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Education

Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan

Ph.D. Candidate, History, 2013-2020

Dissertation: **Belonging Beyond Boundaries: Constructing a Transnational Community in a West African Borderland**

Defended with Distinction: September 30, 2019

Major Field: African History

Minor Fields: World History, Islamic World, Comparative Colonial History

Advisor: Walter Hawthorne

Committee: Nwando Achebe, David Robinson, Liam Brockey, Charles Keith

Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire

B.A. in History, Minor in Geography, 2008

Publications

“A Brief History of African Migration,” *Routledge International Handbook of Migration Studies*, 2nd edition, eds. Steven J. Gold and Stephanie J. Nawyn (Routledge, 2019), 68-78.

“‘It’s All One Place’: Geographic Networks in a West African Borderland Since Independence,” *Invisible Borders in a Bordered World: Geographies of Power, Mobility, and Belonging*, eds. Alexander C. Diener and Joshua Hagen (Routledge, forthcoming).

Works in Preparation

“Medina Gounass: The Making of an Anti-Colonial and Anti-National Space, 1935-2017.”

“The Suspicious Nature of Cross-Border Ties: Sacrificial Citizenship in Guinea and Guinea-Bissau”

Major Fellowships and Grants

Pulaar language consultant for NEH grant 2019-22

“‘Ajami Literature and the Expansion of Literacy and Islam: The Case of West Africa”:
Selection and preparation of Pulaar manuscripts in Arabic script (‘Ajami), digitization,
transliteration, and translation into French and English for online and print publication.

Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship 2019-20

Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (DDRA) Fellowship 2016-17

Research in Senegal, Guinea-Bissau and Portugal

Fellowships, Awards and Honors

Cultural Heritage Informatics Graduate Fellow 2018-19

For the project, “Migration in West Africa.” (<https://the-glove.github.io/migrationinwestafrica/>)

Lusophone African Studies Organization Paper Prize 2018

The best paper in Lusophone African Studies presented at the African Studies Association Annual Meeting.

Travel Award, Association for Borderland Studies World Conference	2018
Don Lammers Graduate Award	2018
For “research that improves our knowledge and historical understanding of the nature and dynamics of international and intercultural relationships.”	
Muslim Studies Program Graduate Student Essay Award	2018
The best research paper at Michigan State University on the Muslim world.	
Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship	2015-16
African Studies Center, Michigan State University – Advanced Pulaar	
Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship	2014-15
African Studies Center, Michigan State University – Beginning Wolof	
College of Social Science Research Scholars Fellowship	2014-16
College of Social Science, Michigan State University – Three-time winner of pre-dissertation research funding in Senegal, Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Portugal, France, and the United Kingdom (\$18,000).	

Public Scholarship

“Is Ousmane Sonko the future of Senegalese politics?,” *Africa’s a Country*, March 12, 2019:
<https://africasacountry.com/2019/03/five-more-years-of-sall-in-senegal>

“France no longer has an excuse to hold on to African cultural heritage,” *Africa’s a Country*, March 6, 2019: <https://africasacountry.com/2019/03/113778>

Teaching Experience

Instructor of Record

Social Science 499: Building Walls or Building Bridges? Borders and Migration in the Modern World

History 201: Islam and the Colonial World

History 324: History of Sport in America

Teaching Assistant/Assistant Instructor

History 140: World History since 1500

History 150: World History to 1500

History 489: Seminar in Digital History: Slavery and the Atlantic Slave Trade

Integrated Arts and Humanities (IAH) 205: Africa and the World: Africa’s Internal Dynamics and Integration into the Larger World System

IAH 202: Europe and the World: Encounters and Empires in an Age of Discovery

Integrated Social Sciences 328: Culture of Soccer

Languages

Pulaar (Senegal/Gambia/Guinea-Bissau) – Fluent Speaking

French – Fluent Reading, Advanced Writing, Listening and Speaking Proficiency

Portuguese – Advanced Reading, Intermediate Writing, Listening and Speaking Proficiency

Wolof – Intermediate Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking Proficiency

Service

Co-Convener/Project Manager, Trans-Regional Symposium, Dakar, Senegal	2019-20
Grant Reviewer, Modern Endangered Archives Program	2019
Paper Prize Committee, Lusophone African Studies Organization	2019
Conference Organizer, Enslaved: Peoples of the Historic Slave Trade	2019
Secretary, Lusophone African Studies Organization	2018-present
Panelist, Grant Writing Workshop, Michigan State Department of History	2018 & 2019
Conference Organizer, Atlantic Slave Database Conference	2013

Invited Presentations

“Prince among Slaves: Ibrahima abd al-Rahman and the History of Islam in the Americas,”
Michigan State University, Muslim Studies Program, *Muslim Journeys*, February 5, 2019.

“Fleeing Violence by Following Family: The Fulbe of Guinea and Guinea-Bissau, 1960-78,”
Michigan State University, African Studies Center, *Eye on Africa* Series, November 1, 2018.

Research Assistantships

Enslaved: People of the Historic Slave Trade Spring 2018-Spring 2019

- Mellon Foundation funded-grant to create a data hub to change understandings of African slavery. Organized [Enslaved Conference](#) in March 2019, researching and writing biographies for the project website, creating controlled vocabulary for African ethnonyms and toponyms.

Slave Biographies Summer 2013-Spring 2014

- NEH-funded grant on slave databases. Organized Slave Database Conference in November 2013 and analyzed slave data from Portuguese Guinea.

Selected Conference Presentations

“Alternative Futures: Rethinking the Nation-State at the Senegambian Periphery,” African Studies Association, November 21-23, 2019 (forthcoming).

“Citizenship at the Border: Regularizing Cross-Border Migrants in Southern Senegambia,” African Legal History Symposium, November 21, 2019 (forthcoming).

“Busting the Border: Escaping Violence in Guinea and Guinea-Bissau using Colonial Migatory Networks, 1960-1978,” African Studies Association, Nov. 29-Dec. 1, 2018.

“‘It’s all one place’: Local autonomy in a colonial and post-colonial borderland,” Association for Borderland Studies World Conference, Vienna, Austria, and Budapest, Hungary, July 10-14, 2018.

“It all the same place”: Geographic networks in a West African borderland since independence,” American Association for Geographers, April 10-15, 2018.

“Religion Beyond Borders: The Transnational Sufi Community of Medina Gounass,” Political Geography Specialty Group, April 9, 2018.

“Multinational Networks and Colonial ‘Resistance’ in 20th Century Senegambia,” African Studies Association, Nov. 18-21, 2015.

“Crossing the Boundary: The Exploitation of Colonial Borders as Resistance in 20th Century Senegambia,” European Conference on African Studies, Paris, France, July 8-10, 2015.

“Imagining the Frontiers: Migration and Empowerment among the Fulbe of Senegambia,” Association for Borderland Studies, April 8-11, 2015.

“Bissau and Cacheu Slave Database, 1854.” Atlantic Slave Database Conference, Nov. 7-9, 2013.

Research and Teaching Interests

19th and 20th Century West African history, Senegal, Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Guinea, History of the Islamic World, Islam in Africa, African Studies, Borderland Studies, Comparative Colonial History, Decolonization, Digital History/Humanities, World History, French, British, and Portuguese Empires

Affiliations

African Studies Association
West African Research Association
Women’s Caucus, African Studies Association
African Borderlands Research Network
Association for Borderland Studies
Association of American Geographers
Senegalese Studies Association
Lusophone African Studies Organization