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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2019 – *Canada Research Chair (Tier II) in the Historical Dimensions of Women's Health, Department of History, Vancouver Island University*
- maternity / parental leave April 2025 – April 2026
- Adjunct Professor, Department of History, University of Victoria (2021 –)*
- English-Language Editor, Canadian Journal of Health History / Revue canadienne d'histoire de la santé (2023 – 2025)*
- Associate Editor, Gender & History (2019-2023)*
- 2018-2019 *Associated Medical Services Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Department of History, Calgary Institute for the Humanities Visiting Fellow, University of Calgary*
- 2016-2018 *Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Department of History, Classics and Archaeology, Birkbeck, University of London*

EDUCATION

- 2010-2016 *PhD, Tri-University Graduate Program in History, Wilfrid Laurier University*
- Dissertation, “Birth Pangs: Maternity, Medicine, and Feminine Delicacy in English Canada, 1867-1950”, supervised by Drs. Cynthia Comacchio [WLU], Wendy Mitchinson [University of Waterloo], and Tracy Penny Light [UW]
 - Internal/External Examiner, Dr. Penelope Ironstone [Communication Studies, WLU]; External Examiner, Dr. Mona Gleason [University of British Columbia]
 - Nominated for: *Canadian Historical Association John Bullen Prize; Canadian Association of Graduate Studies Distinguished Dissertation Award; Canadian Studies Network National Dissertation Award*
 - Comprehensive Fields: Canadian History, History of Health and Medicine, History of Gender and Sexuality
- 2012 *Visiting Research Student, Birkbeck, University of London*
- 2009-2010 *Master of Arts (History), Lakehead University*

- Major Research Paper: “‘Delicate Women’ and the Ordeal of Childbirth: The Construction of Women’s Pain and Medical Responses in Late-Victorian North America” supervised by Drs. Patricia Jasen and Jane Nicholas

2005-2009 *Honours Bachelor of Arts (History), Lakehead University*

- Graduated First Class Standing, Minor in Political Science

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

Whitney Wood, *Birth Pangs: Maternity, Medicine, and Feminine Delicacy in English Canada, 1867-1940*. Under contract with McGill-Queen’s University Press. 95 000 words.

Special Journal Issues

Whitney Wood, Heather Love, Jerika Sanderson, and Karen Weingarten, eds. “Making Modern Maternity,” *British Medical Journal: Medical Humanities* 50, no. 2 (June 2024): 197-371.

Whitney Wood and Joanna Bourke, eds. “Gender and Pain in Modern History,” *Gender & History* 32, no. 1 (March 2020): 8-85.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Whitney Wood, “‘The woman-as-patient perspective’: Embodied Knowledge, Emotional Labour, and Gynecological Teaching in Canadian Medical Schools,” (in preparation for submission to *Journal for the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences*, Fall 2026)

Whitney Wood and Karissa Patton, “Cervical Screening and The Politics of Self-Examination: Past and Present” (in preparation for submission to *Women & Health*, Fall 2026).

Whitney Wood, “Intrauterine Device (IUD) Insertion and the Politics of Gender and Pain,” (under revision for *Canadian Medical Association Journal* “Medicine and Society” section).

Whitney Wood and Danielle Cossey-Sutton, “High-Tech Obstetrics, Childbirth Choice, and Colonial Control in Late-Twentieth Century Canada,” *Bulletin for the History of Medicine* 99, no. 1 (Spring 2025): 156-184.

**Awarded 2026 Hilda Neatby Prize for best English-language article in the field by the Canadian Committee of Women’s and Gender History (CCWGH)*

Whitney Wood, “‘A Familiar, Not Fearful Place’: Sensory Histories of the North American Obstetric Ward, 1950-1970,” *The Senses and Society* 19, no. 3 (2024): 298-311.

Whitney Wood, Heather Love, Jerika Sanderson, and Karen Weingarten, “Making Modern Maternity,” (Introductory Essay) *British Medical Journal: Medical Humanities* 50, no. 2 (June 2024): 197-211.

Karissa Patton and Whitney Wood, “‘Doctors aren’t familiar with your tissues’: Self-Examination and Feminist Health Activism 1970s Canada,” *Canadian Historical Review* 104, no. 2 (June 2023): 169-197.

Gillian Anderson, Sylvie Lafrenière, and Whitney Wood. “Languishing: The Impact of COVID-19 on Maternal Well-Being,” *Journal of Mother Studies* 6 (September 2021).

Whitney Wood and Joanna Bourke, “Conceptualizing Gender and Pain in Modern History,” *Gender & History* 31, no. 1 (March 2020): 8-12.

Whitney Wood, “‘Put right under’: Obstetric Violence in Postwar Canada,” *Social History of Medicine* 31, no. 4 (December 2018): 796-817.

Whitney Wood, “Shifting Understandings of Labour Pain in Canadian Medical History,” *British Medical Journal: Medical Humanities* 44, no. 2 (June 2018): 82-88.

Whitney Wood, “‘The Luxurious Daughters of Artificial Life’: Female ‘Delicacy’ and Pain in Late-Victorian Advice Literature,” *Canadian Bulletin of Medical History* 31, no. 2 (Fall 2014): 71-92.

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

Whitney Wood, “Settler Colonialism, Obstetric Justice, and Choice in Childbirth, 1970-2000,” in *From Rights to Justice: Global Reproductive Politics Since 1945*, eds. Maude Bracke, Catherine Burns, Jesse Olszynko-Gryn, and Raul Neccochea Lopez (submitted to Reproductive Justice Series, ed. Rickie Solinger, University of California Press, April 2025).

Whitney Wood, “‘Thirty years behind England?’: Canadian Women, ‘Natural’ Birth, and Everyday Health, 1945-1970,” in *‘Everyday Health’, Embodiment, and Selfhood since 1950*, eds. Tracey Loughran, Hannah Froom, Kate Mahoney, and Daisy Payling (Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2024), 230-250.

Whitney Wood, “Medicare and Maternity: Historicizing Inequities in Women’s Health,” in *Medicare’s Histories: Origins, Omissions, and Opportunities in Canada*, eds. Elylt Jones, James Hanley, and Delia Gavrus (Winnipeg: University of Manitoba Press, 2022), 131-152.

Whitney Wood, “‘Don’t tell them you’re guessing’: Learning Obstetrics in Canadian Medical Schools, c. 1890-1920,” in *Transforming Medical Education: Historical Case Studies of Teaching, Learning, and Belonging in Medicine*, eds. Delia Gavrus and Susan Lamb (Montreal and Kingston: McGill-Queen’s University Press, 2022), 455-479.

Whitney Wood, “Pride, Shame, and Anger: Women’s Struggles to Achieve Natural Childbirth in Postwar Canada,” in *Feeling Feminism: Activism, Affect, and Canada’s Second Wave*, eds. Catherine Gidney, Lara Campbell, and Michael Dawson (Vancouver: University of British Columbia Press, 2022), 29-50.

