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Education

- **Northwestern University**
Ph.D. in History, December 2002.
- **Yale University**
M. A. in African Studies, May 1995.
- **Georgetown University, School of Languages and Linguistics**
B.S. in French, May 1991.

Academic Appointments

- **Boston College**, Chestnut Hill, MA
Professor of History, 2023-
Director, African and African Diaspora Studies Program, 2023-
- **College of the Holy Cross**, Worcester, MA.
Interim Dean of the Faculty, 2022-23.
Professor of History, 2019 to present.
Director, Center for Interdisciplinary Studies, 2017 to 2020.
Director, Africana Studies, 2016 to 2018.
Associate Professor of History, 2015 to 2019.
Assistant Professor of History, 2011 to 2015.
- **Wesleyan University**, Middletown, CT.
Assistant Professor of History, 2003 to 2011.
Chair, African Studies Cluster, 2008-2010.
- **Bryn Mawr College**, Bryn Mawr, PA. Visiting Lecturer of History, 2002-03.

Scholarship

Books

- with Roger Little, *Louis Joseph Janvier, Une Chercheuse: Roman d'un Haïtien* (Paris: L'Harmattan, 2021).
- *To Be Free and French: Citizenship in France's Atlantic Empire* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2017). Co-winner, Bentley Book Prize, World History Association, 2018
- *Mother Is Gold, Father Is Glass: Gender and Colonialism in a Yoruba Town* (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2011).

Edited Journal Volume

- with Rosa Carrasquillo and Melina Pappademos, "Historicizing the Images and Politics of the Afropolitan," *Radical History Review* 144 (October 2022).

Edited Special Sections

- [Guest Editor] Special Section, Sex and the Colonial City, *Journal of Urban History* 42, 5 (September 2016).

Editor Introductions

- with Teresa Barnes, Bayo Holsey, and Egodi Uchendu, “Editors’ Introduction: African History’s Interdisciplinary Routes, Ruts, and Routes,” *History in Africa* 49 (December 2022): 1-8.
- with Rosa Carrasquillo and Melina Pappademos, “Theorizing the Afropolitan Past and Present,” *Radical History Review* 144 (2022): 1-18.
- with Teresa Barnes, Bayo Holsey, and Egodi Uchendu, “Editors’ Introduction: The Future of the African Past,” *History in Africa* 48 (June 2021): 1-8.
- “Introduction: Sex and the Colonial City,” *Journal of Urban History* 42, 5 (September 2016): 831-840.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- “Beyond the Dark Side of the Port of the Moon: Rethinking Bordeaux’s Slave Trade Past,” *Histoire sociale/Social History*, vol. 53, no.107 (May 2020): 43-69. Winner, French Colonial Historical Society Article Prize, 2021
- “Motherhood and Maternalism,” *Oxford Encyclopedia of African Women’s History*, March 31, 2020, <https://oxfordre.com/africanhistory/view/10.1093/acrefore/9780190277734.001.0001/acrefore-9780190277734-e-498>
- “Introduction: Sex and the Colonial City,” *Journal of Urban History* 42, 5 (September 2016): 831-39.
- “‘Evolution Revolution’ and the Journey from African Colonial Subject to French Citizen,” *Law and History Review*, 32, 2 (May 2014): 267-307.
- “To Live and Die, Free and French: Toussaint Louverture’s 1801 Constitution and the Original Challenge of Black Citizenship,” *Radical History Review* 2013 (115): 65-90.
- “Public Motherhood in West Africa as Theory and Practice,” *Gender & History* (Special Issue: Gender History Across Epistemologies) 24, 3 (November 2012): 600-16.

Book Chapters

- “Writing the History of the Trans-African Woman in the Revolutionary Atlantic,” in Mariana P. Candido and Adam Jones, eds. *African Women in the Atlantic World: Property, Vulnerability, and Mobility, 1660-1880* (Boydell & Bower, 2019), 191-215.
- “Women Citizens of the French Union Unite!: Jane Vialle’s Postwar Crusade,” in Anne R. Epstein and Rachel G. Fuchs, eds. *Gender and Citizenship in Historical and Transitional Perspective* (London: Palgrave-MacMillan, 2016), 186-210.
- “Public Motherhood in West Africa as Theory and Practice,” in Donna R. Gabaccia and Mary Jo Maynes, eds., *Gender History Across Epistemologies* (Malden, MA and Oxford, UK: Wiley-Blackwell, 2013), 80-96. (Book reprint of *Gender & History* article)

- “‘The ‘Brazilians’ are us’: Identity and Gender in the Memory of the Atlantic Slave Trade in Ketu,” in Paul Lovejoy, Ana Lucia Araujo, and Mariana Pinho Candido, eds., *Crossing Memories: Slavery and African Diaspora* (Trenton, NJ: Africa World Press, 2011), 35-58.

