

## LAUREN MacIVOR THOMPSON

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### CURRICULUM VITAE

Georgia State University  
Perimeter College, Alpharetta Campus  
3705 Brookside Parkway  
Alpharetta, GA 30022-4408

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Marietta, Georgia 30067

### CURRENT ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2018-present Lecturer of History, Georgia State University – Perimeter College, Department of History and Political Science
- 2016-present Faculty Fellow/Adjunct Faculty Member, Center for Law, Health, and Society - Georgia State University College of Law

### PAST ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2016-2018 Visiting Assistant Professor, Kennesaw State University – Joint Appointment in the Departments of History and Gender/Women’s Studies

### EDUCATION

- 2016 Ph.D., History, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA
- 2006 M.A., Public History, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA
- 2003 B.A., History, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Books

*Battle for Birth Control: Mary Dennett, Margaret Sanger, and the Rivalry That Shaped a Movement* (under contract with Rutgers University Press).

#### Refereed Journal Articles

- 2019 “A Right to Ourselves: Woman’s Suffrage and The Birth Control Movement” with Heather Munro Prescott, under review with *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era*.
- 2019 “The Politics of Female Pain: The Twilight Sleep Association and the Origins of the Birth Control Movement, 1913-1915,” 45.1 *Medical Humanities* (March 2019): 67-74.

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- 2018 “‘The Reasonable (Wo)man:’ Physicians, Freedom of Contract, and Women’s Rights, 1870-1930,” 32.4 *Law and History Review* (November 2018): 771-809.
- 2017 “The Presence of a Monstrosity”: Eugenics, Female Disability, and Obstetrical-Gynecologic Medicine in Late 19<sup>th</sup>-Century New York,” *MIRANDA* (November 2017).
- 2011 “‘I wish I could forget myself...’ Mary Todd Lincoln and the Pursuit of True Womanhood,” 45 *University of Virginia Essays in History*.
- 2011 “‘Tippecanoe and Tyler Too’ in the Old Dominion – Virginia and the Election of 1840,” 32 *Southern Historian*: 11-27.

### Online Publications and Op-Eds

- 2019 “Untitled” Op-Ed for *The New York Times* (accepted/forthcoming).
- 2019 “Women Have Fought to Legalize Reproductive Rights for Nearly Two Centuries.” *History News Network* (June 9, 2019). <https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/172181>
- 2019 “For decades, women on the pill suffered. They didn’t have to.” Co-authored with Samira Mehta, Ph.D. *The Washington Post* (February 7, 2019). [https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2019/02/07/decades-women-pill-suffered-they-didnt-have/?fbclid=IwAR3jMd5bLaU5L-VuVxBx6zbqkarfqhPaJFYbAM1N3n2o\\_jME1dudBrwkTYk&utm\\_term=.fca31ec5d470](https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2019/02/07/decades-women-pill-suffered-they-didnt-have/?fbclid=IwAR3jMd5bLaU5L-VuVxBx6zbqkarfqhPaJFYbAM1N3n2o_jME1dudBrwkTYk&utm_term=.fca31ec5d470)
- 2018 “The Trump administration’s assault on contraception.” Co-authored with Lina-Marilla Murillo, Ph.D. *The Washington Post* (June 18, 2018). [https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/made-by-history/wp/2018/06/18/the-trump-administrations-assault-on-contraception/?utm\\_term=.fc7cd0e3125d](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/made-by-history/wp/2018/06/18/the-trump-administrations-assault-on-contraception/?utm_term=.fc7cd0e3125d)
- 2017 “A century ago, women fought for access to contraception. The Trump administration threatens to undo their work.” *The Washington Post* (September 15, 2017). [https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/made-by-history/wp/2017/09/15/a-century-ago-women-fought-for-access-to-contraception-the-trump-administration-threatens-to-undo-their-work/?utm\\_term=.169b577f4200](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/made-by-history/wp/2017/09/15/a-century-ago-women-fought-for-access-to-contraception-the-trump-administration-threatens-to-undo-their-work/?utm_term=.169b577f4200)
- 2017 “Mother’s Friend: Birth Control in Nineteenth-Century America.” National Museum for Civil War Medicine (February 5, 2017). <http://www.civilwarmed.org/birth-control/>

### Book Reviews

- 2019 Review of Molly Ladd-Taylor, *Fixing the Poor: Eugenic Sterilization and Child Welfare in the Twentieth Century* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2017). (review forthcoming in *Nursing History Review*).

