

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### **Sarah Brady Siff, Ph.D.**

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### APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of History  
August 2023-present  
Central State University  
Wilberforce, Ohio

Visiting Assistant Professor of Law  
August 2020-August 2022  
Moritz College of Law  
The Ohio State University, Columbus

Visiting Assistant Professor of Journalism  
August 2016-May 2020  
College of Arts & Sciences  
Miami University, Oxford, Ohio

### EDUCATION

Ph.D. history (2016), The Ohio State University, Columbus  
Dissertation: "Tough on Dope: Crime and Politics in California's Drug Wars, 1946-1963"  
Dissertation advisor: David Stebenne  
Major field: U.S. history (modern)  
Minor fields: international history, history of science and technology

M.S. journalism (2012), Ohio University, Athens  
Thesis: "Atomic Roaches and Test-Tube Babies: Bentley Glass and Science Communication"  
Thesis advisor: Joseph Bernt

M.A. history (2011), Miami University, Oxford, Ohio  
Thesis: "Evolution and Race in Mid-Twentieth-Century America"  
Thesis advisor: Allan Winkler

B.S. journalism (2007), Ohio University, Athens

## PUBLICATIONS (print)

- Siff, Sarah Brady. "Targeted Marijuana Law Enforcement in Los Angeles, 1914-1955." *Fordham Urban Law Journal* 48, no. 3 (2022).
- Siff, Sarah Brady. "A History of Early Drug Sentences in California: Racism, Rightism, Repeat." *Federal Sentencing Reporter* 34, no. 1 (2021).
- Siff, Stephen and Sarah Brady Siff. "Muckrakers and Other Manufacturers of Public Opinion on Drugs & Alcohol." *Journalism & Communication Monographs* 22, no. 2 (2020).
- Siff, Sarah Brady. "Burn, Sell, or Drive: Forfeiture in the History of Drug Law Enforcement." *Ohio State Law Journal* 80, no. 4 (2019).
- Siff, Sarah Brady. "Atomic Roaches and Test-tube Babies: Bentley Glass and Science Communication." *Journalism and Communication Monographs* 17, no. 2 (2015).
- Siff, Sarah Brady. Review of *The Trials of Psychedelic Therapy: LSD Psychotherapy in America*, by Matthew Oram. *Medical History* 63, no. 3 (July 2019): 378-80.
- Siff, Sarah Brady. Review of *The Recovery Revolution: The Battle over Addiction Treatment in the United States*, by Claire D. Clark. *Medical History* 62, no. 1 (2018).

## PUBLICATIONS (online) (selected)

- Siff, Sarah Brady. "Drugs, Women, and Families." Parts 1-3. *Points: The Blog of the Alcohol & Drugs History Society*, March 2022.
- Siff, Sarah Brady. "Racism Baked Into California's Drug Prohibition Laws." *The Daily Journal*, October 2021. Also appeared in print.
- Siff, Sarah Brady. "1964: The Year in Smoking—Race, Cigarettes, and Capitalism." *Points: The Blog of the Alcohol & Drugs History Society*, October 2021.
- Siff, Sarah Brady. "Remembering Civil Rights Lawyer Samuel Carter McMorris." *Points: The Blog of the Alcohol & Drugs History Society*, February 2021.
- Siff, Sarah Brady. "Joe Biden and Drug Control: A More Complete Picture." Parts 1-3. *Points: The Blog of the Alcohol & Drugs History Society*, October & November 2020.
- Siff, Sarah Brady. "Could the Supreme Court's Forfeiture Ruling Help End the Drug Wars?" *Points: The Blog of the Alcohol & Drugs History Society*, March 2019.
- Siff, Sarah Brady. "The Sociological Approach." *Points: The Blog of the Alcohol & Drugs History Society*, February 2019.
- Siff, Sarah Brady. "Many Scholars Think Drug Courts Harm Policy Reform, Not Vice

Versa.” *Points: The Blog of the Alcohol & Drugs History Society*, October 2018.

Siff, Sarah Brady. “Fish Stories: The Drug Wars’ Unreliable Narrator.” *Points: The Blog of the Alcohol & Drugs History Society*, January 2017.

Siff, Sarah Brady. “Policing the Police: A Civil Rights Story.” *Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective*, May 2016.

Siff, Sarah Brady. Review of *Longing for the Bomb: Oak Ridge and Atomic Nostalgia*, by Lindsey A. Freeman. H-net’s H-WAR, February 2016.

