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Dept. of History
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Work Experience

Professor, Arkansas State University, 2006-present.

Associate Dean, Graduate School, Arkansas State University, 2013-2016.

Graduate Director, Department of History, 2006-2013, Fall 2018-present.

Associate Professor, Arkansas State University, 2003-2006.

Assistant Professor, Arkansas State University, 1998-2003.

Adjunct Instructor, University of Vermont, 1996-1998.

Instructor, Castleton State College, Fall 1995.

Education

Ph.D., Boston University, African History, 1997.

MA, University of Vermont, History, 1991.

BA, College of William and Mary, Greek, 1986.

Fields

Global History, Indian Ocean, Africa, Environmental History

Awards and Honors

Research Award, 2004-2005, College of Humanities and Social Sciences,
Arkansas State University.

Honors Program Professor of the Year, 2002-2003, Arkansas State University.

Humanities Scholar, 1995-96, Humanities Foundation, Boston University.

Scholarships, Fellowships and Grants

Enhancing Student Financial Education Grant, Council of Graduate Schools/TIAA CREF, 2013-15, \$45,000. Co-PI and main author.

Asia Rice Foundation USA Research Grant, 2011, \$3500.

Institute of Turkish Studies Lecture Series Grant, 2010, \$1500.

Compensated Leave, spring semester, 2011.

Arkansas Biosciences Institute Mini-Grant, 2009-10, \$3500.

Deutsch Travel Grant, Arkansas State University, 2009, \$2000.

Arkansas State University Faculty Development Grant, 2008, \$2000.

Nathan Lane International Travel Grant, 2007, \$1800.

Nathan Lane International Travel Grant, 2006 (refused).

Compensated Leave, spring semester, 2005.

Middle East Studies Research Grant, Arkansas State University, 2003-4, used for research in Zanzibar and Oman, \$7500.

Dean's Research Award, Arkansas State University, 2000, 2001, and in 2004, total of \$1500.

Arkansas State University Faculty Development Grant, 1999-2000, to conduct research in Lamu, Kenya, \$8000.

NMERTA/AIYS Fellowship, Spring–Summer 1997. Arabic language training and research in Yemen, \$10,000.

Research Fellow, Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, MA, February 1995, \$1500.

Fulbright IIE Fellow, Tanzania, 1994, about \$25,000.

Title VI Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship, Swahili Language Training, Tanzania, 1992. Three months of U.S. Department of Education sponsored language training at three different sites in Tanzania.

Engleburg Summer Travel Grant, Boston University, summer 1992, \$1000.

Title VI Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship, Boston University, 1990-91, 1991-92, summer 1992.

Teaching Fellow, American History, University of Vermont, 1989-1990.

Books

World in Motion: A Dynamic History of Humankind, two volumes, Boston: Hackett, 2026. Co-authored with Jonathan Reynolds.

Trading Tastes: Commodity and Cultural Exchange to 1750, Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall, 2006, co-authored with Jonathan Reynolds.

Dhows and the Colonial Economy of Zanzibar, 1860-1970, Eastern African Studies series, Oxford, UK: James Currey; Athens, OH: Ohio University Press; Nairobi: EAEP; and Zanzibar: Gallery Publications, 2004.

Africa in World History, Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall, 2004, co-authored with Jonathan Reynolds. Second edition, 2008. Third edition 2011. Chinese translation by Hainan Publishers, 2007. Turkish translation, 2016.

Articles

Ndikumana, Innocent, Geoffrey Onaga, Agnès Pinel-Galzi, Pauline Rocu, Judith Hubert, Hassan Karakacha Wéré, Antony Adegbo, **Erik Gilbert**, et al. "Grains, trade and war in the multimodal transmission of Rice yellow mottle virus: an historical and phylogeographical retrospective." *PLoS pathogens* 21, no. 6 (2025): e1013168.

