

**Jonathan Sadowsky Curriculum Vitae**

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**Academic Employment**

At Case Western Reserve University:

Theodore J. Castele Professor of the History of Medicine, 2000-

History Department Chair, 2006-

Director, College Scholars Program, 2001-2006

Adjunct Associate Professor of Global Health and Diseases, 1999-

Associate Professor of History, 1999-

Assistant Professor of History, 1993-1998

**Teaching and Research Interests**

History of medicine and psychiatry; modern African history; world and comparative history; historical theory and cultural studies.

**Education**

Ph. D., 1993, History, The Johns Hopkins University

Dissertation: "Imperial Bedlam: Institutions of Madness and Colonialism in Southwest Nigeria"

Visiting Fellow, Fall 1989, Psychiatric Epidemiology Training Program, Columbia University School of Public Health

M.A., 1987, Modern European History, Stanford University

B.A. with High Honors, 1984, History, Wesleyan University

Concentration: European Imperialism and the Third World

Thesis: "Bulhoek: The Millenium and the Rise of Racial Politics in South Africa"

## **Fellowships, Awards, and Distinctions**

### Nationally-Competitive Fellowships and Grants

Greenwall Foundation Grant (as Co-Principal Investigator), Spring 2006  
Howard Foundation Fellowship, Spring 2003  
Fellow, National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar on the Contributions of the History of Medicine to Social History, Summer 1995  
Fellowship, Institute for Advanced Research in the Humanities in Africa, Evanston, Illinois, Winter 1991-1992  
Fellowship for Interdisciplinary Training and Research in Health and Agriculture in Africa, Social Science Research Council, June, 1989  
Fellowship for Research in Africa from the Social Science Research Council, May, 1989 (declined)

### Internal CWRU Fellowships and Grants

Baker-Nord Center for the Humanities Conference Grant, Summer 2006  
CGREAL Grant (as Co-Investigator), Spring 2006  
Service Learning Fellowship, Fall 2004  
U-CITE Learning Fellowship, Fall 2004  
College of Arts and Sciences Senior Faculty Research Fellowship, Spring 2001

### Other Honors

Northeast Ohio Council on Higher Education Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2005  
John S. Diekhoff Award for Distinguished Graduate Teaching, CWRU, 1999 (also a finalist in 2008)  
Nominee for the Carl F. Wittke Award for Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching, CWRU (5 times)  
Ph. D. qualifying examinations with distinction, June 1989

## **Publications**

(Refereed Publications are marked with an asterisk)

### Monographs

\**Imperial Bedlam: Institutions of Madness and Colonialism in Southwest Nigeria*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1999 (Medicine and Society Monograph #10)  
Reviewed in: *American Historical Review*, *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, *African Studies Review*, *Journal of Southern African Studies*, *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*, *History of Medicine*, *American Ethnologist*, *Journal of Social History*, *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, *Times Literary Supplement*

In Progress: monograph on the history of electroconvulsive therapy in the United States

## Journal Articles and Book Chapters

- \*“Beyond the Metaphor of the Pendulum: Electroconvulsive Therapy, Psychoanalysis, and the Styles of American Psychiatry” *The Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences* 61 (January, 2006) 1-25.
- \*“The Reality of Mental Illness and the Social World: Lessons from Colonial Psychiatry,” *Harvard Review of Psychiatry*, 11, 4 (July 2003).
- \*“Symptoms of Colonialism: Content and Context of Delusion in Southwest Nigeria, 1945-1960” in Robert Barrett and Janis Jenkins, eds. *Schizophrenia, Culture, and Subjectivity: The Edge of Experience* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2003)
- \*“Confinement and Colonialism in Nigeria,” in Roy Porter and David Wright, eds. *The Confinement of the Insane, 1800-1965: International Perspectives* (Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2003)
- “‘The Great Patients’: Heroes and Anti-Heroes in a Medical History Course,” *Radical History Review* 74 (1999) 173-183 (invited submission)
- \*“Psychiatry and Colonial Ideology in Nigeria,” *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* 71, 1 (Spring 1997) 94-111
- “T. A. Lambo,” in Lois Magner, ed., *Doctors, Nurses, and Medical Practitioners* (Westport: Greenwood Press, 1997)
- \*\*“The Confinements of Isaac O.: A Case of ‘Acute Mania’ in Colonial Nigeria,” *History of Psychiatry*, 7 (1996), 91-112

