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EDUCATION

Ph.D.	Vanderbilt University History Dissertation: <i>"More Auspicious Shores": Post-Emancipation Barbadian Emigrants in Pursuit of Freedom, Citizenship, and Nationhood in Liberia, 1834 – 1912. Committee: Richard Blackett (Chair), Jane Landers, Moses Ochonu, Jemima Pierre</i> Graduate Certificate, African American and Diaspora Studies Thesis Paper: "Black Encounters: Identity, Plurality, and Social Stratification in Liberia"	2013
M.A.	History	2009
M.A.	University of Ghana, Development Studies Thesis: "An Investigation into Migrants Concentration in Certain Sub-sectors in Tema" (Supervisor) Peter Quartey	2012
M.A.	University of New Orleans, History Thesis: "Between Two Giant Sounds": Jamaican Politics, Nationalism, and Musical Culture in Transition, 1974 – 1984"	2007
B.A.	Grambling State University, History	2005
B.P.A.	Public Administration	2005

Research and Teaching Fields

Major Fields: 19th Century Caribbean, African Diaspora, and Atlantic World History

Sub-Fields: Emancipation, Migration, Critical Race Theory

Methodologies: Social, Cultural, Intellectual History

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR HISTORY	UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS	2013-
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR AFRICAN AND AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES	UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS	2013-
TEACHING ASSISTANT	VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY	2009-2012
RESEARCH ASSISTANT	LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY	2005-2006
RESEARCH ASSISTANT	UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS	2006-2007

TEACHING AWARDS

<i>The Omni Center for Peace, Justice and Ecology Faculty Award</i> established to recognize exceptional research, teaching and service by faculty who promote a culture of peace and the study of nonviolence in keeping with the insights of Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr. and Sen. J. William Fulbright.	2015
Certificate of Appreciation from Pomfret Hall for participation with University Housing	2015

Engagement Initiatives for the 2014-1015 academic school year

FELLOWSHIPS and GRANTS

Andrew Mellon Foundation Nancy Weiss Malkeil Fellowship	2017
Association of American University Women Fellowship	2017
Fulbright Travel Grant	2016
Connor Faculty Fellows at the J. William Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences	2016
<i>Lapidus Center Long Term Fellowship at the Schomburg Center for the Research in Black Culture and New York Public Libraries (NYPL), NYC.</i>	2015
<i>Mitch Singleton Award</i> for tenure track faculty research travel to conference for research in London	2015
<i>Southeastern Conference (SEC) Faculty Travel Award</i> stimulate scholarly activities between SEC universities.	2014
<i>Seed Funding for the Arts and Humanities</i> fund research, scholarly, and/or creative activity in the arts and humanities.	2013
<i>Ralph V. Turner Award Fund</i> for tenure track faculty research trips or travel to conference for research in London	2013
<i>Fulbright College Travel Award</i> to present paper on Migration from Barbados to Liberia: Shifting Frontiers of Freedom, Citizenship and Nationhood in Caribbean Post-Emancipation, presented November 2, 2013 at the Latin American and Caribbean section (LACs) of the Southern Historical Association (SHA) LACs-SHA, St. Louis, Missouri, USA.	2013
<i>Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship at the Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities</i> and member of the Sawyer Seminar Program, "The Age of Emancipation: Black Freedom in the Atlantic World," 2012-2013, a comparative study of Atlantic World freedom movements and the various types of emancipations.	2012
<i>Rotary Ambassadorial Fellowship</i> awarded by the Rotary International to Scholars to study and research in Liberia while serving as an Ambassador for the Promotion of Peace, Friendship and Goodwill	2011
<i>Albert H. Gordon Fellowship</i> awarded by Vanderbilt University to outstanding Scholars in the College of Arts and Sciences for study and research in Liberia	2007-2012
<i>Binkley Graduate Education Fellowship</i> awarded by Vanderbilt University for Summer Research in Barbados,	2008-2011.
<i>Herbert and Blance Henry Weaver Fellowship</i> awarded by Vanderbilt University History Department for Summer Research at the Liberia Archives at the University of Indiana, Bloomington.	2008-2011.
<i>Karl-Francis University Fellowship</i> awarded by the University of New Orleans for Study and research in Graz, Austria while serving as a post-Katrina New Orleans Ambassador.	2006-2007
<i>McGinty Scholarship</i> awarded by Louisiana Tech University to graduate candidates of	

exceptional merit 2005.

Carter G. Woodson Scholar awarded by Grambling State University College of Arts and Sciences for Academic Performance 2003-2005

Current Projects

Book(s)

More Auspicious Shores: British Colonial Barbadians and the Making of Liberia, 1865 – 1912. Under Contract – Cambridge University Press

Book Chapter(s)

Who is Black in the Black Republic? Labor in the Remaking of Citizenship in Liberia. (Forthcoming in *Race and Nation*, University of Georgia Press, *Race in the Atlantic World, 1700-1900 series*, 2018).

“Emancipation and the Crisis of Class in Barbados: Labor, Emigration, and Social Class in the Transition from Slavery to Freedom,” Under contract Cambridge University Press.

Journal Article(s)

Prelude to 1865: “Class Crisis in the Barbadian Emancipation Transition.” Under Review Sage Publishing

“Nationalism and Not Racialism”: Liberia in the Making and Un-Making of Garveyism, 76 King Street: *Journal of Liberty Hall: The Legacy of Marcus Garvey*; Vol III; July, 2017.

Inherited Benevolence?: Gerard Ralston and the Trans-Atlantic Colonization Movement, *A.M.E Church Review* (March 2010).

Review Articles

Natasha Lightfoot, *Troubling Freedom: Antigua and the Aftermath of British Emancipation* (Durham: Duke University Press, 2015) *History: Reviews of New Books*. Issue 2.

Ousmane K. Power-Greene, *Against Wind and Tide: The African American Struggle against the Colonization Movement* (NYU Press, 2014) *Journal of the Civil War Era*, Vol V. Num 4, December 2015, 594-596.

Bronwen Everill, *Abolition and Empire in Sierra Leone and Liberia* (Palgrave MacMillan, 2013). *Journal of Slavery and Abolition* Vol 36. Issue 1, 2015: 207-208.

Randy J. Sparks, *Where the Negroes Are Masters: An African Port in the Era of the Slave Trade* (Harvard University Press: Boston, 2013). *The Civil War Monitor* (June 2014).

Kevin G. Lowther. *The African American Odyssey of John Kizell: A South Carolina Slave Returns to Fight the Slave Trade in His African Homeland* (South Carolina: South Carolina University Press, 2011). In *The South Carolina Historical Magazine* 114 (July 2013): 256.

Encyclopedia Articles:

Anthony Barclay, *Dictionary of Barbadian Biography*, Woodville Marshall Ed., University of the West Indies, Cave Hill. Barbados.

Port Royal, “The Wickedest Place in Christendom,” in Tara Inniss-Gibbs and Alissandra Cummins Eds., *Guide to Slave Route Sites of Memory in the Caribbean* --Under contract The Caribbean Studies Press.

Accompanying Maroon Settlement, in Tara Inniss-Gibbs and Alissandra Cummins Eds., *Guide to Slave Route Sites of Memory in the Caribbean* --Under contract The Caribbean Studies Press).

Rose Hall and its White Witch, Annie Palmer, in Tara Inniss-Gibbs and Alissandra Cummins Eds., *Guide to Slave Route Sites of Memory in the Caribbean* Under contract, The Caribbean Studies Press.

The Zong Massacre Monument, in Tara Inniss-Gibbs and Alissandra Cummins Eds., *Guide to Slave Route Sites of Memory in the Caribbean* Under contract, The Caribbean Studies Press.

PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH

Historical V-Dem Project-University of Oslo (2015-)

Selected as expert to code the historical, political, institutional characteristics for Liberia.

