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EDUCATION

The Ohio State University

MA in Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies, May 2017

Presidential Fellow, 2018-2019

PhD in Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies, defending May 2019

Dissertation: Masculinity, Race & Jewish Stardom

Washington University in St. Louis

Bachelor of Arts, May 2011

History and Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Forthcoming – “Teaching for Coalition: Dismantling ‘Jewish-Progressive Conflict’ through Feminist and Queer Pedagogy.” *Frontiers* 40.2. Forthcoming.

2018 – “Failed Fatherhood and the ‘Trap of Ambivalence’: Assimilation, Homonormativity, and Effeminophobia in ‘The New Normal.’” *Journal of Homosexuality*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00918369.2018.1510263>.

2017 – “Covering in the Classroom: Toward a Pedagogy of Uncovering.” *Feminist Teacher* 26.1 (2017): 72-82.

2017 – “Relaxing the Straight Male Anus: Reducing Homophobia Around Male Anal Pleasure.” *Sexualities*. 2017. (co-authored with Susan Ekberg Stiritz and Eric Anderson).

2012 – “Teaching Men’s Receptive Pleasure: Challenging Gender Norms with ‘Prostage’ Education.” *American Journal of Sexuality Education*. 7.4 (2012): 404-428. (co-authored with Susan Ekberg Stiritz).

Articles in Process

Revised & Resubmitted – “The Feminist Pedagogy of Laughter in Holistic Sex Education.” Submitted to *Sex Education*. (co-authored with Kristen Kolenz).

In Review – “Jewy/Screwy Leading Lady: *Crazy Ex-Girlfriend* and the Critique of Rom-Com Femininity.” Submitted to the *Journal of Modern Jewish Studies*.

In Review – Melodramatized Muscleman: Ethnicity, Comedy, and ‘Likable’ White Male Backlash in *Thor: Ragnarok*. Submitted to *Post Script*.

In Process – “‘Plow Him Like a Queen’: Glamorous Female Masculinity in *Broad City*.” In preparation for *Television & New Media*.

Book Reviews

2016 – Branfman, J. “A View from the Bottom: Asian American Masculinity and Sexual Representation.” *Sexualities*, 2016.

2015 – Branfman, J. “Race in Translation: Culture Wars Around the Postcolonial Atlantic.” *Interventions*, 2015.

Activist Publications

2019 – *You Be You! The Kid’s Guide to Gender, Sexuality and Family*. London. Jessica Kingsley Publishers.

This book explains LGBTQIA inclusion for children and for adults new to the topic. Illustrated by Julie Benbassat, *You Be You* also explains oppression, privilege, intersectionality, and allyship. I created *You Be You* as an activist extension of my academic work. The book is also translated into sixteen languages, including Chinese, Arabic, and Russian.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2018 – Branfman, J. “‘Two Jewesses Tryin’ to Make a Buck’”: Jewish Female Masculinity and Feminist Utopias in *Broad City*.’ Presentation at the Association for Jewish Studies Conference, Boston, MA. December 2018.

2018 – Branfman, J. “‘Two Jewesses Tryin’ to Make a Buck’”: Jewish Female Masculinity and Feminist Utopias in *Broad City*.’ Presentation at the National Women’s Studies Association Conference, Atlanta, GA. November 10, 2018.

2017 – Branfman, J. “‘Where’s the Bathroom?!’ ‘Jewing’ Race, Gender & Sexuality in *Crazy Ex-Girlfriend*.” Presentation at the Association for Jewish Studies Conference, Washington, DC. December 18, 2017.

2017 – Branfman, J. “Coalitional Feminist Pedagogy: Linking Racism, Islamophobia and Anti-Semitism in the Era of Donald Trump.” Presentation at the National Women’s Studies Association Conference, Baltimore, MD. November 18, 2017.

- 2016 – Branfman, J. “Men of Israel: Pornography and the Gay Muscle Jew.” Presentation at the National Women’s Studies Association Conference, Montréal, Canada. November 11, 2016.
- 2016 – Branfman, J. “Unmasking ‘Jewtopia’: Precarious Whiteness and Jewish Drag.” Presentation at the American Men’s Studies Association Conference, Ann Arbor, MI. April 3, 2016.
- 2015 – Branfman, J. “Cruising *Jewtopia*: Gender Deviance & Precarious Whiteness.” Presentation at the National Women’s Studies Association Conference, Milwaukee, WI. November 14, 2015.
- 2014 – Branfman, J. “Silly Fairies & Badass Faggots: Insubordinate(?) Anti-Masculinities on TV.” Presentation at the National Women’s Studies Association Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico. November 16, 2014.
- 2014 – Branfman, J. “Silly Fairies & Badass Faggots: Toward Effeminophilic Television.” Presentation at the Popular Culture Association National Conference, Chicago, IL. April 17, 2014.
- 2013 – Branfman, J. and Stiritz, S.E. “Teaching Men’s Anal Pleasure: Challenging Gender Norms with ‘Prostage’ Education.” Presentation at the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality Western Region Meeting, Los Angeles, CA. April 22, 2013.

