

# Alice D. Dreger, Ph.D.

Condensed Resumé

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## Academic history

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Ph.D. in History and Philosophy of Science from Indiana University (1995)

### Faculty appointments:

- Northwestern University, Medical Humanities and Bioethics, Feinberg School of Medicine (2005-2015); achieved rank of Full Professor in 2008
- Michigan State University, Science and Technology Studies, Lyman Briggs (1996-2005); achieved tenure in 2001
- University of Minnesota, History of Science and Technology (1995-96)

(See also distinguished visiting lectureships, below.)

## Awards (sampling)

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Inclusion in FIRE's 25 Faces of Free Speech 25th Anniversary Campaign (2024)

The Heterodox Academy, Courage Award (2018)

Society of Midland Authors Literary Award for Best Nonfiction (2016)

Constance Holden Memorial Address for Distinguished Science Journalism (2015)

Outstanding Leadership Award in Comprehensive Sexuality Education from SIECUS, Planned Parenthood, Advocates for Youth, GLSEN (the Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network), and the Healthy Teen Network (2015)

Subject of a feature profile by the Chronicle of Higher Education (2015)

Utne Reader Visionary Award (2011)

John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship (2008)

Certificate of Recognition for Excellence in Diversity Programming, Office of the Provost, Michigan State University (2005)

Honorary Member of the Graduating Class for outstanding teaching, awarded by the graduating classes of Lyman Briggs College (1998-2005; seven consecutive awards)

Distinguished Member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars (2002)

Dwight J. Ingle Memorial Award for Young Writers, *Perspectives in Biology and Medicine* (2000)

Teacher-Scholar Award of Michigan State University (2000)

College of Natural Science Teacher-Scholar Award, Michigan State University (1999)

Esther L. Kinsley Ph.D. Thesis Award, Indiana University (1996)

## Books, authored and edited

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Françoise Baylis and **Alice Dreger**, eds., *Bioethics in Action* (Cambridge University Press, 2018).

**Alice Dreger**, *The Talk: Helping Your Kids Navigate Sex in the Real World* (commissioned by Amazon Kindle Singles, 2017).

**Alice Dreger**, *Galileo's Middle Finger: Heretics, Activists, and One Scholar's Search for Justice* (Penguin Press, 2015). Named a New York Times' Editors' Choice and Book of the Year by the Society of Midland Authors.

Andrew D. Hollenbach, Kristen L. Eckstrand, and **Alice Dreger**, eds., *Implementing Curricular and Institutional Climate Changes to Improve Health Care for Individuals Who Are LGBT, Gender Nonconforming, or Born with DSD: A Resource for Medical Educators* (Association of American Medical Colleges, 2014).

**Alice Dreger**, ed., *Clinical Guidelines for the Management of Disorders of Sex Development in Childhood* (Consortium on the Management of DSD in Childhood, 2006).

**Alice Dreger**, ed., *Handbook for Parents of Children with Disorders of Sex Development* (Consortium on the Management of DSD in Childhood, 2006).

**Alice Dreger**, *One of Us: Conjoined Twins and the Future of Normal* (Harvard University Press, 2004). Named Book of the Month by the Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine and given an honorary mention by the Gustavus Myers Center for the Study of Bigotry and Human Rights.

**Alice Dreger**, ed., *Intersex in the Age of Ethics* (University Publishing Group, 1999).

**Alice Dreger**, *Hermaphrodites and the Medical Invention of Sex* (Harvard University Press, 1998), in its sixth printing.

#### Additional editorial experience

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Publisher and editor for East Lansing Info, a nonpartisan, nonprofit, independent local news service (2014-2023; edited approx. 2,000 articles)

Editorial Board member of *The Journal of Controversial Ideas* (2021-present)

Prior Editorial Board memberships:

- *Perspectives in Biology and Medicine* (also served as Associate Editor)
- *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*
- *Studies in History and Philosophy of the Biological and Biomedical Sciences*

Editor for special journal issues:

- "Bad Girls" issue of *Atrium* (2014)
- Special issue on human sex, sexuality, and gender, co-edited with Paul Vasey, for *Perspectives in Biology and Medicine* (2007)
- Special issue on Laura Ferguson's "Visible Skeleton" artwork series for *Perspectives in Biology and Medicine* (2004)
- Special issue on intersex for *The Journal of Clinical Ethics* (1998)

Editorial advisor for the book series *Explorations in Bioethics and the Medical Humanities*

Editor for "The History of Science, Health, and Women" derivative for Primary Source Media's History of Women series (2000)

#### Mainstream writing (journalistic reporting and op-eds)

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My bylines include the New York Times (7 op-eds), Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, Chicago Tribune, Boston Globe, LA Times, WIRED, New Statesman, The Guardian, Aeon Magazine, Quillette, Pacific Standard, The Chronicle of Higher Education, and others.