University of Ghana - Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research 2013

Sustainable Livelihoods in the Mining Town of Tarkwa: Impact of Mining on Agriculture, a written report based on a Study Tour of Sekondi and Takoradi.

The Challenges of Poor Waste Management in the Tema Metropolitan Assembly," a written report based on field research on Developmental Challenges in Tema.

The Effects of Poor Education on Development in Yilo Krobo," a written report based on field study on development challenges in Yilo Krobo.

Nature and Tourism Development in the Ga-South District," a written report based on field studies on development challenges in Yilo Krobo.

US Corps of Engineers/ Louisiana State University 2007

Researched History of New Orleans area levees published in Craig Colten's *Perilous Place, Powerful Storms: Hurricane Protection in Coastal New Orleans* (University Press of Mississippi, 2009).

Lectures and Seminars Organized

In Conjunction with the Hartman Hotz Trust Committee-Richard Blackett Hartman Hotz Lecture: 2015
The Underground Railroad and the Struggle against Slavery

Ronald Harris: A Level Up: Mentoring in the Community AAST Lecture 2013

Panels Chaired

The Intellectual and Legal Origins of Race, Region and Nation in American Histories of Race and Slavery, October 6–9, 2016. Mount Vernon, Virginia.

Conference Presentations

Barbadians Encounter the African Coast: Settlement, Identity, and Stratification in Liberia at Black Studies Fall Conference, Black Resistance in the Americas: Slavery and its Aftermath. The Gaines/ Oldham Black Culture Center, University of Missouri, Columbia.

Barbadians Encounter the African Coast: Settlement, Identity, and Stratification in Liberia Expertise and Experimentation, New York University, May 9-11, 2016

“White Obeah:” Religion as a Site of Negotiating and Subverting Authority in Plantation Communities Southern Historical Association- Latin American and Caribbean Section, SHA-LACS, Little Rock, Arkansas, November 12-15, 2015

“To God, the British Government, and Themselves:” The Barbados Colonization Society and Race Redemption at the Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora, Charleston, North Carolina, November, 5-8, 2015

“Another National Experiment”: Productive Labor, Barbadian Citizenship, and Liberian Modernity” at the Caribbean and Atlantic Studies at Texas A&M Conference (October 22-24, 2015) Downtown Bryan, Texas.

“The Future Blessings or Curses of their Children:” Intergenerational Mobility of Immigrants from Barbados to Liberia presented at The Long Aftermath of Slavery: From Emancipation to Reparations in the Caribbean and the USA, at Princeton University on April 2-5, 2015, Princeton, NJ, USA.

“Another National Experiment:” Post-Emancipation, Black Republics, and Citizenship presented at the Conference on Citizenship at Wayne State University on March 12-14, 2015, Detroit, MI, USA.

Spatial Shifts and Generational Advancement in Post-Emancipation: Barbadian Families, Migration, and Political Transitions in Liberia presented at the Association of American Historians (AHA) on January 2, 2015, New York, USA.

“Who is this Man and from Whence Comes he to rule:” Generational Transitions and Barbadian Political Leadership in Liberia, presented at the Latin American and Caribbean section (LACs) of the Southern Historical Association (SHA) LACs-SHA, on November 13-16, 2014, Atlanta, Georgia, USA.

Emancipation across Time and Space, Presented at an International Interdisciplinary Conference in Honor of Professor Paul E. Lovejoy: Re/Framing Contemporary Child Labor & Rights and Abolition and Emancipation across Time and Space on May 22- 24, 2014, Legon, Accra, Ghana.

“Who is this Man and from Whence Comes he to rule:” Generational Transitions and Barbadian Political Leadership in Liberia, to be presented at a special BrANCH Conference at Rice University, April 3-5, 2014, Houston, TX, USA.

Shifting Frontiers of Freedom, Citizenship and Nationhood in Caribbean Post-Emancipation” to be presented at A Symposium on Race and Nation in the Age of Emancipation at Rice University on February 21-22, 2014, Houston, TX, USA.

