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Graduate Training

Fields of expertise: History of Modern Africa, World History, Environmental History

Ph.D., Boston University, Boston MA, 1997

Major field: History of East Africa/Minor fields: Environmental/World history
Dissertation Advisor: James McCann (Maize and Grace, 2005)
Languages: German and Kiswahili

M.A., Georgetown University, 1988

Major field: World history, Language: German
Advisor: John McNeill (Mosquito Empires, 2010)

M.S. (Honors) Georgetown University, Foreign Service (International Relations), 1988

Regional focus: Africa; Language: German
Advisor: Madeleine Albright (former U.S. Secretary of State, 1992-2000)

Teaching

Responsibilities: Graduate seminars, undergraduate colloquia, introductory surveys, M.A. and Ph.D. advising.

Fields: World History; Colonial and Modern African History; Ocean World Systems; African Gender History, Environmental History

Courses Taught: Seminar in World History (Graduate), Modern World History, Modern African History, Atlantic World Slavery, World History of Food (Graduate), History of the Indian Ocean World, World Environmental History, Southern African History, African History through Fiction, Histories of Mau Mau, Histories of East Africa, Historical Methods, African Environmental History (Graduate).

Service to the Department: Chair Encounters Graduate Concentration Steering Committee; teach World History seminar in graduate program; undergraduate World History survey required for students seeking a certificate in teaching.

Chair graduate exams in the field of World History. These include those students receiving a Ph.D. (for which we offer a world history minor) and those receiving an M.A. (for whom we offer a World history major. I also serve on African history graduate exam committees.

Contribution to profession: Served as contributor and co-Director of NEH Institutes for Secondary Teachers in World History (2001) the goals of which were to expose and familiarize teachers of Advanced Placement World History classes with the current scholarly thinking on World History as a burgeoning research/teaching field characterized by a thematic approach rather than a civilizational model.

NEH grant in Summer 2009 to participate in the Institute for Infusing Asian Studies into the Undergraduate Curriculum for university faculty held at the East-West Center at the University of Hawaii.

Administrative experience

Chair steering committee of the new World History graduate certificate program at the University of Illinois at Chicago, “Encounters, Ethnographies and Empires.” This program has trained Ph.D. and M.A. students in world history through thematic global colloquia and seminars since 2006.

Chaired the Teachers Education Committee for the Department of History at UIC which oversees our B.A. and M.A.-level public school teaching certificate programs.

Served as Associate Chair of the Department of History at the University of Illinois at Chicago (2005-07). My responsibilities included department scheduling, the departmental budget, as well as hiring and oversight of adjunct faculty.

Chaired a curriculum reform committee (2008-2009) for the Department of History at UIC aimed at updating our course offerings and redefining the thematic emphases in our curriculum.

Research

Fields: While the specific regional focus of my principal research has been East Africa (Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania), thematically my scholarship brings a global perspective to the field of Environmental History (especially in terms of the environment as vista or landscape) and African responses to modern colonial science/medicine.

Current Research Project: “Emin Pasha in the Corners of Empire”: The triangular imperialisms at work in Emin Pasha’s career allow me to explore intersections of European, Ottoman, and African empires in Northern Uganda in the late 19th century. Edward Schnitzer aka Emin Pasha was a German-Ottoman governor of the Egyptian province of Ekuatoria during the Mahdist uprising in the Sudan. This is both a cultural history of European and Ottoman constructions of Africa and of each other, as well as a history of the material operations of empires in this overlapping frontier. For example, as a white man wearing a fez surrounded by purportedly fierce Egyptian soldiers and isolated from the world by Mahdi jihadists, European texts exoticized and eroticized Emin Pasha as a white man working for the Ottomans, commanding Egyptian troops in sub-Saharan Africa. European texts also contrasted Emin Pasha as the modern male scientist with the decadence and decay of Ottoman power and culture. Following his career on the ground brings a further set of material imperial histories to bear: the independent operation of a mobile Egyptian military camps in the Southern Sudan, Schnitzer and Egyptian soldiers accompanying a European expedition through the contested colonial spaces of the Bugandan empire and Kenya to the East African coast, then Schnitzer’s military incursions in German East Africa and the Congo where Arab and Swahili ivory and slave traders finally execute him.

