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Research

My research interests lie in the intersection between modern intellectual history, philosophy of history, and cultural criticism. My current project, "All is One: Holistic Knowledge Ideals and Controversies from Fin de siècle to the Anthropocene," investigates scientific boundary work and the relationship between knowledge, ideology, and spirituality. My thesis, *Two Quests for Unity*, is a study of John Dewey's and R. G. Collingwood's thought in relation to philosophical idealism and political liberalism. Previously, I have studied various cultural sciences and have written bachelor's dissertations in philosophy and comparative literature covering issues on identity, narration, trauma, memory, and the relationship between historiography and fiction.

My teaching experience includes the history of liberalism, Dewey and the history of pedagogy, Freud and the history of psychoanalysis, Foucault and French anti-humanism, historical perspectives on dystopianism, and the transnational history of the Haitian Revolution. I also lead various text seminars and supervise students in the history of ideas and digital culture.

Employment

Postdoctoral fellow

Division of History of Ideas and Sciences
Lund University
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Research outputs

"Studenternas aktivism visar en hoppfull strävan."

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