**Curriculum Vitae – Kathryn Lankford**

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**Education**

**Michigan State University, Ph.D., History, 2013-present**

Fields: History of Medicine and Science, U.S. History, and Latin America and the Caribbean

Specialization: Women’s and Gender Studies

Advisor: Naoko Wake

Committee Members: Lisa Fine, Ed Murphy, and Helen Veit

Dissertation (Working Title): *Conceiving and Carrying Contraception: The Clinical Trials of the First Birth Control Pill in Puerto Rico*

**University of West Georgia, B.S., Biology, *Cum Laude,* 2013**

Fields: Biology (major) and History (minor)

Honors Thesis: *Eugenics and Female Sexuality in the United States, 1890s to 1940*

**Relevant Employment and Teaching Experience**

2016 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of History, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan

Course: HST 420, History of Sexuality

2016 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Lyman Briggs College, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan

Course: LB 332, Technology and Culture-Cyborg Nation: Technobiology and the Rise of Transhumanism (Honors Section)

2015 & 2016 Assistant Instructor, Center for Integrative Studies in Social Science and Department of History, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan

Course: ISS 335, National Diversity and Change (United States) - Sex Research and Social Science

2013-Present Graduate Teaching Assistant, Center for Integrative Studies in the Arts and Humanities, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan

Courses:

IAH 201, U.S. and the World- 1880-Present: From Isolation to Global Community

IAH 203, Latin America and the World- Tensions of Empire and Nation

IAH 206, Self, Society, and Technology

IAH 206, Self, Society, and Technology-Nature and Nurture: A History of Ideas in Context

2011-2013 Research Assistant and Peer Mentor, Mitra Lab, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, Georgia

2010-2011 Teaching Assistant, Department of Biology, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, Georgia

Course: BIOL 1110: Biological Diversity

2009-2010 Tutor in Spanish and English, EXCEL: Center for Academic Success, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, Georgia

**awards, Fellowships, and Scholarships**

2016 Harry Brown Graduate Fellowship in American History, Department of History, Michigan State University

2016 Graduate Research Scholarship, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Michigan State University

2015 Madison Kuhn Award for Best Pre-Dissertation Research Project in U.S. History, Department of History, Michigan State University

2015 Seed Research Grant, Department of History and College of Social Science, Michigan State University

2015 Somers Excellence in Teaching Award for Teaching Assistants, Center for Integrative Studies in Arts and Humanities, Michigan State University

2014 Seed Research Grant, Department of History and College of Social Science, Michigan State University

2013-Present Graduate Assistantship, Department of History, Michigan State University

2013 First Place in Aubrey Naylor Undergraduate Student Poster Competition, The American Society of Plant Biologists-Southern Section

2013 Molecular Photosynthesis Award for Presentation of Research, University of West Georgia

2012-2013 Vice President of Academic Affairs Travel Award, University of West Georgia

2012-2013 Dr. Ryan Kauffman Presidential Scholarship in Biology, Department of Biology, University of West Georgia

2012-2013 Richards Presidential Scholarship, Honors College, University of West Georgia

2012-2013 Joe M. Ward Memorial Scholarship, University of West Georgia

2012-2013 Outstanding Honors Student of the Senior Class, Honors College, University of West Georgia

2011-2013 Jewell Miles Burson Memorial Scholarship in Natural Sciences, University of West Georgia

2011-2012 T.R. “Cotton” Williamson Scholarship, Department of Biology, University of West Georgia

2011-2012 Wirsing Scholarship in Natural Sciences, University of West Georgia

2011 Second Place in 8th Annual Chester Gibson Public Speaking Competition, Department of Mass Communications, University of West Georgia

**Publications**

2013 Grovenstein, Phillip B, **Kathryn D Lankford**, Darryel A Wilson, Kelsey A Gaston, Surangi Perera, and Mautusi Mitra. “Identification and Molecular Characterization of the Second Chlamydomonas gun4 Mutant, gun4-II.” *F1000Research* (July 29). doi:10.12688/f1000research.2-142.v2.

2013 Grovenstein, Phillip B, Darryel A Wilson, Cameron G Lennox, Katherine P

Smith, Alisha A Contractor, Jonathan L Mincey, **Kathryn D Lankford**, Jacqueline M Smith, Tashana C Haye, and Mautusi Mitra. “Identification and Molecular Characterization of a Novel Chlamydomonas Reinhardtii Mutant Defective in Chlorophyll Biosynthesis.” *F1000Research* (July 29). doi:10.12688/f1000research.2-138.v2.

2012 **Lankford, Kathryn D**., Kelsey A. Gaston, Phillip B. Grovenstein, and Surangi Perera. “Growth Phenotype and Biochemical Characterization of a Chlamydomonas Reinhardtii (Green Micro-Alga) Pigment Deficient Mutant F3 (14).” *2012 NCUR* (September 19). http://ncurproceedings.org/ojs/index.php/NCUR2012/article/view/172.

**Conference Presentations**

2015 “Abject Reproduction, Performed Gender, and the Pill in Puerto Rico, 1952-1967,” 2015 National Women’s Studies Association (NWSA) Annual Conference: *Precarity*, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, November 12th-15th

2015 “Who Created the Pill?: Clinical trials of Enovid and Other Contraceptives in Humacao, Puerto Rico,” Knowledge from the Margins: Social Justice and Sustainability Conference, East Lansing, Michigan, Michigan State University, August 18th-19th

2013 Kathryn Lankford and Darryel Wilson, “Characterization of two *Chalmydomonas reinhardtii* mutants defective in chlorophyll biosynthesis and photosynthesis under different irradiance conditions,” 2013 Annual Meeting of the Southern Section of American Plant Biologist Society, Little Rock, Arkansas, April 7th

2012 “Utilization of functional genomics to study regulation of chlorophyll biosynthetic pathways in the unicellular green alga *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii*,” National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR), Weber State University, Weber, Utah, March 30th

2012 “Employing functional genomics to identify novel genes that play a role in high light sensitivity,” National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR), Weber State University, Weber, Utah, March 30th

2011 “Functional Genomics of Eukaryotic Oxygenic Photosynthesis in the Model Unicellular Green Microalga *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii*,” 2011 Annual National Collegiate Honors Council Conference, Phoenix, Arizona, October 21st

**Invited Talks**

2016 “Choosing to Test: Dr. A. P. Satterthwaite and the First Birth Control Pill Clinical Trials in Humacao, Puerto Rico,” 2016-2017 Bioethics Brown Bag and Webinar Series, MSU Center for Bioethics and Humanities in the Life Sciences, East Lansing, Michigan, October 19th

**pROFESSIONAL dEVELOPMENT and service to Institution**

2016 Guest Lecturer, “La Malinche and the Conquest of the Aztec Empire in the 16th century CE,” Department of History, Michigan State University, HST 420: History of Sexuality

2016 Guest Lecturer, “Creating and Negotiating Birth Control: Puerto Rican Women’s Experiences with Contraception, 1948-1970,” Chicano/Latino Studies Program, Michigan State University, CLS 201: Intro to Chicano/Latino Studies

2016 Accepted Participant, “Images and Texts in Medical History,” National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland, April 11th-13th, 2016.

2015-2016 Co-Organizer, History, Philosophy, and Sociology of Science Graduate and Faculty Reading Group, Michigan State University

2015 Guest Lecturer, “More than Heredity: Continuance of Eugenics in U.S. Social Thought during the 1930s,” Center for the Integrated Study of Humanities, Michigan State University, IAH 201: U.S. and the World

2015 Guest Lecturer, “Images from the ‘Yellow Press’: How to Use Primary Sources to Make an Argument,” Center for the Integrated Study of Humanities, Michigan State University, IAH 201: U.S. and the World

2014-2015 History Department Steward, Graduate Employees Union, American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO #6196

2014 Panel Chair, Migration Without Boundaries: An Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference on Migration, Michigan State University

2014 Guest Lecturer, “Creating the 1st FDA-Approved Birth Control Pill: An Overview of What’s Known,” Center for the Integrated Study of Humanities, Michigan State University, IAH 201: U.S. and the World

2014 Guest Speaker, “Clinical Trials of the First FDA-approved oral contraceptive, Enovid” Lyman Briggs College, Michigan State University, LB: Senior Seminar-Health, Sex, and Feminism in the Trans-Pacific World

2013 Panel Discussant for Honors College, Preview Day for Admitted Students for Fall 2013, University of West Georgia

2012 Guest Lecturer, “What Goes on in a Molecular Physiology Lab,” Department of Biology, University of West Georgia, BIOL 3134: Cell and Molecular Biology

2012 Student Vice President, The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, University of West Georgia

2012 University Delegate, 2012 Bi-Annual Convention of Phi Kappa Phi, St. Louis

2012 Group Leader and Demonstrator, College for a Day in STEM Programs, University of West Georgia

2012 Honors College Representative, Preview Day for Interested Students, University of West Georgia

2011 Scribe, Disabilities Services, University of West Georgia

2011 Group Leader and Demonstrator, The Henry and Camille Dreyfus Foundation’s "Research Experience via Active Collaboration of High Schools (REACH)” Program, University of West Georgia

2010 Volunteer Student Assistant for “Senior English: Writing and Composition”, Carrollton High School, Carrollton, Georgia

**Language**

Spanish: Graduate proficiency and comprehension

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Historical Association

National Women’s Studies Association