## Book Reviews in:

*Journal of the American Medical Association*  
*Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences*  
*American Historical Review* (2)  
*Journal of African History*  
*Hastings Center Report*  
*Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences* (2)  
*Isis*  
*Bulletin of the History of Medicine* (6)  
*The Historian* (3)  
*The Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease* (2)

## Selected Presentations

### Selected Invited Lectures and Seminar Papers

- “The History of a Side Effect: Electroconvulsive Therapy and Memory Loss, 1940-The Present,” Department of History of Science and Medical History and Bioethics, University of Wisconsin, Madison, September, 2007; also presented as the Annual Zverina Lecture, CWRU, October, 2007
- “Unsettling Stories of Shock Therapy,” Program in Science, Technology, and Society at

- the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, November 2005, also presented as the Dorothy Bernstein Lecture, Department of the History of Medicine, University of Minnesota, September, 2005, and to the Institute for the History of Medicine, The Johns Hopkins University, November, 2003
- “Electroconvulsive Therapy and the Concept of Medical Progress,” The Lilliana Sauter Lecture, New York Academy of Medicine, February 2004
- “The Reality of Mental Illness and the Social World: Lessons from Colonial Psychiatry,” at the Conference “The Politics of Racial Health,” Rutgers University, October 2001
- Grand Rounds, Department of Psychiatry, Maimonides Medical Center, Brooklyn, New York, January 2001
- “Colonial Psychiatry and the Historiography of Psychiatry,” presented to the Richardson Seminar in the History of Psychiatry, Cornell Medical College, New York City, Sept. 1999
- “‘Symptoms of Colonialism’: Patients and Problems in Southwest Nigeria’s ‘Lunatic Asylums’ in the Late Colonial Period,” Program in Society and Medicine, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, March 1998.
- “The Political Construction of Delusion: A Gain for ‘Normal’ History?” Cleveland Psychoanalytic Society, January 1997
- “T. A. Lambo and the Architecture of African Psychiatry,” Handerson Medical History Society, Cleveland, Ohio, January 1995
- “The Enigma of Colonial Medicine” at the conference “Doing is Believing: Credibility in Science,” Cornell University, April 1995
- “Benin and Benin Art in Modern World History,” Cleveland Museum of Art, May 1994.
- “The Confinements of Isaac O.: A Case of ‘Acute Mania’ in Colonial Nigeria,” presented to the Institute for Advanced Research in the Humanities in Africa, Evanston, Illinois, January, 1992.
- “The Colonial ‘Lunatic Asylums’ of Southwestern Nigeria: A Historical Overview,” presented to the Institute of African Studies, the University of Ibadan, Nigeria, April, 1991.
- “Institutionalization in a Colonial Context: Southwestern Nigeria, 1906-1960,” presented to Faculty Fellows Seminar, Psychiatric Epidemiology Training Program, Columbia University School of Public Health, December, 1989.

#### Conference Papers

- “Problems of Presentism: History and Psychoanalysis in a Post-Freudian Culture,” Conference of the American Historical Association, January 2008.
- “A Therapy of the Mind Meets a Technology of the Body: American Psychoanalysis and Electro-Convulsive Therapy,” International Congress of the History of Technology, Prague, August 2000
- “Colonial Psychiatry and its Historiography,” presented at a panel on “African Historiographies 1995: Reflections on Current Work and New Directions,” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Orlando, November 1995 (also chaired panel).
- “How the Mad Made God in West Africa: Conversion and the Enigma of Lunacy in

Southwest Nigeria” for panel on “Evangelical Health and the Colonial Representation of the Body,” Conference of the American Historical Association, January 1995.

“Domination and Diagnosis: The ‘Lunatic Asylums’ of Colonial Nigeria as a Cultural Frontier,” Conference of the American Association for the History of Medicine, May, 1994, and at a panel on “The Politics of Scientific and Expert Knowledge in Twentieth Century Africa,” (also chaired panel), Conference of the African Studies Association, November 1994.

“The Science of Colonialism: Psychiatry's Definition of the ‘African Mind’ in Nigeria,” Conference of the American Association for the History of Medicine, May 1993.