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- 2019 Review of Jacqueline H. Wolf, *Cesarean Section: An American History of Risk, Technology, and Consequence* (Johnson Hopkins University Press, 2018), 47.1 *History: Reviews of New Books* (January 2019): 9-10.
- 2019 Review of Janet Golden, *Babies Made Us Modern: How Infants Brought America into the Twentieth Century* (Cambridge University Press, 2018), 74: 2 *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences* (April 2019): 239-242.
- 2017 Review of Adam Cohen, *Imbeciles: The Supreme Court, American Eugenics, and the Sterilization of Carrie Buck* (New York: Penguin Press, 2016), H-DISABILITY, <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=47426>.
- 2017 Review of Nancy Woloch, *A Class by Herself: Protective Laws for Women Workers, 1890s-1990s* (Princeton University Press, 2015), H-SHGAPE. <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=48240>.
- 2015 Review of L. Stephen Jacyna and Stephen T. Casper, *The Neurological Patient in History* (Rochester: University of Rochester Press, 2012), H-DISABILITY. <https://networks.h-net.org/node/4189/reviews/58525/thompson-jacyna-and-casper-neurological-patient-history>.
- 2011 Review of David Heidler and Jeanne T. Heidler, *Henry Clay: The Essential American* (New York: Random House, 2010), 45 *University of Virginia Essays in History*.

#### **POSTDOCTORAL/RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS**

- 2019 Mellon Grant for Underrepresented Groups Travel Award – Organization of American Historians
- 2018 Georgia Institute of Technology, Marion L. Brittain Postdoctoral Fellowship (declined)
- 2018 Franklin Research Grant, American Philosophical Society
- 2017 Paul Klemperer Fellow, History of Medicine, New York Academy of Medicine
- 2016 Society for the Gilded Age and Progressive Era Graduate Student OAH Travel Award
- 2015-2016 Writing Across the Curriculum Fellowship, GSU Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning
- 2014 Agnodike Research Travel Fellowship, Commission on Women and Gender Studies in Science, Technology, and Medicine
- 2013 Georgia State University College of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Research Grant
- 2013 Disability History Association, Graduate Student Conference Travel Award
- 2012 Filson Fellow, Filson Historical Society, Louisville, KY
- 2010-2015 Graduate Teaching Assistant Fellowship, GSU History Department
- 2006 Cherokee Garden Library Fellow, Atlanta History Center, Atlanta, GA
- 2004-2006 Graduate Research Assistant Fellowship, GSU History Department

#### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

- 2017 John M. Matthews Distinguished Thesis and Dissertation Award for Best Dissertation in the GSU History Department
- 2016 Certificate of Excellence in College Teaching – GSU Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning
- 2014 John A. Alexander Memorial Award, Outstanding GSU History Graduate Student
- 2014 Best Paper Prize Honorable Mention, Annual Association of Historians at Georgia State University Conference
- 2011 Summersell Prize, Best Article, *Southern Historian* journal

