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## **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. in History                      University of Kansas, 1993  
M.A. in History                      University of California, Santa Barbara, 1984  
B.A. in History                      Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas, 1982

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Professor of History, Washburn University, 2007-present  
Associate Professor of History, Washburn University, 2003-2007  
Assistant Professor of History, Washburn University, 2000-2003  
Assistant Professor of History, Goshen College, 1995-99

## **PRIZES, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Menno Simons Lectureship, Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas, 2018  
Visiting Regional Fellowship, Hall Center for the Humanities, University of Kansas, 2017  
Sweet Sabbatical Awards, Washburn University, 2004; 2007; 2016  
DeBenedetti Prize in Peace History, Awarded by Peace History Society, 2015  
Roy Myers Award for Excellence in Research, Washburn University, 2015  
Honors for Dissertation, University of Kansas, 1993  
Dissertation Fellowship, University of Kansas, 1992-93

## **SELECTED PEER-REVIEWED SCHOLARSHIP**

"Repent of the Sins of Homophobia': The Rise of Queer Mennonite Leaders," *Nova Religio*, 24  
(February 2021): 68-95.

"Transnational Perspectives: LGBTQ Mennonites," *Just Peace*, Vol. 2, Amsterdam Centre for  
Religion and Peace and Justice Studies, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, forthcoming in  
2021.

"Historical Justice in an Era of #MeToo," in *Sightings: Reflections on Religion in Public Life*, ed.  
Brett Colasacco (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans, 2019).

"With All Deliberate Speed," *Mennonite Life* 73 (June 2019).

"Mennonite Bodies, Sexual Ethics: Women Challenge John Howard Yoder," *Journal of  
Mennonite Studies* 34 (2016): 243-255.

"Defanging the Beast': Mennonite Responses to John Howard Yoder's Sexual Abuse,"  
*Mennonite Quarterly Review*, 89 (January 2015): 7-80.

"Campus Protests and John Howard Yoder, 1985-1997," *Mennonite Life*, 69 (2015).

"Disarming the Toy Store and Reloading the Shopping Cart: Resistance to Violent Consumer Culture," *Peace & Change: A Journal of Peace Research*, 38 (July 2013).

"'Like Entering an Armed Camp': Christian Peacemaker Teams and the Language of Violent-Toy Protests" *Mennonite Quarterly Review*, 86 (January 2012): 49-74.

"Herself, Growing Older: An Interview with Feminist Writer Diana Laskin Siegel," in *A Waiting Room of One's Own*, ed. Sarah Smarsh. Topeka, KS: Washburn University, 2011.

*Women Against the Good War: Conscientious Objection and Gender on the American Home Front, 1941-47*. University of North Carolina Press, Gender and Culture Series, 1997.

### **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

"Oral Histories of LGBTQ+ Mennonite Leaders," at (virtual) Oral History Association annual conference, Oct. 22, 2020.

"LGBTQ leaders in North American Mennonite Contexts," at Second Global Mennonite Peacebuilding Conference in Elspeet, the Netherlands, June 29, 2019.

Keynote plenary, "LGTBQ Leaders: New Directions in Peacebuilding," Keynote plenary at Second Global Mennonite Peacebuilding Conference in Elspeet, the Netherlands, June 27, 2019.

"I'm a Pastor Serving the Church, and I'm Out," Queer History Conference, San Francisco State University, June 18, 2019.

"Oral Histories of Queer Mennonite Leaders." Brethren Mennonite Council on LGBT Interests, Kansas City, MO, July 5, 2019.

"We Want Our Stories Told!": LGBTQ+ Theologians and Pastors Speak Out" to "Women Doing Theology Conference," Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind., Nov. 8-10, 2018.

"Finding a Home: LGBTQ Mennonite Leaders and Denominational Identity," Hall Center for the Humanities, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, Feb. 19, 2018.

"Rural Health Care on the Great Plains: Nurses' Training and the Mennonite Deaconess Movement," Mennonite Heritage Center, Goessel, Kansas, January 21, 2018.

"Voices of Conscience: The Great War and Legacies of Peace Witness," Kansas Humanities Council, Kauffman Museum, Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas, Sept. 10, 2017.

"Finding a Home: LGBTQ Mennonite Leaders and Denominational Identity," for "Crossing the Line: Women of Anabaptist Traditions Encounter Borders and Boundaries" conference, Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia, June 23, 2017.

"Remembering Vietnam: Perspectives on an American War," Distinguished CAS Faculty Lecture, Washburn University, April 17, 2017.

"Challenging Sexual Abuse: The Case of Theologian John Howard Yoder," Gender Seminar, Hall Center for the Humanities, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, April 6, 2017.

"John Howard Yoder's Troubling Legacy," Korean Anabaptist Center, Chuncheon, South Korea, June 3, 2016.

"Mennonite Bodies, Sexual Ethics: Women Challenge John Howard Yoder" at "Mennonites, Medicine, and the Body: A History Conference," The University of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, October 2015.

#### **SELECTED PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY SERVICE**

District 3 Coordinator, National History Day-Kansas, 2000-present

Consulting Editor, *Mennonite Quarterly Review*, 2000-present

Member, Editorial Board, *Studies in Anabaptist-Mennonite History*, 2001-present

Humanities Kansas Scholar, Consultant, and Discussion Leader, 2009-present.

Manuscript Reviewer for Oxford University Press, the University of North Carolina Press, Palgrave MacMillan, Oregon State University Press, The C. Henry Smith Series, the Mennonite Historical Society of Canada, *Kansas History*, *Minerva Journal of Women and War*, *Peace and Change*, *Journal of Southern History*

#### **BOOK & FILM REVIEWS**

In *American Historical Review*, *Journal of American History*, *Canadian Historical Review*, *The Public Historian*, *History of Education Quarterly*, *Labour/Travail*, *Fides et Historia*, *Journal of Mennonite Studies*, *Mennonite Quarterly Review*, *Mennonite Life*, *Mennonite Historical Bulletin*, *Mennonite Weekly Review*, *Conrad Grebel Review*, *Peace & Change*, *Journal of Church and State*, *Indiana Magazine of History*, *The Annals of Iowa*, *Nova Religio*, *Peace Review: A Journal of Social Justice*, *American Studies Journal*, *Oregon Historical Quarterly*, *Kansas History*, *Anabaptist World*

#### **AFFILIATIONS**

Peace History Society

Mennonite Historical Society