Examples of serial mainstream writing work:

- New York Times, series of four articles on sex-testing in elite competition for the Sports Section
- The Atlantic, 15 articles for the Health Section
- Pacific Standard, 31 essays on human sexuality
- Bioethics Forum of the Hastings Center, 43 posts

In addition, I have substantial media experience, having appeared on over 200 live and recorded programs. Examples include:

- Live interviews on Good Morning America, NPR's The Forum, BBC Radio, CNN, CNN International, etc.
- Recorded interviews on The Oprah Winfrey Show, NPR All Things Considered, NPR To the Best of Our Knowledge, Discovery Health Channel, HBO Original Programming, A&E documentary, New Zealand Radio, CBC The Current, CBC National News, Australian Broadcasting Corporation, etc.

Peer reviewed journal articles and book chapters (sampling)

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**Alice Dreger**, "The Excesses of Our Successes: Challenges to Free Speech and Open Inquiry on American Campuses," in *International Comparative Approaches to Free Speech and Open Inquiry*, ed. Luke Sheahan (Palgrave Macmillan 2022), open access.

**Alice Dreger**, "Democracy without the Government: The Importance of Local News to Free Speech," in *New Directions in the Ethics and Politics of Free Speech*, ed. J.P. Messina (Routledge 2022), open access.

**Alice Dreger**, "What Is Sex For? (Or, The Many Uses of the Vag)," in *Health Humanities Reader*, eds. Therese Jones, Delese Wear, and Lester D. Friedman (Rutgers University Press 2014).

**Alice Dreger**, Ellen K. Feder, Anne Tamar-Mattis, "Prenatal Dexamethasone for Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia: An Ethical Canary in the Modern Medical Mine," *Journal of Bioethical Inquiry*, vol. 9 (September 2012): 277-294, open access.

**Alice Dreger**, "Darkness's Descent on the American Anthropological Association: A Cautionary Tale," *Human Nature*, vol. 22, no. 3 (2011): 225-246, open access.

**Alice Dreger** and Geoffrey Miller, "Conjoined Twins," in *Pediatric Bioethics*, ed. Geoffrey Miller (Cambridge University Press 2009).

**Alice Dreger**, "Gender Identity Disorder in Childhood: Inconclusive Advice to Parents," *Hastings Center Report*, vol. 39, no. 1 (January-February, 2009): 26-29, open access.

**Alice Dreger**, "The Controversy Surrounding *The Man Who Would Be Queen*: A Case History of the Politics of Science, Sex, and Identity in the Internet Age," *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, vol. 27, no. 3 (2008): 366-421, open access target article published with 23 commentaries.

**Alice Dreger**, "What to Expect When You Have the Child You Weren't Expecting," in *Surgically Shaping Children: Technology, Ethics, and the Pursuit of Normality*, ed. by Erik Parens (Johns Hopkins University Press 2006).

**Alice Dreger**, Cheryl Chase, Aron Sousa, Joel Frader, and Philip Gruppuso, "Changing the Nomenclature/Taxonomy for Intersex: A Scientific and Clinical Rationale," *Journal of Pediatric Endocrinology and Metabolism*, vol. 18, no. 8 (2005): 729-733.

**Alice Dreger**, "Intersex Treatment as Standard Medical Practice, or, How Wrong I Was," *Medical*

*Humanities Report*, vol. 24, no. 3 (Spring 2003), pp. 1-4.

**Alice Dreger**, "Jarring Bodies: Thoughts on the Display of Unusual Anatomies," *Perspectives in Biology and Medicine*, vol. 43, no. 2 (Winter 2000), pp. 161-172.

#### Invited lectures and conference presentations

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I've given over 200 invited lectures and conference presentations, many of them keynotes and plenaries; details available upon request.

**Visiting distinguished lectureships** have included:

- Presidential Fellowship, Cornell College
- Ryan Bioethicist-in-Residence at Southern Illinois University's Schools of Law and Medicine
- Visiting Professorship in Bioethics and Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Pittsburgh and Magee Women's Hospital
- The Henry King Stanford Distinguished Professorship in the Humanities at the University of Miami
- The Brittingham Endowed Visiting Professorship at the University of Wisconsin

**Named lectureships** have included:

- The David Green Memorial Lecture at the University of Utah School of Medicine
- The Lawrence Badash Memorial Distinguished Lecture at the Univ. California Santa Barbara
- The Brownlee Lecture in Sexuality Studies at the University of Pennsylvania
- The C.P. Snow Distinguished Lecture at Ithaca College
- The Mark Finlay Memorial Lecture in History at the University of Southern Georgia
- The Bicknell Lecture in the History of Medicine for the American Urological Association
- The Elizabeth Paris Lecture for Socially-Engaged History and Philosophy of Science for the History of Science Society
- Fay Horton Sawyer Philosophy Lecture in Science, Technology, and Society, Illinois Institute of Technology
- Dresher Humanities Center Annual Korenman Lecture, University of Maryland
- The Pauline Newman Distinguished Lecture in Science, Technology & Society at Vassar College
- The Lawson Wilkins Distinguished Lecture for the Pediatric Endocrine Society
- The Liliana Sauter Lecture for the New York Academy of Medicine

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