

Curriculum Vitae of Marissa Helene Petrou

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Education

University of California at Los Angeles

Ph.D. in History, 2016

M.A. in History, 2009

Concentrations: history of science; European cultural and intellectual history; visual studies

Academic Positions Held

University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Thelma and Jamie Guilbeau/BORSF Endowed Professor of History Instruction IV 2019 -

University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Director, Guilbeau Center for Public History 2019 -

University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Director of Public History 2019 -

University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Assistant Professor of History 2018 -

University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Co-Director, Guilbeau Center for Public History 2018 -

NYU, Assistant Professor/Faculty Fellow, Program in Museum Studies 2016-2018

Publications

“Including Land Acknowledgements at Academic Meetings,” Co-Authored with Rosanna Dent, Elaine LaFay, Felicia Garcia (Chumash), and Khyati Nagar, *History of Anthropology Newsletter*, <http://histanthro.org>, forthcoming.

Guilbeau Center for Public History. [website]. Co-authored with Julia Fontenot and Summer Abu-khomra. 2019. www.guilbeaucenter.com

History Lost? Saving Louisiana's Archival Heritage Workshop Report and Recommendations for Future Actions. Co-Authored with Liz Skilton, Ian Beamish, and Julia Fontenot/Summer Abu-khomra. *Louisiana History*. Volume LX, Issue 4. 2018.

“Land Acknowledgements at HSS 2018,” History of Science Society Annual Meeting 2018 Program. Co-Authored with Rosanna Dent, Elaine LaFay, Felicia Garcia (Chumash), and Khyati Nagar. 2018. <https://hss2018.hssonline.org/en/80-land-acknowledgment>

“Apes, Skulls and Drums: Using Images to Make Ethnographic Knowledge in Imperial Germany,” *British Journal for the History of Science* 51 (2018): 69-98.

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“Picturing Labor: Gender and German Anthropology in the Philippines,” in *Transcultural Encounters between Germany and Asia from a Gender Perspective*, eds. Joanne Miyang Cho and Douglas T. McGetchin, (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2017), 85-108.

Skeletons and Silicon: The Art and Science of the Human Body. Exhibition brochure, with Twyla Ruby, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, California, June 2013.

Rev. of *Museums and Exhibitions as Materialisation of Knowledge Orders*, Conference at the University of Cologne Center for Advanced Studies Morphomata April 13-15, 2011. *Arbeitsgemeinschaft historischer Forschungseinrichtungen in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland e.V.* Nov. 2011.

Fellowships and Awards

German Historical Institute – German Studies Association Travel Grant	2014
NSF – History of Science Society Travel Grant	2013
Chancellor's Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA	2013- 2014
Dissertation Fellowship, Center for European and Eurasian Studies, UCLA	2012
Department of History Travel Grant, UCLA	2012, 2008
Predocutorial Research Fellow, Max Planck Institute for History of Science, Germany	2010
Consortium Scholar Seminar, Getty Research Institute, Los Angeles	2010
Charles Donald O'Malley Short Term Research Fellowship, UCLA	2009
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, Honorable Mention, Chancellor's Prize, UCLA	2008
Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst Graduate Scholarship	2007-2012
	2005-2006

Selected Presentations and Invited Talks

Silent Histories Teach-in, University of Louisiana at Lafayette Native American History in Museums (or the lack thereof)	Sept. 2018
History of Science Society Conference Headhunting, Bestiality and Extinction: German Anthropology and the Fight for Philippine Independence (1870-1904)	Nov. 2017
German Studies Association Conference Recording History: Asia-Pacific, Darwinism and the Human Sciences in Imperial Germany	Oct. 2017
Western Association of Women Historians Bringing the Field into the Museum: Reforming the Anthropological Sciences in Imperial Germany	April 2017
German Studies Association Conference Picturing Labor: Gender and German Anthropology in the Philippines	Oct. 2015
History of Science Society Conference Recycling Skulls, Reducing Exoticism: Drawing the Line Between Physical and Cultural Anthropology in Imperial Germany	Nov. 2013
German Studies Association Conference Family Portraits and Measuring Sticks: German Visual Anthropology in Support of Filipino Nationalism	Oct. 2013
Society for the History of Technology Conference Reduction and Reproduction: Anthropological Imaging Techniques in the <i>Kaiserreich</i>	Oct. 2013
International Congress of History of Science, Technology and Medicine	July 2013

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Crossing Oceans and Flattening Objects: Ethnography of Oceania in Imperial Germany

