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**EDUCATION**

- 2019      Ph. D. African American & African Studies Program (AAAS)  
Michigan State University (MSU), East Lansing, MI
- 2019      Ph. D. Department of Anthropology, MSU, East Lansing, MI
- 2012      Master of Arts, Department of Anthropology, MSU, East Lansing,
- 2008      Bachelor of Science, Department of Anthropology, MSU, East Lansing,

**SPECIALIZATIONS**

- 2012      Graduate Specialization in African Studies; African Studies Center at MSU,
- 2010      Graduate Specialization in Latin American and Caribbean Studies; Center for Latin  
American and Caribbean Studies, MSU
- 2008      Undergraduate Specialization in Black and African Diaspora Studies; AAAS Program, MSU

**LANGUAGE FACILITIES**

English (First language), Spanish (Proficient), KiKongo-Kituba (Basic), French (Basic)

**TEACHING**

*Instructor/Course Facilitator*

- Fall 2019      ANTHRARCH 486: Introduction to Archaeology Methods; Department of Anthropology,  
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
- Fall 2018      ANTHRARCH 482: Introduction to Archaeology Methods; Department of Anthropology,  
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
- Summer 2018 ANP 264: Great Discoveries in Archaeology; Department of Anthropology, MSU.  
Scheduled as course facilitator under Dr. Ethan Watrall.
- Fall 2017      AAAS 300: Survey in Africana Studies; AAAS Program, MSU. Co-Instructor with Kris Rowe.
- Summer 2017 Instructor: ANP 264: Great Discoveries in Archaeology; Department of Anthropology,  
MSU. Course facilitator under Dr. Ethan Watrall.
- Summer 2015 ANP 200 Navigating Another Culture; Department of Anthropology, MSU.  
Course facilitator under Adan Quan.
- Spring 2014      WRA 130: American Radical Thought; WRAC, MSU.
  
- Spring 2017      ANP 203: Introduction to Archaeology; Department of Anthropology, MSU. Teaching  
assistant to Dr. Heather Walder.
- Spring 2016      ANP 201: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology; Department of Anthropology, MSU.  
Teaching assistant to under April Greenwood.
- Fall 2016      AAAS 100: Race and Community; AAAS, MSU under Dr. Xhercis Mendez.
- Fall 2015      ISS 330c: Social Science Perspectives on Latin America; Department of Anthropology,  
MSU. Teaching assistant to under Dr. Brandt Peterson.
- Summer 2015 *Sustainable Development Study Abroad*, University of Havana, Havana Cuba; Office of  
Study Abroad, MSU. Field teaching assistant under Dr. Rene Hinehosa and Dr. Ricardo  
Lorenz.
- Summer 2013 ANP 200: Navigating Another Culture; Department of Anthropology, MSU. Teaching  
assistant to Dr. Adan Quan. I assisted with building coursework assessments, maintaining  
the Desire 2 Learn (D2L) student online platform.

- Fall 2013 ANP 203: Introduction to Archaeology; Department of Anthropology, MSU. Teaching assistant to Dr. Kenneth Lewis.
- Summer 2010 *New Philadelphia, Illinois Archaeological Field School*, Kinderhook, IL; Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Field teaching assistant under Dr. Chris Fennell and Dr. Ana Agbe-Davies, Research Experiences for Undergrad (REU) Field assistant for the archaeological field work on the 19<sup>th</sup> century Free Black town of New Philadelphia.
- Spring 2009 *Rainforest and Realities in Nicaragua*, Orinoco, Nicaragua; Department of Fisheries and Wildlife; MSU. Field and teaching assistant for MSU Spring Break Study Abroad under Dr. Gerald Urquhart and Dr. Maxine Davis. Taught students ethnographic field methods and how to apply African Diaspora Studies to understand connections between culture and the environment.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Spring 2019 Project: Biographies of Jazz Music: East Lansing MI.  
Role: Research Assistant for Dr. Glenn Chambers, Chair, African American and African Studies
- Spring 2018 Project: Contemporary writings on Decolonial Feminism; East Lansing, MI.  
Role: Research assistant for Dr. Xhercis Mendez, Philosophy and AAAS, MSU. Conducted literature search for contemporary scholarship on decolonial feminism.
- Fall 2017 Project: Longcore Site Exploratory Test Excavations, Leelanau County, MI. 6-7 October 2017.  
Co-Directed by W. A. Lovis, Michigan State University and G. W. Monaghan, Indiana University-Purdue University Indiana.  
Role: Field Assistant.
- Summer 2017 Project: The Success of Bantu Expansion in the Central African Iron Age, Tervuren, Belgium  
Role: Primary researcher for my doctoral dissertation research at the Royal Museum of Central Africa, Tervuren, Belgium.
- 2016-2017 Project: African Descendants and formation of the North American Mid-West; East Lansing, MSU.  
Role: Role: Research Assistant under Dr. Jualynne Dodson, Sociology and African American and African Studies, MSU.
- Summer 2015 Project: KongoKing Project; Ngongo Mbata, Democratic Republic of the Congo  
Role: Lead field assistant to Dr. Bernard Clist; University of Ghent, Ghent, Belgium
- 2012- 2016 Project: MSU Campus Archaeology Program (CAP)  
Role: Graduate Fellow under Dr. Lynne Goldstein.
- Summer 2010 Project: African descendants of El Cobre, Cuba  
Role: Archaeology intern under Dr. Julio Calzado, Casa del Caribe, Santiago de Cuba, Cuba
- 2009-2010 Project: Church Fans: Expressive and Material Culture of US Black Christianity  
Role: Field Assistant under Dr. Jualynne Dodson, Sociology and African American and African Studies, MSU.
- 2007- 2011 Project: African Derived Sacred Practices; Santiago de Cuba, Cuba  
Role: Field Assistant under Dr. Jualynne Dodson, Sociology and African American and African Studies, MSU.

