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Curriculum Vitae (July 2017)
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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2012-present Assistant Professor, Department of History, Xavier University
- 2014 National Endowment for the Humanities Postdoctoral Fellow, Library Company of Philadelphia (fall semester)

EDUCATION

- 2012 Ph.D., Global History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 2009 M.A., U.S. History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 2006 B.A., with high honors, History and Spanish, Eckerd College

PUBLICATIONS

Book

- 2017 *Surviving Slavery in the British Caribbean* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, Early American Studies Series).

Articles

- 2017 “Husbands and Fathers: The Family Experience of Enslaved Men in Berbice, 1819-1834,” with Trevor Burnard, *New West Indian Guide/Nieuwe West-Indische Gids* (forthcoming December).
- 2016 “Florence Hall’s ‘Memoirs’: Finding African Women in the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade,” with John Wood Sweet, *Slavery & Abolition* 37, no. 1: 206-21.
- 2016 “The Guianas,” in *Oxford Bibliographies in Atlantic History*, edited by Trevor Burnard (New York: Oxford University Press).
- 2011 “The ‘Bad Business’ of Obeah: Power, Authority, and the Politics of Slave Culture in the British Caribbean,” *William and Mary Quarterly*, 3d ser., 68, no. 3 (2011): 451-80. Winner, Richard L. Morton Award; Honorable Mention, Forum on European Expansion and Global Interaction Biennial Article Prize.

Book Reviews

- 2016 *The Cultural Politics of Obeah: Religion, Colonialism and Modernity in the Caribbean World*, by Diana Paton. *Slavery & Abolition* 37, no. 2 (2016): 473-75.

- 2014 *Three Ancient Colonies: Caribbean Themes and Variations*, by Sidney W. Mintz. *The Americas* 70, no. 3 (2014): 574-75.
- 2013 *Obeah and Other Powers: The Politics of Caribbean Religion and Healing*, edited by Diana Paton and Maarit Forde. *History: Reviews of New Books* 41, no. 4 (2013): 123.
- 2009 *Arming Slaves: From Classical Times to the Modern Age*, edited by Christopher Leslie Brown and Philip D. Morgan. *Journal of the Early Republic* 29, no. 3 (2009): 519-22.
- 2009 *Dreams of Africa in Alabama: The Slave Ship Clotilda and the Story of the Last Africans Brought to America*, by Sylviane A. Diouf; and *The Slave Ship Clotilda and the Making of AfricaTown, USA: Spirit of Our Ancestors*, by Natalie S. Robertson. *Journal of Social History* 43, no. 2 (2009): 471-74.
- 2009 *The Reaper's Garden: Death and Power in the World of Atlantic Slavery*, by Vincent Brown. *Journal of the Early Republic* 29, no. 2 (2009): 336-39.
- 2008 *Rituals of Resistance: African Atlantic Religion in Kongo and the Lowcountry in the Era of Slavery*, by Jason R. Young. *Journal of the Early Republic* 28, no. 4 (2008): 708-11.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2017 Summer International Research Grant, College of Arts and Sciences, Xavier University
- 2016 Junior Faculty Research Award, Ohio Academy of History
- 2016 Faculty Development Research Sabbatical Fellowship, Xavier University
- 2014 National Endowment for the Humanities Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Library Company of Philadelphia
- 2013 Biennial Article Prize Honorable Mention, Forum on European Expansion and Global Interaction
- 2013 Summer Research Grant, Xavier University
- 2011 Richard L. Morton Article Award, Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture & *William and Mary Quarterly*
- 2008-2012 Jacob K. Javits Fellowship, U.S. Department of Education
- 2012 Conference Travel Grant, Institute for the Study of the Americas, UNC-Chapel Hill
- 2011 Nominee, Outstanding Teaching by a Teaching Assistant Award, History Department, UNC-Chapel Hill
- 2011 Travel Grant, History Department, UNC-Chapel Hill
- 2010 Mellon Dissertation Fellowship, Institute for the Study of the Americas, UNC-Chapel Hill

