

Brian Connolly

Employment

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| Associate Professor of History, University of South Florida Chair, Department of History | 2014 - present 2019—present |
| Member, School of Social Science, Institute for Advanced Study | 2015-2016 |
| Assistant Professor of History, University of South Florida | 2008 - 2014 |
| Barra Postdoctoral Fellow, McNeil Center for Early American Studies, University of Pennsylvania | 2008 - 2010 |
| Visiting Assistant Professor of History, Philadelphia University | 2006 - 2008 |

Education

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| Ph.D., History, Rutgers University | 2007 |
| B.A., History, Rutgers University | 1998 |

Publications

Books

Situation Critical!: Critique, Theory, and Early American Studies (forthcoming, Duke University Press)

Sovereignty and Sexual Difference in the Nineteenth-Century United States (under contract, University of Pennsylvania Press)

Domestic Intimacies: Incest and the Liberal Subject in Nineteenth-Century America (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, Spring 2014)

Journal

Founding Co-editor, *History of the Present : A Journal of Critical History*, University of Illinois Press (First Issue, Summer 2011)

* Award: Best New Journal, Council of Editors of Learned Journals, 2013 *

Edited Volumes

“Psychoanalysis and History,” *History of the Present*, special issue co-edited with Joan Wallach Scott (Institute for Advanced Study), April 2022.

“Kinship and Race in Early America,” *Early American Studies*, special issue co-edited with Dawn Peterson (Emory University), Fall 2016.

“Slavery and the Archive,” *History of the Present*, special issue co-edited with Marisa Fuentes (Rutgers University), Fall 2016.

Articles

“Psychoanalysis,” *Routledge Companion to Historical Theory*, ed. C.M. van den Akker (Routledge, 2021): 179-196.

“History, Irony, Identity,” *Feminist Theory* 21.3 (2020): 305-315.

“The Subterranean Life of Repression,” *History of the Present: A Journal of Critical History* 9.2 (Fall 2019): 203-212.

“Revisiting Psychoanalytic History,” *Reviews in American History* 47.3 (September 2019): 385-392.

“‘Hindoo Marriage’ and National Sovereignty in the Early Nineteenth Century,” *Warring for America, 1803-1818* eds. Nicole Eustace, Rob Parkinson, and Fredrika Teute (Chapel Hill: Omohundro Institute for Early American History and Culture and University of North Carolina Press, 2017).

with Marisa Fuentes, “From Archives of Slavery to Liberated Futures?,” *History of the Present: A Journal of Critical History* 6.2 (Fall 2016): 105-116.

with Dawn Peterson, “Introduction: Race and Kinship in the Early Americas,” *Early American Studies* (Fall 2016): 617-625.

“The Curse of Canaan; or, A Fantasy of Origins in Nineteenth-Century America,” *Connexions: Histories of Race and Sex in North America*, eds. Jennifer Brier, Jim Downs, and Jennifer Morgan (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2016).

“Against Accumulation,” *J19: The Journal of Nineteenth-Century Americanists* (Spring 2014): 72-79.

“Liberalism’s Incestuous Subject: Private and Public Sex in the Nineteenth-Century United States,” *History of the Present: A Journal of Critical History* (Summer 2011): 31-58.

“Intimate Atlantics: Toward a Critical History of Transnational Early America,” *Common-place* 11.2 (January 2011)

“the family become a school of abominable impurity’: Incest and Theology in the Early Republic’ *Journal of the Early Republic* (Fall 2010): 413-442.

In Progress

“The Nuclear Family in the Age of Planetary Catastrophe,” (in progress)

“Sovereignty, Marronage, and the Biopolitics of Kinship” (in progress)

Short Publications

“A Comet is not a Metaphor,” *Avidly* (January 26, 2022)

“Love as Exhaustion,” *Hyped on Melancholy*, 1.1 (June 28, 2019).

“Geopolitics of the ‘Shithole’,” *The Immanent Frame* (March 29, 2018).

“Being the One in the Age of the Phallus: On DJ Khaled’s ‘I’m the One’,” *Avidly* (November 17, 2017).

“Living and Dying with Trump’s Sovereignty; or, On Withdrawal from Climate Change,” *Los Angeles Review of Books* (June 4, 2017).

- “Multiplatforming Applicationality,” *Avidly* (October 25, 2017).
- “Parapraxis at the Academy Awards!,” *Avidly* (March 1, 2017).
- “Our Sovereign Father, Donald Trump,” *Los Angeles Review of Books* (April 5, 2016).
- with Lara Langer Cohen, “Theses on Hating/Hating Mixtape,” *Avidly* (June 16-17, 2015).
- “Incest’s History,” *Los Angeles Review of Books* (February 11, 2015).
- “Don’t Capitulate. Advocate,” *Inside Higher Ed* (June 24, 2014).
(A response to the MLA Report on Graduate Education, co-authored with nine other humanities scholars.)
- “Comment on John Borneman, Incest, the Child, and the Despotic Father” *Current Anthropology* (April, 2012): 195-196.
- “Incest,” in *Encyclopedia of Women in World History*, ed. Bonnie G. Smith (New York: Oxford University Press, 2008).
- Review of Paul Downes, *Hobbes, Sovereignty, and Early American Literature*, *Prose Studies* 39.1 (2017): 70-81.
- Review of M. Michelle Jarrett Morris, *Under Household Government: Sex and Family in Puritan Massachusetts* and Kelly A. Ryan, *Regulating Passion: Sexuality and Patriarchal Rule in Massachusetts, 1700-1830*, *William and Mary Quarterly* (July 2015): 526-531.
- Review of Heather Miyano Kopelson, *Faithful Bodies: Performing Religion and Race in the Puritan Atlantic*, *Journal of American History* (July 2015), 227-228.
- Review of Kathleen M. Brown, *Foul Bodies: A History of Cleanliness in Early America*; Doron Ben-Atar and Richard D. Brown, *Taming Lust: Crimes Against Nature in the Early Republic*; Elaine Forman Crane, *Witches, Wife Beaters and Whores: Common Law and Common Folk in Early America* (forthcoming, *Massachusetts Historical Review*).
- Review of Christine Talbot, *A Foreign Kingdom: Mormons and Polygamy in American Political Culture, 1852-1890*, *H-SHGAPPE* (September 2014).
- Review of Lynn Sacco, *Unspeakable: Father Daughter Incest in American History*, *Journal of American History* (December 2011): 848-849.
- Review of Daniel Noah Moses, *The Promise of Progress: The Life and Work of Lewis Henry Morgan and David Andrew Nichols*, *Red Gentleman and White savages: Indians, Federalists, and the Search for Order on the American Frontier*, *Journal of the Early Republic* (Winter 2010): 669-674.
- Review of J.M. Opal, *Beyond the Farm: National Ambitions in Rural New England*, *Journal of the Early Republic* (Spring 2009): 171-174.

Honors, Awards, Grants

Summer Grant, Humanities Institute, University of South Florida, 2017

Outstanding Faculty Award, University of South Florida, 2016

Member, School of Social Science, Institute for Advanced Study, 2015-2016

Summer Grant, Humanities Institute, University of South Florida, 2013

Best New Journal, Council of Editors of Learned Journals, 2012

Creative Scholarship Grant, University of South Florida, 2011

Barra Postdoctoral Fellow, McNeill Center for Early American Studies, University of Pennsylvania, 2008-2010

Conferences and Panels

Conference Organized

“Situation Critical!: Critique, Theory, and Early American Studies,” with Max Cavitch (University of Pennsylvania), McNeil Center for Early American Studies, March 31-April 2, 2016.