Book Review Essay

- “When We Discovered Gender: A Retrospective on Ifi Amadiume’s Male Daughters, Female Husbands: Gender and Sex in African Society,” *Journal of West African History* 3,2 (2017): 117-23.

Writing on Pedagogy

- “Race as the *Fil Conducteur* in History Syllabi,” *H-France Salon*, Volume 13, Issue 18, #4 (2021).

Book Reviews and Encyclopedia Entry

- Review of *Wicked Flesh: Black Women, Intimacy, and Freedom in the Atlantic World*. By Jessica Marie Johnson. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press. 2020. In *Journal of Social History* 2021, <https://doi.org/10.1093/jsh/shab071>
- Review of *Architecture and Urbanism in the French Atlantic Empire: State, Church, and Society, 1604-1840*. By Gauvin Alexander Bailey. Montreal. McGill-Queen’s University Press. 2018. In *Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians* 78, 3 (September 2019): 354-56.
- Review of *Wine, Sugar, and the Making of Modern France: Global Economic Crisis and the Racialization of French Citizenship, 1870-1910*. By Elizabeth Heath. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014. *H-France*, September 2016.
- Review of *Faith in Empire: Religion, Politics, and Colonial Rule in French Senegal, 1880-1940*. By Elizabeth A. Foster. Stanford: Stanford University Press. 2013. In *Journal of Modern History* 87, 1 (March 2015): 193-94.
- Review of *Where the Negroes are Masters: An African Port in the Era of the Slave Trade*. By Randy J. Sparks. Cambridge and London: Harvard University Press. 2014. In *American Historical Review* 119, 4 (October 2014): 1403-1404.
- Review of *The Female King of Colonial Nigeria: Ahebi Ugbabe*. By Nwando Achebe. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2012. In *American Historical Review* 117, 1 (February 2012): 308-309.
- Review of *Public Memory of the Slave Trade: Victims and Perpetrators in the South Atlantic*. By Ana Lucia Araujo. Amherst, NY: Cambria Press, 2010. In *Itinerario* 35, 2 (August 2011): 109-11.
- Review of *Race and War in France: Colonial Subjects in the French Army, 1914-1918*. By Richard S. Fogarty. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2008. In *Journal of World History* 21, 2 (June 2010): 353-56.
- “Colonialism and Imperialism: Sub-Saharan Africa,” in Suad Joseph, ed., *Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures: Volume II: Family, Law and Politics* (Leiden, The Netherlands: Brill, 2005), 74-77.

Current Projects

- “Black Bordeaux and the Search for Refuge after Revolution,” Article in preparation.
- “Bordeaux, Forgotten Black Metropolis,” Book-length manuscript in preparation.
- “Black Éléonore of Aquitaine,” Historical fiction in preparation.

National Awards

- French Colonial Historical Society Article Prize, 2021
- Bentley Book Prize, World History Association, 2018 (Co-Winner)

National Fellowships

- National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, 2020.
- ACLS Frederick Burkhardt Fellowship for Recently Tenured Scholars (awarded 2018), 2020-21. Taken at the Center for the Study of Race, Indigeneity, and Transnational Migration, Yale University.
- West Africa Research Association Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Summer 2013.
- Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, New York Public Library, Summer 2012.
- W.E.B. Du Bois Institute for African and African American Research Fellowship (now the Hutchins Center), Harvard University, Spring 2012.
- John Carter Brown Library Fellowship, Brown University, July-August 2011.
- Harvard University International Seminar on the History of the Atlantic World, 2010.
- National Security Education Program Dissertation Fellowship, 1999-2000.
- Fulbright-Hays Dissertation Fellowship, 1998-99.
- Committee on Institutional Cooperation Fellowship, 1995-97.
- Fulbright-Hays Group Project Abroad Fellowship- Ilé-Ifè, Nigeria, Summer 1994.
- Foreign Language and Area Studies and University Fellowship, 1993-95.

Grants and Awards (Internal to Institutions)

- Curricular Development Fellowship with seven colleagues to create a Department of Critical Race and Ethnic Studies, Summer 2020
- Research and Publication Grant, October 2018 and April 2019
- Collaborative and Creative Pedagogy Grant for course with Aditi Malik, Summer 2019
- Mary Louise Marfuggi Award for Outstanding Scholarship 2018
- Research and Publication Grant, October 2017 and April 2018
- Agnes Williams Career Development Grant, College of the Holy Cross, 2017-2020.
- Batchelor Ford and Ardizzone Faculty Fellowship, College of the Holy Cross, Summer 2016, 2012
- Black Student Union Women’s Appreciation Award, April 2015.
- Research and Publication Grant, College of the Holy Cross, 2015.
- Ardizzone Junior Leave Faculty Fellowship, 2013-14.
- Research and Publication Grant, College of the Holy Cross, 2013-14.
- Faculty Center for Development Conference Travel Grant, College of the Holy Cross, 2012.
- Research and Publication Grant, College of the Holy Cross, 2011-12.
- Andrew W. Mellon Summer Research Grant, Wesleyan University, 2010.
- The Colonel Return Jonathan Meigs First (1740-1823) Fund, Wesleyan University, 2006-07.
- Wesleyan University Project Grant, 2010, 2006.

- Wesleyan Center for the Humanities Faculty Fellow, Fall 2010, Spring 2006.
- Faculty Seminar on Islam, Wesleyan University, 2003-04.
- Northwestern University Teaching Fellowship, 1997-98.
- Hans Panofsky Summer Research Grant, Northwestern University, 1997.
- Northwestern Department of History Summer Research Grant, 1996, 1997.

Administrative Training

- **HERS Leadership Institute**, Summer 2021.

Conferences Convened

- Co-convener, “Rethinking the Afropolitan: The Ethics of Black Masculinities on Display,” 2017.
- Co-convener, “Sexuality and Colonial Black Atlantic Cities,” University of Chicago, 2012.
- “African and African Diaspora Studies Conference,” Wesleyan University, 2009.

Invited Lectures, Seminars, and Interviews

Emory University, History Department

“Belongings,” April 2023.

Emory University, Institute of African Studies

“The Birth of Black Bordeaux,” April 2022 (Virtual)

Boston College, African and African Diaspora Studies and History Department

“Black Bordeaux and the Search for Refuge after Revolution,” February 2022

Yale University, Center for Race, Indigeneity, and Transnational Migration

“Black Bordeaux and the Search of Refuge after Revolution,” February 2022

Bernstein Seminar, Bowdoin College

“Black Bordeaux and the Search for Refuge after Revolution,” October 2021

Chaire Africaines Diasporas, Institut d’Études Politiques, Bordeaux

“Black Bordeaux and the Search for Refuge after Revolution,” September 2021

Monday Seminar, Johns Hopkins University History Department

“Black Bordeaux and the Search for Refuge after Revolution,” September 2021

Society for French Historical Studies, “French Presse 5: New Books on French and Francophone History”

[Interviewer for Jessica Marie Johnson, *Wicked Flesh: Black Women, Intimacy and Freedom in the Atlantic World* \(Penn Press, 2020\), May 16, 2020.](#) (Virtual)

Keynote Address, Georgetown University African Studies Program Commencement Celebration 2021

“Global Africa as an Intellectual Journey,” May 2021. (Virtual)

Sankofa Lecture, Quinsigamond Community College
“Bordeaux, Forgotten Black Metropolis,” April 2021. (Virtual)

Sally G. McMillen Lecture in Gender & Sexuality Studies, Davidson College
“France and the Challenge of Black Citizenship,” April 2021. (Virtual)

Archives de Martinique, Martinique, France
“Le Défi de la citoyenneté dans l’Atlantique Français,” January 2019.

Wallach Art Gallery, New York
Posing Modernity: The Black Model from Manet and Matisse to Today Exhibit
“Bordeaux, Forgotten Black Metropolis,” January 2019.

University of Oklahoma, Presidential Dream Course Lecture
“The Challenge of Black Citizenship,” October 2018.

Columbia University International History Graduate Student Colloquium
“Beyond the Dark Side of the Port of the Moo: Rethinking Bordeaux’s Slave Trade Past,” February 2018.

Brown University, Center for the Study of Slavery and Justice, “Black Atlantic Crosscurrents”
“Porto-Novo, Trans-African City,” April 2016.

Max Planck Institute, Frankfurt, Germany, “Violent Political Conflicts and Legal Responses”
“The *Code Noir* as Black Atlantic Charter,” October, 2015.

Pennsylvania State University African Studies Program and Department of French and Francophone Studies
“Panel Discussion: New Developments in Francophone and Anglophone African Literature and Culture,” 2013.

John Carter Brown Library Fellows 50th Anniversary Conference, Brown University
Plenary: “The Digital JCB and Open Access: How Haiti Sparked Another Revolution,” 2012.
(Participation by web conference from Cotonou, Benin)

Johns Hopkins University, Department of History
“A Symposium in Celebration of the Scholarship and Mentoring of Sara Berry”
“Evolution Revolution: A Journey from African Colonial Subject to French Citizen,” 2012.

Brown University, John Carter Brown Library Fellow Lunch Talk
“Free and French in Revolutionary Saint-Domingue,” 2011.

University of New Mexico, Latin American and Iberian Institute
“Africans and their Descendants in the Early Modern Ibero-American World”
“Porto-Novo, Trans-African City,” 2011.

New York University, History Dept, Africa~Diaspora Speaker Series

“Marc Kojo Tovalou Houénou, Black Internationalism, and the Threat of ‘Evolution Revolution’ in Interwar Paris,” 2010.

University of Connecticut, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies

Commentator for Working Group Session on the African Diaspora in Latin America: Herman Bennett’s *Colonial Blackness: A History of Mexico*, 2010.

Conference Presentations

o indicates panel organized

Now You See Me: Black Women’s Defying Worlds During the Era of the Atlantic Slave Trade and Indentured Servitude Tropenmuseum, Amsterdam, Netherlands, December 2023
“Mapping an Eighteenth-Century Black Metropolis in France (But Not in Paris).”

African Studies Association of Africa, Cape Town, South Africa (virtual)
o Organizer and Chair, “Africa and the World: New Transnational Histories,” April 2022.

4th Princeton Annual Humanities Colloquium on Africa and Digital Humanities,
Princeton University (virtual)
(Discussant) Panel on “Writing and Publishing in Digital Humanities,” November 2020.

National Women’s Studies Association Meeting, San Francisco
“Black Éléonore of Aquitaine: Using Historical Fiction to Rethink Bordeaux’s Slave Trade Past,”
November 2019.

Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora (ASWAD),
“Navigating the Port of the Moon: West Africans in Interwar Bordeaux,” Williamsburg, VA.,
November 2019.
“Black Léonore of Aquitaine,” Seville, Spain, November 2017.
(Discussant) Empowering the Black Body: Gender, Performance and Power, Seville, Spain,
November 2017.

Yale Writer’s Workshop

“Black Éléonore of Aquitaine,” June 2019.

American Historical Association Annual Meeting

(Organizer) New Directions in Black Feminist History and Theory, 2024.

(Discussant) Gender and Leadership: Matrilineages, Struggle, Liberation, and Feminist Approaches, 2020.

(Discussant) Women of African Descent and the Body as a Performative Tool to Negotiate Loyalty to Individual and/or Collective Power,” 2019.

o “Black Léonore of Aquitaine,” 2018.

(Discussant) Bad Reputations: Defining and Engaging in Illicit Sex in the French Atlantic World from the 17th to the 20th Centuries, 2017.

“A More Perfect French Union: France’s Newest Citizens and the Making of the Fourth Republic,” 2014.

- “‘Evolution Revolution’: A Journey from African Colonial Subject to French Citizen,” 2013.
“*Signares* Before Citizens in French Colonial Senegal,” 2012.
“Porto-Novo, Trans-African City,” 2011.
“Black Atlantic Motherhood: Rethinking Marriage, Race, and Sexuality in the Atlantic World,” 2010.

Western Society for French History Conference

- (Discussant) “France and the Mediterranean World from the Wars of Religion to Gaullism,”
Bozeman, MT, November 2019
“Black Éléonore of Aquitaine,” Portland, ME, November 2018.

