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EDUCATION:

1981: Ph.D., Department of History, University of Michigan
Dissertation: "The Regulation of Medical Practice in London Under the Stuarts, 1607-1704,"
Adviser, Nicholas Steneck
1975: M.A., Department of History, University of Michigan
1974: B.A. (with Honors in History), Cornell College

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

2010-, John F. Nickoll Professor of History, Brown University
2000-10, Professor of the History of Medicine, University College London
2000-09, Director, Wellcome Trust Centre for the History of Medicine
1993-2000, Professor, University of Wisconsin-Madison
1993-99, Chair, Department of the History of Medicine, U-W Medical School
1988-93, Associate Professor, University of Wisconsin-Madison
1985-88, Assistant Professor, Department of the History of Medicine, Medical School, University of Wisconsin-Madison
1986-2000, Cross-appointed in the Department of the History of Science, College of Letters and Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Madison
1982-85, Assistant Professor/Head Tutor, Department of the History of Science, Harvard University
1981-82, Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of the History of Science, University of Oklahoma

HONORS AND AWARDS:

2022: President's Award for Excellence in Faculty Governance, Brown University
2011: Elected Fellow of the Linnean Society of London; Elected corresponding member, International Academy of the History of Science; MA ad eundem, Brown University
2009: Pfizer Prize, History of Science Society, for *Matters of Exchange*
2008: For *Matters of Exchange*: Gold medal winner of the 2007 ForeWord Magazine Book of the Year for History; Cundill International Prize in Historical Literature, "Recognition of Excellence" (2nd place); commendation in "Basis of Medicine" category, 2008 British Medical Association book awards
2003: Fellow Royal College of Physicians, London (Hon.)
1997: Welch Medal, American Association of the History of Medicine, for *Trials of an Ordinary Doctor*
1978: Honorary Fellow, Medieval and Renaissance Collegium, Univ. Michigan
1973: Lane Prize for Poetry, Cornell College

FELLOWSHIPS and VISITING APPOINTMENTS:

2025: Professeur invité à Département d'Histoire de l'École Normale Supérieure-PSL, Paris (in residence April 28 - May 9)

2017-18: Visiting Fellow, project on "Creating a Knowledge Society in a Globalizing World, 1450-1800," Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study and Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW): <http://www.globalknowledgesociety.com> (in residence in Amsterdam May-June 2018)

2016-17: Professeur invité à l'École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris (in residence March 2017)

2012-13: Koninklijke Bibliotheek Fellowship, in cooperation with the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study, Wassenaar (in residence September to end of January)

2011-12: Brown University Faculty Fellowship, Cogut Center for the Humanities

2008 (June): inaugural Visiting Fellow, Descartes Centre for the History and Philosophy of the Science and Humanities, Utrecht University

2008 (Spring): inaugural Queen Wilhelmina Visiting Professor, Columbia University

2007 (Fall): Member, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton

2001 (Spring): Fellowship, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton (declined)

1989 (Autumn): Fulbright Research Fellowship, The Netherlands

GRANTS:

2019-22: US sponsor of EU Marie Curie Post-Doctoral Fellowship project "MAT-MED in Transit," held by Sabrina Minuzzi of Università Ca' Foscari Venezia

2014-15: Funding from the Humanities Initiative, Brown University, for sponsoring activities on the subject of "translation"

2009-2010: Post-graduate Fellowship for Lindsay Bracken, Wellcome Trust, which was transferred to Queen Mary.

2007-10: Wellcome Project Grant (Research Resources) for Alison Walker, "Sloane Printed Books," which was transferred to Michael Hunter.

2006-9: Post-graduate Fellowship for Erin Sullivan, Wellcome Trust, "Physicke for Mind, Body & Soul: The Diagnosis, Treatment and Experience of Melancholy in Early Modern England"

2005-10: Core Grant for Wellcome Trust Centre for the History of Medicine at UCL (£8.6 million)

2005-6: Project grant on behalf of Roy Church, "History of Burroughs Wellcome & Co 1940-1995," funded by Burroughs Wellcome Fund (USA)

2005-6: Post-doctoral fellowship from Associated Medical Services, Canada, for Wendy Churchill, "Themes in the Practice of Medical Ethics in Early Modern Britain, 1600-1800"

2001-10: PI (sponsor) for Wellcome Post-doctoral Fellowships for:

Fay Bound; Carmen Caballero-Navas; Lucia Dacome; Hormoz Ebrahimejad; Lindsey Fitzharris; Louise Gray; others

2000-05: Core Grant for Wellcome Trust Centre for the History of Medicine at UCL (£12.6 million)

2001: NIH and NSF Grants (withdrawn)

1999 (Fall): Sabbatical leave from UW System

1989-91: National Endowment for the Humanities Research Grant

1990 (Summer): National Library of Medicine Research Grant

1990 (Spring): Graduate School Research Salary, University of Wisconsin-Madison

1987 (Spring): Graduate School Research Salary, University of Wisconsin-Madison

1984: Clark Fund, Harvard University

1983: Milton Fund, Harvard University

1982: Clark Fund, Harvard University

1980: Augustus Hindleman Fellowship, Department of History, University Michigan

1979: Award from Graduate Student Research Fund, U.M.

1976-78: History of Discovery Fellow, Clements Library

PUBLICATIONS:

Books:

The Young Descartes: Nobility, Rumor, and War (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2018).

Matters of Exchange: Commerce, Medicine, and Science in the Dutch Golden Age (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2007; paperback, 2008).

Pfizer Prize from History of Science Society.

2007: also published in India by Orient Longman as *Matters of Exchange: Commerce, Medicine, and Science in the Age of Empire*.

2021: also published in simplified Chinese by CITIC Press Group as 交换之物：荷兰黄金时代的商业、医学与科学, by 柯浩德.

Trials of an Ordinary Doctor: Joannes Groenevelt in Seventeenth-Century London (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1994).

Welch Medal winner from the American Association for the History of Medicine.

The Decline of the Old Medical Regime in Stuart London (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 1986).

Books not refereed:

Assessing the Truth: Correspondence and Information at the End of the Golden Age (Leiden: Primavera Pers, 2013) OA version at <https://nias.knaw.nl/books/assessing-the-truth-correspondence-and-information-at-the-end-of-the-golden-age/>

Edited and Co-Edited Works:

Harold J. Cook, ed., *Translation at Work: Chinese Medicine in the First Global Age, Clio Medica Studies in the History of Medicine and Health, Vol. 100* (Leiden: Brill, 2020).

Pamela H. Smith, Amy R. W. Meyers, and Harold J. Cook, eds., *Ways of Making and Knowing: The Material Culture of Empirical Knowledge, The Bard Graduate Center Cultural History of the Material World* (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2014; Paperback edition, Bard Graduate Center, 2017).

Harold J. Cook and Timothy D. Walker, eds., special issue on “Circulation of Medicine in the Early Modern Atlantic World,” *Social History of Medicine*, 26(3) (2013).

Harold J. Cook and Sven Dupré, eds. *Translating Knowledge in the Early Modern Low Countries* (Zurich: Lit Verlag, 2013).

Laurence Monnais and Harold J. Cook, eds. *Global Movements, Local Concerns: Medicine and Health in Southeast Asia* (Singapore: NUS Press, 2012).

Teresa Huguet-Termes, Jon Arrizabalaga, and Harold J. Cook, eds. *Health and Medicine in Hapsburg Spain: Agents, Practices, Representations; Supplement No. 29, Medical History* (London: Wellcome Trust Centre for the History of Medicine, 2009).

Harold J. Cook, Sanjoy Bhattacharya, and Anne Hardy, eds. *History of the Social Determinants of Health: Global Histories, Contemporary Debates* (Hyderabad: Orient BlackSwan, 2009).

Chief facilitator of, and contributor to, William Bynum, Anne Hardy, Stephen Jacyna, Christopher Lawrence, and Tilli Tansey, *The Western Medical Tradition 1800 to 2000* (Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press, 2006).

Refereed Journal Articles:

- “Bodies and Passions: Descartes’s Naturalized Ethics,” *Alvearium*, 16 (2023): 94-113; OA at <http://www.cartesius.net/il-centro/publicazioni/category/alvearium>.
- “Princess Elisabeth’s Cautions and Descartes’ Suppression of the *Traité de l’Homme*,” *Early Science and Medicine*, 26 (2021): 289-313; doi:10.1163/15733823-02630020.
- “Sciences and Economies in the Scientific Revolution: Concepts, Materials, and Commensurable Fragments,” *Osiris*, 33 (2018): 25-44.
- “Problems with the Word Made Flesh: The Great Tradition of the Scientific Revolution in Europe,” *Journal of Early Modern History*, 21 (2017): 394-406.
- “Treating of Bodies Medical and Political: Dr. Mandeville’s Materialism,” *Erasmus Journal for Philosophy and Economics*, 9 (2016): 1-31.
- “‘Not Unlike Mermaids’: A Report about the Human and Natural History of Southeast Africa from 1690,” in special issue on “The Micro-Politics of Knowledge Production in Southern Africa,” *Kronos: South African Histories*, 41 (2015): 61-84. [OA version at: http://www.scielo.org.za/scielo.php?script=sci_issuetoc&pid=0259-019020150001&lng=en&nrm=iso]
- “Introduction,” co-authored with Timothy D. Walker, for special issue on “Circulation of Medicine in the Early Modern Atlantic World,” *Social History of Medicine*, 26 (2013): 337-351.
- Renate Wilson [deceased], edited and submitted by H Cook, “Trading Drugs through Philadelphia in the Eighteenth Century: A Transatlantic Enterprise,” *Social History of Medicine*, 26 (2013): 352-63.
- “Moving About and Finding Things Out: Economies and Sciences in the Period of the Scientific Revolution,” *Osiris* 27 (2012): 101-132.
- “Markets and Cultures: Medical Specifics and the Reconfiguration of the Body in Early Modern Europe,” *Transactions of the Royal Historical Society*, 21 (2011): 123-145. doi:10.1017/S0080440111000065
- “The History of Medicine and the Scientific Revolution,” *Isis*, 102 (2011): 102-108 [as of December 2022 it remains one of the most-read articles in *Isis* according to the journal’s webpage; recommended in Oct 2020 HSS newsletter as a “favorite read”].
- “Amsterdam, entrepôt des saviors au XVIIe siècle,” *Revue d’histoire moderne & contemporaine*, 55 (2008): 19-42 (trans. into French by Loïc Marcou).
- “Medical Communication in the First Global Age: Willem ten Rhijne in Japan, 1674-1676,” *Disquisitions on the Past & Present* [journal of the Institute of History and Philology, Academia Sinica], no. 11 (2004): 16-36.
- “Body and Passions: Materialism and the Early Modern State,” *Osiris*, 17 (2002): 25-48 [reprinted in a collection titled *History of Science*, edited by Massimo Mazotti, published by Routledge, 2015].
- “Boerhaave and the Flight from Reason in Medicine,” *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*, 74 (2000): 221-240.
- “Bernard Mandeville and the Therapy of the ‘Clever Politician’,” *Journal of the History of Ideas*, 60 (1999): 101-124.
- With David S. Lux, “Closed Circles or Open Networks? Communicating at a Distance During the Scientific Revolution,” *History of Science*, 36 (1998): 179-211.
- “Good Advice and Little Medicine: The Professional Authority of Early Modern English Physicians,” *Journal of British Studies*, 33 (1994): 1-31.
- “Medical Innovation or Medical Malpractice? Or, a Dutch Physician in London: The Case of Joannes Groenevelt, 1694-1700,” *Tractrix*, 2 (1990): 63-91.

