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Curriculum Vitae

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| 1. Employment | 6. Invited Lectures | 10. Research Languages |
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◆ Employment

University of California, Irvine

Associate Professor of History	July 2009–Present
Undergraduate Program Chair	2014–15
Acting Director, Center for Global Peace & Conflict Studies	Jan. – Dec. 2012
Vice Chair & Director of Graduate Studies	2009–2011
Assistant Professor of History	2002–2009

Teaching fields

Sub-Saharan African History, introduction & special topics courses
(upper division lectures)
South African History (upper division lectures)
World History (lower division lecture)
Gender & Colonialism (senior research seminar)
History & Theory; History & Anthropology (graduate seminars)
World History; World Environmental History (graduate seminars)

University of Texas, San Antonio

Assistant Professor of History	2000–2002
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◆ Education

University of California, Los Angeles

Ph.D.	2001	African history
Dissertation: <i>Contested Terrains: Property and Labor on the Cedarberg Frontier, 1725–c. 1830</i>		
C.Phil	1997	
M.A.	1994	

Georgetown University

M.S. in Foreign Service	1993	US Foreign Policy
M.A. in History, with distinction	1993	Early Modern Europe
University of Cape Town	1991	African Studies (Rotary Foundation Scholar)

University of California, Berkeley

B.A., with distinction	1986	History and French
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Université de Paris III

(UC Education Abroad Program)	1985	Contemporary French Politics
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Université de Pau

(UC Education Abroad Program)	1984	Regional French History
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◆ Publications

Encounters Old and New in World History: Essays Inspired by Jerry Bentley. Co-edited with Alan Karras. University of Hawaii Press, 2017.

The New World History: A Field Guide for Teachers and Researchers. Co-edited with Ross Dunn and Kerry Ward. University of California Press, 2016.

Panorama: A World History, with Ross Dunn. McGraw-Hill, 2014.

Worlds Together, Worlds Apart: A Companion Reader, with Kenneth L. Pomeranz and James B. Given. W.W. Norton, 2011.

The Pre-Industrial Cape in the Twenty-First Century, special issue of the *South African Historical Journal* 62:3 (2010), co-edited with Gerald Groenewald

Belongings: Property, Family & Identity in Colonial South Africa. An Exploration of Frontiers, 1725 – c. 1830. Columbia University Press, 2008. [Gutenberg-e series](#)

Research Articles & Book Chapters

“Taxonomy,” in *Decolonizing the Plan: Keywords for Rethinking the Histories of Planning*, edited by Sarah Blacker, Kavita Philip, Sarah van Beurden, Emily Brownell, Martina Schluender, and Anindita Nag. Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, forthcoming 2018.

“The Environment,” in *A Cultural History of Western Empires, Volume 4 The Age of Enlightenment (1650–1800)*, edited by Ian Coller. Bloomsbury Press. Forthcoming 2018.

“Introduction: Writing World Histories for Our Times,” with Alan Karras, in *Encounters Old and New in World History*, edited by Alan Karras and Laura J. Mitchell. University of Hawaii Press, 2017, 1-14.

“Close Encounters of the Methodological Kind: Contending with Enlightenment Legacies in World History,” in *Encounters Old and New in World History*, edited by Alan Karras and Laura J. Mitchell. University of Hawaii Press, 2017, 165-180.

“[Introduction: Beyond the ‘Usual Suspects’](#),” with Andrea Felber Seligman. Forum: New Biographies in World History. *World History Connected* 14:1 (February 2017)

“[Illustrating Empire: A Soldier’s Life and Trans-imperial Encounters in the Eighteenth Century](#),” *World History Connected* 14:1 (February 2017)

“[Global Context, Local Objects, and Cultural Frontiers: Unsettling South Africa’s National History in Four Moves](#),” *Settler Colonial Studies*, 4:2 (2014) 162-170.

“Appraising Nature: Pastoralist Practice, Hunting Logics, and Landscape Ideology in Colonial Southern Africa,” in *Landscape, Environment and Technology in Colonial and Post-Colonial Africa*, edited by Toyin Falola & Emily Brownell, 42-61. Routledge, 2012.

“The Pre-Industrial Cape in the Twenty-First Century,” with Gerald Groenewald, *South African Historical Journal* 62:3 (2010): 435-443.

“Approaching an Understanding of the Modern World,” *Social Studies Review* June 2010: 48-51.

