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EMPLOYMENT

Adjunct Faculty, Department of LGBTQ Studies, DePaul University, 2023-Present
Adjunct Faculty, WISE Program First Year Journey, Westfield State University, Fall 2025
Instructor, Women, Gender, and Representation Precollege Program, Smith College, Summer 2023, Summer 2024
Graduate Instructor, Women's and Gender Studies, Virginia Tech, 2021-2024

EDUCATION

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University May 2024 PhD, Alliance for Social, Political, Ethical, and Cultural Thought (ASPECT)

Dissertation: "Creating A Pedagogy of the Full Self: Being and Inviting Full Selves Into Academia" - Available: <https://hdl.handle.net/10919/119220>

University of Northern Iowa 2021 MA, Communication Studies

Thesis: "Disclosure of Trans & Gender Variant Identities by Students to Students" - Available: <https://scholarworks.uni.edu/grp/1765/>

University of Northern Iowa

MA, Women's and Gender Studies 2017 *Thesis:* "For Two or Two Hundred a Workbook for Making a Difference" - Available: <https://scholarworks.uni.edu/etd/417/>

Westfield State University 2014 BA, Ethnic and Gender Studies

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

LGBTQ+ Studies, Trans Studies, Queer Theory, Intersectional Feminist Theory, Black Feminist Thought, Creativity and Social Change

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Crip Theory, Queer and Crip Temporality Studies, Chronodivergence, Disability Studies, Social Protest, Performance and Social Change

TEACHING & RESEARCH INTERESTS

Trans Studies
LGBTQ+ Studies
Women's & Gender Studies
Disability Studies
Art, Activism, and Healing

Social Protest
Creativity & Social Change
Performing Identity
Queer and Feminist Pedagogy
LGBTQ+ Studies & Faith

RESEARCH & PUBLISHED WORKS

Brimmer, C. A. & Ierien, B. (Co-hosts). (2026) *The Affirming Practice Podcast* [Audio podcast], 15 Episodes, Multiple platforms. <https://www.youtube.com/@AffirmingPracticePodcast>

Brimmer, C. A. (2026). *Queer & Trans Affect: Queer and Trans Joy as Sites of Resistance*. In C. J. Catalano, A. N. Baldwin, & C. A. Barcelos (Eds.), *Learning from Queer and Trans Studies: An Introduction*. Routledge.

Whitten, C., Brimmer, C. A., & Azano, A. P. (2025). Unearthing rural roots: A reflective exploration of queering place. *Journal of Research in Rural Education*, 41(6), 37–46. <https://doi.org/10.26209/JRRE4106-06>

Brimmer, C. A. (2023, February 13). "Decentering whiteness as the Assumed Norm of Feminisms; Or, How Black Feminisms Made Room For Me That 'Feminism' Didn't." In A. Baldwin & N. Bantuo (Eds.), *Black Feminist Theorizing Toward Futurity*. <https://doi.org/10.21061/standpoints.v2>

Brimmer, Casey Anne. "Kin Are the People Who Still Pick Up the Phone: An Essay on the Social Constructions of Family, Kin, and Self." *SPECTRA* 9, no. 1 (2022): pp. 15–19. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.21061/spectra.v9i1.191>

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Independent Consulting

November 2025 - Present

- Provides consulting and training focused on organizational culture surrounding topics of gender, LGBTQ+, and intersecting identities in the workplace.
- Develop and facilitate educational training on allyship, LGBTQ+ identities, organizational culture, and intersectionality.
- Provide recommendations to address barriers to inclusive and affirming spaces in general, and employer concerns related to LGBTQ+ identities in the workplace in specific.
- Audiences include senior leadership, management, and nonsupervisory employees, as well as members of independent faith communities.

Virginia Tech, Graduate Teaching Assistant

Fall 2019 - Fall 2023

Courses: Women and Crime; Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies; Women's Studies Senior Seminar; Introduction to Philosophy; Introduction to Sociology; Gender and Politics; Administrative Law

University of Northern Iowa, Graduate Teaching Assistant

Fall 2015- Spring 2019

Courses: Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies; LGBTQ+ Theory and Practice; Men, Women, and Society; Money, Sex, and Power: Theories of Race, Class, and Gender

SERVICE, TEACHING, & MENTORSHIP

Thesis Committee Member, Ellen Cunningham, "Can You Hear Us? Exploring Transmasculine Voices," Women's & Gender Studies, DePaul University (2025-2026)

Committee Member, Women's & Gender Studies Conference Planning Committee, Virginia Tech
2022 - 2024

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Brimmer, C. A. (2024, March 13). *Creating a Pedagogy of the Full Self: Being and Inviting Full Selves Into Academia*. Women's and Gender Studies Consortium Conference, Madison, WI, United States.

