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EMPLOYMENT

2015- Professor of Law and History, University of California at Berkeley
2015- Affiliated Research Professor, American Bar Foundation
2013-15 Professor, History Department, Northwestern University
2007-15 Research Professor, American Bar Foundation
2003-13 Associate Professor, History Department, Northwestern
2002-03 Visiting Assistant Professor, History Department, Northwestern
1999-2002 Assistant Professor, History Department, University of Virginia

EDUCATION

Ph.D. 2000 Johns Hopkins University, History
B.A. 1993 Yale University, with Distinction in History

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2018-19 ACLS Fellowship
2013-14 Stanford Humanities Center Fellowship
2013-17 MacArthur Fellowship
2012 Associated Student Government Faculty Honor Roll, Northwestern
2011-14 Charles Deering McCormick Professor of Teaching Excellence, Northwestern
2009-12 National Science Foundation Award (#0921883), "Local Courts and African American Life" (3-year grant)
2009 EBSCOhost/America: History and Life Award, Organization of American Historians (for article "The Claims of Slaves and Ex-Slaves")
2008 Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences Teaching Award, Northwestern
2008-10 Wayne V. Jones Research Professorship in History, Northwestern
2006-07 National Endowment for the Humanities Fellow, Newberry Library
2005- Distinguished Lecturer, Organization of American Historians
2006 Lane Professor in the Humanities, Northwestern
2004 Avery O. Craven Award, Organization of American Historians
2000 Allan Nevins Prize, The Society of American Historians
1998-99 Pre-doctoral Fellowship, Carter G. Woodson Institute for African and African American Studies, University of Virginia
1998 Huggins-Quarles Award, Organization of American Historians
1998 Keck-Mellon Foundation Summer Fellowship, Huntington Library
1994-98 Dean's Graduate Fellowship, Johns Hopkins
1997-98 Sawyer Seminar Fellowship, Mellon Foundation, Johns Hopkins
1997 Southern History Research Fellowship, Johns Hopkins

- 1996 Travel Grant, Institute for Global Studies, Johns Hopkins
 1996 Smithsonian Graduate Summer Fellowship, National Museum of
 American History
 1989 W. T. Parker Scholarship, First Baptist Church of Princeton
 1989-93 Dorothea van Dyke McLane Scholarship

PUBLICATIONS

“Everyday Use: A History of Civil Rights in Black Churches,” *Journal of American History*, forthcoming, March 2021

“Writing Slavery’s History,” *Organization of American Historians Magazine of History*, 23, no. 2 (2009), 13-20 (invited essay)

“African American Divorce in Virginia and Washington DC, 1865-1930,” *Journal of Family History*, vol. 33, no. 1 (2008), 21-35

“The Claims of Slaves and Ex-Slaves to Family and Property: A Transatlantic Comparison,” *American Historical Review* 112, no. 4 (2007), 1039-69 (co-winner of biennial EBSCOhost/America: History and Life Award, Organization of American Historians)

“My People, My People: The Dynamics of Community in Southern Slavery,” 166-76, in *New Studies in the History of American Slavery*, ed. Edward E. Baptist and Stephanie M.H. Camp, University of Georgia Press, 2006

The Claims of Kinfolk: African American Property and Community in the Nineteenth-Century South, Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2003 (winner of Avery Craven Award, OAH)

“Slavery, Freedom, and Social Claims to Property Among African-Americans in Liberty County, Georgia, 1850-1880,” *Journal of American History* 84 (Sept. 1997), 405-35. Reprinted in *The Old South: New Studies of Society and Culture*, ed. J. William Harris (New York, 2008), 113-41

BOOK REVIEWS

“Law as Redemption: A Historical Comparison of the Ways Marginalized People Use Courts,” *Law & Social Inquiry*, 40, no. 3 (2015), 793-96 (review of Ari Z. Bryen, *Violence in Roman Egypt: A Study in Legal Interpretation* (Phila., 2013))

Stephen Kantrowitz, *More Than Freedom: Fighting for Citizenship in a White Republic, 1829-1889*, in *Civil War History* 60, no. 3 (2014), 338-41

John Ernest, *A Nation within a Nation: Organizing African-American Communities before the Civil War* (Chicago, 2011), in *Journal of American History* 99, no. 2 (2012), 591-92

Anthony E. Kaye, *Joining Places: Slave Neighborhoods in the Old South* (Chapel Hill, 2007), in *American Historical Review* 114, no. 3 (2009), 765-66