“Belonging: Family Formation and Settler Identity in the VOC Cape,” *South African Historical Journal* 59 (Dec. 2007): 103-125.

“Belonging: Kinship and Identity at the Cape of Good Hope, 1652-1795,” in *Contingent Lives: Social Identity and Material Culture in the VOC World*, edited by Nigel Worden, 247-265. University of Cape Town Press, 2007.

“‘This is the Mark of the Widow’: Domesticity and Frontier Conquest in Colonial South Africa,” *Frontiers: A Journal of Women’s Studies*, 28: 1 & 2 (Spring 2007): 47-76.

Three historical commentaries on eighteenth-century drawings of the Western Cape, South Africa: A) The Kloof to Overberg B) Panorama of Hottentots Holland C) The Plaats

Vergenoegd. In *The World of Jan Brandes, 1742-180: Drawings of a Dutch Traveller in Batavia, Ceylon and Southern Africa*. Edited by Remco Raben and Max de Bruijn, 366-367 & 373-380. Amsterdam: Rijksmuseum, 2004.

“Material Culture and Cadastral Data: Documenting the Cedarberg Frontier, South Africa 1725–1795,” in *Sources and Methods in African History: Spoken, Written, Unearthed*, edited by Toyin Falola and Christian Jennings, 16-32. Rochester: University of Rochester Press, 2003; paperback 2004.

“Traces in the Landscape: Hunters, Herders and Farmers on the Cedarberg Frontier, South Africa 1725–1795,” *Journal of African History* 43:3 (2002) 431-450.

Essays

“Careers in Universities” and “Considering a PhD” in *Careers in International Affairs*, Ninth Edition, edited by Laura E. Cressey, Barrett J. Helmer, and Jennifer E. Steffenson. Georgetown University Press, 2014.

“The AP Paradox: Diverse College Curriculum Confronts a Single Standardized Exam,” *World History Connected* 7:2 (June 2010)

“Beyond Tense: Encouraging Historians to Think Hard About Writing and Reading,” *Perspectives*, April 2007, 31-32.

Teaching Materials

“[Teaching Interpretation](#): Debating Divergent Interpretations in an Introductory History Course,” with Sharon Cohen. January 2014

“Zones of Interaction: Long-distance Trade and Long-term Connections across Afro-Eurasia,” with Bill Strickland. Integrated Curriculum Module for AP World History. The College Board, 2011.

“Interpretation: How Students Can Engage with Multiple Meanings of the Past.” Sample lessons on gender and historiography, with instructional development notes for AP World History teachers. The College Board, 2011.

“[Working With Secondary Sources](#),” *Humanities Core Course Writer’s Handbook*, 2010.

“[Scholarship in a Digital Age](#),” *Humanities Core Course Writer’s Handbook*, 2010.

Journalism, Commentary and Blog Contributions

[Interactive Study Map of African States](#), Africa is Country, 19 December 2013

“[Elections in South Africa](#),” Huffington Post, 21 April 2009

[Making History Podcast](#) | [History Compass Exchanges](#) | [GlobalHistoryProject.org](#) |

[Critical Investigations into Humanitarianism in Africa](#)

Translations

From French in *Courtyards, Markets, City Streets: Urban Women in Africa*. Edited by Kathleen Sheldon. Boulder: Westview Press, 1996.

- Antoine, Philippe and Jeanne Nanitelamio, "Can Polygamy Be Avoided in Dakar?" 129-152.

- Songue, Paulette Beat. "Prostitution, A Petit-métier During Economic Crisis: A Road to Women's Liberation? The Case of Cameroon," 241-255.

Book Reviews

Pamila Gupta. *The Relic State: St. Francis Xavier and the Politics of Ritual in Portuguese India*. Manchester & New York: Manchester University Press, 2014. *Itinerario* 40:1 (April 2016), 159-161.

