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CURRICULUM VITAE

**EDUCATION**

- Ph.D.** History, University at Buffalo, 2016  
Dissertation: “A Physical Wreck of His Former Self:’ Gender and Disability in the Civil War North”  
Committee: Dr. Carole Emberton, Dr. Susan Cahn, Dr. Michael Rembis
- M.S.Ed.** Secondary Social Studies Education, Niagara University, 2010
- M.A.** History, University at Buffalo, 2009
- B.A.** American Studies and Creative Writing, Wells College, 2007

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Journal Articles**

- Forthcoming* “Disability in Civil War Medical Photography,” in Brian Jordan, ed., *The Unfinished Work: New Perspectives on Civil War Veteranhood*, Louisiana State University Press
- June 2016 “Wrestling at the Gates of Death:’ Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain and Nonvisible Disability in the Post Civil War North,” *The Journal of the Civil War Era*

**Selected Digital Publications**

- October 2015 “Ghosts Are Scary, Disabled People Are Not: The Troubling Rise of the Haunted Asylum,” *Nursing Clio*
- July 2015 “Heritage is Not History: Historians, Charleston, and the Confederate Flag,” *Nursing Clio*
- January 2015 “Come to the Dark Side: Disability as ‘Dark’ Civil War History,” *Nursing Clio*
- October 2014 “Save Our Sisterhood: Reflecting on Single-Sex Education Ten Years Later,” *Nursing Clio*
- July 2014 “Desertion, Martial Manhood, and Mental Illness: The Case of Sgt. Bergdahl,” *Nursing Clio*
- August 2014 “I Shall Try and Be a Man,” *New York Times Disunion*
- January 2014 “Disability, Responsibility, and the Veteran Pension Paradox,” *Nursing Clio*
- July 2013 “The Wounded Lion of Union,” *New York Times Disunion*

### **Book Reviews**

- January 2016 Review of Brian Craig Miller, *Empty Sleeves: Amputation in the Civil War South*, *The Civil War Monitor*
- May 2014 Review of Joseph Reinhart, *Yankee Dutchmen Under Fire: Civil War Letters from the 82<sup>nd</sup> Illinois Infantry*, *The Civil War Monitor*
- August 2013 “Repairing ‘The Melancholy Harvest,’” review of Guy R. Hasegawa’s *Mending Broken Soldiers: The Union and Confederate Programs to Supply Artificial Limbs*, *H-Net Reviews*

### **GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2015-2016 New York State Council for the Humanities Public Humanities Fellow
- 2013 Shannon Fellowship for Research in American History, University at Buffalo

2012 New York State Professional Development Award, New York State Government Employees Union

2010-2015 Milton Plesur Fellowship, University at Buffalo

## **INVITED TALKS**

2016 “A Physical Wreck of His Former Self:” Disabled Veterans in the Post Civil War North,” Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village

2016 “Union Veterans and the Disability Pension Paradox,” Chemung County Historical Society Civil War Lecture series

2015 “Wrestling at the Gates of Death:’ Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain and Nonvisible Disability in the Post Civil War North,” Genesee Community College Civil War Lecture series

2015 “Wrestling at the Gates of Death:’ Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain and Nonvisible Disability in the Post Civil War North,” Pejepscot Historical Society, Brunswick, Maine

2015 “A Physical Wreck of His Former Self:’ Veterans and Disability in the Post Civil War North,” Kenilworth National Park & Aquatic Gardens Water Lily Festival

2012 “In The Full Strength of Manhood:’ The Soldier’s Death in the American Civil War,” Genesee Community College Civil War Lecture series

## **CAMPUS TALKS**

2014 “A Physical Wreck of His Former Self:’ Gender and Disability in the Post Civil War North,” University at Buffalo Humanities Institute Civil Wars Works-in-Progress series

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

### Panels Organized

- 2015            “‘I Shall Try and Be a Man:’ Institutionalized Union Veterans in the Civil War North,” 129<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the American Historical Association

### Papers Presented

- 2016            “‘Is There Any Hope?’: Veterans, Families and War Trauma in the Post Civil War North,” Annual Meeting of the American Association for the History of Medicine
- 2015            “‘His Hands are Hard and Indicate an Ability to Work:’ Contested Definitions of Disability in the Civil War Pension System,” Milton Plesur Annual Graduate Conference, University at Buffalo
- 2014            “The Disabled Lion of Union: Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain and Non-Visible Disability in the Post Civil War North,” Center for Civil War Research, University of Mississippi Conference on the Civil War, University of Mississippi
- 2014            “The Sacrifices of This War are Awful:’ Veterans and Disability in the Post Civil War North,” Biennial Meeting of the Society of Civil War Historians
- 2014            “‘Hardships & Perils & Not a Few Honors:’ Fictionalizing Trauma in *Gettysburg*,” Northeast Modern Language Association Convention
- 2013            “The (Disabled) Lion of Union:’ Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain and Disability in Post Civil War America,” Milton Plesur Annual Graduate Conference, University at Buffalo
- 2012            “‘The Real War Will Never Get in the Books:’ Language and Wounds in the American Civil War,” Washington University of St. Louis Graduate History of the Body Conference
- 2011            “‘The Real War Will Never Get in the Books:’ Language and Wounds in the American Civil War,” Milton Plesur Annual Graduate Conference, University at Buffalo

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

## **Instructor, University at Buffalo**

Winter, 2016                      United States History to 1865  
Summer, 2014                      United States History from 1865  
Summer, 2011                      United States History to 1865

## **Teaching Assistant, University at Buffalo**

Spring 2015, World Civilizations II  
Fall 2014, Death in America  
Spring 2013, United States History since 1865  
Fall 2012, United States History to 1865  
Spring 2012, World Civilizations II  
Fall 2011, World Civilizations I  
Spring 2011, United States History since 1865  
Fall 2010, United States History to 1865

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

### **Research Experience**

2014-2015    Research Assistant, Dr. Samantha Barbas

### **Digital Humanities**

2015              Founder, The Buffalo Oral History Project  
2015              Producer and Managing Editor, *The History Buffs Podcast*  
2015              Editor and Social Media Assistant, *Nursing Clio*, [www.nursingclio.org](http://www.nursingclio.org)  
2014              Writer, *Nursing Clio*, [www.nursingclio.org](http://www.nursingclio.org)  
2013              Contributor, *New York Times Disunion* blog

## **Professional Service**

- 2015            Consultant and Curator, Sacred Heart Academy Oral History Project & Exhibition
- 2012            Organizer, Annual Milton Plesur Graduate History Conference
- 2011-2012     Secretary, University at Buffalo Graduate History Association

**Associations:** Society of Civil War Historians, American Historical Association, Disability History Association, American Association for the History of Medicine

**Research Interests:** nineteenth century America, the American Civil War, violence, gender and sexuality, medicine, madness, disability, veterans, digital history, digital humanities, public history & humanities