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## **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. in History                      University of Kansas, 1993  
M.A. in History                      University of California, Santa Barbara, 1984  
B.A. in History                      Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas, 1982

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Professor of History, Washburn University, 2007-present  
Associate Professor of History, Washburn University, 2003-2007  
Assistant Professor of History, Washburn University, 2000-2003  
Chair, Department of History, Goshen College, 1998-99  
Assistant Professor of History, Goshen College, 1995-99

## **PRIZES, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS**

DeBenedetti Prize in Peace History, Awarded by Peace History Society, 2015  
Roy Myers Award for Excellence in Research, Washburn University, 2015  
Small Research Grant, Washburn University, 2007-08; 2014-15  
Washburn University Curriculum Development Grant, 2011-12  
Community-Based Research Grant, Washburn University, 2008  
Sweet Sabbatical Awards, Washburn University, 2004; 2007  
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society induction, 2006  
Faculty Development Grant, Washburn University, 2001-2002  
Faculty Research Grants, Goshen College, 1995-96; 1996-97  
Honors for Dissertation, University of Kansas, 1993  
Dissertation Fellowship, University of Kansas, 1992-93  
Alfred M. Landon Historical Research Grant, Kansas State Historical Society, 1992  
Jackson Baur Award for Research, University of Kansas, 1991  
Abel-Hodder Teaching Award, University of Kansas, 1988  
Rockefeller Fellowship, University of California, 1982-83  
Bethel College Honor Society induction, 1982

## **BOOKS**

*Women Against the Good War: Conscientious Objection and Gender on the American Home Front, 1941-47.* University of North Carolina Press, Gender and Culture Series, 1997.

With Robert Kreider, *When Good People Quarrel: Studies of Conflict Resolution.* Scottdale, PA: Herald Press, 1989.

With Robert Kreider, *Hungry, Thirsty, A Stranger: The Mennonite Central Committee Story*.  
Scottsdale, PA: Herald Press, 1988.

*Brick and Mortar: A History of Newton, Kansas*. Newton, KS: City of Newton, 1984.

#### **PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS**

"Mennonite Bodies, Sexual Ethics: Women Challenge John Howard Yoder," *Journal of Mennonite Studies* 34 (Summer 2016).

"Defanging the Beast': Mennonite Responses to John Howard Yoder's Sexual Abuse," *Mennonite Quarterly Review*, 89 (January 2015): 7-80.

"Campus Protests and John Howard Yoder, 1985-1997," *Mennonite Life*, 69 (2015).

"Disarming the Toy Store and Reloading the Shopping Cart: Resistance to Violent Consumer Culture," *Peace & Change: A Journal of Peace Research*, 38 (July 2013).

"Like Entering an Armed Camp': Christian Peacemaker Teams and the Language of Violent-Toy Protests" *Mennonite Quarterly Review*, 86 (January 2012): 49-74.

"Herself, Growing Older: An Interview with Feminist Writer Diana Laskin Siegel," in *A Waiting Room of One's Own*, ed. Sarah Smarsh. Topeka, KS: Washburn University, 2011.

"Thirty Years of *Living More With Less*," in *Living More With Less*, ed. Valerie Weaver-Zercher. Scottsdale, Pa.: Herald Press, 2010.

"Let the Sound Run Through You," in *Nurturing Spirit Through Song: The Life of Mary K Oyer*, ed. Rebecca Slough. Telford, Pa.: Cascadia Publishing, 2007.

"North American Mennonite Peacemakers and Their History," *Journal of Mennonite Studies* (2005): 91-100.

"Clark, Georgia Neese," in *Notable American Women: A Biographical Dictionary*, Vol. 5, Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2004.

"Mennonite Women." In *Handbook of American Women's History*, eds. Angela Howard Zophy and Frances M. Kavenik. 2nd ed. New York: Garland Press, 2000.

"Prairie People: A Swiss Volhynian Kaleidoscope of Images," *Mennonite Life* 55 (June 2000).

"Pacifist Professional Women on the Job in the United States." In *Challenge to Mars: Essays on Pacifism from 1918 to 1945*, ed. Peter Brock and Thomas P. Socknat. Toronto: The University of Toronto Press, 1999.

