

Amanda Armstrong

Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Fordham University

Assistant Professor, Department of History
Fall 2018

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Assistant Professor, Department of History, and Postdoctoral Fellow, Society of Fellows
August 2015 to July 2018

EDUCATION

PhD

University of California, Berkeley, Rhetoric, Fall 2015

Infrastructures of Injury: Railway Accidents and the Remaking of Class and Gender in Mid-Nineteenth-Century Britain

Committee: James Vernon (Chair), Judith Butler, Michael Wintroub, Ramona Naddaff

Examination Fields

The Historical Novel

Ramona Naddaff

Nineteenth-Century Historicism

Martin Jay

Hegel and Marx

Judith Butler

MA

University of Chicago, School of Divinity, Spring 2008

Subfield: History of Religions

BA

Swarthmore College, Religion and Interpretation Theory, Spring 2005

Highest Honors

Thesis: *Conjuring the Gallae: Paul and the Politics of Gender Variance*

PUBLICATIONS

Book Project:

Between the Union and the Police: Railway Labor, Race and Gender in the British Empire, 1848-1928.

Refereed Journal Articles:

“The Wooden Brain: Organizing Untimeliness Marx’s *Capital*,” in *Mediations* 30:3 (Fall 2017).

“Looting: A Colonial Genealogy of the Contemporary Idea,” in *Postmodern Culture* 27:1 (September 2016).

Articles in Preparation:

“Injury and Improvement Along the Lines: Gaskell’s *Cranford* and the Responsibilization of Railway Widows in Britain, 1846-1853.”

"The Firing at Bamangachi: Race, Space, and the Conditions of Repression along Colonial Indian Railways," in *Radical History Review* 133, “Militarism and Capitalism.” (Invited to Submit.)

Other Publications:

“Certificates of Live Birth and Dead Names: On the Subject of Recent Anti-Trans Legislation,” in *South Atlantic Quarterly* 116:3 (July 2017), 621-631.

“Infrastructures of Injury,” in *LIES: A Journal of Materialist Feminism*, 2 (August 2015), 117-137.

“States of Indebtedness: Care Work in the Struggle Against Educational Privatization,” in *South Atlantic Quarterly*, 110.2 (Spring 2011), 546-552.

Book Reviews:

Review of Joshua Clover, *Riot. Strike. Riot.* (London: Verso, 2016), for *Viewpoint Magazine* (September 2016).

Review of Phil Tiemeyer: *Plane Queer: Labor, Sexuality, and AIDS in the History of Male Flight Attendants* (Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press, 2013), for *Labor Notes* (October 2013).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Courses:

“History of Disaster,” History 215, University of Michigan.

“The British Empire,” History 227, University of Michigan.

“Women and Gender in Modern European History,” History 372, University of Michigan.

“Imperial Visions and Acts of Rebellion: From the Haitian Revolution to the Post-Reconstruction Era,” with Munira Lokhandwala, Rhetoric 152AC, UC Berkeley.

“Figures of the Past,” Rhetoric R1A, Reading and Composition, UC Berkeley.

“Dead Words and Unsettled Bodies,” Rhetoric R1B, Reading and Composition, UC Berkeley.

“Introduction to Practical Reasoning and Critical Analysis of Argument,” Rhetoric 10, UC Berkeley (TA).

“Classical Rhetorical Theory,” Rhetoric 103A, UC Berkeley (TA).

PRESENTATIONS

"The Scrapbooker and the Stargazer: Gender and the Remaking of the Working Class Along the Railways of the Second British Empire," Society of Fellows, January 25, 2018.

"Aristocrats of the Footplate: Railway Labor Markets, Race and Masculinity in the Second British Empire," Economic Sociology Workshop, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, March 7, 2017.

"Mobile Infrastructures, Colonial Labor Migration, and the Remaking of the British Working Class," Society of Fellows, Dinner Talk, December 6, 2016.

"Risk Managing the Crisis," American Studies Association Conference, Denver, November 17-20, 2016.

"Divergent Lines: Stratifying Railway Labor in Britain and Colonial India before the First World War," Society of Fellows Forum, Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, September 9, 2016.

"Policing and Risk Management in the New University," Cultural Studies Association Conference, Policing Crises Now, Villanova University, June 2-4, 2016.

"Securitization and University Finance," Modern Languages Association Conference, Austin, January 7-10, 2016.

"Healthy Circulation: History of a Metaphor," Society of Fellows, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, November 19, 2015.

"Fragments for a History of the Mass Picket," Marxisms Interdisciplinary Working Group, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, November 12, 2015.

"Transit, Injury, and Infrastructure," with Paul Nadal, Politics Beyond the Human Workshop, UC Berkeley Program in Critical Theory, March 13, 2014.

"Real Subsumption, Violence, and Struggles at the Limits of Reproduction around 1970," Historical Materialism Conference, New York, April 26-28, 2013.

"Challenges to Reproductive Labor Regimes at the Close of the Fordist Era," UC Irvine Comparative Literature Graduate Student Conference, The Laboring Body, March 15, 2013.

"Debt and the Student Strike: Antagonisms in the Sphere of Social Reproduction," Keynote Address, University of Toronto, Edu-Factory Conference, April 27-29, 2012.

"Remaining Behind: The Time of Rail Transit and Its Limits in Kafka's Literary Fragments," UCSB Center for Literature, Theory and Culture, 9th Annual Graduate Student Conference, Aesthetic Mutations, May 27, 2011.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

- 2015 **Michigan Society of Fellows**, University of Michigan
- 2013 **Townsend Center for the Humanities, Dissertation Fellowship**, UC Berkeley
- 2012 **Research Grant**, Graduate Division, UC Berkeley
- 2012 **Dean's Normative Time Grant**, UC Berkeley
- 2011 **Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor**, Department of Rhetoric, UC Berkeley
- 2010 **Language Summer Grant**, Department of Rhetoric, UC Berkeley
- 2005 **Dean's Scholarship**, Divinity School, University of Chicago

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Professional Affiliations:

American Historical Association (AHA)
National Women's Studies Association (NWSA)
History of Science Society (HSS)
Modern Languages Association (MLA)
American Studies Association (ASA)
Cultural Studies Association (CSA)

Membership on Editorial Boards:

Collective Member, *Radical History Review* (2017)
Contributing Editor, *Viewpoint Magazine* (2016-present)
Board of Editors, *Reclamations Journal* (2010-present)

Other Professional Activities:

Convener, W.E.B. Du Bois Reading Group, University of Michigan (2016)
Research Assistant for Judith Butler, UC Berkeley (2015)
Prepared manuscript for Butler et. al., *Vulnerability in Resistance* (Duke UP, 2016).
Mentor, Mellon Mays Undergraduate Program, UC Berkeley (2014-2015)
Recording Secretary, Berkeley Unit, UC Student Workers Union (2013-2014)
Adviser, UC Berkeley Academic Senate, Committee on Free Speech (2012-2013)
Mentor and Coordinator, LGBTQ Student Life, University of Chicago (2006-2007)