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## EDUCATION

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### **2018–present      University of Queensland**

Doctor of Philosophy, History

Title: False Conception, Mola and Generation in European Medicine and Society, 1600-1800

Advisors: Elizabeth Stephens, Karin Sellberg & Lisa Featherstone

### **2011–2018      University of Queensland**

Bachelor of Arts (Honors in History, Class I completed 2016)

Bachelor of Laws (Honors Class I)

## PUBLICATIONS

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### **Journal Articles**

- 2021      “Miscarriage, False Conceptions, and Other Lumps: Women’s Pregnancy Loss in Seventeenth- and Eighteenth-Century England”, *Social History of Medicine*, 34, no.4 (2021): 1138-1160. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1093/shm/hkab086>.
- 2021      “Wind eggs and false conceptions: thinking with formless births in seventeenth-century European natural philosophy” *Intellectual History Review*, doi: 10.1080/17496977.2021.1896807.
- 2020      “Before Onanism: Women’s Masturbation in Seventeenth-Century England” *Journal of the History of Sexuality*, vol.29, no.2, 187-221.

- 2020 Elizabeth Stephens, Karin Sellberg and Paige Donaghy, "Precarious Futures: Cultural Studies in Pandemic Times" *Continuum: Journal of Media & Cultural Studies*, 34, no.1, 807-815.

### **Book Chapters**

- 2018 Paige Donaghy and Karin Sellberg, "Feminist Historiography" in *Macmillan Interdisciplinary Handbooks: Gender: Time*, edited by Karin Sellberg, 67-84. USA, Macmillan.

### **Book Reviews**

- 2022 "The Shape of Sex: Nonbinary Gender from Genesis to the Renaissance [Book Review]" *Parergon* (forthcoming).
- 2020 "Female Genital Cosmetic Surgery: Deviance, Desire and the Pursuit of Perfection [Book Review]" *Lilith: A Feminist History Journal* 26, 247-251.
- 2020 "The Unruly Womb in Early Modern English Drama: Plotting Women's Biology on the Stage [Book Review]" *Parergon* 37, no.1, 280-281.
- 2019 "Lost: Miscarriage in Nineteenth-Century America [Book Review]" *Australian Feminist Studies* 33, 563-564.
- 2019 Peter Cryle, Paige Donaghy, Elizabeth Stephens and Jennifer Clement, "Book Review Forum: Disciplinary Perspectives on 'Thinking with Sex'" *Australian Feminist Studies* 32, 120-127.
- 2019 "Pious Postmortems: Anatomy, Sanctity and The Catholic Church In Early Modern Europe [Book Review]" *Parergon*, Vol. 36, no.2, 200-202.

### **Publications under review**

- 2021 "Generation, Embryology and Knowing Women's Bodies: The Problem of the Placenta in European Anatomy, 1560-1700". Under review in *Isis: A Journal of the History of Science Society*

### Non-peer reviewed publications

- 2020 “Life Without Form” *Sugarcane Magazine* (online magazine)
- 2019 “Lascivious virgins and lustful itches: women’s masturbation in early England” *The Conversation* (online)
- 2018 “The Non-History of Other Births: Molar Pregnancy and Early Modern False Conceptions” *Australian Women’s History Network* (online blog)
- 2017 “Rethinking Early Modern Women’s Masturbation” *Notches: Remarks on the History of Sexuality* (online blog)

### SELECTED AWARDS, GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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- 2022 Patricia Crawford Postgraduate Publication Prize, Australian and New Zealand Association for Medieval and Early Modern Studies,
- 2021 HASS Faculty Tutor Award for Excellence in Teaching
- 2020 Berlin Residency Award, University of Queensland
- 2020 Runner-up Essay for the 2019 Charles Schmitt Prize, International Society for Intellectual History
- 2019 Fellowship at the 16th Ischia Summer School on the History of the Life Sciences, Ischia, Italy
- 2018 University Medal
- 2016 Devahuti Prize in History, for best Honors thesis
- Paul Crook Honors Thesis Prize, for best Honors thesis
- Joan Allsop Prize, for best Honors coursework results

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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#### University of Queensland, School of Historical and Philosophical Inquiry

#### Course Convenor/Lecturer

- 2021 Witchcraft & Demonology in Early Modern Europe & Its Colonies

1 semester, 80 students

Dual mode: online video/Zoom and face-to-face teaching

5/5 rating in student evaluations for tutorials and overall course

### **Guest Lecturer**

2021 History of the Supernatural

1 lecture, 1 semester

2017-2019 History of Medicine, Science and the Body

1 lecture in 3 different semesters

### **Tutor and Marker**

2019-2021 Medieval and Early Modern World

3 semesters

2020 The History Makers

1 semester

2020 Political Thought: Machiavelli to Modernity

1 semester

### **University of Queensland, School of Human Movement and Nutrition Science**

#### **Guest Lecturer, Tutor and Marker**

2020 History of Olympics and Paralympics

1 semester

### **16th International Ischia Summer School on the History of the Life Sciences**

2019 “Death and the surgeon: Treating, dissecting, collecting bodily parts”

1 co-taught seminar in week-long program

## CONFERENCES AND INVITED TALKS

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### Conference Papers (Invited Speaker)

- 2021 “The Placenta in Early Modern European Anatomy” Invited speaker, *Intellectual History Workshop*, University of Queensland.
- 2020 “The Power of Dreams in Early Modern Europe” Invited speaker for *In Your Abstract Dreams Symposium*, University of Queensland.
- 2019 “‘It hath no humane figure’: The Life or Souls of False Conceptions in Seventeenth-Century European Medicine”, Invited speaker for *Ensoulement: The Soul and the Human Foetus in Historical Perspective*, workshop at the Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities.

### Conference Papers

- 2021 “Innovating the Historiography of Reproduction: The Importance of “Other” Perspectives and Experiences”, *Australian and New Zealand Society for the History of Medicine*.
- 2021 ““There are two kinds of conceptions”: False conceptions and the incertitude of pregnancy in early modern Europe”, *Australian Historical Association Conference*.
- 2021 “Women’s pregnancy loss in early modern England: a case study in the history of (non)reproduction”, *Perceptions of Pregnancy 2021 Workshop*, Perceptions of Pregnancy Researcher’s Network.
- 2021 “Toward a theory of non-re-production: examples from the early modern ‘false conception’ and contemporary ‘molar pregnancy’”. Paper presented on my behalf due to sickness at *Critical Conversations On Reproductive Health/Care: Past, Present, And Future*, John Hopkins University.
- 2020 “My Mother Told Me It Was an Abortion”: Tracing Women’s Experiences and Perceptions of Pregnancy Loss in Early Modern England”, *Female Experience in Early Modern England Conference*, The University of Auckland.

- 2019 “Before Onanism: Women’s Masturbation in Seventeenth-Century England”, *International Society for Intellectual History 2019 Conference*, University of Queensland.
- 2019 “It hath neither the species nor the form of a creature”: Early Modern Mola Births and Classifying the ‘Human’, *12th Biennial Conference of the Australian & New Zealand Association for Medieval and Early Modern Studies*, University of Sydney.
- 2018 “Flesh, Fertility and Figurations of the Human in Early Modern ‘Science’”, *Quite Frankly: It’s a Monster Conference*, University of Western Australia.
- 2017 “Rethinking the History of Early Modern Women’s Masturbation”, *University of Sydney Postgraduate Conference*, University of Sydney.
- 2017 “In Widows and Virgins, the more Salacious or Lustful’: The Mola and Unmarried Women”, *11th Biennial Conference of the Australian & New Zealand Association for Medieval and Early Modern Studies*, Victoria University of Wellington.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- 2020-2022 Research Assistant  
Supervisor: Associate Professor Lisa Featherstone.  
Research related to preparation of monograph *Sexual Violence in Australia, 1970s-1980s: Rape and Child Sexual Abuse* (forthcoming).
- 2019–2020 Research Assistant  
Supervisor: Associate Professor Elizabeth Stephens.  
Research to Australian Research Council Future Fellowship Project: “Between the Arts & Sciences”
- 2018–2019 Research Assistant  
Supervisor: Associate Professor Ian Hesketh.

