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Education

2018—2022

University of Queensland

Doctor of Philosophy, History

- **Title:** "Uncertain Knowledge: False Conceptions and Generation in European Medicine, 1500-1800"
- **Advisors:** Elizabeth Stephens, Karin Sellberg and Lisa Featherstone
- **Conferred** April 2023

2011—2018

University of Queensland

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) / Bachelor of Laws (Honours)

Employment

2024 -

University of Melbourne

McKenzie Postdoctoral Fellow

School of Historical and Philosophical Studies

2023 to June 2024

University of Queensland

Associate Lecturer in Advanced Humanities

School of Historical and Philosophical Inquiry

Publications

Journal Articles

2023

"The Secrets of the Placenta in European Anatomy and Midwifery, 1560-1700," *Isis: A Journal of the History of Science Society*, 114, no.2 (2023): 249-271.

2021

"Miscarriage, False Conceptions, and Other Lumps: Women's Pregnancy Loss in Seventeenth- and Eighteenth-Century England", *Social History of Medicine*, 34, no.4 (2021): 1138-1160.

- 2021 “Wind eggs and false conceptions: thinking with formless births in seventeenth-century European natural philosophy” *Intellectual History Review*, 32, no.2 (2022): 197-218. [Published online 22 March 2021].
- 2020 “Before Onanism: Women’s Masturbation in Seventeenth-Century England” *Journal of the History of Sexuality*, vol.29, no.2 (2020): 187-221.

Book Chapters

- 2024 Paige Donaghy and Lisa Featherstone, “Sexual Consent and its Contexts” in *The Limits of Consent: Sexual Assault and Affirmative Consent*, edited by Lisa Featherstone et.al., 1-21 (Palgrave MacMillan, 2023).
- 2018 Paige Donaghy and Karin Sellberg, “Feminist Historiography” in *Macmillan Interdisciplinary Handbooks: Gender: Time*, edited by Karin Sellberg, 67-84. USA: Macmillan, 2018.

Manuscripts in preparation

- 2023 *Uncertain Generation: False Conceptions, Molas and False Pregnancies in British Medicine, 1550–1850*. Book manuscript based on thesis, currently being revised.

Select Book Reviews and Non-Traditional Publications

- 2023 “How a 16th century Italian anatomist came up with the word ‘placenta’” (September 2023), *The Conversation*
- 2023 “The Shape of Sex: Nonbinary Gender from Genesis to the Renaissance [Book Review]” *Parergon* (forthcoming 2023).
- 2023 "Birth Figures: Early Modern Prints and the Pregnant Body [Book Review]" *Early Science & Medicine* (forthcoming 2023).

Awards, Grants & Fellowships

- 2023 **Digital Cultures & Societies 2023 Funding Scheme, University of Queensland**
- Seed funding for research project "Sexual Harms in Online Spaces: The Residential College Experience" with collaborators Lisa Featherstone, Cassie Byrnes and Alex Bevan, \$50,000

"History of the Supernatural" — Guest Lecturer & Tutor, 2021, 2023

- Tutor and marker for first-year undergraduate course

"Witchcraft & Demonology in Early Modern Europe & Its Colonies" — Course Convenor, 2021

- Convenor, lecturer and tutor for undergraduate course, 80 students
- Taught in dual online and in-person mode
- Student evaluations include 5/5 for "Overall Course", "Overall Lecturer" score

"Medieval and Early Modern World" — Guest Lecturer & Tutor, 2019, 2021

- Guest lecturer and tutor in large first -year undergraduate course
- Student evaluations include 4.87/5 for "Overall Tutor" score

Select Conferences & Invited Talks

Conference & Seminars (Invited Speaker)

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| 2024 | “The History of Pregnant Women’s Sexuality in Early Modern Europe”, Invited paper for Monash Medieval & Renaissance Seminar, March 1 2024 |
| 2023 | “Feeling Uncertain, Knowing for Sure: Early Modern Pregnancy and Reproductive Knowledge”, Invited speaker for Symposium: Medieval and Early Modern Studies at the University of Queensland, 29 September 2023. |
| 2022 | “Solitary Sex and Fatherless Conceptions: Medical Theories of Single Women’s ‘Self-Generation’, 1560-1700”, Invited speaker for <i>Early Modern Science of Sex Workshop</i> , University of Exeter, UK, 11-12 July 2022. |

