Short CV

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Current Position: Professor Emerita, Department of History, Oklahoma State University, 2016-Present

Selected Publications

Books

Appetite and Its Discontents: Science, Medicine, and the Urge to Eat, 1750-1950. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2020.

A Cultural History of Medical Vitalism in Enlightenment Montpellier. Aldershot, England: Ashgate, 2003.

The Physical and the Moral: Anthropology, Physiology, and Philosophical Medicine in France, 1750-1850. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1994.

Articles

“Eating after the Climacteric: Food, Gender and Ageing in the long Eighteenth Century.” In Lifestyle and Medicine in the Enlightenment: The Six Non-Naturals in the Long Eighteenth Century, ed. James Kennaway and Rina Knoeff. London: Routledge, 2020, 67-85.

“Food and Feeling: ‘Digestive Force’ and the Nature of Morbidity in Vitalist Medicine.” In Vital Matters, ed. Helen Deutsch and Mary Terrall. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2012, 203-221.

“The Sciences of Appetite, 1750-1850.” Special Issue, “Assimilating Knowledge: Food and Nutrition in Early Modern Physiologies.” Studies in History and Philosophy of Biological and Biomedical Sciences, Guest Editors E. C. Spary and Barbara Orland, 43, 2 (June 2012): 372-404.

“Stomach and Psyche: Eating, Digestion, and Mental Illness in the Medicine of Philippe Pinel.” Bulletin of the History of Medicine 84, 3 (2010): 358-86.

“Gastronomy and the Diagnosis of Anorexia in Fin-de-siècle French Medicine.” In Confronting Modernity in Fin-de-siècle France: Bodies, Minds and Gender, ed. Christopher Forth and Elinor Accampo. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2009, 90-111.

“Of Two Lives One? Jean-Charles-Marguerite-Guillaume Grimaud and the Question of Holism in Vitalist Medicine.” Science in Context 21, 4 (2008): 593-613.

“Gags, Funnels and Tubes: Forced Feeding of the Insane and of Suffragettes.” Endeavour 32, 4 (2008): 34-39.

“Neuroses of the Stomach: Eating, Gender, and Psychopathology in French Medicine, 1800-1870.” Isis 98 (March 2007): 54-79 [Winner of the Price-Webster Prize, History of Science Society, 2010: Best Article in Isis 2007-2009]

Courses Taught

Undergraduate

 Western Civilization to 1500

 Western Civilization, 1500-Present

 Europe, 1815-1914

 Modern Europe since 1914

 France, 1815-Present

 History of Medicine

 Ideas and Ideologies in Modern Europe

 Honors Freshman Seminar: Impact of Disease on History

 Women in Western Civilization

Graduate Seminars

 Research Seminar in Modern European History

 Reading Seminar: Women in Modern Europe

 Reading Seminar: War and Revolution in Modern Europe

 Reading Seminar: Ideas and Ideologies in Modern Europe

 Reading Seminar: Marxism: Past, Present, Future

 Reading Seminar: History of the Body

 Reading Seminar: Social and Cultural History of Modern Europe

 Reading Seminar: Languages of Science (team-taught and cross-listed with zoology)

Professional Associations

 History of Science Society

 American Association for the History of Medicine