## EMPLOYMENT

- Summert 2019 Data Analyst, Michigan Department of Education, Lansing, MI.
- Spring 2019 Program Facilitator, Alliance for African Partnership MSU
- Fall 2018 Visiting Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
- Spring 2018 Graduate Assistant for Dr. Xhercis Mendez, AAAS and Philosophy, MSU
- 2017-2018 Curation Management Assistant to Dr. William Lovis, MSU Museum
- Spring 2017 Graduate Assistant for Dr. Yomaira Figueroa, AAAS and Department of English, MSU
- B. Zaid, Summer 2019 C.V.

- Summer 2016 Digital Coordinator, Summer Research Opportunities Program (SROP),  
The Graduate School, MSU
- 2012- 2013 Logistics Coordinator, MSU Science Festival, University of Outreach and Engagement, MSU
- 2007- 2011 Administrative Assistant, Dr. Jualynne Dodson and the African Atlantic Research Team, MSU
- 2008 Graduate Assistant, Dr. Yacob Fisseah, African Studies Center, MSU

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- 2016 Bernard Clist et al. 2016. "Le projet KongoKing: Les prospections et fouilles menées en 2015 dans la province du Kongo Central (République Démocratique du Congo). Nyame Akuma 84 (2015): 128-141.
- 2010 Blair Starnes. "Book review: Sacred Spaces in *Oriente* Cuba, by Jualynne E. Dodson." for the Caribbean Studies Association.

## **LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS**

- Spring 2018 "Our Things, Our Stories: Myrtle Craig and Race and Gender at Michigan Agricultural College" Guest lecture for AAAS 390: The BlackGirlLand Project
- Fall 2017 "Bantu Expansion: Cultural Change and the African Proto-Diaspora," conference presentation, Association for the World-Wide Study of the African Diaspora, Seville, Spain  
"Conversations and Critiques: Anthropology from the Outside," Guest Lecture, University of Michigan, Flint, MI.
- Spring 2016 "Introduction to African Archaeology," Guest Lecture, ANTH 275: Physical Anthropology and Archaeology, Lansing Community College, Lansing, MI  
"Movement and Cultural Space: The National Museum of African American History and Culture" Guest lecture, ISS 320-World Urban Systems, MSU.
- Fall 2015 "*Palmares*, the Kongo Kingdom and Material Culture: Continuity and Change in the America's African Diaspora," conference presentation, Association for the World-Wide Study of the African Diaspora, Charleston South Carolina  
"Reading between the Lines: How MSU Campus Archaeology Evaluates the Past", Kate Frederick and Blair Zaid, conference presentation, University of Massachusetts Amherst Center for Heritage & Society  
"African Diaspora Identity: Archaeological and Religious Considerations," public lecture Mississippi State University Department of Anthropology and Middle Eastern Cultures
- Winter 2014 "The Kongo Empire: Membership, Metal, and Trans-Atlantic Identities," conference presentation Society for Historic Archaeology, Austin, Texas
- Spring 2013 "Democratic Republic of the Congo: A Brief Discussion" Guest Lecture, ISS 320, MSU
- Spring 2012 "Our Things Remembered: Unearthing Relations Between Archaeology and Black Studies" conference presentation Association for African American Life and History, Pittsburgh, PA  
"Archaeology and the Cultural Capital of Kongolese Metal Production: A Black Studies Perspective" conference presentation, National Council of Black Studies Conference, Atlanta, GA
- Fall 2011 "Archaeology and Kongolese Metal Production: Cultural Capital Perspective," Association for the Worldwide Study of the African Diaspora Conference Pittsburgh, PA.  
"The Kongo Empire: Rethinking Power and Trans-Atlantic Identities," MSU-African American and African Studies, "Emerging Black Studies Scholars Community Day," Detroit, Michigan.

## **AWARDS**

- Fall 2018 Academic Achievement Graduate Assistantship, The Graduate School, MSU  
African American and African Studies Program Research Fellowship, CAL, MSU
- Summer 2017 AAAS Program Travel Award; College of Arts and Letters, MSU  
Department of Anthropology Travel Award; College of Social Science, MSU

Dissertation Research Funding; The Graduate School, MSU  
 Dissertation Research Funding; Department of Anthropology, MSU  
 Dissertation Research Support; African Studies Center  
 Dissertation Research Support Center; College of Social Science.  
 Summer Research Support; AAAS, MSU  
 Summer 2016 Program Expansion Award; AAAS, College of Arts and Letters, MSU  
 Summer 2015 Doctoral Study Abroad Fellowship, MSU Office of Study Abroad  
 Research Expansion Award, African Atlantic Research Team  
 2012-2015 MSU Campus Archaeology Program Graduate Fellowship  
 2012, 2015 MSU Department of Anthropology Travel Award  
 2011 MSU African American and African Studies Deans Award for Pre-dissertation research  
 2010- 2012 Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship to study KiKongo-Kituba  
 2008- 2012 National Science Foundation AGEP Scholar Awards for Pre- dissertation research  
 2008 Fulbright-Hays Undergraduate Fellowship Program, Durban, South Africa

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS, MEMBERSHIPS, AND SERVICE**

Society for Black Archaeologists (Planning Committee Member)  
 Society for Africanist Archaeology  
 American Anthropological Association  
 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated