

## 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