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EDUCATION

- PhD, Stanford University, History
- MA, Stanford University, History
- AB, Bryn Mawr College, French and History *cum laude* with special honors in History

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA DAVIS, DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Associate Professor

7/2015-present

Faculty Director, Institute for Diversity, Equity, and Advancement

1/2021-present

Assistant Professor

7/2014-7/2015

KING SCHOOL (independent K-12 School, Stamford, CT)

Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

7/2019-7/2020

- Lead, create, foster, and implement school's diversity, equity, inclusion, and social justice programming and policies for students and parents, alumni, and employees
- Lead development and operationalization of inclusive talent acquisition and retention processes in collaboration with Director of Human Resources
- Oversee recruiting and hiring of faculty and staff in partnership with division heads, department chairs, and hiring managers
- Coordinate professional growth and development for faculty and staff to expand capacity for cross-cultural competence in workplace interactions and communications; culturally-responsive pedagogy; and inclusion of diversity and social justice in the PK-12 curriculum
- Report to Head of School and serve on Leadership Team, including attending and presenting at Board of Trustees meetings

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAM STUDY CENTER IN FRANCE (PARIS, BORDEAUX, LYON AND GENEVA, SWITZERLAND)

Faculty Director

7/2017- 7/2019

- Direct exchange program of 400 UC students annually to France & Switzerland and reciprocity of French students to UC campuses
- Supervise 5 administrative staff and 5 adjunct instructors located throughout France
- Maintain and strengthen partnerships and academic standards agreements with French universities
- Implement student security, health, crisis management, and disciplinary protocols
- Advise students in academic success, language acquisition, cultural adaptation, and career goals

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Assistant Professor

7/2007-7/2014

STATE UNIVERSITY NEW YORK ALBANY, DEPARTMENTS OF HISTORY AND AFRICANA STUDIES

Assistant Professor

1/2005-7/2007

CONSULTING / BOARD of TRUSTEES: HIGHER EDUCATION AND K-12

THE COLLEGE BOARD

Co-Chair, Advanced Placement World History Exam Curriculum Development Committee

2017-present

Member, Advanced Placement World History Exam Curriculum Development Committee

2014-2017

- Lead committee of university faculty and high school teachers in designing annual AP World History Exam
- Construct rubrics and evaluation standards and measure assessment data for scoring exam taken by 200,000 students annually
- Support the development of inclusive curriculum content and equity in instructional design

ANGLOPHONE SECTION OF THE CITÉ SCOLAIRE INTERNATIONALE (CSI) IN LYON, FRANCE

Board Member, Vice-Secretary, and Executive Committee Board Member

2017-2019

- Support the functioning of the Anglophone section (APESA) of the CSI, a private K-12 school located within a selective French public school that provides multilingual education and multinational curricula
- Oversee: operation of a 1.27M € budget; appointment of the Head of School; recruitment, hiring, and human resources management of 23 international teachers and staff members; elaboration of policies that enhance student academic success and well-being; management of investments; maintenance of relationships with parents, alumni, staff and other stakeholders
- Successfully facilitated negotiations with teaching and administrative staff on new five-year contract

NATIONAL CENTER FOR FACULTY DEVELOPMENT AND DIVERSITY

Faculty Success Program Coach

2015-2017, 2018-present

- Train college faculty via online modules and virtual consultations in research, publishing, pedagogy, and work-life balance skills

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- *Conjugal Rights: Marriage, Sexuality, and Urban Life in Colonial Libreville, Gabon*. Ohio University Press, 2014. Finalist, Aidoo-Snyder Book Prize, Women's Caucus, African Studies Association.
- *Multiracial Identities in Twentieth Century French Colonial Africa: Childhood and Citizenship*. Under contract, African Identities: Past and Present Series, Cambridge University Press.
- *Marriage and Families in African History*, (co-author Richard Roberts). Under contract, Cambridge University Press, New Approaches to African History Series.

