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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, Islamic World, Comparative Colonial History

Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire

B.A., History and Geography, 2008

Publications

Articles/Book Chapters

“Medina Gounass: Constructing Extra-National Space in a West African Borderland” (Revise and resubmit to the *African Studies Review*)

“‘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).

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

“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

Review of Alusine Jalloh, *Muslim Fula Elites and Politics in Sierra Leone* (University of Rochester Press, 2018) for the *Journal of West African History* (forthcoming).

Major Fellowships and Grants

Pulaar language consultant for NEH grant 2019-22

“‘Ajami Literature and the Expansion of Literacy and Islam: The Case of West Africa’”: Selection and preparation of Pulaar manuscripts in Arabic script (‘Ajami), digitization, transliteration, and translation into French and English for online and print publication.

Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship 2019-20

Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (DDRA) Fellowship 2016-17

Research in Senegal, Guinea-Bissau and Portugal

Fellowships, Awards and Honors

William Shorrock Travel Award, French Colonial History 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
Don Lammers Graduate Award For "research that improves our knowledge and historical understanding of the nature and dynamics of international and intercultural relationships."	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, France, and the United Kingdom (\$18,000).	2014-16

Courses Taught

University at Albany

Africa in the Modern World (AAFS 287 / AHIS 287)
The Geography of Africa (AAFS 270)
African Civilizations (AAFS 286 / AHIS 286) (*upcoming Spring 2021*)
Sub-Saharan Africa: Peoples and Cultures (AAFS 342) (*upcoming Spring 2021*)
Graduate Seminar: History of West Africa (AAFS 614) (*upcoming Spring 2021*)

Michigan State University

Instructor of Record

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)

Teaching Assistant/Assistant Instructor

World History since 1500 (HST 140)
World History to 1500 (HST 150)
Seminar in Digital History: Slavery and the Atlantic Slave Trade (HST 489)
Africa and the World: Africa's Internal Dynamics & Integration into the World System (IAH 205)
Europe and the World: Encounters and Empires in an Age of Discovery (IAH 202)
Culture of Soccer (ISS 328)

Languages

Pulaar (Senegal) – Fluent Listening and Speaking, Advanced Reading and Writing Proficiency

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

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

Wolof – Intermediate Listening and Speaking, Basic Reading and Writing Proficiency

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>

Public Pedagogy

Module on Ebola in Africa, *Indiana University Language Training Center*, 2020

Module on Migration in Africa developed for Midwestern Community Colleges, 2019

Invited Lectures

“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.

Service

Co-Convener/Project Manager, Trans-Regional Symposium, Dakar, Senegal	2019-present
Grant Reviewer, Modern Endangered Archives Program	2019
Paper Prize Committee, Lusophone African Studies Organization	2019
Conference Organizer, Enslaved: Peoples of the Historic Slave Trade	2019
Secretary, Lusophone African Studies Organization	2018-present
Panelist, Grant Writing Workshop, Michigan State Department of History	2018 & 2019
Conference Organizer, Atlantic Slave Database Conference	2013

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.

- 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, Jan. 7-10, 2021 (cancelled due to COVID-19).
- “Fight for Independence, Flee, or Get Paid: Conflicting Narratives of Guinea-Bissau’s War for Independence,” African Studies Association, Nov. 19-21, 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19).
- “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 and Budapest, July 10-14, 2018.
- “‘It all the same place’: Geographic networks in a West African borderland since independence,” American Association for Geographers, April 10-15, 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, 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.

Research and Teaching Interests

19th and 20th Century West African history, Senegal, Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Guinea, History of the Islamic World, Islam in Africa, African Studies, Borderland Studies, Mobility and Migration Studies, Comparative Colonial History, Decolonization, Digital History/Humanities, World History

Affiliations

African Studies Association
 Lusophone African Studies Organization (Secretary and Paper Prize Committee)
 West African Research Association
 Women’s Caucus, African Studies Association
 Association for Borderland Studies
 Senegalese Studies Association
 American Historical Association

References

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