

Short presentation

I am currently researching the interplay between health and privacy in the early modern period and the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Beyond medical discourse on privacy, I focus on how popular healing knowledge survived in the private sphere despite the efforts to suppress these practices, paying particular attention to the relationship between popular healing and "official" medical knowledge, witch trials, the legal framing of healing practices, and colonial encounters. I am particularly interested in how health is framed in trans-continental and trans-imperial contexts of healing knowledge transmission and the cross-connections between health, death, superstition, secrecy, and privacy.

Employment

Assistant Professor

Section of Church History

København S, Denmark

1 Sep 2019 → nu

Postdoc

Section of Church History

København S, Denmark

31 Aug 2019 → 26 Jun 2023

Qualifications

History, PhD, Freie Universität Berlin

25 Sep 2013 → 20 Feb 2017

Award Date: 20 Feb 2017

Religious Studies, MA, University of Erfurt

10 Oct 2011 → 11 Mar 2013

Award Date: 11 Mar 2013

History, BA, Universidade Federal de Santa Maria

1 Mar 2005 → 5 Jan 2010

Award Date: 5 Jan 2010

Research outputs

Contingent Privacies: Knowledge Production and Gender Expectations from 1500 to 1800

Klein Kafer, Natacha, 2024, *Women's Private Practices of Knowledge Production in Early Modern Europe*. Kafer, N. K. & N. D. S. P. (eds.). Palgrave Macmillan, p. 129-137 9 p.

Dynamics of Privacy at Sea: An Introduction to Privacy Studies in Maritime History

Klein Kafer, Natacha, 2024, *Privacy at Sea: Practices, Spaces, and Communication in Maritime History*. Käfer, N. K. (ed.). Palgrave Macmillan, p. 1-17 17 p.

Excising Superstition from Knowledge: August of Saxony's Book of Healing Charms

Klein Kafer, Natacha, 2024, (Accepted/In press) In: *KNOW: A Journal on the Formation of Knowledge*. 8, 1

Language, Settings, and Networks of Early Modern Private Conversations

Ljungberg, Johannes & Klein Kafer, Natacha, 2024, *Tracing Private Conversations in Early Modern Europe: Talking in Everyday Life*. Palgrave Macmillan, p. 3-30 28 p.

Pockets of Privacy in the Maritime World: An Epilogue

Bruun, Mette Birkedal & Klein Kafer, Natacha, 2024, *Privacy at Sea: Practices, Spaces, and Communication in Maritime History*. Klein Käfer, N. (ed.). Palgrave Macmillan, p. 375-89 15 p.

Privacy and Knowledge Production in the Early Modern Period

Klein Kafer, Natacha & da Silva Perez, Natália, 2024, (Accepted/In press) In: *KNOW: A Journal on the Formation of Knowledge*. 8, 1

Privacy at Sea: Practices, Spaces, and Communication in Maritime History

Klein Kafer, Natacha (ed.), 2024, Palgrave Macmillan.

Private Birth, Public Authority: Topic changes from the Sixteenth to the Eighteenth century in German midwifery books

Klein Kafer, Natacha, 2024, (Submitted) In: *Current Research in Digital History*.

Situating Women's Private Practices of Knowledge Production in the Early Modern Context

Klein Kafer, Natacha & da Silva Perez, Natália, 2024, *Women's Private Practices of Knowledge Production in Early Modern Europe*. Palgrave Macmillan, p. 1-12 12 p.

Towards Further Studies of Private Conversations

Bruun, Mette Birkedal, Ljungberg, Johannes & Klein Kafer, Natacha, 2024, *Tracing Private Conversations in Early Modern Europe : Talking in Everyday Life*. Ljungberg, J. & Klein Käfer, N. (eds.). Palgrave Macmillan, p. 315–322 8 p.

Tracing Private Conversations in Early Modern Europe: Talking in Everyday Life

Ljungberg, Johannes (ed.) & Klein Kafer, Natacha (ed.), 2024, Palgrave Macmillan.