- “Sir John Colbatch and Augustan Medicine: Experimentalism, Character and Entrepreneurialism,” *Annals of Science*, 47 (1990): 475-505.
- “The Rose Case Reconsidered: Physic and the Law in Augustan England,” *Journal of the History of Medicine*, 45 (1990): 527-555.
- “Practical Medicine and the British Armed Forces After the ‘Glorious Revolution’,” *Medical History*, 34 (1990): 1-26.
- “Policing the Health of London: The College of Physicians and the Early Stuart Monarchy,” *Social History of Medicine*, 2 (1989): 1-33.
- “The Society of Chemical Physicians, The New Philosophy, and the Restoration Court,” *Bull. Hist. Medicine*, 61 (1987): 61-77.
- “‘Against Common Right and Reason’: The College of Physicians Against Dr. Thomas Bonham,” *Am. J. Legal Hist.*, 29 (1985): 301-24; abstract publ. in *Law Review Digest*, 35 (1986): 28-29; reprinted in *Law, Liberty, and Parliament*, ed. Allen D. Boyer, 2004, pp. 127-149.
- With Nicholas Steneck, Arthur Vander, and Gordon Kane, “Early Research on the Biological Effects of Microwave Radiation, 1940-1960,” *Annals of Science*, 37 (1980): 323-51.
- Secondary-Author, with idem, “The Origins of U.S. Safety Standards for Microwave Radiation,” *Science*, 248 (13 June 1980): 1230-37.
- “Ancient Wisdom, The Golden Age, and Atlantis: The New World in Sixteenth-Century Cosmography,” *Terrae Incognitae*, 10 (1978): 25-43.

Invited Contributions to Collected Volumes:

- “Progress in Medicine and Medicines: Moving from Qualitative Experience to Commensurable Materialism,” in *New Philosophical Perspectives on Scientific Progress*, ed. Yafeng Shan (London: Routledge Studies in the Philosophy of Science, 2023), pp. 245-272; doi.org/10.4324/9781003165859-16.
- “Risking Private Ventures: The Instructive Failure of a Well-Travelled Artist, Cornelis de Bruyn,” in *Regulating Knowledge in an Entangled World*, ed. Fokko Jan Dijkstershuis (London: Routledge, 2022), pp. 169-192; doi.org/10.4324/9780429279928-13.
- “Wetenschap en technologie,” in *De Zeventiende Eeuw*, ed. Helmer J. Helmers, Geert H. Janssen en Judith F.J. Noorman (Leiden: University of Leiden Press, 2021), pp. 437-457 [revision, and translation by Frits van der Waa, of 2018 chapter on “Science and Technology,” below].
- “Augustinian Souls and Epicurean Bodies? Descartes’ Corporeal Mind in Motion,” in *Descartes and the Ingenium: The Embodied Soul in Cartesianism*, edited by Raphaële Garrod and Alexander Marr (Leiden: Brill, 2020). pp. 113-135; doi.org/10.1163/9789004437623_008.
- “Science and Technology,” for *The Cambridge Companion to the Dutch Golden Age*, ed. Helmer Helmers and Geert H. Janssen (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018), pp. 350-369.
- “De ontmoeting met niet-westerse tradities,” in *Leerboek medische geschiedenis* [“Encounters with Non-Western Medical Traditions,” in *Textbook of Medical History*, transl. Frank Huisman], ed. H.F.P. Hillen, E.S. Houwaart, and F.G. Huisman (Houten: Bohn, Stafleu, van Loghum, 2018), pp. 57-68. Also published in alternate edition: *Medische geschiedenis: Ziekte, Kennis, Dokter en patiënt, Gezondheidszorg en maatschappij* (Houten: Bohn Stafleu van Loghum, 2018), pp. 65-78.
- “Early Modern Science and Monetized Economies: The Co-Production of Commensurable Materials,” in *Wirtschaft und Wissen: Expertenkulturen und Märkte vom 13. bis 18. Jahrhundert*, ed. Marian Füssel, Philip Knäble, and Nina Elsemann (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2017), pp. 97-114.
- “Sharing the Truth of Things: Mistrust, Commerce, and Scientific Information in the 17th Century,” in *“Eigennutz” und “gute Ordnung,” Ökonomisierungen der Welt im 17. Jahrhundert, Wolfenbütteler Arbeiten zur Barockforschung* Bd. 54, ed. Sandra Richter and Guillaume Garner (2016), pp. 273-291.

- “Trading in Medical Simples and Developing the New Science: de Orta and his Contemporaries,” in *Medicine, Trade and Empire: Garcia de Orta’s Colloquies on the Simples and Drugs of India (1563) in Context*, edited by Palmira Fontes Da Costa (Farnham, Surrey: Ashgate, 2015), pp. 129-146.
- With Pamela Smith, “Introduction,” in *Ways of Making and Knowing: The Material Culture of Empirical Knowledge*, ed. Pamela H. Smith, Amy R. W. Meyers, and Harold J. Cook (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2014), pp. 1-16.
- “The Preservation of Specimens and the Take-off in Anatomical Knowledge,” in *Ways of Making and Knowing: The Material Culture of Empirical Knowledge*, ed. Pamela H. Smith, Amy R. W. Meyers, and Harold J. Cook (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2014), pp. 302-329.
- “Creative Misunderstandings: Chinese Medicine in Seventeenth-Century Europe,” in *Cultures in Motion*, ed. Daniel T. Rodgers, Bhavani Raman, and Helmut Reimitz (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2014), pp. 215-40.
- With Sven Dupré, “Introduction,” in *Translating Knowledge in the Early Modern Low Countries* (Zurich: Lit Verlag, 2012), pp. 3-17.
- “Handel in Kennis: natuurlijke historie als de ‘Big Science’ van de zeventiende eeuw,” in *Bloeiende Kennis: Groene Ontdekkingen in de Gouden Eeuw*, ed. Esther van Gelder (Hilversum: Verloren, 2012), pp. 23-34.
- With Laurence Monnais, “Introduction,” to *Global Movements, Local Concerns: Medicine and Health in Southeast Asia* (Singapore: NUS Press, 2012), pp. viii-xxxi.
- “Medicine in Western Europe,” in *Oxford Handbook of the History of Medicine*, ed. Mark Jackson (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011), pp. 190-207; new edition, renamed: *A Global History of Medicine* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018), pp. 44-68.
- “Conveying Chinese Medicine to Seventeenth-Century Europe,” in *Science Between Europe and Asia*, ed. Feza Günergun and Dhruv Raina, Boston Studies in the Philosophy of Science, 2011, Vol 275, Part 4, pp. 209-232.
- “Victories for Empiricism, Failures for Theory: Medicine and Science in the Seventeenth Century,” in *The Body as Object and Instrument of Knowledge: Embodied Empiricism in Early Modern Science*, ed. Charles T. Wolfe and Ofer Gal (Dordrecht: Springer, 2010), pp. 9-32.
- “Lastanosa as an Example of His Time: Natural History and Medicine,” in *The Gentleman, the Virtuoso, the Inquirer: Vincencio Juan de Lastanosa and the Art of Collecting in Early Modern Spain*, ed. Mar Rey-Bueno and Miguel López-Pérez (Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2008), pp. 1-14; Spanish edition: *El Inquiridor de Maravillas* (Huesca: Instituto de Estudios Altoaragoneses, 2011), pp. 463-476.
- (In Chinese:) “What Would a Global History of Medicine Look Like?,” in *Xingxiang Zhongyi 形象中醫 (Imagining Chinese Medicine)*, ed. Wang Shumin and Vivienne Lo (Beijing: Renmin Publishing House, 2007), pp. 1-9 (trans. into Chinese by Penny Barrett).
- “Roy Porter and the Persons of History,” *Medicine, Madness and Social History: Essays in Honour of Roy Porter*, ed. Roberta Bivens and John V. Pickstone (Houndsmills, Basingstoke, Hampshire: Palgrave Macmillan, 2007), pp. 14-21.
- “Medicine,” in *The Cambridge History of Science, vol. 3: Early Modern Science*, ed. Katherine Park and Loraine Daston (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006), pp. 407-434.
- “Das Wissen von den Sachen,” in *Seine Welt Wissen. Enzyklopädien in der Frühen Neuzeit*, ed. Ulrich Johannes Schneider (Darmstadt: WBG, 2006), pp. 81-124 (trans. into German by Jan Neersö).
- “The Decline of Alchemy,” for exhibition catalogue, *Alquimia: Ciencia y pensamiento a través de los libros* (Madrid and Seville, 2006), pp. 68-81.
- “Global Economies and Local Knowledge in the East Indies: Jacobus Bontius Learns the Facts of Nature,” in *Colonial Botany: Science, Commerce, and Politics in the Early Modern World*, ed. Claudia Swan and Londa Schiebinger (Philadelphia: Penn State University Press, 2005), pp. 100-118, 299-302.
- “Bernard Mandeville,” in *A Companion to Early Modern Philosophy*, ed. Steven Nadler (Oxford: Blackwell Publishing, 2002), pp. 469-482.

- “Early Modern Medicine,” for *World English Edition of Encarta Encyclopedia* (2002).
- “Time’s Bodies: Crafting the Preparation and Preservation of Naturalia,” for *Merchants and Marvels*, ed. Paula Findlen and Pamela Smith (London: Routledge, 2001), pp. 223-247.
- “From the Scientific Revolution to the Germ Theory,” in *Western Medicine: An Illustrated History*, ed. Irvine Loudon (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1997), pp. 80-101; (paperback ed. 2001).
- “Institutional Structures and Personal Belief in the London College of Physicians,” in *Religio Medici: Medicine and Religion in 17th-Century England*, ed. Ole Peter Grell and Andrew Cunningham (Aldershot: Scolar Press, 1996), pp. 91-114.
- “Natural History and Seventeenth-Century Dutch and English Medicine,” in *The Task of Healing: Medicine, Religion and Gender in England and the Netherlands, 1450-1800*, Hilary Marland and Margaret Pelling, eds. (Rotterdam: Erasmus Publishing, 1996), pp. 253-270.
- “Physicians and Natural History,” in *Cultures of Natural History*, ed. Nicholas Jardine, James Secord, and Emma Spary (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996), pp. 91-105.
- “The Moral Economy of Natural History and Medicine in the Dutch Golden Age,” in *Contemporary Explorations in the Culture of the Low Countries*, William Z. Shetter and Inge Van der Cruysse, eds. Publications of the American Association of Netherlandic Studies, vol. 9 (Maryland: University Press of America, 1996), pp. 39-47.
- “Medical Ethics, History of: IV. Europe: B. Renaissance and Enlightenment,” in *Encyclopedia of Bioethics*, revised edition, Warren T. Reich, editor-in-chief (New York: Macmillan Library Reference, 1995), vol. 3, pp. 1537-1543.
- “Medicine,” in *Encyclopedia of Social History*, ed. Peter N. Stearns (New York: Garland, 1994), pp. 459-462.
- “The Cutting Edge of a Revolution? Medicine and Natural History near the Shores of the North Sea,” in *Renaissance and Revolution: Humanists, Scholars, Craftsmen and Natural Philosophers in Early Modern Europe*, ed. J.V. Field and Frank A.J.L. James (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1993), pp. 45-61.
- “Physical Methods,” in *Companion Encyclopedia of the History of Medicine*, ed. W.F. Bynum and Roy Porter (London: Routledge, 1993), pp. 939-960.
- “The New Philosophy in the Low Countries,” in *The Scientific Revolution in National Context*, ed. Roy Porter & Mikuláš Teich (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1992), pp. 115-149.
- “Physick and Natural History in Seventeenth-Century England,” in *Revolution and Continuity: Essays in the History of Philosophy of Early Modern Science*, P. Barker and R. Ariew, eds., Studies in Philosophy and the History of Philosophy, vol. 24 (Washington, D.C.: Catholic University of America Press, 1991), pp. 63-80.
- “Living in Revolutionary Times: Medical Change under William and Mary,” in *Patronage and Institutions: Science, Technology, and Medicine at the European Court*, ed. Bruce Moran (Woodbridge: Boydell, 1991), pp. 111-135.
- “The New Philosophy and Medicine in Seventeenth-Century England,” in *Reappraisals of the Scientific Revolution*, ed. David C. Lindberg and Robert S. Westman (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1990), pp. 397-436.
- “Charles Webster’s Analysis of Puritanism and Science,” in *Puritanism and the Rise of Modern Science: The Merton Thesis*, ed. I. Bernard Cohen (New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 1990), pp. 265-300.
- “Physicians and the New Philosophy: Henry Stubbe and the Virtuosi-Physicians,” in *Medical Revolution in the 17th Century*, Roger French and Andrew Wear eds. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1989), pp. 246-271.
- “The Medical Profession in London,” in *The Age of William III and Mary II: Power, Politics and Patronage, 1688-1702*, Martha Hamilton-Phillips and Robert P. Maccubbin eds. (Williamsburg: William and Mary, 1989), pp. 186-194.