AWARDS

- 2018 – **Presidential Fellowship**
The most prestigious award given by the Ohio State University Graduate School. Awarded competitively, the Presidential Fellowship gives fellows one year of full-time financial support to complete their dissertations.
- 2018 – **Featured Instructor for OSU’s University Center for the Advancement of Teaching**
Because UCAT has selected me for this honor, I will author a pedagogical piece for UCAT’s blog and facilitate a roundtable on pedagogical strategies open to the OSU community.
- 2016 – **Outstanding Faculty Program for Promoting Inclusion**
The Office of Student Life’s award for faculty and graduate students who lead outstanding dormitory education programs. Program: Welcoming LGBTQIA students and residents.
- 2015 – **Graduate Associate Teaching Award**
The Ohio State University’s highest recognition for exceptional teaching by graduate students. Honorarium \$1,500.

RESEARCH & TRAVEL GRANTS

- 2018 – **The Ohio State University Department of Women’s, Gender, & Sexuality Studies Travel Grants for Graduate Students.** Grant to travel to Atlanta, GA to present at the

- 2018 National Women's Studies Conference. \$600.
- 2018 – The Ohio State University Arts & Humanities Small Grants for Graduate Students.** Grant to travel to Atlanta to present at the 2018 National Women's Studies Association Conference. \$500.
- 2018 – The Ohio State University Council of Graduate Students Career Development Grant.** Grant to travel to Boston, MA to present at the 2018 American Jewish Studies Conference. \$350.
- 2017 – The Ohio State University Council of Graduate Students Career Development Grant.** Grant to travel to Washington, DC to present at the 2017 American Jewish Studies Conference. \$350.
- 2017 – The Ohio State University Department of Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies Travel Grants for Graduate Students.** Grant to travel to Baltimore, MD to present at the 2017 National Women's Studies Conference. \$500.
- 2017 – Knapp Family Foundation Travel Grant.** Grant to travel to Washington, DC to present at the 2017 American Jewish Studies Conference. \$120.
- 2016 – Diversity & Identity Studies Collective Travel Grant for Graduate Students** Grant to attend the American Jewish Studies Conference in San Diego, CA. \$250.
- 2016 – The Ohio State University Department of Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies Travel Grants for Graduate Students.** Grant to travel to Montréal, Canada to present at the 2016 National Women's Studies Conference. \$500.
- 2016 – The Ohio State University Arts & Humanities Small Grants for Graduate Students.** Grant to travel to Montréal, Canada to present at the 2016 National Women's Studies Association Conference. \$250.
- 2016 – The Ohio State University Arts & Humanities Small Grants for Graduate Students.** Grant to travel to Ann Arbor, MI to present at the 2016 American Men's Studies Association Conference. \$500.
- 2015 – The Ohio State University Department of Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies Travel Grants for Graduate Students.** Grant to travel to Milwaukee, WI to present at the 2015 National Women's Studies Conference. \$500.
- 2014 – The Ohio State University Arts & Humanities Small Grants for Graduate Students.** Grant to travel to Puerto Rico to present at the 2014 National Women's Studies Conference. \$500.
- 2014 – The Ohio State University Department of Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies Travel Grants for Graduate Students.** Grant to travel to Puerto Rico to present at the 2014 National Women's Studies Conference. \$400.

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2014 to Present – Independent Graduate Instructor

The Ohio State University

I have independently designed and taught the following courses, with classes of 25-35 students from across OSU's 200+ majors.

- Introduction to WGSS: Gender, Sex & Power
- Popular Culture: Race, Gender & Sexuality
- Hollywood, Women & Gender
- Masculinity, Race & Nation

I originated the following courses at the Ohio State University

- Masculinity, Race & Nation
- Judaism, Race & Gender (co-created with Dr. Lynn Kaye)

2013 to 2014 – Graduate Teaching Assistant

The Ohio State University

- Introduction to WGSS: Gender, Sex & Power

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY & FIELD

The Field of WGSS

2016 to Present – Co-chair for the Jewish Caucus of the National Women's Studies Association.

