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EDUCATION

- 2011 **University of Massachusetts Amherst**
Ph.D. History
Dissertation: “Nationalism & the Politics of Historical Memory: Charlemagne Péralte’s Rebellion against U.S. Occupation of Haiti, 1915-1986,” defended with distinction
Dissertation Committee: Jane Rausch (Chair); Lowell Gudmundson, John Higginson, and Carlene Edie
- 2006 **University of Massachusetts Amherst**
M.A., History
Certificate of Latin American, Caribbean, and Latina/o Studies
- 2002 **Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, School of Arts and Sciences**
B.A., History & Africana Studies

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2016 Oberlin College B. Wade and Jane B. White, Junior Faculty non-monetary Fellowship
- 2016 Oberlin College Grants in Aid Travel Grant (Haiti)
- Summer 2015 Luce Initiative on Asian Studies and the Environment (LIASE) curricular development grant on Asia and the environment (Japan)
- Spring 2015 Allen Memorial Art Museum- Level 1 Andrew W. Mellon Curriculum Development Grant for a one day workshop on using the Museum collections to enhance student learning.
- Fall, 2015 Oberlin College Student Research Assistantship Award
- 2015 University of Florida, Center for Latin American Studies Library Summer Travel Research Grant
- 2014 Professor Props (Student-Nominated Faculty Award for inspirational mentoring)
- 2014 Oberlin College H.H. Powers Travel Grant (Haiti)
- 2011-2013 Rutgers University Presidential Postdoctoral Fellowship
- 2011 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute, “Slaves, Soldiers, and Rebels: Black Resistance in the Tropical Atlantic, 1760 – 1888” at the John Hopkins University
- 2010 General Lemuel C. Shepherd Jr. Memorial Award, Marine Corps Heritage Foundation

PUBLICATIONS

- 2016 “*Mwen Pas Connait* as Resistance: Haitians’ Silence Against a Violent U.S. State”¹ *The Journal of Haitian Studies*, Volume 21 No. 2, Fall 2015.
- 2015 Review of *Haiti and the Americas*. Carla Calargé, Raphael Dalleo, Luis Duno-Gottberg & Clevis Headley (eds.) *New West Indian Guide* 89:4, 2015.
- 2015 “Fighting Shirley Chisholm: Discourses of Race and Gender in U.S. Politics,” in *Transatlantic Feminisms: Women and Gender Studies in Africa and the African Diaspora*, edited by Akosua Adomako Ampofo, Cheryl Rodriguez, Dzodzi Tsikata (Lexington Books).
- 2013 “Remembering Charlemagne Péralte & His Defense of Haiti’s Revolution,” in *The Idea of Haiti: History, Development and the Creation of New Narratives*, edited by Millery Polyné (University of Minnesota Press).
- 2013 Review of Millery Polyné. From Douglass to Duvalier: U.S. African Americans, Haiti, and Pan Americanism, 1870-1964, *The Americas: A Quarterly Review of Inter-American Cultural History*, 69, no. 3 (2013): 425-427.
- 2013 Mayes, April, Martín, Yolanda C., Decena, Carlos U., Jayaram, Kiran, Alexis, Yveline. “Transnational Hispaniola: Towards New Paradigms in Haitian and Dominican Studies,” *Radical History Review* Winter 2013 (115): 26-32.
- 2012 “*Pran Kouraj*: The Courage to Face Haiti’s Restavek Dilemma” in *So Spoke the Earth/ Tè-a Pale* edited by M.J. Fievre (Lominy Books).

FORTHCOMING WORK

- Book: *Haiti Fights Back: The Resistance of Charlemagne Péralte* (I will submit manuscript in December 2017 to the Critical Caribbean Studies series at Rutgers University Press)

PRESENTATIONS (Keynote, Panels, Conferences, Media, student forums, & blogs)

- 2017 Workshop to boys ages 14-17 on the “History of African-American Male Excellence,” for *Educate Tomorrow* (organization devoted to foster children in Miami, FL).
- 2016 Created panel on “Black Lives Matter in the Americas,” Haitian Studies Association, Cap Haitien, Haiti. Presented in Haitian Kreyol on “Haitians’ Silence as a Weapon against the U.S. Occupation of Haiti, 1915-1919.”

¹ *Mwen pas connait* translates, as “I do not know.”

- 2016 Lectures to youth ages 15-17 about “African Women on the Continent and her Diaspora (Queen Naa Yaa Asantewaa to Sanité Bélair), & “Our Black Lives Matter from Mali to Denmark Vesey,” for the Urban Renewal Greater Enhancement National Team (URGENT Inc.), Overtown, FL
- 2016 Panel on Blacks in Latin America: “Dominican Republic’s African Heritage: Rejection, Denial, & the Deportation of black bodies,” Oberlin College.
- 2015 “Historical Parallels between the U.S. occupation of Haiti in 1915 and the United Nations supervision of Haiti in 2015.” Panel on Justice, Comparative American Studies, Oberlin College.
- 2015 Critical Ethnic Studies Committee: “Rebuilding and Re-presenting Port-au-Prince and New Orleans Through the Lens of Black Misery: Five and Ten Years Post-Disaster.” American Studies Association.
- 2015 “Hispaniola (Re) United.” Keynote address for the Institute for the Study and Promotion of Race and Culture. Diversity Challenge-Race, Culture and Social Justice, Boston College.
- 2015 “Nou la-We’re STILL here: Black Survival and Resistance in the Americas.” Organized Black Lives Matter Forum for Oberlin College students, Afrikan Heritage House.
- 2014 "Faculty Life at a Teaching Focused Institution." Featured speaker for Center for Research on Learning and Teaching, University of Michigan.
- 2014 “The Haitian History I Carried vs. the Haiti I Experienced.” Theorizing Fieldwork in the Humanities, University of Pittsburgh.
- 2014 “One Mother, One Island Two Identities: No Reason for Conflict.” Haitian American Student Association and La Lucha, Syracuse University.
- 2013 “Recent Black Immigrants to the United States: Challenges and Issues,” Africana Studies Seminar, College of Wooster.
- 2013 "Cuban and Dominican Women Against 'the State': A Historical Gaze at their mid-20th Century Acts," Afrikan Heritage House, Oberlin College.
- 2013 “Haitian Women: (In) Visible Actors in the Historical Narrative.” Columbia University Women and Society Seminar critiqued by Dr. Carolle Charles (Sociologist, then President of the Caribbean Studies Association).