"Stop Sacrificing Children to Moloch," *Cultural and Pedagogical Inquiry*, 11:2 (2019).

"The Dhow as Cultural Icon: Heritage and Regional Identity in the Western Indian Ocean," *International Journal of Heritage Studies*, 17:1(2011).

"The 'Liverpool of West Africa' from an East African Perspective," *International Journal of Maritime History*, 18:2(2006).

"Putting Africa in World History and Vice Versa," *World History Connected*, 2:2 (2004).

"Coastal East Africa and the Western Indian Ocean Region: Long-Distance Trade, Empire, Migration, and Regional Unity, 1750-1970," *The History Teacher*, 36:1(2002).

“Sailing from Lamu and back: Labor migration and the regional economy in colonial East Africa,” *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East*, 19:2(1999).

“The *Mtepe*: regional trade and the late survival of sewn-ships in East African waters,” *International Journal of Nautical Archaeology*, 27:1(1998).

Book Chapters

“Weighing and Balancing,” in Francesca Bray et al. *Cambridge History of Technology*, co-authored with Peter Coclanis, forthcoming.

“East Africa and the Dhow Trade,” Stephanie Wynne-Jones and Adria LaViolette, *The Swahili World*, London, Routledge, 2017.

“Rice, Civilization and the Swahili Towns: Anti-Commodity and Anti-State?” in Sandip Hazareesingh and Harro Maat, *Local Subversions of Colonial Cultures in Global History: Commodities and Anti-Commodities*, London, Palgrave Macmillan, 2016.

“Asian Rice in Africa: Plant Genetics and Crop History,” in Francesca Bray, Edda Fields-Black, Peter Coclanis, and Dagmar Schafer, *Secret Lives of Rice: Promiscuity, Knowledge and Power*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2015. Chinese translation (2023).

“The “Other” Ships: Dhows and the Colonial Imagination in the Indian Ocean,” in Tricia Cusack ed., *Representation of the Ocean as Social Space*, Ashgate, 2014.

“Zanzibar: Imperialism, Proto-Globalization, and a Nineteenth Century Indian Ocean Boom Town,” in Andreas Exenberger, Phillip Strobl, Gunter Bischof and James Mokhiber eds., Innsbruck University Press, 2013.

“Kilwa: A Commercial City on the East African Coast (1000-1500)” in Aran McKinnon, *Places of Encounter*, Westview Press, 2012.

“Oman and Zanzibar: The historical roots of a global community,” in Himanshu P. Ray and Edward A. Alpers, eds., *Cross Currents and Community Networks: Encapsulating the History of the Indian Ocean World*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2007

“Economic Impact of European Rule” in Toyin Falola ed., *African History and Culture, Volume 3: Colonial Africa, 1885-1939*, Durham, NC, Carolina Academic Press: 2002.

“East Africa” in Toyin Falola ed., *African History and Culture, Volume 3: Colonial Africa, 1885-1939*, Durham, NC, Carolina Academic Press: 2002.

Essays

“College Finances are being Eaten from the Inside,” *Chronicle of Higher Education*, Nov. 4, 2021 (online), November 26, 2021 (print).

“Afrika: Bir Baska Devlet Fikri,” (Africa: Another Idea of the State) *Sabah Ul Kesi*, April, 2021.

“A Reason to Skeptical of ‘College for All’,” *Chronicle Review*, November 20, 2020.

“Shedding Light on Lumina and Its College Agenda,” James G. Martin Center for Educational Reform, Sept. 4, 2020.

“How Ed Schools became a Bastion of Bad Ideas,” *Chronicle Review*, November 7, 2019.

“Higher Education Needs a Reformation,” *Inside Higher Ed*, September 30, 2019.

“Lessons from Campus Carry in Arkansas and Texas”, CSU-Northridge *Sundial*, September 23, 2019. Invited short op-ed.

“Assessment is an Enormous Waste of Time,” *Chronicle of Higher Education*, March 20, 2019 (online), April 5, 2019 (print).