Previous Research: Oral and documentary research conducted in Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania, culminated in a monograph Lords of the Fly: Tse Tse Fly Control in British East Africa (Greenwood, 2004). In this work, I drew on extensive oral interviews with fishing peoples living on islands and around the periphery of Lake Victoria, as well as documents found in the British and German archives in Dar es Salaam and Zanzibar. I documented East Africans’ experiences of removal and land as well as lake-access relinquishment juxtaposed with the development of British colonial views of Africa as “landscape” and Africans as interruptions in that landscape. My research into early twentieth-century relocations of Africans away from Lake shores exposes the origins and processes whereby large swaths of East Africa were transformed into animal conservation parks for recreation by non-African tourists. Lords of the Fly tracks the central role played by European medical science as a framework for reimagining Africa as colonial space, contributing to the growing body of literature on the emergence of “colonial science” within the historical literature on modern empire.

Major publications (refereed)

Book chapter—“Simulated Safaris: Reading African Animals in the United States,” in Klaus Benesch and Kerstin Schmidt, eds, Space in America: Theory History Culture (Amsterdam/New York: Rodopi Press, 2004).

Monograph—Lords of the Fly: Sleeping Sickness Control in British East Africa, 1900-1960 (Greenwood, CT: Greenwood Press, 2004).

Book chapter—“Illegal Living and Planned Community: Forced Depopulations and Resettlement by British Colonial Sleeping Sickness Control in Tanzania, 1920-1960,” in Mark Dorian and Gillian Rose, eds., Deterritorialisations: Revisioning Landscapes and Politics (Black Dog Publishing, 2003), 284-295.

Book chapter—“Gender in African History, 1885-1939,” in Toyin Falola, ed., *Africa*, Vol. 3, (Carolina Academic Press, 2002), 219-238.

Article—“Lords of the Fly: Colonial Visions and Revisions of African Sleeping Sickness Environments on Ugandan Lake Victoria, 1900-1962,” *Africa: Journal of the International African Institute* 16:1 (1997), 86-105.

Working Paper—“Lords of the Fly: British Sleeping Sickness Policies as Environmental Engineering in the Lake Victoria Region, 1900-1950.” *African Studies Center Working Paper*, No. 203, Boston University, 1995.

Book reviews and review essays

Forthcoming Review *The Long Struggle Against Malaria Control in Tropical Africa*. By James L.A. Webb, Jr. (New York, Cambridge University Press, 2014). *Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies*.

2010 *Africa and the Africans in the Nineteenth Century* by Catherine Coquery-Vidrovitch (M.E. Sharpe, 2009). *International Journal of African Historical Studies*. 43(1), 171-172.

2008 **Review Essay**—“Exploring State and Society in Tanzania”: Practicing History in Central Tanzania: Writing, Memory, and Performance by Gregory H. Maddox with Ernest M. Kongola (Heinemann Press, 2006); In Search of a Nation: Histories of Authority & Dissidence in Tanzania edited by Gregory H. Maddox & James L. Giblin (Ohio University Press, 2005); A History of the Excluded: Making Family a Refuge from State in Twentieth-Century Tanzania by James L. Giblin (Ohio University Press, 2006). *African Studies Review*, 51(2), 146-150.

2008 **Book Review**—African Underclass: Urbanization, Crime and Colonial Order in Dar es Salaam by Andrew Burton (Ohio University Press, 2005). *African Studies Review*, 51(2), 161-162.

2008 **Book Review**—Maize and Grace: Africa’s Encounter with a New World Crop, 1500-2000 by James C. McCann (Harvard University Press, 2005). *Left History* 13(1).

2007 **Book Review**—Imperial Gullies: Soil Erosion and Conservation in Lesotho by Kate Showers (Ohio University Press, 2005). *Environmental History* 12:3, 681-82.

2007 **Book review**—Nachituti’s Gift: Economy, Society, and Environment in Central Africa by David Gordan, *International Journal of African Historical Studies* 40:1:1, 158-60.

