

# Eric William Denby

## Curriculum Vitae

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### **EDUCATION**

- Expected      **Ph.D. in History** | University of Illinois | Champaign-Urbana, IL  
**Dissertation:** "All We Want to Do is Love: LGBT Youth Organizing and Sexual Self-Determination in the United States, 1970-1995."  
**Examined Fields:** United States History, 1776 to present; United States and the World; Women, Gender, and Sexuality.
- 2015            **M.A. in History** | Western Michigan University | Kalamazoo, MI  
**Thesis:** "Fighting for Inclusion - The Origins of Gay Liberation at the University of Michigan." **Committee:** Dr. Wilson Warren, Dr. Edwin Martini, and Dr. Susan Freeman. Winner of the Department of History 2015 Robert Russell Writing Award.
- 2012            **B.S. in History** | Central Michigan University | Mount Pleasant, MI  
Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Scholar  
**McNair Thesis:** "Beings of the Air: Concepts of Daemons in Ancient Rome."

### **TEACHING & RESEARCH INTERESTS**

LGBTQ Youth Organizing  
LGBTQ rights, activism, and liberation  
Post-1865 U.S. Social History

### **HONORS & AWARDS**

- 2022            Widenor Teaching Fellow, Dept. of History, (UIUC)
- 2021            Graduate Teacher Certificate, Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning (UIUC)
- 2021            Graduate College Dissertation Travel Grant (UIUC)
- 2020            National Humanities Center, Ph.D. Student Winter Residency, "How to Creation Meaningful Online Learning Communities"
- 2019            ONE Archives Foundation LGBTQ Research Fellowship
- 2019            College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching by a Graduate Teaching Assistant (UIUC)
- 2019            John G. and Evelyn Hartman Heiligenstein Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching (UIUC)
- 2018            Don Kelly Research Collection Fellowship (Texas A&M)

2018	Bordin-Gillette Fellowship, Bentley Historical Library (University of Michigan)
2018	The Elmer L. Anderson Research Scholarship (University of Minnesota)
2018	The Sallie Bingham Center for Women's History and Culture Research Travel Grant (Duke University)
2018	The Virginia Karnes Archives and Special Collections Research Travel Grant (Purdue University)
2016	Summer Pre-Dissertation Research Fellowship (UIUC)
2015	Department of History Fellowship (UIUC)
2015	Department of History 2015 Robert Russell Writing Award (WMU)
2014	College of Arts & Sciences Graduate Make a Difference Award (WMU)
2014	Graduate College Research and Travel Grant (WMU)
2014	History Department Graduate Teaching Effectiveness Award (WMU)
2014	A. Robert Kleiner Memorial Scholarship (WMU-AAUP)
2011	Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program (CMU)

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Fall 2022	<b>Instructor of Record</b> , Department of History, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. <i>The 1960s in the United States</i>
Spring 2022	<b>Instructor of Record</b> , Department of History, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. <i>Research and Writing Seminar, "A Queer United States."</i>
Fall 2021	<b>Instructor of Record</b> , Department of History, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. <i>Reacting to the Past, "Vietnam, 1968, and the Fall of a Presidency."</i>
Summer 2021	<b>Instructor of Record</b> , Department of History, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. <i>Illinois History.</i>
Spring 2021	<b>Graduate Teaching Assistant</b> , Department of History, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. <i>Constructing Race in America.</i> Ranked as Excellent Instructor by the Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning.
Winter 2020	<b>e-Learning Consultant</b> to the Director of the Humanities Research Institute and the Department of History, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.
Fall 2020	<b>Instructor of Record</b> , Department of History, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. <i>Reacting to the Past, "Riots, Revolutions, and Revolts."</i> Ranked as Excellent Instructor by the Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning.

- Mentor**, Department of History, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. *Undergraduate Research Independent Study*.
- Spring 2019 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Department of History, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. *Black Music*. Ranked as Excellent Instructor by the Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning.
- Fall 2018 **Instructor of Record**, Department of History, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. *Introduction to Historical Interpretation – A Queer United States*. Ranked as Excellent Instructor by the Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning.
- Spring 2018 **Instructor of Record**, Department of History, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. *History Now – LGBT Civil Rights, from the Streets to the Supreme Court*.
- Fall 2017 **Instructor of Record**, Department of History, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. *Reacting to the Past, “Riots, Revolutions, and Revolts.”* Ranked as Excellent & Outstanding Instructor by the Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning.
- Spring 2016 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Department of History, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. *US History Since 1877*. Ranked as Excellent & Outstanding Instructor by the Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning.
- Fall 2015 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Department of History, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. *US History to 1877*. Ranked as Excellent & Outstanding Instructor by the Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning.
- Spring 2015 **Adjunct Instructor**, Department of Gender and Women’s Studies, Western Michigan University. *Introduction to LGBT Studies*.
- Spring 2014 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Department of History, Western Michigan University. *Popular Art and Architecture in the United States*.
- Fall 2014 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Department of History, Western Michigan University. *History & Cinema*.
- Fall 2013 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Department of History, Western Michigan University. *WWII in United States and Japanese History*.