“Liberal Orthodoxy and the New Heresy,” *Quillette*, February 4, 2019. Featured as Best of the Web in the *Jewish Journal*, featured in the Heterodox Academy Newsletter, and was a “Recommended Article” in *Quillette* for 18 days.

“Who is Responsible for Student Learning?,” *Inside Higher Ed*, October 2, 2018.

“An Insider’s take on Assessment: It May be Worse than you Thought,” *Chronicle of Higher Education*, January 12, 2018 (online), February 2, 2018 (print).

“How Dual Enrollment Contributes to Inequality,” *Chronicle of Higher Education*, November 5, 2107 (online) and November 10, 2017 (print).

“Assessment and Power in the University,” The John William Pope Center for Educational Policy, June 7, 2017.

“Campus Carry is not about Preventing Mass Shootings,” *Inside Higher Ed*, June 12, 2017.

“Why Assessment is a Waste of Time,” *Inside Higher Ed*, November 21, 2016.

“Automatic Pay Raises for Teachers Create Perverse Incentives in Graduate Education,” John William Pope Center for Higher Education Policy, July 15, 2016.

“Is Campus Carry Just a Tempest in Teapot?,” John William Pope Center for Higher Education Policy, April 6, 2016.

“Stop Worrying About Guns In The Classroom. They’re Already Here,” *Chronicle of Higher Education*, March 17, 2016 (online), April 1, 2016 (print).

“Does Assessment Make Colleges Better? Who Knows?” *Chronicle of Higher Education*, August 14, 2015.

“Globalization and World History,” in the Introductory Volume of Alfred Andrea, ed., *ABC-Clio Encyclopedia of World History*, Vol. I, (Santa Barbara: ABC-Clio, 2011).

“The Dhow as Cultural Icon,” Boston University, *Working Papers in African Studies*, No. 258, (2008).

“The Western Indian Ocean since 1750” in Peter Stearns et al., *Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern World*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008.

“Introduction to the Indian Ocean World,” in Deborah Johnston, ed., *Teaching about the Indian Ocean World*, Princeton, NJ: The College Board, 2006.

Review Essays

“Urban History on the Indian Ocean Rim,” a review essay in *Journal of Urban History*, 36:1 (2010).

“Recent Scholarship on the Western Indian Ocean,” a review essay in *Itinerario*, 33:1(2009).

Blog

Badassessment.org

Book Reviews

Daren Ray, *Ethnicity, Identity, and Conceptualizing Community in Indian Ocean East Africa*, in *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 58:1 (2025).

Nicholas Stephenson, *Colonial Chaos in the Southern Red Sea*, in *American Historical Review*, 128:2 (2023).

Burkhard Schnepel and Julia Verne, *Cargoes in Motion: Materiality and Connectivity Across the Indian Ocean*, in *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 55:2 (2022).

Elizabeth Lambourn, *Abraham's Luggage: A Social Life of Things in the Medieval Indian Ocean World*, in *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, 51:3 (2021).

Gwyn Campbell, *Africa and the Indian Ocean World*, in *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 53:3 (2020).

Thomas McDow, *Buying Time: Debt and Mobilty in the Western Indian Ocean*, featured review, *American Historical Review*, 125:1(2020).

David Northrup, *Seven Myths of Africa in World History*, in *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 52:1(2019).

Ned Bertz, *Diaspora and Nation*, in *Journal of African History*, 59:1(2018).

Abdul Sheriff and Enseng Ho, eds., *The Indian Ocean: Oceanic Connections and New Societies*, in *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 49:3(2016).

John C. Wilkinson, *The Arabs and the Scramble for Africa*, in *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 49:3 (2016).

Amal Ghazal, *Islamic Reform and Arab Nationalism*, in *Journal of African History*, 56:1 (2015).

