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### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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2008-present **Tufts University**, Assistant Professor of History  
2004-2007 **Trinity College, University of Cambridge**, Junior Research Fellow

### EDUCATION

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1999-2005 **Harvard University**, Ph.D. in the History of Science  
1992-1996 **Wellesley College**, B.A. in History and German Studies

### FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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2010 **Tufts Faculty Research Awards Committee Grant**  
2007 **Wellcome Trust Conference Grant**  
2007 **British Academy Conference Grant**  
2005 **Richard Harrison Shryock Medal** American Association for the History of Medicine  
2004-2005 **Dissertation Completion Fellowship** Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences  
2004 **Conference Travel Grant** Society for the Study of Early Modern Women  
2003-2004 **Fellowship for Dissertation Research** American Association for the History of Pharmacy  
2002-2003 **Mellon/CLIR Fellowship** for Dissertation Research in Original Sources  
2002-2003 **Sheldon Traveling Fellowship** Harvard University (*declined*)  
2002-2003 **Eugene Cox Fellowship for Dissertation Research** Wellesley College

### PUBLICATIONS

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#### Books

- *Secrets and Knowledge in Medicine and Science, 1500-1800*, co-edited with Elaine Leong. (Aldershot: Ashgate, 2011.)
- *Panacea's Daughters: Noblenwomen and Pharmacy in Early Modern Germany* (University of Chicago Press, forthcoming). Final title subject to change.

#### Articles and Essays

- "How to Cure the Golden Vein: Medical Remedies as *Wissenschaft* in Early Modern Germany." In *Ways of Making and Knowing: The Material Culture of Empirical Knowledge*, ed. Pamela H. Smith, Amy Meyers, and Harold Cook (University of Michigan Press, forthcoming 2011).
- "Empirics, Physicians, and Wonder Drugs in Early Modern Germany: The Case of the *Panacea Amvaldina*." *Early Science and Medicine* 14 (2009): 680-710.

- “Experimente am Hof: Die pharmazeutische Praxis der Anna on Sachsen (1532-1585).” *Sächsische Heimat Blätter* 55:2 (2009): 155-163.
- “The Housewife’s Apothecary in Early Modern Austria: Wolfgang Helmhard von Hohberg’s *Georgica curiosa* (1682).” *Medicine & Storia*, 15 (2008): 59-78.
- “Duchess, Heal Thyself: Elisabeth of Rochlitz and the Patient’s Perspective in Early Modern Germany.” *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*, 82 (2008): 109-144.
- “Becoming an Expert Practitioner: Court Experimentalism and the Medical Skills of Anna of Saxony (1532-85).” *Isis: Journal of the History of Science Society* 98 (2007): 23-53.

### Encyclopedia Articles

- “Women, Science, and Medicine, 1400-1800,” *Ashgate Companion to Women and Gender* (forthcoming 2012).
- “German Print Culture.” In *The Oxford History of Popular Print Culture*, Volume 1: *Beginnings to 1660*. Ed. Joad Raymond. (Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2011).
- “Doctors and Healers.” In *Women and Gender in Medieval Europe: An Encyclopedia*, ed. Margaret Schaus, *Routledge Encyclopedia of the Middle Ages*, vol. 12 (New York: Routledge, 2006).
- “Women and Lay Healing.” In *Encyclopedia of Women in the Renaissance: England, France, and Italy*, eds. Anne Larsen, Carole Levin, and Diana Robin (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2007).

### Book Reviews

- *Ketzer, Künstler, und Dämonen*, by Bernd Roeck. In *Renaissance Quarterly*, 64 (2011): 199-201.
- *Der Dienst Am Kranken: Krankenversorgung zwischen Caritas, Medizin und Ökonomie vom Mittelalter bis zur Neuzeit*, edited by Gerhard Aumüller, Kornelia Grundmann, and Christina Vanja. In *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* 83 (Fall 2009): 600-601.
- *Distilling Knowledge: Alchemy, Chemistry, and the Scientific Revolution*, by Bruce Moran. In *Early Science and Medicine*, 13 (2008): 394-96.
- *Food in Early Modern History: Phases, Fads, Fashions 1500-1760*, by Joan Thirsk. In *Medical History*, 52 (2008): 278-79.
- “Perfecting Aristotle,” review of *Promethean Ambitions: Alchemy and the Quest to Perfect Nature* by William R. Newman. In *Metascience* 14 (2005): 289-92.
- *Paracelsian Moments: Science, Medicine, and Astrology in Early Modern Europe*, edited by Gerhild Scholz Williams and Charles D. Gunnoe, Jr. In *Journal of Early Modern History* 8 (2004): 421-3.

### Translations (German-English)

- “Cosmology,” by Klaus A. Vogel. In *The Cambridge History of Science, Vol. 3: Early Modern Science*, eds. Lorraine Daston and Katharine Park (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006), pp. 472-96.

- “European Expansion and Self-Definition,” by Klaus A. Vogel. In *The Cambridge History of Science, Vol. 3: Early Modern Science*, eds. Lorraine Daston and Katharine Park (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006), pp 821-40.

### RELEVANT INVITED TALKS, COLLOQUIA, AND SEMINARS

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- “Panaceas and Poison Antidotes in Early Modern Germany,” History of Medicine Working Group, Harvard University, October 25, 2011.
- “Cure-All or Helpful Herb? Debates about the Panacea in Early Modern Germany,” History of Science Society Annual Conference, Montreal, November 2010.
- “To Cure a Thief: Testing Poison Antidotes in Early Modern Germany,” Early Sciences Working Group, Harvard University, October 29, 2009.
- “Experimente am Hof. Die pharmazeutische Praxis der Anna von Sachsen,” Deutsche Gesellschaft für Geschichte der Pharmazie e.V., Regionalgruppe Sachsen. Keynote speaker, Biennial meeting. Town Hall, Torgau, Germany. July 2008.
- “Art Written Down: Noblewomen and Medical Recipes in Early Modern Germany,” Medieval and Early Modern History Seminar, Brown University. April 2008.
- “Panacea’s Daughters: Gentlewomen and Experiential Knowledge in Early Modern German Medicine” History and Philosophy of Science Departmental Seminar, University of Cambridge, UK. November 2007.
- “The Housewife’s Apothecary in Early Modern Germany,” Seminar on the History of Medicine, Oxford Brookes University, Oxford, UK. November 2007.
- “The Patient’s Perspective in Early Modern Europe,” Crosstalks Interdisciplinary Seminar, Corpus Christi College, University of Cambridge, UK. October 2007.

### RELEVANT CONFERENCE PAPERS

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- “Cure-All or Helpful Herb? Debates about the Panacea in Early Modern Germany,” History of Science Society Annual Meeting, Montreal, Can., November 4-7 2010 (forthcoming)
- “Medical Remedies as *Wissenschaft* in Early Modern Germany,” History of Science Society Annual Meeting, Phoenix, AZ, November 19-22, 2009.
- “Testing Poison Antidotes in Early Modern Germany,” Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. April 2008.
- “Art Written Down: Elite Women and Medical Recipes in Early Modern Germany,” Women, Health, and Healing in Early Modern Europe, Institute of the History of Medicine, The Johns Hopkins University. April 2006.