Articles in Refereed Edited Volumes

- "The Right To My Daughter: African Women, French Men, and Custody of Métis Children in Twentieth Century French Colonial Africa." In *The Routledge Companion to Sexuality and Colonialism*, edited by Edited by Dagmar Herzog, and Chelsea Schields, under contract Routledge Taylor and Francis Group.
- "Love, Marriage, and Families in Africa" (co-authored with Emily S. Burrill). In *Holding the World Together: African Women in Changing Perspective*, edited by Nwando Achebe and Claire Robertson, University of Wisconsin Press, 2019.
- "'To Save Eurafrican Children': Métis Children, African Mothers, and the Reluctant French Colonial Welfare State in post-World War II Senegal." In *Enjeux coloniaux et postcoloniaux de l'enfance et de la jeunesse. Espace francophone 1945-1980*, edited by Yves Dencher, PIE Peter Lang Press, 2019
- "The Ancient and The Modern: Customary and Civil Marriage and Family Law and Gender Equity in Post-Colonial Gabon." In *Marriage, Law and Modernity: Global Histories*, edited by Julia Moses, Bloomsbury Press, 2017

Articles in Journals

- "'Miss Eurafrica': Men, Women's Sexuality, and Métis Identity in Late Colonial French Africa, 1945-1960." *Journal of the History of Sexuality*, Volume 20, Number 3, September 2011
- "'A Black Girl Should Not Be With A White Man': Sex, Race, and African Women's Social and Legal Status in Colonial Gabon, c. 1900-1946." *Journal of Women's History*, Volume 22, Number 2, Summer 2010
- "'These Laws Should Be Made By Us': Customary Marriage Law, Codification And Political Authority in Twentieth-Century Colonial Gabon." *The Journal of African History*, Volume 49, Issue 02, July 2008

Encyclopedia Essays

- "Marriage Across Africa. Oxford Online Dictionary of Africa, in press, 2020.
- "Gabon." (co-authored with Judy Knight) *Encyclopedia of World Dress and Fashion*, Vol. 4, eds. Joanne B. Eicher, et. al., Berg Publishers, 2010, pp. 393-398
- "Central Africa, 1500-1900." *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Women in World History*, Vol 1, General Ed. Bonnie Smith, Oxford University Press, 2008, pp. 302-308

Book Reviews

- Christopher J. Lee, *Unreasonable Histories, Nativism, Multiracial Lives, and the Genealogical Imagination in British Africa* (Duke University Press, 2014), *Journal of British History*, 2017
- Saheed Aderinto, *When Sex Threatened the State: Illicit Sexuality, Nationalism, and Politics in Colonial Nigeria, 1900-1958* (University of Illinois Press, 2015). *American Historical Review*, 2015.
- Hilary Jones, *The Métis of Senegal: Urban Life and Politics in French West Africa* (Indiana University Press, 2013). *Journal of African History*, 2015.
- Mary Wren Bivins, *Telling Stories, Making Histories: Women, Words, and Islam in Nineteenth Century Hausaland and the Sokoto Caliphate*. (Heinemann, 2007). *The International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 2008
- Tabitha Kanogo, *African Womanhood in Colonial Kenya: 1900-50* (Ohio University Press, 2005). *Cahiers d'études africaines*, December 2007
- David Gardinier and Douglas A. Yates, *Historical Dictionary of Gabon* (Scarecrow Press, 2006). *Journal of African History*, 2007
- Christopher Gray *Colonial Rule and Crisis in Equatorial Africa: Southern Gabon c. 1850-1940* (Rochester University Press, 2003). *Africa: Journal of the International African Institute*, 2005
- Elsbeth Locher-Scholten, *Women and the Colonial State: Essays on Gender and Modernity in the Netherlands Indies, 1900-1942* (Amsterdam University Press, 2000). *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, 2002

INVITED TALKS (RECENT 5 YEARS)

2020

- "Reconfiguring Fatherhood and Childhood: Métis Children, African Charity, and Colonial Welfare in Late Colonial French African." African and Gender History Seminar Working Group (Virtual Presentation), University of Reading (Britain).