Beatrice Nicolini, *The First Sultan of Zanzibar: Scrambling for Power and Trade in the Nineteenth Century Indian Ocean*, in *The International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 45:2 (2012).

Jonathan Miran, *Red Sea Citizens: Cosmopolitan Society and Cultural Change in Massawa*, in *Journal of World History*, 22:3(2011).

Abdul Sheriff, *Dhow Cultures of the Indian Ocean: Cosmopolitanism, Commerce and Islam*, in *Journal of Economic and Social History of the Orient*, in *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient*, 54(2011).

Gary Y. Okihiro, *Pineapple Culture: A History of the Tropical and Temperate Zones*, in *The Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, 41:2 (2010).

Edda Fields-Black, *Deep Roots: Rice Farmers in West Africa and the African Diaspora*, in *The Journal of African History*, 50:3 (2009).

Edward Alpers, *East Africa and the Indian Ocean*, in *The International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 42:3 (2009).

Jeremy Prestholdt, *Domesticating the World: African Consumerism and the Genealogies of Globalization*, in *African Studies Review*, 52:1(2009).

Gregory H. Maddox, *Sub-Saharan Africa: An Environmental History*, in *Environmental History*, 12:3 (2007).

Stephen J. Rockel, *Carriers of Culture*, in *American Historical Review*, 112:4 (2007).

Alan Villiers, *Sons of Sindbad*, (2006 reprint), in *International Journal of Maritime History*, 19:1 (2007).

James C. McCann, *Maize and Grace: Africa's Encounter with a New World Crop, 1500-2000*, in *Itinerario*, 30:3(2006).

Megan Vaughan, *Creating the Creole Island: Slavery in Eighteenth Century Mauritius*, in *Itinerario*, 30:1(2006).

Geoffrey C. Gunn, *The First Globalization: Eurasian Exchange, 1500-1800*, in *Itinerario*, 28:2 (2004).

Garth Myers, *Verandahs of Power: Colonialism and Urban Space in Africa*, in *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 37:1 (2004).

R.J. Barendse, *The Arabian Seas: The Indian Ocean World in the Seventeenth Century*, in *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 35: 2, (2002).

Laura Fair, *Pastimes and Politics: Culture, Community, and Identity in Post-Abolition Urban Zanzibar, 1890-1945*, in *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 34:3(2001).

Paul Michael Kielstra, *The Politics of Slave Trade Suppression in Britain and France, 1814-48*, in *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 34:1(2001).

U. Freitag and W.G. Clarence-Smith, *Hadhrami Traders, Scholars, and Statesmen in the Indian Ocean: 1750s-1960s*, in *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 31:2(1998).

Abdul Sheriff, ed., *The History and Conservation of the Zanzibar Stone Town*, in *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 30:1(1997).

W. Howard Wriggins, ed., *Dynamics of Regional Politics: Four Systems on the Indian Ocean Rim*, in *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 29:1 (1996).

Encyclopedia Entries

“The Settlement of Madagascar,” “Cities of the Swahili Coast, 1000-1500,” “Trade on the East Africa’s Coast,” The Spice of Life: The Trade in Spices, 1000-1500,” and “Technological Changes in Western Indian Ocean Shipping: 1000-1500,” in Alfred Andrea, ed., *World History Encyclopedia*, Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio, forthcoming.

Invited Presentations

“Learning Outcomes Assessment as a Tool of Managerial Control,” at Resisting the Neoliberal University Conference at San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA, May 4, 2018.

“A Proving Ground for American Higher Education in Africa: OSU and the Imperial College of Agriculture,” with Bekalu Kifle, at the Global Midwest Seminar, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, September 12, 2015.

“The Expanding Frontiers of the Indian Ocean World in 19th Century East Africa,” at Cosmopolitan Currents in the Indian Ocean, NYU-Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi, UAE, 15-17 March, 2015.

“*Oryza sativa* in East Africa: Social hierarchy and diffusion to and within the continent,” Proto-Globalization in the Indian Ocean World, Jesus College, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK, 7-10 November, 2013.

“Africa and the Atlantic World,” Arts and Humanities Lecture, Black River Community College, Paragould, AR, 18 February 2013.

“Rice, Civilization, and the Swahili Towns: Anti-Commodity and Anti-State,” presented at the Second Anti-Commodity Workshop, Wageningen University, Netherlands, 27-28 September 2012.

“Arabs, Rice and Hierarchy on East Africa’s Caravan Routes,” presented at a conference in honor of Sara Berry at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, April 13, 2012.

“Zanzibar: Imperialism and a Nineteenth Century Boomtown,” presented at the Global Cities Seminar, University of Innsbruck, Innsbruck, Austria, November 3-4, 2011.

“Creating a National Diet: The Spread of Asian Rice in Tanzania,” presented at *Dunia na Nchi Moja* (Tanzania in the World), Rice University and Texas Southern University, Houston, Texas, October 14-15, 2011.

“Rice and Social Hierarchy in East Africa,” presented at the New Histories of Rice Conference at the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin, Germany, March 25-26, 2011.

“The Dhow as Cultural Icon: Emerging Notions of Western Indian Ocean Unity,” presented at International Seminar on Maritime Archaeology-3, India Habitat Centre, Delhi, India, August 23-24, 2007.

“Living between Muscat and Zanzibar,” presented at Narratives of the Sea: Encapsulating the Indian Ocean, a seminar at Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi, 10-12 December 2003.

“Contending Modernities: Dhows, Steamers and Cloves in Colonial Zanzibar,” presented at a conference at UCLA entitled “Cultural Exchange and Transformation in the Indian Ocean World,” April 5 and 6, 2002.

“Tentative Periodization of the History of the Western Indian Ocean,” presented at a conference at Yale University entitled “Reasserting Connections, Commonalties, and Cosmopolitanism: The Western Indian Ocean since 1800,” November 3-5, 2000.

“The Mangrove Trade: Twentieth century connections between East Africa and Arabia,” paper presented at the Walter Rodney Seminar at Boston University, March 18, 1996.

“Commercial relations between East Africa and Arabia: The case of the mangrove pole trade, 1860-1964,” paper presented at “Trade and Agrarian Change in the Indian Ocean,” a symposium at Yale University, December 1-3, 1995.

“The dhow trade and the East African economy,” Fellowship Lecture, Peabody Essex Museum, Salem MA, February 27, 1995.

Presentations

“Two Pastoralisms: Cattle, Ticks and Experts in Colonial Kenya and the Ozark Highland,” Cattle Frontiers Workshop, University of Ghent, Ghent, Belgium, 3-5 June, 2026.

“Weighing and Balancing,” (with Peter Coclanis), Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin, April 26-27, 2022.

“Enforcing Tradition in Colonial Zanzibar,” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Boston, November 21-24, 2019.

“Identifying Problems with Assessment” and “Identifying Solutions for Assessment,” Association for the Assessment of Learning in Higher Education, June 6, 2018.

“Colonialism in 19th Century Africa in Global Perspective,” West Memphis High School, West Memphis, AR, August 13, 2014.

Discussant, “Constructing Mobility and Authority,” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, November 21-24, 2013.

Panelist, “Forum: Biology and Agriculture in the Delta,” Delta Blues Symposium, Arkansas State University, April 19, 2013.

“Using Genomic Analysis to Trace the Introduction of *Oryza sativa* to Africa,” presented at the Rice Technical Working Group, Hot Springs, AR, February 29, 2012.

“Asian Rice in Africa: Plant Genetics and Crop History,” at ASWAD, Pittsburg, PA., November 3-6, 2011.

“Asian Rice in the Atlantic: Using Plant Genetics to Address the Black “Rice Debate,” a poster presented at the Rice and Language across Asia Symposium at Cornell University, September 22-25, 2011.