Panels Organized

“Diversity, Inclusion, Critique: A Roundtable on the States and Futures of the Field,” Society for the History of the Early American Republic, Raleigh, NC, July 14-18, 2015

“Sex in Common,” C19: Society of Nineteenth-Century Americanists, Chapel Hill, NC, March 13-16, 2014

“Kinship, Democracy, Modernity,” American Historical Association, New Orleans, LA, January 3-6, 2013

“Rethinking the History of Sexuality in the Early Republic,” Organization of Early American Historians Annual Meeting, Houston, TX March 17-20, 2011

Conference Presentations

“Into the Archive: American Historians and the ‘Archival Turn’,” Organization of American Historians Philadelphia, PA, April 4-7, 2019

“Moored to Death: Reconsidering the Death Drive in End Times,” Association for the Study of the Arts of the Present, New Orleans, LA, October 17-20, 2018

“Sovereignty and Utopia: International Law and Marriage in the Nineteenth-Century United States,” American Studies Association, Chicago, IL, November 9-12, 2017

“The Intimate Paradoxes of National Sovereignty,” C19: Society of Nineteenth-Century Americanists, Pennsylvania State University, March 17-20, 2016

“The Intimacy of Sovereignty,” Organization of American Historians, Providence, RI, April 7-10, 2016

- “Terrains of Sovereignty: Transnational, Intimate,” American Historical Association, Atlanta, GA
January 7-10, 2016
- “Sovereignty at the Conjunction of Family, Law, and Maroons,” Family/Law: Rutgers Nineteenth-Century Workshop, New Brunswick, NJ, October 1-2, 2015
- Roundtable Presenter, “Diversity, Inclusion, Critique: A Roundtable on the States and Futures of the Field,” Society for the History of the Early American Republic, Raleigh, NC, July 14-18, 2015
- Roundtable Presenter, “The Pleasure of the Archive,” American Studies Association, Los Angeles, CA.
- “Uncommon Families,” C19: Society of Nineteenth-Century Americanists, Chapel Hill, NC, March 13-16, 2014
- “The Sex of ‘Hindoo’ Children: Religion and Sexuality in the Nineteenth-Century United States,” American Historical Association, Washington, D.C., January 2-5, 2014
- “What’s Left of Domesticity as Political Critique?: Solidarity and Social Justice?: Recasting Histories of Women, Gender and Sexuality, Rutgers University, October 24-26, 2013
- “‘Hindoos’ and ‘Mahometans’ in the United States: Religion, Kinship, and Modernity in the Early Republic,” American Historical Association, New Orleans, LA, January 3-6, 2013
- “‘Hindoos’ and Mahometans’ in the Democratic Republic,” American Studies Association San Juan, Puerto Rico, November 14-17, 2012
- “Lewis Henry Morgan, Hawaiian Marriage, and the Geopolitics of Incest,” Society for the History of the Early American Republic, Baltimore, MD July 13-16, 2012
- Roundtable, “Childhood, Sexuality and the Politics of Consent,” American Studies Association, Baltimore, MD, October 20-23, 2011
- “Incest, Phrenology, and the History of Sexuality in the Nineteenth Century,” Organization of Early American Historians Annual Meeting, Houston, TX March 17-20, 2011
- “Incest, Liberalism, and the Erotics of Hereditary Science in the Nineteenth Century United States,” Family Ties: Rethinking the Politics of Kinship, Cornell University, October 1, 2010
- “Liberalism’s Incestuous Subject: Public and Private Sex in Nineteenth-Century America,” Humanities Institute, University of South Florida, October 15, 2009
- “Incest at the Edges of Liberalism,” Center for the Humanities, Temple University, February 17, 2009
- “Incest, Hereditary Science and the Nation in the Early Republic,” Society for the History of the Early American Republic, Philadelphia, July 17-20, 2008.
- “This Insidious Enormity”: The Theology of Incest in the Early Republic,” McNeil Center for Early American Studies, University of

Pennsylvania, October 19, 2007.