2003 **Encyclopedia entry**—“Nile Perch,” in Shepard Krech, J.R. Merchant, Carolyn Merchant, eds., Encyclopedia of World Environmental History (Routledge Press).

2003 **Book review**—German Women for Empire, 1884-1945 Lora Wildenthal, *The Journal for Interdisciplinary History* 34:1, 88-89.

- 2003 **Book review**—Health, State, and Society in Kenya by George Ndege, *International Journal of African Historical Studies* 36:2, 451-452.
- 2002 **Book review**—Imposing Wilderness: Struggles over Livelihood and Nature Preservation in Africa by Roderick P. Neumann, *International Journal of African Historical Studies* 35:3, 371-373.
- 2001 **Book review**—Management and Conservation of the African Great Lakes by Ruud Crul, *International Journal of African Historical Studies* 34, 190-191.
- 2001 **Book review**—Gender, Geography, and Empire: Victorian Women Travelers in West Africa by Cheryl McEwan, *International Journal of African Historical Studies* 34:1, 185-186.
- 1999 **Book review**—Great Ideas for Teaching About Africa edited by Misty L. Bastian and Jane L. Parpart, *International Journal of African Historical Studies* 34:3A, 131-132.
- 1997 **Book review**—Africa and Africans edited by Paul Bohannon and Philip Curtin, *International Journal of African Historical Studies* 29:2, 422-424.
- 1996 **Book review**—After Colonialism: Imperial Histories and Postcolonial Displacements ed. by Gyan Prakash, *International Journal of African Historical Studies* 28:2A, 153-55.
- 1995 **Communication**—“Context and Further Questions: Response and Thanks to Heidi Gengenbach,” *International Journal of African Historical Studies* 28:2, 359-362.
- 1993 **Review Essay**—“Whose Life Is It, Anyway? Issues of Representation in Life Narrative Texts of African Women,” *International Journal of African Historical Studies* 26:3, 623-636.
- 1994 **Book review**—Fishing For Development: Small-Scale Fisheries In Africa ed. by Inge Tvedten and Bjorn Hersoug, *International Journal of African Historical Studies* 27:2, 445-447.

Grants

National Endowment for the Humanities Grant, “Institute on Infusing Asia into the University Curriculum” at the East-West Center, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI (Three week intensive training in China and Japan Studies). 2009.

Fulbright Research and Teaching Fellowship, University of Bayreuth, Germany, 2004.

National Endowment for the Humanities/College Board Institute grant: summer institute on the teaching of world history (co-director), 2001.

Humanities Institute Fellowship, University of Illinois at Chicago, 2000-2001.

Arts, Architecture and Humanities Summer Research Grant, University of Illinois at Chicago, 1999.

Fulbright-Hays Research Grant, Uganda and Tanzania, 1993-1994.

FLAS—Foreign Languages Area Studies Intensive Swahili Language Grant, Tanzania and Zanzibar, 1992.

Scholarly presentations: Invited speaker engagements

- 2009 Workshop Facilitator: “Dis/Orienting China: A Workshop for Relocating China in the University World History Curriculum” as part of “China Week” at The University of Akron, OH (October)
- 2009 Roundtable participant: “Violence Against Women in the Congo,” sponsored by the “Vagina Monologues” and the Woman’s Studies Program at The University of Akron, Akron, OH (March)
- 2009 Workshop Facilitator: “World History in Theory, Practice, and Teaching: A Workshop on the State of the Field Today,” Department of History, University of Akron, OH (February)
- 2004 Invited speaker: “Disease Control in Colonial Africa,” African Studies Lecture Series, Ewalewa Center of African Cultural Studies, Bayreuth, Germany (May)
- 2004 Invited speaker: “African Slavery and the Politics of Historiography,” African History Program, University of Bayreuth, Germany (February)
- 2004 Invited speaker: “Imagining Africa in the US,” Martin Luther King Day Speaker, University of Bonn, Germany (January)
- 2004 Invited speaker: “The Disneyfication of Nature,” University of Koln, Germany, (January)
- 2002 Invited speaker: “Trypanosomiasis Control in Colonial East Africa,” Interdisciplinary Conference on African Sleeping Sickness, Oxford University, United Kingdom (May)
- 2000 Invited speaker: “World History: A Contested Field” for the Department of History at The University of Akron, OH (February)

Scholarly presentations—original research

- 2014 “Managing Modern Masculinities at the Margins of Empire” Emerging ideas in Masculinity Research, Masculinity studies in the North Reykjavik, Iceland (June)
- 2013 “Negotiating Empires” Disnarration and Counterfactual Histories Conference, IIT Bombay, India (March)
- 2009 “Edward Schnitzer in the Corners of Empire” World History Association Annual Conference, Salem State College, Salem, MA (June)
- 2008 “Using Historical Fiction to Teach about Gender in African Societies” Berkshire Conference on Women’s History. Minneapolis, MN (June)
- 2005 “Sex with the Commandant’s Wife: Sexual Degradation and Violence in African Literature” Body Language: Gender Studies Symposium, Lewis and Clark College, Portland, OR (March)
- 2003 “Double Margins: Overlapping African and Colonial Frontiers on Lake Victoria,” American Society of Environmental History, Providence, RI. (March)
- 2002 “Disease and Colonial Power on the Islands and Shores of Ugandan Lake Victoria,” African Studies Annual Meeting, Wash. D.C. (December).
- 2001 “Bless the Beasts: Colonial Science, Land Alienation and Global Rhetorics of Conservation,” Modern Literature Conference, Michigan State University, Lansing MI (October)

- 2001 "Illegal Landscapes and Utopian Settlements: Sleeping Sickness Depopulations and Relocations in Colonial East Africa." Landscapes and Politics Conference, University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom (March)
- 1999 "Inventing the Savannah: Mapping Sleeping Sickness Lands and People in Colonial Tanzania," African Studies Workshop, University of Chicago, IL (February)
- 1998 "Development Narratives and Local Agendas: Empty Lands and Colonial Sleeping Sickness Resettlement in North Central Tanzania, 1920-1960," African Studies Association Conference, Chicago, IL (November)
- 1997 "'A Blessing in Disguise': Shifting Colonial Strategies of Sleeping Sickness Control as Social Engineering in Tanganyika, 1923-1963," American Society for Environmental History Conference, Baltimore MD (March)
- 1996 "Making Living Illegal: Forced Resettlement as Sleeping Sickness Control in Colonial Tanganyika, 1920-1962," African Studies Association Conference, San Francisco CA (November)
- 1995 "Lords of the Flies: Environmental Engineering and Colonial Sleeping Sickness Policy in British East Africa, 1900-1960," African Studies Association Conference, Orlando, FL (November)
- 1995 "Environmental Engineering and British Sleeping Sickness Policy in the Lake Victoria Basin, 1900-1940," Walter Rodney African Studies Seminar, Boston University, Boston, MA (October)
- 1995 "Science on Africa: Zoos, PBS, and Popular Constructions of Africa," African Studies Graduate Research Conference, Boston University, Boston, MA (April)
- 1994 "Socio-Economic Histories of Fishing People on Lake Victoria," Riparian Fisheries Workshop, Jinja, Uganda (November)

Conference panels—comment

- 2004 "Environmental Change and Public Policy," African Studies Association Conference, New Orleans, LA (November)
- 2001 "Discourses of Conservation," African Studies Association Conference, Houston, TX (November)
- 2001 "Development and its Counternarratives: New Challenges in the Recent History of International Health," American Historical Association, Boston, MA (January)

Conference panels organized/chaired

- 2009 "World Travelers as World History," World History Association Annual Conference, Salem State College, MA (June)
- 2001 "Teaching World History," World History Association Conference, Salt Lake City, UT (June)

Conference organized

- 1998 "A/Cross Diasporas: Race Riots in Asia, Africa and the Americas," University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Dean's Conference Grant.

Anonymous manuscript reviewer

- 2014 Wiley-Blackwell, *Environmental History*, *African Studies Review*
2010 *African Studies Review*, *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences*, *International Journal of African Historical Studies*
2009 *International Feminist Journal of Politics*
2008 *Feminist Studies*
2008 *Journal of the Historical Society*
2007 *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*
2007 *Prentice Hall*
2006 *International Journal of African Historical Studies*