Migration from Barbados to Liberia: Shifting Frontiers of Freedom, Citizenship. And Nationhood in Caribbean Post-Emancipation, presented November 2, 2013 at the Latin American and Caribbean section (LACs) of the Southern Historical Association (SHA) LACs-SHA, St. Louis, Missouri, USA.

Migration from Barbados to Liberia: Shifting Frontiers of Freedom, Citizenship. And Nationhood in Caribbean Post-Emancipation, presented October 4, 2013 at the Annual meeting of Arkansas College History Teachers (AACTH), Little Rock, USA.

“*Shifting Frontiers of Freedom in the Circum-Caribbean and Atlantic World,*” presented on May, 2013 at the Association of Caribbean Historians (ACH), Belize.

“Shifting Geographies of Freedom, Citizenship and Nationhood in Caribbean Post-Emancipation,” presented on October 28, 2012 at the University of Memphis History Graduate Students’ Conference, Memphis, TN, USA.

“More Auspicious Shores” presented on October 13, 2012 at the British American Nineteenth Century Historians Conference on Shifting Notions of Community in the 19th Century.

“Laboring Under Mis-Apprehension”: Freedom on Hold in Post-Slavery Barbados, March 12, 2011, York University’s Harriet Tubman Institute for Research on the Global Migrations of African Peoples.

“Realms of Freedom in Post-Emancipation Barbados,” April 2, 2011, Landscapes of Freedom Conference at Pennsylvania State University’s Richards Civil War Era Center.

“More Auspicious Shores,” March 29, 2012, Interactive Research Seminar of the Kwame Nkrumah Center for African Studies at the University of Ghana.

“The Repulsions of the Old Home and the Attractions of the New” to be presented on October 13, 2012 at the British American Nineteenth Century Historians (BrANCH) Conference at the University of Northumbria England.

Workshops

“Another National Experiment:” Post-Emancipation, Black Republics, and Citizenship presented at the Third Annual George and Ann Richards Civil War Era Center Emerging Scholars workshop, *New Perspectives on Migration and Mobility in the Long Nineteenth Century* at Pennsylvania State University, April 4-7, 2015.

Invited Talks

The Troubled History of Interactions between Police and Afro-Descended People, Delivered to the University of Arkansas Police Department, November 28, 2016.

Compassion Fayetteville Black Lives Matter: The Real Truth Behind the Movement: The Follow Up, September 19, 2016

Compassion Fayetteville Community Conversation: Black Lives Matter: The Real Truth behind the Movement, August 22, 2016.

Encounters on the African Coast: Labor in the Remaking of Blackness in Liberia at Brown University Center for the Study of Slavery and Justice, February 12, 2016

Dr. Martin Luther King, Inspirational leaders and their Legacy and Free by Emma Marie Cadwalader-Guild from 1876 ca. at the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, January 16, 2016.

How Free is Free? “The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness” presented at Compassion Fayetteville Inaugural Black History Month Celebration.

How Girls Can be Excellent, A Talk Urging Hamptonians to Continue to Strive for Excellence given as the guest speaker for the 155th annual Prize-Giving and Founders' Day Ceremony at Hampton School, Malvern, Jamaica.

“Gender in the Dynamics of Liberian Transformation, An Introduction to the film, The Iron Ladies of Liberia” presented in conjunction with “Long Story Bit by Bit: Liberia Retold, Photography by Tim Hetherington” sponsored by Vanderbilt’s Department of Women’s and Gender Studies.

“Adinkra: The Use of Cultural Symbolism in African Development Practices,” in Professor Ellen Bortei-Doku Aryeteety’s Social Development, University of Ghana, Accra, Legon 2012.

“How to Move the Rotary International Organization from being Fixers to Engagers: New Strategies in Addressing Street Girls in Accra” on February 22, 2012, US AID and Rotary International Conference, Accra, Ghana.

“The Diaspora and Africa: West Indians and Foreign Direct Investment in Ghana” presented on August 9, 2012 at Rotary Club of Liguanea Plains, Jamaica as one in a series of lectures on Global Connections.

“Ananse Stories: The Ghana-Jamaica Connections” presented on September 20, 2011 at the Rotary Club of Accra-South as one in a series of lectures on Global Connections.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE: UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

FALL 2013	HIST 3983/ AAST 499V AFRO-CARIBBEAN HISTORY AAST 1003 INTRODUCTION TO AFRICAN & AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES
SPRING 2014	HIST 3983/ AAST 499v BLACK FREEDOM IN THE AGE OF EMANCIPATION (SENIOR SEMINAR) HIST 3983/ AAST 499v POPULAR CULTURE IN THE CARIBBEAN
SUMMER 2014	AAST 1003 INTRODUCTION TO AFRICAN & AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES HIST 3983/ AAST 499v THIRD WORLD UNDERDEVELOPMENT (SENIOR SEMINAR)
FALL 2014	UNIVERSITY PERSPECTIVES 1001: DESTINATION GRADUATION HIST (3193)/AAST 3193 THE MAKING OF THE MODERN CARIBBEAN AAST 1003 INTRODUCTION TO AFRICAN & AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES
SPRING 2015	HISTORY 570v RACE: HISTORY AND THEORY (GRADUATE SEMINAR) HIST 4823/AAST 499v BLACK FREEDOM IN THE AGE OF EMANCIPATION (SENIOR SEMINAR)
FALL 2016	HIST (3193)/AAST 3193 THE MAKING OF THE MODERN CARIBBEAN HIST 3983/ AAST 499v BLACK FREEDOM IN THE AGE OF EMANCIPATION (SENIOR SEMINAR)
SPRING 2017	GRADUATE AFRICAN & AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES (GRADUATE COURSE) BLACK MOVEMENTS AND MESSIAHS

TEACHING EXPERIENCE: Vanderbilt University

Introduction to African American & African Diaspora Studies—Jemima Pierre (Vanderbilt University 2012)

Full instructional responsibility during Professor Pierre's maternity leave. Gave full lectures. Helped students prepare for exams and attended to other issues during office hours.

Global Africa—Jemima Pierre (Vanderbilt University 2012)

Full instructional responsibility during Professor Pierre's maternity leave. Helped students prepare for exams and attended to other issues during office hours.

History of World War II — Michael Bess (Vanderbilt University, 2011)

Full responsibility for two class sections. Constructed syllabi, discussion and exam questions, and graded papers. Located WWII vets for students' oral history reports. Gave full lecture on Africans and African-Americans in WWII. Helped students with writing and other challenges during office hours.

History of the US from Revolution to Reconstruction—David Carlton (Vanderbilt University, 2010)

Full responsibility for two class sections. Constructed syllabi, discussion, and exam questions and graded papers. Helped students with writing and other academic challenges during office hours.

American History from Reconstruction to World War II—Dennis Dickerson (Vanderbilt University, 2009)

Full responsibility for two class sections. Constructed syllabi, discussion, exam questions, and graded papers. Gave lecture on ethnicity in the New Deal Era. Helped students with writing and other academic challenges during office hours.

History of the US South—David Carlton (Vanderbilt University Spring, 2009)

Responsibilities included helping students improve their writing as well as grading exams and papers.

African American History—Raphael Cassimere (University of New Orleans, 2007)

Responsibilities included collecting and organizing historical sources from area archives for students' in-class discussion.

GUEST LECTURES

How Free is Free? "The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness" – Compassion Fayetteville Inaugural Black History Month Lecture at University of Arkansas African and African American Studies Department, February 2015.

"Africa and the Geopolitics of Aid and Development" in Professor Jemima Pierre's Global Africa, Vanderbilt University, 2012.