2019

- "Multiracial Identities in 20th Century French Colonial Africa: Sources, Historiographies, and Epistemologies" Seminar on Gender,

Université de Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne (France).

- “Children of the State: The Status of Métis Children and Decolonization in French Africa, 1957-60.” Seminar in African Social History, Écoles des Hautes Études et Sciences Sociales Marseille, (France).

2018

- “Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity: Métis and Claims to/of French Citizenship in Twentieth Century Colonial Francophone Africa.” Slavery, Post-slavery, and Gender Violence in Africa Research Workshop, University of Birmingham and Slavery in Africa: A Dialogue between Europe and Africa Research Network, Birmingham (England).
- “Father France, Mother Africa: Genealogy and Family History amongst Métis in Colonial-Era Francophone Africa.” Family History Research Group, University of Lyon 2 (France).

2017

- “We Will Remain Métis: Racecraft, Citizenship, and Political Subjectivities in Late Colonial Francophone Africa.” Conference on Subaltern Political Knowledge(s), University of Antwerp (Belgium).
- “Wards of the State: Métis Children, Education, and Care in Twentieth Century Colonial Francophone West Africa.” Seminar on Contemporary Africa, Columbia University and Department of History, Yale University.

2016

- “Odd Notions about Race: Métis, Belonging, and Citizenship in French Equatorial Africa.” Monday African Studies Center Seminar Spring Lecture Series, UCLA.
- “Racial Thought and Métis Citizenship Law in French Equatorial Africa.” History Department Seminar, Johns Hopkins University.
- “Métis Citizenship Law in Twentieth Century French Equatorial Africa.” Program in African Studies Colloquium, Indiana University.
- “Legislating Gender Equity in Civil Marriage Law in Post-Colonial Gabon.” Center for African Studies and Institute for Arts and Sciences, Symposium on “Legislating Sexuality and Gender in Africa: Rights, Society, and State in Interdisciplinary Perspective,” UNC Chapel Hill.
- “NGO’s, State Sovereignty, and Marriage Law and Practice in Post-Colonial Gabon.” African Studies Program and Research Interest Group on Gender in Africa and the African Diaspora, University of Oregon.

2015

- Book Talk, *Conjugal Rights*, Departments of French, Francophone Studies, and History, Pennsylvania State University.
- “Race and Citizenship in Late Colonial Francophone Africa.” Seminar on Contemporary Africa, Columbia University.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (RECENT 5 YEARS)

2019

- “The International Congress of Métis: Race and Pan-Africanism in Late Colonial French Africa.” Panel: Pan-Africanism Between Unity and Divergence. European African Studies Association, Edinburgh, Scotland.

2018

- “Wards of the State: Métis Children and Colonial State Welfare in Twentieth Century Colonial French Africa.” Colloquium on Décolonisation et enjeux post-coloniaux de l’enfance et de la jeunesse (1945-1980). Enjeux: Enfance et Jeunesse Research Group, University of Angers France

2017

- Panelist: Roundtable Discussion on Luise White’s *The Comforts of Home*. Commentator: panel on “Gendering Urban and Rural Spaces in Twentieth-Century Africa and Latin America” and panel on: “Marriage and Slavery: Exploring the Complexities of Unfreedom and Autonomy.” Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Genders, and Sexuality. Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY
- “Droits et combats des métis autour de la citoyenneté dans l’empire français,” Colloquium on Mariages mixtes et métissage dans l’histoire, XIX^e-XX^e siècle, Center for Research in Racism and Anti-Semitism, Université Paris 8 and Centre d’histoire culturelle des sociétés contemporaines, Université de Versailles Saint-Quentin, Paris, France

2016

- Author Meets Critic Panel: *Crossing the Color Line* by Carina Ray. African Studies Association, Washington, D.C.

2015

- Roundtable on Law and Colonialism in African Historiography in Honor of Richard Roberts. African Studies Association, San Diego, CA
- “Race, Belonging, and Pan-African Identities in Late Colonial Francophone Africa, 1945-1960.” European Conference on African Studies, Paris, France.
- Roundtable on Intimacies and Empire. American Historical Association, New York, New York
- Invited Presentation, Western Association of Women Historians, President’s Panel: Recent Scholarship in African/African-American Women’s History in Honor of Stephanie Camp, Sacramento, CA

FELLOWSHIPS/GRANTS, AWARDS, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (SELECTED)

- University of California Davis

- Chancellor's Award for International Engagement, 2019
- Faculty Leadership Academy, 2016
- Humanities Institute Faculty Research Fellowship, 2016
- Humanities Institute Faculty Research Cluster Grant: Africa-California Research Innovations, 2015-16 and Women and Gender in the World, 2015-17
- Academic Senate, Research Travel Award and Small Grant in Aid of Research, 2015-16
- University of California System Humanities Research Institute, Multi-Campus Faculty Working Group, "The Crisis of Diversity within the Multiversity: Rethinking African and Africana Studies at the University of California," 2016-18
- Exec Online, Fostering Inclusion and Diversity Course, 2020
- University of California Consortium for Black Studies in California Faculty Research Grant, 2016-2017
- Institute of African Studies, Columbia University, Visiting Scholar, 2016-17
- Senior Faculty Residential Fellowship, Center for Historical Studies, Ohio State University (declined), 2016-17
- DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service), Learn German in Germany Faculty Grant, 2016
- University of Chicago
 - Social Sciences Division, Faculty Research Grant, 2012-2013 and 2010-2011
 - Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Sawyer Faculty Fellow, International Women's Human Rights: Paradigms, Paradoxes, and Possibilities Seminar, 2010-2011
- Woodrow Wilson Foundation Career Enhancement Fellowship, 2010-11
- State University of New York at Albany
 - Individual Development Award Program Grant, United University Professions, 2006
 - Faculty Research Awards Program Grant, Research Foundation, 2006
 - Travel Grant, College of Arts and Sciences, University at Albany, 2006
- Woodrow Wilson Mellon Mays Dissertation Fellowship, 2003-04
- Fulbright Fellowship, Institute for International Education, 2002-2003

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS: OFFICES HELD

- Coordinating Council for Women in History. Co-President, 2021- present.
- Urban History Association. Board of Directors, 2017-present

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS: SERVICE (SELECTED)

- American Association of University Women, Fellowships and Grants Selection Panel, 2016-17 and 2019-20
- National Humanities Center, Referee in Review Committee for Fellowships, 2018-2020
- American Historical Association, Selection Committee, Martin A. Klein Award for African History, 2018-2020. Chair, 2020
- African Studies Association, Program Committee, 2016, 2019 and 2020.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

- French (full professional fluency)
- Lived, worked, and conducted research for weeks, months, or years at a time in: France, Gabon, Italy, Senegal, Germany, Congo, Ghana, England, and Benin and elsewhere in Africa and Europe.

TEACHING, GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE ADVISING

Undergraduate Courses

- Africa to 1900
- Colonial African History
- African History Since 1960
- Slavery, Africa, and the Atlantic World
- History of West Africa
- African Economic History
- Women and African History
- African Women in the United States: Immigration and Oral History
- Urban Africa
- Gender and Sexuality in Africa
- Global History of Race
- Introduction to Gender and Sexuality Studies
- Black Girlhood Around the Globe
- Sex and the City in International History

- Colonizations

Graduate Courses

- Colonial Africa
- Post-Colonial Africa
- History of West Africa
- History of Central Africa
- Slavery, Africa, and the Atlantic World
- Gender and Colonialism
- History of Sexuality and Gender in Africa
- Race and Ethnicity in African History
- Marriage, Sexuality, and the Law in Global History
- Gender and History
- Oral History and Field Work for Historians

Graduate Students

- Member of dissertation committee at the University of Chicago: Claudia Gastrow (PhD, 2014); Elizabeth Fretwell (PhD, 2018); Emily Lord Fransee (PhD 2019)
- MA thesis chair at University of Chicago: Melanna Emily Kallionakis (MA, 2010); Steven Altman (MA, 2010); Jessica Ryou (MA, 2008)