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Academic Positions

University of Virginia, 2014-Present

Associate Professor, Corcoran Department of History, 2020-Present

Assistant Professor, Corcoran Department of History, 2014-2020

University of California-San Francisco, June-December 2013

Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Tobacco Control Research and Education

Education

Ph.D. Department of History, Princeton University, 2013

MA, Department of History, Princeton University, 2009

AB, Social Studies, Harvard University, 2007

Publications

Books

The Cigarette: A Political History (Harvard University Press: 2019)

Winner, Association of American Publishers PROSE Awards for “US/North American History”
Category

Smithsonian Magazine Top 10 History Book of 2019

Finalist, Los Angeles Times Book Prize—History Category

Reviewed in:

Popular

Financial Times, *Los Angeles Review of Books*, *Wall Street Journal*, *New Republic*, *Jezebel*, *Kirkus*,
Library Journal (starred review), *New York Times Book Review* “New and Noteworthy,” London School
of Economics Book Review, Jotwell Legal History, Nursing Clio, US Intellectual History Blog

Academic

Journal of Global History, *Nature*, *Lancet*, *Journal of the American Medical Association*

Articles and Chapters

“Smoke Ring: From American Tobacco to Japanese Data,” *Osiris* 33 (2018): 319-339.

“Clearing the Air and Counting Costs: Donna Shimp v. New Jersey Bell and the Tragedy of Workplace Smoking,” in *Shaped by the State: Toward a New Political History of the Twentieth Century*, ed. by Brent Cebul, Lily Geismer, Mason Williams (Chicago University Press: 2018).

“Smoking as Statecraft: Promoting American Tobacco Production and Global Cigarette Consumption, 1947-1970,” *Journal of Policy History* 28, No. 4. (2016): 707-735.

“Promoting Agriculture: Farmers, the State, and Checkoff Marketing, 1935-2005,” *Business History Review* 90, No. 2 (2016): 505-536.

Essays and Opinion Pieces

“Marijuana Reform Should Focus on Inequality,” *The Atlantic*, 5 October 2019.

“How the Vaping Industry Is Using a Defensive Tactic Pioneered by Big Tobacco,” *Time*, 2 October 2019.

“Like the Tobacco Industry, E-Cigarette Manufacturers are Targeting Children,” *Washington Post*, 23 September 2018.

“Grassroots Activists Won the War on Smoking. Can They Win the War on Climate Change?” *Washington Post*, 29 June 2017.

“Governor Shouldn’t Sign Smoking-Fine Bill,” co-authored with Sarah Seo, *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, 22 March 2016.

“Back to School—Or to the Fields,” co-authored with Gabriel Rosenberg, *Thehill.com*. 8 August 2015.

“FDA Should Do Its Job and Regulate E-Cigarettes,” syndicated in the *Honolulu Star-Advertiser*, *Austin Statesmen*, *Salt Lake City Deseret News*, *Fresno Bee* and others. 8 March 2015.

Reviews

Review of Nan Enstad, *Cigarettes, Inc.: An Intimate History of Corporate Imperialism* (University of Chicago Press: 2018), *Journal of American Studies*, forthcoming.

“Privacy’s Public Life.” Review essay of Sarah Igo, *The Known Citizen: A History of Privacy in Modern America* (Harvard University Press, 2018), *Reviews in American History* 47, no. 2 (June 2019), 250-256.

Review of Ellen Griffith Spears, *Baptized in PCBs: Race, Pollution and Justice in an All-American Town* (University of North Carolina Press, 2014), *Journal of Southern History*, Winter 2015.

Review of Peter Benson, *Tobacco Capitalism: Growers, Migrant Workers, and the Changing Face of a Global Industry* (Princeton University Press, 2011), *Agricultural History*, Spring 2015.

Invited Events

Public Talks

“Inventing the Nonsmoker,” Library of Virginia Weinstein Lecture Series, July 20, 2020.

“The Cigarette: A Political History,” San Bernardino Historical Society, San Bernardino, CA, February 20, 2020.

“Inventing the Nonsmoker,” Duke University Library in conjunction with the “Tobaccoland” Exhibit, February 7, 2020.

“The Cigarette: A Political History,” Politics and Prose, Washington, D.C., October 5, 2019.

“Inventing the Nonsmoker,” The National Archives, Washington D.C., October 1, 2019.

