

Eric William Denby

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Education

Doctorate of Philosophy in History | University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana | ABD
Expected 2021 | United States LGBTQ Youth History | Advisor: Kevin Mumford

Master of Arts in History | Western Michigan University | May 2015

Thesis: *Fighting for Inclusion: The Origins of Gay Liberation at the University of Michigan*: Committee: Dr. Wilson Warren (Director), Dr. Edwin Martini, and Dr. Susan Freeman

Winner of the Department of History 2015 Robert Russell Writing Award

Bachelor of Science in History | Central Michigan University | May 2012

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

Teaching Experience

2019 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Department of History, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. HIST104 Black Music. ***List of Teachers “Ranked as Excellent” by their Students.

2018 **Instructor of Record**, Department of History, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. HIST 200: Introduction to Historical Interpretation – “A Queer United States.” ***List of Teachers “Ranked as Excellent” by their Students.

Instructor of Record, Department of History, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. HIST 101: History Now – “LGBT Civil Rights, from the Streets to the Supreme Court.”

2017 **Instructor of Record**, Department of History, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. HIST 203: Reacting to the Past, “Riots, Revolutions, and Revolts.” ***List of Teachers “Ranked as Excellent” by their Students, additional honor of being selected as “Outstanding”

- 2016 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Department of History, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. US History to 1877 (Fall). US History Since 1877 (Spring). ***List of Teachers “Ranked as Excellent” by their Students, additional honor of being selected as “Outstanding”
- 2015 **Adjunct Instructor**, Department of Gender and Women’s Studies, Western Michigan University. LGBT Studies.
- 2014 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Department of History, Western Michigan University. Popular Art and Architecture in the United States (Spring). History & Cinema (Fall).
- 2014 **Invited Lecture**, “Popular Art & Architecture, Protest Art of the AIDS Epidemic,” WMU (April 15).
- 2013 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Department of History, Western Michigan University. WWII in United States and Japanese History, Sport in American Culture.
- 2013 **Invited Lecture**, LGBT Studies, AIDS activism and ACT UP, WMU (November 7).
- 2013 **Invited Lecture**, Native American History, “Wounded Knee in 1973,” WMU (November)
- 2012 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Department of History, Western Michigan University. U.S. History 1867 to present.
- 2010-2013 **Writing Center Consultant**, Central Michigan University.

Conference Presentations

- June 18, 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 6, 2018 Midwestern History Association, Grand Valley State University. **Paper titled “Gaying FPS: A Magazine of Youth Liberation.”**
- March 5, 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 28, 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.
- Feb. 14, 2014 Graduate Humanities Conference, Western Michigan University. **Presentation on Gay Radicalism at the University of Michigan.** Runner-up, Best Paper Competition.
- April 18, 2012 Student Research & Creative Endeavors Exhibition, Central Michigan University. Poster presentation entitled, **“Beings of the Air: Concepts of Daemons in Ancient Rome.”**
- April 13, 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.
- Sept. 30, 2011 McNair Fall Research Symposium, Central Michigan University. Paper on **“Beings of the Air: Concepts of Daemons in Ancient Rome.”**
- Oct. 16, 2010 Michigan Writers Association Fall Ideas Exchange. Research and development of **“The Problem (with) Words: Examining Culturally Charged Diction in Student Writing,”** a discussion on how to deal with charged language during writing center sessions.

Honors & Awards

- 2019 ONE Archives Foundation LGBTQ Research Fellowship
- 2019 College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching by a Graduate Teaching Assistant (U of I)
- 2019 John G. and Evelyn Hartman Heiligenstein Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching (University of Illinois)
- 2018 Don Kelly Research Collection Fellowship (Texas A&M)
- 2018 Bordin-Gillette Fellowship, Bentley Historical Library
- 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 (University of Illinois)
- 2015 Department of History Fellowship (University of Illinois)
- 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)
2011	Mt. Pleasant Community Foundation, Dr. Joyce Ann Carter Scholarship
2011	Patrons Fund, Capital Region Community Foundation Scholarship
2010	Resident Life Scholarship (CMU)
2010	CMU Academic Honors Scholarship (CMU)

Manuscript Reviews

2015	Reviewer, Book Proposals, Routledge (2)
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Professional Service

2016-2017	Graduate Chair, Committee to Redesign Graduate Handbook (UIUC)
2016-2017	Officer-at-Large, Graduate Employees' Organization (UIUC)
2015-2016	Steward, History Dept., Graduate Employees' Organization (UIUC)
2015-2016	Graduate Student Representative, Diversity Committee (UIUC)
2014-2015	President, Teaching Assistants Union AFT Local 1729 (WMU)
2014-2015	Western Michigan University Academic Integrity Committee
2013-2014	Communications Officer, Teaching Assistants Union (WMU)
2013-2015	Board Member, West Michigan Federation of College Educators
2013-2014	Graduate Student Liaison, Department Faculty Meetings (WMU)
2013-2014	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

Languages

French	Reading competency
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