Whitney Wood, “Spreading the Gospel of Natural Birth: Canadian Contributions to an International Medical Movement, 1945-1960,” in *Undiplomatic History: The New Study of Canada in the World*, eds. Asa McKercher and Philip Van Huizen (Montreal and Kingston: McGill-Queen’s University Press, 2019), 137-162.

Whitney Wood, “‘Bound to be a troublesome time’: Canadian Perceptions of Pregnancy, Parturition, and Pain, 1867-1930,” in *Perceptions of Pregnancy from the Seventeenth to the Twentieth Century*, eds. Jennifer Evans and Ciara Meehan (Houndsmills, UK: Palgrave Macmillan, 2017), 35-55.

Whitney Wood, “‘When I think of what is before me, I feel afraid’: Narratives of Fear, Pain, and Childbirth in Late-Victorian Canada,” in *Pain and Emotion in Modern History*, ed. Rob Boddice (Houndsmills, UK: Palgrave Macmillan, 2014), 187-203.

Book Reviews

Review of *The Myth of the Perfect Pregnancy: A History of Miscarriage in America* by Lara Freidenfelds, *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences* 77, no. 1 (January 2022): 112-4.

Review of *Abortion: History, Politics, and Reproductive Justice After Morgentaler*, edited by Shannon Stettner, Kristin Burnett, and Travis Hay, *Canadian Historical Review* 99, no. 4 (Winter 2018): 676-7.

Review of *Separate Beds: A History of Indian Hospitals in Canada, 1920s-1980s* by Maureen Lux, “Focus on Indigenous and Colonial Medicine in the Americas,” *Social History of Medicine* 30, no. 3 (August 2017): 691-2.

Review of *Small Matters: Canadian Children in Sickness and Health, 1900-1940* by Mona Gleason. *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* 89, no. 1 (Spring 2015): 144-5.

Review of *Deliver Me from Pain: Anesthesia and Birth in America* by Jacqueline H. Wolf. *Canadian Bulletin of Medical History* 31, no. 2 (Fall 2014): 259-61.

Review of *Fostering Nation? Canada Confronts Its History of Childhood Disadvantage* by Veronica Strong-Boag. H-Canada (October 2012).

RESEARCH GRANTS, AWARDS, AND ACADEMIC HONOURS

2026 Canadian Committee of Women’s and Gender History Hilda Neatby Prize (best English-language article in the field, Wood and Cossey Sutton, “High-Tech Obstetrics, Childbirth Choice, and Colonial Control,” *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*, 2025)

Co-Principal Applicant, “Safeguarding Maternal Mental Health: Identifying Women’s Health Supports during Matrescence and Midlife,” Vancouver Foundation – Participatory Action Research Grant (Principal Applicant: Bev Suderman, Cowichan Women’s Health Collective), \$300 000 (*Application in preparation*, 2027-2030).

- 2025 Co-Investigator, “Epigenetic Markers to Distinguish Gendered Exposures from Biological Sex,” New Frontiers in Research Fund – Exploration Grant (Principal Investigator: Julian Christians, Simon Fraser University), \$250 000 CAD (2025-2027)
- 2024 Tier II Canada Research Chair (2024-2029), \$500 000 CAD
- Principal Investigator, “Hyperemesis Histories: Patient and Policy Perspectives in Twentieth and Twenty-First Century Canada,” Associated Medical Services Project Grant (Co-Principal Investigator: Jennifer Fraser, Vancouver Island University), \$20 000 CAD (2024-2025)
- 2023 Principal Investigator, “Pelvic Health and Public Health in Twentieth-Century Canada,” Canadian Institutes of Health Research Project Grant (Co-Investigators: Agnes Arnold-Forster, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine; Erin Brennand, University of Calgary; Patricia Johnston, University of Calgary; Esyllt Jones, University of Manitoba; Karissa Patton, University of Edinburgh; Jaipreet Virdi, University of Delaware), \$577 575 CAD (2023-2028)
- Co-Investigator, “SHAPE: Sexual Health and genito-Pelvic pain knowledge Empowerment Hub,” Canadian Institutes of Health Research, National Women’s Health Research Initiative: Pan-Canadian Women’s Health Coalition Hub (Principal Investigator: Lori Brotto, University of British Columbia), \$840 000 CAD (2023-2027)
- 2022 Early Career Research Excellence Award, Office of Scholarship, Research, and Creative Activity, Vancouver Island University
- Principal Investigator, “Pelvic Health Histories: Patient Perspectives and Priorities,” Canadian Institutes of Health Research, Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research Engagement Grant (Co-Investigators: Agnes Arnold-Forster, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine; Erin Brennand, University of Calgary; Patricia Johnston, University of Calgary; Esyllt Jones, University of Manitoba; Karissa Patton, University of Edinburgh; Jaipreet Virdi, University of Delaware), \$25 000 CAD (2023-2024)
- Co-Investigator, “GROWW: Guiding interdisciplinary Research on Women’s and girls’ health and Wellbeing.” Canadian Institutes of Health Research, Health Research Training Platform (H RTP) Pilot (Principal Investigators: Amy Metcalfe and Erin Brennand, University of Calgary; Jennifer Gordon, University of Regina; and Ryan Van Lieshout, McMaster University), \$2 550 000 CAD (2022-2028)
- Visiting Fellow, Academy of Finland Centre of Excellence in the History of Experiences, Tampere University, Finland (April 2022)
- 2021 Principal Investigator, “Changing Childbirth in Postwar Canada, 1945-2000.” Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Insight Development Grant, \$44 016 CAD (2021-2024)