### INVITED TALKS

- 2020 “Rivalries and Medical Politics in the Early Birth Control Movement,” University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD: February 17.
- 2019 “Women’s Rights and the Post-War World,” Richards Civil War Era Center, Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA: Sept 20-21.
- 2019 “Careers in the Humanities for Biology Majors,” Georgia State University, Biology Department, Atlanta, GA: July 3.
- 2018 “Beyond Roe: Changes to the Supreme Court and Implications for Reproductive Health,” Georgia State University College of Law, Atlanta, GA: September 20.
- 2018 “‘The Offspring of Drunkards’: Birth Control and the Eugenic Politics of Alcohol Reform in the United States,” Understanding the Intersection of Alcoholism, Stigma, and Disability: Past and Present, Wellcome Trust Workshop, University of Bristol, Bristol, United Kingdom: September 13-14.
- 2018 “Birthright: A War Story,” Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA: March 25.
- 2018 “Digital Pedagogies and Writing Digital History,” Department of History, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA: February 3.
- 2018 “Women and the Allied Health Professions,” American Medical Women’s Association, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA: January 30.
- 2017 “Medicine and Lethal Injection: A History,” J. Willis Hurst History of Medicine Symposium, Emory University school of Medicine, Atlanta, GA: October 21.
- 2017 “Not for Physicians to Decide: Mary Dennett, Margaret Sanger, and the Early Birth Control Movement,” Georgia State University College of Law, Atlanta, GA: October 3.
- 2017 “A Responsible Body of Medical Men’: The New York Academy of Medicine, Mary Ware Dennett, and the Clash over Birth Control,” New York Academy of of Medicine, Manhattan, New York: June 8.

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- 2017 “Suffrage is not the goal:” The League of Women Voters, Mary Ware Dennett, and the Birth Control Question,” Historical Women’s Movements Workshop, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: May 12-13.
- 2016 “Medicine, Law, and Radical Thought in the Struggle to Legalize Birth Control, 1870-1930,” University of Texas at El Paso: February 5.
- 2015 “Science and Sex Relations: Mary Ware Dennett and Evolving Arguments for Birth Control Reform,” Newberry Seminar on the History of Women and Gender, Newberry Library, Chicago, Illinois: March 20.
- 2013 “[The] inner self needs no law”: Spiritualism, Women’s Rights, and Civil Law in Late Nineteenth Century America,” Institute for Constitutional History Summer Seminar, Stanford University Law School, Stanford, California: July 7-13.

## **CONFERENCES**

### **Panels Organized**

- 2017 “The Right to Birth Well: The Changing Landscape of Feminist Health Advocacy and Pregnancy in the Twentieth Century,” Berkshire Conference of Women Historians, Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York: June 1-4.
- 2016 “New Directions in Disability and Gender Scholarship: Science, Medicine, and the Construction of Healthy Citizens in the Long Twentieth Century,” American Historical Association, Atlanta, Georgia: January 7-10. Sponsored by the Society for the Gilded Age and Progressive Era.
- 2014 “Framing Suffrage, Status and Citizenship: Disability Politics in the Long Twentieth Century,” American Society for Legal History, Denver, Colorado: November 6-9.

### **Papers Presented**

- 2020 “New Research on Women’s Suffrage at the Centennial,” Roundtable, Organization of American Historians, Washington D.C.: April 2-5 (paper accepted).
- 2020 “Suffrage and Birth Control’s Long Entanglement,” Universite de Lille/Universite Paris-Est Marne-la Vallee, Paris, France: January 8-10 (paper accepted).
- 2019 “Birth Anesthesia and Birth Control: A Historic Relationship in Reproductive Health,” American Association for the History of Medicine, Columbus, Ohio: April 25-28.
- 2019 “Reproduction and the Expansion of Medical Authority in the New Deal Era,” Organization of American Historians, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: April 4-6.