- Brimmer, C. A. (2023, October 27). *time Outside of Time: Chrononormativity and the Marginalized and Minoritized Among Us*. National Women's Studies Association Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD, United States.
- Brimmer, C. A. (2023, April 21). *Queer, Crip, and Feminist Methodologies to Community Theorizing a Pedagogy of the Full Self*. Virginia Tech ASPECT Annual Conference, Blacksburg, VA, United States.
- Brimmer, C. A. (2023, April 14). *time Outside of Time: Chrononormativity and the Marginalized and Minoritized Among Us*. Virginia Tech Women's and Gender Studies Conference, Blacksburg, VA, United States.
- Brimmer, C. A. (2022, November 11). *Decentering whiteness as the Assumed Norm of Feminisms; Or, How Black Feminisms Made Room For Me That "Feminism" Didn't*, NWSA Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN, United States
- Brimmer, C. A. (2022, April 22). *The Complex Liminality of Gender Expression: A Personal Journey Inspired by SD Holman's Butch: Not Like the Other Girls*. Virginia Tech Women's and Gender Studies Conference, Blacksburg, VA, United States.
- Brimmer, C. A., and Meyers, Q. (2022, April 22). *Nonbinary Navigation of the Binaries of Institutions*. ASPECT Conference, Blacksburg, VA, United States..
- Brimmer, C. A. (2021, April 16). *Cakes, Balloons, Explosives, Oh My! The Imposition of Gender Performativity on Fetuses Through Gender-Reveal Parties*. Virginia Tech Women's & Gender Studies Conference, Blacksburg, VA, United States.
- Brimmer, C. A. (2021, April 16). *If I am a Feminist, I Demand a Revolution*. Panel presentation. Virginia Tech Women's & Gender Studies Conference, Blacksburg, VA, United States.
- Brimmer, C. A. (2021, April). *Marching to Mobilize for Trans Lives* [Asynchronous]. Queer Studies Conference, Asheville, NC, United States.

GUEST & INVITED LECTURES, SERVICE, & FACILITATIONS

Guest Lecture, Social Issues in Physical Therapy - LGBTQ+ Identities, Springfield College

June 2026

- Invited to speak on the intersection of LGBTQ+ identities and disability in the context of physical therapy for incoming students in the doctor of physical therapy program at Springfield College in Springfield, MA.

Queer Identity, Representation, and Mental Health Keynote, Community Health Resources Pride Meeting June 2026

- Invited to speak on the importance of queer identity and representation in community mental health settings applying the idea of bringing one's full self into mental health counseling work.

Keynote, Community Session Intro to LGBTQ+ Identities & Terminology, First United Methodist Church of Westfield July 2024

- Invited to facilitate an introductory workshop on LGBTQ+ identities and terminology speaking to definitions, experiences, and intersections of identity.

Invited Panelist, Feminist Disruptions: Music, Marriage, Marketplace, Virginia Tech

March 20, 2024

- Invited speaker for Virginia Tech Women's History Month event organized by the Department of Women's & Gender Studies and the LGBT Center at Virginia Tech. Speaking on a Pedagogy of the Full Self as a feminist disruption of academia, and the classroom.

Guest Lecture, Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies, Virginia Tech

November 16, 2023

- Guest lectured on my 2023 publication "Decentering whiteness as the Assumed Norm of Feminisms; Or, How Black Feminisms Made Room For Me That "Feminism" Didn't" in A. Baldwin & N. Brantuo (Eds.), *Black Feminist Theorizing Toward Futurity*.
<https://doi.org/10.21061/standpoints.v2>

Guest Lecture, Feminist Activism, Virginia Tech

April 28, 2022

- Presented "Queer and Feminist Art as Activism" to a class of eight students speaking to how I use art and creativity as a mode of feminist and queer activism.

Organizer & Facilitator, NRV Adult Trans Support Group, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of NRV 2020 - 2021

- Scheduled, advertised, and co-facilitated twice-monthly peer support group meetings for trans, nonbinary, gender nonconforming, and gender questioning adults in Virginia's New River Valley.

Organizer, Facilitator, & Panelist, Building LGBTQ+ Supportive Spaces in Faith Communities Panel 2021

- Organized, advertised, and facilitated, a remote 4 panelist discussion about actively building LGBTQ+ supportive faith communities, or at minimum smaller areas within, faith communities already in existence. There were approximately 7 audience members in attendance from 2 countries and multiple faiths/denominations

HONORS & AWARDS

- Barbara Ellen Smith Best Graduate Student Essay Prize, Virginia Tech Women's & Gender Studies Conference April 2021

TRAININGS & CERTIFICATES

Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University

- Safe Zone Training
- Safe Zone Training: Ace & Intersex
- Safe Zone Training: Trans

University of Northern Iowa

- Safe Zone Training Part 1
- Safe Zone Training Part 2

Westfield State University

- Safe Zone Training
- Web Camp

PAST ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS

National Women's Studies Association

Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University: Disability Alliance and Caucus, Graduate Arts Council, Women's & Gender Studies Conference Committee

Westfield State University: TRiO Student Support Services, Urban Education Program, Queer Straight Alliance

Social Justice/Community Activism: Young People For, Reproductive Rights Activist Service Corps of Hampshire College, NRV Trans Support Group