Invited Talks

“Family in the Time of Planetary Catastrophe,” American Studies Workshop, Haverford College
February 14, 2019

“Sovereignty, Subjection, Law,” Critical Analysis of Law, University of Toronto School of Law,
January 24, 2017

“Sovereignty’s Archive,” Graduate Center, CUNY, March 24, 2016

“Incest and the Making of Gender in Nineteenth-Century America,” Texas A & M University- Corpus
Christi, December 4, 2015

“Sovereignty’s Archive,” School of Social Science, Institute for Advanced Study, November 16, 2015

“On Hating,” Two Sigma, September 18, 2015

“Regulating Sex/Religion,” Humanities Studio, University of California, Santa Cruz, April 29-30, 2015
(Two-day workshop devoted to my work on sex, religion, and sovereignty)

“Domestic Intimacies: Incest and the Liberal Subject in Nineteenth-Century America,” Yale Research
Initiative on the History of Sexualities, Yale University, April 2, 2015

“The Curse of Canaan; or, A Fantasy of Origins in the Nineteenth-Century,” Fordham University,
March 4, 2015

“Domestic Intimacies: Incest and the Liberal Subject in Nineteenth-Century America” Intellectual History
Workshop, New York University, February 17, 2014

“Religion and the Politics of Incestuous Marriage: Erotic Families in the Early
American Republic,” Connecticut College, March 31, 2010

Teaching

Graduate Courses

Nineteenth-Century United States (University of South Florida)

Michel Foucault and the Writing of History (University of South Florida)

Atlantic Modernities, 1750-1900 (University of South Florida)

PhD Proseminar: Liberalism (University of South Florida)

Sentiment and Families in American History (University of South Florida)

History of Sexuality (University of South Florida)

Undergraduate Courses

Gender and Sexuality in Early America (University of South Florida)

United States Intellectual History (University of South Florida)

Policing and Prisons in the United States (University of South Florida)

Theory of History (University of South Florida)

Nineteenth-Century United States (University of South Florida)

American History to 1877 (University of South Florida)

Sexual Revolutions (University of Pennsylvania)

Sex and Family in Early America (University of Pennsylvania)

Service

To the Profession

Selection Committee, NEH-OI Fellowship, Omohundro Institute for Early American History and Culture, 2016-2017, 2020-2021

Selection Committee, McNeil Center for Early American Studies, Dissertation Fellowships, 2015

Selection Committee, NEH-AAS Long-term Fellowships, American Antiquarian Society, 2014

Juror, Best New Journal Award, Council of Editors of Learned Journals, 2013-2014

Manuscript Reviewer for *American Historical Review*, *American Quarterly*, *Early American Studies*, *J19: The Journal of Nineteenth-Century Americanists*, *Journal of American History*, *The Journal of the History of Sexuality*, *Journal of the Early Republic*, *The Historian*, *Feminist Studies*, *Psychoanalysis and History* University of Pennsylvania Press, Johns Hopkins University Press, Routledge

Postdoctoral Fellow Selection Committee, McNeil Center for Early American Studies, University of Pennsylvania, 2008-2009

To the University

Chair, Department of History, University of South Florida, 2019-

Faculty Senate, University of South Florida, 2018-
Member-at-Large, 2021-2022
Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Freedom, 2022
Member, Ad Hoc Budget Committee, 2020-2021

Executive Committee, Department of History, University of South Florida, 2016-2019 (Chair, 2017-2018)

Advisory Board, Humanities Institute, University of South Florida, 2010-2015

Graduate Committee, Department of History, University of South Florida, 2010-2014

Graduate Coordinator, Department of History, University of South Florida, 2012-2014

Graduate Committee, School of Humanities, University of South Florida, 2012-2014

Graduate Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, University of South Florida, 2012-2014

Professional Affiliations

American Association of University Professors

American Historical Association

American Studies Association

C19: The Society of Nineteenth-Century Americanists

Organization of American Historians

Society for the History of the Early American Republic