Shorter Pieces:

- Essay Review: Michael Stolberg. "Learned Physicians and Everyday Medical Practice in the Renaissance," Essay Review for *Early Science and Medicine*, 28(3) (2023): 246-250.
- Essay Review: "A physiological challenge to qualitative philosophies: the weighty matter of insensible substance," of Jonathan Barry and Fabrizio Bigotti, eds. *Santorio Santori and the Emergence of Quantified Medicine, 1614-1790: Corpuscularianism, Technology and Experimentation, Galilaeanana*, 20(1) (2023), 155-164; doi/10.57617/gal-11.
- "Historians Should Explore Rather Than Sticking with What They Know": Interview with Professor Harold Cook, Brown University," by Tristan Mostert and Andreas Weber, *Itinerario*, Vol. 43, No. 1 (2019):1-13.
- "Afterward," for *Empires of Knowledge: Scientific Networks in the Early Modern World*, ed. Paula Findlen (London: Routledge, 2019), pp. 378-385.
- "Medicine," in *The Cambridge Descartes Lexicon*, ed. Larry Nolan (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2016), pp. 483-87.
- "Commerce, Trade and the Emergence of the New Sciences," in *Mapping Spaces: Networks of Knowledge in 17th Century Landscape Painting*, ed. Ulrike Gehring and Peter Weibel (Karlsruhe: Hirmer Publishers, 2014), pp. 220-25.
- Ritman Library: Bibliotheca Philosophica Hermetica (Amsterdam) blog: "Early Modern Medical 'Discoveries': New Remedies and Chemical Analysis," <http://www.ritmanlibrary.com/category/articles>.
- "Science as Culture: An American Viewpoint," invited essay on Thomas Kuhn's *Structure*, part of special issue edited by Michael D. Gordin and Erika L. Milam, *Historical Studies in the Natural Sciences*, Vol 42 (2012): 491-495.
- Koninklijke Bibliotheek blogs: <https://www.kb.nl/blogs/nederlandse-geschiedenis-en-cultuur/the-ruins-of-palmyra-still-speak>; <https://www.kb.nl/blogs/nederlandse-geschiedenis-en-cultuur/linnaeus-dutch-legacy>; <https://www.kb.nl/blogs/nederlandse-geschiedenis-en-cultuur/the-importance-of-numismatics>; <https://www.kb.nl/blogs/nederlandse-geschiedenis-en-cultuur/humans-apes-and-skin-color>; <https://www.kb.nl/blogs/nederlandse-geschiedenis-en-cultuur/cupers-library-and-artworks>
- "Rare Plants of the Medical Garden of Amsterdam (1697-1701)," in *Hidden Treasure: The National Library of Medicine*, ed. Michael Sappol (Bethesda, MD: NLM, 2012), pp. 34-35.
- "Closing Comments," in *Silent Messengers. The Circulation of Material Objects of Knowledge in the Early Modern Low Countries*, ed. Sven Dupré and Christoph Lüthy (Berlin: LIT, 2011), pp. 329-334.
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- "Borderlands: A Historian's Perspective on Medical Humanities in the US and the UK," *Editorial, Medical Humanities*, 36 (2010): 3-4.
- "Introduction," to Teresa Huguet-Termes, Jon Arrizabalaga, and Harold J. Cook, eds. *Health and Medicine in Hapsburg Spain: Agents, Practices, Representations*; Supplement No. 29, *Medical History* (London: Wellcome Trust Centre for the History of Medicine, 2009), pp. 1-6.
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- "Introduction" to *The Western Medical Tradition 1800 to 2000* (Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press, 2006), pp. 1-6.
- Entries for *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* (2004): Thomas Bonham, Richard Boulton, Richard Browne, Sir John Colbatch, Abraham Cyprianus, Sir George Ent, Charles Goodall, Joannes Groenevelt, John Hutton, John Marten, Thomas O'Dowde, John Pechey, William Rose, Thomas Sydenham, William Trigge, Mary Trye.
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“Fines and Fortunes: Recognition and Regulation of Practitioners for the First 200 Years,” for *The Royal College of Physicians and Its Collections*, ed. G. Davenport, W. Ian McDonald, and Caroline Moss-Gibbons (London: Royal College of Physicians, 2001), pp. 28-30.

“Medicine and Health,” *Tudor England: An Encyclopedia*, ed. Arthur F. Kinney and David W. Swain (New York and London: Garland, 2001), pp. 475-479.

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ACADEMIC EVENTS:

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- Co-Organizer (with Matthijs Jonker and Tara Nummedal), Scientiae conference on "The Global History of Knowledge" (October 2025)
- "The Globalization of Chinese Medicine in the 17th Century: 'Translation' at Work" (October 2014)

Co-Organizer (with Evelyn Lincoln and Jeffrey Muller) of international conference “The Global Lowlands in the Early Modern Period: 1300-1800,” Brown University (April 2014)

Co-Organizer (with Sven Dupré) of two workshops for FWO-funded Scientific Research Network, “Circulating Knowledge in Early Modern Science,” London (November 2009) and Ghent (September 2010)

Co-Organizer (with Pamela Smith and Amy Meyers): International conference on “Ways of Making and Knowing: The Material Culture of Empirical Knowledge,” many venues, London 2005

Many conferences and events at the Wellcome Trust Centre for the History of Medicine, 2000-2009

Program Co-chair for 2002 AAHM annual meeting, Kansas City, Kansas

Program Co-Chair for 1995 HSS annual meeting, Minneapolis MN

Local Arrangements Co-Chair for 1991 HSS annual meeting (with SHOT and NSF-funded meeting on Critical Problems in the History of Science), Madison WI

Session on “Intellectual Networks in the Early Modern Period,” for special conference on “Britain in Europe, 1066-1992,” New York, April 1992

Session on science and the state in early modern Europe, joint meeting of the History of Science Society/American Historical Association, December 1984

Co-Organized: Meeting on “Scientific Relations between Britain and the Continent during the 17th and early 18th Centuries,” Boerhaave Museum, Leiden, September 1991; Two seminars meeting monthly, in Cambridge, Mass., 1982-83: one on the Social History of Science, one on Medical History

Plenary and Named Lectures:

- 2025:** “Southeast Asia as the Source for European Books on the Medicine of China,” for international meeting of the History of Medicine in Southeast Asia, Yogyakarta
- 2021:** “The Movements of Chinese Medicine in the First Global Age,” Friends of History lecture, Portland State University: https://pdxscholar.library.pdx.edu/foh_events/4/
- 2018:** “The Curious and Useful London Bills of Mortality: Questions and Comparisons,” for Folger Shakespeare Library symposium on London Bills of Mortality
- 2015:** “The Atlantic Drug Trade and the New Sciences,” for conference “Materia Medica on the Move, Universiteit Utrecht en Huygens ING, Naturalis Biodiversity Center Leiden
- 2014:** “The Anti-French Philosopher: Dr Mandeville on Mind and Body United,” for international conference on 300-year anniversary of Mandeville’s Fable of the Bees, Erasmus University Rotterdam
- 2013:** “The Secret Life of René Descartes,” Wallace T. MacCaffrey Distinguished Lecture in History, Reed College
- “Trading in Medical Simples and Developing the New Science: Da Orta and his Contemporaries,” O Mundo num Livro conference, Fundação Caloutse Gulbenkian, Lisbon
- “Assessing the Truth: Correspondence and Information at the End of the Golden Age,” KB Lecture, Den Haag: https://www.kb.nl/sites/default/files/docs/Harold_Cook_16-1-2013.mp3
- 2012:** “Sciences and Economies: Examples from the Early Modern Period,” Plenary Lecture for joint meeting of the Gesellschaft für Wissenschaftsgeschichte, and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Medizin, Naturwissenschaft und Technik, in Mainz
- “Sharing the Truth of Things: Commercial Ventures and Scientific Information in the 17th Century,” Plenary lecture for „Eigennutz“ und „gute Ordnung“: Ökonomisierungen der Welt im 17. Jahrhundert. 14. Jahrestreffen des Wolfenbütteler Arbeitskreises für Barockforschung in der Herzog August Bibliothek Wolfenbüttel
- 2010:** “Medical Specifics and the Reconfiguration of the Body in Early Modern Europe,” Royal Historical Society keynote lecture, for research symposium, “Science and the Human Subject in History” Centre for the Social History of Health and Healthcare (CSHHH), Glasgow Caledonian University

- 2009:** “Matters of Explanation: Envisioning the Chemico-Anatomical Body in the Early 17th Century,” Plenary Address for ‘Cultures of Collecting’ conference, Leiden
- “The Importance of Acquaintances: Collecting Information about Medical Practices in the 17th Century,” Plenary/Keynote lecture on behalf of SSHM at conference of European Association for the History of Medicine and Health, Heidelberg
- “Commerce for Health and Pleasure: Medicine and Botany in the Age of Hans Sloane,” Sir Hans Sloane Lecture, Society of Apothecaries
- 2008:** “The Scientific Revolution in The Netherlands: Moving About and Finding Things Out,” Inaugural Descartes-Huygens Lecture, University of Utrecht
- “Information Exchange and the Scientific Revolution: Moving about and finding things out,” Westfall Lecture, University of Indiana Bloomington
- “Goods to Think With: Commerce and Science in the Dutch Golden Age,” Holmes Lecture, Yale University
- 2007:** “Beyond the Republic of Letters: Travel, Meetings, and Global Communication in the 17th Century,” Plenary Lecture for Inaugural International Conference of the Network for Early European Research, Perth, Australia
- “Assembling a Knowledge of Regional Flora and Fauna in the 17th Century: The Case of Ceylon v. Malabar,” in plenary session for European Society of Environmental History, Amsterdam, 5-9 June 2007 (the panel won the award for the best session)
- 2004:** “Early Modern Medicine and ‘Reason’: The Sources of Natural Knowledge in the 17th Century,” Opening Plenary address for International Society for Intellectual History, Helsinki meeting
- 2003:** “The Significance of the Movement of People, Objects, and Ideas,” Plenary Address to joint meeting of Centre and AAHM on “Anglo-American Medical Relations: Historical Insights”
- “Learning from Nature: Renaissance Botany and Medicine,” AMS/Paterson Lecture, Canadian Society for the History of Medicine
- “Medicine, Materialism, Globalism: The Example of the Dutch Golden Age,” Professorial Inaugural Lecture, UCL
- 2002:** “Attacking the Society of Apothecaries in the 1630s: Sir Theodore de Mayerne Changes Tack,” Gideon de Laune Lecture, Society of Apothecaries
- 1997:** “The European Discovery of Asian Medicine,” Guffey Lecture, Kansas University Medical Center
- “Asian Medicine in the Dutch Golden Age,” John Fulton Lecture, Beaumont Club, Yale University

Academic Papers Presented:

- 2025:** “Why did 17th-century Europe learn about ‘Chinese medicine’ from Southeast Asia and Japan rather than China?,” in seminar series “Actualité de la recherche transnational et globale,” Département d’histoire, École Normale Supérieure-PSL, Paris
- 2024:** “17th-Century European Works on Chinese Pulse Medicine: The SE Asia Connection,” Scientiae conference on “The Global History of Knowledge,” Brown University
- 2023:** “Fear of Atheism and the Defence of Galenism: Problems with Substance rather than Quality,” International Conference on “The World of Daniel Sennert (1572–1637): Creation and Dissemination of Medical Knowledge in the 17th Century,” Gotha Research Centre of the University of Erfurt
- “Building Common Identities: Botany and Pride of Place in the *Hortus Malabaricus*,” International Conference on “Material Medica and Books, Health and Beauty in the Early Modern Age,” Sale Monumentali della Biblioteca Nazionale Marciana, Venice
- 2022:** “A Technocratic Project?: The Political Aims of the Hortus’s Author, Hendrick van Reede,” Conference for Working Group on the making of the *Hortus Malabaricus* (1680-1700) and its modern echoes, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin

- “Quid pro quo: The Substituting of Medicines or Bodies?” Invited conference on “Resources and their Substitutes: Natural Surrogates and Synthetic Competitors in World History,” Harvard University
- 2021:** “Bodies and Passions: Descartes’s Naturalized Ethics,” Ciclo di seminari Une Science si Nécessaire: Médecine et Morale à l’Époque Cartésienne, organisé par le Centro Dipartimentale di Studi su Descartes 'Ettore Lojacono' en collaboration avec le Centre d'Études Cartésiennes de la Sorbonne Université (an online event; recording at www.youtube.com/watch?v=dQ5QZVi7USg&pp=sAQA)
- 2019:** “Why the *Traité de l'Homme* was not Published by Descartes,” HSS annual conference, Utrecht
- “Science and War: Descartes and the New Philosophy,” STS Spring lecture series, Brown University
- 2018:** “The Importance of Translation in English Medical Publishing in the 17th Century,” for conference on “A History of the Medical Book,” The Huntington
- Three papers presented for research project as part of “Creating a Knowledge Society in a Globalizing World, 1450-1800,” Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study and Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW)
- Shared current research for graduate seminar on global history, Leiden University
- “Chinese Medicine comes to Europe in the 17th Century: Different Kinds, Different Routes,” for Global History Seminar, Vrije Universiteit
- 2017:** Four papers given as Professeur invité à l'EHESS in March:
- “Producing Commensurability and Translation: Methods from Early Modern Dutch Commerce”
 - “Early Modern Dutch Empire and the Proofs of the Existence of Mermaids”
 - “Cartesian Physiology and the Threat of Medical Materialism”
 - “Making Things Work: The Dutch Revolt and the Practical Sciences”
- One additional paper read, for C.N.R.S. Institut d'Histoire moderne et contemporaine, Paris:
- “Descartes' youth: libertine military engineer?”
- 2016:** “The Young Descartes and the Problems with Medical Philosophy,” for conference on “The Book that Made Philosophy Modern: Descartes’ Treatise on Man,” Institute for Research in the Humanities, UW-Madison
- 2015:** “Descartes' Early Medical Interests: Some Conjectures,” Institute for the History of Medicine, Johns Hopkins University
- “The Young Descartes: The Libertine Origins of Science,” History of Science, Technology, and Medicine, University of Minnesota
- “Mermaids from Africa: Wondering about the Human Race at the end of the 17th Century,” for symposium, Natural Philosophy, Religion, and the Communication of Knowledge,” Oxford University
- “Descartes, Medicine, and Political Arithmetic,” American Association for the History of Medicine
- “European Medicine and Asian Medicine in the 17th Century,” Norwegian Medical Society
- 2014:** “Money as Immutable Mobiles: The Importance of Assaying and Proving,” New England Renaissance Conference, University of New Hampshire
- “Truth or Proof? Antiquarianism, Science and Money in the Republic of Letters,” Yale University
- “The Implications of the Social History of Medicine for Understanding the Scientific Revolution,” for conference “Sozialgeschichte der Medizin: Bilanz und Perspektiven,” Institut für Geschichte der Medizin der Robert Bosch Stiftung, Stuttgart
- “Depersonalizing Exchanges of Information and the Rise of Philosophical Materialism,” for Wissenmärkte der Vormoderne, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen
- “Treating Bodies Medical and Political: Mandeville’s Materialism in the Wake of the Revocation of the Edit of Nantes,” for 300th anniversary meeting on Mandeville, Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies, University of Helsinki
- “Reproducible Results? The Personal and Impersonal in Representations of Eurasia by Cornelis de Bruyn,” for project on “Itineraries of Materials, Recipes, Techniques, and Knowledge in the Early Modern World,” Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin

- 2013:** “The Unexpected Descartes: Exile in The Netherlands?” for The Early Sciences Working Group, Dept. of History of Science, and the Early Modern History Workshop, Dept of History, Harvard
- “Sharing the Truth of Things: Commercial Ventures and Scientific Information in the 17th Century,” Universität Greifswald
- 2012:** “Entangled Knowledge? Silences, Misunderstandings, and Trying to Find Things Out,” for Basler Renaissance Kolloquium
- “Sciences and Economies: Examples from the Early Modern Period,” University of Chicago, Committee on Conceptual and Historical Studies of Science
- “Descartes the Spy: ‘Intelligence’ and Philosophy,” Renaissance Society of America
- “Mobile Information, Situated Knowledge: Economies and Sciences in the Early Modern Period,” for conference on “New Worlds, New Philosophies,” Princeton University
- 2011:** “Power and Knowledge: Examples from the Early Dutch East Indies,” for KITLV Conference on “Southeast Asia: the Longue Duree,” Leiden University
- “(Pre-)Colonial Botany of the 17th Century,” for conference “Visions from the Blind Seer of Ambon: A Celebration of Georg Everard Rumphius (1627-1702) and his Ambonese Herbal,” Linnean Society, London
- “Incommensurabilities? Trying to Grasp Chinese Medicine in 17th-Century Europe,” California Institute of Technology
- 2010:** “Moving About and Finding Things Out,” for Osiris conference on “Science and its Histories,” Huntington Library
- “Commerce, Medicine and Science Revisited: Exchanging Information in the Dutch Golden Age,” delivered twice in The Bar-Hillel Colloquium for the History, Philosophy and Sociology of Science at the invitation of The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute: to The Cohn Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Ideas, Tel Aviv University; and to The Edelstein Center for the History and Philosophy of Science, Technology and Medicine, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- 2009:** “Descartes and Medical Cartesianism,” for session on “The Dutch Descartes,” History of Science Society annual conference
- “Commerce and Science in the Dutch Republic,” International Union of History and Philosophy of Science, Budapest
- “Local Informants in the Making of Dutch Medicine and Natural History in the 17th Century,” REHSEIS, CNRS, Paris
- “Commerce and Science in the 17th Century,” Department of History, Brown University
- “Victories for Empiricism, Failures for Theory: Medicine and Science in the 17th Century,” for workshop on “Embodied Empiricism,” University of Sydney
- 2008:** “New Matters of Fact about Medicine: Methods of Exchange and the Information Economy of the Dutch Golden Age,” Medizinhistorisches Institut und Museum, University of Zürich
- “Commerce and Science in the 17th Century,” inaugural lecture for STS/Wellcome joint series
- “Descartes as Dutch Empiricist and French Rationalist,” Nacht van Descartes, Descartes Centre, Utrecht
- “An Information Economy? Methods of Exchange and Matters of Fact in the Dutch East India Company,” Plenary Lecture, Conference on ‘Trade and Ideas,’ Corpus Christi College, Oxford University
- 2007:** “Understanding and Misunderstanding: Seventeenth-Century Europe Encounters Chinese Medicine,” Rutgers/Princeton/Philadelphia Early Modern Historians
- “Global commerce as a Source for the Knowledge of Nature in the Dutch Golden Age,” Annenberg Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania
- “Global Commerce and Global Science in the Early Modern Period,” for lunchtime colloquia series, School of Historical Studies, Institute of Advanced Studies
- “The Dutch Commercial System and the New Science in the 17th Century,” for Bard Graduate Center, New York