- Co-Investigator, “*Engendering a Healthy Indigenous Identity: Focusing on Who We Are, Not What We Are.*” Canadian Institutes of Health Research, Indigenous Gender and Wellness Team Grant. (Principal Investigator Laurie Meijer Drees, Department of Indigenous/Xwulmuxw Studies, Vancouver Island University; Community Partners Huli’tun Health Society, Halalt First Nation, Lyackson First Nation), \$464 154 CAD (2021-2024)
- 2020 Associate Fellow, L.R. Wilson Institute for Canadian History, McMaster University (2020-2027)
- Co-Applicant, “Health, Healing, and Caring: A *Gender & History* Symposium.” Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Connection Grant. (Principal Applicant Cheryl Krasnick Warsh, Department of History, Vancouver Island University), \$19 050 CAD (2020-2021)
- Co-Investigator, “Land, Language, Life: Engendering an Indigenous Identity and Wellness.” Canadian Institutes of Health Research, Indigenous Gender and Wellness Development Grant. (Principal Investigator Laurie Meijer Drees, Department of Indigenous/Xwulmuxw Studies, Vancouver Island University; Community Partners Huli’tun Health Society, Halalt First Nation, Lyackson First Nation), \$70 000 CAD (2020-2022)
- Co-Investigator and Knowledge User, “Macroanalysis/Big Data Machine Reading Tools and Microanalysis/Digital Text Analysis Tools for Open Access Research.” Canada Foundation for Innovation – John R. Evans Leader Fund. (Project Leader Richard Lane, Department of English, Vancouver Island University), \$187 375 CAD (2020-2025)
- Co-Investigator, “The Burden of Care: Exploring the Gendered Impact(s) of COVID-19 on Mothers’ Caring Labour.” Vancouver Island University COVID-19 Research Grant, (Principal Investigators Gillian Anderson and Sylvie Lafreniere, Department of Sociology, Vancouver Island University), \$5000 CAD (2019-2020)
- 2019 Tier II Canada Research Chair (2019-2024), \$600 000 CAD
- Principal Applicant, Canada Foundation for Innovation – John R. Evans Leaders Fund Award (Vancouver Island University Centre for the Health Humanities, 2019-2024), \$33 807 CAD
- Canadian Institutes of Health Research, Indigenous Gender and Wellness, Idea Fair and Learning Circle Grant, \$2000 CAD
- Organization of American Historians Award, \$500 USD
- 2018 Calgary Institute for the Humanities Visiting Fellowship
- Associated Medical Services (AMS), History of Medicine Postdoctoral Fellowship,

- \$45 000 CAD
- 2017 Medical Humanities Award, Birkbeck Wellcome Trust Support Fund, £5000 GBP
- Birkbeck Institute for the Humanities Award, £1500 GBP
- Ferenc Gyorgyey Visiting Fellowship in the History of Medicine, Yale University, \$1500 USD
- 2016 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Postdoctoral Fellowship (2016-2018), \$81 000 CAD
- Award for Outstanding Graduate Work, Wilfrid Laurier University
- 2015 Special Initiative Research Award, Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, Wilfrid Laurier University, \$1250 CAD
- 2014 Ontario Graduate Scholarship (2014-2015), \$15 000 CAD
- Special Initiative Research Award, Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, Wilfrid Laurier University, \$1250 CAD
- Dean of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, PhD Dissertation Award, Wilfrid Laurier University, \$1435 CAD
- 2013 Ontario Graduate Scholarship (2013-2014), \$15 000 CAD
- Special Initiative Research Award, Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, Wilfrid Laurier University, \$1250 CAD
- Stillmark Graduate Student Research Award, Wilfrid Laurier University, \$500 CAD
- 2012 Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, \$6000 CAD
- Special Initiative Research Award, Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, Wilfrid Laurier University, \$1000 CAD
- 2011 Special Initiative Research Award, Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, Wilfrid Laurier University, \$1000 CAD
- 2010 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Canada Graduate Scholarship – Doctoral Level (2010-2013), \$105 000 CAD
- Ontario Graduate Scholarship (declined due to SSHRC regulations), \$15 000 CAD

- Laurier Graduate Scholarship (2010-2014), \$28 000 CAD
- 2009 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Canada Graduate Scholarship – Master’s Level (2009-2010), \$17 500 CAD
- Ontario Graduate Scholarship (declined due to SSHRC regulations), \$15 000 CAD
- Lakehead University Special Graduate Award, \$5000 CAD
- 2008 Associated Medical Services Hannah Summer Studentship, \$5500 CAD
- Tom Miller Scholarship in History, \$1600 CAD
- Ernst Zimmerman Scholarship in History, \$800 CAD
- 2007 “A Vast and Magnificent Land” Undergraduate Scholarship in History, \$250 CAD
- Tom Miller Scholarship in History, \$1600 CAD
- Ernst Zimmerman Scholarship in History, \$800 CAD
- 2006 Lakehead University History Award, \$500 CAD
- 2005 Lakehead University Northwestern Ontario Leaders’ Scholarship (2005-2009), \$14 000 CAD
- Governor General’s Academic Medal

CONFERENCE, SEMINARS, AND COLLOQUIA ORGANIZED

Organizer, Pelvic Health Histories Symposium, Critical Humanities Commons, University of Victoria, Co-Organized with Drs. Jaipreet Virdi and Karissa Patton (28-29 April 2027)

Organizer, Morning Sickness Memories: Patient and Policy Perspectives in Twentieth and Twenty-First Century Canada, Patient Engagement Workshop, Vancouver Island University, Co-Organized with Dr. Jennifer Fraser (31 October 2024).

Co-Organizer, New Directions in Reproductive Health History Workshop, University of Edinburgh, Co-Organized with Drs. Jennifer Fraser, Karissa Patton, and Agnes Arnold-Forster (15-16 July 2024).

Organizer, Pelvic Health and Public Health in Twentieth Century Canada, Patient Engagement Workshop, Vancouver Island University (17 November 2023).

Co-Convenor, Reproductive Health Histories Working Group, International Consortium for the History of Science, Technology, and Medicine, Monthly Discussion and Workshop Series Co-Convened with Drs. Jennifer Fraser, Karissa Patton, and Agnes Arnold-Forster (2023-2025).

Co-Organizer, Gender, Health, and Social Justice Speaker Series, Monthly Seminar Series. Co-Organized with Dr. Erika Dyck, Dr. Karissa Patton, and Letitia Johnson (2021-2022).

Co-Organizer, “Care(ful) Disruption: Indigenous and Black Women’s Standpoints on Care as a Strategy of Resistance and Continuance,” Roundtable Conversation featuring Drs. Karen Flynn, Notisha Massaquoi, Lana Ray, and Kristin Burnett, *Gender & History* and Vancouver Island University (14 January 2021).

Co-Organizer, Health, Healing & Caring, *Gender & History* Symposium, Vancouver Island University (21-23 May 2020).

Program Chair, Canadian Society for the History of Medicine and Canadian Association for the History of Nursing Joint Annual Meeting, University of British Columbia (1-3 June 2019).

Program Chair and Local Arrangements, Gender and Pain in Modern History, Birkbeck, University of London (24-25 March 2017).

INVITED LECTURES, SEMINARS, AND PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

“Childbirth ‘Choice’ in Twentieth-Century Canada.” Invited Contribution, Histories of Reproductive Justice Plenary, Critical Feminist Histories Conference, Queen’s University, Kingston, ON, October 2026.

with Karissa Patton. “Cervical Screening and the Politics of Self Examination: Past and Present.” Invited Seminar, Reproduction Research Colloquium, Department of Global Health and Social Medicine, King’s College London, London, UK, December 2024.

“Pelvic Teaching and Pushing Back Against the Gynecological Status Quo in 1970s Canada.” Invited Seminar, “Gender and History in the Americas” Seminar Series, Institute for Historical Research, University of London, London, UK, April 2024.