INTERVIEWS:

- 2015 Forthcoming Documentary, “The Forgotten Occupation: An Examination into the American Occupation of Haiti,” by Alain Martin.

- 2015 Diverse Education, “Scholars Accept Challenge of Telling Haiti’s Complex Story,” by Lois Elfman. <http://diverseeducation.com/article/69938/>
- 2015 Charlemagne Peralte and the Haitian Resistance to the U.S. Occupation: An Interview with Yveline Alexis by Brandon Byrd, 2015, African American Intellectual History Society. <http://www.aaihs.org/charlemagne-peralte-and-haitian-resistance-to-the-u-s-occupation-an-interview-with-yveline-alexis/>
- 2013 “The State of Democracy in Haiti,” *Haiti Journal*, WPBT North Miami Studios, FL.

TEACHING & ADVISING

- 2013-present **Oberlin College, Africana Studies**
Assistant Professor of Caribbean History
Courses Developed and Taught:
 Caribbean Survey on Haiti, Cuba, & the Dominican Republic Part 1 and 2, *Saint-Domingue/Haiti in the Atlantic World*, Radical Thinkers and Movements in the Caribbean, & Empire and Resistance in the Caribbean
 Honors Students: 1. Ms. Sarah Baartman & the South African Fight & 2. Puerto Rican & African American Union organizing Lorain, OH 1930-1955
- 2011-2013 **Rutgers University, Africana Studies**
 Presidential Postdoctoral Fellow
Course Developed and Taught:
 The Caribbean: Revolutions & Contradictions
 Honors Student for Women’s Studies: Experiences of Haitian Women in Post-earthquake Haiti
- 2011 **University of Massachusetts Amherst**
Course Developed and Taught:
 History of the Caribbean & U.S. History, 1876-1980 (online course)
- 2010 **Upward Bound Program at University of Miami, Miami, FL**
 Foreign Language Instructor
 Taught basic and intermediate Haitian Kreyòl to 40 students, ages 14-17. Designed curriculum that incorporated history, art, culture, and community service. Provided mentoring to senior year students about college and the application process.
- 2007 **Boston College, Port-au-Prince, Haiti**
 Project Coordinator, *Youn Ede Lot*, Summer 2007
 Coordinated Boston College’s ESL program in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Created curriculum for 50 students and taught four weekly courses. Implemented training sessions for mentors dealing with the history and culture of Haiti and ESL methods.

2005-10 **University of Massachusetts Amherst**
Teaching Assistant for the following courses:
Colonial Latin America, Africa 1500-present, Social Change
in the 1960s, Black Freedom Struggle, Introduction to Legal
Studies, and Power & Violence in South Africa
Managed discussion sections for 60-90 students. Graded various assignments.

Summer 2002 **Dwa Famn: Haitian Women Rights Organization, Brooklyn, NY**
Managed anti-Restavek campaign about unpaid child laborers in the Caribbean
Diaspora. Worked on immigrant's rights issues affecting Haitians in the Krome
Detention Center. Provided educational materials about domestic violence to
Haitian immigrant women.

SERVICE

2017 Chair, Africana Studies Department's Honors Committee
2017 Mead Swing Lecture Committee
2017 Bonner Center for Learning Committee
2014-2016 Advisor to Students of Caribbean Ancestry (SOCA)
2015-2016 Co-Chair, Africana Studies Department's Honors Committee
2014-2016 Comparative American Studies Curricular Committee & Winter Term Committee

2017 Member of Scholars for Haiti (6 professors) who are fundraising with Scholars for
Puerto Rico. The goal is to assist citizens affected by the current hurricanes.

2016 Member of Scholars for Haiti who raised funds for Haitians affected by Hurricane
Matthew. The money, over \$23,000 went to three Haitian organizations.

2016 Manuscript reviewer, *Journal of International Labor and Working-Class History*

Spring 2015 Manuscript reviewer, *Journal of Haitian Studies*

2011-14 Board Member, Haitian Studies Association

2011-13 Rutgers University Critical Caribbean Studies Initiative
(Facilitator for Aesthetics, Poetics, & Politics Cluster)

2011-2014 25th Anniversary Haitian Studies' Oral History Project

2011-12 Transnational Hispaniola Collective, (Conference Co-Organizer)

2008-10 Co-Editor, *Ki Nouvel*, Haitian Studies Association newsletter

LANGUAGES

Haitian Kreyòl (fluent), French (proficient), Spanish (beginner)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association; Caribbean Studies Association; Haitian Studies Association