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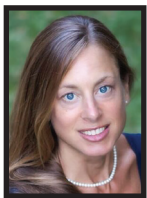
Ludy T. Benjamin, Jr. Distinguished Lecture in the History of Psychology
presents Laura Stark, Ph.D.

“The other Akron: Searching for the “normal” mind in postwar America”

May 16, 2019

5:30 pm - cash bar and hors d'oeuvres
6:00 pm - dinner
7:00 pm - lecture
at
The University of Akron
Williams Honors College
130 E. Mill Street, Akron, Ohio 44325

PRESENTATION OVERVIEW: In the early 1950s, NIMH scientists endeavored to understand mental illness by trying to make the “normal” mind pathological—most efficiently, they thought, by making normal people “psychotic” with drugs, such as LSD. But how and where could they find healthy civilians to live at the Clinical Center for months at a time as subjects of experiments specifically designed to make them psychotic? This lecture tells the story of scientists’ search for “normal control” research subjects in 1950s America and their discovery of healthy “volunteers” in the other Akron—that is, Akron, Pennsylvania.



Laura Stark is Associate Professor at Vanderbilt University, Associate Editor of the journal *History & Theory*, and Advisory Editor for the journals *History of Psychology* and *Isis*. Stark’s first book, *Behind Closed Doors: IRBs and the Making of Ethical Research*, was published in 2012 by University of Chicago Press. Her second book, *The Normals: A People’s History*,

explores how a market for healthy civilian “human subjects” emerged in law, science, and everyday imagination. The project traces the production of a moral sensibility and a legal system to enact this market for healthy civilians in the post-World War II period. It is based on a vernacular archive she created with more than 100 “normal control” research subjects and scientists who took part in postwar experiments at the US National Institutes of Health, now archived at Countway Library for the History of Medicine. Stark was recipient of the 2014 Early Career Award from the Society for the History of Psychology and the 2010 Burnham Early Career Prize from the History of Science Society’s Forum for the History of the Human Sciences.

This lecture series honors Ludy T. Benjamin, Jr., an outstanding teacher, scholar, and researcher whose work has contributed significantly to our understanding of psychology and its history. The annual Ludy T. Benjamin, Jr. Lecture is hosted by the Cummings Center each year in May.



Registration Deadline is May 11, 2019

Complete this registration form and return by email, fax, or mail to the address at the bottom of the form. Secure online registration is also available through our website at www.uakron.edu/chp.

Registration Type: General \$50.00 Student \$25.00

Dinner Selection: Please select one from the following choices. All entrees served with roasted garlic red skin mashed potatoes & green beans.

- Grilled Flank Steak** - Marinated in cilantro lime marinade with chimichurri sauce on side
- Breaded Chicken Caprese** - Crispy chicken breast topped with balsamic roasted tomatoes, melted fresh mozzarella, fresh basil and marinara
- Moussaka** - Layers of grilled eggplant, potatoes and caramelized leeks with bechamel
- I have food allergies/dietary restrictions** - Email gruich@uakron.edu

Registration Information: (students must include or email copy of ID)

Name: _____ **Preferred Title:** _____

Institution: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **E-mail:** _____
(for confirmation)

Method of Payment: (checks payable to “The University of Akron”)

- MasterCard Visa Discover American Express Check

Credit Card #: _____ **Exp:** _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Local Hotel Information:

Courtyard Marriott Downtown Akron, 1-800-321-2211. Request ‘Benjamin Lecture’ rate to receive UA discount or register through link on CCHP website. For other nearby hotels and Akron attractions, visit the Akron/Summit Visitors Bureau www.visitakron-summit.org.

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