

Emma Wathen

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. University of Wisconsin-Madison in progress
Joint Degree: History & History of Science, Medicine, and Technology
Concentration: Program in Gender and Women's History
- M.A. University of Wisconsin-Madison 2021
History of Science, Medicine, and Technology
Thesis: "Known to Be Harmless, Harmed to Be Known: Medical Experimentation on Pregnant Women and Infants in 1930s America"
- B.A. University of Wisconsin-Madison 2017
History (honors) & Communication Arts (Radio/TV/Film, with distinction)
Certificate in Entrepreneurship

AWARDS

- 2023 Early Excellence in Teaching Award
University of Wisconsin-Madison Campus-Wide TA Award
- 2022 Early Excellence in Teaching Award
University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of History
- 2018 Andrew Bergman Prize
University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of History
- 2018 Fred Harvey Harrington Prize
University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of History

FELLOWSHIPS

- 2025 John A. Neu Distinguished Graduate Fellowship in the History of Science
University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of History
- 2024 Maurice L. Richardson Fellowship
University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of Medical History and Bioethics
- 2021–23 Graduate Student Summer Funding Scholarship
University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of History
- 2019–20 & 2024 Graduate School Fellowship
University of Wisconsin-Madison

GRANTS

- 2022–23 Deborah A. Hobbins Graduate Student Award in Reproductive Health, Rights, and Justice
Center for Research on Gender and Women, Department of Gender and Women's Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2016–17 Trewartha Undergraduate Honors Research Grant
University of Wisconsin-Madison L&S Honors Program

PUBLICATIONS

Scholarly Articles

"In Sickness and In Health?: Wisconsin's Eugenic Marriage Law, 1913–1981." *ARCHIVE: An Undergraduate Journal of History* 21 (May 2018): 61–85.

“Women, Good People, and Bad People: Women in Early Shanghai Cinema.” *ARCHIVE: An Undergraduate Journal of History* 19 (May 2016): 73–86.

Popular Articles

“Access Denied: Brigid McGuire vs. the University of Wisconsin-Madison.” *Public History Project Blog*, April 1, 2020. <<https://publichistoryproject.wisc.edu/access-denied-brigid-mcguire-vs-the-university-of-wisconsin-madison/>>

Book Reviews

Jacqueline Rose, *On Violence and On Violence Against Women* (New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2021), reviewed for *Resources for Gender and Women’s Studies: A Feminist Review* (forthcoming).

Rebecka Taves Sheffield, *Documenting Rebellions: A Study of Four Lesbian and Gay Archives in Queer Times* (Sacramento: Litwin Books, 2020), reviewed for *Resources for Gender and Women’s Studies: A Feminist Review* (forthcoming).

Podcasts

Co-Host. “Twenty-Two Cents an Hour with Doug Crandell.” *Disability History Association Podcast*, forthcoming.

Co-Host. “Familial Fitness with Sandra M. Sufian.” *Disability History Association Podcast*, June 2023.

Guest Host. “Black Disability Politics with Sami Schalk.” *Disability History Association Podcast*, January 2023.

PRESENTATIONS

“‘Fresh Specimens’: Obstetrical Experimentation in the United States, 1910–40,” American Association for the History of Medicine, University of Michigan, May 14, 2023.

“The Girls at Taycheedah: Labor and Political Organization in the Wisconsin Industrial Home for Women”

- UW Reproductive History Graduate Symposium, University of Wisconsin-Madison, April 29, 2022.
- Women’s and Gender History Symposium, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, April 9, 2022. Zoom presentation.

“‘I Still Make a Shadow’: A Case File from Waupun State Prison,” Notes from the Archive Roundtable, HSMT Brown Bag, University of Wisconsin-Madison, March 25, 2022.

“Creating Vulnerable Populations: Medical Experimentation on Pregnant Women and Infants in 1930s America”

- Midwest Junto, Iowa State University, April 24, 2021. Zoom presentation.
- HSMT Brown Bag, University of Wisconsin-Madison, March 19, 2021. Zoom presentation.