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- 2018 “Physicians’ Rights, Female Citizenship, and Eugenics in *United States vs. One Package of Japanese Pessaries*,” American Society for Legal History, Houston, Texas: November 8-11.
- 2018 “‘Doctors Free to Prescribe’: Legal Contraception and Medical Authority in the Management of the American Family,” *Intimate Politics: Fertility Control in a Global Historical Perspective*, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland, United Kingdom: May 23-24.
- 2018 “‘When Laws Prohibit’: Margaret Sanger, Eugenics, and Contraceptive Information in the Age of Prohibition,” American Association for the History of Medicine, Los Angeles, California: May 10-13.
- 2017 “Manuscript Introduction,” for “From Dissertation to Book: Introductions and Intellectual Calling Cards,” Roundtable, American Society for Legal History, Las Vegas, Nevada: October 26-29.
- 2016 “‘An uncomfortable episode:’ The New York Academy of Medicine, Mary Ware Dennett, and Birth Control Laws, 1920-1921,” American Association for the History of Medicine, Minneapolis, Minnesota: April 28-May 1.
- 2016 “‘An Organized Force...Ready for Some Active Work’: The Leadership of Women Lawyers in the Progressive Era Women’s Rights Movement,” Organization of American Historians, Providence, Rhode Island: April 7-10. Sponsored by the Society for the Gilded Age and Progressive Era.
- 2015 “Against Physiologic Infantilism: Gynecologic Medicine and Women’s Rights Reform in Progressive America,” History of Women’s Health Conference, University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Hospital. April 29.
- 2014 “The Danse du Ventre: Ida Craddock, Sex Worship, and Women’s Rights in the United States, 1893-1902,” Association of Historians at Georgia State University Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia: April 4-5.
- 2012 “‘The Woman Was a Raving Maniac’: Insanity Trials, Gendered Testimony, and Female Defendants in Late Nineteenth-Century Georgia,” Ninth Southern Association of Women Historians Conference (SAWH), Fort Worth, Texas: June 7-9.
- 2011 “‘I wish I could forget myself...’ Mary Todd Lincoln and the Pursuit of True Womanhood, 1818-1882,” Association of Georgia State University Historians Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia: April 1-2.

#### **Panel Chair/Comment**

- 2017 “Societal Institutions and the Forgotten,” Association of Georgia State University Historians Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia: March 23-25.

#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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**Perimeter College, Georgia State University**

U.S. History Survey (Summer 2019 – online; Spring 2019 – both online and face-to-face; Fall 2018)  
World History to 1500 C.E. (Spring 2019; Fall 2018)  
World History from 1500 C.E. (Fall 2018)

**Kennesaw State University**

Gender and Medicine (Spring 2018)  
Love and Sex (Fall 2017)  
History of Science (Spring 2017)  
United States History from 1877 (Summer 2018 – online; Spring 2018; Fall 2017 - online; Spring 2017; Fall 2016)

**Graduate Instructor, Georgia State University**

United States History Survey (Fall 2014, Fall 2013, Summer 2012, Fall 2011, Summer 2011)

**Teaching Assistant, Georgia State University**

Youth Culture of the 1960s (Spring 2015) with John McMillian  
American History During the Long Sixties (Fall 2014) with John McMillian  
History of Sex (Spring 2014, Spring 2013) with Michelle Brattain and Jared Poley  
U.S. History Survey (Spring 2013, Fall 2010) with Jeffrey Trask, H. Robert Baker  
World History to 1500 A.D. (Spring 2011) with Lela Urquhart

**Writing Across the Curriculum Fellow, GSU Center for Instructional Innovation**

The Civil War (Spring 2016) with Wendy Venet  
American Culture and Ideas (Fall 2015) with David Sehat

**DIGITAL HISTORY AND PEDAGOGY**

2018	Completion of GSU Mastering Online Teaching course
2017-present	Chair, Web Content Committee, Society for the Gilded Age and Progressive Era
2016	QualityMatters Certification for Online Teaching, Kennesaw State University
2015-present	Editor and Writer, <i>Nursing Clio</i> ( <a href="http://www.NursingClio.org">www.NursingClio.org</a> )
2015	Designer and Content Editor, hybrid online U.S. History survey course project for GSU History Department
2014-present	H-NET List Editor, H-Disability