Select Conference Papers

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| 2023 | “Before the Ovum: Retracing the History of Female Semen in Early Modern Europe”, virtual presentation for the <i>50th Anniversary Conference of the Australian Historical Association</i> , ACU Melbourne, 3-6 July 2023. |
| 2023 | “‘The Uterine Liver, or the Foetus’s Friend’ Medical & Cultural Approaches to the Afterbirth in Early Modern Europe” in <i>Early Modern Europe</i> ”, virtual presentation for the <i>Fertility, Medicine and the Body Vivamente Conference</i> , Centre for the Study of Medicine and the Body in the Renaissance, 22-23 May 2023. |
| 2022 | “Uncertain Knowledge: Pregnancy and the Problem of “False Conceptions” in Early Modern Europe”, presentation for the <i>Summer Colloquium</i> , Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin, August 12, 2022. |
| 2022 | “Two Kinds of Conceptions”: False conceptions, moles and pregnancy in early modern Europe”, Conference paper for <i>Social History of Medicine 50th Anniversary Conference: Resilience</i> , Swansea University, 8-11th July 2022. |
| 2021 | “Innovating the Historiography of Reproduction: The Importance of “Other” Perspectives and Experiences”, <i>Australian and New Zealand Society for the History of Medicine</i> , Virtual Conference, 2nd December 2021. |

- 2021 ““There are two kinds of conceptions””: False conceptions and the incertitude of pregnancy in early modern Europe”, *Australian Historical Association Conference*, Virtual Conference, 2nd December 2021.
- 2021 “Women’s pregnancy loss in early modern England: a case study in the history of (non)reproduction”, *Perceptions of Pregnancy 2021 Workshop*, *Perceptions of Pregnancy Researcher’s Network*, Virtual Conference, 11th September 2021.

Research & Industry Experience

Research Assistant, 2023

- Role includes: conducting research and preparing manuscript related to "Sexual Consent" Project at UQ
- Supervisor: Prof. Lisa Featherstone

Editorial Assistant, *Australian Journal of Politics & History*, 2022-2023

- Editors: Prof. Lisa Featherstone & Prof. Geoff Ginn
- Role includes: assisting in the production of journal; managing manuscript submissions; organisation of publication timeline and deadlines; liaising with editorial board about publication processes; working with publisher Wiley; editing and proofreading of articles.

Conference Manager, *Cultural Studies Association of Australasia*, 2019

- Role included organisation of international/national association conference logistics, organising speaker travel, conference venues and catering, conference programme, advertising, website creation and management
- Supervisor: Assoc. Prof. Elizabeth Stephens

Service Experience

Postgraduate Representative, *Parergon Journal Early Career Committee*, 2021-2022

- Representative involved in ECR Working Group researching journal's Scimago Journal Ranking, findings presented at 2022 ANZAMEMs conference

Lilith: A Feminist History Journal Editorial Member and Book Reviews Editor, 2018-2020

- Volunteer service role on editorial committee of journal, included journal production, sourcing of journal content such as book reviews, organisation of peer review processes, organisation of publication processes (proofreading, liaising with publisher Informit)

Professional Development

- UQ First Responder to Sexual Misconduct and Violence Training, December 2023
- “Storying a knowledge basket: engaging students in Indigenous studies”, Institute for Teaching and Learning Innovation, UQ, October 2023
- UQ LGBTQIA+ Ally Network Training, University of Queensland, October 2023
- UQ Library NViVO Training, University of Queensland, September 2023
- Gender Studies Masterclass, University of Queensland, 2021
- Feedback and Assessment Network Workshop, University of Queensland, 2020

Public Engagement

Online article for *The Conversation*, 2023

- “How a 16th century Italian anatomist came up with the word ‘placenta’” (September 2023), available [here](#)
- 12, 289 readers worldwide; 5320 on ABC News; 104 shares on Facebook

Radio Interview, Eastside Radio 89.7FM Sydney, 2019

- Interview regarding *The Conversation* article I published in 2019, "Women's Masturbation in Early England"
- Aired on Friday 12th April, [available here](#)

Online article for *The Conversation*, 2019

- “Lascivious virgins and lustful itches: women’s masturbation in early England” *The Conversation* (March 2019), [available here](#)
 - 50,000 readers worldwide; 763 shares on Facebook; 32 shares on Twitter
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Research Networks & Society Memberships

- Australian and New Zealand Society of the History of Medicine, 2021-2023
 - Australasian Health and Medical Humanities Network, 2021-2023
 - Australian Historical Association, 2020-2023
 - Perceptions of Pregnancy Research Network, 2020-2023
 - Australian Women’s History Network, 2018-2023
 - Society for the Social History of Medicine, 2019-2023
 - Cultural Studies of Australasia Association, 2019-2023
 - Australian and New Zealand Association for Medieval and Early Modern Studies, 2016-2023
 - History of Science Society, 2023
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Languages

English

First language proficiency

Latin

Intermediate reading, writing, and translation

References