALKS

“What is Research?” (invited) *Vitamin PhD Podcast* by Boston University, October 2021.

HONORS, AWARDS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2021-2022 President’s Dissertation Fellowship, UC Santa Cruz
2021 Andrew and Vincent White and Florence Wales White Graduate
 Student Scholarship (Alternate), University of California Humanities Research
 Institute
2021 Dissertation Fellowship, Feminist Studies, UC Santa Cruz
2021 Chancellor’s Dissertation Fellowship, UC Santa Cruz
2020 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, UC Santa Cruz
2020 Dissertation Fellowship, Feminist Studies, UC Santa Cruz
2018 Department Qualifying Exam Fellowship, Feminist Studies, UC Santa Cruz
2017 Lionel Cantú Memorial Award, Chicano Latino Research Center, UC Santa Cruz
2015-2016 Regents’ Fellowship, UC Santa Cruz
2013-2015 Merit Scholarship, Gender and Cultural Studies, Simmons University
2014-2015 Hazel Dick Leonard Fellow, Simmons University
Phi Beta Kappa
Phi Kappa Phi

PRESENTATIONS

“Medicine, Sanctuary, and the Transgender Child,” Panelist on “American Sex Panics and The Queer Politics of Child Protection,” American Studies Association Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD, November 2024 forthcoming.

“Comrades, Queers, and Anti-Imperialists: Revisiting Socialist Queerness in “Post-Socialist” Times” Roundtable, American Studies Association Annual Conference, November 2023.

“Uncomfortable Bodies and the Sale of Trans Medicine,” Panelist on “Sexual Violence and Racial Capitalism: Labor, Reproduction, and Flesh,” American Studies Association Annual Conference, Montreal, QC, November 2022.

“Queer Bodies and the Consumption of Youth.” American Comparative Literature Association Annual Conference, Virtual, April 2021.

“Trans Intimacies, Bodies-in-Motion.” Society for Social Studies in Science Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, September 2019.

“ReMembering the Trans Body.” National Women’s Studies Association Conference, Atlanta, GA, November 2018

“We’re Here, Are We Queer? The Neoliberalization of the Transgender Movement.” North East Modern Language Association Conference, Baltimore, Maryland, April 2017.

“Queering the Law: Tracing Resistance at the Border.” Latina/o Studies Association Conference on Deliberating Latina/o Studies: Promiscuity, Incivility, and (Un)Disciplinarity, Pasadena, California, July 2016.

“Containment, Detainment, and Assisted Migration: Precarity that Purports to Protect.” National Women’s Studies Association Annual Conference, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, November 2015.

“Radical Potentials of Intra/Intercommunity Dialogues on Bounded Masculinity.” The Biennial Intersections Symposium: Sexuality, Gender, Race, and Ethnicity, Morgan State University, March 2015.

“Eye-ing the Other, Eye-ing Ourselves: Nation, Surveillance, and Embodiment.” National Women's Studies Association Annual Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico, November 2014.

INVITED TALKS AND LECTURES

“The Global Authoritarian Playbook,” Freedom to Learn Teach-In Panel, University of Nevada, Reno, May 2023.

“Fascist Creeps, Election Day, LGBTQIA+.” Panel, The Radical Cat, Reno, NV, October 2022.

“Human Rights and Transgender Surveillance.” Guest lecture, San Francisco State University, September 2019.

“Transgender Militarization and War.” Guest lecture, San Francisco State University, September 2018.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Hampshire College School of Critical Social Inquiry

CSI 123 Queer Theories	Fall 2023
CSI 232 Medicine and Power	Fall 2023

University of Nevada, Reno Department of Gender, Race, and Identity

GRI 201 Narratives of Identity and Difference	Fall 2022
GRI 493 Queer History and Theory	Fall 2022

GRI 230 Introduction to LGBTQ Studies Spring 2023
GRI 693 Revolutionary Medicine Spring 2023

University of California Santa Cruz

**Lead Instructor
Feminist Studies Department**

FMST 188 Transgender History in Popular Media Summer 2020
FMST 188 Queer Hope and Pleasure Spring 2020
FMST 188 Transgender Politics Spring 2019

**Graduate Teaching Assistant
Critical Race and Ethnic Studies Department**

CRES 10 Critical Race & Ethnic Studies: An Intro Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2020
CRES 100 Comparatives Theories of Race and Ethnicity Winter 2019

Feminist Studies Department

FMST 20 Feminism and Social Justice Fall 2016, Winter 2021
FMST 145 Gender and Racial Formations Spring 2018
FMST 188 Gender, Feminism, and Revolutions Spring 2017
FMST 168 Feminism and Rights Winter 2017
FMST 1 Intro to Feminist Theories Winter 2016, Fall 2017

SERVICE

Program Assistant, Baskin Feminist Scholars Program, UC Santa Cruz, 2017-2021
Graduate Student Representative, Feminist Studies Department, UC Santa Cruz, 2017
Graduate Research Assistant to Felicity Amaya Schaeffer, UC Santa Cruz, 2016
Dean's Fellow, Biology Department, Simmons University, 2014-2015

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Studies Association
National Women's Studies Association
American Comparative Literature Association