“Birth and Its Meanings in Canadian Medical History.” Invited Seminar. University of British Columbia Midwifery Program, Vancouver, BC, October 2023.

“Pregnancy, Parturition, and Pain in Late-Nineteenth and Early-Twentieth Century Canada.” Invited Public Lecture. Department of History Seminar Series, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC, October 2023.

“Historicizing Women’s Pain in Modern Canada.” Invited Seminar. B.C. Women’s Health Research Institute, Research Rounds, Vancouver, BC, April 2023.

with Karissa Patton. “Women's Health in Women's Hands: Self-Examination, Feminist Activism, and Healthcare Debates in 1970s Canada.” Invited Seminar, Centre for Biomedicine, Self and Society, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK, February 2023. [*Cancelled due to UCU Strike Action*]

with Karissa Patton. “Breast and Pelvic Self-Exam and Feminist Health Activism in 1970s Canada.” Invited Seminar, “History and Public Health” Seminar Series, Institute for Historical Research, University of London, London, UK, February 2023. [*Cancelled due to UCU Strike Action*]

“Reflections on Early Career Research Inside and Outside Academia.” / “Grant Writing.” Invited Panel Presentations. GROWW Girls’ and Women’s Health Fall Research Institute, Banff, AB, November 2022.

“Sensory Histories of Childbirth in Twentieth-Century Canada.” Invited Seminar. Academy of Finland Centre for Excellence in the History of Experiences, Tampere University, Tampere, Finland, April 2022.

“Birth Pangs: Gender, Race, and Labour Pain in Canadian Medical History.” Invited Public Lecture. Canadian Federation of University Women Parksville-Qualicum, Parksville, BC, November 2021.

“Phantom Understandings: Midwifery and Medical Education in Late-Nineteenth Century Canada.” Invited Contribution to roundtable on “Victorian Pregnancy & Childbirth in Five Objects,” Victorian Material Culture Series, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC, June 2021.

“Understanding Women’s Pain in Canadian Medical History.” Invited Public Lecture. Arts & Humanities Colloquium, Vancouver Island University, Nanaimo, BC, October 2020.

“How can women best help themselves?” Birth Reform Activism in Mid-Twentieth Century Canada.” Invited Public Lecture, “Health, Medicine, and Social Justice Speaker Series,” University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, SK, February 2020.

“‘Yell like hell’: Women’s Health Activism and Birth Reform in Postwar Canada.” Invited Public Lecture, Calgary Institute for the Humanities, University of Calgary, Calgary, AB, April 2019.

“Changing Childbirth in Postwar Canada.” Invited Public Lecture, Calgary History of Medicine Society, Cumming School of Medicine, University of Calgary, Calgary, AB, November 2018.

“Bodies and Births in Early-Twentieth Century Canada.” Invited Public Lecture, Department of History Speaker Series, University of Calgary, Calgary, AB, January 2018.

“Pain, Patients, and Physicians in Canadian Medical History.” Invited Public Lecture, School of Medicine, Queen’s University, March 2017.

“A New Way to Birth? Canadians and the Early Natural Childbirth Movement, 1945-1960.” Invited Seminar, “Gender and History in the Americas” Seminar Series, Institute for Historical Research, University of London, London, UK, February 2017.

“Birth Pangs: Medical and Cultural Constructions of Female Bodies and Labour Pain in Turn-of-the-Twentieth-Century Canada.” Invited Public Lecture, Institute for Child and Youth Studies, University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge, AB, November 2016.

Women’s Narratives of Fear, Pain, and Childbirth in English Canada, 1860-1920.” Invited Public Lecture, Northern Ontario School of Medicine, History of Health and Medicine Group, Thunder Bay, ON, January 2014.

“Conceptualizing Women’s Pain During Childbirth in Late-Victorian Canada.” Public Presentation, Goodenough College, London, UK, October 2012.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

“Embodied Knowledge, Emotional Labour, and Gynecological Teaching in Canadian Medical Schools.” Canadian Historical Association 2026 Annual Meeting, University of Prince Edward Island, Charlottetown, PEI, June 2026.

with Georgia Haire and Karissa Patton, “Selling Sexual Self-Help: Feminism, Empowerment, and the Commercialization of Pelvic Health.” Historicising Commercial Determinants of Health Workshop, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, London, UK, April 2026.

with Karissa Patton, “Women’s Health in Women’s Hands? Cervical Self-Screening and Feminist Health History in Canada.” European Social Science History Conference, Leiden, The Netherlands, March 2025.

with Karissa Patton, “The Power of Prevention? Pelvic Health in British Columbia, 1950-2024.” Researching Histories of Everyday Health Workshop, University of Essex, Essex, UK, December 2024.

“Not ‘Just a Pinch’: Intrauterine Device (IUD) Insertion and the Gendered Politics of Pelvic Pain. Writing the Self in Pain: Historical Perspectives Conference, University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland, October 2024.

with Karissa Patton, “Women’s Health in Women’s Hands?: Self-Screening, Cervical Health, and Reproductive Justice in Western Canada.” Western Canadian History Conference, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, SK, September 2024. (Invited contribution to “Critical Reflections on Reproductive Justice & History: Interdisciplinary Scholarship, Pedagogy, and Activism” Roundtable).

“Infiltrating the System: Pelvic Teaching as Feminist Resistance in 1970s Canada.” Society for the Social History of Medicine Biennial Conference, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, UK, July 2024.

“‘More than Just Bodies to Examine’: The Emotional Labour of Pelvic Teaching Work in Canadian Medical Schools.” North American Chapter of the History of Emotions Conference, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, June 2024.

“Pelvic Health Histories.” Roundtable Commentary. Canadian Society for the History of Medicine 2024 Annual Meeting, McGill University, Montreal, QC, June 2024.

“‘The Woman-As-Patient Perspective’: Embodied Knowledge and Gynecological Teaching in Canadian Medical Schools.” Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Genders & Sexualities, Santa Clara, CA, July 2023 (“Pelvic Health and Public Health in the Twentieth Century” Panel Organizer and Participant).

“‘Indecent Examinations’: Gynecological Violence in Late-Twentieth Century Canada.” “Do No Harm”: Researching the Pasts, Presents, and Futures of Sexual Violence Conference, Birkbeck, University of London, London, UK, June 2023.

“‘I didn’t know the stern end of a woman from the bow’: Performing Gynecological Expertise in Mid-Twentieth Century Canada,” American Association for the History of Medicine, 2023 Annual Meeting, Ann Arbor, MI, May 2023. (Invited contribution to “Cutting Us Softly: Surgical Approaches to ‘Women’s Diseases’” panel).

with Gillian Anderson and Lisa Smith, “Dispensing Menstrual Equity? Messy Politics’ and Mundane Menstruation Technologies,” “Menstruation & Sustainability” Menstruation Research Network Annual Conference, St. Andrews, UK, May 2023.

with Gillian Anderson and Sylvie Lafrenière, “Home in the Time of Corona: The Shifting Boundaries of Domestic Space during COVID-19,” Mothering and Motherhood on the Home/Front Conference, Chicago, IL, March 2023.