Women's Private Practices of Knowledge Production in the Early Modern Period

Klein Kafer, Natacha (ed.) & da Silva Perez, Natália (ed.), 2024, Palgrave Macmillan.

Between Concealment and Disclosure: Approaches to the History of Privacy in Knowledge-Making

da Silva Perez, Natália & Klein Kafer, Natacha, 2023, In: *KNOW: A Journal on the Formation of Knowledge*. 7, 1, p. 1-9 9 p.

Creation, Control, Communication: A Historical Appraisal of Privacy in Knowledge Production

da Silva Perez, Natália (ed.) & Klein Kafer, Natacha (ed.), 2023, In: *KNOW: A Journal on the Formation of Knowledge*. 7, 1

Low Countries, Private Life, and Privacy: an Introduction

Green, M., Huysman, I., Klein Kafer, Natacha & Bakić, Jelena, 2023, *Low Countries, Private Life and Privacy*. Brepols Publishers

Measuring Intersectional Biases in Historical Documents

Borenstein, Nadav, Stanczak, Karolina Ewa, Rolskov, T., da Silva Perez, N., Klein Kafer, Natacha & Augenstein, Isabelle, 2023, *Findings of the 61st Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics, ACL 2023*. Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL), Vol. ACL 2023. p. 2711–2730

Zones of Privacy in Letters between Women of Power: Elizabeth I of England and Anna of Saxony

Neighbors, D. M. & Klein Kafer, Natacha, 28 Jun 2022, In: *Royal Studies Journal*. 9, 1, p. 60-89 30 p.

Health care under suspicion? Early modern scandals and the creation of fear

Klein Kafer, Natacha, 5 Mar 2021

Privacy, Secrecy, and Cryptography in the Early Modern Period

Klein Kafer, Natacha, 14 Jan 2021

Dynamics of healer-patient confidentiality in early modern witch trials

Klein Kafer, Natacha, 2021, *Early Modern Privacy: Sources and Approaches*. Brill

Domestic animals and private spaces in the early modern period

Klein Kafer, Natacha, 6 Nov 2020

Secret practices, public threats: Colonial fears and Afro-Brazilian traditions in the 18th century
Klein Kafer, Natacha, 10 Sep 2020

Practices of Privacy, the Online Experience
Klein Kafer, Natacha, 19 Jun 2020

Epidemics and the issue of private knowledge
Klein Kafer, Natacha, 30 Mar 2020

Charity as Healing: Dealing with Demonic Possession in Seventeenth-Century France
Klein Kafer, Natacha, 3 Feb 2020

Privacy at Sea
Klein Kafer, Natacha, 15 Nov 2019

Settling things like gentlemen – duelling as private justice?
Klein Kafer, Natacha, 17 Oct 2019

Activities

History of Knowledge Conference
Klein Kafer, Natacha (Invited speaker)
23 Nov 2023

How to Write a Successful Book Proposal
Klein Kafer, Natacha (Lecturer)
20 Nov 2023

Privacy and Death: Past and Present
Klein Kafer, Natacha (Organizer) & Fricke, Felicia (Organizer)
12 Oct 2023 → 13 Oct 2023

Researching Historical Privacy in Latin America
Klein Kafer, Natacha (Organizer)
27 Sep 2023

WORKSHOP E SOLUÇÃO DE PROBLEMAS
Klein Kafer, Natacha (Lecturer)
24 Mar 2023

Advanced School for Computational History
Klein Kafer, Natacha (Organizer)
22 Mar 2023 → 24 Mar 2023

Advanced School for Computational History
Klein Kafer, Natacha (Workshop leader)
22 Mar 2023 → 24 Mar 2023

INTRODUÇÃO – Os porquês e comos da história computacional
Klein Kafer, Natacha (Lecturer)
22 Mar 2023

