

Kathleen M. Brown
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CURRENT TITLE AND RESEARCH

Professor of American History, University of Pennsylvania, 2008-present

Foul Bodies: Cleanliness in Early America (Yale University Press, 2009)

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Pennsylvania, 1998-2008

Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Pennsylvania, 1996-98

Assistant Professor, Department of History, Rutgers University, 1993-96

Assistant Professor, Department of History, Princeton University, 1990-93

High School Teacher, St. Agnes School, Alexandria, Virginia. 1981-83

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin, Ph.D., 1990, "Gender and the Genesis of a Race and Class System in Virginia, 1630-1750"

University of Wisconsin, M.A., 1985, "The Autobiographical Fiction of Mary Wollstonecraft"

Wesleyan University, B.A. 1981

ACADEMIC HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Organization of American Historians Distinguished Speakers List, 2004, 2007 (declined)

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for University Teachers, 2001-2002

John H. Dunning Prize, American Historical Association, 1998, for Good Wives, Nasty Wenches, and Anxious Patriarchs: Gender, Race, and Power in Colonial Virginia

Honorable Mention, Berkshire Women's History Annual Book Prize Committee, 1997, for Good Wives, Nasty Wenches, and Anxious Patriarchs: Gender, Race, and Power in Colonial Virginia

Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship, American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass, 1997-98

Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship, John Carter Brown Library, Providence, Rhode Island, 1997-98 (declined)

Berkshire Fellowship, Mary Ingraham Bunting Institute, Radcliffe College, 1997

Women's Studies Junior Faculty Summer Research Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, 1997

Massachusetts Historical Society, Short-Term Research Fellowship, 1997-98

Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture Postdoctoral Fellow, 1990-91

Nominee, University of Wisconsin, University Microfilm Incorporated Humanities Dissertation Award, 1992

National Society of Colonial Dames of America, 1990

University Fellowship, University of Wisconsin, 1989-90

Charlotte Newcombe Dissertation Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson Foundation, 1988-89

Lena Lake Forrest Business and Professional Women's Foundation Fellowship, 1988-89

Martha L. Edwards American Association of University women (AAUW) Fellowship, 1988

History Department Fellowship, University of Wisconsin, 1984-85

University Fellowship, University of Wisconsin, 1983-84

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Foul Bodies: Cleanliness in Early America (Yale University Press, 2009)

Good Wives, Nasty Wenches, and Anxious Patriarchs: Gender, Race, and Power in Colonial Virginia (University of North Carolina Press, 1996). *Portions reprinted in Major Problems in American History (2002); Major Problems in Southern History (D.C. Heath, 1999)

Articles, pamphlets, edited collections

“The History of Women in the United States to 1865,” in Bonnie G. Smith, ed., Women’s History in Global Perspective Vol. 2 (University of Illinois Press, 2007)

“Body Work in the Antebellum United States,” in Ann Stoler, ed., Haunted by Empire: Race and Colonial Intimacies in North American History (Duke University Press, 2006)

(with Tracey Weis) “Producing for Use or Teaching the Whole Student: Can Pedagogy be a form of Activism?” in Jim Downs and Jennifer Manion, eds., Taking Back the Academy! History of Activism, History as Activism (Routledge, 2004)

(with Sharon Block) “Clio in Search of Eros: Redefining Sexualities in Early America,” Guest co-editor, William and Mary Quarterly 3rd Ser., Vol. 60, No 1 (January 2003)

“The Maternal Physician, or Teaching American Women to put the baby in the bath water,” in Charles Rosenberg, ed., Right Living: An Anglo-American Tradition of Self-Help Medicine and Hygiene (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2002)

“Murderous Uncleanness,” in Janet Lindman and Michele Tarter, eds., A Centre of Wonders: the Body in Early America (Cornell University Press, 2001)

“Nathaniel Bacon and the Dilemma of Colonial Masculinity,” in Nancy Bercau, ed., Gender and the Southern Body Politic (University of Mississippi Press, 2000)

“In Search of Pocahontas,” in Nancy Rhoden and Ian K. Steele, eds., The Human Tradition in Colonial America (Scholarly Resources, 1999)

“Antiauthoritarianism and Freedom in Early America,” Journal of American History (June 1998).

“Beyond the Great Debates? Gender and Race in Early America,” Reviews in American History (April 1998)

“Native Americans and Early Modern Concepts of Race,” in Martin Daunton and Rick Halpern, eds., Empire and Others: British Encounters with Indigenous Peoples, 1600-1850 (University of London Press, 1998)

A Parcell of Murdering Bitches': Female Relationships in an Eighteenth-Century Slaveholding Household," in Karen Robertson and Susan Frye, eds., Women's Alliances in Early Modern England (Oxford University Press, 1998)

"Changed. . .into the fashion of man': the Politics of Sexual Identity in an Anglo-American settlement," Journal of the History of Sexuality (November 1995)*reprinted in Kathy Peiss, ed., Major Problems in the History of American Sexuality (2001)*reprinted in Catherine Clinton and Michelle Gillespie, eds., The Devil's Lane: Sex and Race in the Early South (Oxford University Press, 1997)