### Radio Appearances

Program on culture and mental illness, “Odyssey” at Chicago Public Radio, WBEZ, July 18, 2002

Interviewed about the history of electroconvulsive therapy for the syndicated public radio Program “The Infinite Mind”; aired May 4, 2005

### CWRU Junior Faculty Members Formally Mentored

Renee Sentilles, Associate Professor of History History (tenured 2005)

Cheryl Toman, Associate Professor of Modern Languages and Literature (tenured 2009)

Gillian Weiss, Assistant Professor of History

John Broich, Assistant Professor of History

### Courses Taught

The Age of Prozac: Social and Cultural Aspects of Depression

The Body in History

Colonialism in Africa

History of Southern Africa

Introduction to Modern World History

Introduction to Modern African History

History of Medicine

History and Cultural Studies

Culture, History, and “Mental Illness”

### Professional Affiliations

American Historical Association

Association of Concerned Africa Scholars

American Association for the History of Medicine

Sigerist Circle for the History of Medicine

### Other Professional Activities

American Association for the History of Medicine, 2009 Annual Conference Local Arrangements Committee

American Association for the History of Medicine, 2009 Annual Conference Program Committee

Welch Medal Committee, American Association for the History of Medicine, 2007-2008

Editorial Board, *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* (three year term starting in 2008)

Editorial Board, *Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry*, 2007-

Article Manuscript Peer Reviewer for the *American Historical Review*, *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*, *Radical History Review*, *Gender and History*, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, *History of Psychiatry*, *Journal of the American Medical Association*, *Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History*, *The Lancet*, *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences*, *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences*, *Spontaneous Generations*, *British Journal of Psychiatry*, *Medical History*

Book Manuscript Peer Reviewer for the University of Pennsylvania Press, Rutgers University Press, Prentice Hall, University of Chicago Press

Fellowship or Grant Reviewer for the National Science Foundation, New York Academy of Medicine, The Wellcome Trust

Pre-screener, Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Field Research Fellowships, 1999-2000

Conference Organizing Committee, "German-American Frontiers of Social Science," 1999-2000

E-mail Listserv Manager for the Sigerist Circle for the History of Medicine, 1996-

Advisory Committee for "African Zion: The Sacred Art of Ethiopia," 1995, and for "The Royal Art of Benin," 1994, at the Cleveland Museum of Art

Outside examiner for history honors committees, Swarthmore College, 1995

Outside examiner for history honors committees, Kenyon College, 1994, 2001

### **Selected University Service and Administration**

Ethnic Studies Steering Committee, 2004-2009

President's Committee on Child Care Opportunities, 2008-

Faculty Senate (3-year term beginning 2008)

Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Advisory Board, 2007-2008

Honorary Degree Committee, 2006-2007

SAGES Advisory Committee, 2006-2007

Freshman Common Reading Committee, 2006-2007

Chair, Search Committee in the History of Science, Technology, Environment, or Medicine, 2006-2007

British History Search Committee, 2006-2007

College of Arts and Sciences Executive Committee, 2003-2006

Executive Committee Representative to Chair Council, 2005-2006

Co-Director of Medical Humanities Initiative, 2004

History Department Graduate Council, 2003-2004, 2006-

Chair, Latin American History Search Committee, 2003-2004

Pancoast Fellowship Selection Committee, 2002, 2003

Chair, University-wide “Annual Theme” Committee, 2001-2002  
Early Modern European History Search Committee, 2001-2002  
President’s Commission on Undergraduate Education and Life, 2000-2001  
African Art History Search Committee, 2000-2001  
Ad Hoc Committee on Course Evaluations, 1999-2000  
University Committee on the Status of Women, 1998-2000  
American Women’s History Search Committee, 1999-2000  
Chair, History Department Speakers Committee, 1994-1996, 1999-2002, 2007-  
Kirk Middle School Project (through U-CITE), 1999-2000  
Co-organizer, Faculty Colloquium on “Body and Embodiment,” Baker-Nord Center for  
the Humanities, 1998-1999  
Dittrick Center for the History of Medicine Advisory Committee, 1997-  
Humanities Week Coordinator, 1997  
Co-Director, Mellon Fellows Dissertation Program, 1996-1997  
Faculty Advisor for Phi Alpha Theta and the Society for History and Culture, 1994-1998  
“Share the Vision” Committee, 1996-1999  
Women’s Studies Program Steering Committee, 1996-2002  
Undergraduate Advisor for Women’s Studies, 1998-2001  
Asian History Search Committees, 1995-1996, 1996-1997