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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2018-present      Director, Center for Social Entrepreneurship  
Associate Professor, History Department, Westmont College  
Co-Director and Co-Founder, Westmont Initiative for Public Dialogue and Deliberation
- 2015-2017      Director, Center for Social Entrepreneurship and  
Assistant Professor, History Department, Westmont College
- 2014-2015      Assistant Professor, History Department, Westmont College
- 2013-2014      Assistant Professor, Sociology Department, Westmont College
- 2012-2013      Instructor, Departments of History and Sociology, Westmont College
- 2010-2011      Instructor, Department of History and Writing Program, University of California, Santa Barbara

## EDUCATION

- Ph.D., University of California, Santa Barbara, September 2012 (History)  
Dissertation: "Colorblind Empire: International Adoption, Social Policy and the American Family, 1945-1976"
- M.A., California State University-Sacramento, May 2007 (U.S. History)  
Thesis: "Good Samaritans or Baby Brokers?: Conflicting Responses to the Holt Adoption Program"
- B.A., University of Rochester, May 1998 (History & Political Science)  
*Cum Laude with Honors Research and High Distinction in History*  
Honor's Thesis: "The Evolution of Political Culture and Film in the 1930s: Hollywood's Enduring Legacy"

## BOOK

- The Best Possible Immigrants: International Adoption and the American Family*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2017.

## PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- "Not Just for Citations: Assessing Zotero While Reassessing Research," co-authored with Sarah L. Skripsky and Savannah L. Kelly in *Information Literacy: Research and Collaboration across Disciplines*, eds. Barbara D'Angelo, Sandra Jamieson, Barry Maid, and Janice Walker. Fort Collins, CO: WAC Clearinghouse and University Press of Colorado, 2016.
- "Thinking Historically about International Adoption," in *The Intercountry Adoption Debate: Dialogues across Disciplines*, eds. Bert Ballard, Naomi Goodno, Robert Cochran, and Jay Milbrandt, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2014.
- "Immigration Law and Improvised Policy in the Making of International Adoption, 1948-1961," *Journal of Policy History* 24, No. 2 (April 2012): 319-349.

## ESSAYS, BOOK REVIEWS AND ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES

- “Intercountry Adoption as Migration,” German Federal Agency for Civic Education in partnership with the Institute for Migration Research, University of Osnabrueck, Germany, forthcoming Fall 2018.
- Book Review for *Raising Government Children: A History of Foster Care and the American Welfare State* by Catherine E. Rymph. *American Historical Review* (forthcoming Fall 2018).
- Book Review for *Mothers’ Darlings of the South Pacific: The Children of Indigenous Women and U.S. Servicemen, World War II*, edited by Judith A Bennett and Angela Wanhalla. *Pacific Historical Review* (Winter 2018).
- Book Review for *Jean Paton and the Struggle to Reform American Adoption* by E. Wayne Carp, *H-Net* (Summer 2016).
- “International Adoption: Obstacles or Protection?” February 2016, Vistas Essay Series, Westmont College, [http://www.westmont.edu/\\_offices/provost/vistas/](http://www.westmont.edu/_offices/provost/vistas/)
- Book Review for *Raising the World: Child Welfare in the American Century* by Sara Fieldston, *Canadian Journal of History* (Winter 2016).
- Book Review for *Global Families: A History of Asian International Adoption in America* by Catherine Ceniza Choy, *Adoption Quarterly* 18, No. 1 (2015): 81-83.
- “Immigration Policy,” co-authored with Jason Stohler in *The Social History of the American Family*, eds. Lawrence Ganong, Marilyn Coleman, J. Geoffrey Golson (Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE, 2014).
- “Adoption, Mixed-Race,” in *The Social History of the American Family*, eds. Lawrence Ganong, Marilyn Coleman, J. Geoffrey Golson (Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE, 2014).
- “Orphan Trains,” in *The Social History of the American Family*, eds. Lawrence Ganong, Marilyn Coleman, J. Geoffrey Golson (Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE, 2014).
- Book Review for *Racial Innocence: Performing American Childhood from Slavery to Civil Rights* by Robin Bernstein, *Journal of History and Cultures* 2 (February 2013): 63-64.
- “Emma Lazarus,” ABC-CLIO/Greenwood American History Database, Fall 2009
- “John Stennis,” ABC-CLIO/Greenwood American History Database, Fall 2009
- “Liberty Hall,” ABC-CLIO/Greenwood American History Database, Fall 2009

## SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

- “Cold War Geopolitics: Military and Cultural Engagements,” Chair and Discussant, Migration across Global Regimes of Childhood Symposium, Immigration History Research Center, University of Minnesota, September 2018.
- “‘Petty Bureaucratic Details’: ‘Red Tape’ and Political Culture during World War II,” Paper presented at the Policy History Conference, Tempe, Arizona, May 2018.
- “The Best Possible Immigrants,” Book Keynote for the Karpeles Manuscript Library, Santa Barbara, CA, February 2018.
- “The Best Possible Immigrants,” Book Keynote for the Cold War Studies Center, University of California, Santa Barbara, November 2017.
- “A Noble Gesture?: Military and Volunteer Humanitarianism in 1967 Vietnam,” Paper presented at the American Historical Association-Pacific Coast Branch Annual Conference, Northridge, CA, August 2017.

- Panel Chair, "Non-State Actors, War, and the American Century: Business, Popular Culture, Religion, and U.S. Foreign Policy, 1898-1980," Society for the History of Foreign Relations, Arlington, VA, June 2015.
- "An Important Symbol of Hope for the Free World!': Reading Gender and Empire into Operation Babylift," Paper presented at the Berkshire Conference of Women Historians, Toronto, Canada, May 2014.
- "Make Way for Mavericks: U.S. Adoption, Voluntarism and 'Can-Do' Policymaking during the Vietnam War," Paper presented at the American Historical Association, Washington, D.C., January 2014.
- "Citizens of the World?': Debates over Childhood and Citizenship in the Wake of Operation Babylift," Paper presented at the Association of Research in Cultures of Young People's Congress, Victoria, British Columbia, June 2013.
- "An International Baby Hunt': International Adoption during the Greek Civil War," Paper presented at the Alliance for the Study of Adoption & Culture Conference, Claremont, CA, March 2012
- "Children of Controversy': Citizenship and Transnational Policy in the Era of Operation Babylift," Paper presented at the Society for the History of Childhood and Youth Conference, Columbia University, June 2011.
- "Preserving the Black Family: Transnational Adoption, Social Policy, and Race during the Vietnam War," Paper presented at the Berkshire Conference of Women Historians, Amherst, MA, June 2011.
- "We Flew Into Darkness': Adoption Policy in the Era of Operation Babylift," Paper presented at the Western Association of Women Historians, Tacoma, WA, May 2010.
- "Coming Out of the Shadows: Adoptive Parents in Postwar America," Paper presented at the Society for the History of Childhood and Youth Conference, Berkeley, CA, June 2009.

#### GENERAL PRESENTATIONS

- Keynote Speaker, Westmont College Student Leaders Retreat, Channel Islands, August 2018.
- Panel Participant, "Tattoos on the Heart: Westmont Reads Panel," September 2017.
- Keynote Speaker on Social Entrepreneurship, Montecito Rotary Association, September 2017.
- Westmont College Chapel Talk, "Proximity and Hope," September 2017.
- Keynote Speaker, Westmont College Student Leaders Retreat, Channel Islands, August 2017.
- Panel Participant, Reel Talk: "Selma," April 2017.
- Keynote Speaker on Social Entrepreneurship, Santa Barbara Rotary Association, April 2016.
- Panel Participant, Reel Talk: "Inequality for All," March 2016.
- Panel Moderator, "Listening to the Community," for the Gaede Institute Conversation on the Liberal Arts, February 2016.
- Panel Participant, Reel Talk: "Food Chains," October 2015.
- "Presidential Leadership: A Reflection on Doris Kearns Goodwin." Westmont Downtown Lecture Series, February 2015.
- Response to Erasmus Lecture by Holly Beers, "The Servant and the Conclusions of Acts and Isaiah," October 2014.

“Lady Wisdom: A Journey through Time and Place to Redefine the Proverbs 31 Woman,” Lecture for the Women’s Empowerment Series sponsored by the Westmont College Student’s Association, March 2013.

#### **DISTINCTIONS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS**

Kettering Foundation Research Exchange Fellow, Centers for Public Democracy and Historical Deliberation Research Group, 2017-2019

Bruce and Adaline Bare, Teacher of the Year in the Social Sciences, Westmont College, 2016.

Certificate in College and University Teaching (CCUT), UCSB, July 2012.

President’s Dissertation Fellowship, UCSB Graduate Division, 2011-2012.

Richard K. Mayberry Award for Overall Scholarly Excellence, UCSB History Dept., 2012.

Robert O. Collins Prize for Best Article, UCSB History Associates, 2012.

Doctoral Student Travel Grant, UCSB Academic Senate, 2011.

Stuart Bernath Research Prize, UCSB History Department, 2010.

Humanities and Social Sciences Research Grant, UCSB Graduate Division, 2010.

Clarke Chambers Travel Fellowship, University of Minnesota, Social Welfare History Archives, 2009.

Dick Cook Memorial Award for Outstanding Research, Teaching, and Service, UCSB History Associates, 2009.

Outstanding Campus-wide Teaching Award, Graduate Student Association, UCSB, 2009.

William H. Ellison Prize for Best Graduate Student Paper, UCSB History Associates, 2008.

Faculty Senate Scholarship, California State University-Sacramento, 2007.

#### **COURSES TAUGHT**

Transnational America

Social Entrepreneurship and Community Action

Social Entrepreneurship Internship

U.S. History to 1877

U.S. History: 1877-present

Recent America

California Experience

Race and Ethnic Relations

The Family

Research Seminar in U.S. Social Policy

Social Problems

Sociological Research Methods

Introduction to Sociology

Senior Research Seminar in Sociology and Anthropology

Writing across the Curriculum

#### **RECENT PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC SERVICE**

Anonymous Peer Reviewer, *Journal of Policy History*, September 2017.

Anonymous Peer Reviewer for Book Manuscript, University of Michigan press, August 2016.

Anonymous Peer Reviewer, *Journal of American Ethnic History*, May 2016.

Board Member, Santa Barbara Rescue Mission, Fall 2017-present  
Teacher Advisory Board, Westmont College Education Department, Fall 2016-present  
Westmont Committee Memberships: GE Committee (Fall 2018), Diversity Committee (2016-2018), Student Life Committee (2015-2016), B3 Subcommittee (2015-2016), Chair, Student Life Committee (2014-2015), Spring Focus Week (2013), and Planning Committee for Westmont Downtown (2013-2015)  
UCSB Committee Memberships: Council for Planning and Budget, Child Care Advisory Committee, Graduate Student Association Election Committee  
Vice President for Finance and Budget, Graduate Student Association, 2009-2010  
President, History Graduate Student Association, 2008-2010  
Sole Invited Graduate Student Speaker, UC Commission on the Future—UCSB meeting, 2009

#### **SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Research Assistant for Professor Emerita Jane De Hart, History Department, June 2008-Aug 2010  
Provided background research, summary writing, fact checking, editing, and proofreading for Prof. Jane DeHart's manuscript on Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg. Demonstrated knowledge and familiarity with legal briefs, policy documents, and Chicago Manual of Style. Met short deadlines while maintaining accuracy and attention to detail.

Graduate Student Assistant for the Teaching American History Project, Summer 2007  
Collaborated with 11<sup>th</sup> grade high school teachers in the San Juan Unified School District (Sacramento area) to help them develop a new curriculum series in accordance with the California State standards. Developed internet and library resource pages for teachers, giving them access to useful historical debates and primary sources for their lesson plans.

Program Director for Heartsent Adoptions, Inc., April 2005-May 2007  
Managed a satellite office and supervised an education coordinator and four contracted social workers. Worked with adoptive families from the beginning of their homestudy through the post-placement process, emphasizing education and networking with other adoptive parents. Handled detailed casework pertaining to immigration restrictions, international statutes, Hague policy, consulates, and U.S. government departments (e.g. Homeland Security, Department of Justice, Department of State). Coordinated direct country services with on-site liaisons in China, Taiwan, Guatemala, Vietnam and Thailand. Traveled to Vietnam and Taiwan in October of 2005 to visit orphanages and children's homes, bring donations, and meet with officials.