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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor of History, Boston College, since 2017

Affiliate Faculty in African and African Diaspora Studies, Boston College, since 2016

Assistant Professor of History, Boston College, 2013–2017

Assistant Professor of History, Quinnipiac University, 2011–2013

Visiting Instructor of History, Bard College, 2010–2011

Adjunct Instructor, Preceptor, and Teaching Assistant, New York University, 2005–2008, 2010

EDUCATION

Ph.D in History, New York University, 2011

Dissertation: “Between the Village and the World: Imagining and Practicing Development in Tanzania, 1964–1975” (advised by Frederick Cooper)

B.A. *magna cum laude* with honors in Political Science and History, Columbia University, 2002

BOOKS

African Socialism in Postcolonial Tanzania: Between the Village and the World (Cambridge University Press, 2015)

Honorable Mention, Bethwell Ogot Prize, African Studies Association

Human Resources: Professional Labor and Nation Building in Southeastern Africa (in progress)

ARTICLES

“African Socialism and the Limits of Global Familyhood: Tanzania and the New International Economic Order in Sub-Saharan Africa,” *Humanity* 6, 1 (2015) 17–31

“Self-Reliance and the State: The Multiple Meanings of Development in Early Post-Colonial Tanzania,” *Africa: Journal of the International African Institute* 82, 2 (2012) 212–234

“Militants, Mothers, and the National Family: *Ujamaa*, Gender, and Rural Development in Postcolonial Tanzania,” *Journal of African History* 51, 1 (2010) 1–20

BOOK CHAPTERS

“Africa,” in Jeff Diamanti, Andrew Pendakis, and Imre Szeman, eds., *Bloomsbury Companion to Marx*, 501–508. London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2018

“Decolonization and the Gendered Politics of Developmental Labor in Southeastern Africa,” in Stephen Macekura and Erez Manela, eds., *The Development Century: A Global History*, 173–196. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2018

"Tanzanian *Ujamaa* in a World of Peripheral Socialisms," in Martin Klimke, et al., eds., *Routledge Handbook of the Global Sixties*, 367–380. New York: Routledge, 2018

"Villagization and the Ambivalent Production of Rural Space in Tanzania," in Andrea Fischer-Tahir and Sophie Wagenhofer, eds., *Disciplinary Spaces: Spatial Control, Forced Assimilation and Narratives of Progress since the 19th Century*, 119–136. Berlin: Transcript Verlag, 2017

"Maoism in Tanzania: Material Connections and Shared Imaginaries," in Alexander Cook, ed., *Mao's Little Red Book: A Global History*, 96–116. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2014

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

"Popular Mobilization and the New Politics of Resource Sovereignty in Tanzania," *African Futures* digital forum of the Social Science Resource Council (2013): forums.ssrc.org/african-futures

"Nyerere" and "Soviet and Chinese Influences," in Andrea Stanton, Edward Ramsamy, Peter Seybolt, eds., *Cultural Sociology of the Middle East, Asia, and Africa*. Thousand Oaks, SAGE Reference, 2012

BOOK REVIEWS

Adom Getachew, *Worldmaking after Empire: The Rise and Fall of Self-Determination*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2019. H-Diplo Roundtable (2019): <https://networks.h-net.org/h-diplo>

Jeffrey James Byrne, *Mecca of Revolution: Algeria, Decolonization, and the Third World Order*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016. H-Diplo Roundtable (2018): <https://networks.h-net.org/h-diplo>

Emma Hunter, *Political Thought and the Public Sphere in Tanzania: Freedom, Democracy and Citizenship in the Era of Decolonization*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015. *African Studies Review* 60, 2 (2017) 251-253.