French Colonial Historical Society Annual Meeting

- “Bordeaux’s Lost Caribbean Roots,” Seattle, WA, June 2018.

French PhD Program’s Annual Conference at the Graduate Center, City Univ. of New York

- “Beyond the Dark Side of the Port of the Moon: Using Historical Fiction to Rethink Bordeaux’s
Slave Trade Past,” March 2018.

Colonial Cities in Global Perspective, Weatherhead Initiative on Global History (Harvard), Saint-Louis, Senegal

- “Colonizing Bordeaux,” December 2018.

Association of Caribbean Historians

- “Bordeaux’s Lost Caribbean Roots,” Bridgetown, Barbados, June 2018.
- “Crisis and the Carnavalesque in the Little Paris of the Caribbean,” Fort-de-France, Martinique, 2014.

Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting

- “Refuge and Redemption in Black Bordeaux,” New Orleans, LA, April 2017.

Atlantic Encounters and Female Initiatives: Women in Coastal West and West Central Africa, 1500- 1880, University of Notre Dame’s Dublin Campus, Dublin, Ireland

- “The Making of the Trans-African Woman,” March 2017.

African Studies Association Annual Meeting

- (Organizer) Roundtable: Theory and Art of the Artifact, 2023.
(Organizer) Roundtable: Pivoting, Planning, and Publishing in *History in Africa*, 2022.
(Discussant) Recentring Africa in Histories of Black Internationalism: Transnational Frameworks and Decolonizing Methodologies, 2021. (Virtual)
(Discussant) Religion, Migration, and Racial Thought in Early Twentieth Century Africa, 2017.
“Engendering Black Citizenship During French Empire,” 2014.
(Roundtable) Where Is Gender in African Studies?, 2012.
(Roundtable) Yoruba Studies at the Crossroads, 2011.
“Porto-Novo, Trans-African City,” 2010.
“Mother Is Gold, Father Is Glass: Rethinking Gender in West Africa,” 2008.
“Prince or Pretender?: The Unusual Pan-Africanism of Kojo Houénou-Tovalou,” 2004.
“Marriage and ‘Modernity’ in French Colonial West Africa,” 2003.
“Between Kétu and Candomblé: Gender in the Yorùbá-Nagô Atlantic World,” 2001.

“Conversion and Controversy: Interreligious Marriages in Colonial Kétu, 1894-1960,” 2000.
“The Queen of Kétu: Rethinking Gender in Colonial Dahomey,” 1999.

European Early American Studies Association, “Space, Mobility, and Power in Early America and the Atlantic World, 1650-1850,” Paris, France.

“Refuge and Redemption in Black Bordeaux of the Nineteenth Century,” December 2016.

International Colloquium, “Quels Citoyens pour l’empire? [Which Citizens of Empire?] Université de Paris, Nanterre

“Engendering Black Citizenship during Empire,” December 2016.

AHRC International Network Conference: The Global City, Past and Present: Peoples Institute for Historical Research, London, UK.

“Bordeaux, Forgotten Black Metropolis,” May 2016.

African Intellectual History Workshop, Yale University

“Scottsboro on Trial in the Black Press in Paris,” March 2016.

Institute for Critical Inquiry [ICI] Biennial Symposium, Vanderbilt University,

“The Political Theater of Dakar’s 1966 World Festival of the Negro Arts,” September 2015.

Université de Paris, 13: “Historians and the Margins: From North America to Former Empires”

“How Louis Joseph Janvier Made Haiti the Center of the World,” June 2015.

Conable Conference in International Studies, Rochester Institute of Technology

“Exile and the Redemption Road to Citizenship in France’s Atlantic Empire,” April 2015.

Centre for Research in Arts, Social Sciences, and Humanities (CRASSH), Cambridge University “Print Media in the Colonial World”

“Scottsboro on Trial in the Black Press in Paris,” April 2015.

European Social Science History Conference, Vienna, Austria.

◦ “A More Perfect French Union: France’s Newest Citizens and the Making of the Fourth Republic,” 2014.

European Council on African Studies Conference, Lisbon, Portugal

“Sex and the Colonial City,” 2013.

French Historical Studies Annual Meeting

◦ “*Signares* Before Citizens in Colonial Senegal,” 2013.

Centre d’histoire de Sciences Po, Paris, France

“Femmes et genre en contexte colonial / Women and Gender in Colonial Contexts”

“*Signares* Before Citizens in French Colonial Senegal,” 2012.