Fall 2012      **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Department of History, Western Michigan University. *U.S. History 1867 to present*.

2010-2013    **Writing Center Consultant**, Central Michigan University.

### **INVITED LECTURES**

Spring 2014    “Popular Art & Architecture, Protest Art of the AIDS Epidemic,” Western Michigan University (April 15).

Fall 2013      LGBT Studies, “AIDS activism, and ACT UP,” Western Michigan University (November 7).

Fall 2013      Native American History, “Wounded Knee in 1973,” Western Michigan University (November).

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

2023            **American Historical Association**, Philadelphia. Roundtable, “Using Reacting to the Past to Teach Historical Conflict in a Time of Social Conflict.” January 5-8.

2019            **Queer History Conference**, San Francisco State University. Paper titled “Excluded from the Action: Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Youth and Ann Arbor’s Radical Left in the 1970s.” June 18.

2018            **Midwestern History Association**, Grand Valley State University. Paper titled “Gaying *FPS: A Magazine of Youth Liberation*.” June 6.

2016            **Mid-America American Studies Conference**, University of Kansas. Paper titled “Fighting for Inclusion: The Ann Arbor Gay Liberation Front versus the University of Michigan.” March 5.

2014            **International Graduate Historical Studies Conference**, Central Michigan University. Paper titled “Gay Is Good: Cultural Framing Theory and the Gay Liberation Movement.” Honorable Mention, Best Paper in Gender & Women’s Studies. March 28.

2014            **Graduate Humanities Conference**, Western Michigan University. Presentation on Gay Radicalism at the University of Michigan. Runner-up, Best Paper Competition. February 14.

- 2012 **Student Research & Creative Endeavors Exhibition**, Central Michigan University. Poster presentation, "Beings of the Air: Concepts of Daemons in Ancient Rome." April 18.
- 2012 **Borders, Boundaries, and Beyond Graduate Conference**, Central Michigan University. Paper and panel on "The First Abolitionist? Gregory of Nyssa on Ancient Roman Slavery." Awarded Best Undergraduate Paper. April 13.
- 2011 **McNair Fall Research Symposium**, Central Michigan University. Paper on "Beings of the Air: Concepts of Daemons in Ancient Rome." September 30.
- 2010 **Michigan Writers Association Fall Ideas Exchange**. Research and development of "The Problem (with) Words: Examining Culturally Charged Diction in Student Writing." October 16.

## **SERVICE**

- 2020 Teaching Awards Committee (UIUC)
- 2020 Scorer, Advanced Placement United States History Exam
- 2020 Presenter, "Creating an LGBT Inclusive Classroom," New Teaching Assistant Training, (UIUC)
- 2017 Panelist, "Setting Section Tone and Leading Discussion: Strategies for First Day and First Three Weeks," New Teaching Assistant Training (UIUC)
- 2016 Graduate Chair, Committee to Redesign Graduate Handbook (UIUC)
- 2016 Officer-at-Large, Graduate Employees' Organization (UIUC)
- 2015 Steward, Graduate Employees' Organization (UIUC)
- 2015 Diversity Committee (UIUC)
- 2014 President, Teaching Assistants Union (WMU)
- 2014 Western Michigan University Academic Integrity Committee (WMU)
- 2013 Communications Officer, Teaching Assistants Union (WMU)
- 2013-2015 Board Member, West Michigan Federation of College Educators
- 2013 Graduate Representative, Department Faculty Meetings (WMU)
- 2013 Field Director, Kevin Wordleman for Kalamazoo County Commissioner
- 2012-2014 Fundraising Chair, History Graduate Student Organization (WMU)

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

2011-current	American Historical Association
2012-current	Organization of American Historians
2013-current	The Radical Historians' Organization
2013-current	The Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender History