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EDUCATION

- 2020 Ph.D. in History, University of Chicago (expected in June)
Graduate Certificate in Latin America and Caribbean Studies
- Dissertation: “‘Work, Family, and Public Order:’ Emancipation and Civil Rights in the Nineteenth-Century French Antilles”
- 2013 M.A., History, University of Chicago
- 2011 M.A., Social Sciences, University of Chicago
- 2010 B.A., with Highest Honors in History, Magna Cum Laude, New York University

RESEARCH & TEACHING AREAS

The early modern and modern Caribbean; Atlantic Worlds; France and the francophone world; comparative histories of slavery and emancipation; and gender and sexuality studies.

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

External:

- 2019 William Shorrock Travel Award, French Colonial Historical Society (FCHS)
- 2017 École des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS) Exchange Fellowship
- 2016-2017 Fulbright U.S. Student Fellowship, France
- 2016 Millstone Research Fellowship, Western Society for French History (WSFH)
- 2012-2015 Title VI Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS), Haitian Creole (awarded three times)

University of Chicago:

- 2018-2019 Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture Dissertation Fellowship
- 2017 Eric Cochrane Travel Grant, dissertation research (France), Department of History
- 2015 Hervé De la Vauvre Research Fellowship, France Chicago Center
- 2015 Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture Travel Grant
- 2015 Eric Cochrane Travel Grant, pre-dissertation research (France), Department of History

- 2014-2017 Social Sciences Division Graduate Fellowship (three-year fellowship)
2014 Sinkler Travel Grant, pre-dissertation research (Caribbean), Department of History
2013 François Furet Grant, pre-dissertation research, France Chicago Center
2010-2011 Master of Arts Program in the Social Sciences (MAPSS) Partial Scholarship

INVITED TALKS

- 2017 “Ameliorating Gender, Family, and Cruelty: French Abolitionism and the Final Decade of Slavery in the Antilles c. 1830-1848,” Third Annual Weider History Workshop: Gender and Sexuality in Eighteenth and Nineteenth-Century France, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL April 7-8.
- 2014 “Batay Vétvé and the Living Memory of Slavery in Haiti,” Haitian Language and Culture Roundtable, University of Chicago, November 17.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2020 (Panel Organizer and Panelist) “Enslaved Women’s Family Freedom Suits and Amelioration in the Nineteenth-Century French Antilles,” for the panel, “Perspectives on Enslaved Women, Freedom, and the Law in the Atlantic World.” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY, January 3-6.
- 2019 “‘We are Free, We Marry, They Say’: Republican Emancipation and Marriage in the French Antilles, 1848-1852,” for the panel “Femmes, mariage, contrôle social et émancipation/Women, Marriage, Social Control, and Emancipation,” French Colonial Historical Society, Montreal, Canada June 13-15.
- 2018 “Claiming Civil Rights from the Margins: Afro-Caribbean Women in the Post-Emancipation Antilles, 1848-1872,” for the panel “Postcolonial Politics in the Caribbean and South Pacific,” Western Society for French History Annual Conference, Portland, ME, Nov. 1-3.
- 2018 “Embodying Enslaved Women: Amelioration in the French Caribbean Courts, 1830-1848,” for the panel “Slavery, Agency, and Memory in the Francophone World/Esclavage, agentivité et mémoire dans le monde francophone,” French Colonial Historical Society Annual Conference, Seattle, WA, May 31-June 2.
- 2018 “Intimacies, Social Order, Paternalism: A Plantation Household in Nineteenth-Century Martinique.” Interracial Intimacies Symposium, University of Chicago, April 18-19.
- 2017 “Domestic Violence and Indentured Immigrant Labor in the French Antilles, c. 1852-1900,” for the panel “Transatlantic Migrations in the Nineteenth-Century French Atlantic,” Western Society for French History Annual Conference, Reno, NV Nov. 2-4.

WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 “‘To give immigrants the habits of order and the taste of family:’ Indentured Immigration in the Post-Slavery French Antilles.” Workshop on Latin America and the Caribbean, November 14.
- 2019 “‘A profound and natural antipathy between marriage and slavery:’ French Abolitionism during the July Monarchy.” Modern France and Francophone World Workshop, University of Chicago, January 15.
- 2018 “‘We are living in a different era:’ Everyday Intimacy and Citizenship in the Post-Emancipation Period, 1852-1872.” Race and Racial Ideologies Workshop, University of Chicago, December 6.
- 2018 “‘This principle that *the slave family is indivisible:*’ Amelioration and Its Limits in the French Antilles, 1830-1848.” Workshop on Latin America and the Caribbean, University of Chicago, November 16.
- 2018 “‘*Vive le mariage, Vive la liberté!*’ Revolution and Emancipation in the French Antilles, 1848-1852.” Workshop on Latin America and the Caribbean, University of Chicago, May 24.
- 2015 “‘Part of the Great French Family: Slavery, Emancipation and Citizenship in the Francophone Caribbean, 1802-1852.’” Workshop on Latin America and the Caribbean, University of Chicago, May 25.

TEACHING

Pedagogical Training:

2015 Completed History Department Pedagogy Certificate

Preceptor and Co-Instructor at the University of Chicago:

2019-2020

Preceptor, Master of Arts Program in the Social Sciences
 Autumn: Perspectives in Social Sciences (Co-Instructor)
 Winter and Spring: MA Thesis Writing Seminars (Instructor)

Instructor of Record, School of the Art Institute, Chicago:

Spring 2020 Gender and Colonialism
 Liberal Arts Department
 Colloquium course of my own design focusing on case studies of gender, conquest, colonization, and decolonization in the Atlantic World, circa 1585-1990s.

Instructor of Record at the University of Chicago:

Spring 2018 and Spring 2016

Power, Identity, and Resistance 3 (readings in political and social thought)
Social Sciences Collegiate Division

Winter 2018

Colonizations 1 (Atlantic Worlds History, 1492-1804)
Social Sciences Collegiate Division

Spring 2016

Colonizations 3 (decolonization and post-colonial studies in the twentieth century)
Department of Comparative Race and Ethnic Studies

Teaching Internships at the University of Chicago:

Winter 2018

Gender and Sexuality in World Civilizations 2
Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality

Autumn 2015

Colonizations 1 (Atlantic World, 1492-1804)
Social Sciences Collegiate Division

Spring 2015

Power, Identity, and Resistance 3 (readings in political and social thought)
Social Sciences Collegiate Division

Winter 2015

Latin American Civilizations 2 (colonization to independence)
Department of Caribbean and Latin American Studies

Autumn 2014

Power, Identity, and Resistance 1 (readings in political and social thought)
Social Sciences Collegiate Division

LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

The University of Chicago:

2015-2016 Student Representative, Advisory Board of the “Making History Work” Initiative

2015-2016 Co-Coordinator, Workshop on Latin America and the Caribbean

LANGUAGES

French: Advanced proficiency reading, speaking, and writing
Haitian Creole: Advanced proficiency reading, speaking, and writing
Spanish: Reading proficiency

RELATED RESEARCH & WORK EXPERIENCE

External:

2018-2020 Assistant Reviews Editor, *The Journal of African History*

University of Chicago:

2019-2020 Research Assistant, Prof. Jennifer Cole, Department of Comparative Human Development

2012-2016 Research Assistant, Prof. Jan Goldstein, Department of History

2013-2014 Research Assistant, Prof. Rachel Jean-Baptiste, Department of History

PUBLIC HISTORY

2018 Co-Curator and Historical Researcher, *Aisyen-Polonè* special exhibition at the Haitian American Museum of Chicago, (September-December)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Historical Association
Association of Caribbean Historians
Coordinating Council for Women in History
French Colonial Historical Society
Phi Beta Kappa
Society for French Historical Studies
Western Society for French History

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