

Mary White Gently

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EDUCATION

Ph.D., History, expected 2026, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

Major Field: Women and Gender | Minor Field: Modern United States

B.S., History with departmental honors, 2019, Southern Oregon University, Ashland, OR

Summa cum laude, 4.0 GPA, minor: Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies

Study Abroad: "Music, Arts, and Culture in London," University of Oregon, Summer 2019

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Constant H. Jacquet Research Award, Religious Research Association, 2022 (\$1,500)

Neal Ira Rosenthal History Travel Award, Rutgers University, 2022 (\$1,000)

Michigan State University Libraries Visiting Scholars Fellowship, 2022 (\$3,000)

Ford Graduate Scholarship, The Ford Family Foundation, 2020-present (\$30,000)

Phi Kappa Phi Graduate Fellowship, The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, 2020-2021 (\$7,500)

University Enrichment Fellowship, Michigan State University, 2020 (\$60,000, declined)

Arthur S. Taylor Award for Outstanding Student in History for 2018-2019, Southern Oregon University, 2019

Barbara Scott Winkler Theory in Action Award, Southern Oregon University, 2019

Ford ReStart Scholarship, The Ford Family Foundation, 2017-19 (\$44,702)

CONFERENCES

"To Love Them Into Changing': A Survey of Evangelical Discourse on Homosexuality in Christianity Today Magazine, 1956-1989." Queer History Conference, June 12-15, 2022.

"And Such Were Some of You:' Navigating Evangelicalism and Same Sex Attraction, 1970-2020." CUNY, April 9, 2021.

"And Such Were Some of You:' Navigating Evangelicalism and Same Sex Attraction, 1970-2020." Virginia Tech, March 19-20, 2021.

“Lesbian Nation: Researching Queer History.” Oregon Library Association Conference, April 29-May 2, 2020. (canceled, COVID-19)

“Lesbian Nation: Separatism, Women’s Land, and Trans-Inclusion.” Oregon Heritage Conference, April 22-24, 2020. (canceled, COVID-19)

“Lesbian Nation.” Southern Oregon Arts and Research, May 14-17, 2019.

“Feminist and Queer Theory in Action: The BODYlogues.” Southern Oregon Arts and Research, May 14-17, 2019.

“Essentialism in Lesbian Separatist Collectives.” Northwest Anthropological Conference, March 20-23, 2019.

INVITED PUBLIC TALKS AND INTERVIEWS

“Mary Gently,” Interview with *Pure to Pieces*, November 14, 2021,
<https://www.morganemcgill.com/podcast?pgid=ko333uku-8fc1dc47-b197-4653-a623-0d3c9b5b8e9b>.

“Separatism and the Evolution of Southern Oregon Women’s Lands.” Jackson County Library Women’s History Series, June 12, 2020. (canceled, COVID-19)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, Department of History
HIST 508:201: Islamic Civilization, Spring 2022 (online asynchronous)
HIST 512:238: History of Homelessness: Unhoused Populations in US History, Fall 2021
(online synchronous)

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, Southern Oregon University, Gender, Sexuality and Women’s Studies Program
GSWS 410: Feminist and Queer Theory in Action, Winter 2019
GSWS 201: Introduction to Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies, Spring 2019

PUBLIC HISTORY EXPERIENCE

Project Intern, Rikers Public Memory Project, New York, NY, Summer 2021

Research Associate, Rogue Valley Women’s Movement, 1970-1990, Southern Oregon University, Ashland, OR, January-April 2020

Researcher, Oral History of Southern and Central Oregon Lesbian Collectives, Southern Oregon University, Ashland, OR, 2018-19
Filmed and produced short documentary, “A Conversation with Lesbian Separatists”

Archives Historian (volunteer), Talent Historical Society, Talent, OR, 2018-20

Library Associate 2, Jackson County Library System, Medford, OR, January 2015-April 2020

PUBLICATIONS

Public Scholarship

“An Interview with Bethroot Gwynn, Honoring Women’s History Month.” *Literary Ashland*. March 23, 2020, <https://literaryashland.org/?p=11318>.

“Researching Lesbian Separatism.” *Literary Ashland*. August 14, 2019, <http://literaryashland.org/?p=10972>.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender History, 2019-present

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, 2019-present

American Academy of Religion, 2021-present

American Society of Church History, 2021-present

Religion Research Association, 2022

Organization of American Historians, 2022

SERVICE

Graduate Mentor, History Department Mentorship Program, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, 2021-present

Co-Founder, Religion Working Group, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, 2020-present

Planning Committee, Warren I. Susman Graduate Conference, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, 2021-22

Committee Member, Ford Family Foundation Professional Development Committee, Roseburg, OR, 2020-21

Panel Moderator, Ford Family Foundation Professional Development Series, Roseburg, OR, 2020

Panel Moderator, Women Working for the Future, Ashland, OR, 2020 (canceled, COVID-19)

Student Mentor, SOU First Year Mentor Program, Ashland, OR, 2018-19

Race Tool Kit Project Facilitator, Racial Equity Coalition of Southern Oregon, Ashland, OR, 2017

SKILLS & TRAINING

Teaching with Technology Certificate, Center for Teaching Advancement and Assessment
Research, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, 2021

Graduate NEW Leadership Oregon, Portland State University, Center for Women's Leadership,
Portland, OR, 2018

Six-day residential leadership program

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