

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Ph.D., History of Science

2012–2018

Harvard University

Cambridge, Massachusetts

- › **Dissertation:** Wired Together: The Montreal Neurological Institute and the Origins of Modern Neuroscience, 1928–1965.
- › **Dissertation Committee:** Prof. Anne Harrington (Supervisor and Chair), Prof. Rebecca Lemov, Dr. David Jones.

M.A. History

2006–2008

University of Guelph

Guelph, Ontario

- › **Thesis:** "The Chemophilic Society": Addiction Research After the Classic Period of Narcotic Control, 1957–1975.
- › **Supervisor:** Dr. Catherine Carstairs

B.A. Honors History

2001–2006

University of Northern British Columbia

Prince George, British Columbia

- › **Thesis:** "Chinks Pay Heavily for Hitting Pipe": The Perception and Enforcement of Canada's New Drug Laws in Rural and Northern British Columbia, 1908–1930."

Teaching Experience

Lecturer in the History of Science

Harvard University,

Department of the History of Science, Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

Cambridge, Massachusetts

History of Science 152v

2019

Technology and Modern Medicine: From the Stethoscope to Nanotechnology

- History of Science 176v 2019
Mind and Brain: Themes in the History of Neuroscience
- History of Science 177v 2019
The Sciences of Memory, Lies and Pain
- History of Science 176s 2019
Mind and Brain: Themes in the History of Neuroscience
- › Harvard University Extension School
 - Teaching Fellow in the History of Science**
Harvard University, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of the History of Science, Cambridge, Massachusetts
 - History of Science 170 2018
Broken Brains
 - Culture and Belief 34 2014, 2016, 2018
Madness and Medicine: Themes in the History of Psychiatry
- › Head Teaching Fellow
 - History of Science 97 2017
Sophomore Tutorial
 - History of Science 189 2017
The World We Made: Technology and Society
 - History of Science 176 2016
Brainwashing and Modern Techniques of Mind Control
 - History of Science 122v 2016
Science in the Cold War
 - Lecturer in Philosophy** 2017
Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts
 - Philosophy s-157 2017
The Art and Science of Memory
- › Co-developed and taught with Dr. Julia Reed, Religion, Harvard University
 - Teaching Assistant**
University of Guelph History Department Guelph, Ontario
 - History 1010 2006, 2007
Early Modern Europe

Teaching Assistant

University of Northern British Columbia History Department
Prince George, British Columbia

History 110 2006
Introduction to Indigenous History

Guest Lectures

"Shall We Play a Game? The History of Videogames," April 2017
in HS189: The World We Made: Technology and Society, Prof. Matthew Hersch

"The Drug Wars in Latin America," April 2006
in HIST1010: Indigenous History, Prof. Jacqueline Holler

Publications

Articles

"A Tale of Two Neurosciences: Montreal, MIT, Memory and the Origins of Neuroscience."
Submitted to *Isis*

"Two Solitudes: Wilder Penfield, Ewen Cameron and Search for a Better Lobotomy."
In progress, to be submitted to the *Bulletin of Medical History*

"The broken brain in the machine: Donald Hebb, Nathaniel Rochester, and the Surgical Origins of the Neural Network."
In progress, to be submitted to *Critical Inquiry*

"'Mother is the First Teacher': Critical Periods, Bilingualism and Wilder Penfield's Vision of the Canadian Family."
In progress, to be submitted to *Science in Context*

Prkachin, Yvan. "Chinks Pay Heavily for Hitting Pipe: The Perception and Enforcement of Canada's New Drug Laws in Rural and Northern British Columbia, 1908-30." *BC Studies* 153 (Spring 2007): 73-105.

Book Reviews

"Tara H. Abraham, Rebel Genius: Warren S. McCulloch's Transdisciplinary Life in Science." *The British Journal for the History of Science* 51, no. 02 (June 2018): 313-14.

"Fernando Vidal and Francisco Ortega, Being Brains: Making the Cerebral Subject." *Nuncius* 33.3 (2018): 657-660.

"Katja Guenther, Localization and Its Discontents: A Genealogy of Psychoanalysis & the Neuro-Disciplines." *The British Journal for the History of Science* 50, no. 01 (March 2017): 162-64.

"William Feindel and Richard Leblanc, The Wounded Brain Healed: The Golden Age of the Montreal Neurological Institute, 1934-1984." *Journal of the History of the Neurosciences* 26, no. 4 (2017): 431-33.

"Dan Malleck, When Good Drugs Go Bad: Opium, Medicine, and the Origins of Canada's Drug Laws." *Left History* Vol. 20, no. 1 (Spring/Summer 2016): 126–28.