- "A Gender Gap Among Mennonite Peacemakers?" *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 73 (July 1999): 539-45.
- "Beckoning Stories: Maria's Gifts," *Mennonite Life* 54 (March 1999), 11-19.
- "Piety and Professionalism: The Bethel Deaconesses of the Great Plains." *Mennonite Life* 49 (March 1994): 4-11.
- "Mennonite Women and Civilian Public Service," *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 66 (October 1992): 525-38.
- "No 'Easy Street': Bethel's Struggle for Accreditation, 1930-1938." *Mennonite Life*, 43 (1987): 4-10.
- "From Anabaptism to Mennonitism: *The Mennonite Encyclopedia* as a Historical Document." *Mennonite Life* 37 (December 1982): 13-19.

### **BOOK & FILM REVIEWS**

In *American Historical Review*, *Journal of American History*, *Canadian Historical Review*, *The Public Historian*, *History of Education Quarterly*, *Labour/Travail*, *Fides et Historia*, *Journal of Mennonite Studies*, *Mennonite Quarterly Review*, *Mennonite Life*, *Mennonite Historical Bulletin*, *Mennonite Weekly Review*, *Conrad Grebel Review*, *Peace & Change*, *Journal of Church and State*, *Indiana Magazine of History*, *The Annals of Iowa*, *Nova Religio*, *Peace Review: A Journal of Social Justice*, *American Studies Journal*, *Oregon Historical Quarterly*, *Kansas History*

### **SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- "Mennonite Bodies, Sexual Ethics: Women Challenge John Howard Yoder" at "Mennonites, Medicine, and the Body: A History Conference," The University of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, October 2015.
- "Cartoonists on the Theme of War Toys: An Illustrated History of Resistance," at the Peace History Society conference, Southern Illinois University, October 25, 2013.
- "Ain't Gonna Study War No More: Protesting War Toys," at the Mapping the Landscape of Childhood Conference, Lethbridge University, Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada, May 5, 2011.
- "Altered Landscapes: Amish and Mennonite Women on the World War II Home Front," Rural Women's Studies Association, University of Indiana-Bloomington, September 2009.
- "*Women Against the Good War* Revisited," Michiana Anabaptist Historians, Goshen, Indiana, October 2006.

- "Scientist, Pacifist: The Life Work of Kathleen Lonsdale," Peace History Society Conference, Winthrop University, November 2005.
- "Contemporary Mennonite Peace Movements," The State of the Art of North American Mennonite History Conference, University of Winnipeg, October 2004.
- "Civil Defense?' Responses of Pacifist Women During World War II," Organization of American Historians, Memphis, April 2003.
- "In the Name of Humanity: Women Protesters Against the Vietnam War," 2001: A Peace Odyssey Commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Nobel Peace Prize Interdisciplinary Conference, Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York, 2001
- "Kansans Opposed to War," Home on the Range: From the Home Front to the Frontlines Symposium, Fort Hays State University, Hays, Kansas, April 2001.
- "Whither the Mennonite Diaspora? Family and Church-Relatedness," Mennonites and the Family Conference, Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana, 1999.
- "Beckoning Stories: Anne's Gifts," Walls and Windows: Creating and Nurturing Viable Community, A Symposium in Honor of Robert S. Kreider, North Newton, Kansas, 1998.
- "To Join the Boys': Working Women in Wartime America, 1941-1946," Engendering the Past: Women and Men in Mennonite History Conference, Winnipeg, Manitoba, 1998.
- "A Gender Gap Among Mennonite Peacemakers?" One People, Many Voices: Charting the Next Generation of Mennonite Historical Writing in the U.S. and Canada Conference, Abbotsford, B.C., 1998.
- "Families of Conscientious Objectors on the American Home Front, 1941-1945," International Conference on the History of the Family, Carleton University, Ottawa, 1997.
- "International Service After World War II: American Pacifists' Activism," Organization of American Historians, San Francisco, 1997.
- "Future Directions for Mennonite Women's History," Women in Anabaptist Traditions Conference, Millersville University, 1995.
- "A 'Moral Equivalent of War,'" Organization of American Historians, Washington, D.C., 1995.
- "I Couldn't Say No': Mennonite Women and the Work of Peace," Anabaptist Visions Conference, Goshen College, 1994.
- "Teaching Nonviolence: Classroom Experiences," Conference on Nonviolent America--The Teaching Task, Bethel College (Kansas), 1994.

