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## **EMPLOYMENT**

### **Assistant Professor**

American Studies and Women Studies  
University of New Mexico  
2007 - Present

### **Visiting Assistant Professor**

Gender and Women's Studies Program  
Oberlin College  
2006-2007

## **EDUCATION**

Ph.D in Feminist Studies, Minor in History, University of Minnesota, 2006  
M.A. in Humanities and Social Thought, New York University, 1999  
B.A. in History, University of California at Santa Cruz, 1992 (Honors)

## **AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

- Intersections of queer, critical race, postcolonial and feminist theories
- Cultural, legal and historical constructions of citizenship in U.S. empire
- Feminist theories of identity, knowledge production, and social justice
- Postcolonial queer studies
- Critical legal studies; critical race, queer, postcolonial and feminist jurisprudence
- Feminist, poststructuralist and postcolonial historiography

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Amy L. Brandzel and Jigna Desai, "Race, Violence, and Terror: The Cultural Defensibility of Heteromale Citizenship in the Virginia Tech Massacre and the Don Imus Affair," *Journal of Asian American Studies* Spring 2008.

Amy L. Brandzel and Jigna Desai, "Review: Gayatri Gopinath's 'Impossible Desires: Queer Diasporas and South Asian Public Cultures'" *Journal of the History of Sexuality* 17.1 (2008): 145-150.

Amy L. Brandzel, "Queering Citizenship? Same-Sex Marriage and the State," *GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies* 11.2 (2005) 171-204.

**PUBLICATIONS: ACCEPTED OR IN PROCESS**

Amy L. Brandzel, *Against Citizenship: Queer Intersections and the Violence of the Normative*, In preparation.

Amy L. Brandzel, "Haunted by Citizenship: Whitenormative Citizen-Subjects and the Uses of History in Women's Studies," *Feminist Studies*; Accepted for Publication: December, 2007, probable date of publication Spring 2011.

Amy L. Brandzel and Jigna Desai, "Orientalism Without Asians? Asian American Racialization in the Age of Colorblindness" in *Asian Americans in the New South*; Accepted for Publication: December, 2008, probable date of publication Spring 2011.

Amy L. Brandzel and Jara Carrington, Review of *Homo Phobias: Lust and Loathing across Time and Space*, David A.B. Murray, ed. (Durham: Duke University Press, 2010); Forthcoming, *Journal of Anthropological Research*

Amy L. Brandzel and Jigna Desai, "Transnational America in Blacksburg, Virginia: Asian America and 9/11"

Amy L. Brandzel, "Success = Demise: Intersectionality in Feminist Studies"

Amy L. Brandzel, "The Gender Trouble of Breast Cancer"

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

Presenter and Organizer, "The Question Mark Kid: Queering the Violence of Asian American Citizenship," Disorienting Desire: Transnational Queer Readings of Post 9/11 Asian America, Critical Ethnic Studies Conference, Riverside, March 2011

Presenter and Organizer, "Circuitous Routes: Disciplining the Gender Trouble of Breast Cancer," *Making Live and Letting Die: Managing Risk, Securing Boundaries, and the Politics of Health Crises*, American Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, November 2010

Presenter and Roundtable Organizer, "Against Citizenship," American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., November 2009

Presenter, "Women's Studies and the 'Origins' of Institutionalality: Engaging Difficulty, Critiquing Foundationalism," National Women's Studies Conference, Atlanta, November 2009

Presenter and Panel Organizer, "Monstrous Women: The Violence of 'Partial Birth Abortion' and the Transgressions of Citizenship," *Feminist Subjects in 'America': Violence, Recognition, and Citizenship*, American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, October 2008

Presenter and Panel Organizer, "Monstrous Women: The Violence of 'Partial Birth Abortion' and the Transgressions of Citizenship," Cultural Studies Association Conference, New York, May 22-24, 2008

Presenter and Panel Organizer, "Intersectionalities and Appropriations in Feminist Studies: Boundary Crossings in Introductory Courses," National Women's Studies Conference, Chicago, June 2007

Presenter and Panel Organizer, "Solutions Offered All Too Quickly: Managing Difference and the Logics of Inclusion in the Intellectual History of Feminism," National Women's Studies Conference, Orlando, June 2005.

Presenter, "Legal Detours in U.S. Empire: Colonizing Race in Law, History and Hawaii," National Communication Association Conference, Chicago, November 11, 2004.