Tensions between "Natives" and "Immigrants:" Interrogating terms, concepts, categories and exploring identity politics, questions of race and racism, and solidarities past, present, real, and desired for Professor Trica Keaton's "Black Migration" at Vanderbilt University in Spring 2013.

"Armed Struggle for Liberation in Southern Africa" in Dr. Phillip Afeadie's "Colonial Rule and African Responses," University of Ghana, Legon, 2012.

"West Indians, Africans, and African Americans in World War II" in Professor Michael Bess' "History of World War II," Vanderbilt University, 2011.

"Charlotte Forten and Susie King Taylor: The Activism of African American Women during the Civil War Era," presented in Dr. Louchrisa High's series on "Keeping Our History Alive" Lectures at the Greater Bethel A.M.E Church, Nashville, TN, 2011.

"Motivations for Colonizing Liberia" in Professor Anatasia Curwood's "African American Migration," Vanderbilt University, 2010.

"What about the Slaves: Contrapuntal Narrative or American History?" in Professor David Carlton, "The United States, 1776-1877: A Nation Constructed, a Nation Reconstructed," Vanderbilt University, 2010.

"Ethnicity in the Era of the New Deal" in Professor Dennis Dickerson's "American History from Reconstruction to World War II," Vanderbilt University, 2009.

"Church Hymns, Negro Spirituals and Other Black Music in Liberation Struggles around the Atlantic," presented in Dr. Louchrisa High's series on "Keeping Our History Alive" Lectures at the Greater Bethel A.M.E Church, Nashville, TN 2009.

"Movements towards Integration in the Caribbean" in Professor Richard Blackett's, "History of the Caribbean, 1492 to 1983," Vanderbilt University, 2008.

Service and Professional Activities

Profession:

Chair of the Woodward Prize Committee of Latin American and Caribbean Section of the Southern Historical Association.

Member of the Harriet Tubman Book Prize Committee 2015 - Present

University of Arkansas History and AAST Department

African and African American Studies Study Abroad Project Leader

African and African American Studies Graduate Certificate Committee

Search Committee: Sub-Saharan African History

Library Committee

Planning and Fiscal Committee

American Studies Steering Committee

Gender Studies

Community

Serving in an advisory capacity on a proposal to the National Endowment for the Humanities, requesting a grant to develop a documentary film script and plan for public and educational outreach based on the life and times of John Kizell.

Advisor with the Cultural Exchange Pavilion at the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival

Black History Committee- Compassion Fayetteville Black History Month for Fayetteville

Sisters of Fulbright Mentoring

Diversity Training with Dorothy Marcy (February 24, 2015)

Pomfret Hall: Adopt-A-Prof Initiative

Pomfret Hall Diversity Dialogues (Own your Privilege)

Graduate Mentorship, Recruiting, and Host: Michelle Larkin and Daughter visit

Research Supervision

Ph.D. *Candidates Committee:*

Aaron Moulton, Dissertation Committee

Rashauna Mickens, Department of Geography and Geological sciences, Dissertation exploring Salt and Livelihood in Ghana.

Nathaniel Conley, Department of History, in his dissertation exploring American History

Sara Rivas, Department of History, on her dissertation exploring African American Civil Rights History
Bethany Henry, Department of History

Masters Candidates Committee:

Wilson Borja, "Chere." Small Mouth Fish, Department of Fine Arts (completed)

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Supervised

Sydney Milner, Race relations in the US and South Africa (In progress)

Natalie Shuff, Modern Slavery on the US-Mexico Border (Completed)

Mark Dillard, Irish Migration to Barbados, History Department (Incomplete)

ORGANIZATIONAL AND INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa

Latin American and Caribbean Section of the Southern Historical Association

American Historical Association (AHA)

Association of Caribbean Historians (ACH)

Association of British American Nineteenth Century Historians (BrANCH)

Barbados Museum and Historical Society (BMHS)

Historical Society of Pennsylvania (HSP)

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Compassion Fayetteville

NAACP, Rogers, Northwest Arkansas, AR