- “Coerced by the Phenomena: Harvey the Conservative Revisited,” Royal College of Physicians, on the occasion of the 400th anniversary of William Harvey’s Fellowship
- “Science and Mercantile Knowledge,” for symposium on “Exploring Mercantile Knowledge,” Queen Mary
- “Lastanosa as an Example of His Time: Natural History and Medicine” for conference on “Lastanosa: Art and Science in the Baroque Period,” Huesca, Aragon, Spain
- “The Importance of Exotic Specimens: Gardens, Cabinets and Medical Expertise,” for Flemish Research Foundation (FWO-Vlaanderen) workshop on “Material Vehicles of the Circulation of Natural Knowledge in the Low Countries,” Ghent
- “Goods to think with: Commerce and Science in the Dutch Golden Age,” Séminaire conjoint du Département d’Histoire et Civilisation (Institut Universitaire Européen) et Dipartimento di studi storici e geografici (Università di Firenze)
- “Exchange Economies and Information Economies in Early Modern Medicine and Science,” Dept. of History, Columbia University
- 2006:** “Global History and Medical History: Opportunities and Challenges,” for Asian Society for the History of Medicine meeting, New Delhi, and for conference on epidemics, Burdwan
- “European Understanding of Chinese Methods of Taking the Pulse in the 17th Century,” for International Workshop on the History of Science and Technology: Adoption and adaptation: The travel of methods, techniques and technologies between Asia and Europe and the transformations of know-how,” Istanbul
- 2005:** “Medical Communication in the First Global Age: Willem ten Rhijne in Japan, 1674-1676,” at The Center for the History of Medicine, Peking University
- “What would a Global History of Medicine Look Like,” conference on “Chinese Medicine: A Visual History,” Beijing
- “The Preservation of Specimens and the Take-off in Anatomical Knowledge in the Early Modern Period,” conference on “Ways of Making and Knowing,” held at many venues in London (Presented at Museum of Natural History)
- “Commercial Capitals and the New Science: The Case of Amsterdam,” conference on “European Capitals and the Globalisation of Knowledge,” Maison Française d’Oxford
- “Global Economies and Medical Knowledge in the Dutch East Indies,” Institute of the History of Medicine, Johns Hopkins
- 2003:** “Medical Communication in the First Global Age: Willem ten Rhijne in Japan, 1674-1676,” Asian Society for the History of Medicine, Taipei, Taiwan
- “Discovering Asian Medicine: The Dutch East India Company and Dr. Jacobus Bontius,” International Workshop on “Interweaving Medical Traditions: Europe and Asia, 1600-2000” at Cambridge University
- “The Making of a 17th-Century Naturalist: Travel, Experience and Collecting,” conference on Sir Thomas Browne 1605-1682, Norwich
- 2002:** “Dutch Medicine and the Global Economy in the 17th Century,” London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
- 2001:** “Botanical riches of the Dutch East Indies in the 17th century,” History Dept., Lancaster University
- “The European Discovery of Asian Medicine,” for Brit. Assoc. Hist. Medicine
- “Layers of Knowledge: Sources of 17th-century Dutch Natural History in the East Indies,” for conference on ‘Botany in Colonial Connection,’ Einstein Forum, Potsdam
- “Body, Passions and Soul: Dutch Materialism and the Secular State,” for Early Modern Medicine Seminar, Cambridge University
- 2000:** “Life after Death: The New Science and the Preservation of Bodies in the 17th Century,” Seminar on Society, Belief and Culture in the Early Modern World, Institute of Historical Research
- 1999:** “Introducing Asian Medicine to Europe,” for History of Science Society meeting

- “Boerhaave and the Flight from Reason in Medicine,” for History of Medicine Program, Univ. Minnesota
- “Time is money: Crafting the preparation and preservation of naturalia,” for “Commerce and the Representation of Nature in Early Modern Europe” conference at the Clark Library
- “The Dutch Encounter with Japanese Medicine in the 17th Century,” Program in History of Science, Princeton University
- “Philosophical and Medical Commerce in 17th-Century Holland,” conference on “The Culture of Exchange: Real and Imagined Markets in the Low Countries, 1500-1800,” University of Pennsylvania
- “Science and Capitalism in the Dutch Golden Age,” Chemical Heritage Foundation
- “Science and Capitalism in the Dutch Golden Age,” Northwestern University
- 1998:** “Boerhaave and the Medical Enlightenment in the Dutch Netherlands,” conference on “Medicine, Science and Enlightenment 1680-1789,” Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, University of Edinburgh
- “Commerce and Science in the Dutch Republic,” Oberlin College
- 1997:** “Capitalism, Medicine, and Science in the Dutch Golden Age,” Montana State University
- “The Dutch East India Company: Profit and Knowledge,” HSS annual meeting
- “Anglo-Dutch Medicine in the Age of William and Mary,” AAHM annual meeting
- “Medical Malpractice in 17th-Century London?” Nathan Smith Club, Yale University
- 1996:** “Capitalism and Science in the Dutch Golden Age,” Conference on “Nature and Natural Philosophers in Early Modern Europe,” Clark Library, UCLA
- “Capitalism and Science in the Dutch Golden Age,” Department of History of Science, Harvard University
- “The Expert Physician: Doctors, Patients, and Medical Materialism According to Bernard Mandeville,” New York Academy of Sciences
- “Natural History and Medicine in the VOC: The Case of Willem Ten Rhijne and Andreas Cleyer,” 8th Interdisciplinary Conference on Netherlandic Studies, New York
- “Capitalism and Science in the Dutch Golden Age,” Department of History, UC Davis
- “Reason and the Passions: Dr. Mandeville’s Bees and the New Philosophy,” History and Philosophy of Science Colloquium, Northwestern University
- 1995:** “A Dutch Doctor in London,” conference on Bernard Mandeville, Wellcome Institute
- “Dutch Medical Practice in the Later Seventeenth Century,” conference on “The Realities of Medical Practice in Europe 1640-1780,” Magdalen College, Oxford
- 1994:** “Natural History and Medicine in the Dutch Golden Age,” 7th Interdisciplinary Conference on Netherlandic Studies, Bloomington, IN
- 1993:** “Seventeenth-Century Europeans Encounter Asian Medicine: The Case of Willem ten Rhijne,” AAHM annual meeting
- 1992:** “Natural History in 17th Century Dutch and English Medicine,” for First Anglo-Dutch Wellcome Conference, Erasmus University, Rotterdam
- “Doing Medical History,” for University of Nevada, Reno
- “The Integrity of Knowledge: Personal Contacts and Intellectual Communication,” for Middle Atlantic Conference on British Studies meeting on “Britain in Europe, 1066 to 1992”
- “The Problems of Dutch Medicine in London: The Malpractice Case against Dr. Joannes Groenevelt in the 1690s,” for Sixth Wisconsin Symposium on Netherlandic Studies
- 1991:** “Medicine and Natural History in the Scientific Revolution,” Notre Dame University
- “Dutch Physicians in London in the Later 17th Century: A Clash of Medical Ideas and Medical Values,” at special congress in Leiden on “Scientific Relations between Britain and the Continent during the 17th and early 18th Centuries”
- 1990:** “The Cutting Edge of a Revolution? Medicine and Natural History near the Shores of the North Sea,” meeting of the British Society for the History of Science on “The Scientific Revolution: Science, Technology and Medicine in the Early Modern Period,” Keeble College, Oxford

- “Intellectual Property and Propriety: Professional ‘Monopolies’ and the Physicians of Early Modern London,” Workshop on “Conceptions of Property: Officeholding and Property in the Professions,” Center for 17th and 18th Century Studies, Clark Library
- “Medicine, Natural History and the Scientific Revolution,” Instituut voor Geschiedenis der Natuurwetenschappen, Utrecht
- 1989:** “A 17th Century Dutch Physician in London: Medical Innovation or Medical Malpractice?” Instituut voor Geschiedenis der Geneeskunde, Nijmegen
- “Sir John Colbatch: Medical Experimentalism, Entrepreneurialism, and the English Restoration,” Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine, Research Seminar on ‘Medical Lives and Practice’
- “Medical Practitioners and the Courts of William and Mary,” 18th International Congress History of Science, Hamburg, FRG
- “New Remedies and Medical Malpractice in London at the End of the 17th Century: The Case of Joannes Groenevelt,” AAHM annual meeting
- “Medicine and Science in the Seventeenth Century,” Dept. of Medical History, Yale University Medical School
- 1988:** “Medical Learning and Medical Politics in England and the Netherlands: The Case of Johannes Groenevelt,” Conference on “Anglo-Dutch Medical Connections,” Wellcome Institute, London
- “The Significance of Dutch Science and Medicine in the 17th Century,” Fourth Symposium on Netherlandic Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 1987:** “Johannes Groenevelt: Medical Knowledge and the Medical Profession in the Later 17th Century Netherlands and London,” Leids Medisch Historisch Colloquium, Rijksuniversiteit Leiden
- “Learned Physic and Scientific Medicine in Restoration England,” Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine, University of Oxford
- “Physic and the Scientific Revolution in 17th Century England,” Medisch Encyclopedisch Instituut, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam
- 1986:** “Medicine Versus Physic: The Virtuosi and the College of Physicians,” Corpus Christi College, Cambridge
- 1985:** “Medical Politics of Seventeenth-Century London,” Fakultät für Soziologie, Universität Bielefeld
- “Helmontians no Puritans: The Social Basis of English Chemical Medicine in the 1660s,” AAHM annual meeting
- 1984:** “The Medical Profession and the Debate over the Royal Society in the 1660s,” AHA annual meeting
- “Agents of the Crown: The College of Physicians and the Court Before the Civil War,” Social Studies, California Institute of Technology
- 1983:** “Public Desires and Physicians’ Care in Late Seventeenth-Century London,” AAHM annual meeting
- “Attempts to Control Plague in London, 1630, and Problems of Government,” Benjamin Waterhouse Med. Hist. Soc., Boston University
- 1982:** “Interpreting Newton,” History Department, Clark University
- 1981:** “Physicians and Empiricism in Mid-Seventeenth-Century England,” Midwest Junto Hist. Sci.

Other Formal Occasions:

- 2025:** Lecture on Transcultural Medical Histories in Département d’histoire, École Normale Supérieure-PSL, Paris
- 2024:** Panel presentation for: 4th Observatory on History Teaching in Europe (under the auspices of the Council of Europe Standing Conference of Ministers of Education) Annual Conference, “History in Crisis(es)?,” Strasbourg

- 2022:** Comment for papers by Abram Kaplan and Alex Garnick on new readings of Descartes's Meditations, Early Sciences Working Group workshop, Harvard University
- 2020:** Chair and comment on book-launch for Adam Teller's "Rescue the Surviving Souls"
- 2019:** Roundtable presentation and discussion for session in "Revolutions" series organized by Jennifer Lambe, Brown University
- Participant in HSS conference roundtable on History of Science and History of Medicine, Utrecht
- Presentation at student-organized teach-in on SE Asia, Brown University
- 2018:** "Souls and Bodies: Descartes's Corporeal Mind in Motion," pre-circulated paper for Department of Philosophy roundtable, Brown University
- 2017:** "Material Cultures of Science," for graduate seminar on "Global Histories of Science," Columbia University
- 2016:** "Comparisons and Connections: History v. Modelling," for symposium on "Beyond the Scientific Revolution: Globalizing Early Science," Consortium for the Study of the Premodern World, Univ. Minnesota
- "Pneuma, Qi, and Corporeal Air: Debates about Air as the Source of Life," for panel in conference "A Traveler's Air" at John Carter Brown Library
- Panel discussion for launch of "Diseases of Angola," John Carter Brown Library
- 2015:** "The Introduction of 'Chinese Medicine' in Seventeenth-Century Europe," roundtable presentation at annual meeting for History of Science Society
- "The 'Discovery' of Palmira and Persepolis at the Beginning of the 18th Century," pre-circulated paper for discussion at Brown University Colloquium on Culture and Religion in the Ancient Mediterranean
- "Early Modern Science and Monetized Economies: The Co-Production of Commensurable Materials," pre-circulated paper for workshop in the Center for Premodern History, University of Minnesota
- Roundtable on "Entangled histories of early modern translation, empire, and knowledge production," annual Scientiae conference, Toronto
- Shared opening remarks (with Pamela Smith and Amy Meyers) for launch of "The Future of Making and Knowing," Bard Graduate Center, NYC
- "Medicine and the New Science: The Other Descartes," seminar, Oslo Medical History Institute
- 2014:** "OA and Sustaining Quality: Some Challenges," for invited panel at AHA meeting, Washington DC; covered in "Inside Higher Education," January 6 2014 (<http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2014/01/06/historians-clash-over-open-access-movement#.UsqUQ9B2e0k.twitter>)
- 2013:** "Early Modern Commerce and the New Philosophy," pre-circulated paper for workshop on "Globalizing Histories of Science, Technology, and Medicine: Conceptual and Methodological Problems," NYU Abu Dhabi Institute
- 2012:** Seminar for KB staff on Open Access and electronic publishing
- "Entangled Knowledge? Silences, Misunderstandings, and Trying to Find Things Out," pre-circulated paper as Seminar leader, 25th Renaissance colloquium, University of Basel
- Five-minute talk on research project, NIAS
- "Exchanging Information, Translating Knowledge: Examples from the Seventeenth Century," pre-circulated paper for colloquium on "Early Modern Knowledge and Cross-Cultural Encounter" at John Carter Brown Library
- "Science in Translation, in the 17th Century," pre-circulated paper for Cogut Center, Brown University
- "European Perspectives on East Asian Medicines," pre-circulated paper for workshop at Princeton University, "Medical Cultures and Medical Commodities in Early Modern East Asia"
- 2011:** "Translation and Commerce in the Early Modern World," pre-circulated paper for NYU Atlantic World Workshop
- "Sciences and Economies: Examples from the Early Modern Period," pre-circulated paper for STS Brown Bag, Brown University
- Presenter on "Asian Texts and European Medical History," for Research Module on Languages and Literacies, Princeton University