Visualização de rede

Klein Kafer, Natacha (Lecturer)
22 Mar 2023

Healing gold: Reimagining alchemical healing secrets in the Brazilian mines

Klein Kafer, Natacha (Invited speaker)
9 Mar 2023

Colonisation, Indigenous Peoples, and the Denial of Privacy

Klein Kafer, Natacha (Organizer)
12 Dec 2022

Healing Dialogue: Controversial Healing Prayers in August of Saxony's Private Manuscript

Klein Kafer, Natacha (Speaker)
1 Dec 2022

Practices of Privacy: Vestiges of Dialogue and Its Places

Klein Kafer, Natacha (Organizer), da Silva Perez, Natália (Organizer), Benison, Liam Paul (Organizer), Bakić, Jelena (Organizer) & Leemans, A. (Organizer)
30 Nov 2022 → 2 Dec 2022

Welcome and Introduction to the Centre for Privacy Studies

Klein Kafer, Natacha (Keynote)
30 Nov 2022

Privacy, Secrecy & Esotericism

Klein Kafer, Natacha (Organizer) & Rudbøg, Tim (Organizer)
14 Nov 2022 → 15 Nov 2022

Privacy & Colonialism

Grancho, Nuno (Organizer), Klein Kafer, Natacha (Organizer) & da Silva Perez, Natália (Organizer)
6 Oct 2022 → 7 Oct 2022

A History of Touch: Proximity in Early Modern Medicine

Klein Kafer, Natacha (Speaker)
4 Oct 2022

Natural, Unnatural and Supernatural Bodies in the Early Modern Period

Klein Kafer, Natacha (Lecturer)
9 Sep 2022

Privacy, Pseudonymity, and Precariousness: The Relationship between Alchemist and Prince in Gotha, 1679-1687

Klein Kafer, Natacha (Organizer)
14 Jun 2022

Privacy and Marriage in the Early Modern Period

Klein Kafer, Natacha (Organizer), da Silva Perez, Natália (Organizer) & Astorri, Paolo (Organizer)
21 Apr 2022

Early modern privatization of knowledge - healing between public concern and private interest

Klein Kafer, Natacha (Panel member)
1 Apr 2022

RSA 2022 Annual Meeting

Klein Kafer, Natacha (Speaker)

1 Apr 2022

Alchemy and Mining in Early Modern Saxony: Keeping Knowledge and Resources Private

Klein Kafer, Natacha (Organizer), Astorri, Paolo (Organizer), Koerner, Natalie (Organizer) & Jensen, Søren Frank (Organizer)

15 Feb 2022

Natural, Unnatural and Supernatural Bodies in the Early Modern Period

Klein Kafer, Natacha (Lecturer)

26 Jan 2022

Privacidade e segredos alquímicos em laboratórios do século XVI

Klein Kafer, Natacha (Lecturer)

17 Nov 2021

ANIMAL / PRIVACY: Historical and Conceptual Approaches

Klein Kafer, Natacha (Organizer)

8 Nov 2021 → 9 Nov 2021

Privacy Studies in Global Perspective: Approaches and History

Klein Kafer, Natacha (Organizer) & da Silva Perez, Natália (Organizer)

25 Oct 2021 → 27 Oct 2021

Privatizing Healing: Early modern strategies of keeping knowledge private in the transatlantic context

Klein Kafer, Natacha (Invited speaker) & Bruun, Mette Birkedal (Invited speaker)

25 Oct 2021

Privacy and Lived Religion in the Early Modern Period

Bruun, Mette Birkedal (Other), Klein Kafer, Natacha (Other) & Jensen, Søren Frank (Speaker)

15 Oct 2021

Tracing Everyday Conversations in Early Modern Europe

Ljungberg, Johannes (Organizer) & Klein Kafer, Natacha (Organizer)

7 Oct 2021 → 8 Oct 2021

Online lecture by Mette Birkedal Bruun: Privacy and the private as analytical categories in early modern studies