“We Want All There Is: Exploring the Legacy of the Nineteenth Amendment,” Savannah, GA, October 2019.

“Our Four Years on Grounds,” Phi Beta Kappa Address, University of Virginia, April 2018.

Roundtable Participant, “The Fascist Threat: What You Should Know,” University of Virginia, September 2017.

“Grassroots Activism and Local Change: Lessons from Non-Smokers,” James River Association Annual Meeting, Scottsville, Virginia, October 2015.

Academic Talks

“From Rights to Cost: The Business Case Against Tobacco,” American Bar Foundation Legal History Roundtable, Chicago, Illinois, May 2017.

“Growing the Cigarette,” Virginia Foundation for the Humanities, Charlottesville, Virginia, February 2017.

“Smoke Ring: American Tobacco Farmers and Japanese Smokers’ Wives,” University of California-San Diego, San Diego, February 2017.

“The Japanese Smokers’ Wives Study and the American Anti-Tobacco Movement,” Columbia Society of Fellows, New York, April 2016.

“Unmaking Knowledge,” Temple University Graduate Symposium, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, February 2016.

“Fig Leaf or Tobacco Leaf? The Tobacco Growers’ Information Committee,” University of Georgia History of Capitalism Workshop, Athens, Georgia, March 2015.

“Smoking as Statecraft,” University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, January 2015.

“Farmers in the Cigarette Century,” University of California-San Francisco Center for Tobacco Control Research and Education, policy group, San Francisco, California, November 2013.

“Little Tobacco: Farmers, Cigarette Manufacturers and the State,” University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon, January 2013.

“Commodity Corporatism: Rethinking Farmers, Tobacco and the State,” Harvard Business School, Boston, Massachusetts, December 2012.

“The Benefit of the Doubt: Producing Agricultural Tobacco Science after the Surgeon General’s Report,” Chemical Heritage Foundation, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 2012.

“The Rural Sunbelt: Tobacco Farmers and the Making of the Global Economy,” University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi, April 2012.

Media

Television Interviews

C-SPAN, “Book TV,” with Dr. David Kessler, 10 November 2019

CheddarTV, “What the History of Cigarettes Can Tell us About the Future of JUUL,” 18 November 2019

Radio Interviews

Brigham Young University Radio, *Top of Mind with Julie Rose*, March 2020.

Richmond Public Radio, Full Disclosure, February 2020

National Public Radio, *All Things Considered*, “Why the Tobacco Industry Giants Backed Raising the Minimum Age of Purchase,” 23 December 2019.

Texas Public Radio, *The Source*, “How Politics, Activism, Turned the Tide for Tobacco in America,” 15 December 2019.

Wisconsin Public Radio, *Central Time*, “The History of Politics and the Smoking Industry,” 17 October 2019.

WBUR Boston, *Here and Now*, “What the Political History of Tobacco Means for E-Cigarettes,” 3 October 2019.

American Public Media, *Marketplace*, “Juul Replaces its CEO and Tries to Make Nice with the FDA,” 25 September 2019.

Podcast Interviews

Axelbank Reports History and Today, July 2020

Nostalgia Trap, December 2019

University of Virginia Law School, *Common Law*, “The Nonsmoker Revolution,” September 2019.

Backstory, “Historians in the Press,” July 2019.

Professor Buzzkill Podcast, “Surgeon General’s Report on Smoking,” January 2019.

Awards and Honors

Radcliffe Institute, Harvard University, Summer Research Award (honorific due to pandemic), 2020.
University of Virginia, Dean's Fund Summer Research Award, Summer 2019.
Mead Honored Faculty Award for Student Mentorship, University of Virginia, 2018-2019.
Virginia Foundation for the Humanities, *Residential Fellow*, August 2016-May 2017.
University of Virginia, Dean's Fund Summer Research Award, 2015.
Harvard University, Center for History and Economics, *Visiting Fellow*, January-June 2014.
University of California, San Francisco, Center for Tobacco Control Research and Education, *Postdoctoral Fellow*, July 2013-January 2014.
Chemical Heritage Foundation, Short-Term Postdoctoral Fellowship (declined), 2013.
Woodrow Wilson Society of Fellows, Princeton University, 2010-2011.
East Carolina University Special Collections Research Award, 2010.

Conferences

Discussant, Second Book Workshop, American Society for Legal History Conference, Boston, MA, November 2019.

