

## Chat from April 15, 2025 Virtual Teaching Disability History Conference

[TeachingDisabilityHistory : Real Time Text](#)

Lexikeet (Robert Thoren)

35:45



Interpreters have clarified to me that you are free to speak at your usual pace.



Saphire Murphy

35:56



Today I think is the combination of Social and Identity model.

Wendy Harris (she/her) MN

42:10



PBS has a short documentary about Brad Lorax

<https://www.pbs.org/wnet/americanmasters/brad-lomax-documentary/33589/>

1 Reply



Rich Cairn

45:07



You can ask questions of Saphire Murphy in the chat.

Dee Katovitch

50:21



Fanny Lou Hamer

Harriet Tubman!



Alice Wershing

50:54

**AW**

Tiffany Yu currently

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Jenna Wolf

50:58

**JW**

Haben Girma

Meg Metcalf (they/them), Library of Congress

51:09

**MM**

William Dorsey Swann

Michele M.

51:20

**MM**

Keri Gray

Meg Metcalf (they/them), Library of Congress

51:32

**MM**

Edith Cooper

Michele M.

51:36

**MM**

Lois Curtis

Leroy Moore and Keith Jones.

Alice Wershing

52:08

**AW**

Anita Cameron



Dee Katovitch

55:33

**DK**

These look amazing! Good instructions for baby researchers 😊

[2 Replies](#)

Shonda McLaughlin

55:36

**SM**

This is awesome. I work with Veterans with Disabilities.



Whit Barringer, AHA

58:37

**WB**

Funding was mentioned - there is some federal funding available still. The Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources (TPS) Regional Grants are currently open. These grants are up to \$25,000 to do a primary-source based project. Currently deadline is May 1 for the next round of funding, with some other deadlines coming up later this year. You can see whose region you are in here.

<https://www.loc.gov/programs/teachers/about-this-program/teaching-with-primary-sources-partner-program/tps-regional-grant-program/regional-websites/>

[1 Reply](#)

Alan H

01:02:30

**AH**

Has Stephanie Thomas been asked to share with the ADAPT story she has digitalized?

[2 Replies](#)

Wendy Harris (she/her) MN

01:02:56

**WH**

Such a great resource! I've also found transcriptions of e newspapers that are more accessible than the images



Rich Cairn

01:13:27

**RC**

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Rhonda Bondie

01:20:32

**RB**

Could you share this slideshow?

Dee Katovitch

01:20:39

**DK**

Great resource. Thanks so much for sharing!

Graham Warder

01:20:53

**GW**

Incredible stuff. I hate to ask, but is your funding secure?

Patricia Chadwick (she/her)

01:21:04

**PC**

In what order are the results returned?

[1 Reply](#)

Lexikeet (Robert Thoren)

01:21:18

**L**

Tulip is unable to start her video, so we are trying to figure that out.

Alan H

01:21:54

**AH**

Our common problem is how do we get to the history of Ideas and how disabled people changed those Ideas?

[5 Replies](#)

Meg Metcalf (they/them), Library of Congress

01:23:13

**MM**

<https://guides.loc.gov/chronicling-america>

Rich Cairn

01:23:22

**RC**

<https://emergingamerica.org/workshops/teaching-disability-history-virtual-conference-april-15-2025>

Lexikeet (Robert Thoren)

01:23:33

**L(**

Is someone disabling Tulip's video?

Alan H

01:39:09

**AH**

what are the only to states that have banned enforced sterilization?

[5 Replies](#)

Rich Cairn

01:41:16

**RC**

All states ended enforced sterilization by state agencies. Some only in the 1980s or 1990s. Several states never did sterilize people against their will. Often due to religious objections.

Cameron S. Mitchell

01:41:27

**CS**

How many victims of sterilization in NC were compensated if at all? Is the program still ongoing? I know in California it was prematurely discontinued and the funding was moved to another cause.

Rich Cairn

01:42:11

**RC**

I have not tracked the North Carolina program's recent developments. I believe it may still be active.

Great questions!

Rich Cairn

01:43:44

**RC**

I see that North Carolina closed the program in 2014.

Kate Benson (she/her)

01:46:48

**KB**

[www.bssfriends.org](http://www.bssfriends.org)

<https://flickr.com/photos/thebssfriends/>

Alan H

01:50:38

**AH**

How do we get to deas?

Alice Wershing

01:50:54

**AW**

I would be interested in books used



Dee Katovitch

01:51:11

**DK**

Graham, are there first year seminars on diversity at Keene and if so, is disability included?



Destiny Lawyer

01:51:18

**DL**

I'm very interested in how to incorporate more of this into my 6th grade ELA and social studies curriculum. I'm interested in what Kate said about artifacts.