- Meghan Healy-Clancy and Jason Hickel, editors, *Ekhaya: The Politics of Home in KwaZulu-Natal*. Scottsville, South Africa: University of KwaZulu-Natal Press. 2014. *American Historical Review* 121:1 (Feb. 2016), 345-347.
- Dan Wylie, *Myth of Iron: Shaka in History*. Pietermaritzburg: University of Kwa-Zulu-Natal Press, 2006. *African Historical Review* 41:1 (2009), 171-174.
- Allison Drew, *Between Empire and Revolution: A Life of Sidney Bunting, 1873-1936*. London: Pickering & Chatto, 2007. *Labor History*, 49:3 (Aug. 2008), 386-387.
- Elizabeth Elbourne, *Blood Ground: Colonialism, Missions, and the Contest for Christianity in the Cape Colony and Britain, 1799-1853*. Montreal & Kingston: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2002. *Canadian Journal of African Studies*, 40:1 (2006), 185-187.
- Barbara Chase-Riboud, *Hottentot Venus*, a novel. New York: Vintage, 2003. *Itinerario* 29: 3 (2005), 144-146.
- Stephen Dovers, Ruth Edgecomb and Bill Guest. *South Africa's Environmental History: Cases and Comparisons*. Athens: Ohio University Press and Cape Town: David Philip Publishers, 2002. *Journal of African History*, 46:1 (March 2005), 165-166.
- Clifton Crais. *The Politics of Evil: Magic, State Power and Political Imagination in South Africa*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2002. *Africa: The Journal of the International African Institute* 75:2 (2005), 247-249.
- "Liberal Imperium? Comparisons and Contradictions in a Colonial Age," review of *Alexis de Tocqueville. Writings on Empire and Slavery*. Edited and Translated by Jennifer Pitts. Baltimore and London: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2001. Reviewed for H-Africa, 17 July 2003.

◆ Grants & Awards

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|---|-------------|
| UCI Seed Funding Program, Track 1 | 2016 |
| Support for "Networks and Data: Using Present-day Knowledge Networks to Investigate Historical Social Networks." Co-PI, Johan Fourie, Stellenbosch University | |
| UCI Humanities Collective Faculty Research Grant | 2014 |
| Support for "World History: A Unique Research-Teaching Bind? Individual Opportunities and Institutional Constraints" | |
| Mellon Foundation New Directions Fellowship | 2008-12 |
| Support for Art, Environment & Natural History: How Societies Envision & Remember the Natural World | |
| Visiting appointment, Maître de Conference | Spring 2008 |
| Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Science Sociales, Paris | |
| ACLS/SSRC/NEH International Area Studies Fellowship | 2005-06 |
| Support for <i>Belongings: Property, Family & Identity in Colonial South Africa</i> | |
| UC President's Humanities Research Fellowship | 2005-06 |
| Support for <i>Belongings: Property, Family & Identity in Colonial South Africa</i> | |
| American Historical Association/Mellon Foundation Gutenberg-e Prize | 2004 |
| One of 8 prizes awarded to dissertations in any field, completed in the previous 5 years | |
| NEH Summer Institute, Indian Ocean: Cradle of Globalization | 2002 |
| University of Pennsylvania | |
| UCLA Chancellor's Fellowship | 1999-2000 |
| P.E.O. Scholar Award: Mary Louise Remy Endowed Scholar | 1999-2000 |
| Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad | 1997-98 |

South Africa & the Netherlands
 Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship
 at the University of Cape Town

1991

◆ Papers Presented & Scheduled for Presentation

Invited Lectures

- “Giraffes, Hunters, and Local Informants: Specimen Collecting and the Limits of the Republic of Letters.” University of Utah. 1 December 2017
- “Across the Lines: Science in Times of War and Peace”
 Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies, UC Irvine. 20 October 2017
- “Hunting for Science, Hunting for Trophies: Exploration and Animals on Display”
 Explorers’ Summit, Explorers’ Museum, Tullamore, Ireland. 24–25 June 2016
- “Hunting and Knowledge Production in Colonial Southern Africa”
 University of Texas, British Studies Seminar. Austin, TX. 25 March 2016
- “An Empire of Letters: The Circulation of South African Specimens and Global Knowledge Production in the Eighteenth Century”
 UC Irvine, Early Cultures Workshop. Irvine, CA. 13 November 2015
- “Rhinos, Giraffes, and Quaggas: South Africa and the Making of Modern Science”
 Mt. San Jacinto College. Menifee, CA. 21 October 2015
- “Southern Africa in an Age of Maritime Empires”
 ORIAS Workshop, UC Berkeley. 6 June 2014
- “Apartheid, the Struggle, and the Cold War”
 Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, UC San Diego. 21 October 2014
- “Race, Identities, and Legacies of Segregation in South Africa”
 Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, UC San Diego. 4 November 2014
- “The Changing Meaning of Race in South Africa”
 Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. Irvine, CA. 18 March 2013
- “Indian Ocean *Recueil*: Placing Stories in the Early Modern Indian Ocean”
 Invited lecture, University of Houston, 28 February 2013
- “Life Histories on a Global Stage: Rethinking the Place for Stories in World History”
 Presidential Address, Forum on European Expansion and Global Interaction biennial meeting, University of Minnesota, 20–21 April 2012
- “Settler Colonialism, Indigenous Studies, and the Concept of the Frontier”
 The Significance of The Frontier in an Age of Transnational History. Huntington Library. 28 February 2012
- “Watercolors and World History: Art in the Service of Empire”
 History Symposium, Southwestern University, Georgetown, TX 27 October 2011
- “AIDS Treatment and Community Support as a Human Right”
 Stand Together for Human Rights/Africa Project Fundraiser, UCI, 2 December 2009
- “Exploring South Africa through Politics, Art, Film and Literature”
 Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. Irvine, CA. 5, 12, 19, & 26 October 2009
- “Landscape, Memory, and History in the Cedarberg”
 University of Cape Town. 24 July 2009
- “Family History: Local, Global and Digital”
 University of Johannesburg. 14 July 2009
- “African Ceremonies, Western Museums: Local Details & Global Perspectives”
 Bowers Museum Docent Guild. Santa Ana, CA. 29 January 2009