Research related to Australian Research Council Future Fellowship  
Project: “The Place of History in Science: Reassessing the Darwinian  
Revolution”.

2017–2018      Research Assistant

Supervisor: Dr Jason Chin.

Research related to project investigating how forensic scientific evidence  
(bitemark evidence) is used in Australian criminal cases

Research appears in: Jason Chin and D’Arcy White, “Forensic Bitemark  
Evidence in Canada” *UBC Law Review* 51 (2019).

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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2021            Gender Studies Masterclass, University of Queensland

Instructors: Dr Rebecca Olive and Dr Karin Sellberg

2021            New Work in Intellectual History Project Development Workshop:  
International Society for Intellectual History

Organiser: Dr Shiru Lim

2021            Tutor and Marking Training, University of Queensland

Training in new approaches to online teaching

Instructors: Dr Cassandra Byrnes and Ms. Tyla Cascaes

2020            Feedback and Assessment Network: Change Academy

Student and staff collaborative workshop on latest pedagogical research  
into assessment and feedback methods to redesign assessment for  
“History of Olympics and Paralympics”

Instructor: Dr Eimear Enright

2019            16th Ischia Summer School on the History of the Life Sciences

International summer school on recent research in histories of “Life and Death” in medicine, science and technology

Organisers: Janet Browne, Christiane Groeben, Nick Hopwood and Staffan Müller-Wille

2019 Postgraduate Training Seminar: “Doing Digital Humanities: From Project Planning to Digital Delivery”, Australian and New Zealand Association for Medieval and Early Modern Studies

Organiser: Dr Louise D’Arcens.

2017 Workshop: The Uses of the History of Science: 1750-2017, University of Queensland

Workshop on recent methods and approaches in the history of science

Instructor: Professor Lorraine Daston

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND SERVICE EXPERIENCE

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2021–2022 Postgraduate Representative

*Parergon* Journal Early Career Committee

Scimago Journal Rankings Working Group

2020–2021 Postgraduate Representative

Cultural Studies of Australasia Association Executive Committee

2018–2020 *Lilith: A Feminist History Journal* Editorial Member and Book Reviews Editor

2019–2020 Postgraduate Work-In-Progress (WIP) Session Coordinator, Institute for Advanced Studies in Humanities



- 2019      Conference Manager  
Cultural Studies Association of Australasia Conference, University of Queensland
- 2019      Manager and Convenor  
Postgraduate and Early Career Researcher Training Day at the Cultural Studies Association of Australasia Conference, University of Queensland
- 2019      Conference Team  
International Society for Intellectual History 2019 Conference, University of Queensland.
- 2016–2019      Co-Convenor: IASH and School of History Public Documentary Series

## **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

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- 2020      Interview for University of Queensland's *Contact Magazine*  
["Building a bridge from Brisbane to Berlin"](#) by Zoe McDonald
- 2019      The Conversation  
Article: "Lascivious virgins and lustful itches: women's masturbation in early England" [The Conversation](#) (March 2019)  
Readership: over 17,000 worldwide, 763 shares on Facebook
- 2019      Radio Interview – Eastside Radio 89.7FM, Sydney  
Friday 12th April 2019  
Interview about *The Conversation* article "Lascivious virgins and lustful itches: women's masturbation in early England" for Friday Drive radio program and podcast series.

## **RESEARCH NETWORK AND SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS**

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2021-2022	Australian and New Zealand Society of the History of Medicine
2021-2022	Australasian Health and Medical Humanities Network
2020–2022	Australian Historical Association
2020–2022	Perceptions of Pregnancy Research Network
2018–2022	Australian Women’s History Network
2019–2022	Society for the Social History of Medicine
2019–2022	Cultural Studies of Australasia Association
2016–2022	Australian and New Zealand Association for Medieval and Early Modern Studies

## **VOLUNTEER AND COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE**

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2021–2022	Refugee Family English Tutoring – St Vincent de Paul Society, Brisbane, Australia
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