**MEDIA COMMENT AND INTERVIEWS**

2019 “The Suffragists Who Opposed Birth Control.” *The Atlantic*. July 16, 2019.  
<https://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2019/07/did-suffragists-support-birth-control/593896/>

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- 2019 “What Naomi Wolf and Cokie Roberts teach us about the need for historians” *Washington Post*. June 11, 2019.
- 2019 “Abortion Laws.” Interview with WPFW (Washington, D.C.), Sophie’s Parlor, June 12, 2019.
- 2018 “New FDA-approved app helps women avoid sex on 'fertile' days of their cycle.” *The Washington Times*. August 10, 2018. <https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2018/aug/10/fda-approves-marketing-first-mobile-app-contracept/>
- 2017 “Peggy Noonan’s Willful Blindness.” *Slate*. December 1, 2017. [http://www.slate.com/articles/news\\_and\\_politics/politics/2017/12/peggy\\_noonan\\_suggests\\_the\\_sexual\\_revolution\\_is\\_to\\_blame\\_for\\_harassment\\_here.html](http://www.slate.com/articles/news_and_politics/politics/2017/12/peggy_noonan_suggests_the_sexual_revolution_is_to_blame_for_harassment_here.html)
- 2017 “What Planned Parenthood Looked Like in the 1940s.” *Hyperallergic*. October 5, 2017. <https://hyperallergic.com/403691/what-planned-parenthood-looked-like-in-the-1940s/>
- 2016 “America Has Always Seen Ambitious Women as Unhealthy.” *Slate*. Sept 16, 2016. [http://www.slate.com/articles/news\\_and\\_politics/history/2016/09/hillary\\_clinton\\_is\\_just\\_the\\_late\\_st\\_ambitious\\_american\\_woman\\_to\\_be\\_accused.html](http://www.slate.com/articles/news_and_politics/history/2016/09/hillary_clinton_is_just_the_late_st_ambitious_american_woman_to_be_accused.html)

## ARTICLE AND MANUSCRIPT REFEREE REPORTS

*Journal of Policy History*

## PUBLIC HISTORY EXPERIENCE

- 2007-2009 Historian/Section 106 Planner, Georgia Department of Transportation
- 2006-2007 Curatorial and Site Assistant, Historic Barrington Hall, Roswell, GA
- 2006 Author, Atlanta 1906 Race Riot Tour Script for MLK Center
- 2006 Historic Preservation Consultant, Robert & Company Landscape Architecture
- 2006 Cherokee Garden Library Fellow, Atlanta History Center
- 2005 Graduate Summer Intern, Archibald Smith Plantation Home, Roswell, GA
- 2005-2006 National Register Nomination draft co-author for Lithonia and Klondike communities, DeKalb County, Georgia
- 2005 *Gone with the Wind* Movie Museum Exhibit Collaborator, Atlanta History Center
- 2004-2006 Graduate Intern, Historic Easements Atlanta, Inc.

## UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2019 Adele E. Clarke Book Award Prize Committee
- 2018-2019 Georgia State University Perimeter College History Department Assessment Committee
- 2017-present Chair, SHGAPE Website and Digital Development Committee
- 2014-2016 Georgia State University Graduate Student Alliance
- 2013 President, Association of Historians at Georgia State University



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2013-2016      Founder, Roundtable on Women in Academia at Georgia State University  
2013              Conference Organizer, Second Atlanta Graduate Student Conference in U.S.  
                    History, Emory University  
2012-2013      Secretary, Association of Historians at Georgia State University  
2012              Conference Organizer, Atlanta Graduate Student Conference in U.S. History,  
                    Emory University

### **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

American Association for the History of Medicine  
American Historical Association  
American Society for Law, Medicine, and Ethics  
American Society for Legal History  
Berkshire Conference of Women Historians  
Coordinating Council for Women's History  
Disability History Association  
History of Science Society  
National Women's Studies Association  
Organization of American Historians  
Society for the Gilded Age and Progressive Era  
Southern Association of Women Historians