“Household Inventories and Social Historical Method”

Western Carolina University, 13 March 2008

“Cape Town, The Tavern of Two Seas”

UCI History Department Public Lecture Series, Global Cities. 27 November 2007

“Local Racism, Global Capitalism: South Africa, Apartheid & the Cold War”

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. Irvine, CA, 16 May 2005

“Sex, Lies and Family Values: Negotiation Frontiers in Eighteenth-Century South Africa”

Lilly Foundation Southern Africa Symposium. Austin College, 31 March – 1 April 2004

Conference Presentations

Roundtable Participant: “Food in Motion: Cuisine, Crops, and Cultural Creativity in African History”

African Studies Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, 16-18 November 2017

“An African Fulcrum: Tracing the Legacy of Robert Jacob Gordon’s Natural History Drawings”

American Society of Eighteenth Century Studies. Minneapolis, MN 30 March – 1 April 2017

Concluding Roundtable Participant

[Disentangling Global Early Modernities, 1300-1800](#). Harvard University, 24 March 2017

“Across Enemy Lines: Robert Jacob Gordon’s African Collections and Pan-European Knowledge Networks”

Western Society of Eighteenth Century Studies. UC Santa Barbara, 17-18 February 2017

“African Objects, Colonial Museums, and Knowledge Production”

African Studies Association Annual Meeting. Washington, DC, 1-3 December 2016

“Trophy Hunting and Transformations in Global Ethics”

World History Association Annual Meeting. Ghent, Belgium. 3–5 July, 2016

Roundtable participant: “Teaching the Modern World: Conceptualizing World History in the 19th & 20th Centuries”

California & Northwest World History Association. Long Beach, CA 26–27 February 2016

“Creating an Internship in Public History to Complement the History Major.”

American Historical Association Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA, 7–10 January 2016

“Indigenous Art and Global Knowledge: Challenges to Emerging Scientific Discourse from the Cape of Good Hope, 1750 - 1850.”

World History Association Annual Meeting. Savannah, GA. 30 June – 2 July 2015

“An Empire of Letters? The Circulation of South African Specimens & Global Knowledge Creation in the Eighteenth Century.”

Forum on European Expansion and Global Interaction. Leiden, Netherlands. 2-5 June 2015

“An Empire of Letters? The Circulation of South African Specimens & Global Knowledge Creation in the Eighteenth Century.”

California and Northwest WHA Meeting. Seattle, 27 February – 1 March 2015

“Comparative Land and Legal Regimes in African Settler Colonies.”