Siff, Sarah Brady. “Toxicology, Conspiracy, and History.” *Points: The Blog of the Alcohol & Drugs History Society*, July 2015.

Siff, Sarah Brady. “From Karl Marx to Karl Rove: ‘Class Warfare’ in American Politics.” *Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective*, September 2012.

## PRESENTATIONS

*Invited:* Siff, Sarah Brady. “A Brief and Selective History of the Second Amendment.” Polarization and the Quest for Freedom, University of Dayton Special Programs and Continuing Education, October 2024.

Siff, Sarah Brady. “Amok in Mexico: Soldiers and Marihuana in an Era of Revolution.” Intoxicated Warfare: Psychoactive Substances, Violence, and Trauma, Great Lakes History Conference, Grand Valley State University, September 2024.

Siff, Sarah Brady. “A Syncretic Drug: Evidence from ‘New Spain’ that Marihuana Was Datura, Not Cannabis.” American Society for Environmental History conference, Boston, March 2023.

Siff, Sarah Brady. “The Name of the Weed: Cannabis Effects and Plant Alkaloids in Drug Prohibition History.” Alcohol & Drugs History Society conference, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico City, June 2022.

Siff, Sarah Brady. “‘Yes, It Wasn’t Marihuana’: Cannabis Effects, Datura Alkaloids, and the Real Origins of Reefer Madness.” Conference on Policy History, Tempe, June 2022.

*Invited:* Siff, Sarah Brady. “The Weed that Wasn’t.” Global Drug Wars, College of Arts & Sciences, Ohio State University, January 2022.

*Invited:* Siff, Sarah Brady. “Are the Drug Wars Racist?” Advocating in Context: Shifting the Narrative in Ohio’s Opiate Crisis, Ohio Public Defender CLE, September 2021.

*Invited:* Siff, Sarah Brady. “‘Dope Is Sure Murder’: Incommensurate Drug Sentencing in Midcentury California.” Understanding Drug Sentencing, Drug Enforcement & Policy Center, Moritz College of Law, Ohio State University, June 2021.

- Siff, Sarah Brady. "Weed Killers: Cannabis Eradication in the United States." Moritz Faculty Summer Brown Bag Series, June 2020.
- Invited:* Siff, Sarah Brady. "Forfeiture in the Long History of Drug Control." *Facing Opioids: Drug Enforcement & Health Policy in Today's Epidemic*, Moritz College of Law, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, October 2018.
- Siff, Sarah Brady. "Chiding the Police: The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and the Continuous Problem of Police Brutality in the United States." Conference on Policy History, Tempe, Arizona, May 2018.
- Invited:* Siff, Sarah Brady. "Noxious Weed: Domestic Cannabis Eradication in the United States." *Cannabis: Global Histories*, Centre for the Social History of Health & Healthcare, Strathclyde University, Glasgow, Scotland, April 2018.
- Siff, Sarah Brady. "Cannabis Eradication in the United States." American Cultures Seminar, Miami University, February 2018.
- Siff, Sarah Brady. "Not Another Writing Assignment! The Videographic Essay in the Classroom." *Plug In & Reboot*, Miami University, January 2018.
- Siff, Sarah Brady. "California's Drug Wars and the Quandaries of Federalism, 1944-1962." Alcohol and Drugs History Society conference, Utrecht University, Netherlands, June 2017.
- Siff, Sarah Brady. "Exposing the Narcotics Racket: The West Coast Kefauver Hearings and California's Drug Wars, 1950-1956." Annual meeting of the Organization of American Historians, New Orleans, April 2017.
- Siff, Sarah Brady. "The Chicken or the Egg? State and Federal Influence on Postwar Drug Control." Conference on Policy History, Nashville, June 2016.
- Siff, Sarah Brady. "'Stamp Out Killer Narcotics': Anti-drug Movements in Urban and Suburban Los Angeles, 1955-1961." Ohio Academy of History Spring Conference, North Canton, Ohio, April 2016.
- Siff, Sarah Brady. "Drug-Control Politics at the Turn of the 'Sixties: The Case of California and the Feds." Alcohol and Drugs History Society conference, Bowling Green State University, June 2015.
- Panel organizer:* Siff, Sarah Brady. "William H. Parker, Drug-Law Enforcement, and Defendants' Rights in Postwar California." American Historical Association annual meeting, New York, January 2015.
- Siff, Sarah Brady. "'Narcotics are Foreign Relations': Southern California's Drug Diplomacy with Mexico, 1959-1960." Race, Ethnicity, and Nation Symposium, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, April 2014.
- Siff, Sarah Brady. "Making Enemies: Roots of the War on Drugs in Southern California, 1959-1962." Ohio University History Graduate Student Association Conference,

Athens, Ohio, April 2014.