- 2010 Luis Quirós Varela Graduate Student Travel Award, Institute for the Study of the Americas, UNC-Chapel Hill
- 2010 Research Award, Program in Medieval and Early Modern Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill
- 2010 Mowry Dissertation Fellowship, History Department, UNC-Chapel Hill
- 2009 Beveridge Research Grant, American Historical Association
- 2009 Short-Term Research Grant, International Seminar on the History of the Atlantic World, Harvard University
- 2009 Travel Grant, Graduate School, UNC-Chapel Hill

INVITED TALKS

- 2016 “Blackface: A Very Short History,” Ethics/Religion and Society Lecture Series, Xavier University, November 29
- 2014 “The World the Slave Drivers Made: Slavery and Survival in the British Caribbean,” Eckerd College, September 30
- 2014 “Surviving Slavery in the British Caribbean,” Library Company of Philadelphia & Historical Society of Pennsylvania Fellows Colloquium, Philadelphia, Pa., September 9
- 2014 “Power and Survival: The Untold Story of Slave Drivers in the British Caribbean,” Bowdoin College, March 24
- 2014 “Marriage, Slavery, and Power in Berbice, 1819-1834,” Triangle Early American History Seminar, Durham, N.C., March 7
- 2014 “Property Rights, Slavery, and Survival in the Nineteenth-Century British Caribbean,” Kentucky Early American Seminar, Frankfort, Ky., February 21
- 2013 “‘The Life and Soul of an Estate’: Slave Drivers and Plantation Politics in the Early Nineteenth-Century British Caribbean,” Honors Council, Xavier University, April 12
- 2012 “Penal Reform, Slavery, and the Moral Economy of Punishment in the British Caribbean, 1807-1834,” King’s College London & UNC-Chapel Hill Lost Futures in the History of Modern European Empires Workshop, London, May 24
- 2010 “‘The Right Of A Master To Punish’: Penal Reform and the Amelioration of Slavery in the British Caribbean,” Triangle Legal History Seminar & Triangle Early American History Seminar, Durham, N.C., December 10
- 2010 “‘The Right of a Master to Punish an Insolent and Insubordinate Slave’: Penal Reform and the Amelioration of Slavery in the British Caribbean,” African and African American Studies Working Group, Duke University, November 18

- 2010 “‘The Bad Thing’: Obeah, Authority, and the Politics of Afro-Caribbean Culture Among Slaves in Berbice (Guyana),” Research Colloquium, History Department, UNC-Chapel Hill, November 12
- 2010 “‘Punishment Must be Inflicted with Reason’: Penal Reform and the Amelioration of Slavery in the Nineteenth-Century British Caribbean,” Transatlantic Historical Approaches Graduate Workshop, UNC-Chapel Hill, September 28
- 2010 “The ‘Bad Business’ of Obeah: Power, Community, and the Politics of Slave Culture in the British Caribbean,” Transatlantic Historical Approaches Graduate Workshop, King’s College London, May 19
- 2010 Panelist, “Black Women and Violence” Roundtable, Working Group in Feminism and History & Triangle African American History Colloquium, Chapel Hill, N.C., April 2
- 2010 “‘The Bad Thing’: Obeah, Authority, and the Politics of Afro-Caribbean Culture Among Slaves in Berbice (Guyana),” Research Colloquium, History Department, UNC-Chapel Hill, November 12
- 2009 “The ‘Bad Business’ of Obeah: Power, Culture and the Politics of Slave Religion in the Pre-Emancipation British Caribbean,” Triangle Early American History Seminar, Durham, N.C., April 24

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- 2017 “Enslaved Women and Male Slave Drivers in the Caribbean,” Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Genders and Sexualities, Hofstra University, Hempstead, N.Y., June 1-4
- 2017 Panel chair, “Culture and Identity at the Margins,” Association of Caribbean Historians Annual Conference, Tobago, May 14-19
- 2016 Commentator, Ebony Jones, “Between Death and Imprisonment: Transportation and the Rebellious Conspiracy Trials of Jamaica, 1823-1824,” Carter G. Woodson Institute for African-American and African Studies Fellows Workshop, University of Virginia, October 26
- 2016 “Slave Drivers in Nineteenth-Century British Guiana and Cuba,” Association of Caribbean Historians Annual Conference, Havana, Cuba, June 5-10
- 2015 “Property Rights, Slaves’ Legal Activism, and the Struggle to Survive in the British Caribbean, 1819-34,” Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture & Society of Early Americanists Joint Conference, Chicago, Ill., June 18-21
- 2015 Panel chair, “Controlling Sexuality in the Caribbean,” Association of Caribbean Historians Annual Conference, Nassau, Bahamas, May 17-22

