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WALTER HAWTHORNE
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Michigan State University
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EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan. January 2006 to present.

Associate Professor, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio. Assistant Professor from September 1999 to August 2004. Associate Professor August 2004 to December 2006.

Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont, September 1998 to June 1999.

Lecturer, Mills College, Oakland, California, January to June 1997.

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER WORK

United Nations Election Observer, Bissau, Guinea-Bissau, during the first democratic election in the country's history. Summer 1994.

EDUCATION

Stanford University, Stanford California, 1992-1998

Ph.D., African History
Anthropology, Minor Field
Latin America, Tertiary Field
Adviser: Dr. Richard Roberts

University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland, 1990 to 1992

M.A., American History
African History, Minor Field

Hampden-Sydney College, Hampden-Sydney, Virginia, 1984 to 1988

B.A., History and Economics

LANGUAGES

Portuguese, Graça (the language of the Balanta), Guinean Creole, French

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS & INTERNSHIPS

National Endowment for the Humanities Faculty Fellowship, August 15, 2008-August 14, 2009. Approx. \$55,000.

Sesquicentennial Research Fund for Historical Research and Publication, Department of History, Michigan State University, Summer 2008. \$2500.

Michigan State University Intramural Research Grant Proposal Award. Spring 2008. Approx. \$25,000.

Michigan State University College of Social Science Undergraduate Research Support Award, Spring 2007. \$1,000.

Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Fellowship, for research in Guinea-Bissau, Portugal and Brazil, September 2004-September 2005. Approx. \$75,000

Ohio University Research Committee Grant, for research in Guinea-Bissau, June - September 2004. Approx. \$5,000.

Ohio University Institute for the African Child Grant, for research in Lisbon, June-September 2002. Approx. \$3,500.

Ohio University Research Committee Grant, for research in Guinea-Bissau, June - September 2000. Approx. \$5,000.

Mellon Dissertation Write-up Grant, June 1996 - June 1997.

Mellon Dissertation Research Fellowship, September 1995.

Fulbright Fellowship for dissertation research in Guinea-Bissau and Cape Verde, October 1994 to September 1995. Approx. \$25,000.

Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship to study advanced Graça in Guinea-Bissau, Summer 1994.

Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship to study Graça in Guinea-Bissau, Summer 1993.

Stanford University Department of History Graduate Fellowship, September 1992 to June 1996.

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Internship. Duties included editing, and researching for *Making a Right a Reality: An Oral History of the EEOC*.

BOOK PUBLICATIONS

Forthcoming: "Making Guinea Identity, Culture, and a Slave Trade From West Africa to Brazil, c. 1620-c. 1830."

Planting Rice and Harvesting Slaves: Transformations along the Guinea-Bissau Coast, 1450-1850 (Portsmouth, New Hampshire: Heinemann, 2003).

PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

In process: "*Kriston* Atlantic communities: connecting Northeastern Brazil, Portugal and Upper Guinea, 1650-1830."

"Choosing slavery?: an African slave named Gorge and his 'flights' from 'freedom' back to his master in Bahia in the early nineteenth century." Accepted special edition of *Slavery and Abolition*.

"From 'Black Rice' to 'Brown': Rethinking the History of Rice Culture in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Century Atlantic," forthcoming in *American Historical Review*.

"'Being now, as it were, one family': Shipmate bonding on the slave vessel *Emilia*, in Rio de Janeiro and throughout the Atlantic World," *Luso-Brazilian Review* 45, 1 (2008), 53-77.

"Nourishing a Stateless Society during the Slave Trade: The Rise of Balanta Paddy-Rice Production in Guinea-Bissau," *Journal of African History* 42 (2001): 1-24.

"The Production of Slaves Where There Was No State: The Guinea-Bissau Region, c. 1450 - c. 1815," *Slavery and Abolition* 20, 2 (August 1999): 97-124.

BOOK CHAPTERS

"The Strategies of Small-Scale Societies: Defending Communities from Slave Raiders in Coastal Guinea-Bissau, 1450-1815," in *Fighting Back: African Strategies against the Slave Trade*. Ed. Sylviane Diouf. (Athens: Ohio University, 2003), 152-169.

"Migrations and Statelessness: The Expansion of the Balanta of Guinea-Bissau, 1900-1950," in *Migrations anciennes et peuplement actuel des Côtes guinéennes*, ed. Gérald Gaillard (Paris: L'Harmattan, 2000), 139-150.

REVIEW ESSAYS

Luso-Brazilian Review 43, 2 (2007), 149-156. Review of Birmingham, David. *Portugal and Africa*. Africa Series No. 81. Ohio University Research in International Studies. Athens (OH): Ohio University Press, 2004. ; and Carvalho, Clara and João de Pina Cabral (org.). *A Persistência da História: Passado e contemporaneidade em Africa*. Lisbon: Imprensa de Ciências Sociais da Universidade de Lisboa, 2004.

“An African Atlantic,” *Journal of African History* 46, 2 (July 2005), 344. Review of José C. Curto and Paul Lovejoy, eds. *Enslaving Connections, Changing Cultures of Africa and Brazil during the Era of Slavery*. Amherst, N.Y.: Humanity Books, 2004; James H. Sweet, *Recreating Africa, Culture, Kinship, and Religion in the African-Portuguese World, 1441-1770*. Chapel Hill, N.C.: University of North Carolina Press, 2003.

“History and Identity in Senegambia and on the Upper Guinea Coast,” *Africa* 74, 3 (2004), 454-465. Review of George E. Brooks. *Eurafricans in Western Africa: Commerce, Social Status, Gender, and Religious Observance from the Sixteenth to the Eighteenth Century*. Athens: Ohio University Press, 2003; Joshua B. Forrest. *Lineages of State Fragility: Rural Civil Society in Guinea-Bissau*. Athens: Ohio University Press, 2003; and Peter Mark: “Portuguese” Style and Luso-African Identity: *Precolonial Senegambia, Sixteenth-Nineteenth Centuries*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2002.

BOOK REVIEWS

American Historical Review, forthcoming. Review of David Eltis and David Richardson, eds., *Extending the Frontiers: Essays on the New Transatlantic Slave Trade Database* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2008).

Journal of Global History 3, 3 (2008), 467-470. Review of Gwyn Campbell, Suzanne Miers and Joseph C. Miller, eds., *Women and Slavery: The Indian Ocean World, and the Medieval North Atlantic*. Vol. I. Athens: Ohio University Press, 2007; and Gwyn Campbell, Suzanne Miers and Joseph C. Miller, eds., *Women and Slavery: The Modern Atlantic*. Vol. II. Athens: Ohio University Press, 2008.

Africa 75, 4 (2005), 619-20. Review of Trevor R. Getz. *Slavery and Reform in West Africa. Toward Emancipation in Nineteenth-Century Senegal and the Gold Coast*. Athens: Ohio University Press, 2004.

ESSAYS

“Guinea-Bissau,” invited essay with Clara Carvalho for *Berg Encyclopedia of World Dress and Fashion* (Oxford: Berg Publishers, forthcoming).

“Women in Africa from 1000-1500,” *Encyclopedia of Women in World History*, ed. Iris Berger (Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming).

SHORT ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

“Guinea-Bissau,” in *Encyclopedia of the Modern World* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008).

“Bissagos,” in *Encyclopedia of the Middle Passage* (Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 2007), 60-61.

“Decentralized societies and the slave trade,” in *Encyclopedia of the Middle Passage* (Greenwood Press, Westport, Conn.: 2007), 134-136.

“Republic of Cape Verde (*República de Cabo Verde*),” in *World Encyclopedia of Political Systems and Parties* (New York: Facts On File, 1999).

FORTHCOMING PRESENTATIONS

“Brown Rice in Maranhão and the Larger Atlantic,” *American Historical Association*, San Diego, California, January 2010.

Brokers of Change: Atlantic Commerce and Cultures in Pre-Colonial “Guinea of Cape Verde” Conference, Centre of West African Studies at the University of Birmingham, June 11-13, 2009

PRESENTATIONS

“Is that Rice Black or White? Let’s Call it Brown: African Slavery and Rice Agriculture in Maranhão, Brazil, 1755-1815,” Africans in the Americas: Got Skills (as Well as Labor)? Forum, New York University, History Department, March 26, 2009.

“The Africanization Economic History: Recent Scholarly Approaches to the Global Economy to 1850,” for the Africa and the Early Modern Workshop, Johns Hopkins University, March 6, 2009.

“Which were the ‘Marginal’ Societies in Upper Guinea? Comparing Slave Production by States and by Politically Decentralized or Small-Scale Societies in the Greater Guinea-Bissau Area, c. 1700-c. 1830,” Margins, Networks and Alliances: The Upper Guinea Coast and the Making of the Atlantic International Symposium, Institute of Social Sciences, Lisbon, Portugal, December 17-20, 2008.

“The Promise and Impact of the Voyages Database for West African and Atlantic History,” Conference on Voyages: The Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade Database and the Bicentennial of the End of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade, 1808-2008, Emory University, December 5-6, 2008.

“Dealing with Witches: Slave Production and Trading on the in the Upper Guinea Coastal Zone, 1750-1830,” for Empires and Colonies Workshop, University of Chicago, October 29, 2008.

“Black Slave Ship Crew: Labor, Bondage and Freedom in the Early Modern South Atlantic,” for Our Daily Work/Our Daily Lives Series, Michigan State University, September 12, 2008.

“Atlantic Syncretisms: Mande Cultural Practices in Africa and Amazonia, 1650-1830,” MANSA Conference, Lisbon, Portugal, June 23-27, 2008.

- “Guinea-Bissau: Historical Roots of a Fragile Democracy,” Presentation to Marcia Stephens Bloom Bernicat, ambassador designate to Senegal and Guinea-Bissau, and others at the Bureau of Intelligence and Research of the US Department of State and National Intelligence Council “Seminar on Senegal and Guinea-Bissau,” Meridian International Center, Washington, DC, April 9, 2008.
- “Atlantic Connections: Religions Practices in Amazonia, Portugal and Upper Guinea, 1650-1830,” BRASA Conference, New Orleans, March 28, 2008.
- “Choosing slavery?: A Slave Named Gorge and His ‘Flights’ from ‘Freedom’ back to his master in Bahia in the Nineteenth Century,” American Historical Association, “Atlantic Biographies: Odysseys through Time” panel, January 5, 2008.
- “African History and Africa Now,” Presentation at Selfridge Navy Reserve Base, Michigan, April 2007.
- “*Kriston* Atlantic Communities: Connecting Northeastern Brazil, Portugal and Upper Guinea, 1650-1830,” Boston University, “Community Building and Identity Formation in the African Diaspora Conference,” March 2007.
- “*Blue Eyes of Yonta* in Historical Perspective,” Michigan State University, MSU Libraries Friday Night Film Series,” November 10, 2006.
- “An Atlantic *Kriston* Community in Guinea, Portugal and Maranhão, 1650-1800,” Michigan State University, Migration Studies Colloquium, Global Migrations: Empire, Community & Intimacy, November 2006.
- “Exploring Africa from Battuta to Stanley,” Hampden-Sydney College, Virginia, Summer College Symposium, June 2006.
- “Shipmate bonds and African Conceptions of Community,” University of Michigan & Michigan State University, Atlantic History Workshop, “Recapricorning” the Atlantic: Luso-Brazilian and Luso-African Perspectives on the Atlantic World, May 2006.
- “‘Being now, as it were, one family,’: Shipmate bonding on the slave vessel Emilia, in Rio de Janeiro and throughout the Atlantic World,” State University of New York at Buffalo, Prime Movers of the Atlantic World: Portugal and Africa Conference, April 2006.
- “Atlantic Identities in Africa and Brazil, 1750-1830,” Emory College, Hightower Family Fund Series: The Seminar in African History, Culture & Society, April 2006.
- “Escravos da Guiné no Maranhão,” Universidade Federal do Maranhão, São Luis, Brazil, July 2005.
- “Arroz na Guiné e no Maranhão,” Universidade Estadual do Maranhão, São Luis, Brazil, July 2005.

- “An Atlantic Creole Community: Upper Guineans in Africa and the Americas, 1700-1800,” Brown University, March 2005.
- “African Rice Farmers on the Upper Guinea Coast and in Northern Brazil, 1650-1815,” Michigan State University, March 2005.
- “African Atlantic History: the Linking of Africa with Its Diaspora’s Past,” University of California, Davis, Multi-Campus Research Unit on World History Meeting on Bondage, Subjugation and the New Slavery in Comparative World Perspective, May 28-30, 2004. Keynote address.
- “All knowledge is contested locally: The changing nature of West African rice production, 1450-1850,” “Rice Systems in Africa” panel, African Studies Association, Boston, MA, October 30-November 1, 2003.
- “Planting Rice, Harvesting Slaves: Transformations in along the Upper Guinea Coast in the Era of the Atlantic Slave Trade,” University of Maiduguri, Maiduguri, Nigeria, March 2003.
- “Slave Profiles: Gender Ratios among Captives Produced on the Upper Guinea Coast in the Mid-Nineteenth Century.” MANSA Conference, Leiden, Netherlands, June 17-22, 2002.
- “Historical Change along the Upper Guinea Coast in the Era of the Atlantic Slave Trade,” University of California, Berkeley, February 2002.
- “The Balanta and the Slave Trade: Historical Change in a Decentralized Society at the End of the Seventeenth Century,” University of Minnesota, December 2002.
- “On Kaabu's Slaving Frontiers: Decentralized Societies and the Atlantic Slave Trade,” York University, Toronto, Canada: December 2001.
- “The Role of Africa in World History.” Ohio Academy of History, April 2001.
- “The Strategies of the Stateless: Defending Communities from Slave Raiders in Coastal Guinea-Bissau, 1450-1815.” Rutgers Department of History and Center for African Studies Conference, Fighting Back: African Strategies against the Slave Trade, in February 2001.
- “A Stateless Society's Response to the Slave Trade: the Balanta of Guinea Bissau.” African Studies Association Conference in November 1999.
- “Making Neighbors and Making Slaves: The Rise of Age Grades among the Acephalous Balanta of Guinea-Bissau in the Era of the Atlantic Slave Trade.” African Studies Association Conference in October 1998.

“Economic and Political Transformation in an Acephalous Society in the Era of the Atlantic Slave Trade: A Study of the Balanta of Guinea-Bissau.” Stanford’s Empires and Cultures Workshop Spring Colloquium, June 1997.

“Acephalous Society and the Slave Trade: A Study of the Balanta of Guinea-Bissau.” Africa Table, Stanford University, April 1997.

“The Internal Architecture of Balanta Society in Shaping Nineteenth and Twentieth Century Migrations and Expansions.” Africa Table, Stanford University, March 1996.

“Overpopulation, Drought, Opportunity, and Resistance: The Twentieth Century Migration of the Balanta to Catió.” Joint Stanford-Berkeley Conference on Africa, April 1996.

“Slavery in Africa: The Cultural Meaning of Historical Change.” Joint Stanford-Berkeley Conference on Africa, April 1994.

“Guinea-Bissau in the 1990s.” Africa Table, Stanford University, January 1994.

INTERVIEWS

“Africa Past and Present Podcast,” Episode 12. Interviewed by Peter Alegi and Peter Limb about the history of rice cultivation in the Atlantic. <http://afripod.aodl.org>.

PANEL CHAIR

“Enslaved Africans and Commodities During the Era of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade” panel at the American Historical Association, San Diego, January 2010

“The Mande Diaspora in the Atlantic” panel at the MANSA Conference, Lisbon, Portugal, 23-27 June 2008.

“The Slave Trade and Abolition: Rethinking 1807” panel at The Four Corners of the Atlantic Conference, Michigan State University and University of Michigan, 4-5 May 2007.

PANEL DISCUSSANT

Emory University, Conference on “Voyages: The Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade Database and the Bicentennial of the End of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade, 1808-2008.” December 5-6, 2008.

African Studies Association, San Francisco, CA, “Behavior, Movement, Identity, African Subjectivities in Process” panel, November 17, 2006.

African Constitutionalism and Society Conference, Ohio University, “African Constitutions” panel, November 6-8, 2000.

BOOK-LENGTH MANUSCRIPT REVIEWS

Ohio University Press, 2005, 2005, 2006

BOOK PROPOSAL REVIEWS

Cambridge University Press, 2008, 2009

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWS FOR JOURNALS

African Identities, 2009

Luso-Brazilian Review, 2007

American Historical Review, 2007

African Studies Review, 2007

Canadian Journal of African History, 2005

FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION REVIEWS

Endangered Archive Programme, Asia, Pacific and Africa Collections, The British Library, London, UK, March 2006; March 2009

TENURE AND/OR PROMOTION REVIEWS

For University of Michigan, 2008

For Carnegie Mellon University, 2006

NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE SERVICE

Institute of International Education, Fulbright Program, National Screening Committee for student applicants for West and Central Africa. December 15, 2008.

ADVISORY POSITION

Advisor about the "Names Database" of the *Transatlantic Slave Trade Database, Voyages* website. <http://slavevoyages.org/tast/index.faces>, December 2008 to present.

DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Michigan State University

Special Selections Committee for dept. chair appointment/reappointment, 2009

Chair of the Appointments Committee, Department of History, 2008-2009

Tenure & Promotion Committee, Lyman Briggs College, Spring 2009

Tenure & Promotion Committee Advocate for John Waller, History, 2008-2009

Chair of the Graduate Committee, Department of History, Fall 2006-Spring 2008

Graduate Committee, Department of History, Spring 2006

Chair of Peter Alegi's Tenure & Promotion Committee, Department of History, Fall 2007

Appointments Committee, Department of History, 2006-2007
Department Advisory Committee, Department of History, 2006-2007
FLAS Fellowship Committee, African Studies, Spring 2006
Core Faculty, African Studies, Spring 2006 to present
Core Faculty, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, 2006 to present
Core Faculty, Center for Advanced Study of International Development, 2007 to present

Ohio University

Fulbright IIE Student Interview Committees, Ohio University, Fall 2003, Fall 2005
African Diaspora in the Americas Search Committee, Department of History, 2002-2004
Mentor: Orientation for New Ohio University Faculty, Fall 2002.
Peer Evaluation Committee, Department of History, Winter 2002, Winter 2003
European Women's History Search Committee, Department of History, 2001-2002
20th Century African American Search Committee, Af. Am. Studies Department, 2001-2
Advisory Board, African American Studies Department, 2001-2003
Advisory Board, Bachelors of International Studies Program, 2001-2004
Technology Committee, Department of History, 2001-2004
Undergraduate Adviser, Department of History, 2000-2004
Graduate Committee, African Studies, 1999-2004
Staff Planning Committee, African Studies, 2000-2004
Advisory Board, Institute for the African Child, 1999-2004
Executive Committee, Contemporary History Institute, 1999-2004
Graduate Committee, Department of History, 1999-2004
Costa Lecture Committee, Department of History, 1999-2004
Seven Year Review Committee, Department of History, 2000-2001
Grader, Randolph-Stone Contest, Department of History, Spring 2000, Spring 2003

WORK WITH GRADUATE STUDENTS

Michigan State University, PhD advisees in History

Erin Lambert (advisee with Peter Alegi), at MSU August 2008 to present. Research on Mozambique.

Bala Saho, at MSU August 2007 to present. Research on divorce and child custody in The Gambia, nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

Lumumba Shabaka, at MSU August 2006 to present. Research on slavery in Cape Verde, seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.

Lindsey Gish, at MSU August 2005 to present. Winner of Fulbright IIE fellowship for dissertation research. Research on slavery, the slave trade and market women in West Africa and Louisiana, eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

Assan Sarr, at MSU August 2005 to present. ABD. Winner of Compton Peace Prize for dissertation research. Dissertation project: "Landlords and the Landless, Changing Notions of Property and Property Rights on the Banks of the Gambia River, c1790-1945."

Service on Graduate Committees of Students who Completed PhD Dissertations

Shannon Harris, defending July 14, 2009.

Stuart Willis, May 2009, History, MSU. “Left to themselves, the Cherokee would become a prosperous, independent commonwealth, and would never sell their Lands,’: Cherokees, Slaves and Moravians at Springplace Mission, Georgia, 1799-1838.”

Ibra Sene, August 2008, History, MSU. “Crime, Punishment and Colonization: A History of the Prison of Saint-Louis and the Development of the Penitentiary System in Senegal, ca. 1830-1940.”

Tamba Mbayo, August 2007, History, MSU. “African Interpreters, Mediation, and the Production of Knowledge in Colonial Senegal: The Lower and Middle Senegal Valley, 1850s to 1920s.”

Ohio University, MA advisees

Joanna Tague, 2002-2004, MA research about Tanzanian independence movement; presently a PhD student at University of California, Davis.

Leslie Hadfield, 2003-2005, MA about Steve Biko’s legacy in South Africa; presently a PhD student at Michigan State University.

COURSES

Michigan State University, Undergraduate

History 362: West Africa and the African-American Connection

History 484: African Slavery and Black Atlantic Cultures

Integrative Studies in the Arts & Humanities 211A: African Perspectives on Colonialism

Michigan State University, Graduate

History 834: The Atlantic Slave Trade

Ohio University, Undergraduate

History 340: African History through Film

History 341A / 541A: Africa to 1500

History 341B / 542A: Africa and the Slave Trade, 1450-1850

History 341C / 541C: Modern Africa, 1850-Present

History 342A / 542A: South Africa to 1899

History 342B / 542B: South Africa since 1899

Ohio University, Graduate

History 441/541: Colloquium on Colonial Africa

History 441/541: Colloquium on Precolonial Africa

History 441/541: Colloquium on Atlantic Slavery

History 441/541: Colloquium on Slavery in Africa

Contemporary History 601: History and Theory

University of Vermont

History 09: Global History to 1500

History 10: Global History since 1500

History 40: Introduction to African History

History 195: South African History

History 296B: "Slavery" in Africa and the Americas

Mills College, Oakland, California

History 131: African History, An Introductory Survey

Stanford

History 49S: Slavery in Africa