Siff, Sarah Brady and Stephen Siff. "Red Menace/Drug Menace: Anti-communism and the American War on Drugs." Alcohol and Drugs History Society conference, London, June 2013.

Siff, Sarah Brady. "Is There an Objectivity 'Barrier' in American News Magazines?" Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Mid-Winter Conference, February 2008.

Siff, Sarah Brady. "Martha Gellhorn, America's First Female War Correspondent." Journalism Day, Scripps School of Journalism, April 2008.

#### COURSES TAUGHT (instructor of record)

History 1110: History of Africans in America  
Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2024  
Central State University, Wilberforce, Ohio

History 3455: Colonial Latin America  
Spring 2024 (online)  
Central State University, Wilberforce, Ohio

Law 8896: Seminar - Drug Law Enforcement & the Bill of Rights  
Spring 2021 (online), Fall 2022  
The Ohio State University, Columbus

Media & Culture 215: Media History  
Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019  
Miami University, Oxford, Ohio

Journalism 316: Editing & Design  
Fall 2018, Spring 2019  
Miami University, Oxford, Ohio

Journalism 201: News Reporting & Writing  
Fall 2016 (online), Spring 2018  
Miami University, Oxford, Ohio

Journalism 101: Introduction to Journalism  
Fall 2017  
Miami University, Oxford, Ohio

History 2002: Making America Modern  
Spring 2016, May 2016 (online)  
The Ohio State University, Columbus

History 1152: Modern U.S. History Survey

Fall 2014, May 2015  
The Ohio State University, Columbus

History 2500: 20<sup>th</sup> Century International History  
May 2014  
The Ohio State University, Columbus

Journalism 221: Graphics of Communication  
Summer 2008  
Ohio University, Athens, Ohio

## SERVICE

Copy Editor, *Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective*, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, Summer 2013-present.

Contributing Editor, *Points: The Blog of the Alcohol & Drugs History Society*, University of Chicago, Summer 2015-present.

Moderator, “Drugs, Alcohol, and the Perpetration of Violence,” Intoxicated Warfare: Psychoactive Substances, Violence, and Trauma. Great Lakes History Conference, Grand Valley State University, Sept. 28, 2024.

Panelist/Debater, “Freedom of Speech: To Protest or Not to Protest,” 15th Annual Constitution/Pre-law Day, Central State University, Sept. 17, 2024.

Panelist, “Deconstructing Colonialism,” Greene County Anti-Racism Conference, Wright State University, May 11, 2024.

Panelist, “Healing Histories: A Community Conversation for Healing and Celebration,” The Gloria Theater, Urbana, Feb. 29, 2024.

Contributing Professor, Drug Enforcement & Policy Center Student Paper Series, Spring and Fall 2021.

Faculty Discussion Leader, Summer Reading Program, Miami University, Fall 2018 and Fall 2019.

Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Precision Language, Department of Media, Journalism & Film, Miami University, 2018.

Supervisor, Student Research Apprentices, Miami University Humanities Center, Oxford, Ohio, Spring 2017.

Assistant Director and Steering Committee Member, Miami University Humanities Center, Summer 2016-Fall 2017.

Grant Reviewer, National Archives and Records Administration’s Access to Historical Records Major Initiatives Program, Spring 2017.

Managing Editor, *Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective*, Fall 2011-Spring 2013.

Editorial Assistant, *Journalism History*, Fall 2007-Spring 2009.

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Member, Faculty Writing Group, Howe Writing Center, Miami University, 2018-2020.

Member, American Cultures Seminar, 2017-2019.

Attendee, Videographic Criticism Workshop Series, Film Studies Research Cluster, Miami University, 2017.

#### AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

Retrieving the American Past Summer Research Award, The Ohio State University, 2014.

American Philosophical Society Library Fellowship, Summer 2013.

Outstanding Master's Student, Scripps School of Journalism, Ohio University, 2007-2008.

Contemporary History Institute Fellowship, Ohio University, 2007-2009.

Member, Kappa Tau Alpha National Honor Society in Journalism and Mass Communication.

#### REFERENCES

##### **Nicholas Breyfogle**

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Director, The Goldberg Center

Ohio State University

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