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EDUCATION

Stanford University, 1992-1998, Ph.D., History

University of Maryland, College Park, 1990 to 1992, M.A., History

Hampden-Sydney College, Virginia, 1984 to 1988, B.A., History & Economics

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Associate Dean of Academic & Student Affairs, College of Social Science, Michigan State University, May 2018 to present

With 6,900 graduate and undergraduate majors and 400 faculty members, the College of Social Science is the largest college at MSU. It is comprised of twelve departments and schools (Anthropology; Criminal Justice; Economics; Geography, Environment & Spatial Sciences; History; Human Development & Family Studies; Human Resources & Labor Relations; Political Science; Psychology; Social Work; and Sociology) and seven centers and institutes. The College offers 31 degree programs (BS and BA) and 24 minors. In Fall 2020, the College generated more than 1250,000 student credit hours, which was 1/5 of the total at MSU. Reporting to me are the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs; Assistant Dean of Experiential Learning, Study Abroad and Study Away; Director of Student Success; Director of Assessment; Director of the Social Science Scholars Program; and specialists in Office of Career Development. My duties include engaging with the College Committee on Curriculum, university curriculum committees, the College advisors, and College scholarship committees; and overseeing the Success Training for Academic Recovery (STAR) Program for students on probation. I work closely with the Development Office and convene the Alumni Leadership Council.

Accomplishments:

- Implemented the learning goals of a college-wide strategic plan. As a result, the College has seen a 42% decrease in undergraduate minoritized student opportunity gaps, 20.5% decrease in undergraduate first generation opportunity gaps, and 37% decrease in undergraduate Pell eligible opportunity gaps. Further, six-year graduation rates have improved by 8.5% and now equal the university average of 81%. Finally, undergraduate employment and graduate school placement rates have improved by 16.5% and for the graduating class of 2019 stood at 92.5%.
- Implemented 3+3 program with MSU Law School
- Institutionalized InnovateGov, an MSU service-learning program in Detroit

- Launched the Flint Community Initiative, our second service-learning program
- Quadrupled the number of students participating in spring break study abroads
- Doubled College interdisciplinary minor offerings
- Doubled the number of first-year seminar offerings
- Co-chaired university committee on the implementation of flat-rate tuition at MSU
- Participated on university-wide committee that proposed new study abroad funding model

Senior Advisor to the Dean, November 2017 to May 2018

In this role, I undertook the duties of the Associate Dean of Academic and Student Affairs in a period of transition for the College.

Accomplishments:

- Supervised implementation minors for a new college curriculum
- Implemented strategies to address learning goals of the College's strategic plan

History Department Chair, May 2010 to May 2018

With 45 tenure system faculty, 10 fixed-term faculty and 7 staff members, the History Department is one of the largest academic units at MSU. As chair, I managed a budget of almost \$7M, which included \$1.3M in revenue generated annually from online course offerings.

Accomplishments:

- Eliminated inherited budget deficit of \$1.2M
- Co-chaired a college-wide strategic planning committee
- Managed the production, offering and advertising of 25 online courses
- Created Lab for Education and Advancement in Digital Research (LEADR, <http://leadr.msu.edu>)
- Raised the ranking of the PhD field in African History to #1 in US News & World Report
- Raised the ranking of the PhD program in History by 12 slots in US News & World Report
- Increased diversity in the department with a doubling of the number of faculty members from under-represented groups and a three-fold increase in the number of African-American faculty members
- Recruited a National Humanities Medal winner and full professor of African American history to the faculty
- Created a major in History Education in partnership with the College of Education
- Created a major in Global History
- Created minors in Military Science and in Aerospace Studies with the campus ROTC
- Fostered a relationship with MSU's digital humanities center, MATRIX, which in lead to the generation of over \$2M in external grant dollars for digital projects

- Partnered with MSU's science-focused residential college, The Lyman-Briggs College, for the hiring of four historians of science who are jointly appointed
- Partnered with Chicano/Latino Studies for a hire in Chicano/Latino history
- Partnered with Asian Studies for a hire in modern Japanese history
- Partnered Jewish Studies and University Development to secure an endowment and joint appointment in the History of the Holocaust

History Department, Graduate Director, fall 2008 to summer 2010

Accomplishments:

- Decreased the size of the program while strengthening select fields
- Helped raise US News & World Report ranking of the PhD field in African history to #3

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan. Department of History
Professor, 2010 to present; Associate Professor, 2005 to 2010

Ohio University, Athens, Ohio. Department of History
Associate Professor, 2004 to 2005; Assistant Professor, 1999 to 2004

University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont. Department of History
Visiting Assistant Professor, 1998 to 1999

Mills College, Oakland, California. Department of History
Lecturer, 1997

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC) Academic Leadership Program, 2014-15

CIC Department Executive Officer Leadership Development Program, Chicago, 2010

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER WORK

United Nations Election Observer, Bissau, Guinea-Bissau. Presidential Election,
Summer 1994.

LANGUAGES

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

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AWARDS & INTERNSHIPS RECEIVED

“Expanding Enslaved Hub: Peoples of the Historical Slave Trade,” The National
Endowment for the Humanities, Co-PI. 6/1/2021-5/31/2023. \$349,744.

“Enslaved: People of the Historic Slave Trade,” The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Co-PI. Phase 3. Co-PI. Grant period: 04/01/21-03/31/2023. \$1.4M.

“Formulating General Education at Michigan State University,” The Teagle Foundation, Co-PI. Grant period: 01/01/21-12/31/21/ \$25,000.

“Enslaved: People of the Historic Slave Trade,” The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Co-PI. Phase 2 implementation. Grant period: 07/01/19-09/30/2020. \$849,577.

“Ubuntu Dialogues,” The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Co-PI and in partnership with Stellenbosch University Museum and Michigan State University. Grant period: 01/01/2019-12/31/2021. \$395,681.

“Enslaved: People of the Historic Slave Trade,” The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Co-PI. Phase 1 proof-of-concept grant period, Grant period: 01/01/2018-06/30/2019. \$1,472,000.

“Islam and Modernity: Alternatives in Contemporary Senegambia and Ghana,” National Endowment for the Humanities Grant. Project Director. Grant period: 10/01/2012-09/30/2015. \$420,798.

“Biographies: The Atlantic Slaves Data Network,” National Endowment for the Humanities Preservation and Access Grant. Co-PI. Grant period: 07/01/2011-12/31/1012. \$100,000

Endangered Archives Programme, July 2010 through December 2010. “Social History of The Gambia: Rescuing an Endangered Archive, Police and Court Records.” Grant Period: 06/01/2010-08/31/2010. PI. \$22,728

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ONLINE PUBLICATIONS WITH MATRIX (MSU) AND OTHER PARTNERS

Enslaved: The People of the Historical Slave Trade. <http://enslaved.org>. Funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

Journal of Slavery and Data Preservation. <https://jsdp.enslaved.org/>. Funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

Slave Biographies: The Atlantic Slaves Data Network. <http://slavebiographies.org/>. Funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Islam and Modernity. <http://aodl.org/islamicmodernity/>. Funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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).

PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

“Defining Regions of Pre-Colonial Africa: A Controlled Vocabulary for Linking Open-Source Data in Digital History Projects,” *History in Africa* 25 May 2021 DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/hia.2020.17>, co-authored with Henry B. Lovejoy, Paul E. Lovejoy, Edward Alpers, Mariana Candido, Matthew S. Hopper, Ghislaine Lydon, Collen E. Kriger, and John Thornton

- “Maranhão Inventories Slave Database, 1767-1831,” *Journal of Slavery and Data Preservation* 1, 1 (2020).
- “The enslaved ontology: Peoples of the historic slave trade,” *Journal of Web Semantics* 63 (August 2020) co-authored with Cogan Shimizu, Pascal Hitzler, Quinn Hirt, Dean Rehberger, Sheila Gonzalez Estrecha, Catherine Foley, Alicia M. Sheill, Jeff Mixer, Ethan Watrall, Ryan Carty, and Duncan Tarr.
- “Redefining African Regions for Linking Open-Source Data,” co-authored with Henry B. Lovejoy, Paul E. Lovejoy, Edward A. Alpers, Mariana Candido, and Matthew S. Hopper. *History in Africa* 46, (2019), 5-36.
- “The historical roots of multicultural unity along the Upper Guinea Coast and in Guinea-Bissau,” co-authored with José José Lingna Nafafé. *Social Dynamics* 42, 1 (2016).
- “‘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 owner 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 Risiculture 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 *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.

PEER REVIEW BOOK CHAPTERS

- “The Idea of the Atlantic World from an Africanist Perspective,” *Companion to African History* (Wiley Blackwell, 2018), 353-66.
- “Black Rice Reconsidered,” in *Rice: Global Networks and New Histories*, ed., Francesca Bray, Peter A. Coclanis, Edda Fields-Black, and Dagmar Schaefer (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015), 279-90.
- “States and Statelessness,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Modern African History*, ed., John

Parker and Richard Reed (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013), 77-93.

“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.

ESSAYS

“Editors’ Introduction,” *Journal of Slavery and Data Preservation* 1, 2 (2020).

“From *Slave Biographies* to *Enslaved: People of the Historical Slave Trade: Peoples of the Historical Slave Trade*,” *Journal of Slavery and Data Preservation* 1, 1 (2020).

“Technologies, African,” in *The Princeton Companion to Atlantic History*, ed. Joseph C. Miller (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2015), 449-452.

“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).

“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).

REVIEW ESSAYS

“Comparing Slavery in Brazil and Cuba,” *Atlantic Studies* 12, 4 (2015). 545-52. Review of Cowling, Camillia. *Conceiving Freedom: Women of Color, Gender, and the Abolition of Slavery in Havana and Rio de Janeiro*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2013; Graden, Dale T. *Disease, Resistance and Lies: The Demise of the Transatlantic Slave Trade to Brazil and Cuba*. Baton Rouge: Louisiana University Press, 2014; and Barcia, Manuel. *West African Warfare in*

Bahia and Cuba: Soldier Slaves in the Atlantic World, 1807-1844. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014.

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 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: 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

The American Historical Review, 125, 1 (2020). Review of Emma Christopher, *Freedom in White and Black: a Lost Story of the Illegal Slave Trade and its Global Legacy* (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 2018).

Journal of African History, 3 (2018). Review of Sean M. Kelley, *The Voyage of the Slave Ship Hare: A Journey into Captivity from Sierra Leone to South Carolina* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2016).

Nieuwe West - Indische Gids; Leiden, 88, 1/2 (2014). Review of Ana Lucia Araujo, Mariana P. Candido & Paul E. Lovejoy (eds.) *Crossing Memories: Slavery and African Diaspora* (Trenton NJ: Africa World Press, 2011).

The Journal of Peasant Studies, 3 (2013). Review of Joanna Davidson, *Sacred Rice: An Ethnography of Identity, Environment, and Development in Rural West Africa* (New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016).

The American Historical Review, 118, 4 (2013). Review of Andrew Sluyter, *Black Ranching Frontiers: African Cattle Herders of the Atlantic World, 1500-1900* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2012)

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Journal of African History*, 51, 3 (2010), 411-412. Review of *The Diary of Antera Duke, An Eighteenth-Century African Slave Trader*. New York: Oxford 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.
- 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. Behretd, 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.

PRESENTATIONS

"Enslaved.org, Slavevoyages.org, and Other Databases for African American Genealogical Research," Lansing Area African-American Genealogy Society, September 21, 2019.

"Enslaved.org and African American Genealogical Research." MSU Alumnae University, May 2019.

"Slavery & the Slave Trade: New Digital Approaches," African Studies Association, San Diego, CA, November 2015.

"DH at MSU," African Studies Association, Indianapolis, Indiana, November, 2014.

"The Slave Biographies Data Network," Slave Database Conference, Michigan State University, November 2012.

"Slave Databases: The Slave Biographies Data Network," University of Ghana, Accra, October, 2012.

"The State of Luso-West African Historiography: Slavery and Slave Trading," *Luso-Brazilian Review* 50th 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 18th and early 19th 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 of 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 owner in Bahia in the eighteenth 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 60, 2012. Interviewed by Peter Alegi and Peter Limb about the history of the Atlantic slave trade.
<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 Studies Association, Indianapolis, Indiana, November 2014
African Studies Association, San Francisco, California, November 2010
American Historical Association, San Diego, January 2010.
African Studies Association Conference, New Orleans, November 21, 2009
Centre of West African Studies, University of Birmingham, 11-13 June 2009
MANSA Conference, Lisbon, Portugal, 23-27 June 2008

PANEL DISCUSSANT

American Historical Association, Atlanta, Georgia, January 2016
African Studies Association, San Diego, California, November 2015
African Studies Association Meeting, Indianapolis, November 2014
American Historical Association Meeting, Washington, DC, January 2014
African Studies Association Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland, November 2013
African Studies Association Meeting, San Francisco, California, November 2010
African Studies Association Meeting, New Orleans, November 19, 2009
Emory University, Conference on Voyages Database, December 5-6, 2008
African Studies Association, San Francisco, California, November 17, 2006
African Constitutionalism Conference, Ohio University, November 6-8, 2000

BOOK-LENGTH MANUSCRIPT REVIEWS

Ohio University Press
1 in 2015
1 in 2014
1 in 2013

1 in 2010
1 in 2006
2 in 2005
Yale University Press
1 in 2013
University of North Carolina Press
1 in 2012, 1 in 2015
Cambridge University Press
1 in 2011
3 in 2010

BOOK PROPOSAL REVIEWS

Cambridge University Press
2 in 2009
1 in 2008

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWS FOR JOURNALS

Journal of West African History, 2014
Journal of Latin American Studies, 2013
African Studies Review, 2007, 2013
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
Canadian Journal of African History, 2005

JÚRI DE PROVAS DE AGREGAÇÃO

do Doutor José Augusto Nunes da Silva Horta, Faculdade de Letras da Universidade de Lisboa, January 2021

TENURE AND PROMOTION REVIEWS

CUNY, Graduate Center, 2020
Rice University, Houston Texas, 2019
St. Johns, New York, 2018
Guelf University, Canada, 2016
Georgetown University, Washington, DC, 2016
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 2016
University of the West Indies, 2016
Kings College London, 2016
Old Dominion University, 2014
Bowdoin College, 2014

Notre Dame, 2014
Dartmouth College, 2013
Purdue University, 2013
University of Chicago, 2012
Howard University, 2010
University of Wisconsin, Madison, 2009
Carnegie Mellon University, 2009
University of Michigan, 2008
Carnegie Mellon University, 2006

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE SERVICE

National Endowment for the Humanities, Collaborative Research. Finalist meeting in Washington, D.C., Spring 2020

American Historical Association Digital History Working Group, fall 2015 to 2019

National Endowment for the Humanities, Faculty Fellowship Applications for Africa and the Middle East. Finalist meeting in Washington, D.C.
Fall 2018
Fall 2011

Chair, Big Ten History Chairs Summit, Fall 2015-Spring 2018
American Historical Association Program Committee, 2014-15

American Council of Learned Societies Screening Committee
Fall 2013
Fall 2012
Fall 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

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

EXTERNAL REVIEW COMMITTEES

Review Committee for History Department, University of Kansas, fall 2019

Chair, Review Committee for History Department, University of Nebraska, fall 2012

EDITOR, BOARD & ADVISORY POSITIONS

Journal of Slavery and Data Preservation, Editor, 2020-present

Journal of African History, Advisory Board, 2015 to 2020

African History and Culture Series at Michigan State University Press, Advisory Board, 2014 to 2019.

Journal of West African History, Advisory Board, 2013 to 2019.

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

WORK WITH GRADUATE STUDENTS

Advisees who received Ph.D.s

Dr. David Glovsky, graduated in May 2020, “Belonging Beyond Boundaries: Constructing a Transnational Community in a West African Borderland.” Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Africana Studies, University of Albany, State University of New York.

Dr. Jorge Felipe González, graduated in August 2019, “Foundation and Growth of the Cuban-Based Transatlantic Slave Trade, 1790-1820.” Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Texas, San Antonio.

Dr. Shaonan Liu, graduated in December 2018, “‘The Chinese Are Coming’: A History of Chinese Migrants in Nigeria.” Assistant Professor, Department of History, Beijing Normal University.

Dr. Matthew Park, graduated in January 2016, “Heart of Banjul: The History of Banjul, The Gambia, 1816-1965.” Faculty at Bard High School Early College, New Jersey.

Dr. Amanda Lewis-Nang’ea, graduated in August 2015, “Amboseli Landscapes: Maasai Pastoralism, Wildlife Conservation, and Natural Resource Management, 1944-Present.” Assistant Professor, Department of History, SUNY-Geneseo.

Dr. Lumumba Shabaka, graduated August 2013, “Bounding Cape Verde to the Upper Guinea Coast: The Atlantic Slave Trade and Culture, c. 1500-1879.” Senior Lecturer at University of The Gambia, Banjul.

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

Dr. Bala Saho, graduated summer 2012, “Negotiating Rights and Claims: Women and Muslim Judges in Colonial Bathurst (The Gambia), 1900 – 1960.” Associate Professor, Department of History, Oklahoma University.

Dr. Assan Sarr, graduated May 2010, “Landlords and the Landless, Changing Notions of Property and Property Rights on the Banks of the Gambia River, c1790-1945.”
Associate Professor, Department of History, Ohio University.

Current advisees

Joseph Bradshaw, at MSU fall 2013 to present. Successfully defended “The Brandiagara Emirate: Warfare, Slavery and Colonization in the Middle Niger, 1863-10903.”
Will receive PhD in May 2021.

Ablie Jabang, at MSU fall 2017 to present. Research on environmental change and slavery in Senegambia.

Ozibo Ozibo, at MSU fall 2019 to present. History MA Program. Research on the trade in legitimate goods in from Africa in the nineteenth century.

Service on graduate committees of students who completed Ph.D. dissertations

Dr. Russell Wade Stevenson, December 2020, MSU, “‘The University of the Village’: The University of Nigeria, Nsukka and the Making of Post-Independence Nigeria.”

Dr. James K. Blackwell, Jr., November 2020, MSU, “Igbo Migration, Entrepreneurship, and the Creation of the ‘Igbo Scare’ in British Southern Cameroon, 1900-1975.”

Dr. Tara Reyelts, September 2020, MSU, “Law, Justice, and Gender: (Re)gendering the Legal System in Ogidi, Igboland.”

Dr. Elizabeth Timbs, March 2019, MSU, “‘We Are a Warrior People’: Two Centuries of Zulu Masculinity.”

Dr. Caleb Owen, August 2016, MSU, “Lands of Leisure: Recreation, Urban Space, and the Struggle for Urban Kenya.”

Dr. Benjamin Bruhwiler, May 2015, MSU, “Mortalities of Owing and Lending: Credit, Debt and Urban Living in Kariakoo, Dar Es Salaam.”

Dr. Jennifer Eaglin, August 2015, MSU, “Sugar and Power: The Rise of the Brazilian Ethanol Industry in Ribeirão Preto, São Paulo, 1933-1985.”

Dr. Joseph Davey, August 2015, MSU, “Replanting the Seeds of Home: Continuity, Kinship, and King Jaja, 1821-1891.”

Dr. Joshua Grace, May 2013, MSU, “Modernization Bubu: Cars, Roads, and the Politics of Development in Tanzania, 1870 to 1960.”

Dr. 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.”

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

Dr. 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.”

Dr. 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.”

Dr. 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.”

Advisees who received M.A.s

Andrew Barsom, graduated in May 2017. Research on Atlantic World.

Lindsay Gish, graduated in August 2014. Research on Senegal.

Erin Lambert, graduated in May 2010. Research on Mozambique.

UNIVERSITY & DEPARTMENT SERVICE

Michigan State University

Financial & Gift Aid Landscape & Student Success Assessment Committee, 2020/21

University Travel Manager Search Stakeholders Panel, Fall 2020

College of Natural Science Associate Dean Search Stakeholders Panel, Fall 2020

Council of Undergraduate Education Deans, 2010-present

SAY/BBAY Committee, Fall 2020

University Five-Year Enrollment Strategy Committee, Spring 2019

Co-chair, MSU Block Tuition Academic Committee, 2018-19

University Study Abroad Finance Committee, 2018-19

Co-chair, College of Social Science Strategic Planning Committee, Spring 2017

Chair, Chicano/Latino Director Search Committee, Spring 2016

MSU Library Search Committee for Africana Librarian, Spring 2016

FLAS Fellowship Committee, African Studies, spring 2006, spring 2016

Survive and Thrive Presentation (reappointment, tenure and promotion), Spring 2016

Faculty and Organizational Development Advisory Committee, Fall 2013 to Spring 2016

MSU Museum University Advisory Panel, Spring 2016-Spring 2019

Ruth Hamilton TIAA CREF Award Committee, Graduate School, 2014, 2015

Associate Dean of Graduate Studies Selection Committee, Spring 2015

Survive and Thrive Presentation (reappointment, tenure and promotion), Spring 2015

Chair, Review Committee, MATRIX Director, Spring 2014

Director of Integrative Studies in the Social Sciences Committee, Fall 2014

Chair, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Affairs Selection Committee, Spring 2012

Chair, Review Committee, Global Urban Studies Director, Spring 2011

Director of Graduate Studies, Department, of History, Fall 2008 to Summer 2010

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, Dept of History, Fall 2007
Appointments Committee, Department of History, 2006-2007
Department Advisory Committee, Department of History, 2006-2007
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

COURSES

Michigan State University, Undergraduate

History 324: History of Sport in America, Summer online course
History 362: African and the Slave Trades
History 484: African Slavery and Black Atlantic Cultures
History 489: Seminar in Digital History, Summer online course
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 830: The Atlantic and Indian Ocean Slave Trade

History 829: African Historiography

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