Exhibitions/Curatorial Work

Contested: Historic Sites and National Identity	2021
Exhibited at: Bobst Library, NYU	
Blood, Skin, and Genitals: Dissecting Social Biases in Medicine, 1700-Present	2016
Exhibited at: History and Special Collections for the Sciences, Louise M. Darling Biomedical Library, UCLA	
Body Language: Race and Sex in the History of Science	2015
Exhibited at: History and Special Collections for the Sciences, Louise M. Darling Biomedical Library, UCLA; UCLA Powell Library.	
Skeletons and Silicon: The Art and Science of the Human Body	2013
Exhibited at: UCLA Grunwald Center for the Graphic Arts at the Hammer Museum (in collaboration with Twyla Ruby)	
Labs on the Go: Scientific Tools for Collecting Empire	2013
Public Science: Peepshows, Caskets, and Microscopes	2012
Both exhibited at: UCLA Charles E. Young Research Library, Department of Special Collections; UCLA Louise M. Darling Biomedical Library, History and Special Collections for the Sciences; UCLA Powell Library. Supported by funds from the Southern California Colloquium for the History of Science, Technology and Medicine, and the Barbara and Leon Rootenberg Fund.	

Teaching Experience

University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Race, Gender, and Sexuality in the History of Medicine	Spring 2020
Museum Exhibitions	Spring 2020
Oral History of Folk Medicine	Fall 2019
Historic Sites and the Politics of Preservation	Spring 2019
History of World Civilizations to 1600	F2019, S2019, F2018
Heritage and Memory in History Museums	Fall 2018

NYU Program in Museum Studies

History and Theory of Museums	Fall 2017 and 2016
Research Seminar for MA Thesis	Fall 2017 and 2016
Historic Sites, Cultural Landscapes, the Politics of Preservation	Spring 2018 and 2017

UCLA Department of History

Body Language: Race and Sex in the History of Science	Spring 2015 and 2016
Labs on the Go: Scientific Tools for Collecting Empire, 1600 – Present	2013

Service and Academic Leadership Positions

Member, Student Project and Graduate Student Travel Award Committee,	2019-
National Council for Public History (NCPH)	
Member, Committee on Meetings and Programs, History of Science Society (HSS)	2019 -
Member, Diversity and Inclusion Committee (HSS)	
Local Organizer, HSS - SHOT 2020 Annual Meeting	2018 -
Member, Board of Directors, Vermilionville Living History Museum Foundation Inc.	2018 -
Member, Curatorial Committee, Vermilionville Living History Museum	2018 -

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Co-organizer, Archives-in-Crisis Workshop Series, University of Louisiana at Lafayette	2018 -
Co-Chair, Committee for Land Acknowledgment, History of Science Society	2017-
Book proposal reviewer, Oxford University Press	2017
Panel Co-organizer, German Studies Association	2017
Between Asia and Germany: The Circulation of Science and Technology in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries	
Panel Co-organizer, History of Science Society Conference	2014
Cultures of Work in the Human and Field Sciences	
Panel Co-organizer, History of Science Society Conference	2013
Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: Histories of Epistemic Practice in the Human and Life Sciences	
Panel Co-organizer, German Studies Association Conference	2013
Asian German Studies: Global Approaches to German History in the Long Nineteenth Century	
Co-organizer, "Why History Matters Panel: Climate Change," UCLA History Department	2013
Organizer, Symposium of Undergraduates and Scholars,	2012
UCLA GE Cluster, Public Science: Peepshows, Caskets and Microscopes,	
Co-Organizer, History of Science Colloquium, UCLA History Department,	2008-2009
Co-Organizer, Southern California History of Science Colloquium,	2008-2009
UCLA History Department	

Departmental Service Activities

Chair of Public History Committee, Dept. of Hist., Geo. & Phil., UL Lafayette	2019 –
Chair of Public History MA theses, Dept. of Hist., Geo. & Phil., UL Lafayette	2019-
Chair of Public History MA exams, Dept. of Hist., Geo. & Phil., UL Lafayette	2018 -
Internship Coordinator, Dept. of Hist., Geo. & Phil., UL Lafayette,	2018 -
Cluster Hire Working Group, Dept. of Hist., Geo. & Phil., UL Lafayette	2018 -
Member, Graduate Faculty, UL Lafayette	
Awards Committee, Program in Museum Studies, NYU,	2017 - 2018
Admissions Committee, Program in Museum Studies, NYU,	2016 - 2018
Research Travel Grant Committee, Chair, Program in Museum Studies, NYU,	2016 - 2018
Organizer, Symposium for Graduate Students in Museum Studies, NYU	2016 - 2018

Languages

English, first language; German, advanced in reading, writing, and speaking; French, competency in reading.

General Research Interests

Nineteenth and twentieth century social sciences; modern Europe cultural and intellectual history; German Empire; museum studies; history of collections and display; visual and material culture of science; transnational history; history of race and ethnicity.

Academic Society Memberships

American Alliance of Museums
American Historical Association
College Art Association
German Studies Association, member of the Women's Caucus and Asian-German Studies
History of Science Society, member of: Committee on Meetings and Programs, ex officio;

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Women's Caucus; Forum for History of Science in Asia; and Committee for Land
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Social Studies of Science and Society
Western Association of Women Historians