“Disability History at UW,” #UWCelebratesADA30, University of Wisconsin-Madison, April 30, 2020. <<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XFVxLn5QBqQ>>

“In Sickness and In Health?: Wisconsin’s Eugenic Marriage Law, 1913–1981”

- HSMT Brown Bag, University of Wisconsin-Madison, October 18, 2019.
- 2017 Senior Honors Thesis Symposium, University of Wisconsin-Madison, April 22, 2017.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor	Department of History, UW-Madison	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hist Sci 212: Bodies, Diseases, and Healers: An Introduction to the History of Medicine	Summer 2023
Instructor	Wisconsin Prison Humanities Project	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Money, Materialism, and Power in the Gilded Age• Animals and Human History	Spring 2023 Fall 2022
Teaching Assistant	Department of History, UW-Madison	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hist Sci 212: Bodies, Diseases, and Healers: An Introduction to the History of Medicine• History 101: American History to the Civil War Era: The Origin & Growth of the U.S.• Hist Sci 133: Biology and Society, 1950–Today	Spring 2023 Spring 2022 Spring 2021
Teaching Assistant	Department of Medical History and Bioethics, UW-Madison	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medical History and Bioethics 553: International Health and Global Society	Fall 2021

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Project Assistant, Department of Gender and Women’s Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Fall 2020, Summer 2021 & Fall 2022

- Assisted with conducting historical research, editing footnotes, and securing permissions for quoted material and images
- Copyedited chapters from an upcoming academic book on the women’s health movement in the late twentieth century

Project Assistant, Department of Medical History and Bioethics, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Summer 2020 & Fall 2023

- Conducted primary and secondary source research for faculty in the Department of Medical History and Bioethics
- Collected oral history interviews from experts dealing with reproducibility issues in computational science fields

Project Assistant, Public History Project, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Fall 2019

- Conducted archival research about the history of disability at UW-Madison
- Received research and writing credit for the Chazen Museum of Art’s fall 2022 exhibit, *Sifting & Reckoning: UW-Madison’s History of Exclusion & Resistance*

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Project Assistant, History of Science, Medicine, and Technology Program, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2022–24

- Organized five HSMT colloquium events alongside weekly brown bag presentations and professional development sessions, including recruiting guest speakers, providing catering, and serving as liaison to graduate students
- Moderated colloquium and brown bag presentations

Co-Organizer & Panel Chair, UW Reproductive History Graduate Symposium, Program in Gender and Women's History, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2021–22

- Organized an all-day in-person symposium with a \$4,976 budget that featured eighteen graduate student presenters and two visiting faculty keynote lecturers
- Successfully applied for a \$976 grant from the University Lectures Committee
- Moderated panel and keynote presentations, reviewed thirty presenter applications, and managed catering, marketing, scheduling, and room reservations

SERVICE

- Committee Member, Joint Committee on Teaching Assistants (JCOTA), Department of History, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2022–24
- Panelist, TA Preview Experience Program, Department of History, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2022 & 2023
- Panelist, New Graduate Student Welcome for Arts & Humanities, Graduate School Office of Professional Development, University of Wisconsin-Madison, August 31, 2022
- Committee Member, Pedagogy Subcommittee, Department of History, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2021–22
- Committee Member, Graduate Council, Department of History, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2020–22
- Discussion Leader, Department of Genetics Reading Group, University of Wisconsin-Madison, November 13, 2020
- Panelist, New Student Orientation, Department of History, University of Wisconsin-Madison, August 24, 2020

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Future Faculty Partner, Teaching Academy, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2022–25
- Participant, Discussion Project, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2022
- Participant, Humanities Grant Writing Camp, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2022

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Association for the History of Medicine
Disability History Association

LANGUAGES

American Sign Language (one semester of study)

French (reading proficiency)

Quantitative Methods Concentration: biostatistics, epidemiology, beginner-level R