Paul Bjerck, *Building a Peaceful Nation: Julius Nyerere and the Establishment of Sovereignty in Tanzania, 1960–1964*. Rochester: University of Rochester Press, 2015. *American Historical Review* 121, 5 (2016) 1790-1791

Maia Green, *The Development State: Aid, Culture & Civil Society in Tanzania*. Rochester: James Currey, 2014. *Africa: Journal of the International African Institute* 86,1 (2016) 180-181

Michael Lofchie, *The Political Economy of Tanzania: Decline and Recovery*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2014. *International Journal of African Historical Studies* 48, 1 (2015) 130-131

Nicholas Creary, ed., *Decolonization and African Intellectuals*. Athens: Ohio University Press, 2012. *Journal of African History* 55, 2 (2014) 275–276

"Remembering and Reviving Student Activism in Tanzania" (with Samuel Mhajida). Review of Karim Hirji, ed., *Cheche: Reminisces of a Radical Magazine*. Dar es Salaam: Mkuki na Nyota, 2010. *Africa Review of Books* 8, 1 (2012) 9–10

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

ACLS Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies, 2019–2020

Frederick Burkhardt Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies, 2019–2020 (declined)

Research Incentive Grant, Boston College, 2018

Research Expense Grant, Boston College, 2017

Workshop Grant for "Africa in the 1970s," Institute for Liberal Arts, Boston College, 2015

Faculty Research Grant, Quinnipiac University, 2011, 2012

Dean's Dissertation Fellowship, New York University, 2010–2011

MacCracken Fellowship for Graduate Study, New York University, 2004–2007, 2008–2010

Dean's Student Travel Grant, New York University, 2008, 2009

International Dissertation Research Fellowship, Social Science Research Council, 2007–2008

Meriwether-Sattwa Research Fellowship, New York University, 2005, 2006

Robbins Research/Public Service Fellowship, Columbia University, 2001

INVITED TALKS

"Making Human Resources and Building Nations in Southeastern Africa," Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University, March 2020 (talk prepared but cancelled due to COVID-19)

Keynote Address at Northeastern University Graduate History Conference, March 2020 (talk prepared but cancelled due to COVID-19)

"Postcolonial Socialisms in Africa," Center for Russian and East European Studies, University of Pittsburgh, February 2020 (recorded and released as a SRB Podcast)

"Tanzania's Socialist Experiment and the Politics of Postcolonial Development," Institute for Historical Studies, UT Austin, February 2020

"Higher Education and Nation Building in Southeastern Africa," Bryant University, April 2019

Opening Plenary, "Decolonizing Global Health" Conference, Harvard School of Public Health, February 2019

"African Socialism in Tanzania: A Postcolonial Project in a Cold War World," Walter Rodney Seminar, Center for African Studies, Boston University, November 2015

"African Socialism and the Limits of Global Familyhood: Tanzania and the New International Economic Order in Sub-Saharan Africa," Newhouse Center for the Humanities, Wellesley College, October 2015

"Freedom! Africa's Decolonization Struggles," Summer Institute on Modern African History, Primary Source, Watertown, MA, July 2015 (recorded for online course in Modern African History in September 2016)

"Defining Family and Bounding Political Community in Twentieth-Century Africa," Keynote Address at Boston University African Studies Graduate Conference, March 2014

"Thoughts on Rural Development in Theory and Practice: *Ujamaa Vijijini* in Tanzania, 1967–1975," Department of History, University of Dar es Salaam, March 2008

SELECTED CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

“Building National Universities and Making Human Resources in Southeastern Africa,” Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research Seminar, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa, August 2020 (invited, workshop conducted virtually due to COVID-19)

“Decolonization and the Gendered Politics of Developmental Labor in Southeastern Africa,” International History Workshop, Columbia University, April 2017 (invited)

“Decolonization and the Gendered Politics of Developmental Labor in Southeastern Africa,” “Toward a Global History of Development” Workshop, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, June 2016 (invited)

“Building National Universities in Southeastern Africa, 1960s–70s,” Conference on “Decolonization(s) and Education: New Men and New Politics,” Humboldt University (Berlin), November 2015 (invited)

