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Curriculum Vitae

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## EDUCATION

**Ph.D.**, History, Emory University, 2014

**M.A.**, History with Distinction, Emory University, 2012

**B.A.**, History with Honors, Grinnell College, 2006

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2020-Present Associate Professor, University of Missouri–St. Louis, Department of History

2015-2020 Assistant Professor, University of Missouri–St. Louis, Department of History

2014-15 Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Toronto Scarborough, Department of Historical and Cultural Studies, and the Centre for Critical Development Studies

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

2019 *Seeing Like a Citizen: Decolonization, Development, and the Making of Kenya, 1945-1980*. Athens: Ohio University Press.

### Refereed Articles and Chapters

2020 “‘I Named My Son Kennedy’: Rural Kenyan Perceptions of JFK during Decolonization.” In *Globalizing the U.S. Presidency: Postcolonial Views of John F. Kennedy*, edited by Cyrus Shayegh, 48-63. New York: Bloomsbury.

2017 “Sweating to Help Themselves: Self-Help and the Contradictions of Citizenship

and Development in Decolonizing Kenya,” *International Journal of African Historical Studies* 50, no. 1 (2017): 35-58.

2015 “‘Are You Planting Trees or Are You Planting People?’ Squatter Resistance and International Development in the Making of a Kenyan Postcolonial Political Order (c. 1963–78),” *The Journal of African History* 56, no. 1 (March): 99-118.

### Digital Humanities Scholarship

2020 “[Running from Apartheid](#): Kenyan Athletics and the Anti-Apartheid Movement, 1955-1968,” a website built through ArcGIS storymaps, Timeline JS, and Tableau, to explore Kenya’s role in the 1968 Olympic boycott.

### Current Research

Under Review “Sons and Daughters of the Soil: Politics and Protest of Kenyan Resettlement to Tanzania (1961-68).”

In Progress “The Case of Mister O. (Formerly Miss O.): On History, Biography, and Representivity.” (Article)

In Progress *‘If There Are True Heroes in Kenya, It Is Our Sportsmen and Women’: The Politics of Kenyan Running (1960-1980)* (Book Project).

In Progress *A Social History of Global Economic Decline: Structural Adjustment Programs in Neoliberal Kenya* (Book Project).

### Book Reviews

Forthcoming *Africans in Exile: Mobility, Law, and Identity*, ed. by Nathan Riley Carpenter and Benjamin N. Lawrance. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2018. *Transfers: Interdisciplinary Journal of Mobility Studies*.

2019 *Ethnicity and Empire in Kenya: Loyalty and Martial Race among the Kamba, c. 1800 to the Present*, by Myles Osborne. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2014. *Humanities and Social Sciences Online*, <https://networks.h-net.org/node/12840/reviews>.

2019 *Cartography and the Political Imagination: Mapping Community in Colonial Kenya*, by Julie MacArthur. Athens: Ohio University Press, 2016. *The Journal of African History* 60, no. 1 (March): 124-26.

2018 *Thinking Small: The United States and the Lure of Community Development*, by Daniel Immerwahr. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2015. *Journal of*

*Contemporary History* 53, no. 2 (April): 485-6.

### **Public Scholarship**

- 2019 “Seeing Like a Citizen: Decolonization, Development, and the Making of Kenya, 1945-1980,” *Democracy in Africa*, December 20.
- 2015 “Security Killings: American Police Violence, from Ferguson to Nairobi,” *Africa Is A Country*, January 26.