Presenter and Roundtable Organizer, "Serving Difference Up on a Platter: Borders, Barriers and Intersections in the Academic Marketplace," National Women's Studies Association Annual Conference, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, June 2004

Presenter and Panel Organizer, "What's 'Women' Got To Do With It? Knowledge and Power as Objects of Feminist Studies," National Women's Studies Association Annual Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada, June 2002

Presenter, "Queering Citizenship: Same-Sex Marriage and the State," Gendered Politics in a Comparative World Perspective: Impossible Citizens, Unlikely Alliances, Unconventional Politics, University of Minnesota, May 2002

Presenter, "Authorizing the Self/Disciplining the Feminist: The Tensions of Being a Women's Studies PhD," National Women's Studies Association Annual Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota, June 2001

#### **INVITED LECTURES**

"Sexuality and the Law," Oberlin College, GLBTQI Students' Organization, December 5, 2006.

"Colonizing Race in Law, History and Hawaii: A Queer Critique," University of California at San Diego, Ethnic Studies Department, March 1, 2006.

"It's natural to romanticize the history of marriage': Queering the History of Racialized Rights in Same-Sex Marriage Law," Macalester College, Women's and Gender Studies Department, April 12, 2005.

"It's natural to romanticize the history of marriage': Queering the History of Racialized Rights in Same-Sex Marriage Law," Indiana University, Gender Studies Department, January 18, 2005.

"It's natural to romanticize the history of marriage': Queering the History of Racialized Rights in Same-Sex Marriage Law," University of Washington, Women's Studies Department, January 6, 2005.

"Queer Theory and Feminist Theory: Intersections, Collisions, and Border Wars," Engendering Politics Workshop, University of Minnesota, March 2002

"Queering Citizenship: Same-Sex Marriage and the State," Center for Advanced Feminist Studies Talk Back Series, University of Minnesota, November 2001

### **CONFERENCE ORGANIZING**

Conference Co-Organizer, Show and Tell: Private Transgressions in Public Discourse  
Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference  
New York University, March 1999

### **RESEARCH FUNDING**

"Refugee in 'America': Gendered Scripts and Colonial Feminism in U.S. Refugee Law"  
Amy L. Brandzel  
University of New Mexico Feminist Research Institute Faculty Research Grant  
Summer, 2008; \$800

University of Minnesota, Center for Advanced Feminist Studies Travel Grant  
Spring, 2001; \$1000

### **COMMUNITY ACTIVISM AND PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP**

Amy L. Brandzel, "Life and Death of a Statistic," Breast Cancer Survivor Panel, Nancy Floyd Haworth  
Foundation, April 24, 2010

Interview, "Ask the Expert" on Women's History Month, *Albuquerque The Magazine* (March 2010): 26.

### **TEACHING INTERESTS**

- Introductory Women's Studies, Sexuality Studies, and GLBT Studies
- Feminist, Queer and Critical Race Theories and Methodologies
- Postcolonial American Studies; Race and Empire in the U.S
- Transnational and Critical Race Feminisms
- Postcolonial Queer and Feminist Studies
- Legal Studies; Feminist, Critical Race, Postcolonial and Queer Jurisprudence; Human Rights
- Citizenship Studies; Feminist, Critical Race, Postcolonial and Queer Theories of Citizenship
- Feminist Historiography and Poststructuralist Theories of History

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

*University of New Mexico:*  
Feminist Methodologies Graduate Seminar  
Postcolonial Queer Studies Graduate Seminar  
American Studies Senior Seminar  
Feminist Theories Graduate Seminar  
Sex, Race and Citizenship Graduate Seminar  
Introduction to Feminist Theories  
Sexuality and Culture  
Postcolonial Queer Studies, mixed level  
Sex, Race and Citizenship, mixed level

Introduction to Gender Studies  
Lesbian Culture and Politics

*Oberlin College:*

Sex, Race and Citizenship; Gender and Women's Studies  
Feminist Theories; Gender and Women's Studies  
Critical Intersectional Legal Theories  
Introduction to Gender and Women's Studies

*University of Minnesota:*

Feminist Thought and Theory; Women's Studies  
International Lesbian and Queer Studies  
Sex and Citizenship, Women's Studies  
Women's Studies Senior Seminar  
Women and Law  
The History of Western Feminism  
International Lesbian and Queer Studies  
The History of Western Feminism  
International Lesbian and Queer Studies  
Politics of Sex (co-instructor)  
Feminist Thought and Theory (co-instructor)

**RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE**

*Legal History Research Assistant*

University of Minnesota, History Department, Summer 2003

Legal history research for Professor Barbara Y. Welke. Responsibilities included reviewing and summarizing nineteenth and twentieth century product liability cases, paying close attention to the construction of race, class, gender, and sexuality in the development of consumption, consumer rights, and corporate power.

*Feminist Studies Research Assistant*

University of Minnesota, Women's Studies Dept., Summer 2000

Review and assessment of graduate core curriculum, particularly the Feminist Theory and Methods seminars. Coordinated and interviewed graduate faculty and students in regards to needs and proposals for course content. Collected, organized and assessed reading lists on numerous bodies of feminist theorizing and methodologies and list of recommendations for graduate seminars.

**REFERENCES**

Available upon request.