Discussant, “Peter Gran’s *Rise of the Rich*: Theory in World History,” World History Association Annual Meeting, Salem, Mass., June 25-28, 2009.

Chair and Presenter, “Textbooks and Knowledge of Africa” a roundtable discussion at the African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, November, 13-16, 2008.

Presenter, “Emerging Notions of Western Indian Ocean Unity: The Dhow as Cultural Icon,” World History Association Annual Meeting, London, Queen Mary, University of London, June 26-29, 2008.

Discussant, "African Maritime History," a panel at the African Studies Association annual meeting in San Francisco, November 16-19, 2006.

Chair and Presenter, "Teaching World History to Advanced Undergraduates and Graduate Students," World History Association Annual Meeting, Long Beach, CA, June 22-25, 2006.

Presenter, Roundtable on World History Pedagogy, Arkansas College History Teachers Association Annual Meeting, Little Rock, October 6, 2005.

Chair, "Do Textbooks Really Matter?" a roundtable at the African Studies Association annual meeting in New Orleans, November 11-14, 2004.

"The Bark Mania of 1930s: East African Mangrove Swamps and the Global Economy," presented at the African Studies Association annual meeting in New Orleans, November 11-14, 2004.

Chair and presenter, "The Frontiers of the Dar-al-Islam: Islamic History as Borderlands History," at World History: The Next Ten Years, a conference sponsored by the World History Center at Northeastern University, Boston, March 12-14, 2004.

Poster session on Graduate Education in Global History at Arkansas State University, at World History: The Next Ten Years, a conference sponsored by the World History Center at Northeastern University, Boston, March 12-14, 2004.

Chair and presenter, "Globalizing Africa" a roundtable at the African Studies Association Annual Meeting in Boston, October 2003.

"Transporting the Clove Crop: Dhows and Steamers in Colonial Zanzibar" presented at the African Studies Association Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., December 2002.

Organizer and Chair of a panel entitled "Africa in Motion: Transportation and Transformation in the 20th Century," African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., December 2002.

"Coastal East Africa and the Western Indian Ocean: Long distance trade, empire, migration, and historical unity, 1750 to 1970," presented at the 2001 African Studies Association Meeting in Houston, November, 2001.

"Coastal East Africa and the Western Indian Ocean World," presented at the World History Association Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City, June 2001.

Organizer and Chair of panel titled "Colonial Era East Africa and the Indian Ocean," African Studies Association Annual Meeting 1999.

“Sailing from Lamu and back: labor migration and the regional economy in colonial East Africa,” paper presented at African Studies Association Annual Meeting, 1999.

“Creating the “dhow trade” in Zanzibar,” paper presented at African Studies Association Annual Meeting, 1997.

“Three economies, one resource: Economy and conservation in East Africa’s mangrove swamps,” paper presented at the African Studies Association Annual Meeting, 1996.

“Dhows, Cloves, and Steamers: The informal economy in colonial Zanzibar,” paper presented at African Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 1995.

Work With Graduate Students

Dissertations Directed

Ammar Alobiedat, *The Impacts of Heritage Tourism on Gadara, Jordan*, Arkansas State University, Ph.D. Heritage Studies, 2014. Currently a lecturer at the National Defense Language Institute, Monterrey, California.

Rose Ong’oa-Morara, *One Size Fits All: The Interplay of Kanga, Makawa, Swahili Poetry, and Taarab in the Communication of Zanzibari Women*, PhD. Heritage Studies, Arkansas State University, 2009. Currently a Lecturer at Edgerton University in Kenya.

Louis Intres, Ph.D. Heritage Studies, Arkansas State University, in progress.

Bekalu Yimer Kifle, Ph.D. Heritage Studies, Arkansas State University, in progress.

Abdulrhman Gindeel, Ph.D. Heritage Studies, Arkansas State University, in progress.