World History Association Annual Meeting. San José, Costa Rica. 17-18 July, 2014

“Academic Collaboration in Reframing Teaching about the Medieval World”

Medieval Academy of America (MAA) and Medieval Association of the Pacific (MAP) Annual Meeting. Los Angeles. 10-12 April 2014

“Collecting Culture: Encounters Inscribed in Fossils, Bones, and Leather”

California and Northwest WHA Meeting. Berkeley, 28 February – 2 March 2014

“Creating Meaningful Comparison in National, Regional and Global Histories”

American History Association Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C. 5 January 2014

- “Adventures in the Anthropocene”
American History Association Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C. 3 January 2014
- “Transforming History Graduate Education to Make the PhD ‘Malleable’” Roundtable.
American History Association Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA. 5 January 2013
- “Material Culture and the Making of a Nation: South African History in Four Objects”
XVIIth World Economic History Congress, Stellenbosch, South Africa, 13 July 2012
- “Global Context, Local Objects and Cultural Frontiers: Unsettling South Africa’s National
History in Four Moves.”
World History Association Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, NM, 30 June 2012
- “Approaches to Teaching the Revised AP World History Curriculum,” with Bram Hubble,
Friends Seminary
American History Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL, 7 January 2012
- “A Deep History of Development Discourse or How Revolutionary was Industrialization?”
California World History Association Annual Meeting, La Jolla, CA 21-22 October 2011
- “A Narrative Turn?: Highlighting Writing in African History and African Studies”
African Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 18-21 November 2010
- “Intimacies Revealed: La Fite de Brassier’s ‘Secret’ Maps of the Cape of Good Hope”
World History Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, 24-27 June 2010
- “A Writer’s Dilemma: Exploring Method and Narrative in World History”
Roundtable Telling Stories: Narrative Approaches to World History
World History Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, 24-27 June 2010
- “Watercolors and World Empire: How French Military Perspectives Illuminate Dutch Imperial
Claims in the Eighteenth Century”
American Association for Netherlandic Studies Biennial Conference, Los Angeles, 17-19
June 2010
- “Teaching New World History and Meeting 10th-Grade California State Standards”
California Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference, Pasadena, 5-7 March 2010
- “Close Cousins, Distant Pasts: Marriage, Family Formation, and Household Composition in
Colonial South Africa”
Threaded sessions of the AHA Working Group for Historical Perspectives on Same-Sex
Marriage
American Historical Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, 7-10 January 2010
- “Historical Literacy, K-16 Foundations, and Life-Long Learning”
American Historical Association Annual Meeting. San Diego, 7-10 January 2010
- “Teaching World History: The ‘California School’ and the Local in the Global.”
Social Science History Association Annual Meeting. Long Beach, CA, 13-15 Nov. 2009
- “Crossing Borders, Blurring Boundaries in World History.” Plenary roundtable participant
California World History Association Annual Meeting. Riverside, 16-17 October 2009
- “Bringing Order to Chaos: What ‘World History’ Means for a Classroom”
Panel: Globalizing California’s World History Curriculum
California World History Association Annual Meeting. Riverside, 16-17 October 2009
- “Watercolors and World Empire: French Military ‘Designs’ on the Cape of Good Hope”
Southern African Historical Society Biennial Conference. UNSIA, 22 -24 June 2009
- “Appraising Nature: Pastoralist Practice, Hunting Logics and Landscape Ideology in Colonial
Southern Africa”
Science, Technology and the Environment in Africa, UT Austin, 28-30 March 2009
- “The Past of the Future or the Future of the Past? Perspectives on Digital Historical
Monographs from Gutenberg-E Authors.” Roundtable participant

- American Historical Association Annual Meeting. New York, NY, 2-5 January 2009
- Environmental History. Roundtable Participant
- Pacific Coast Branch, American Historical Association Annual Mtg. Pasadena, 7-9 August 2008
- “Global Cities, Local Frontiers: The Role of a Hinterland in Cultural Exchange”
World History Association Annual Meeting. London, 25-29 June 2008
- “Aesthetics and the City: Museums, Expositions, and Beauty,” Panel Chair
World History Association Annual Meeting. London, 25-29 June 2008
- “Gendering the Global, Specifying the Local: A New Look at Huguenot Migrations”
• Seminar on Women’s History & World History convened by Merry Wiesner-Hanks & Bonnie Smith
Berkshire Conference on the History of Women. University of Minnesota, 12–15 June 2008
- “Brokering Empire: Negotiating the Dutch Atlantic c. 1650-1800”
• Experimental Session
American Historical Association Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C., 3–6 January 2008
- “Claiming Nature: Pastoralist Ownership and Landscape Ideology in Colonial Southern Africa”
African Studies Association Annual Meeting. New York, NY, 18-20 October 2007
- “Khoisan Rock Paintings: More than a Curiosity in World History Classrooms”
World History Association Annual Meeting. Milwaukee, WI, 28 June 1–July 2007
- Contingent Lives: Social Identity and Material Culture in the VOC World. University of Cape Town, 17–20 December 2006
- Teaching Africa in World History Classrooms. Roundtable participant
African Studies Association Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA, 16–19 November 2006
- Confluences of Gender and World History. Roundtable organizer and participant
World History Association Annual Meeting. Long Beach, CA, 22–25 June 2006
- “Feminism, Gender and the Colonial Project.” Panel chair
World History Association Annual Meeting. Long Beach, CA, 22–25 June 2006
- “Claiming Nature: Landscape in Art & Ideology in Colonial Southern Africa”
World History Association Annual Meeting. Ifrane, Morocco, 27–29 June 2005
- “Sex, Religion & Other Cultural Exigencies in the Early-Modern Atlantic”
Berkshire Conference on the History of Women. Scripps College, Claremont, 2-5 June 2005
- “Sex and Situation: Landscapes of Power in Early Colonial Southern Africa”
New England Workshop on Southern Africa. Burlington, VT. 22–24 April 2005
- “Claiming Nature: Art & Ideology in as Sites of Colonial Contest”
World History Workshop, UC Multi-Campus Research Group. UC Santa Cruz, 26 February 2005
- “Claiming Nature: Pastoralist Ownership and Landscape Ideology in Colonial Southern Africa”
USC-Huntington Early Modern Studies Institute Seminar. San Marino, CA, 29 January 2005
- “A Band of Hunters: Khoisan Strategies and Settler Appropriations in 18th-Century South Africa”
• Panel Chair: Prevailing Wisdom or Prevailing Patterns? Toward a Revalorization of Pre-Colonial Africa
African Studies Association Annual Meeting. New Orleans, 11–14 November 2004.
- “Sex, Lies & Family Values: Negotiating Frontiers in Colonial South Africa”
World History Association Annual Meeting. Fairfax, VA, 16–20 June 2004.

- “Conditions of Bondage and the Range of Resistance in a Slave Society”
World History Workshop, UC Multi-Campus Research Group. UC Davis, 28–30 May 2004
- “On the Land: Family and Property in VOC-Era South Africa”
World History Workshop, UC Multi-Campus Research Group. UC Santa Cruz, 26 April 2003
- “Legal Status and Land Tenure in Eighteenth Century South Africa: The Changing Relationship Between the VOC and Khoisan at the Cape of Good Hope”
African Studies Association Annual Meeting. Washington, DC, 5–8 December 2002
- “Contested Labor Relations: Slavery and Labor History in South Africa”
European Social Science History Conference. The Hague, 27 February–2 March 2002
- “Ragged Landscapes: Battles over Blood and Land on the Dutch-Khoisan Frontier”
American Historical Association Annual Meeting. San Francisco, 3–6 January 2002
- “Sex, Lies, and Microfilm: Defining Social Norms and Deviance in Eighteenth-Century South Africa”
Houston Area African Studies Group. Texas Southern University, 9 November 2001
- “Blood Lines & Bloody Lines: Defining Race and Demarcating Territory, South Africa, 1725–1795”
World History Association Annual Meeting. Salt Lake City, 28 June–1 July 2001
- “Material Culture & Cadastral Data: Documenting the Cedarberg Frontier, South Africa 1725–1795”
Pathways to Africa’s Past: A Conference on Sources and Methods in African Scholarship. University of Texas at Austin, 30 March–1 April 2001
- “Diaspora Turned Inside Out: Forced Migrations to the Cape of Good Hope in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries”
African Studies Association Annual Meeting. Nashville 16–19 November 2000
- “Traces in the Landscape: Eighteenth-Century Hunters, Herders and Farmers on the Olifants River Frontier”
African Studies Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, 11–14 November 1999
- “Jacoba Alida’s Secret: Incest and Other Unspeakable Crimes of the Eighteenth-Century Cape”
South African Historical Ass. Bi-Annual Meeting. University of the Western Cape, 11–14 July 1999
- “Land and Social Constructions on the Cedarberg Frontier: Contested Resource Use in Colonial South Africa, c. 1725–1830”
African Environments, Past & Present Conference. St. Antony’s College, Oxford, 5–8 July 1999
- “Labor, Identity, and the Boundaries of Colonial Control, or A Case of Desertion”
History Seminar, University of Natal, Durban. 21 April 1999
- “Frontier Landscapes: Reading the Archaeological Record and Writing a History of Colonial Settlement in the Olifants River Valley, South Africa”
World Archaeology Congress IV. Cape Town, 10–14 January 1999
- “Contested Labor Relations on the Olifants River Frontier, 1725–1830”
• Panel Chair: African Slavery: Expanding Notions of Forced Labor and Forced Migration
African Studies Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, 29 October–1 November 1998
- “Possibilities and Problems in Understanding the Past: Disciplinary Explorations in History and Archaeology” with Kerry R. Ward, University of Michigan
Historical Archaeology Research Group Seminar, University of Cape Town. 19 Nov. 1997

Panel Discussant

From Sea to Shining Sea and Beyond: The History and Culture of U.S. Settler Colonialism in the American West, Pacific Rim, and East Africa

Western Historical Association Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA 2-4 November 2017

Early Modern Transcultural Practices of Reciprocity: Object, Status and Sociability

World History Association Annual Meeting, Boston 22-24 June 2017

Sexual Intercourses

Forum on European Expansion and Global Interaction, Biennial meeting. 21–22 Feb. 2014

Anthropology and History: Ethnography Meets World Systems

World History Association Annual Meeting, Milwaukee, WI, 28 June – 1 July 2007

Negotiating Race and Space

History and Its Discontents. Tenth Annual History & Theory Graduate Conference, UC Irvine, 14 April 2007

Cultural Politics of Diaspora and New Religious Movements

Religions: History, Theory, Practice. UC Irvine 18 March 2006

Atlantic Histories & World Histories

World History Workshop, UC Multi-Campus Research Group. UC San Diego, 7 May 2005

Landscapes and Timescapes: Rethinking Environmental History

History & Theory Annual Conference, UC Irvine. 15 March 2003

African Agency and Identity Formations in the Atlantic Slave Trade

African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Houston, TX. 15–18 November 2001

Teachers' Education

The Indian Ocean in World History

AP World History Workshop for Teachers. University of Utah, 2 December 2017

Active Learning Pedagogy, Mellon 5 + 2 Teaching Institute. UC Irvine

Preparation for new college teachers. September 2017.

“Medieval Trade in the Indian Ocean World”

California Social Science History Project, UC Davis. 14 February 2013

“Teaching the Environmental Theme in the Revised AP World History Curriculum”

Teacher’s Workshop at the California and Pacific Northwest World History Association Meeting. Portland State University, 12 October 2012.

“Skills Development in World History Classrooms: The 2012 AP Exam and Beyond”

A Two-Session Workshop

- Gender History and Historiography

- Pacific Migrations: A Challenge to Conventional Periodizations

World History Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, 24-27 June 2010

“Mapping a 10th-Grade New World History Course”

California Council for the Social Studies Annual Meeting, Pasadena, 5-6 March 2010

Teachers’ Workshop, African Studies Association Annual Meeting

Presentation and teachers’ exercise: “Teaching Religious Syncretism”

Houston, 17 November 2001

Teaching AP World History, sponsored by the College Board and the World History Association

- “Periodization in World History”

- “Making Africa Visible in the Atlantic Slave Trade”

San Antonio College, 9–13 July 2001

Presentations to the California Social Science-History Project, UC Irvine

Integrating Africa in the California Social Science Framework. UCI History Project
3-part workshop for 10th-grade to align with the new California Framework & Common Core

Imperialism: Africa Upside Down, 9 November 2016

World War I: Contribution and Exploitation, 19 January 2017

Africa & the Cold War, 15 March 2017

Islam and State Building in West Africa

World History Workshop for 7th & 10th grade teachers, 21 October 2015

Medieval Mali in Global Context

World History Workshop for 7th & 10th grade teachers, 31 July 2014

Citizenship in Colonial and Post-Colonial Africa

World History Workshop for 7th & 10th grade teachers, 24 October 2013

Teaching Genocide: Rwanda in Historical Context.

World History Workshop for 7th & 10th grade teachers, 12 March 2013

Uneasy Peace: Recent South African History for pre-service & in-service World History
teachers, 8 November 2007

Apartheid & the Cold War in World History for 7th & 10th grade teachers, 13 July 2006

Medieval Africa for 10th-grade teachers. 15 November 2005

Medieval Africa for 10th-grade teachers. 15 November 2004

Imperialism in Africa for 10th-grade teachers. 12 February 2004

◆ Non-Research Field Experience in Africa

U.S. Agency for International Development Rabat, Morocco

Micro-enterprise Consultant: Researched and drafted a proposal to implement a \$10 million
microenterprise training and financing program in Morocco. Summer 1993

U.S. State Department Douala, Cameroon

Political and Economic Intern: Prepared sectoral analyses of Cameroonian economic
performance in petroleum, tea, coffee and maritime transportation. Promoted U.S. exports
as Acting Commercial Assistant. Evaluated development projects funded by the Embassy.
Summer 1992

Triple Trust Organization Cape Town, South Africa

Community Business Consultant: Advised informal sector entrepreneurs on strategies to
increase sales volume and profitability. Gave instruction in accounting, marketing, and
improved access to government and private-sector small business loans. 3/91 - 11/91

◆ Other Professional Experience

U.S. House of Representatives, Select Committee on Hunger Washington, D.C.

Development Intern: Analyzed U.S. foreign assistance, formulated policy recommendations,
and briefed Congress regarding United States development programs in El Salvador.
Liaised with grassroots activists and NGO representatives. Spring 1993

Chevron Corporation San Francisco, California

Media Relations Specialist: Responded to media inquiries, wrote press releases, developed
Q&A and company position briefs. Trained top management for print, radio, and TV
interviews. Planned crisis communication training and implementation. Hired, trained, and
supervised intern staff. Shot and edited video; purchased all equipment. Contributed to in-
house publications. 12/88 – 4/90

- Corporate Communications Outstanding Performance Award, 1989

International Public Affairs Contractor: Wrote and researched political risk reports. Provided translation and interpretation. Evaluated proposals and recommended corporate charitable contributions for international projects. Created the Company's first internal International Business Directory. 1/88–12/88

◆ **Research Languages**

Afrikaans, Dutch, French, Portuguese, Xhosa, and Zulu

◆ **Service & Professional Affiliations**

American Historical Association, Career Diversity Program. Principal Investigator, UCI History Department, 2017-18

NEH Next-Gen PhD project, UC Irvine. Committee member 2016-17

Committee member, History Advisory Workgroup, UC Articulation Requirements, Jan-June. 2015

AP Interim Item Review Committee Chair, 2014

AP Test Development Committee Co-Chair, 2012-2014

AP World History Curriculum Development and Assessment Committee Co-Chair, 2010-2012; Committee member, 2008-10

AP World History Exam Reader: 2004-2014; Table Leader since 2006; Sample Selector: 2008 & 2009, Question Leader 2013

Past Tense seminar co-convener, 2006–08 & 2009-10,
USC-Huntington Early Modern Studies Institute

University of California Press, World History Library, series co-editor, 2014 – present

Journal of World History editorial board member, 2016–present

South African Historical Journal editorial board member, 2010–present

History Compass Editorial Board Member, 2004–2015

History Compass Exchange blog editor-in-chief, August 2009 –December 2011

Reviewed manuscripts for:

University of California Press

Duke University Press

Omohundro Institute

Oxford University Press

Wiley Blackwell

Palgrave Macmillan

Radical History Review

Gender and History

Journal of World History

Journal of Global History

Journal of World Systems

South African Historical Journal

History Compass

World History Connected

Rethinking History

New Contree

Kronos: Journal of Cape History

Reviewed book proposals for:

Duke University Press

Oxford University Press

University of California Press
Bloomsbury Press
Berkshire Press
Wiley Blackwell

Professional Association Memberships & Participation

Forum on European Expansion and Global Interaction (FEEGI)

President, 2010-12

Vice President, 2008-2010

Biennial Meeting Program Chair, 2010

Executive Committee member, 2006-2008

Biennial Meeting Program Committee member, 2008 and 2016

Local arrangements chair and meeting host, UC Irvine, 2016

World History Association

Chair, Research Committee, 2016–present

Representative to the American Council of Learned Societies, 2015–2019

Executive Council member, 2006-2009

Membership Committee Chair, 2006-2009

Annual Meeting Local Arrangements Committee member, 2006

California World History Association

Vice President, 2014-2016

Secretary, 2012-2014

Program Committee member, 2014, 2016

African Studies Association

Annual Meeting Local Arrangements Committee member, 2001 and 2006

Pacific Coast Branch of the AHA

Program Committee member, 2014

American Historical Association

Phi Alpha Theta

Historical Association of South Africa

Vernacular Architecture Society of South Africa

Van Riebeeck Society

UTSA Phi Alpha Theta faculty advisor 2001-2002

UTSA Women Faculty and Staff Organization

Vice President, 2001-02