

Curriculum Vitae  
**WALTER HAWTHORNE**  
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Michigan State University  
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## **EMPLOYMENT**

**Michigan State University**, East Lansing, Michigan. Department of History.  
Department Chair, summer 2010 to present.  
Professor, summer 2010 to present.  
Associate Professor, fall 2005 to spring 2010.

**Ohio University**, Athens, Ohio. Department of History.  
Associate Professor, fall 2004 through fall 2005.  
Assistant Professor, fall 1999 through spring 2004.

**University of Vermont**, Burlington, Vermont. Department of History.  
Visiting Assistant Professor, fall 1998 through spring 1999.

**Mills College**, Oakland, California. Department of History  
Lecturer, spring 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, GRANTS, AWARDS & INTERNSHIPS**

### **Successful:**

“Islam and Modernity: Alternatives in Contemporary Senegambia and Ghana,” National Endowment for the Humanities Grant. \$200,000. Co-PI.

“Biographies: The Atlantic Slaves Data Network,” National Endowment for the Humanities Preservation and Access Grant. \$100,000. PI with Gwendolyn Midlo Hall. Complete in spring 2013.

Endangered Archives Programme, July 2010 through December 2010. “Social History of The Gambia: Rescuing an Endangered Archive, Police and Court Records.” The project aims to preserve Muslim court records from the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. £11,663 for a project in The Gambia. PI.

National Endowment for the Humanities Faculty Fellowship, August 15, 2008-August 14, 2009. Approx. \$60,000.

Sesquicentennial Research Fund for Historical Research and Publication, Department of History, Michigan State University, Summer 2008. \$2,500.

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*.

## **DATABASE**

"Biographies: The Atlantic Slaves Data Network." <http://slavebiographies.org/>

## **BOOK PUBLICATIONS**

*From Africa to Brazil: Culture, Identity and an Atlantic Slave Trade, 1600 to 1830*, African Studies Series (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2010).

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

## **ARTICLES**

"The cultural meaning of work: the 'Black Rice Debate' reconsidered," accepted for *The Secret Lives of Rice: Promiscuity, Knowledge and Power*, forthcoming with Cambridge University Press.

"'Sendo agora, como se fôssemos, uma família': laços entre companheiros de viagem no navio negreiro Emília, no Rio de Janeiro e através do Mundo Atlântico," *Revista Mundos do Trabalho* 3, 6 (2011), 7-29 (translation).

"Choosing slavery?: an African slave named Gorge and his 'flights' from 'freedom' back to his master in Bahia in the early nineteenth century," *Slavery and Abolition* 31, 3 (September 2010), 411-28.

"From 'Black Rice' to 'Brown': Rethinking the History of Rice Culture in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Century Atlantic," *American Historical Review* 115, 1 (February 2010), 151-163.

"'Being now, as it were, one family': Shipmate bonding on the slave vessel *Emília*, 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. Gérard Gaillard (Paris: L’Harmattan, 2000), 139-150.

## REVIEW ESSAYS

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

*International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 46, 1 (2013). Review of Joseph Miller, *The Problem of Slavery as History: A Global Approach*. New Haven: Yale, 2012.

*International Journal of African Historical Studies* (2011). Review of George E. Brooks, *Western Africa and Cabo Verde, 1790s-1830s*. Bloomington, IN: AuthorHouse, 2010.

*The Americas* 68, 2 (2011). Review of David Eltis and David Richardson, *Atlas of the Transatlantic Slave Trade*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2010.

- History: Reviews of New Books*, 39, 4 (2011), 116-117. Review of Stefania Capone, *Searching for Africa in Brazil: Power and Tradition in Candomblé*, Trans. Lucy Lyall Grant. Durham, NC and London: Duke University Press, 2010.
- New West Indian Guide*, 86, 1-2 (2012), 21-23. Review of Frederick C. Knight. *Working the Diaspora: The Impact of African Labor on the Anglo-American World, 1650-1850*. New York: NYU Press, 2010.
- Journal of African History*, 52 (June 2011), 256-258. Review of G. Ugo Nwokeji, *The Slave Trade and Culture in the Bight of Biafra*. Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press, 2010.
- Journal of African History* 51, 1 (March 2011), 411-412. Review of Stephen D. Behredt, A.J.H. Latham and David Northup, *The Diary of Antera Duke, an Eighteenth Century African Slave Trader*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2010.
- "African Foods and the Making of the Americas," *Common-Place* 11, 3 (April 2011). Review of Judith A. Carney and Richard Nicholas Rosomoff, *In the Shadow of Slavery: Africa's Botanical Legacy in the Atlantic World*. Berkeley, Los Angeles and London: University of California Press, 2009. <http://www.common-place.org/vol-11/no-03/reviews/hawthorne.shtml>
- American Historical Review* 114 (2009), 1028-1029. 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), 619-620. 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," with Clara Carvalho. *Berg Encyclopedia of World Dress and Fashion. Africa* (Oxford and New York: Berg, 2010), 258-63.
- "Women in Africa from 1000-1500," *Encyclopedia of Women in World History* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008).

## 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).

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Categorizing People, Databasing Information: What Documents from the Era of Atlantic Slavery Say about Race and Ethnicity, European Conference on African Studies, Lisbon, June 26-29, 2013.

“Setting a Future Course with Biographies: The Atlantic Slave Data Network,” American Historical Association Conference, New Orleans, January 4, 2013.

“Roundtable — Researching and Writing on Lusophone Africa,” Philadelphia, November, 2012.

“The State of Luso-West African Historiography: Slavery and Slave Trading,” *Luso-Brazilian Review* 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference, University of Wisconsin, Madison, April 20-21, 2012.

“West African Spirituality in Amazonia,” Brigham Young University, September 13, 2011.

“Upper Guinean Spiritual Beliefs in Africa and Brazil, 1750-1830,” Africans and Early Modern Ibero-American World Conference, University of New Mexico, April 2011.

“The Cultural Meaning of Work: The ‘Black Rice Debate’ Reconsidered,” New Histories of Rice Workshop, Max Planck Institute, Berlin, Germany, February 2011.

“Actors and Audiences: Ethnic and Regional Identities in West Africa and Amazonia, Brazil, late 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> centuries,” African Studies Association, San Francisco, California, November 2010.

“Subsistence over Economic Profits: Non-Slave Commerce from Upper Guinea before 1815,” Commercial Agriculture in Africa as an Alternative to the Atlantic Slave Trade Conference, German Historical Institute, London, England, September 23-25, 2010.

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

“Identifying Captives’ Places of Origin: Slave Production in and Trading from Bissau and Cacheu, 1750-1830,” 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

“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 69, 2013. Conducted interview of Toby Green with Peter Limb.  
<http://afripod.aodl.org>.

“Africa Past and Present Podcast,” Episode 60, 2012. Interviewed by Peter Alegi and Peter Limb about the history of rice cultivation in the Atlantic.  
<http://afripod.aodl.org>.

“Africa Past and Present Podcast,” Episode 12, 2010. Interviewed by Peter Alegi and Peter Limb about the history of rice cultivation in the Atlantic.  
<http://afripod.aodl.org>.

## **PANEL CHAIR**

African Ethnic Identities in the New World and Old, 1450-1850, II, African Studies Association, San Francisco, California, November 2010.

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

“New Research on Senegambian History,” panel at African Studies Association Conference, New Orleans, November 21, 2009.

“Constructions of Power and Space in Upper Guinea” panel at 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, 11-13 June 2009.

“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**

African Studies Association Meeting, San Francisco, California, “Diasporas within Africa: New Perspectives on the Origins of Slaves Carried Across the Atlantic in the Nineteenth Century” panel, November 2010.

African Studies Association Meeting, New Orleans, “Worlds in Motion: Narratives of Slaver and the Slave Trade” panel, November 19, 2009.

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**

Yale University Press

1 in 2013

University of North Carolina Press

1 in 2012

Cambridge University Press

1 in 2011

3 in 2010

Ohio University Press

1 in 2010

1 in 2006

2 in 2005

## **BOOK PROPOSAL REVIEWS**

Cambridge University Press

2 in 2009

1 in 2008

## **MANUSCRIPT REVIEWS FOR JOURNALS**

*Journal of West African History*, 2013

*Afro Asia*, 2012

*Journal of African History*, 2011

*History in Africa*, 2010

*The Americas*, 2009

*Comparative Studies in Society and History*, 2009

*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 2009

March 2006

## **TENURE, PROMOTION AND AWARD REVIEWS**

For Purdue, 2013  
For University of Chicago, 2012  
For University of Pittsburgh, 2011  
For Howard University, 2010  
For University of Wisconsin, Madison, 2009  
For Carnegie Mellon University, 2009  
For University of Michigan, 2008  
For Carnegie Mellon University, 2006

## **NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE SERVICE**

American Council of Learned Societies, fall 2011, fall 2012

National Endowment for the Humanities, Faculty Fellowship Applications for Africa and the Middle East, August 4, 2011

Institute of International Education, Fulbright Program, National Screening Committee for student applicants for Francophone West and Central Africa.  
December 14, 2010  
December 17, 2009  
December 15, 2008

## **ADVISORY POSITION**

Advisor for the “Names Database” of the *Transatlantic Slave Trade Database*, *Voyages* website. <http://slavevoyages.org/tast/index.faces>, December 2008.

## **DEPARTMENT REVIEWS**

Chair of review committee. Nebraska University, History Department. September 2012.

## **WORK WITH GRADUATE STUDENTS**

### **Michigan State University, advisees who received degrees**

Dr. Lumumba Shabaka, graduated summer 2013. Dissertation: “Bounding Cape Verde to the Upper Guinea Coast: the Atlantic Slave Trade and Culture, c. 1500-1879.”  
Presently Assistant Professor, Howard University.

Winifred Nwaefido, graduated summer 2013. “From Shrines to Prayer Houses: A Religious History of Igbo Women, 1900-1970.”

Dr. Bala Saho. Graduated summer 2012. Dissertation: “Negotiating Rights and Claims: Women and Muslim Judges in Colonial Bathurst (The Gambia), 1900 – 1960.”  
Presently an assistant professor at Oklahoma University.

Dr. Assan Sarr. Graduated spring 2010. Dissertation: "Landlords and the Landless, Changing Notions of Property and Property Rights on the Banks of the Gambia River, c1790-1945." Presently an assistant professor at Ohio University.

Erin Lambert (advisee with Peter Alegi), at MSU fall 2008 to spring 2010. Received an MA for research on Mozambique.

**Service on graduate committees of students who completed PhD dissertations**

Josh Grace, Summer 2012, History, MSU, "Modernization Bubu: Cars, Roads, and the Politics of Development in Tanzania, 1870s-1980s."

Leslie Hadfield, May 2010, History, MSU, "Restoring Human Dignity and Building Self-Reliance: Youth, Women, and Churches and Black Consciousness Community Development, South Africa, 1969-1977."

Shannon Harris, August 2009, History, MSU, "Politics, Discourses and Contradictions: Galandou Diouf in French Colonial Senegal, 1890-1941."

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."

**Michigan State University, PhD advisees in History**

Amanda Lewis, at MSU fall 2009 to present. Research on environmental history in Kenya.

Matthew Park, at MSU fall 2008 to present. Research on culture and cultural change in The Gambia.

Lindsey Gish, at MSU fall 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.

Andrew Barsom, at MSU fall 2011 to present. Research on slavery and the slave trade, Nigeria and Cuba.

Dave Glovsky, at MSU summer 2013 to present. Research on Senegal.

**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

Integrative Studies in the Arts & Humanities 211A: African Slavery and the Atlantic  
Slave Trade

### **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

## **DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

### **Michigan State University**

Chair, Summer 2010 to present  
 Chair, Associate Dean Search, College of Social Science, 2013  
 Chair, Global Urban Studies Review, 2012  
 Director of Graduate Studies, Department, of History, Fall 2009 to present  
 Excellence in Teaching Awards Committee, College of Social Sciences, 2010  
 Chair of Special Selections Committee for dept. chair appointment/reappointment, 2009  
 Chair of the Appointments Committee, Department of History, 2008-2009  
 Lyman Briggs Annual Review for Rich Bellon & John Waller 2009-10  
 Lyman Briggs-History Mentor, Rich Bellon, 2009 to present  
 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  
 20<sup>th</sup> Century African American Search Committee, Af. Am. Studies Department, 2001-2  
 Advisory Board, African American Studies Department, 2001-2003  
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