Highlighted accomplishments:

- 2017 – Reenergized the caucus and expanded its membership.
- 2018 – Co-organized four panels by and about Jewish women of color.

The Ohio State University

2013 to Present – Rape Prevention and Sexual Health Educator

With my colleague MacRorie Dean, I co-founded my department's feminist, queer, anti-racist sexual health program in 2013, and have coordinated it since. From a single presentation, this program has grown to a team of six facilitators who annually reach over 1,000 students in thirty presentations.

2015 to 2018 – Advisor for Undergraduate Students in Sexuality Studies and Disability Studies

2016 – Pedagogical Trainer for new TAs, with the University Center for Advancement of Teaching

2016 – Selection Committee for the annual Graduate Associate Teaching Award (GATA)

INVITED TALKS

- 2018** – “Sexual Education as a Tool for Reducing Sexual Violence.” Invited Speaker. Panel at the Ohio State University. Columbus, OH. April 19, 2018.
- 2018** – “Sexual Pleasure, Health & Safety: Getting Ready for College.” Invited presenter at The Wellington High School. Columbus, OH. April 12, 2018.
- 2018** – “LGBT Education & Inclusion.” Invited speaker to the Diversity Committee of The Ohio State University Board of Directors. Columbus, OH. April 10, 2018.
- 2018** – “Gender & Sexual Bias in the Media: A Feminist Introduction for High School Students.” Invited presenter at The Wellington School. Columbus, OH. March 26, 2018.
- 2018** – “LGBT Education for Children: Democratizing Art & Media.” Invited presenter at TEDx at the Ohio State University. Columbus, OH. March 5, 2018.
- 2018** – “Pedagogy of Laughter: Using Laughter and Joy in Teaching.” Invited speaker. Roundtable hosted by OSU’s University Center for the Advancement of Teaching. Columbus, OH. March 5, 2018.
- 2018** – “Masculinity and Race in Jewish Rap.” Invited Speaker. Wellington Graduate Research Competition. Columbus, OH. February 12, 2018.
- 2018** – “*You Be You!* A Reading with the Author.” Invited speaker. Book reading and discussion at the Ohio State University’s Urban Arts Space. Columbus, OH. January 11, 2018.
- 2017** – “Queer & Now: LGBTQIA Inclusion in the Jewish Community, 1970 – Today.” Invited speaker. Lecture at Creekside by the Village, a Jewish elderly community. Melton Center Jewish Studies adult education program. Columbus, OH. September 12, 2017.
- 2017** – “Classroom to Clinic: Feminist Scholarship & Reproductive Healthcare.” Invited panelist. The Ohio State University. Columbus, OH. April 21, 2017.
- 2017** – “Are Jews White? Tracing Jewish Racialization, Gender & Sexuality.” Invited speaker. Lecture at Creekside by the Village, a Jewish elderly community. Melton Center Jewish Studies adult education program. Columbus, OH. April 7, 2017.
- 2017** – “Are Jews White? Tracing Jewish Racialization, Gender & Sexuality.” Invited speaker. Lecture at Moishe House, a Jewish community organization. Columbus, OH. January 23, 2017.
- 2016** – “Are Jews White? Tracing Jewish Racialization, Gender & Sexuality.” Invited speaker. Lecture at the Ohio State University. Columbus, OH. November 14, 2016.

2016 – “Why Teach About Jews in WGSS?” Panel organizer. Panel at the Ohio State University. Columbus, OH. September 15, 2016.

2016 – “Teaching in a Feminist Classroom.” Invited panelist. Forum at the Ohio State University. Columbus, OH. August 19, 2016.

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Facilitator Training: Diversity and Implicit Bias Awareness Training Program

A grassroots program by the Ohio State University’s Council of Graduate Students to empower graduate students to educate others about implicit bias and the value of a diverse university.

LANGUAGE COMPETENCIES

French – Fluent speaking, reading, and writing

Spanish – Excellent speaking and reading, proficient writing with dictionary

Hebrew – Excellent speaking, proficient reading and writing with dictionary

Mandarin – Conversational speaking

PRESS COVERAGE

NHK. 2018. “セクハラ・性暴力と‘男らしさ’ (Sexual Harassment, Sexual Violence & Masculinity),” August 24, 2018. https://www3.nhk.or.jp/news/web_tokushu/2018_0801.html.