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EMPLOYMENT

Academic

Teaching Fellow in Gender and Queer History, History Faculty, Oxford University	2025–2027
Postdoctoral Fellowship, Rothermere American Institute (RAI), Oxford University	2023–2025
Research Assistant, Matt Cook, <i>Writing Queer History</i>	2025
Research Assistant, Oxford University Community History Initiative	2024
Stipendiary Lecturer in Politics, University College, Oxford University	2022–2023

Non-Academic

Oral Historian, Matrix Chambers 25th Anniversary Project	2025–present
Tour guide, Experience Oxfordshire	2024–present
Gedenkdienst Intern, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington DC	2014–2015

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD, New College	2018–2023
DPhil Politics, submitted October 2022, passed with no corrections	
Thesis: <i>Community before Liberation: Theorizing Gay Resistance in San Francisco, 1953-1969</i>	
Supervisor: Prof. Sophie Smith	
2024 OAH John D’Emilio LGBTQ History Dissertation Award, Honorable Mention	
2024 APSA Kenneth Sherrill Best Dissertation Award, Honorable Mention	
UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD, Green Templeton College	2016–2018
MPhil Politics (Political Theory), average and thesis mark: 69	
Dissertation: <i>‘Playing the King’s Part’: Rulership as role and the question of who gets to rule in early modern English drama, 1574-1642</i>	
Supervisor: Prof. Sophie Smith	
SCIENCES PO, Paris	2012–2013
Erasmus Exchange Year	
UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK	2010–2014
BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics, First Class Honours	
Dissertation: <i>On Forgiveness</i>	
Supervisor: Prof. Miguel Beistegui	

PUBLICATIONS

Academic

“Homosexuality Inverted: José Sarria’s Performance Archive and the Making of Nelly Queens, 1953-1963” (<i>Journal of the History of Sexuality</i> , 35/2 (May 2026), Link)
2026 Regius Prize, Oxford History Faculty, Honourable Mention
“The Invention of Gay Community in San Francisco, 1960-1970” (first-view, <i>The Historical Journal</i> , Link)
2026 HOTCUS Early Career Article Prize, Honourable Mention

“Birmingham’s queer afterwaves: The birth of gay electoral power in San Francisco,” in Uta Balbier, Emily Brady, and Megan Hunt, eds., *Why 1963?: Reimagining Rights and Protests in a Watershed Year*, University of Florida Press (Florida University Press, expected 2027)

“Love’s demands,” *Oxford New Books*, 1/1 (2024), book review of Sophie Lewis’ *Abolish the Family: A Manifesto for Care and Liberation* (2022), [Link](#)

“Escape by gender conformity: The heterogenous nature of antigay police harassment in mid-twentieth century United States,” British Association for American Studies (BAAS) Historical Perspectives on Gendered State Violence online platform (June 2023), [Link](#)

Public History

“A study of student mental health in 1950s Oxford,” *Oxford Health Histories Blog* (2024), [Link](#)

“Lösungen für Menschen, die fliehen müssen,” *GEDENKDIENST*, 76/1 (spring 2016)

“Ein Forschungsprojekt über den Genozid im Osmanischen Reich am United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington,” *GEDENKDIENST*, 74/4 (winter 2014)

WORKING PAPERS

“‘Unusually fascinating problems’: Mental Illness and Homosexuality among 1950s Oxford Undergraduates” (in preparation for *Modern British History*)

“Beyond Homogeneity: Toward a Coalitional Account of Community” (in preparation for *Political Theory*)

“Claiming Queer Intellectual History” (in preparation for *Journal of the History of Ideas*)

SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

David Gieve Scholarship, New College (£60,000) 2018–2022

Doctoral Training Partnership, Arts and Humanities Research Council (£47,000) 2018–2022

Harry H. Harkins T’73 Travel Grant, Duke University (\$1,500) 2022

Travel Award, Historians of the Twentieth Century United States (£500) 2021

Travel Award, Rothermere American Institute, Oxford University (£1,000) 2021, 2024

Research Training Support Grant, Arts and Humanities Research Council (£3,390) 2019

Graduate Research Grant, New College (£1,125) 2018, 2019, 2020

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & TALKS

Academic (selection)

“How to Stop the Homophile Revolution: NACHO and the Scales of Community”

- HOTCUS Annual Meeting, Manchester (July 2026)
- WGQ Postgraduate & Early Career Researcher Symposium, Oxford, paper (May 2025)
- Queer History Conference, Committee on LGBT History, paper, panel organiser (June 2024)
- BAAS Annual Conference, paper (April 2024)
- At the Junction: The Local, Regional, & National in US History, symposium, RAI, paper (May 2023)