Panelist, "Whistleblowing and Gender: *Vera English v. General Electric*," Law and Society Association, Washington DC., 31 May 2019.

Discussant, "Don't Blame Us...Again: Historical Perspectives on the Democratic Party and the Rise of Trump," Organization of American Historians Annual Conference, Sacramento, California, April 2018.

Discussant, First Book Workshop, American Society for Legal History Conference, Houston, Texas, October 2018.

Organizer, First Book Workshop, American Society for Legal History Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada, October 2017.

"Clearing the Air: *Shimp v. New Jersey Bell* and the Strange Politics of Workplace Smoking," Beyond the Partisan Divide Conference, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia, October 2015.

"Checkoffs: The Other White Meat," Harvard Business School Political Economy of Food Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, June 2015.

"Antismoking and the Right to Clean Air," American Society for Environmental History Annual Conference, Washington, DC, March 2015.

Comment, University of Virginia Techno-Governance Workshop, Charlottesville, Virginia, March 2015.

“Nonsmokers: The Other Silent Majority,” Southern Studies Seminar, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia, December 2014.

“Inventing Nonsmokers’ Rights,” American Society for Legal History, Denver, Colorado, November 2014.

Discussant, Roundtable: Putting the History of Capitalism into the History of Science, History of Science Society Annual Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, November 2013.

“What was Quality Tobacco?” American Society for Environmental History, Toronto Ontario, April 2013.

“Tobacco Science at the Grassroots,” Philadelphia Area Center for the History of Science Introductory Symposium, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 2012.

“The Politics of Poison: Tobacco Farmers, the Tobacco Industry, and the Pesticide MH-30,” Southern Historical Association Annual Conference, Baltimore, Maryland, November 2011.

“How the New Deal Created the Tobacco Lobby,” Modern America Workshop, Princeton, New Jersey, September 2011.

Tobacco Road North: the Carolina-Canada Connection in Flue-Cured Tobacco,” Annual Meeting of the Agricultural History Society, Orlando, Florida, June 2010.

“Of or For? The Recent History of the Museum of the Confederacy,” Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, April 2010.

Courses

Undergraduate

American Dreams: Utopias in the United States, Fall 2020

Distinguished Majors Program Writers Workshop, Fall 2020

United States, 1900-1945 (lecture): Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Fall 2019

United States, 1945-Present (lecture): Fall 2015, Spring 2018, Spring 2020

Disasters in America from Cholera to Katrina (seminar): Fall 2014, Fall 2015

United States History Through Tobacco (seminar): Spring 2015

Debating Science in Modern America (seminar): Fall 2014

Disillusion and Disco: United States in the 1970s (seminar): Fall 2016, Spring 2020

History of Eugenics (seminar): Fall 2018

Eugenics: Then and Now (Pavilion Seminar), Fall 2019

All Politics is Local (community engagement course): Spring 2018

Graduate

United States Transnational History (tutorial): Fall 2015, Fall 2016

Historiography of American Capitalism (tutorial): Spring 2018

Teaching Development

Teaching Race at UVA Workshop, June 2018.

Center for Teaching Excellence Faculty Workshop, University of Virginia, 2016-2017.

Graduate Supervision

Crystal Luo, chair, dissertation in progress.

Abeer Saha, chair, dissertation in progress.

Jonanhan Cohen (History, UVA), committee member, defended March 2019.

Erik Erlandson (History, UVA), committee member, defended November 2018.

Willa Brown (History, UVA), committee member, defended March 2017.

Andrew McGee (History, UVA), committee member, defended March 2017.

Camille Shamble (Architecture, UVA), committee member, defended October 2016.

Carah Ong Whaley (Politics, UVA), committee member, defended November 2015.

Brian Rosenwald (History, UVA), committee member, defended June 2015.

Loren Stack Moulds (History, UVA), committee member, defended August 2014.

Service

Departmental

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, 2018-Present

Working Group on the Department's Response to August 11 and 12, 2017-2018

Steering Committee, 2015-2016

Founder and organizer, Movements and Directions in Capitalism (MADCAP) workshop, 2015-Present

Professional

Manuscript Reviewer

University of Chicago Press

Diplomatic History

Law and History Review

Law and Social Inquiry

Organizations

Virginia Eugenics Working Group, 2018-Present