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EMPLOYMENT

2020—Present, Assistant Professor, Department of History and Africana Studies Program, Washington and Lee University.

2016—June 2020, Assistant Professor, Department of History Connecticut College.

2015—2016, Visiting Scholar in the Field of African History, Department of History, The Ohio State University.

2013—2015, Consortium for Faculty Diversity Post-Doctoral Fellow & Visiting Assistant Professor of History/Africana Studies, Oberlin College.

2011—2013, Instructor, Department of African-American and African Studies, The Ohio State University.

2006—2012, Teaching Assistant, Department of History, The Ohio State University.

2005—2006, Instructor, Department of Women's Studies, The Ohio State University.

2004, Teaching Assistant, Department of Women's Studies, The Ohio State University.

EDUCATION

The Ohio State University
Ph.D. African History

Columbus, OH

Dissertation Title: "*Listen, Politics is not for Children:*" *Adult Authority, Social Conflict, and Youth Survival Strategies in Post-Civil War Liberia*

Minor Fields: Atlantic World and Women's History

The Ohio State University
Master of Arts, Women's Studies, 2006.

Columbus, OH

The Pennsylvania State University

University Park, PA

Bachelor of Arts, African Studies, May 2004.

Bachelor of Arts, Women's Studies- Student Marshal, May 2004.

SCHOLARSHIP

Manuscript in progress: *Elders, God, and the State: Historicizing State Repression and Student Activism in Liberia, 1822—Present*

- “Witchcraft in Liberia” in *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of African History* (article length forthcoming, Oxford University Press).
- “Liberia: A Colonized Nation and the Role of English in that Process,” *Journal of West African History*, Vol. 5, No.1 (Spring 2019): 29-52.
- Henryatta Ballah and December Green, “Violence against Women: Households, Wars, Refugees and Resistance,” in *Holding the World Together: African Women in Changing Perspective*, eds. Nwando Achebe and Claire Robertson (University of Wisconsin Press, 2019).
- “Politics is not for Children: Students’ Activism and State Repression in Liberia 1944-1990,” *Journal of the History of Childhood and Youth* 2, no.3, (Fall 2017): 362-379.
- “Ethnicity, Politics, and Social Conflicts: The Quest for Peace in Liberia,” *Penn State McNair Scholars Journal* 10, (Summer 2003): 52-69.

PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTION

Reviewer: *Oxford University Research Encyclopedia of African History*, December 2021;
Journal of Women’s History, November 2021; *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, July 2017;
Journal of West African History, April 2022, October 2018.

AREAS OF TEACHING EXPERTISE

Africa
Atlantic World
Women’s History

Youth History

COURSES

History 175 (African Civilizations to 1870)

History 176(Africa from 1870 to Present)

History 100 (The History of Food in West Africa)

History 289(Liberia and the American South: The Making of a Black Settlers' Colony, 1816-1900)

History 275(African Women in Comparative Perspective)

History 429 (Youth and Social Movements in Africa)

History 377(Terrorism in Contemporary Africa)

CONFERENCES

The Introduction of English in Liberia and the Making of a Distinct Elite Class in Nineteenth Century Liberia, on the panel "Liberia: Language and Literature," 16th Annual European Society for the Study of English, Johannes Gutenberg University, Mainz Germany, August 28th — September 1, 2022.

March 31-April 1, 2022, Will the Real Feminist Please Stand Up: African Feminisms within a Transnational Context, the Case of Ghana and Liberia, 16th National Symposium of Theater in Academe, Women's Voices across Borders and in Hyphenated Spaces, Washington and Lee University.

"My Mother is a Witch!" Pentecostalism and the Naming of Witches in Liberia, on the panel "New Paths and Persuasions of Pentecostalism," Annual African Studies Association Conference, November 2021.

Student Activism and State Repression in Liberia Through the Years, Woodrow Wilson National Foundation Career Enhancement Fellowship Virtual Retreat, August 2020.

China and West Africa: The Case of Ghana, Liberia, Mali, and Senegal, Lagon, University of Ghana, July 2018.

Power and Authority: Secret Societies and Youth Education in Precolonial Liberia on the panel "Disruptions and Empowerment in Youth Lives" (panel chair), 60th Annual African Studies Association Conference, Chicago, Illinois, November 2017.

Resisters or Status Seekers? Student Activism in Higher Education: The Case of the Liberian Student Intelligentsia, 1867-1985, Watson Institute, Brown University, March 2017.

Attended the 59th Annual African Studies Association Conference, Washington, DC, December, 2016.

Consortium for Faculty Diversity Post-Doctoral Fellowship Conference, Macalester College, September 2014.

Co-presented on African Agency: Conflict and Social Change, Teaching African Studies in the Small Liberal Arts Context, Swarthmore College, May 2014.

Consortium for Faculty Diversity Post-Doctoral Fellowship Conference, Reed College, September 2013.

Waiting for Papa: Liberian Youth and the Ellen Johnson Sirleaf Administration, 57th Annual African Studies Association Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana, November 2014.

Un-Chaining Consciousness? Youth and the Development of Civil Society in Liberia 1945-1979,” 10th annual Federation of Liberian Youth Conference. Monrovia, Liberia, March 2010.

Who is to Blame? The Making of the Liberian Civil War, 1822-1980, Liberia National Students’ Union Conference, University of Liberia. Monrovia, Liberia, February 2010.

Food for Sex, a Threat to National Security and Political Stability: The Case of U.N. Peacekeepers, Aid Workers and Liberian Women,” 51st Annual African Studies Association Conference, Chicago, Illinois, November, 2008.

INVITED GUEST/LECTURES

August 23, 2022, Methods and New Pathways in African Historiography, Department of History, University of Liberia, West Africa.

March 21, 2022, The Kingdom of Ancient Mali-1235-1670. Waddell Elementary School, Lexington, Va.

March 11, 2022, panel moderator, Centering Intersectionality in Human Rights Discourse, Washington and Lee University Law Review 2021-2022 Lara D. Gass Symposium.

February 20, 2022, Dear African-Americans, You Come from Greatness: Demystifying the Myth of Ahistoric Africa, Black History Month Lecture Series, First Baptist Church of Lexington, Va.

January 31, 2022, Theorizing Childhood: Patterns and Trends across Africa, Southern Virginia State University, Buena Vista, Va.

August 31, 2021, co-presenter, Fostering Cultural Competency and Inclusion in the Classroom Across Disciplines, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va.

September 16, 2020, “How Can a Man be Born in Two Countries? Black Liberation and the American Colonization Society 1817—1900,” on the panel “Antiracism, White Activists, and Black Freedom,” Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va.

September 8, 2017, public lecture on the novel, *Homegoing* Groton Public Library, Groton CT

April 20, 2017, keynote address, “The Trajectory of Student Activism in Africa, 1940-Present” at the annual African Student Association week at Oberlin College.

January 2010, invited scholar on “The Nation,” a national radio talk show at The Catholic Radio Media Center, *Radio Veritas* (97.8 fm), Monrovia, Liberia to discuss the socio-economic and political challenges facing the nation.

June 2006, presenter, Women in Times of War: The Case of Liberia, African Women in Comparative Perspective Center for African Studies, The Ohio State University.

GRANTS

2009, Ohio State University, Department of History, *Retrieving the American Past-Award*

2009, Ohio State University, Department of Women’s Studies, Coco- Cola Critical Difference Dissertation Research Grant.

2008, Ohio State, College of Arts and Sciences International Research Summer Grant

2008, Ohio State, Black Graduate and Professional Student Research Grant

FELLOWSHIPS

Woodrow Wilson National Foundation Career Enhancement Fellowship- 2020.

Consortium for Faculty Diversity Post-Doctoral Fellowship-2013-2015.

AWARDS

2019, finalist Faculty Award for Student Support, Connecticut College.

2012, Outstanding Teaching Award, The Panhellenic Association and The Interfraternity Council at The Ohio State University.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

African Studies Association
American Historical Association
Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora
Liberian Studies Association

SERVICE (Washington and Lee University)

September 8, 2022—present, Faculty Executive Committee (FEC), Washington and Lee University.

September 9, 2021—present, Faculty Advisor African Students' Society, Washington and Lee University.

March 26, 2022, faculty reader for the capstone project, "Bahia Was Born in Nigeria: Two Parallel Cuisines Are Not a Coincidence."

February 25, 2022, recruitment dinner post-Doctoral candidate GWSS.

February 11, 2022, presented to the Board of Trustees Undergraduate Academics and Admissions Committee.

February 7, 2022, New Faculty Cohort Lunch Panel, discussed best practices for academic advising.

January 22, 2022, recruitment dinner, Department of Romance Languages

January 11, 2022, recruitment dinner for Consortium for Faculty Diversity Post-Doctoral Fellow.

December 2, 2021, recruitment dinner, Department of English.

November 29, 2021, recruitment dinner, Department of English.

November 18, 2021, recruitment lunch, Department of English.

September 2, 2021, recruitment lunch Associate Provost of DEI.

August 31, 2021, recruitment lunch Associate Provost of DEI.

August 17, 2021-May 2022, Glasgow Committee, Washington and Lee University

April 22, 2021, met with Dean of the College search finalist, Dr. Kimber.

April 12, 2021, participated in Dean of the College Search Faculty/Staff Forum.

April 12, 2021, attended and participated in the honors thesis defense of History major, Mary Pace Lewis entitled “Power, Perception and Performance: The Courtships of Elizabeth 1.”

February 26, 2021, attended and participated in Department of History Implicit/Explicit Bias Training.

January 22, 2021, speaker, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Reflections Service, Washington and Lee Hillel.

January 17, 2021, introduced keynote speaker, State Senator of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Jennifer L. McClellan during the Lexington Community Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Service, First Baptist Church of Lexington.

September 8, 2020—May 2021, University Library Committee, Washington and Lee University

November 2020, recruitment dinner with candidate for the position of Assistant Professor of Journalism.

SERVICE (Connecticut College).

January 2017— June 30th 2019, Faculty Co-coordinator of the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship.

September 2017—May 2018, Faculty Development Seminar on Advising First Year Students.

September 2017—May 2018, member Connecticut College Educational Planning Committee (EPC).

September 2017—June 2020, Africana Studies Steering Committee.

July 2017—May 2018, honors thesis reader, Y'en a Marre! Hip- Hop Culture and Social Mobilization in Post-Colonial Senegal, by Lucie Latuner, Department of Anthropology.

July 2017—May 2018, honors thesis reader, “Cultivating Culture of Appropriateness: How Leaders Mitigate Sexual Exploitation and Abuse in UN Peacekeeping Operations, by Michelle Lee, Department of Government and International Relations.

September 2017, contributed a piece to the college’s Teaching & Learning booklet on the significance of the novel *Homegoing* to the formation and retention of African cultural identities both on the continent, and in the diaspora.

September 8, 2017, led a public discussion on the novel *Homegoing* at the Groton Library in Connecticut.

April- May, 2017, honors thesis reader for, "It was because they wanted our land: The Political Economy of the Colombian Armed Conflict, 1948-Present," by Randsal Brannum, Department of History.

March 22—May 8, 2017, faculty representative on the hiring Committee for the Director of Sexual Violence Prevention and Advocacy.

March 10—March 12, 2017, reviewed the book *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi for the college's Summer Read Program.

November 2016—April 2017, organized the 57th Annual Lawrence Lecture Series on behalf of the History Department, Connecticut College.

October 2016—January 2017, member of the Transportation and Parking Services Committee.

September 2016—May 2017, member of the Steering Committee for the Africana Studies Program.

September 2016—May 2017, honors thesis mentor and reader for, "From the Courthouse to the Backyard: The Gendered Impact of Transitional Justice Mechanisms in Post-Genocide Rwanda," by Nam Luu, Department of Government and International Relations.

September 2016—May 2017, faculty mentor for the Share, Hear, Empower (S.H.E) Program.