- 2014 “Florence Hall’s Jamaican ‘Memoirs’: Finding Black Atlantic Lives in the Archive,” Library Company of Philadelphia New Scholarship in African American History and Culture Conference, Philadelphia, Pa., December 4
- 2014 “Slavery and the Politics of Marriage in Berbice, 1819-1834,” Association of Caribbean Historians Annual Conference, Fort de France, Martinique, May 11-16
- 2013 “‘The Driver is Too Great a Man’: Slavery and Authority in the British Caribbean, 1780-1834,” Society for Caribbean Studies Annual Conference, University of Warwick, England, July 3-5
- 2013 “The World the Drivers Made: Slavery, Survival, and Authority in the Caribbean, 1807-1834,” Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture Conference on Africans in the Americas: Making Lives in a New World, 1675-1825, University of the West Indies-Cave Hill, Barbados, March 14-16
- 2012 “Marriage, Domestic Violence, and Sexual Control in the British Caribbean, 1819-34,” Carolina Lowcountry and Atlantic World Conference on Race, Gender, and Sexualities in the Atlantic World, College of Charleston, March 9-11
- 2011 “‘The Bad Thing’: Obeah and the Politics of Afro-Caribbean Religion Among Slaves in Berbice (British Guiana),” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Boston, January 6-9
- 2009 “‘This Bad Business on the Estate’: Obeah, Violence, and Authority in the British Caribbean in the Early Nineteenth Century,” Society for Caribbean Studies Annual Conference, Wilberforce Institute for the Study of Slavery and Emancipation, University of Hull, England, July 1-3
- 2009 “‘Bad Business’: Obeah, Violence, and Power,” Caribbean Studies Association Annual Conference, Kingston, Jamaica, June 1-5
- 2009 “Rethinking Community Under Slavery: Obeah, Violence, and Conflict in the Early-Nineteenth Century British Caribbean,” Triangle African American History Colloquium Annual New Perspectives on African-American History and Culture Conference, UNC-Chapel Hill, February 27-28

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, Xavier University

The Transatlantic Slave Trade	Atlantic Slavery (seminar)
Africans in the Americas	History of the Caribbean
United States History to 1865	United States History since 1865
Colonial America	Remembering the Days of Slavery (first-year seminar)

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Manuscript Reviewer for: *William & Mary Quarterly*, *Atlantic Studies*, *Eighteenth-Century Studies*, *Caribbean Studies*

Chair, Andrés Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize Committee, Association of Caribbean Historians, 2016-17

Co-Organizer, UNC-Chapel Hill & King's College London Workshop on Transatlantic Historical Approaches, London, England, and Chapel Hill, N.C., 2010

Co-Organizer, Triangle African American History Colloquium New Perspectives on African-American History and Culture Conference, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2001, 2009, 2008

Planning Committee, Triangle African American History Colloquium, 2008-2011

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

Co-organizer, Department Research Colloquium, Xavier University 2015-present

History of Science, Technology, and Medicine Job Search, 2017

Faculty Advisor, History Club, Xavier University, 2012-2014

Medieval European History Job Search, Xavier University, 2014-15

New Core Curriculum Committee, Xavier University 2014-2015

Asian History Job Search, Xavier University 2013-2014

Medieval European History Job Search, Xavier University, 2013

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Curriculum Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, Xavier University, 2016-2017

First Year Seminar Task Force, Xavier University, 2014-2015

St. Francis Xavier Scholarship Competition evaluator, Xavier University, 2014

LANGUAGES

Spanish (fluent reading, writing, and speaking ability)

Portuguese (advanced reading comprehension; basic oral and written proficiency)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

American Historical Association

Association of Caribbean Historians

McNeil Center for Early American Studies

Ohio Academy of History

Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture

Phi Beta Kappa

Society for Caribbean Studies

REFERENCES

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