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Employment

University at Albany, State University of New York, Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Africana Studies, 2020-present

Education

Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan

Ph.D., History, Awarded with distinction, 2020

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

Major Field: African History

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

Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire

B.A., History and Geography, 2008

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

“Fulbe Collaboration, Survival, and Flight: Lived Experiences of Guinea-Bissau’s War for Independence, 1963-1974” (Forthcoming at the *Journal of African History*)

“Cross-Border Lives and the Complications of Postcolonial Citizenship: Migration, Belonging, and Alternative Geographies in the Borderlands of Guinea-Bissau, Guinea and Senegal, 1958–1980” (Forthcoming in the *Journal of West African History*)

“Medina Gounass: Constructing Extra-National Space in a West African Borderland,” *African Studies Review* 64:3 (2021), pp. 569-594.

Under Review

“What is ‘French territory’ and who are ‘French subjects’? Reflections from a West African Borderland (Under review at *French Colonial History*)

In Progress

“The Fula ‘Ajami Tradition: Situating the Futa Jallon Highlands in the Islamic World,” solicited for a special issue of *Islamic Africa* (2022)

Book Chapters/Encyclopedia Entries

“‘It’s All One Place’: Geographic Networks in a West African Borderland Since Independence,” *Invisible Borders in a Bordered World: Geographies of Power, Mobility, and Belonging*, eds. Alexander C. Diener and Joshua Hagen (Routledge, forthcoming Winter 2022).

“Slavery in Decentralized Societies,” *Oxford Encyclopedia of Slavery, Slave Trade, and the Diaspora/Oxford Research Encyclopedia of African History* (peer-reviewed), ed. Martin Klein (Oxford, forthcoming January 2022).

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

Book Reviews

Alusine Jalloh, *Muslim Fula Elites and Politics in Sierra Leone* (University of Rochester Press, 2018), *Journal of West African History* Vol. 7, No. 1 (2021), pp. 145-147.

Major Fellowships and Grants

West African Research Association Postdoctoral Fellowship for Research	2022
Fula Language Team Leader, NEH Collaborative Research Grant “Ajami Literature and the Expansion of Literacy and Islam: The Case of West Africa” : Coordinating the selection and preparation of Fula/Pulaar manuscripts in Arabic script (‘Ajami), digitization, transliteration, and translation into French/English for online and print publication.	2019-22
Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship	2019-20
Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (DDRA) Fellowship Research in Senegal, Guinea-Bissau and Portugal	2016-17

Fellowships, Awards and Honors

William Shorrock Travel Award, French Colonial Historical Society	2020
Cultural Heritage Informatics Graduate Fellow For the project, “Migration in West Africa.” (https://the-glove.github.io/migrationinwestafrica/)	2018-19
Lusophone African Studies Organization Paper Prize Best paper in Lusophone African Studies presented at the African Studies Association Meeting.	2018
Travel Award, Association for Borderland Studies World Conference	2018
Muslim Studies Program Graduate Student Essay Award Best research paper at Michigan State University on the Islamic world.	2018
Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship African Studies Center, Michigan State University – Advanced Pulaar	2015-16
Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship African Studies Center, Michigan State University – Beginning Wolof	2014-15
College of Social Science Research Scholars Fellowship College of Social Science, Michigan State University – Three-time winner of pre-dissertation research funding in Senegal, Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Portugal, and France.	2014-16

Languages

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

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

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

Wolof – Intermediate Listening and Speaking

Courses Taught

University at Albany

Undergraduate

African Civilizations (AAFS / AHIS 286)

Africa in the Modern World (AAFS / AHIS 287)

The Geography of Africa (AAFS 270)

History of Slavery in the Western Hemisphere (AAFS 311)

Graduate

History of West Africa (AAFS 614)

Oral History (AAFS 533 / AHIS 532)

African American History II (AAFS 505) – *upcoming Spring 2022*

Independent Studies Supervised

Precolonial African Women's History

African Diaspora returnees to Africa

Michigan State University

Building Walls or Building Bridges? Borders & Migration in the Modern World (SSC 499)

Islam and the Colonial World (HST 201)

History of Sport in America (HST 324)

Public Scholarship

“Peuls et frontières de la côte atlantique de l'Afrique de l'Ouest / Fulbe and borders on the Atlantic Coast of West Africa,” *Libération*, March 29, 2020:

<http://libeafrica4.blogs.liberation.fr/2020/03/29/peuls-et-frontieres-sur-la-cote-atlantique-de-afrique-de-louest/>

“Is Ousmane Sonko the future of Senegalese politics?,” *Africa's a Country*, March 12, 2019:

<https://africasacountry.com/2019/03/five-more-years-of-sall-in-senegal>

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

Service

Professional

Manuscript Reviewer, *African Studies Review* 2021-present

Manuscript Reviewer, *Journal of West African History* 2020-present

Grant Reviewer, *Modern Endangered Archives Program* 2019-present

Co-Convener/Project Manager, Trans-Regional Symposium, Dakar, Senegal 2019-2020

Paper Prize Committee, Lusophone African Studies Organization 2019

Author, Community College Module on Migration in Africa 2019

Conference Organizer, *Enslaved: Peoples of the Historic Slave Trade* 2019

Secretary, Lusophone African Studies Organization 2018-present

Conference Organizer, Atlantic Slave Database Conference 2013

Departmental/University

Webmaster, Department of Africana Studies 2021-present

Moderator, Brown Bag Lunch Series 2021

Presenter, Africana Studies Research Symposium	2021
Departmental Representative, Munch with the Majors	2021
Presenter, Black History Month Panel, “The Middle Continent and Its People”	2021
Chair, Outreach Committee, Department of Africana Studies	2020-present
Panelist, Grant Writing Workshop, Michigan State Department of History	2018 & 2019

Invited Talks

“Fulani Cross-Border Movement: Belonging and Migration,” U.S. Department of State Bureau of Intelligence and Research, Office of Analytic Outreach, August 18, 2020.

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

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

Other Research Experience

[Enslaved: People of the Historic Slave Trade](#) Spring 2018-Spring 2019

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

[Slave Biographies](#) Summer 2013-Spring 2014

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

Selected Conference Presentations

“‘State-Full’ or ‘Stateless’? Cross-Border Subjects and Citizens in West Africa, 1945–80,” American Historical Association, *upcoming* Jan. 6-9, 2022.

“Fight for Independence, Flee, or Get Paid: Conflicting Narratives of Guinea-Bissau’s War for Independence,” African Studies Association, *upcoming* Nov. 16-20, 2021.

“Making a New Home in a Time of War: Migrants to Senegal during Guinea-Bissau’s War for Independence,” Senegambian Studies Group, *upcoming* Oct. 2, 2021.

“What is ‘French territory’ and who are ‘French subjects’? Reflections from a West African Borderland,” French Colonial History Society, May 28-31, 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Affiliations

African Studies Association

American Historical Association

West African Research Association

Women’s Caucus, African Studies Association

Association for Borderland Studies

Lusophone African Studies Organization (Secretary and Paper Prize Committee)

French Colonial History Society

Senegambian Studies Group