“Making Modern Menstruation in *Chatelaine*, 1928-1940.” Modernist Studies Association, 2022 Annual Conference, Portland, OR, October 2022. (Invited Contribution to Panel on “Making Modern(ist) Maternity”).

“Obstetric Violence, Resilience, and Birth Reform Activism in Postwar Canada.” Society for the Social History of Medicine Biennial Conference, Swansea University, Swansea, UK, July 2022.

“Settler Colonialism and Choice in Childbirth.” Whose choice, whose rights? Global-Historical and Intersectional Approaches to the Emergence of Reproductive Rights after 1945 Conference, University of Glasgow, Glasgow, UK, June 2022.

with Gillian Anderson and Sylvie Lafrenière, “Maternal Well-Being and the Burden of Self-Care: Challenging Individualized Covid-19 Coping Strategies.” Mothers, Families, and Covid-19 Conference, York University, Toronto, ON, May 2022.

with Karissa Patton. “‘An Act of Independence and Self Love’: Self-Examination as Women’s Health Activism in Canada, 1970-1990.” American Association for the History of Medicine, 2022 Annual Meeting, Saratoga Springs, NY, April 2022.

“‘A Familiar, Not Fearful Place: Sensory Histories of Natural Birth and the North American Obstetric Ward.’ Senses in Modern Health/Care Environments Conference, University of Bristol, Bristol, UK, April 2022.

“‘Childbirth ‘Choice’ and Obstetric Violence in Twentieth-Century Canada.’ Canadian Society for the History of Medicine and Canadian Association for the History of Nursing, 2021 Joint Annual Meeting, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB, June 2021.

“‘Medicare, Midwifery, and Monopolization: Giving Birth in Canada, 1970-2000.’ Between Postwar and Present Day: Canada, 1970-2000, Local, National Global Conference. University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, May 2021.

“‘Thirty years behind England?’ Canadian Women and ‘Natural’ Motherhood, 1945-1970.” Gender, Subjectivity, and “Everyday Health” in the Post-1945 World, University of Essex, Colchester, UK, March 2021.

“‘The Promises, Pitfalls, and Paradoxes of ‘Natural’ Birth in Mid-Twentieth Century Canada.’ Gendered Environments: Exploring Histories of Women, Genders, and Sexualities in Social, Political, and “Natural” Worlds, Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Genders & Sexualities, Baltimore, MD, May 2020. (Roundtable Organizer and Participant). *[Cancelled due to COVID-19]*

“‘Migraines, Midol, and the Marketing of Modern Comfort in Canadian Women’s Magazines, 1928-1950.’ Australian and New Zealand Society for the History of Medicine, 16th Biennial Conference, University of Auckland, Auckland, NZ, December 2019.

“‘In close touch with the obstetrical world’: Natural Childbirth in Canada and Beyond, 1945-1970.” Organization of American Historians, 2019 Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, April 2019. (Invited Contribution to Roundtable on “Natural Motherhood in North America, 1850 to the Present”)

“‘Medicare and Maternity: Historicizing Inequities in Women’s Health.’ Medicare at 50 Symposium. University of Winnipeg, Winnipeg, MB. September 2018. (Invited Contribution).

“‘The ‘Terrible Nerve Storm’ of Modern Birth: Understanding Labour Pain in Turn-of-the-Twentieth Century Canada.’ Society for the Social History of Medicine Biennial Conference, University of Liverpool, Liverpool, UK, July 2018. (Invited Contribution to “Life and Death Histories of Pain” panel).

“‘Natural Childbirth in Canada and the World.’ Roundtable on Undiplomatic History: Rethinking Canada and the World, Canadian Historical Association, 2018 Annual Meeting, University of Regina, Regina, SK, May 2018.

“‘By no means a unanimity of opinion’: Conceptualizing Labour Pain in Canadian Medical History.” Canadian Society for the History of Medicine, 2018 Annual Meeting, University of Regina, Regina, SK, May 2018.

“‘Why not a choice in obstetrics too?’ Feminism, Choice, and Natural Birth in Canada and the World, 1950-1990.” Workshop in Transnational Feminism, L.R. Wilson Institute for Canadian History, McMaster University, Hamilton, ON, May 2018.

“A Duty to ‘Assist and Aid’ and ‘Not Interfere’: Defining Desirable Doctors and Deliveries in Postwar Canada.” Canadian Society for the History of Medicine, 2017 Annual Meeting, Ryerson University, Toronto, ON, May 2017.

“‘Bitterly disillusioned and with a great sense of failure’: Disappointment, Shame, and Women’s Struggles to Achieve ‘Successful’ Natural Childbirth in Canada, c. 1950-1970.” Roundtable on Second-Wave Feminism and the History of Emotions, Canadian Historical Association, 2017 Annual Meeting, Ryerson University, Toronto, ON, May 2017.

“A New Way to Birth? Canadian Contributions to an International Medical Movement, 1945-1970.” Undiplomatic History: Rethinking Canada and the World, Workshop in Canadian International History, L.R. Wilson Institute for Canadian History, McMaster University, Hamilton, ON, April 2017.

“‘An almost exact knowledge of her pains’: Interpreting the Sensations and Telling the Stories of Labour in Canadian Obstetric Practice, 1870-1930.” Canadian Historical Association, 2016 Annual Meeting, University of Calgary, Calgary, AB, June 2016.

“‘Put right under’: Canadian Perspectives on Medicalization, Anaesthetization, and Natural Birth, 1946-1956.” Cultures of Harm in Institutions of Care: Historical & Contemporary Perspectives, Birkbeck Trauma Project Workshop, University of London, London, UK, April 2016.

“Spreading the Gospel of Natural Birth: Canadian Contributions to an International Medical Movement, 1940-1960.” Canadian Historical Association, 2015 Annual Meeting, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, ON, June 2015.

“‘Don’t tell them you’re guessing’: Learning Obstetrics in Canadian Medical Schools, c. 1890-1920.” Canadian Society for the History of Medicine, 2015 Annual Meeting, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, ON, May 2015.

“Sex, Civilization, and Sensitivity: Classifying Female Bodies and Childbirth Pain in Late-Victorian Canada.” Victorian Classes and Classifications: North American Victorian Studies Association Conference, London, ON, November 2014.

“‘That splendid book on Natural Childbirth’: *Childbirth Without Fear*, The Read Method, and the Beginnings of the Natural Childbirth Movement in Postwar Canada.” Perceptions of Pregnancy: From Medieval to Modern, University of Hertfordshire, Hatfield, UK, July 2014.

“‘A correspondence course in intelligent parturition’: Canadian Letters to Dr. Grantly Dick-Read, 1946-1956.” Canadian Society for the History of Medicine, 2014 Annual Meeting, Brock University, St. Catharines, ON, May 2014.

“‘A correspondence course in intelligent parturition’: Canadian Letters to Dr. Grantly Dick-Read, 1946-1956.” American Association for the History of Medicine, 2014 Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, May 2014.

“‘A Martyrdom of Misery’: Women’s Attitudes toward Pregnancy and Childbearing in Late-Nineteenth and Early-Twentieth Century English Canada.” Canadian Society for the History of Medicine, 2013 Annual Meeting, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC, June 2013.

“‘Bound to be a troublesome time’: English-Canadian Women’s Perceptions of Discomfort, Pregnancy, and Childbearing, 1870-1920.” New Approaches to History, Tri-University Graduate Conference, Guelph, ON, March 2013.

“Birth Pangs: Women, Pain, and Childbirth in North American Advice Literature.” Women and Science, Annual Conference of Midlands Women’s History Network, Worcester, UK, November 2012.

“‘When I think of what is before me, I feel afraid’: Delicate Women and the Pain of Childbirth in Late-Victorian Canada.” Pain as Emotion, Emotion as Pain – Perspectives from Modern History Conference, Birkbeck Pain Project, University of London, London, UK, October 2012.

“‘The Luxurious Daughters of Artificial Life’: Women, Pain, and Childbirth in Canadian Prescriptive Literature, 1870-1910.” Canadian Society for the History of Medicine, 2012 Annual Meeting, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON, May 2012.

“‘A Polarity of Expectations’: Vera Roberts and Outpost Nursing in the Canadian North.” Histories North and South, Tri-University Graduate Conference, Waterloo, ON, March 2012.

“Medical Discourse and the Construction of the ‘Delicate Woman’ in Late-Victorian North America.” Laurier Graduate Research Day, Waterloo, ON, November 2011.

“Silent Stories: Reading Medical Narratives ‘Against the Grain’ for Women’s Experiences and Patient Voice.” Storytelling and History: Encounters in Health, Graduate Student Workshop, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, ON, May 2011.

“‘Delicate Women’ and the Ordeal of Childbirth: The Construction of Women’s Pain in Late-Victorian Canada.” Victorian Epidemics: Victorian Studies Association of Western Canada, 2011 Annual Meeting, Banff, AB, April 2011.

“Competing Voices, Contested Authority: Medical Narratives, Patient Experience, and the Construction of the ‘Delicate Woman’ in Late-Victorian Canada.” Experimenting with/in Text: Histories, Memories, Voices: University of Toronto Annual Graduate History Symposium, Toronto, ON, February 2011.

“Blurring Cultural Boundaries and Transgressing Professional Roles: Vera Roberts and Health Care in the Canadian North.” Canadian Association for the History of Nursing, 2010 Annual Meeting, Winnipeg, MB, June 2010.

“Class, Gender, and the Ordeal of Childbirth: The Construction of Women’s Pain and Medical Responses in Late-Nineteenth Century Canada.” Lakehead University Graduate Student Conference, Thunder Bay, ON February 2010.

“Health Care in the Canadian North: The Career of Nurse Vera Roberts.” Manitoba-Ontario-Minnesota History of Medicine Conference, Lakehead University, Thunder Bay, ON, March 2009.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

As Instructor:

Vancouver Island University

HIST 114 – Canadian Women’s History to 1920 (2024)
HIST 228 – Gender and Sexuality in the Modern World (2020, 2023, 2026)
HIST 260 – Sickness and Health from Antiquity to 1800 (2021, 2024)
HIST 261 – Sickness and Health from 1800 to the Present (2022)
HIST 355 – Bodies and Embodiment in Modern Canada (2021)
HIST 474 – Gender in the Twentieth Century (Directed Study, 2024)
HIST 477 – Social History of Health Care (2020, 2024, 2026)
HIST 478 – Gender Issues in Health Care (2019, 2022)
HIST 479 – Topics in Comparative History: Gendered Experiences of War (Directed Study, 2020)
HIST 490 – Honours Historiography and Historical Research Methods (2024)
HIST 491 – Honours Thesis (2025)

Wilfrid Laurier University

HI 284OC – The History of Sexuality in Western Civilization (2017, 2016)
HI 299L – Representations of Sexuality: 1800 to the Present (2015)
HI 322 – Modern Canadian Social History (2014)

University of Waterloo (St. Jerome’s University)

SMF/HIST 318 – The History of Sexuality: The Modern Period (2015, 2014)

As Seminar Leader:

Birkbeck, University of London

SSHC245S6 – Body Politics: Health, Illness, and Death in Modern Britain (2012)

Wilfrid Laurier University

HI 209 – American History since 1865 (2013)
HI 292 – Canada to Confederation (2013)
HI 293 – Canada Since Confederation (2012)

Lakehead University

HIST 2335 – Pre-Confederation Canadian Women’s History (2010)
HIST 2337 – Post-Confederation Canadian Women’s History (2009)
HIST 2730 – History of Medicine, 1500-1800 (2010)
HIST 2731 – History of Medicine, 1800-1950 (2009)

MENTORSHIP AND SUPERVISION

- 2026 Elise Cullon, MA, History, University of Victoria
“Endometriosis and Grassroots Feminist Activism in Twentieth Century Canada”
Master of Arts Co-Supervised with Dr. Jaipreet Viridi (History, University of Victoria)
- 2024 Georgia Haire, PhD University of Kent, 2024
“Vaginismus in Twentieth-Century Canada”
Canadian Institutes of Health Research *Pelvic Health and Public Health* Postdoctoral Fellow (2024-2027)
- Karissa Patton, PhD University of Saskatchewan, 2021
“Community-Engaged Histories of Reproductive and Sexual Healthcare in the Late-20th Century Canadian West”
Canada Research Chair Postdoctoral Fellow (2021-2022)
Michael Smith Health Research BC Research Trainee Postdoctoral Award (2024-2027, *declined to accept Wellcome Early Career Award and permanent post at University of Edinburgh*)
- Elise Cullon, HBA Student, History, Vancouver Island University
Associated Medical Services Hannah Studentship, “The Vancouver Women’s Health Collective, Transnational Feminist Activism, and Women’s Health Policy, 1970-2000”
(External Award: \$5500)
- 2023 Olivia Giesbrecht-Coombs, MA, History, University of Victoria
“Maternal Experiences in British Columbia, 1895-1945”
Master of Arts Co-Supervised with Dr. Lynne Marks (History, University of Victoria)
- Elise Cullon, HBA Student, History, Vancouver Island University
Research assistantship mentorship and supervision
- Katie Carroll, HBA Student, English, Vancouver Island University
Research assistantship mentorship and supervision
- Brooke Noer, BA Student, History and English, Vancouver Island University
Research assistantship mentorship and supervision
- 2022 Jennifer Fraser, PhD University of Toronto, 2022
“Epidemiology Ad Nauseum: Risk, Reasoning, and Hyperemesis Gravidarum”
Associated Medical Services Postdoctoral Fellowship (2022-2024)
- Madison Agrey, Bachelor of Kinesiology Student, Vancouver Island University
Research assistantship mentorship and supervision (2021-2023)

- Sarah Lewis, BA Student, History and English, Vancouver Island University
Gender & History Editorial Assistantship (2022-2023)
- Danielle Cossey-Sutton, Bachelor of Education Student, Vancouver Island University
Associated Medical Services Hannah Studentship, “Technology and Trauma in Obstetric Practice, 1970-2000” (External Award: \$5500)
- Maisie Hudson, HBA Student, Sociology, Vancouver Island University
Research assistantship mentorship and supervision (2021-2024)
- Zoey Broderick, HBA Student, History, University of Victoria
Research assistantship mentorship and supervision (2021-2022)
- Brooke Noer, BA Student, History and English, Vancouver Island University
Gender & History Editorial Assistantship (2021-2023)
- Brianna Mackey, BA Student, History, Vancouver Island University
Gender & History Editorial Assistantship (2021-2022)
- 2020 Danielle Cossey-Sutton, Bachelor of Education Student, Vancouver Island University
Mitacs Research Training Award (External Award: \$6000)
- Charlynn Jelier, BA Student, Global Studies Program, Vancouver Island University
Research assistantship mentorship and supervision
- Sarah Packwood, BA Student, Department of Sociology, Vancouver Island University
Research assistantship mentorship and supervision
- Lauren Melanson, BA Student, Department of History, Vancouver Island University
Gender & History Editorial Assistantship (2020-2021)
- Christina Irvine, BA Student, Department of History, Vancouver Island University
Gender & History Editorial Assistantship (2020-2021, 2019-2020)
- Josephine Kuhn, HBA Student, Department of History, Vancouver Island University
HIST 491 – Honours Thesis (Second reader)
- 2019 Emily Martin, BA Student, Department of History, Vancouver Island University
Gender & History Editorial Assistantship (2019-2020)
- 2016 Alexie Glover, MA Student, Department of History, University of Victoria
NOTCHES editorial mentorship (2016-2017)
- 2015 Steven Barrow, MA Student, Department of History, Wilfrid Laurier University
Teaching assistantship mentorship and supervision

- 2015 Lakshmi Jey, HBA Student, Department of Sexuality, Marriage and Family Studies,
University of Waterloo
Research assistantship mentorship and supervision

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

- 2026 Pauline McDonagh Hull, Department of Community Health Sciences, Cumming School
of Medicine, University of Calgary
External Examiner, PhD Dissertation, “Rationing Caesarean Birth: A Critical
Examination of the Data and Discourse Constructing Maternity Services Policy and
Practice in England”
- 2025 Nicole Hill, Department of Sociology, University of Alberta
External Examiner, PhD Dissertation, “Making (Sense of) Obstetric Violence Stories”
- 2023 Antje Van Kerckhove, Department of History, KU Leuven
External Member, PhD Advisory Committee, “Women in Pain: A Cultural Biography of
Vaginismus in Trans-Atlantic Perspective” (2022 –)
- Nicole Holding, Department of History, Monash University
External Examiner, MA Thesis, “Trust and Faith: African American Midwifery in the
Rural Antebellum and Jim Crow South, 1808-1950.”
- Pauline McDonagh Hull, Department of Community Health Sciences, Cumming School
of Medicine, University of Calgary
External Examiner, PhD Field Competencies, “Caesarean Sections and Maternity Safety
in the UK following the Lancet’s 1985 World Health Organization Recommendations.”
(Fields: Theoretical and Conceptual Frameworks, Historical Methodologies, and
Sociocultural Context)
- 2022 Urvi Desai, Department of History, McGill University
External Examiner, PhD Dissertation: “Birth Control in Bombay: Market, Technology,
and Health, 1930-1960.”
- 2022 Jenni Räikkönen, Department of History, Tampere University
External Reviewer and Commentator, PhD Prospectus: “The Northern Routes of the
Baby Box: Sociomaterial Experiences of Maternity Care in Postwar Lapland.”
- 2022 Riikka Suominen, Department of History, Tampere University
External Reviewer and Commentator, PhD Prospectus: “Revolution in Reproduction?
Gendered and Embodied Experience of Institutions during Finnish Fertility Decline,
1910-1950.”

MANUSCRIPTS REVIEWED

Canadian Journal of Public Health, 2025

Bulletin for the History of Medicine, 2023

Social History of Medicine, 2023, 2024. 2026

Medical Humanities, 2023

Social Science & Medicine, 2022

Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences, 2022, 2021

VictorianWeb, 2021, 2023

Canadian Medical Association Journal, “Medicine and Society”, 2021, 2019, 2016

History Compass, 2018

Canadian Bulletin for Medical History, 2018

Medical History, 2017

GRANT, FELLOWSHIP, AND AWARD ADJUDICATION

Canadian Institutes of Health Research, Project Grants; Humanities, Social Sciences, Law & Ethics in Health (HLE) Committee, 2024; Health, Gender, Sex & Health (GSH) Committee, 2023

American Association for the History of Medicine, Shyrock Graduate Essay Prize, 2023-2024

Canadian Committee on Women’s and Gender History, Hilda Neatby Prize in Canadian Women’s and Gender History, 2023

Associated Medical Services, Project Grant, Postdoctoral Fellowship, and Doctoral Completion Awards, 2022

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Aid to Scholarly Journals, 2021

Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women, Marta Danylewycz Doctoral Prize, 2019-2021

INSTITUTIONAL, ACADEMIC, AND VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Editorial Board Member, *British Medical Journal: Medical Humanities* (2026 – present)

Council Member, Canadian Historical Association Executive (2024 – present)

English-Language Editor, *Canadian Journal of Health History* (2023 – 2025)

Associate Member, College of Reviewers, Canadian Institutes of Health Research (2023 –)

Member, Decolonization and Anti-Racism Committee, Vancouver Island University (2021 – present)

Editorial Board Member, [*NOTCHES: \(re\)marks on the history of sexuality*](#) (2021 – present)

Associate Editor, *Canadian Journal of Health History* (2022 – 2023)

Associate Editor, *Gender & History*, North American Office (2019 – 2023)

Member, VIU Department of History Student Essay Prize Committee (2021 – present)

English-Language Reviews Editor, *Canadian Bulletin of Medical History* (2019 – 2022)

Editor, Medicine and Reproduction, [*NOTCHES: \(re\)marks on the history of sexuality*](#) (2016 – 2021)

Guest Speaker, Tri-University Graduate Program, Professional Development Seminar (2019, 2023)