“Homosexuality Inverted: José Sarria’s Performance Archive and the Making of Nelly Queens”

- Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, paper (April 2025)
- Oxford Political Thought Seminar, invited talk (January 2024)
- Chicago Theatre and Performance Studies Workshop, paper (November 2023)
- Historians of the Twentieth-Century United States (HOTCUS) Annual Conference, workshop and conference papers, panel organiser (June 2023)

“The Invention of ‘Gay Community’”

- Oxford Centre for Gender, Identity and Subjectivity, invited talk (March 2023)

“Birmingham’s Queer Afterwaves: The Birth of Gay Electoral Power in San Francisco”

- HOTCUS Winter Symposium, paper (February 2023)

New Book Event: Sophie Lewis, *Abolish the Family: A Manifesto for Care and Liberation*

- Oxford Political Thought Seminar, commentator (October 2022)

“José Sarria’s 1961 Campaign for San Francisco City Supervisor and the Birth of the Idea of a Gay Community”

- Queer History Conference, Committee on LGBT History, paper and panel organiser (June 2022)
- RAI Postgraduate Symposium, paper (March 2022)
- BAAS Postgraduate Symposium, paper (December 2021)

“José Sarria, Leslie Feinberg, and the History of Resistance to US ‘Crossdressing Laws’”

- Oxford Queer Studies Network, paper (October 2019)
- Oxford Political Theory Doctoral Research Seminar, paper (May 2019)

Public & Outreach

“Graduate Admissions Abroad: Citation and Literature Review,” online outreach workshop, Collaborative Action for Research and Education, India (2023)

“The Invention of Gay Community,” outreach class, University College, Oxford (2023)

“José Sarria – Nightingale of Montgomery Street,” invited talk, Allbirds San Francisco, on behalf of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender (GLBT) Historical Society (June 2022)

“Introduction to Trans Studies,” outreach class, New College, Oxford (2019-20)

TEACHING

Approaches to Queer and Trans Histories, convenor, master’s seminar course, Oxford (2025-26)

Sources and Historiography in the History of the United States, Oxford (2025-26)

The Making of Modern America, since 1863, undergraduate lecture series, Oxford (2025-26)

Masculinity and its Discontents, 200-2000, undergraduate lecture series, Oxford (2025-26)

U.S. LGBT Identities in Historical Context, convenor, master’s seminar course, Oxford (2025-26)

Sources and Historiography in Women’s, Gender, and Queer History, Oxford (2025-26)

Feminist Theory, undergraduate lecture series, Oxford (2022-23)

Theories of State, undergraduate seminars and tutorials, Oxford (2022-23)

Theory of Politics, undergraduate tutorials, Oxford (2022-23)

Introduction to the Theory of Politics, undergraduate seminars and tutorials, Oxford (2020-21; 2022-23)

Supervision of History, History and English, Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies, and Politics undergraduate and master’s theses (2022-27). Dissertation prizes won by my supervisees include: Wylie prize for best Oxford University undergraduate thesis in US history

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Reviewer for <i>Journal of the History of Sexuality</i>	2025-present
Early Career Representative, LGBTQ+ Equality Working Group, Oxford History Faculty	2025-present
Steering committee member, Oxford Centre for Women’s, Gender and Queer Histories	2025-present
Co-lead, Oxford Trans Elders History Project	2025-present
Committee member, 2025 APSA Kenneth Sherrill Best Dissertation Award	2025
Co-organiser, Oxford Queer and Trans History Now Conference	2024
Co-organiser, Oxford Political Theory Graduate Conference	2020
Co-convenor, Oxford Queer Studies Network	2019–2021
Founder, New College Intersectional Feminist Reading Group	2019–2020
Editorial board member, <i>GEDENKDIENST</i> (Shoah-themed research publication)	2016–2018

LANGUAGES

German, mother tongue

English, excellent

French, fluent in speech and writing

REFERENCES

1. **Sophie Smith**, Tutorial Fellow in Political Theory; Associate Professor of Political Theory, University College, Oxford, sophie.smith@politics.ox.ac.uk
2. **Amia Srinivasan**, Chichele Professor of Social and Political Theory, All Souls College, Oxford, amia.srinivasan@politics.ox.ac.uk
3. **Regina Kunzel**, Larned Professor of History and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Yale University, regina.kunzel@yale.edu
4. **Sally Frampton**, Humanities and Healthcare Fellow, TORCH: The Oxford Research Centre for the Humanities, sally.frampton@humanities.ox.ac.uk