### **AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2019-20 Digital Scholarship Fellowship, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Missouri–St. Louis
- 2018 University of Missouri–St. Louis Research Award
- 2017-18 Faculty Scholars Program Fellow, University of Missouri System
- 2017-18 Research Board Grant, University of Missouri System
- 2017-18 University of Missouri South African Education Program Award
- 2017-18 College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Development Grant, University of Missouri–St. Louis
- 2017 College of Arts and Sciences Visiting Scholars Grant, University of Missouri–St. Louis
- 2016-17 College of Arts and Sciences Research Grant, University of Missouri–St. Louis
- 2016-17 Junior Faculty Travel Grant, University of Missouri–St. Louis
- 2015-17 International Studies and Programs Fellow, University of Missouri–St. Louis
- 2015 International Seminar on Decolonization Fellow, National History Center
- 2014 Institute of African Studies Graduate Student Prize, Emory University
- 2013 Laney Graduate School Competitive Research Grant, Emory University
- 2012-13 Andrew Mellon Dissertation Fellowship in the Humanities in Original Sources
- 2012-13 Joseph J. Mathews Prize for International Research, Emory University

- 2011 Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Award for Intensive Swahili
- 2010 National Resource Summer Foreign Language and Area Studies Award

### CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- 2019 “Cooperatives, Citizenship, and State Power in the Kenyan Postcolony,” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Boston, November 21-23.
- 2019 Panel Chair, “From Cooperatives to Corporations: Economic Histories of the Early Postcolony,” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Boston, November 21-23.
- 2018 “‘Can I Be One of Them?’ The Landscapes of Settlement in Decolonizing Kenya,” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, November 29-December 1.
- 2017 “‘We...Do Not Wish to Quit Our Country on Eve of Independence’: The Politics of Kikuyu Resettlement in Mpanda, Tanzania (1961-65),” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, November 16-18.
- 2017 “‘It Was Those Who Were Among Me, But It Wasn't Me’: Gendered Citizenship and Development in Postcolonial Kenya,” Seventeenth Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Genders and Sexualities, Hofstra University, June 1-4.
- 2017 “‘I Named My Son Kennedy’: Kenyan Perceptions of JFK during Decolonization,” Deprovincializing the U.S. Presidency Conference: John F. Kennedy as Seen from the Decolonizing World, Princeton University, May 5-6.
- 2016 “‘A Hungry Nation Cannot Be Contented’: The Political Economy of Famine in Kenya (1964-66),” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, December 1-3.
- 2016 Panel Chair, “The Political Economy of Decolonization in East Africa,” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, December 1-3.
- 2016 Roundtable Participant, “Humanitarianism, Development, and Decolonization,” National History Center’s Decolonization Capstone Conference, DC, July 5-7.
- 2015 “A Labor of Love? Self-Help and the Rise of Postcolonial Patronage Politics,” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 19-22.

- 2015 “‘If a Chief Is Not Loyal He Will Be Sacked’: Local Exile in Kenyatta’s One-Party State,” Fourth Conable African Studies Symposium: Exile and Deportation in Colonial and Postcolonial Africa, Rochester Institute of Technology, April 2-4.
- 2014 “Mobilizing Independence: Migration, Resettlement, and the Politics of Land in Decolonizing Kenya,” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, IN, November 20-23.
- 2014 Conference Organizer, “Twenty Years Later: South Africa and the Post-Apartheid Condition,” Emory University, April 17-19.
- 2012 Conference Organizer, “Development, Health, and Humanitarian Crises in Post-Colonial Africa,” Emory University, April 20-21.
- 2011 Conference Organizer, “Politics and Citizenship in the Postcolony,” Emory University, April 14-16.

#### **INVITED TALKS**

- 2020 “Seeing Like a Citizen: Decolonization, Development and the Making of Kenya,” Michigan State University, Eye on Africa Series, Fall.
- 2020 “State-Building Outside the State: Forerunners of Neoliberalism in Kenya’s Early Postcolonial Development,” Notre Dame, Africa Working Group, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, February 27.
- 2019 “Nation-Building and Resettlement in the Early Postcolony: Case Studies from Tanzania and Kenya,” Emory University, Institute of African Studies, November 25.
- 2018 “Decolonization, Development, and the Making of Kenya,” University of the Western Cape, Contemporary History and Humanities Seminar, July 31.
- 2016 “A Labor of Love? Self-Help and the Rise of Postcolonial Patronage Politics in Kenya,” York University, February 11.
- 2015 “From Rural Kenya to the World Bank: Negotiating Development, Constructing the Postcolony,” Grinnell College, March 3.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

- 2020 “Oral History Methods,” Qualitative Research Workshop, University of Missouri-St. Louis, May 1.

- 2020 “Digital Humanities and History,” Center for the Humanities, Monday Noon Series, University of Missouri-St. Louis, April 20.
- 2019 “Graduate Education and the Early Years of an Academic Career,” Emory University, November 25.
- 2019 “‘The Olympic Movement Is the Most Important Moral Force in the World’: Kenya, South Africa, and the 1968 Mexico City Olympics,” Early Career Research Symposium, University of Missouri–St. Louis, October 4.
- 2018 “‘International Sport Could Prove to be an Achilles Heel of the White Supremacist’: Kenyan Anti-Apartheid Activism and the 1968 Olympics,” Phi Alpha Theta Lecture, University of Missouri-St. Louis, November 8.
- 2018 “Decolonization, Development, and the Making of Kenya,” Early Career Research Symposium, University of Missouri–St. Louis, October 19.
- 2018 “The Gendered Politics of Decolonization and Development in Kenya,” University of the Western Cape, July 24.
- 2016 “‘Cooperation with a Capital C’? Cooperative Societies in Decolonizing Kenya,” History Department Colloquium, University of Missouri–St. Louis, April 29.
- 2015 “Mobilizing Independence: Mapping Migration and Resettlement in Decolonizing Kenya,” University of Missouri–St. Louis, July 2.
- 2014 “The Case of Mister O. (Formerly Miss O.): A Chronicle of Citizenship and International Development in 1960s Kenya,” Interactions Seminar, University of Toronto Scarborough, December 4.
- 2013 “Negotiating Development through Self-Help in Kenya,” Program in Development Studies, Speaker Series, Emory University, December 4.
- 2013 “Inequality and Development in the Early Kenyan Postcolony,” Institute of African Studies Seminar, Emory University, November 7.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **University of Missouri – St. Louis**

“Refugees, Forced Migration, and Humanitarian Aid: A Global History” (Spring 2020)

“Sports: A Global History,” Graduate Course (Spring 2018, Fall 2019)

“Aiding Africa: Histories of International Development” (Spring 2018, Spring 2020)

“East Africa: From City-State to Nation-State,” Graduate Course (Spring 2017)

“Africa from Colonial Conquest to Independence” (Fall 2016, Spring 2019-online)

“The Making of Modern Africa,” Graduate Course (Spring 2016, Spring 2019)

“From Ivory to Oil: Extractive Industries in African History” (Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2018)

“Senior Seminar: Thesis Writing” (Fall 2015)

“Women and Gender in African History” (Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2018-online)

### **University of Toronto Scarborough**

“Twentieth Century Africa” (Spring 2015)

“Experiencing Development in Africa” (Spring 2015)

“A Resource Curse? Histories of Extractive Industries in Africa” (Fall 2014)

“Women, Gender, and Development in African History” (Fall 2014)

### **Emory University**

“Disease and Health in Modern Africa,” Co-Instructor (Spring 2014)

“The Politics of Identity in African History” (Spring 2012)

“Precolonial Africa,” Teaching Assistant (Fall 2010)

## **RESEARCH**

### **Research Experience**

2012-18      Oral Research: Conducted 158 interviews in eight Kenyan communities

2010-18      Archival Research in Kenya, the United Kingdom, the United States, and Switzerland: Kenya National Archives; Rift Valley Provincial Record Centre; The National Archives of the U.K.; School of Oriental and African Studies—University of London; University of Oxford, Bodleian Library of Commonwealth

and African Studies at Rhodes House; University of Cambridge, Churchill Archives Centre; World Bank Group Archives; U.S. National Archives and Records Administration; John F. Kennedy Presidential Library; African Inland Mission Regional Office Archives, Nairobi; Lutheran World Federation Archives; International Olympic Committee Archives; Archives of the Billy Graham Center

### **Research Interests**

Africa, East Africa, International Development, World/Transnational History, African Political History, Land, Environment, Agriculture, Decolonization, the State, Citizenship, Political Culture, Poverty and Inequality, Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies, Sport and Politics

