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Biography
Dr. Giesberg is an expert on the history of women and gender during the U.S. Civil War on the understudied subjects of women and the Civil War. She can also speak about the connections between the 1870 and 2020 census. In 1870, the Republican party in the process of administering the census, sought to gather statistics on illegal voter disfranchisement. The numbers they gathered were not at all what they expected and actually nearly worked against them.

Her first book examined women’s relief work during the war. This was followed by a book examining how working class and African American women endured the war on the Northern home front. Her most recent book explores the trade in pornography among U.S. soldiers in the Civil War. In a number of digital projects, Giesberg has focused on African American communities during the war, in particular in the North. Giesberg oversees an ongoing project collecting and digitizing information wanted ads taken out by former slaves looking for loved ones lost in the domestic slave trade. She has recently appeared on CBS Evening News, The Washington Post and NPR.

Industry Expertise
Education/Learning, Research, Writing and Editing

Areas of Expertise
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