[2 Replies](#)

Ross Newton

01:52:14

**RN**

The Mass History Frameworks do a pretty ok job of including disability in the standards

<https://www.doe.mass.edu/frameworks/hss/2018-12.pdf>

Amy Fellows she/her

01:52:16

**AF**

Do you have links for the Disability Visibility for students?

Jenna Wolf

01:52:21

**JW**

Demystifying Disability by Emily Ladau is great for middle and high school audiences. I use it in my class that explores disability justice.

[1 Reply](#)



Cameron S. Mitchell

01:53:05 (Edited)

**CS**

For fiction: Good Kings Bad Kings by Susan Nussbaum is a great teen read. Also Octavia Butler's Parable of the Sower

[1 Reply](#)



Saphire Murphy

01:54:33

**SM**

<https://www.amazon.com/What-We-Have-Done-Disability/dp/1558499199>

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Cameron S. Mitchell

01:55:00 (Edited)

**CS**

Teaching about eugenics isn't dangerous, it is preventative. If you don't know the signs you can't recognize it happening in front of you.

Amy Fellows she/her

01:55:21

**AF**

Interested in joining that group

Alan H

01:55:41

**AH**

[adaptan@yahoo.com](mailto:adaptan@yahoo.com)

Rich Cairn

01:55:58

**RC**

[rcairn@collaborative.org](mailto:rcairn@collaborative.org)

For the Teaching Disability History Interest group

Kate Benson (she/her)

01:57:28

**KB**

[Katherine.anderson415@gmail.com](mailto:Katherine.anderson415@gmail.com)

Cameron S. Mitchell

01:58:02

**CS**

Everyone should see Disposable Humanity which is the first feature film about the Nazi Aktion T4 program (How you ask? That's a great question. We'll answer right before the top of the hour). Winner of the Audience Award at Slamdance this year at 2025. Featured in Forbes and Medium.

[www.disposablehumanity.com](http://www.disposablehumanity.com)



Whit Barringer, AHA

01:58:07

**WB**

Years ago now, I taught a class about the history of mental illness, starting with ancient myths about the depiction and understanding of mental illness, all the way to future treatments and emerging philosophies. One of my favorite classes I've ever taught.



Wendy Harris (she/her) MN

01:59:00

**WH**

@Rich Cairn check out the PBS Renegades piece on Judy-Lynn del Rey for a look at science fiction

1 Reply



Wendy Harris (she/her) MN

02:00:17

**WH**

The screen share is someone's desktop

Jeni Canaday

02:00:45

**JC**

Are all the researchers in this space aware that ABA therapy causes PTSD?

6 Replies



Alan H

02:09:39

**AH**

we need this research in PA NJ x



Alan H

02:13:11

**AH**

would love to share our reseach in Philadelphia

[1 Reply](#)

Amy Fellows she/her

02:14:35

**AF**

Our requirement in OR will be in effect 26-27 school year. Disability is part of the Ethnic Studies bill that was passed and we are working on crating a curriculum since it is not likely being worked on by anyone.

<https://www.oregon.gov/ode/educator-resources/standards/socialsciences/Documents/Ethnic%20Studies%20Standards%20FAQ%20April%202021%20update.pdf>

[2 Replies](#)

Kate Okeson

02:17:02

**KO**

Hi Nicole! Will you be sharing the research results?

Alice Wershing

02:17:27

**AW**

Do you know how many states have similar mandates?

[1 Reply](#)

Kate Okeson

02:17:48

**KO**

Thank you!

DISPOSABLE HUMANITY - David Mitchell

02:18:02

**DH**

Have you talked with disability studies programs at universities?

Teresa G. Wojcik - Villanova

02:20:55

**TG**

Thank you for having us and for your positive feedback!

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Jeni Canaday

02:23:47

**JC**

Very important work you are doing Cameron. I bet it is an emotional watch, but so very important.

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Amy Fellows she/her

02:24:43

**AF**

This sounds like a very important film. Would love to get a screening in OR once you are doing that.

[2 Replies](#)

ASL Interpreter (Paula Dunn)

02:26:02

**AI**

Is it close captioned?

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Saphire Murphy

02:27:40

**SM**

No captions?

[1 Reply](#)

Rich Cairn

02:28:23

**RC**

In the short term, turn on captions in zoom.