Berkshire Conference of Women's History

"A More Perfect French Union: France's Newest Citizens and the Making of the Fourth Republic,"
Toronto, Canada, 2014.
(Plenary) Where Is Africa in Gender Studies?, Amherst College, 2011.

Urban History Association Bi-Annual Conference, Columbia University

"*Signares* Before Citizens in Colonial Senegal," 2012.

W.E.B. Du Bois Institute for African and African American Research, Harvard University
"Spring 2012 Colloquium Series"

"'Evolution Revolution': A Journey from African Colonial Subject to French Citizen," 2012.

Columbia University, Institute for Research in African-American Studies "Toward an Intellectual History of Black Women: An International Conference"

"Public Motherhood in Theory and Practice," 2011.

Univ. of Minnesota, *Gender and History* Workshop "Gender History across Epistemologies"

"Public Motherhood in Theory and Practice," 2011.

Northeast Modern Language Association Annual Meeting

"Marc Kojouharo, Black Internationalism, and the Threat of 'Evolution Revolution' in Interwar Paris," 2011.

Wesleyan University Center for the Humanities

"Porto-Novo, Trans-African City," 2010.

"Fear of a Black Atlantic: Race, Gender, Power in the Bight of Bénin and Brazil," 2006.

Stirling University, Scotland, "Rethinking Africa and the Atlantic World"

"'From evolution to revolution': Marc Kojouharo's Challenge to French Colonial Empire in West Africa," 2009.

Université de Laval, Québec, "Crossing Memories: Slavery and the African Diaspora"

"'The Brésiliens are us': Meanings and Memories of the Slave Trade in Kétu, Bénin," 2005.

Wesleyan University, College of Social Studies Luncheon Forum

"Africa and the World," 2005.

Northeast Regional Mellon Conference, Wesleyan University

"Turning Stumbling Blocks into Stepping Stones," 2004.

Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora

"Diaspora Begins at Home: (Dis)placing 'Kétu' in an Atlantic World," 2003.

University of California, Irvine, Graduate Student Conference in History and Theory

"Colonial Crossroads: Gender, French Imperialism, and "Social Order" in Kétu, Dahomey," 1894-1918," 2003.

Johns Hopkins University, African Seminar

“An Uncertain Colonization: Early French Colonial Policies in Kétu (Dahomey), 1894-1930s,” 2001.

Stanford University, Joint Stanford / Berkeley Spring Conference

“The ‘Queen’ and the Qur’an in Kétu: Explorations in Gender and Islam in Colonial Dahomey,” 1997.

Yale University, Agrarian Studies Graduate Student Colloquium

“The ‘*Quartier Latin*’ and ‘*L’Enfant Terrible*’ of French West Africa: The Role of Elite Conflict and Cooperation in the Rise of Early Nationalism in Colonial Dahomey,” 1995.

Languages

- English – Native speaker
- French – Fluent, written and spoken
- Yorùbá – Basic Conversation and reading
- Spanish – Basic Conversation and reading
- Portuguese – Basic Reading for research

Professional and Institutional ServiceProfessional Service

- Invited, Program Committee, American Historical Association Meeting 2024.
- Editor-in-Chief, *History in Africa: A Journal of Debates, Methods, and Source Analysis*, 2020-2025. (I put together the four-person editorial team. Our inaugural issue was in 2021.)
- Chair, Article Prize Committee, Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora (ASWAD), 2020-
- External Reviewer for the Africana Studies Program at Bryn Mawr College, November 2018.
- Area Editor, “Encyclopedia of Slavery, the Slave Trade, and the Diaspora in African History,” Oxford University Press, publication in print and on-line.
- Associate Review Editor, *American Historical Review*, 2019-.
- Program Committee, Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, 2018-2022.
- Executive Editorial Board, *Journal of West African History*, 2018-.
- Governing Council, Western Society for French History, 2018-20.
- Program Committee, American Historical Association Annual Conference 2018 (Invited and declined for scheduling conflict)
- Editorial Board, *Journal of Women’s History*, 2017-
- Article Prize Committee of the Berkshire Conference of Women Historians, 2013-15. (Attended Little Berks Meeting, Stockbridge, MA, May 2015).
- Promotion and Tenure file reviews, Bucknell University and University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.
- Manuscript Reviewer for *William and Mary Quarterly*; *African Economic History*; *Journal of Black Studies*; *Journal of West African History*; *The Americas*; Cambridge University Press, Indiana University Press; University of Nebraska Press, Yale University Press.