Theses Directed

Rebecca Berry, “Drainage and Disease: The Aswan Dams,” MA, History, Arkansas State University, 2006.

Service on Graduate Committees

Fatme Myuhtar May, "Identity, Nationalism, and Cultural Heritage Under Siege: the Case of the Pomaks in Bulgaria," Ph.D. Heritage Studies, Arkansas State University, 2011.

Julianna Lindsey, Ph.D. Heritage Studies, Arkansas State University, 2015.

Elizabeth Castillo, MS Environmental Sciences, Arkansas State University, 2016.

Carl Lindquist, Ph.D. Heritage Studies, Arkansas State University, in progress.

Steve Leslie, Ed.D. Arkansas State University, in progress.

Professional Activities

Professional Development

Conference of Southern Graduate Schools, Annual Meeting, February 17-20, 2016, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Council of Graduate Schools, Annual Meeting, December 2-5, 2015, Seattle, Washington.

Conference of Southern Graduate Schools, Annual Meeting, March 5-8, 2015, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Council of Graduate Schools, Annual Meeting, December 3-6, 2014, Washington, DC.

Conference of Southern Graduate Schools, Annual Meeting, February 20-24, 2014, San Antonio, TX.

Council of Graduate Schools Annual Meeting, December 4-7, 2013, San Diego, California.

Hobsons U, July 22-25, 2013, Orlando, Florida.

Council of Graduate Schools Summer Workshop/New Deans Institute, July 13-17, 2013, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Council of Southern Graduate Schools, Annual Meeting, February 20-24, 2013, Greensboro, South Carolina.

Attended SENCER Institute, Santa Clara University, August 8-11, 2008.

Attended SENCER Institute, Portland, Maine, August 2-6, 2007.

Book Manuscript Reviews

Ohio University Press, 2022
Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Asian History, 2016
Cambridge University Press, 2016
Duke University Press, 2016
2 Manuscripts for Oxford University Press, 2014.
Ohio University Press, 2013.
Oxford University Press, 2013 (chapter).
Ohio University Press, 2011.
Oxford University Press, 2010.
Cambridge University Press, 2009.
Cambridge University Press, 2006.
Prentice Hall, 2006.
Houghton Mifflin, 2003

Manuscript Reviews for Journals

Journal of African Military History, 2021
Arabian Humanities, 2020.
Journal of Indian Ocean World Studies, 2019
South African Journal of Science, 2019
Journal of East Africa Studies, 2018
Azania, 2016.
Journal of Hate Studies, 2016.
World History Connected, 2015.
World History Connected, 2014.
Journal of Northeast African Studies, 2011.
Journal of Urban History, 2010.
Africa Today, 2009.
International Journal of African Historical Studies, 2005.
The Historian, 2005.
Africa Today, 2004.
Ethnohistory, 2004.
American Historical Review, 2003.
International Journal of African Historical Studies, 2002.
International Journal of African Historical Studies, 1998.

Tenure and Promotion Reviews

Department of Art History, NYU, 2025.
Department of History, Utah State, 2021

Department of History, Bucknell University, 2021.
Department of History, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2016.
Department of History, University of San Francisco, 2015.
Department of History, Carnegie Mellon University, 2012.
Department of History, University of New Orleans, 2009.
Department of History, Adelphia University, 2009.
Department of Environmental Studies, UNLV, 2008.

Fellowship Application Reviews

American University of Sharjah Faculty Grants, 2018.
Wellcome Trust, 2007.

Advisory Positions

Guest Consulting Editor, *Faces*, dedicated issue-Islam in Africa, 2007.
Consultant to College Board for AP World History, 2005
Advisory Board, *ABC-Clio Encyclopedia of World History*, 2004-6.
Member, Board of the American Institute of Yemeni Studies, 1998-05.
Consultant, Northeastern University *Global Migrations* CD-ROM Project.

Other Professional Service

Membership Committee, Conference of Southern Graduate Schools 2014 to 2106

Organizer of ASU's Three Minute Thesis competition, 2013 and 2014.

Organizer of the RiziCulture Interdisciplinary Rice Research Program, Arkansas State University, 2012-13.

Team Member/Co-PI, Biotechnology Education Through Africa (BETA), a still evolving collaboration between researchers and faculty at Iowa State University, Arkansas State University and University of Georgia to develop and implement Biotech Outreach programs in Africa.

Convener and presenter, Interdisciplinary Faculty Seminar on Evolution and Human Behavior, Fall 2007, funded by a grant from the Office of Research and Technology Transfer, Arkansas State University.

Participant and presenter in the Interdisciplinary Comparative River Deltas Group at Arkansas State University, fall semester 2006.

Presenter, AP Advanced Academy, Rice University, June 29, 2006. Presented a day-long workshop on Africa's place in world history.

Reader, World History AP Exam, Lincoln, Nebraska, 2002-3.

Courses Taught

World History to 1500 (and 1660); World History since 1500; Various surveys of African History; Africa, Slavery, and World History; Indian Ocean World since 1100; Urban Life in African History; History of the Islamic World; Wealth, Poverty, Culture and Environment; Practice of History; Global Environmental History; Theory and Practice of World History; Senior Seminar: World Trade; Global Heritage Issues.

Service

University-level Committees

Founder and Chair, Fulbright Committee, 2014 to present.

Learning Outcomes Assessment Committee, 2013 to 2016.

IRB Committee, 2012- 2019. Vice Chair since spring 2015, Chair fall 2015 to present.

Faculty Handbook Committee, 2012 to 2014.

Graduate Council, 2003-2009 and 2012-2013.

Middle East Studies Committee, 2000-present.

Graduate Council Sub-Committee on Assessment 2007-8

International Students and Programs Committee, 2013-present.

Chair, Graduate College/College of Fine Arts, ad hoc Grievance Committee, 2006

Faculty Senator, 2005-6

International Students Committee, 2004-6, 2013 to present.

Strategic Planning, Co-Chair, Task Force on Research and Graduate Education, 2004.

General Education Task Force, 2000-2002

College-level Committees

Chair, Historic Preservation/Heritage Studies search committee, 2013-2014.

Heritage Studies Ph.D. Program Advisory Board, 2009 to present.

College of Humanities and Social Sciences, PRT, 2009-2012.

College of Humanities and Social Sciences Grievance Committee, 2005-7
(elected position)

College of Humanities and Social Sciences Dean Search Committee, 2003-2004

College of Humanities and Social Sciences Dean Search Committee, 2002-2003

College of Arts and Sciences, Honors Advisory Committee, 1998-07.

Department-level Committees

Chair, Modern Europe/Digital History Search, 2016-17.

Department of History, Promotion, Retention and Tenure Committee, 2003-2012,
2016 to present, chair 2009-2012.

Chair, China/East Asia Search Committee, 2006-7.

Department of History, Executive Committee, 2005-07

Department of History, BA Advisory Committee 1999-2004.

Chair, East Asian History Job Search Committee, 2001-2002.

Department of History, Honors Committee 1998-9 and 1999-2000.

Languages

Swahili (spoken and reading), French (basic conversational and reading), Arabic (rudimentary Yemeni dialect).

Memberships

African Studies Association

American Historical Association

Tanzanian Studies Association

World History Association

References

Andrew Sustich, Professor of Physics, Arkansas State University, (870) 972-2694
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James McCann, African Studies Center, Boston University (617) 353-7308,
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Clyde Milner, former Director of Heritage Studies and Professor Emeritus of History, Arkansas State University, (870) 972-3509 milner@astate.edu

Walter Hawthorne, Department Chair and Professor of History, Michigan State University, (517) 355-7500, walterh@msu.edu