"C.O. Girls' on the American Home Front," Southern Historical Association, Orlando, 1993.

"Collegiate Women Pacifists on the American Home Front," History of Education Society, Boston, 1992.

"The Second Sex and the Second Milers: Women in Civilian Public Service," Conference on Alternative Service in World War II, Goshen College, 1991.

### **INVITED LECTURES**

"Confronting Sexual Abuse: The Case of John Howard Yoder," Mennonite Church USA Convention, Kansas City, MO, July 1, 2015

"New Directions in Civilian Public Service Research," Fresno Pacific University, Fresno, California, March 2011.

"Women in Civilian Public Service," Keynote presentation, California Mennonite Historical Society, Fresno Pacific University, Fresno, California, March 2011.

"Mennonite Immigrants to Kansas in the 1870s," American Society of Germans from Russia, Topeka, Kansas, October 2005.

"Those Who Chose Not to Fight," The Dole Institute of Politics, University of Kansas, April 2005.

"Planning a Peace Studies Program," Department of History and Phi Alpha Theta, Winthrop University, Rock Hill, South Carolina, March 2005.

Conscientious Objection and Military Service: U.S./Canadian Relations, 1965-2005," Phi Beta Delta International Lecture Series, Washburn University, February 2005.

"Women in Leadership," Roundtable for Rotary International Exchange, Washburn University, November 2004.

"A Forum on Iraq: Does History Support US Military Intervention?" Phi Alpha Theta and the Topeka Center for Peace and Justice, Washburn University, October 2002.

"Forum on the U.S. Response to Terrorism," Phi Alpha Theta Panel Discussion, Washburn University, April 2002.

"Critiquing *The Missing Peace*," Friends of the Mennonite Library and Archives North Newton, KS, March 2002.

"Against the Stream: Women Conscientious Objectors in World War II," and "In the Name of Humanity': Women Protesters Against the Vietnam War," Huston Peace Lecture Series, Bethany Theological Seminary, Richmond, Indiana, November 2001.

"Teaching *Women Against the Good War*," keynote address, 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemoration of Civilian Public Service, Bethel College, N. Newton, Kansas, June 2001.

"Collected Wisdom: Conversations with 20<sup>th</sup> Century Peacemakers," 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Lecture Series, Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution, April 2000.

"H.S. Bender Revisited," Friends of the Mennonite Library and Archives, N. Newton, Kansas, January 2000.

"Prairie People: A Kaleidoscope of Images," Swiss Volhynian Immigration 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Moundridge, Kansas, August 1999.

"What's Gender Got to Do With It?," Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio, April 1999.

"The Nursing Profession in Wartime America," Boston University, April 1998.

"Peace History: Legacies of Civilian Public Service," Elizabethtown College, Elizabethtown, Pa., April 1998.

"Comparative Approaches: Women as Peacemakers," Harvard Divinity School, March 1998.

"Women Against the 'Good War,'" Beloit College, Beloit, Wisconsin, March 1998.

"American Women During World War II," Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va., March 1998.

"Conversation with an Author During Women's History Month," Cambridge (Mass.) Public Library, March 1998.

"Conscientious Objection and Gender During the Second World War," Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio, February 1998.

"Oral History, Memory, and World War II" Cambridge Adult and Community Education, Cambridge, Mass., January 1998.

### **SELECTED PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY SERVICE**

District 3 Coordinator, National History Day-Kansas, 2000-present

Consulting Editor, Mennonite Quarterly Review, 2000-present

Member, Editorial Board, Studies in Anabaptist-Mennonite History, 2001-present

Kansas Humanities Scholar and Discussion Leader, 2009-present

Advisory Committee, Mennonite Central Committee Online History Project, 2007-present

Editorial Council member and for *Concise Encyclopedia of Amish, Brethren, Hutterites and Mennonites in North America*, ed. Donald Kraybill (Johns Hopkins University Press), 2010.

Consulting Editor, *The Conrad Grebel Review*, 2013-present

Manuscript Reviewer for Oxford University Press, the University of North Carolina Press, Oregon State University Press, The C. Henry Smith Series, the Mennonite Historical Society of Canada, *Kansas History*, *Minerva Journal of Women and War*, *Peace and Change*, *Journal of Southern History*

#### **AFFILIATIONS**

Organization of American Historians

Peace History Society

Mennonite Historical Society