- “Drug Prospecting in the New World: Medicine and Commerce among Early Modern Europeans,”
Public lecture for an exhibition, John Carter Brown Library
- 2010:** “The Medical Marketplace Revisited,” seminar led for History of Medicine Working Group,
Harvard University
- “Sciences and economies,” for MEMHS seminar, Brown University
- Presenter in Panel Discussion on the Medical Marketplace for Harry Marks Retirement Symposium,
Johns Hopkins University
- Masterclass for PhD students studying cultural history, Huizinga Institute, Amsterdam
- “Sciences and Humanities,” for panel discussing a new Center at Yale University
- 2009:** “Trends in History of Medicine, from Ancient to Modern,” Seminar, Department of History,
UCL
- Seminar on “Matters of Exchange,” organized by Kapil Raj, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences
Sociales, Paris
- “Not Comparisons but Interactions: How the Dutch Tried to Master East Asian Medicine in the 17th
Century,” European History Seminar, Institute of Historical Research
- “Creative Misunderstandings: Chinese Medicine in 17th-Century Europe,” Davis Seminar,
Princeton
- “Minerva’s Owl: Struggle and Wisdom in Early Modern Medicine,” Voorjaarsbijeenkomst medische
geschiedenis, Amsterdam
- “Botanical Developments in the Dutch Golden Age,” Division of Molecular and Cell Biology,
Glasgow
- 2008:** “Introduction to Global History of Medicine,” Work-in-Progress talk, WT Centre History of
Medicine “Commerce and the Knowledge of Nature in the Dutch Golden Age,” for Seminar on
Low Countries History, Institute of Historical Research
- “The Political Economy of Commerce and the Rise of Scientific Materialism,” for one-day workshop
on “The Economy and the State in Late Medieval and Early Modern Low Countries,” Columbia
University
- Seminar on ‘Matters of Exchange’ for Department of the History of Science, Harvard University
- “Collecting Information and Advancing Medicine in the Time of Hans Sloane,” launch of Sloane
Virtual Library, British Library
- 2007:** “Health and Medicine in the Dutch East Indies,” Cambridge Health and Welfare Seminar
- 2006:** “Trading in Medical Commodities and Natural History Specimens: suggestions from the 17th-
century Dutch East India Company,” for seminar on New Interpretations of Empire, Raphael
Samuel History Centre
- 2005:** “Global Commerce and the Rise of Science: Medicine and Natural History in the Dutch Golden
Age,” work-in-progress seminar, Wellcome Centre for the History of Medicine at UCL
- “Asian Contributions to Dutch Medicine in the 17th Century,” Royal Society of Medicine, History of
Medicine Section
- “The New Philosophy and Medicine in the 17th Century,” UCL Lunch Hour Lecture
- “History of Medicine: Current Research Priorities,” conference on “Exploring Medical History:
What’s Happening in Libraries and Archives,” Royal Society of Medicine
- “Asian Medicine in Europe in the 17th Century: The Introduction of Acupuncture,” Sheffield
Aesculapian Society
- 2004:** Participant in luncheon session on “What Happened to the Social History of Medicine?,”
AAHM annual meeting
- “Boerhaave,” for UCLA “Program in Medical Classics”
- 2003:** “Learning from Asians: Physicians in Service to the Dutch East India Company,” Warwick
Seminar Series in the Social History of Medicine
- “Roy Porter and his Legacy,” luncheon workshop, AAHM annual meeting
- 2002:** “The Importance of Natural History in the Scientific Revolution: The example of the Dutch
Golden Age,” seminar at The Royal Institution

- “Global Medicine in the Dutch Golden Age,” seminar at the Institut für Geschichte der Medizin, FU, Berlin
- “Medicine and materialism in the Dutch Golden Age,” Margaret Pelling’s seminar in medical history, Oxford University
- “Medicine in 17th-century Amsterdam: The case of Dr. Tulp,” address to Friends of the Wellcome Library and Centre
- 2001:** “Medicine and Natural History in the Dutch Golden Age,” History of Medicine Seminar Series, University of Glasgow
- “The Cartesian Body, the Passions, and Dutch Political Theory in the 17th Century,” Seminar series for Centre for the History of Science, Technology and Medicine, Manchester University
- “Why Medicine in History,” with Tilli Tansey and Vivienne Lo, History Dept. Seminar, UCL
- 2000:** “Medical Police and the Public’s Health in 17th-Century London,” for UCL student History Society
- “Trying to Preserve the Image of Life Beyond Death: Dutch Anatomical Investigations in the 17th Century,” Neuroscience Research Programme, Dept. of Anatomy and Developmental Biology, UCL
- 1997:** “Rare Books and Special Collections in Medicine: Challenges, Opportunities and Future Visions,” Countway Library, Harvard University
- “Thomas Willis and English Medicine,” Grand Rounds, Dept. Neurology, UW Medical School
- 1995:** “Natural History and Capitalism in the Dutch Golden Age,” Special Seminar, Wellcome Unit and Department of the History and Philosophy of Science, Cambridge University
- “Medical Malpractice in 17th-Century London?,” Milwaukee Academy of Medicine
- 1990:** “The Problem with the ‘Scientific Revolution’,” Seminar for academic staff of Museum Boerhaave, Leiden
- “The Problems of Dutch Medicine in London: The Malpractice Case against Dr Joannes Groenevelt in the 1690s,” April meeting of the Genootschap voor Geschiedenis der Geneeskunde, Wiskunde, Natuurwetenschappen en Techniek
- 1989:** “Dutch Science and Medicine: The Case of Johannes Groenevelt,” History of Science Colloquium, Madison
- 1987:** “Natural History and Physic in the Seventeenth Century,” Round-Table Seminar in the History of Science, Virginia Polytechnic University
- 1986:** “The Meaning of Newtonianism,” Cornell College
- 1985:** “Science as the Enemy of Physic in Restoration England,” History of Science Colloquium, U. of Wisconsin, Madison
- “The Politics of Medicine in Seventeenth-Century London,” Cambridge Seminar on Early Modern History, Harvard University
- 1983:** “Plague, Politics, and the Medical Profession,” Cambridge Seminar on Early Modern History, Harvard University
- 1982:** “Medical Regulation in Seventeenth-Century London,” Boston Area Medical Hist. Group
- 1981:** “The Impact of Printing on Seventeenth-Century Medicine,” History of Science Colloquium, University of Oklahoma
- 1980:** “Medicine in Tudor-Stuart London,” Medieval and Renaissance Collegium, University of Michigan
- 1978:** “Queen Elizabeth’s Cosmography,” University of Michigan
- 1974:** “The Legend of Atlantis,” Cornell College

Selected Invited Comments on Papers and Sessions:

- 2019:** Chaired a session on “Conditions of Difference: Scholarly Migration and Medical Book Production in the 17th Century,” for HSS annual meeting, Utrecht
- Invited comment for session at annual meeting of AAHM, on “Coming Across: Rethinking Translations in the History of Medicine”

Chaired a session at the annual meeting of the Renaissance Society of America, on “Mediterranean Exiles and Late Renaissance Theological-Political Thought”

Invited comment for conference on “Trading Objecthood: Global Business and the Language of Natural History in the Long Nineteenth Century,” Princeton University

2016: Comment on session “Science and Empire, Russian Style,” for HSS conference, Atlanta

2014: Final comment on session “Commerce and Knowledge” at AHA conference, Washington DC

Invited final comment for conference “Empires of Knowledge: Scientific Networks in the Early Modern World,” Stanford University

Invited final comment on seminar on Mandeville, NIAS, The Netherlands

Invited final comment for workshop on “Testing Drugs and Trying Cures in the Pre-Modern World,” Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin

2013: Invited comment for session on “Health and Healing” at Omohundro conference, Baltimore

Invited comment for session on “Euro-Asian Encounters in the Scientific Revolution,” HSS conference, Boston

2011, 2012: comments on sessions at Brown History Graduate Student conferences

2009, 2010: Comments on sessions on Early Modern Dutch science at HSS annual meetings

2004: Anglo-Dutch-German Workshop on “Illness Narratives,” Stuttgart; NWO (Dutch Academy of Sciences) colloquium: “Inventive Intersections: sites, artifacts and the rise of modern science and technology”

1999: OIEAHC conference

1999: AHA annual meeting

1993: Research Conference on International Origins of Modern Philanthropy (U. Chicago Circle Campus)

1993: HSS annual meeting

SERVICE:

University Service:

Brown University:

Tenure, Promotions and Appointments Committee (TPAC) (2019-22, Chair 2021-22)

Medical School, Committee on Medical Faculty Appointments (2010-12, 2014-16, 2017-19)

Vice Provost for Research Advisory Board (2011-12)

Director, Renaissance and Early Modern Studies (2013-16)

Member of Committees for REMS, MEMHS, STS (2010-)

Carnegie Fellows Selection Committee (2017)

Committee member, Internal Review, Egyptology and Ancient Western Asian Studies (2012)

University Library:

Library Advisory Board (2013-15; Vice-Chair, 2014-15; Vice-Chair, 2019-20)

Brown University’s Digital Publications Advisory Board, Mellon Foundation grant (2015-20)

Open Access Committee (2012-14)

Jury for the Undergraduate Prize for Excellence in Library Research (2016)

John Carter Brown Library:

Faculty Liaison Committee of the John Carter Brown Library (2011-14)

Academic Advisory Committee (and short-term fellows selection committee) (2014-16, 2018-21)

Selection committee for Director of the JCBL (2021)

History Department:

Spousal Hire policy committee, 2021-22

Graduate Committee member, 2010-12, 2020-22

Planning and Priorities Committee, 2010-12 (Chair, 2011-12), 2017-19 (Chair, 2017-19)

History of Medicine Interest Group, founder and organizer (2011-18)
 Chair, three promotion committees, 2013-14, 2016, 2018; and member of others
 Chair, Modern Britain and its Empire search, 2011-12; and member of others
 Chair, tenure-track review committees, 2014-15, 2015, 2016, 2020; and member of others
 Department representative for university search, Vasco da Gama Chair, 2020
 Replacement Teaching Committee, 2011
 Book workshops for colleagues: Tara Nummedal, 2017; Ethan Pollock, 2018

London:

London Centre for the History of Science, Medicine and Technology (2000-2009): Convenor (2001-3, 2009)
 Specialist Group in HPSSMST, for deciding PhD examination panels, U. London (2000-7)
 Subject Panel in History, University of London (2002-3)

UW-Madison:

UW Accreditation Committee, Humanities Division (1997-98)
 UW Press Committee (1999-2000)
 Search Committee, UW Press Director (2000)
 Committee to Review the UW Press (1996-7)
 German-Dutch Programs Oversight Committee (1996-8)
 Graduate School Research Committee, Humanities Division (1990-93, 1995-6)
 Archives Committee (1988-89, 1990-94)
 University Senate (1986-88, alternate 1988-89, 1990-91)
 Director of Graduate Studies, Dept's. History of Science and History of Medicine (1992-95)
 Many departmental committees

UW Medical School:

Educational Policy Council, Med. School (1997-9), Chair of EPC (1998-99)
 Student Promotions Committee, Med. School (1997-8)
 Health Sciences Library oversight committee (LPAC) (1996-2000)
 Member, Search Committee for Dean of Students (1996)
 Course Director for Hist. Med. 720 (1993-9)
 Chair of MESSH task force to review the place of the humanities and social sciences in the Medical School Curriculum (1995-96), and member of follow-up task forces and committees
 Member of committees planning revisions of CMP and GPP courses (1995-7)

Harvard University:

Head Tutor (running undergraduate honors program in History and Science, c. 124 concentrators, 1982-85)
 Many departmental committees

Service to the Profession:

Director, Wellcome Trust Centre for the History of Medicine at UCL (2000-09)
Co-founder, with Rethy Chhem and Laurence Monnais, of the society for the History of Medicine in South East Asia (HOMSEA)

Management Boards:

Advisory board to NWO project "A New History of Fishes: A Long-Term Approach to Fishes in Science and Culture, 1550-1880," headed by Florike Egmond (2016-21)
 Emeriti Advisory Committee, Queen Wilhelmina professorship, Columbia University (2013-)

International Advisory Board, Descartes Center for the History and Philosophy of the Sciences and Humanities, Utrecht University (2009-)
 Member, Advisory Council, Warburg Institute (2004-10)
 Chair, Management Committee, Centre for Editing Lives and Letters (funded by Arts and Humanities Research Council), Queen Mary College and Birkbeck College, London (2002-7)
 Evaluator, European Network on Health and Social Welfare Policies, Phoenix TN, under auspices of Socrates Programme (Erasmus Thematic Networks), European Commission (2002-5)
 Worshipful Society of Apothecaries of London, Faculty of the History and Philosophy of Medicine and Pharmacy (2001-10)

Professional Society Service:

American Association for the History of Medicine:
 George Rosen Prize Committee (2016-17)
 Welch Medal Committee chair (2013-14)
 Editorial Board, Bulletin of the History of Medicine (2011-13)
 Program Committee (2008-9)
 Life-Time Achievement Award committee (2006-7)
 Program Committee chair (with Nancy Tomes) for the 2001 meeting in Kansas City
 Nominating Committee chair (1998-2000)
 Council (1994-97)
 Publications Committee (1989-91)
 American Association for Netherlandic Studies:
 Executive Council (1997-99)
 American Historical Association:
 Editorial Board, American Historical Review (2011-14)
 European Association for the History of Medicine and Health:
 Scientific Board (2001-7; chair, 2003-7)
 History of Medicine in South East Asia (HOMSEA):
 Secretary (2005-2013)
 Co-organizer of conferences to 2012
 History of Science Society:
 Committee on Meetings and Programs (1990-93)
 Council (1998-2000)
 Pfizer Prize Committee (1993)
 Nominating Committee (1999)

Granting Bodies:

Service on Grants Panels:

Institute for Advanced Study Princeton, 2009-2015
 Wellcome Trust, Chair, Strategic and Enhancement Awards for medical history, 2003-8
 Fulbright awards for Belgium, EU, Netherlands, 1999
 NEH, European History, 1999
 Hannah Institute for the History of Medicine, 1994

Have refereed proposals for:

ACLS New Faculty Fellows
 Cambridge and Oxford colleges: Peterhouse, Jesus, Magdalen
 Dibner Institute for History of Science and Technology

Dutch Council for the Humanities
 European Commission
 European Research Council
 European Science Foundation
 Fonds Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek (Belgium)
 German Israeli Foundation for Scientific Research and Development
 Hannah Institute of the History of Medicine
 Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton
 KU Leuven
 The Leverhulme Trust
 MacArthur Foundation
 Max Planck Institute for Human Development
 Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study
 New York Academy of Medicine
 National Endowment for the Humanities
 National Library of Medicine
 National Science Foundation
 Netherlands Institute for Advanced Studies
 NWO–Council for Humanities (Netherlands)
 NWO Vici (Netherlands)
 Research Institute of the University of Bucharest
 Research Foundation–Flanders
 Swiss National Science Foundation
 Research Grants Council, Hong Kong
 Wellcome Institute of the History of Medicine
 Wellcome Trust
 PSC-Cuny
 Vincennes University Foundation
 WGBH-TV Boston

Other:

External Review committee, Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology, University of Toronto, 2022

Editorial:

Co-editor, *Medical History* (2002-10)
 Associate Editor for the *New Dictionary* [now *Oxford Dictionary*] of *National Biography*, with responsibility for c. 190 entries on physicians, 1600-1720 (1995-2003)
 Acting Associate Editor (editor of Book Reviews) for *Isis* (Aug.-Dec. 1993)

Book series:

Editorial board, “Amsterdam Studies in the Dutch Golden Age,” University of Amsterdam Press (2016-)
 Editorial board of *Clio Medica*, under auspices of EAHMH and Brill (2015-)
 With Vivian Nutton and Christopher Lawrence, *Wellcome Series in the History of Medicine* (Rodopi, 2000-2002) and with Roger Cooter, Michael Neve, Emma Spary, *Ibid.*, (2009-10)
 With Margaret Jacob and Spencer Weart, *Themes in the History of Science, Medicine, and Technology* (Harvard University Press, 1998-2003)

Editorial Boards, Journals:

Nuova Rivista Storica (2025-26)
Early Science and Medicine (1994-96, 2019-)
Medizin Historisches Journal (2001-)
The Historian, assoc. with GC University, Lahore, Pakistan (2021-22)
American Historical Review (2011-14)
Studium (previously *Gewina*; the Dutch journal for the history of science and universities) (2004-15)
Bulletin of the History of Medicine (2011-13)
Medical Humanities (2008-13)
History of Science (1996-2007)
Journal of the History of Medicine (1988-90; 1997-2000)
Corresponding Editor of Eighteenth-Century Life (1990-2002)
H-Net discussion list on History of Science, Medicine and Technology (1996-2000)
Isis (1993-95)
TRACTRIX: Yearbook of the Dutch Society for the History of Science, Mathematics, Medicine and Technology (1990-95)

Have refereed manuscripts for:Journals:

Albion
American Historical Review
American Journal of Public Health
Berichte zur Wissenschaftsgeschichte
British Journal of the History of Science
British Journal for the History of Philosophy
Bulletin of the History of Medicine
Canadian Bulletin of Culture
The Canadian Journal of History
Canadian Journal of the History of Medicine
Church History
Clio
Dutch Yearbook for Book History
Early Modern Low Countries
Early Science and Medicine
East Asian Publishing and Society
East Asian Science
Eighteenth-Century Life
Endeavour
Galilaeana
Gesnerus
Ex Historia
Historical Studies in the Natural Sciences
History of Human Sciences
History of Science
Intellectual History Review
Isis
Journal of Asian Studies
Journal of British Studies
Journal of the History of Collections
Journal for the History of Knowledge

Journal for the History of Medicine
Journal of Modern History
Journal of World History
Literature and Medicine
Massachusetts Studies in Early Modern Culture
Medical History
Medical Humanities
Medicine and Psychiatry
Minerva
New England Journal of Medicine
Notes and Records of the Royal Society of London
Noctua
NTM (Zeitschrift für Geschichte der Wissenschaften, Technik und Medizin)
Osiris
Pharmacy in History
Science in Context
The Seventeenth Century
Social History of Medicine
Spontaneous Generations: A Journal for the History and Philosophy of Science
Studi Lockiani
Studies in History and Philosophy of Biological and Biomedical Sciences
Studies in History and Philosophy of Science
Technology and Society
Textile History

Academic Presses:

Bloomsbury
 Brill
 Cambridge University Press (British and North American branches)
 Edinburgh University Press
 Harvard University Press
 Johns Hopkins University Press
 Manchester University Press
 Oxford University Press (British and North American branches)
 Penn State Press
 Polity Press
 Rodopi
 Routledge
 Rutgers University Press
 Springer
 Stanford University Press
 Syracuse University Press
 University of California Press
 University of Chicago Press
 University of Pittsburgh Press
 University of Wisconsin Press
 Yale University Press (British and North American branches)

TEACHING ACTIVITIES:

PhD Advising:

Supervisor or Co-supervisor, PhD dissertations:

- Ebru Erginbas, On medicine in the transition from Ottoman to Republican Turkey (completion expected 2026)
- Elis Neilson, "Ship Shape: Health and Bodies at Sea in the Early Modern World," Brown University (completion expected 2026)
- Wanda Henry, "Searching the Dead and Burying the Bodies: Bills of Mortality, Women Searchers of the Dead, and Sextonesses in England from the Sixteenth to the Nineteenth Century," Brown University, 2016
- with Vivian Nutton: Candice Delisle, "Establishing the facts: Conrad Gesner's *Epistolae medicales*, between the particular and the general," University of London, 2008
- with Andrew Wear: Christos Papadopoulos, "The Greek world and medical tradition: healers and healing on the eve of the Greek revival (1700-1821)," University of London, 2008
- Steve Eardley, "Italian Miscellanies and the Refabrication of Rome: Humanist Collections and the Cult of Antiquity," University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1998
- with Thomas Broman: Louise Robbins, "Exotic Animals in Eighteenth-Century France," University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1998
- with Johann Sommerville: Alexandra Lord, "'To Relieve Distressed Women: Teaching and Establishing the Scientific Art of Midwifery or Gynecology in Edinburgh and London, 1720-1805,'" University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1998
- Jole Shackelford, "Paracelsianism in Denmark and Norway in the 16th and 17th Centuries," University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1989

Dissertation Committees, **Brown University**:

History:

- Yekai (Kyle) Zhang (2025)
- Lillian Tsay (2025)
- George Elliott (2022)
- Heather Sanford (2020)
- Christopher Gillett (2017)
- Liisa Lehtsalu (2016)
- Zachary Dorner (2016)
- Rachel Gostenhofer (2015)
- Lindsay Schakenbach (2015)

Integrative Studies:

- Assad Assad (2024)

French Studies:

- Yuri Kondratiev (2014)

Internal PhD Examiner, **University of London**:

- Olivia Smith, "Lives, Letters, Bodies: Medical Interactions Contextualized," Queen Mary (10/09)
- Simon Chaplin, "John Hunter and the 'Museum Economy', 1750-1800," King's College (9/09)
- Peter Langman, on Francis Bacon (12/06)
- Anette Munt, on Dutch medicine in early modern Germany (2/05)
- Leslie Coates, on Receipt books (5/05)

Dissertation Committees, **University of Wisconsin**:

History of Science:

- Jorge Cañizares-Esguerra; Mark Ehrlich; Fa-Ti Fan; Ralph Drayton; Liz Hachten; Tomomi Kinukawa; Gregg Mitman; Alison Sandman; Hugh Slotten

History:

Nancy Rose Hunt; Ronald Sawyer
 German:
 Jennifer Boyce Hendricks

Dissertation Committees, **Harvard University:**

History of Science:
 Michael H. Shank

External Examiner (for PhD dissertation unless otherwise noted):

Claire Cooper, "Dutch Formulations and Family Secrets: Medicine and the Marketplace in Early Modern Japan," Princeton University (6/21)
 Jordan Katz, "Jewish Midwives, Medicine and the Boundaries of Knowledge in Early Modern Europe, 1650-1800," Columbia University (6/20)
 Elisabeth De Cambiaire, "Enlightened Alliance: Nature, Botany and France's Expansion to the East Indies: The Colonisation of the Mascarenes (1665-1775)," UNSW Australia (5/16)
 Britt Dams, "Comprehending the New World in the early modern period: Descriptions of Dutch Brazil (1624-1654)," Ghent University (2/16)
 Laura Sumrall, "The Terror of Novelty: Jan Baptista Van Helmont's Experimental Magic," MA thesis, University of Sydney (8/15)
 Benjamin P. Breen, "Tropical transplantations: Drugs, nature, and globalization in the Portuguese and British empires, 1640-1755," University of Texas at Austin (5/15)
 Saskia Klerk, "Galen Reconsidered: Studying Drug Properties and the Foundation of Medicine in the Dutch Republic ca. 1550-1700," Utrecht University (2/15)
 Ronny Spaans, "Godenbleed te koop: Exotica, extase en verboden kennis in de poëzie van Joannes Six van Chandelier (1620-1695)," University of Oslo (1/15)
 Sietske Fransen, "Exchange of Knowledge Through Translation: Jan Baptista van Helmont and His Editors and Translators in the Seventeenth Century," Warburg Institute, Univ of London (8/14)
 Michael J. Neuss, "Balancing Blood, Balancing Books: Medicine, Commerce, and the Royal Court in 17th-Century England", Columbia University (5/13)
 Louis Caron, "The Philosophical Reception of Thomas Willis (1621-1675) with Particular Reference to John Locke (1632-1704)," King's College, University of Cambridge (8/11)
 Alette Fleischer, "Rooted in Fertile Soil: Seventeenth-Century Dutch Gardens and the Hybrid History of Material and Knowledge Production," Universiteit Twente (12/10)
 Liesbeth Hesselink, "Genezers op de koloniale markt," University of Amsterdam (3/09)
 Christelle Rabier, "Les Chirurgiens de Paris et de Londres, 1740-1815: Economie, Identites, Savoirs," Université Paris 1 – Panthéon – Sorbonne (12/08)
 Catherine Kelly, "Not Surgeons Alone, But Medical Officers," Oxford University (9/08)
 Iris Bruyn, "Ship Surgeons of the Dutch East India Company in the Eighteenth Century: Commerce and the Progress of Medicine," Leiden University (11/04)
 Patrick Wallis, "Medicines for London: The Trade, Regulation, and Lifecycle of London Apothecaries, c.1610-c.1670," Univ. Oxford (9/02)
 Hendrika Grada Knoeff, "Herman Boerhaave (1668-1738): Calvinist Chemist and Physician," Cambridge Univ. (9/00)
 Francis Dawbarn, Early Modern Medicine and Patronage, Lancaster Univ. (2/00)
 Lynda Stephenson Payne, History, UC Davis (1998)

Field Exams, **Brown University:**

Lindsay Schakenbach (2011); Rachel Gostenhofer (2011); Jennifer Wells (2011); Liisa Lehtsalu (2011); Zachary Dorner (2011); Wanda Henry (2012); Hendrik Isom (2013); Alicia Maggard (2014); Heather Sanford (2016); George Elliott (2018); Emily Pearson

(2019); Amanda Arceneaux (2019); Yekai Zhang (2020); Devon Newhouse (2020); Lillian Tsay (2020); Elizabeth Nielsen (2021); Ebru Erginbas (2022); Haley Price (2024)

Teaching:

Brown University (2010-)

Undergraduate Advising: Science and Society undergraduate concentration advisor for class of 2016 (18 students), class of 2021 (16 students), and class of 2022 (11 students)
Regular first and second-year advising (c. 6 per year per cohort)
Have also supervised independent studies in Providence and abroad (including GLISPs), most recently (2020) a project by Donald Daniel on schizophrenia in ancient Babylon

Taught Courses: SCSO 1900: Senior Seminar in Science and Society
History 150H: "Foods and Drugs in History"
History 0971D/0522G: "An Empire and Republic: The Dutch Golden Age," First-year seminar
History 1490/0286A: "History of Medicine I: Medical Traditions in the Old World before 1700" (in fall 2020, radically revised for "hybrid" format)
History 1491/0286B: "History of Medicine II: The Development of Scientific Medicine in Europe and the World" (in spring 2021, radically revised for "hybrid" format)
History 1492/1263M/HIAA 0630: "Cultural History of the Netherlands in a Golden and a Global Age"
History 1495/1825H: "Science, Medicine, and Technology in the 17th Century" (in fall 2021, radically revised for "hybrid" format)
History 1496/1977J: "War and Medicine since the Renaissance" (in fall 2020, radically revised for "hybrid" format)
History 1979H/1964K: "Descartes' World"
History 2935: Historical Crossings (MA Seminar, two different iterations)
History 2970E: Early Modern Europe, Graduate Seminar (three different iterations)
History 2971M: Topics in History of Medicine, Graduate Seminar
History 2981F: The Politics of Knowledge, Graduate Seminar
HMAN 1970Z: "Knowledge Networks and Information Economies in the Early Modern Period"
HMAN 2400X: "Premodern Art-Science, or the Work of Knowing in Europe before 1800," co-taught in "hybrid" manner prior to covid outbreak, with Tara Nummedal and (from the University of Minnesota) Michael Gaudio and J.B. Shank

Columbia University (Spring 2008)

Graduate Seminar on "Global Knowledge Networks in the Early Modern Period"

London (2000-2010)

Core Course for Centre MA in the History of Medicine (2004-7, 2008-9)
Historical Methods (C006) for Centre BSc course (2000-2002); tutoring and dissertation advising for same (2000-7)
Various two-hour lectures on Core Course and Western Medical Tradition course for London Centre for the History of Science, Technology and Medicine MSc; tutoring and dissertation advising for same (2000-5)
Lecturing on other courses: "Development of Modern Medicine," for History of Medicine course of Wellcome Trust and Society of Apothecaries; three induction week lectures, UC medical school; "Colonial Medicine," for Special Study Module in History of Medicine, Royal Free Medical School; on "Historiography" for Medical Humanities BSc, 2003

External Programme Examiner: MA in History of Medicine, Dept. of History, Univ. Warwick (2003-5); MA in Economic and Social History and History of Science, Medicine and Technology, University of Oxford (2009-10)

University of Wisconsin (1985-2000)

History of Science 201: “The Origins of Scientific Thought”
 History of Science 212: “The Physician in History”
 History of Medicine 507: “Health, Disease and Healing I”
 History of Medicine 508: “Health, Disease and Healing II”
 History of Medicine 568: “Medicine and Natural History in the Period of the Scientific Revolution”
 History of Medicine 591: “War and Medicine”
 History of Medicine 720: Led at least 3 weeks each year of this departmental course for medical students
 History of Medicine 901: Graduate Reading Seminar

Harvard University (1982-5)

History of Science 101: “Foundations of the Scientific Revolution”
 History of Science 143: “Development of Western Medicine”
 History of Science 200: directed 3 weeks each year of this required seminar for new graduate students
 History of Science 243: “Science and Medicine in an Institutional Context”
 History of Science Junior Tutorial: “Witchcraft and Medicine in the Period of the Scientific Revolution”
 History of Science E-161c: “Origins of Modern Science: The European Scientific Revolution, 1450-1700” (Harvard Extension)

University of Oklahoma (1981-2)

History of Science 2103: “Science and Civilization”
 History of Science 2103: “Science in its Social Context”
 History of Science 3013: “History of Science to the Age of Newton”

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT:

Chief respondent for public discussion of the life of the young Descartes, hosted in Bucharest, Cafeneaua Filosofică, no. 92, April 7, 2023 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qsZ92iGzT4E>)
 Six recorded lectures on “The English Medical Renaissance” for UK secondary school course (GCSE) on “Medicine Through Time,” presented online by MASSOLIT (<https://www.massolit.io/subjects/history/the-people-s-health-c-1250-to-present>)
 Zoom conversation with Zachary Dorner on his book, “Merchants of Medicines,” for University of Chicago Press, available on the press’s YouTube channel, 2021
 “Valuing Information: Science and Enlightenment,” Youtube “Faculty Lecture” for College Board, AP European History Unit 4 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i06uBD2Re4I>), 2020.
 “Episode 29: Descartes, Traveler,” for “Time to Eat the Dogs: A Podcast about Science, History, and Exploration” (<https://timetoeatthedogs.com/2018/04/23/descartes-traveler/>)
 Talk to course on natural knowledge and glass-making, RISDI, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2023, 2024.
 “Anatomy and its Histories,” invited talk for a group of Brown Medical School students, spring 2017, fall 2019.

“Non-Western Medicine” and “Descartes’s Medicine,” invited talks to student-run course, Brown Medical School, September 2017, September 2018.

“Sorting Out a World of Wonders: Science in the Dutch Golden Age,” public lecture at Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, November 2015.

Response to question “What was the worst year in history?” printed in *The Atlantic*, December 2013, p. 116.

Talk on “Descartes the Spy?” to the residents of Mirabella, a retirement community in Portland, Oregon, March 2013.

Interview with Geertje Dekkers published in *Historisch Nieuwsblad* (Januari 2013), pp. 21-22.

Galley talk on Ruisdael’s “Ferry,” RISD Art Museum, April 2012; excerpt online at http://rismuseum.org/pages/channel_33204.

Two interviews with students for “National History Day,” 2012: Kavya Ravichandran on Renaissance medicine, and Hailee Vandiver on Lise Meitner.

Lecture about my research to students on Diploma in English for Academic Purposes, Language Centre, UCL, April 2009.

Interviewed in June 2008 by Jonathan Zondag for ScienceGuide, a Dutch online journal for university and science policy makers, published as: www.scienceguide.nl/article.asp?articleid=105672#intro.

Public interview by Chunglin Kwa at the Pasar Malam festival in The Hague, 30 May 2008.

Interviews for local papers during conference in Huesca, Aragon, Spain, June 2007.

BBC Radio 4, live discussion with David Wootton of “Bad Medicine,” Today Programme, 22 June 2006.

BBC Radio 4, discussion with Susan Greenfield and Sarah Bakewell about Von Hagen’s public autopsy, broadcast 24 November 2002.

BBC Radio 4, participation in panel discussion on ‘Science and Magic,’ broadcast 23 August 2001.

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS:

American Association for the History of Medicine
 American Association of University Professors
 American Historical Association
 British Society for the History of Science
 European Association for the History of Medicine and Health
 History of Science Society
 Renaissance Society of America
 Society for the History of Natural History
 Society for the Social History of Medicine