Peer Support Volunteer, Women’s Centre of Calgary (2018 – 2019)

Program Committee Member, Calgary History of Medicine Days (2018)

Member, Committee on Scholarly Representation, Canadian Committee on Women’s History (2018)

Fundraising Committee Member, *Annie Gale Project*, City of Calgary (2017-2018)

Annual Meeting Program Committee Member, Canadian Society for the History of Medicine (2016-2017)

Research and Scholarship Committee Member, Canadian Association for the History of Nursing (2014-2018)

Student Representative to the Executive, Canadian Society for the History of Medicine (2012-2016)

Student Representative for Wilfrid Laurier University, Canadian Historical Association Graduate Students’ Committee (2013-2014)

Tri-University Conference Program Committee Member (2012-2014)

Organizer, Tri-University Graduate Students’ Association, “Topics on Tap” Lecture Series (2013-2014)

History Department Representative, Academic Information Fair, Wilfrid Laurier University March Break Open House (2013)

Co-Organizer, Canadian Society for the History of Medicine “Strawberries and Champagne” Annual Book Launch (2012, 2014, 2017)

ONLINE PUBLICATIONS

Gillian Anderson, Sylvie Lafrenière, and Whitney Wood, “No place to breathe: How the pandemic stretched mothers’ physical and mental limits,” *The Sociological Review*, December 2022.
<https://thesociologicalreview.org/magazine/december-2022/home/no-place-to-breathe/>

Whitney Wood, “Budin-Pinard Obstetric Manikin,” *Victorian Things: Crafting Communities Virtual Exhibition*, August 2021.
<https://omekas.library.uvic.ca/s/crafting/item/5901#?c=&m=&s=&cv=&xywh=-2128%2C-230%2C7313%2C4588>

Whitney Wood, “Seeking Health and Doing Harm: Gender Bias, Medical Sexism, and Women’s Encounters with Modern Medicine,” *Nursing Clio*, October 2018.
<https://nursingclio.org/2018/10/30/gender-bias-medical-sexism-and-women/>

Whitney Wood, “Natural Childbirth in Canada and the World,” *Au delà des frontières: La nouvelle histoire du Canada/ Beyond Borders: The New Canadian History*, October 2017.
<https://thenewcanadianhistory.com/2017/10/16/natural-childbirth-in-canada-and-the-world/>

Katrina Ackerman and Whitney Wood, “Defying Expectations: Exercise and Medical Surveillance during Pregnancy,” *Active History*, co-authored with Dr. Katrina Ackerman, July 2017.
<http://activehistory.ca/2017/07/defying-expectations-exercise-and-medical-surveillance-during-pregnancy/>

Whitney Wood, “Birth and Trauma,” *Birkbeck Trauma Project Blog*, September 2016.
<http://www.bbk.ac.uk/trauma/trauma-and-birth-whitney-wood/>

Whitney Wood, “Pregnancy, Pain, and the Professions,” *Remedia: the history of medicine in dialogue with its present*, July 2014. <http://remedianetwork.wordpress.com/2014/07/11/pregnancy-pain-and-the-profession/>

MEDIA

“How Women Experience Pain.” Interview with *CBC Radio: All Points West* (22 August 2019)

[“How do you measure a woman’s pain?”](#) *CBC News* (24 August 2019)

CONFERENCE PANELS CHAIRED

“Pelvic Health Histories.” Roundtable Organizer and Chair. Canadian Society for the History of Medicine 2024 Annual Meeting, McGill University, Montreal, QC, June 2024.

“History of Reproductive Medicine.” Panel Chair. History of Medicine Days 2024 Annual Conference, University of Calgary, Calgary, AB, March 2024.

“Health, Law, and Childhood.” Panel Chair. Canadian Historical Association 2023 Annual Meeting, York University, Toronto, ON, May 2023.

“Research Methodologies and The History of Medicine.” Panel Chair. Canadian Society for the History of Medicine, 2022 Annual Meeting, Held Virtually, June 2022.

“Birth and Death.” Panel Chair. Canadian Historical Association, Health and Wellness *Journée D’Étude*, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB, July 2021.

“‘Natural’ Women?” Panel Chair and Commentator. American Association for the History of Medicine, 2021 Annual Meeting, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, May 2021.

“Death, Mourning, and Gender Relations in Nineteenth and Twentieth-Century Canada.” Panel Chair and Commentator. Canadian Historical Association, 2020 Annual Meeting, Western University, London, ON, June 2020. *[Cancelled due to COVID-19]*

“Public Health and Disease in Colonial Contexts.” Qualicum History Conference, Parksville, BC, January 2020.

“Icons, Trailblazers, and Symbols of Virtue: Nurses in Public Memory.” Roundtable Chair and Commentator. Canadian Historical Association, 2019 Annual Meeting, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, June 2019.

“Controls and Culture in the History of the Body.” Roundtable Chair and Commentator. Canadian Society for the History of Medicine, 2019 Annual Meeting, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, June 2019.

“Reproduction and Women’s Health Activism.” Panel Chair. Canadian Society for the History of Medicine, 2018 Annual Meeting, University of Regina, Regina, SK. May 2018.

“Sex, Gender, and Health in Twentieth-Century Canada.” Panel Chair and Commentator. Calgary History of Medicine Days, 2018. University of Calgary, Calgary, AB. March 2018.

“Ideals of Citizenship.” Panel Chair. Canadian Society for the History of Medicine, 2017 Annual Meeting, Ryerson University, Toronto, ON, May 2017.

“British Naval Medicine, State Control, and Authority in the Long Eighteenth Century.” Panel Chair. Canadian Society for the History of Medicine, 2016 Annual Meeting, University of Calgary, Calgary, AB. May 2016.

“Dangerous Pregnancies: Seduction, Violence, and Supernatural Hazards.” Panel Chair. Perceptions of Pregnancy: From Medieval to Modern, University of Hertfordshire, Hatfield, UK, July 2014.

“Activism and Advocacy.” Panel Chair. New Approaches to History, 19th Annual Tri-University History Conference, Guelph ON, March 2013.

“Disease and the Language of Degeneracy.” Panel Chair. Victorian Epidemics, Victorian Studies Association of Western Canada, 2011 Annual Meeting, Banff, AB. April 2011.

“‘A Just Society?’ The Emergence of Canadian Identity.” Panel Chair and Commentator. Tri-University Undergraduate History Conference, Waterloo, ON. March 2011.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Canadian Society for the History of Medicine

Society for the Social History of Medicine (UK)

American Association for the History of Medicine

Canadian Association for the History of Nursing

Women’s Health Research Institute (BC Women’s Hospital)

Women’s Health Research Cluster (The University of British Columbia)

Perceptions of Pregnancy Interdisciplinary Research Network

Canadian Historical Association

Canadian Committee on Women’s and Gender History

London Goodenough Association of Canada

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