### **Additional Research Experience**

2013            Research Consultant for Mau Mau case, Tandem Law Firm—Nairobi, Kenya

Conducted archival research to support legal cases brought against the United Kingdom by Kenyans alleging abuse during colonial rule

### **SERVICE**

#### **Professional**

2020            Member, Prize Committee, *Journal of Women's History*, Graduate Student Article Prize

2020            Journal Manuscript Reviewer, *Gender and History*

2020            Journal Manuscript Reviewer, *International Journal of African Historical Studies*

2019            Journal Manuscript Reviewer, *Canadian Journal of African Studies*

2019            Journal Manuscript Reviewer, *Journal of African History*

2014            Journal Manuscript Reviewer, *Journal of Women's History*

#### **University**

2020            Member, Faculty Development Working Group, University of Missouri System

2019-present   Member, Online Faculty Advisory Committee, University of Missouri System

2019-present   Member, Graduate Council, University of Missouri-St. Louis



- 2019-20 Member, Curriculum and Teaching Working Group, History Department, University of Missouri-St. Louis
- 2019-20 Member, Curriculum Alignment Process Committee, History Department, University of Missouri-St. Louis
- 2019 Member, TA Selection Committee, History Department, University of Missouri-St. Louis
- 2019 Member, eLearning Faculty Technical Group, University of Missouri-St. Louis
- 2018-present Faculty Representative, Phi Alpha Theta, History Department, University of Missouri-St. Louis
- 2018 Judge, History Day, University of Missouri-St. Louis
- 2017-2018 Member, Scholarship Committee, History, University of Missouri–St. Louis
- 2016-present Member, History Executive Committee, University of Missouri–St. Louis
- 2016-2018 Member, African and African American Studies Program Committee, University of Missouri–St. Louis
- 2015-present Advisor, Undergraduate and Master’s Thesis students, History Department, University of Missouri–St. Louis
- 2017 Chair of Planning Committee, Visiting Scholar Program (Interdisciplinary Roundtable, Colloquium, and Public Talk on the history of U.S. zoos), University of Missouri–St. Louis
- 2014-15 Thesis Advisor, International Development Studies Co-op Program, University of Toronto Scarborough
- 2014 Organizer, “Ebola: A Discussion,” University of Toronto Scarborough
- 2010-14 Graduate Assistant, Institute of African Studies, Emory University
- 2012 Panelist, Workshop on Archival Research, Emory University
- 2010-11 President, Graduate History Society, Emory University
- 2010-11 Chair, New Student Weekend, Department of History, Emory University

## **Community**

2019-present Board Member, Legal Services of Eastern Missouri Young Friends, St. Louis

2019 Volunteer Tutor, Citizenship Literacy Class, International Institute of St. Louis

## **TRAINING AND RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2019 Humanities Intensive Learning and Teaching Workshop, “Getting Started with Data, Tools, and Platforms,” Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis

2019-present Qualitative Research Workshop, University of Missouri–St. Louis

2019 Forum on Teaching: Service-Learning, University of Missouri–St. Louis

2019 American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Getting Started in Digital History Workshop, January 3

2018 Reacting to the Past Regional Conference, St. Louis, April 20-21

2017 American Historical Association Focus on Teaching Workshop

2011 African Research Methods training - archival and oral research, Emory University

2009-11 Interdisciplinary training in Anthropology, Gender and Women’s Studies, and Development Studies, Emory University

2010 GIS workshop, Emory University

2007-08 Project Assistant, East Africa Team, National Democratic Institute, DC

2006-07 Teaching Fellow, Grinnell Corps - Lesotho, Southern Africa

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Historical Association

African Studies Association

Berkshire Conference of Women Historians

British Institute in Eastern Africa

## **LANGUAGES**

Swahili – excellent in reading, speaking, and writing

German – can read with dictionary

French – can read with dictionary

Kalenjin – elementary

## **REFERENCES**

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Emory University  
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