Cameron S. Mitchell

02:29:39 (Edited)

**CS**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gdf6d6SsDkE> trailer for Disposable Humanity

Cameron S. Mitchell

02:34:23

**CS**

To follow the film and sign up for updates on screenings near you, visit [www.disposablehumanity.com](http://www.disposablehumanity.com) and sign up for the mailing list

Cameron S. Mitchell

02:34:47

**CS**

I have to go now but thank you so much for your time and thank you to Rich and team for organizing this conference

[1 Reply](#)

Shonda McLaughlin

02:36:00

**SM**

Thank you. The film looks great.

Rich Cairn

02:37:27

**RC**

<https://www.historians.org/teaching-learning/k-12-education/american-lesson-plan/>

DISPOSABLE HUMANITY - David Mitchell

02:38:40

**DH**

Thanks to everyone and giving us your attention. We hope to have the film near you soon

Janet's iPhone

02:40:28

JJ

"16 mandates about disability history" - I'd like to know more about these specifically. Are they described in your report?

Rich Cairn

02:41:43

RC

This is the page on Learning Standards & Requirements

<https://emergingamerica.org/curriculum/learning-standards-requirements> We worked with Whit to compile that list. But any errors are mine, not the AHA's.

Whit Barringer, AHA

02:45:11

WB

[wbaringer@historians.org](mailto:wbaringer@historians.org)

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Janet's iPhone

02:46:49

JJ

Many of my students in preservice teacher education said they'd first hear about Disability History in a class I taught. Thanks to Rich and others in DS and advocacy groups who joined my class at the University. Yes! This needs to be across the curriculum!! Not just special education, please.

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Whit Barringer, AHA

02:47:36

WB

AHA's Perspectives magazine has a feature called "Everything has a History," in which historians take the history of a kind of everyday object or concept that people might not think has a history. I wrote a piece for the series called "Asylum Ruins," which addresses why we think of them as creepy cultural

objects without seeing the forces that put them there.

<https://www.historians.org/perspectives-article/asylum-ruins-may-2024/>

Janet's iPhone

02:47:48

**J**

I'm currently trying to bring this into early childhood.

Janet's iPhone

02:48:21 (Edited)

**J**

Pls put your site in the chat, and thank you!

Alice Wershing

02:49:02

**AW**

Janet, where are you located?

Janet's iPhone

02:49:12

**J**

Boston

Alice Wershing

02:49:32

**AW**

I'm also interested in early childhood

Saphire Murphy

02:50:03

**SM**

I'd love to get involved.

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Sharon Pennock - DEE (she/her)

02:50:47

**SP**

Our website is [www.DisabilityEqualityEducation.org](http://www.DisabilityEqualityEducation.org)

[1 Reply](#)

Rich Cairn

02:53:01

**RC**

<https://disabilityhistory.org/>

Dawn Nolan, Viscardi Center

02:56:04

**DN**

We are planning to open the Museum of Disability History this fall in Albertson NY (incorporating items from the prior Buffalo/People Inc. museum) and I would love to connect with those interested in being involved or visiting. Dawn Nolan, [dnolan@viscardicenter.org](mailto:dnolan@viscardicenter.org)

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Rich Cairn

02:56:08

**RC**

<https://emergingamerica.org/disability-history-curriculum>

Wendy Harris (she/her) MN

02:56:58

**WH**

I'm seeing your desktop.

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Patricia Chadwick (she/her)

02:57:55

**PC**

Disability history newsletter: <https://bit.ly/disabilityhistory-newsletter>

Dee Katovitch

02:59:32

**DK**

Thank you all!

Rhonda Bondie

02:59:34

**RB**

Thank you to everyone!

Rich Cairn

02:59:34

**RC**

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Dawn Nolan, Viscardi Center

02:59:35

**DN**

Thank you!!

Whit Barringer, AHA

02:59:40

**WB**

Thanks everyone!

Lauren

02:59:42

**L**

Thank you!

Earle, Nina C [INT]

02:59:43

**EN**

Thank you!

Shonda McLaughlin

02:59:47

**SM**

Thank you. Great conference. Informative and helpful!

Rick H

02:59:48

**RH**

Thank you!!!

Ross Newton

02:59:50

**RN**

Thank you Rich and Graham and everyone who contributed and attended this fantastic event.

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**D**

thank you!!

Wendy Harris (she/her) MN

02:59:51

**WH**

Thank you!

LJ Captein

02:59:54

**LC**

Thank you! I learned so much!

Pamela Macias

02:59:54

**PM**

Thank you !

Alice Wershing

03:00:01

**AW**

This was great, thank you all so much

MatthewsR

03:00:06

**M**

Thank You!

Jina Spinella

03:00:10

**JS**

Thank you everyone! Have a good night!

Stacie Moats

03:00:22

**SM**

Thanks so much, Rich, Graham, and everyone!