Other Writing (Non-Peer Reviewed)

"A Rearguard Action Against Lobotomy?: A Mary Louise Nickerson Fellowship in Neuro History Report." *Osler Library Newsletter* 125 (Fall 2016): 2–4.

"The D. O. Hebb Collection: An Archival Reconnaissance." *Osler Library Newsletter* 120 (Spring 2014): 8–9.

Presentations

Conference Presentations

"Two solitudes: Psychosurgery and the troubled relationship between Ewen Cameron and Wilder Penfield." European Society for the History of the Human Sciences Annual Meeting, Budapest, Hungary, July 7–8, 2019.

"If your idea really did work: Donald Hebb, Nathaniel Rochester, and the Other Origin of Neural Networks, 1945-1960." Towards a History of Artificial Intelligence, Workshop at Columbia University, 23–24 May 2019.

"A Tale of Two Neurosciences: Francis Schmitt, Herbert Jasper, and the Twin Births of Organized Neuroscience." History of Science Society Annual Meeting, Seattle, 10 October 2018.

"Two Solitudes – Penfield and Psychiatry." Presented as part of a panel "Beyond Scalpel and Trephine: Wilder Penfield and His Diverse Collaborators," Canadian Society for the History of Medicine Annual Meeting, Regina, Saskatchewan, 26 May 2018.

"How Community Projects Relate to International Politics and Peace: Race, the Student Union For Peace Action's Summer Projects and New Left Ideology in Canada." Tri-University History Conference, Waterloo 2007.

"The Enforcement of Drug Laws in Northern British Columbia." Global Approaches: Drug and Alcohol History Conference, University of Guelph, 2007.

Invited Presentations

"An Expression of Curiosity: Place and the History of Science in Canada," invited keynote address, Northern Historical Conference, University of Northern British Columbia, Prince George, British Columbia, 2017.

Additional Employment History

Undergraduate Advisor <i>Harvard University, History of Science Department Cambridge, Massachusetts</i>	2018–2019
Research Assistant <i>Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts</i>	2017–2018
› Professor Anne Harrington	
› Professor Matthew Hersch	
Database Administrator <i>Canadian Development Consultants International Vancouver, British Columbia</i>	2011–2012
Research Assistant <i>Canadian Development Consultants International</i>	2010–2011
Research Assistant <i>University of Waterloo Kinesiology Department Waterloo, Ontario</i>	2008
› Professors Nancy Theberge and Parisa Safai (York University)	
Research Assistant <i>University of Guelph History Department Guelph, Ontario</i>	2007
› Professor Catherine Carstairs	
Research Assistant <i>University of Northern British Columbia History Department Prince George, British Columbia</i>	2005–2006
› Professor Jacqueline Holler, Professor Ted Binnema, Professor Mary-Ellen Kelm	

Fellowships, Scholarships And Awards

Fellowships

Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Completion Fellowship Value: \$27,500	2017–18
Mary Louise Nickerson Fellowship in Neuro History (Osler Library) Value: \$3,000	2016

Harvard Weatherhead Center for International Relations Canada Studies Fellowship 2015
Value: \$10,000

Mary Louise Nickerson Fellowship in Neuro History (Osler Library) 2013
Value: \$3,000

Scholarships

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Doctoral Fellowship 2012–2016
Value: \$20,000/year

Ontario Graduate Scholarship 2007
Value: \$15,000

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Graduate Scholarship 2006
Value: \$17,500

Awards

Harvard University Bok Center Certificate of Distinction in Teaching (Lecturer) Spring 2019

Harvard University Bok Center Certificate of Distinction in Teaching Fall 2018

Harvard University Bok Center Distinction in Teaching Award
Spring 2017
Fall 2016
Spring 2016
Spring 2015

Advising

Senior Thesis Students 2014–2019

Harvard University

Cambridge, Massachusetts

Amma Ababio, "Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself: Christianity and the Development of Psychiatry in America."

Kayla McGarrell, "Rutland Corner House: A Microhistory."

Deniz Cataltepe, "A Successful Failure: Victor Horsley's Epilepsy Surgeries At The National Hospital For The Paralyzed And Epileptic, 1886-1906."

Stefanie Chorionopolus, "Unmasking the Psychopath: Psychopathy Research from 1941 to 1999."

Departmental Service

Rothschild Prize Committee, Reader 2017, 2018

Modern Sciences Working Group, Harvard University, Co-Organizer 2014

Professional Service

Peer Referee, History of Psychology (journal)	2016
Member, History of Science Society	<i>Current</i>
Member, American Historical Association	<i>Current</i>
Member, Canadian Society for the History of Medicine	<i>Current</i>
Member, Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science.	<i>Current</i>