“Universities, Skilled Labor, and Nation-Building in Southeastern Africa,” “Africa in the 1970s” Workshop (co-organized with Christopher J. Lee), Boston College, April 2015

“Decolonization, Skilled Labor, and Nation-Building in Southeastern Africa,” African and African Diaspora Studies Works-in-Progress Series, Boston College, March 2015

“Barefoot Doctors, Sunshine Girls, and Traditional Healers: Medical Pluralism and Nation-Building in Southeastern Africa, 1960s–70s,” Berkshire Conference of Women Historians, University of Toronto, May 2014

“African Socialism and the Limits of Global Familyhood: Tanzania and the NIEO Movement in Sub-Saharan Africa,” Remarque Institute Kandersteg Seminar, Switzerland, April 2014

“Global Genealogies, Continental Circuits, Local Inflections: African Socialism in 1960s Tanzania,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, January 2013 (panel chair: Decolonization in Transnational Perspective: the View from Africa)

“Villagization in Tanzania and the Transnational Repertoire of African Socialism,” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, December 2012

“Regionalism, Refugees, and Resettlement: The Production of National Space in 1960s Tanzania,” Agrarian Studies Colloquium, Yale University, September 2012 (invited)

“‘This is Real African Socialism’: Regionalism and Refugees in 1960s Tanzania,” Greater New York Area Africa Historians Workshop, Barnard College, April 2012

“Self-Reliance, Citizenship, and Development in Postcolonial Tanzania,” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 2011

“Maoism in Tanzania: Material Connections and Shared Imaginaries,” Conference on Mao’s Little Red Book: A Global History, Institute of East Asian Studies, UC Berkeley, October 2011 (invited)

“Mothers, Families, and the Nation: Home Economics and Rural Development in Tanzania, 1964–1975,” Berkshire Conference of Women Historians, UMass Amherst, June 2011

“Self-Reliance and the State: Socialism, Nation-Building, and Development Politics in Postcolonial Tanzania,” Conference on Politics and Citizenship in the Postcolony, Institute of African Studies, Emory University, April 2011 (invited)

“Roads, Regionalism, and National Space: Development Politics in *Ujamaa*-Era Southeastern Tanzania,” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 2010 (panel chair: Transportation Infrastructure, Development Politics, and Spatial Production in Comparative Perspective, 1950s–1970s)

“African Socialism in the World: Tanzania’s *Ujamaa* Project in Global Context,” International Graduate Conference on the Cold War, George Washington University, April 2010

“The National Family and the Household: Rural Development and Gender in *Ujamaa*-Era Tanzania,” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 2009

“*Ujamaa*, Gender, and Rural Development in Postcolonial Tanzania,” History of Women and Gender Workshop, New York University, October 2009

“*Ujamaa* and the World: Nationalism and Internationalism,” NYU–Universiteit van Amsterdam Graduate Workshop, New York University, April 2009

“Rural Development, Security, and Welfare in Postcolonial Tanzania,” “In Times of Need” Graduate Anthropology Conference, CUNY Graduate Center, April 2009

“*Ujamaa* and the World: National Development and Internationalism,” Greater New York Area Historians of Africa Workshop, Brooklyn College, March 2009

“The National Family: Mothers and Militants, Security and Self-Reliance,” Social Theory and History Workshop, New York University, March 2009

“Self-Reliance, Security, and Development: *Ujamaa Vijijini* in Southeastern Tanzania,” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 2008

INVITED COMMENTARY

Comment, Concluding Roundtable, Conference on “Social Justice, Remade? The Decline of the European Welfare State in a Global Context, 1973-2009,” UW Madison, August 2020 (conference conducted virtually due to COVID-19)

Discussant, Panel on “African-Soviet Modern,” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 2019

Comment, Roundtable Discussion on Development and the Economy in Honor of Frederick Cooper, African Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 2018

Discussant, Panel on “Debating Development Narratives in Postcolonial Africa,” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 2018

Comment, Roundtable Discussion on Quinn Slobodian, *Globalists*, Weatherhead Initiative on Global History, Harvard University, March 2018

Comment, Roundtable Discussion on Dorothy Hodgson, *Gender, Justice, and the Problem of Culture*, African Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 2017

Discussant, Conference on Global Histories of Capital: New Perspectives on the Global South, The New School, October 2017

Respondent, Boston Seminar on the History of Women and Gender, Radcliffe Schlesinger Library and Massachusetts Historical Society, September 2016

Discussant, History of Religion Graduate Conference, Boston College, April 2016

Comment, Roundtable Discussion on Ron Aminzade, *Race, Nation, and Citizenship in Post-Colonial Tanzania*, African Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 2014

COURSES DESIGNED & TAUGHT

Boston College:

Decolonization and the Cold War in Africa; African History since 1850; African Diaspora and the World I; Nations and Nationalism; Race, Culture, and Power (graduate); The University in the Modern World; African Landscapes and Localities

Quinnipiac University:

Modern World History; African History to 1850; African History since 1850; African Development in Historical Perspective; Oral History in Theory and Practice

Bard College:

Pre-Colonial and Colonial Africa; Decolonization and Postcolonial Africa

New York University:

Africa since 1940; World Cultures: Africa

GRADUATE STUDENT SUPERVISION

Ph.D. Dissertation Committee:

Kristen Carey, Boston University (defended 2020)

Ruodi Duan, Harvard University (in process)

BC Ph.D. Examination Committee:

Kelly Lyons, 2017 (Comparative Nationalisms)

Mia Michael, 2017 (Comparative Nationalisms)

Nicholas Quadrini, 2017 (Global Humanitarianism & Development)

Michael McLean, 2016 (Global Empire & Resistance)

BC M.A. Examination Committee:

Drew McCall, 2018 (Global Humanitarianism & Development)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Manuscript Reviewer: *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, *Humanity*, *International Labor and Working-Class History*, *Journal of Anthropological Research*, *Cold War History*, *History of Education Review*, *Journal of African History*, *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, *Africa Today*, *African Studies Review*, *Journal of African Cultural Studies*, Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Indiana University Press, Ohio University Press, Bloomsbury Academic

External Reviewer for Tenure and Promotion: Washington University, Denison University, University of Oklahoma

Editorial Board, *Left History*, since 2018

Editorial Board, *Signs: Journal of Women and Culture in Society*, 2015–2019

Application Reviewer, Social Science Research Council's International Dissertation Research Fellowship, 2017 and 2018 Competitions

Content Advisor for Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Revised History and Social Studies Curriculum Framework, 2018

Program Committee, African Studies Association 2015 Annual Meeting: Section Chair, "Decolonization and the Foreclosures of Independence"

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Undergraduate Committee, BC History Department, 2016–2018

Lectures Committee, BC History Department, 2013–2018

Commentator, "Book, Paper, Object" Panel, BC History Department, Spring 2018

Co-Planner and Co-Facilitator, BC History Department Faculty Retreat, Fall 2017

Ad Hoc Major Reevaluation Committee, BC History Department, Spring 2017

Dissertation Fellowship Search Committee, BC AADS Program, Spring 2017 & 2018

Modern China Search Committee, BC History Department, 2014–2015

Commentator, "Where's Gender?" BC History Gender Workshop, Spring 2015

Mock Interviewer for Fulbright Scholarship, BC Fulbright Advising Committee, Fall 2014 & 2016

Yale University Council on African Studies, 2012–2013

CAS Student Development Working Group, Quinnipiac University, 2012–2013

MEDIA & PRESS COMMENTARY

Al Jazeera, December 2018; Reuters/CBS News, September 2017; *The Guardian*, April 2016; *Foreign Policy*, October 2015

LANGUAGES

Limited to working proficiency in Swahili, French, Hindi, and Spanish