Klein Kafer, Natacha (Organizer)

23 Sep 2021

Rituals to regulate private lives: negotiating marital power through love spells

Klein Kafer, Natacha (Other)

1 Jul 2021

Historical Notions of Privacy in Latin America

Klein Kafer, Natacha (Organizer) & Poulsen, Frank Ejby (Invited speaker)

27 May 2021

Bodies, brothels and borders: Private matters in eighteenth century Altona

Ljungberg, Johannes (Invited speaker), Klein Kafer, Natacha (Invited speaker) & Jakobsen, Jesper (Invited speaker)

11 May 2021

Love Spells and the Negotiation of Marital Power

Klein Kafer, Natacha (Invited speaker)

6 May 2021

Historical Notions of Privacy in Latin America

Klein Kafer, Natacha (Organizer)

29 Apr 2021

Sexual Privacy and Unwanted Pregnancies in the Early Modern Period

Klein Kafer, Natacha (Speaker) & da Silva Perez, Natália (Speaker)

22 Apr 2021

Historical Notions of Privacy in Latin America

Klein Kafer, Natacha (Organizer)

25 Mar 2021

Historical Notions of Privacy in Latin America

Klein Kafer, Natacha (Organizer)

25 Feb 2021

Historical Notions of Privacy in Latin America

Klein Kafer, Natacha (Organizer)

28 Jan 2021

ONLINE SEMINAR: PRIVACY AT THE DRESDEN COURT UNDER ANNA AND AUGUST (1541-86)

Klein Kafer, Natacha (Organizer), Koerner, Natalie (Organizer), Astorri, Paolo (Organizer) & Jensen, Søren Frank (Organizer)

20 Jan 2021

ONLINE PRIVACY LECTURE Prof. Susanne Rau: Altona, 'little sister' of Hamburg: urbanisation, religious freedom and the emergence of privacy

Klein Kafer, Natacha (Organizer) & Ljungberg, Johannes (Organizer)

18 Dec 2020

Historical Notions of Privacy in Latin America

Klein Kafer, Natacha (Organizer)

26 Nov 2020

Historical Notions of Privacy in Latin America

Klein Kafer, Natacha (Organizer)

29 Oct 2020

Historical Notions of Privacy in Latin America

Klein Kafer, Natacha (Organizer)

24 Sep 2020

Digital Humanities Skill Share

da Silva Perez, Natália (Organizer), Klein Kafer, Natacha (Organizer) & Kjøller-Rasmussen, Jonas (Organizer)

10 Sep 2020 → Sep 2022

ONLINE PRIVACY seminar with Prof. Patrick Donmoyer: "Delivery, Ritual, and Discretion in an Early Pennsylvania Midwife's Register"

Klein Kafer, Natacha (Organizer)

24 Jun 2020

Practices of Privacy: Knowledge in the Making

da Silva Perez, Natália (Organizer) & Klein Kafer, Natacha (Organizer)
24 Apr 2020 → 29 May 2020

Privacy in early modern Europe. Rethinking research in the Humanities

Klein Kafer, Natacha (Invited speaker) & Ljungberg, Johannes (Invited speaker)
27 Feb 2020

BSECS 49th Annual Conference "Natural, Unnatural and Supernatural"

Klein Kafer, Natacha (Speaker)
10 Jan 2020

Anna of Saxony: Private Endeavours with Public Consequences

Klein Kafer, Natacha (Other) & Neighbors, D. M. (Other)
20 Nov 2019

Centre for Privacy Studies Seminar

Klein Kafer, Natacha (Speaker)
20 Nov 2019

Conspicuous Privacy

Klein Kafer, Natacha (Speaker)
14 Oct 2019

Dangers of Charity: Public masking of private intentions in the court of Louis XIV

Klein Kafer, Natacha (Other)
14 Oct 2019

Early Modern Privacy

Klein Kafer, Natacha (Speaker)
9 Apr 2019