"The Anglo-Algonquian Gender Frontier," in Nancy Shoemaker, ed., Negotiators of Change: Historical Perspectives on Native American Women (Routledge, 1995)*reprinted in Thomas Dublin and Katherine Sklar, eds., Women and Power in American History (2002 edition)

"Introduction," to Eleanor Miot Boatwright, The Status of Women in Georgia (Carlson Pub., 1994)

"Brave New Worlds: Women's and Gender History," William and Mary Quarterly 3rd Ser. 50 (April 1993)

E-publications

"Women in Jamestown," Virtual Jamestown Website, March 2002

25th Anniversary Review of Edmund Morgan, American Slavery, American Freedom in inaugural issue of Commonplace, June 2001

BOOK REVIEWS

Kenneth Lockridge, On the Sources of Patriarchal Rage

Cornelia Hughes Dayton, Women Before the Bar

Annette Gordon-Reed, Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hemings: An American Controversy

Mary Beth Norton, In the Devil's Snare

Richard Godbeer, Sexual Revolution in Early America

Betty Wood, Gender, Race, and Rank in a Revolutionary Age

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC LECTURES

“Foul Bodies: Cleanliness in Early America,” Not Even Past Series, School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania, January 26, 2009 .

“Civilizing Bodies: A History of Cleanliness in Early America,” Oregon State University, Portland, Oregon, May 2008

“Civilizing Bodies: A History of Cleanliness in Early America,” University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, April 2008

“Civilizing Bodies: A History of Cleanliness in Early America,” Connecticut College, New London, Connecticut, March 2008

“Shirts and Skins in Atlantic History,” Atlantic Studies Seminar, University of Pennsylvania, January 2008

“Foul Bodies: Cleanliness in an Age of Atlantic Expansion,” University of Connecticut, Storrs, September 24, 2007

“Atlantic Bodies at the end of the seventeenth century,” Atlantic Seminar, Harvard University, March 2006

“The Shirt is Nearest the Skin: Cleanliness in Atlantic History,” Columbia University Seminar in Early American History, May 2004

Comment, War and Empire, Organization of American Historians, Boston, March 2004

“Is there a Healer in the House? Household Healers, Maternal Physicians, and domestic labor in the early United States,” Johns Hopkins University, History of Medicine, April 2003

“Discipline, Disease, and the Body of the Citizen Soldier during the American Revolution,” Organization of American Historians, Memphis, April 2003

“The Shirt is Nearest the Skin: Cleanliness in Atlantic History,” Center for Humanities, Wesleyan University, October 2002

“The Shirt is Nearest the Skin: Cleanliness in Early America,” Department of History, University of California, Los Angeles, June 2002

“Gendering Colonial America, Making Women’s History Colonial,” Roundtable, 12th annual Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, June 2002

“The Shirt is Nearest the Skin: Cleanliness in the Atlantic World,” Charles Warren Center, Harvard University, April 2002

“A Room of One’s Own?: A Gendered History of the Bath,” Gendered Spaces Conference, University of California, Irvine, March 2002

“The Maternal Physician, or Teaching American Women to Put the Baby in the Bath Water,” University of Florida, Gainesville, April 2001

“Gendering the Atlantic and Atlanticizing Gender,” Gender Issues in Atlantic History Conference, Harvard University, March 2001

“Murderous Uncleaness,” Women’s Studies Workshop, University of Michigan, February 2001

“The Maternal Physician, or How American Women learned to put the baby in the bath water,” University of Michigan, February 2001

“Cleanliness and the Making of the Middle Class Mother,” Lehigh University, November 1999

“The Maternal Physician,” Lehigh University History of Technology lecture, November 1999

“The Maternal Physician,” History and Sociology of Science Seminar, University of Pennsylvania, October 1999

“Cleanliness and the Embodied Self,” Roundtable discussion, Organization of American Historians, Toronto, April 1999

“Family Matters,” Mary Washington College, Women’s History Week Lecture, March 1999

“Cleanliness and the Making of the Middle Class Mother,” Gettysburg College, Women’s History Month Lecture, March 1999

“The Interesting History of the Term ‘Wench,’” Organization of American Historians, April 1998

“Freedom to be Filthy: Continental Army Soldiers in the American Revolution,” Brandeis University, March 1998

“The Gendering of Cleanliness in Eighteenth- and Nineteenth-Century America,” American Historical Association, Seattle, January 1998

“Freedom to be Filthy: Continental Army Soldiers in the American Revolution,” American Antiquarian Society, December 1997

“Freedom to be Filthy: Continental Army Soldiers in the American Revolution,” University of Connecticut, November 1997

“Nathaniel Bacon and the Dilemma of Colonial Masculinity,” University of Mississippi, Gender in the Old South Conference, October 1997

“Native Americans and Early Modern Concepts of Race,” University of London, February 1997

Featured Speaker, NEH Summer Seminar for Public School Teachers, Stratford Hall, Virginia, June 1995, June 1996

Comment on “Sexual Coercion and Sexual Commodification,” Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Chapel Hill, June 1996

“‘Changed into the fashion of man’: The Politics of Sexual Identity in an Anglo-American Settlement,” New York University, October 1995

Comment on “Native Americans and the Law in the Northeast,” Institute of Early American History and Culture, Annual Conference, Ann Arbor, Michigan, June 1995

Comment on John Thornton, “Cannibals and Slave Traders in the Atlantic World,” Possible Pasts Conference, Philadelphia, June 1994

“Born of a Free Woman: Gender, Race, and the Politics of Freedom in Colonial Virginia,” Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, June 1994

“‘Changed into the Fashion of a Man’: Popular Discourses of Sexual Difference in a Colonial Settlement,” Berkshire Conference of Women Historians, Mohunk, N.Y., May 1994

“Vile Rogues and Honorable Men: Nathaniel Bacon and the Dilemma of Colonial Masculinity,” Philadelphia Center for Early American Studies, April 1994

“Representations of Pocahontas,’ panel discussant, Attending to Women Conference, University of Maryland, April 1994

“Gender and Anglo-Indian Struggle for Power,” Columbia University Women’s Studies Seminar, April 1994

“Vile Rogues and Honorable Men: Nathaniel Bacon and the Dilemma of Colonial Masculinity,” Columbia University Seminar in Early American History, February 1994

“Engendering Racial Difference, 1640-1670,” New Directions in North American Slavery Studies, Johns Hopkins University, October 1993

“Gender and the Anglo-Indian Struggle for power in Colonial Virginia,” Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Vassar College, June 1993

“Noe possible meanes. . .of reconsiliacon’: Marital Conflict and Patriarchal Authority in Virginia, 1640-1750,” Organization of American Historians, Chicago, April 1992

“‘Born of a Free Woman’: Free Black Life in Tidewater Virginia, 1680-1750,” Organization of American Historians, Louisville, Kentucky, April 1991

“Good Wives and Nasty Wenches: Gender Ideology and Anglo-Native American Interactions in Colonial Virginia,” Social Science Historians Association, New Orleans, November 1991

“From Foul Crimes to Spurious Issue: Sexual Regulation and Social Control in Colonial Virginia,” Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Douglass College, Rutgers University, June 1990

“The Emergence of a Fruitful Sister: Sexual Controls, Gender Definitions, and the Division of Labor in Virginia, 1630-1750,” Southern Historical Association, Norfolk, Virginia, November 1988

“The Autobiographical Fiction of Mary Wollstonecraft,” Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Wellesley College, June 1987

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

President, Berkshire Association of Women Historians, 2008-present

Series Co-editor, McNeil Center Series in Early American Studies, University of Pennsylvania Press, 2002-present

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission Review Panel, March 2007

Chair, Joan Kelly Book Prize Committee, 2005; member 2003-2004

National Endowment for the Humanities Reviewer, Grants to Academic Centers, December 2003

Chair, Lerner-Scott Dissertation Prize Committee, Organization of American Historians, 2002

Editorial Board, Journal of American History, 2001-2003

Frank and Harriet Owsley Book Prize Committee, Southern Historical Association, 2001

Conference co-convener, “Sexuality in Early America,” Philadelphia, June 1-3, 2001. Co-sponsored by the McNeil Center for Early American Studies and the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture

Council, Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, 1998-2001

Editorial Review Board, William and Mary Quarterly, 1998-2001

Southern Methodist University Postdoctoral Fellowship Roundtable, Dallas, April 2000

Willie Lee Rose Book Prize Committee, Southern Historical Association, 2000

American Antiquarian Society Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship Selection Committee, 1999-2000

Julia Cherry Spruill Book Prize Committee, Southern Historical Association, 1998

Omohundro Institute of Early American History and culture, Postdoctoral Fellowship Selection Committee, 1998

Clifford Prize Committee, American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, 1997-1998

Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, Final Selection Committee for Dissertation Grants in Women's Studies, 1997-1998

Program Committee Member, "Toward a Common Ground," American Studies Association, Pittsburgh, 1995

Conference Committee, Institute of Early American History and Culture conference on race and racism in the early modern world, April 1996

Referee: National Endowment for the Humanities, University of North Carolina Press, Worth Publishers, Cornell University Press, Princeton University Press, Journal of American History, William and Mary Quarterly, Journal of Women's History, Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography. Law and History Review. Comparative Studies in Society and History

COURSES TAUGHT

- A. Undergraduate
 - Colonial American History
 - Gender in American History to 1865
 - Gender in Modern America, 1865 to the present
 - American Senior Honors Thesis Seminar
 - The Atlantic World, 1400-1800
 - Cultures in Contact in the Atlantic World
 - Witches, Whores, and Rogues

Ethnicity and Community in Early America

B. Graduate

Readings in Colonial American History

Gender and Culture in American History

Comparative Gender History

The Atlantic World, 1400-1800

Feminist Theory

The Nature of Sex: Theories about sex, gender, sexuality, and reproduction

The American South