Boston College

- Director, African and African Diaspora Studies Program, 2023-

College of the Holy Cross

- Interim Dean of the Faculty, July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023.
- Provost Search Committee, College of the Holy Cross (appointed), fall 2022.
- Member, Search Committee Two-Year Postdoctoral Fellow in LALC
- Consortium on Faculty Diversity Conference, College Representative, (October 2019)
- Ex officio member, Committee on Academic Programs, 2018-2020.
- Chair, Search Committee, Professor of Practice in Health Studies, Spring 2019.
- College Representative, Consortium on Faculty Diversity Conference, Denison Univ., Fall 2018.
- Chair, Search Committee, CIS Postdoctoral Fellow in Race and Ethnicity (hired in Africana Philosophy), Spring 2018.
- Member, Search Committee for Jenks Chair, Spring 2018.
- Director, Center for Interdisciplinary Studies, 2017-
- Ex officio Member, Committee for Center for Interdisciplinary Studies, 2016-19.
- Search Committee, CIS Postdoctoral Fellow in Race and Ethnicity (Spring 2017)
- Director, Africana Studies, 2016 – 2018.
- Academic Affairs Council, 2015-16. (Elected and Deferred 2014-15)
- Diversity Leadership Team, 2014-16. (Appointed)
- Search Committee for Chief Diversity Officer, 2014-15. (Appointed)
- Diversity and Inclusion Expert Committee, Spring 2014. (Appointed)
- Co-Convener “Sexuality and Colonial Black Atlantic Cities” Symposium, held at the University of Chicago, April 2012.
- Gender, Sexuality and Women’s Studies Affiliated Faculty, College of the Holy Cross, 2011-.
- Latin American, Latinx, and Caribbean Studies Affiliated Faculty, College of the Holy Cross, 2011-.

College of the Holy Cross, History Department

- Chair, Tenure-Track Exploratory Committee, 2019-20. (Two tenure-track searches approved for 2020-21)
- Member, Honors Committee.
- Keynote Speaker for Phi Alpha Theta National History Society Ceremony on “The Challenge of Black Citizenship”, 2019.
- Chair, Derrick Lecture Committee, 2018-2019.
- Chair, Assessment Committee, completed Hewlett-Mellon funded assessment – May 2017.
- Chair of Department’s South Asia Search – Fall 2016.
- Search Committee for Emergency African History Hire – Spring 2015.
- Search Committee for Visiting Assistant Professor of European History, Spring 2013.
- Keynote Speaker for Phi Alpha Theta National History Society Ceremony on “ ‘Evolution Revolution’ and the Journey from African Colonial Subject to French Citizen,” 2013.
- Graduate Studies Advisor, 2011-2013.
 - “Getting the Most out of your History Major at Holy Cross and Beyond,” March 2013.

Wesleyan University

- Chair, African Studies Cluster, Wesleyan University, 2008-10.
 - Organized first annual regional conference on African and African Diaspora Studies.
- Faculty Committee on Rights and Responsibilities, Wesleyan University, 2008-10.
- Middle East Studies Planning Committee, Wesleyan University, 2009.

- Gender and History Field Advisor, History Department, Wesleyan University, 2009-10.
- Africa, Asia and Latin America Field Advisor, History Department, 2008-09.
 - Led effort to change name and description of field to Worlds, Empires, and Encounters.
- Honors Committee, History Department, Wesleyan University, 2008-09; 2003-04.
- Committee on International Studies, Wesleyan University, 2004-05.
- Common Life Committee, History Department, 2004-05.
- Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program Affiliated Faculty, Wesleyan Univ., 2003-10.

Student Research Projects Supervised

College of the Holy Cross

HC COVID Chronicles Collective, Summer 2020

Co-directed research project and website development for the Holy Cross COVID-19 Chronicles Collective with colleague Cynthia Hooper. We raised funding for research stipends for 12 students and supervised and guided their work on a website to archive memories and artefacts of the COVID-19 pandemic for [“Living Through History: The Holy Cross COVID-19 Chronicles.”](#) We were interviewed for a local NPR station along with three of the students on the program [“In it Together”](#) with Arun Rath on March 15, 2021.

Research Associates

Sienna Ablorh '21 (Spring 2021)

Christelle Paul '21 (Spring 2021)

Students completed conversion of several years of text into an Excel sheet and helped prepare some initial pivot tables.

Lovelyne Ngassa '20 (Spring 2020)

Olivia Doherty '20 (Spring 2020)

Students were able to help me determine a method to convert published text more readily into an Excel sheet. I will be able to develop the rest of the database while on leave next year.

Sienna Ablorh '21 (Spring 2019)

Lovelyne Ngassa '20 (2018-2019)

Students helped me set up a preliminary version of a database for my “Bordeaux, Forgotten Black Metropolis” project. The database will compile and analyze over 5,000 entries for free and enslaved people of color who passed through Bordeaux, France during the eighteenth century.

Senior Projects

Nickole Gonzalez-Vasquez, 2016

“Violation of Women’s Human Rights: Sexual Violence in South Africa” GSWS Capstone and Academic Conference Presentation (Spring 2016)

Ja-Lene Scott Dottin, 2016

“The Black Ideal of Masculinity: The Impact of White Traditional Gender Roles” GSWS Capstone and Academic Conference Presentation (Spring 2016)

Carmella O’Hanlon, 2016

“What’s in a name? The crisis in Darfur and the Implications of the Term Genocide” Academic Conference Presentation for Peace and Conflict Studies (Spring 2016)

Lauren Tilmont, 2016

“Making HIV/AIDS a Positive Human Rights Discussion”
Academic Conference Presentation for Peace and Conflict Studies (Spring 2016)

Miriam Okero, 2015, “Race Matters: Health Perceptions for Women of Color,” Honors Thesis,
College of the Holy Cross, Department of Sociology. (Reader)

Wesleyan University

Adeneiki Williams, 2010,

“‘Like a dark sea nudging its way onto a white beach and staining the sand, they came’: Caribbean Transformations of Urban Landscapes in History and Literature,”
Wesleyan University, American Studies, Senior Essay.

Devon Golaszewski, 2008,

“A Question of Fulbe Power: Social Change, the State and Ethnic Relations in Northern Cameroon,” Wesleyan University, History Department, Senior Thesis, (Received High Honors).

Christie M. Roberts, 2006,

“The Only Rational Choice: A Comparative Analysis of Socialism in Tanzania and Angola,”
Wesleyan University, College of Social Studies, Senior Thesis, (Received Honors).

Faraneh Carnegie, 2005,

“‘We Blazed the Trail for Men’: Blackness and Antillanité in the Writing of Paulette Nardal and Suzanne Césaire,” Wesleyan University, History Department, Senior Thesis, (Received High Honors).

Mary Louise Graham, 2004,

“‘Where we keep our skulls’: The Manipulation of History and the Violence of Memory in the Bamileke of Cameroon,” Wesleyan University, History Department, (Received High Honors).

Emma Ruby-Sachs, 2004,

“Privatization Politics: Feminism and Motherhood in the New South Africa,” Wesleyan University, Women’s Studies, (Received Honors).

Thomas Summerville, 2004,

“Cultural Encounter between Missionaries of the American Presbyterian Congo Mission and the Kuba Peoples of the Kasai Region of the Congo Independent State, 1891-1908,”
Wesleyan University, History Department, Senior Essay.

Courses Taught

Historian’s Craft: “The Making of the Caribbean” (co-taught History major required methods course)

Heart of a Continent (Montserrat-First Year Program)

Leaving the World Behind (Montserrat-First Year Program)

Human Rights: Africa/Atlantic

Sex and Society in African History (formerly Gender History in Africa)

Travel Writing and African History

Modern Africa

Early Africa
Migration and Mobility in African History
Muslim Africa
Africa in Brazil
Slavery, Empire, and Sexuality: An African Research Seminar Atlantic Africa

Professional Memberships

African Studies Association (ASA)
American Historical Association (AHA)
Association for the Study of the Worldwide Diaspora (ASWAD)
Association of Caribbean Historians (ACH)
Berkshire Conference of Women Historians
Forum on Early Modern Empires and Global Interactions (FEEGI)
French Colonial Historical Society (FCHS)
Urban History Association (UHA)
Western Society for French History (WSFH)
World History Association (WHA)