Gwendolyn Midlo Hall, *Slavery and African Ethnicities in the Americas: Restoring the Links* (Chapel Hill, 2005), in *Journal of American History* 93, no. 2 (2006), 518-19

Wilma A. Dunaway, *The African-American Family in Slavery and Emancipation* (New York, 2003), in *Journal of American History* 91, no. 2 (2004), 642-43

African American Life in the Rural South, 1900-1950, ed. R. Douglas Hurt (Columbia, Mo., 2003), in *North Carolina Historical Review* 81, no. 1 (2004), 125-26

Amy Dru Stanley, *From Bondage to Contract: Wage Labor, Marriage, and the Market in the Age of Slave Emancipation* (New York and Cambridge, Eng., 1998), in *Journal of American History* 88 (Mar. 2002), 1535

Walter Johnson, *Soul by Soul: Life inside the Antebellum Slave Market* (Cambridge, 1999), in *Journal of American History* 88 (Sept. 2001), 644

Jenny Bourne Wahl, *The Bondsman's Burden: An Economic Analysis of the Common Law of Southern Slavery* (New York and Cambridge, Eng., 1998), in *Labor History* 42, no. 2 (2001), 199-200

Jon F. Sensbach, *A Separate Canaan: The Making of an Afro-Moravian World in North Carolina, 1763-1840* (Chapel Hill, 1998), in *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 30, no. 4 (2000), 701-702

Jeffrey R. Kerr-Ritchie, *Freedpeople in the Tobacco South: Virginia, 1860-1900* (Chapel Hill, 1999), in *Labor History* 41, no. 4 (2000), 525-26

Philip D. Morgan, *Slave Counterpoint: Black Culture in the Eighteenth-Century Chesapeake and Lowcountry* (Chapel Hill, 1998), in *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* 107, no. 3 (1999), 317-18

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- 2020 "Black Lawyers & the Idea of Civil Rights," Earl Dickerson Centennial, Univ. of Chicago Law
- 2020 "Race in Contract Law: A History," Georgetown Law Legal History Workshop
- 2019 "African Americans and Private Law," Duke Law Conference on Reconstruction
- 2019 "Everyday Use," Johns Hopkins History Seminar
- 2018 "Everyday Use," Stanford Law Legal History Workshop
- 2018 "Law for a Gospel Church," Univ. of Miami, Henry King Stanford Distinguished Lecture; Penn Law Legal History Workshop

- 2017 “Law for a Gospel Church,” Yale Legal History Workshop
- 2016 Commenter, UCLA workshop “Race, Racism and American Law: Re-Visioning for the 21st Century”
- 2016 Moderator, ABA-CLE Panel Discussion on “Civil Rights Advocacy: Past, Present, and Future”
- 2016 Panelist, “The Future of the African American Past,” Opening Conference for the National Museum of African American History and Culture
- 2016 “The Negro’s Lawyer: A History,” Faculty Workshops at Columbia Law School, University of Virginia Law School
- 2015 “Faith and Property in African American History,” Legal History Workshop, Univ. of Minnesota Law School; Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Lecture, Vanderbilt Law School
- 2014 “Black Inheritance: Rights and Genealogies after Slavery,” AHA annual meeting (Jan.)
- 2013 Panelist on roundtable on Ari Bryen’s *Violence in Roman Egypt*, Law & Society Assoc. annual meeting (June)
- 2013 “Faith and Property in African American History,” New Worlds of Faith conference, Penn Law School (June)
- 2013 “Black Inheritance,” Keynote address, Emancipation sesquicentennial, Clough Center, Boston College (April)
- 2013 Session speaker, A Day with Northwestern, Alumni Association (April)
- 2013 Comment, ABF Legal History Seminar (April)
- 2013 Comment, Newberry Library Seminar on Labor History (Feb.)
- 2012 “Black Inheritance: Rights and Genealogies after Slavery,” annual meeting, American Society for Legal History, St. Louis
- 2012 “African Americans’ Use of Law Before the Civil Rights Era,” ABF Legal Diversity Conference, Chicago
- 2011 “Law and the Black Church, 1865-1940,” American Studies Program, Princeton Univ. (Dec. 2011); ABF/Illinois Legal History Workshop (Nov. 2011); Northwestern Black Law Students Association, Chicago (Feb. 2011); Univ. Wisconsin Legal History Workshop, Madison (May 2010)
- 2011 Commenter, Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (CELS), Nov. 5
- 2011 Guest Scholar, Hurst Institute for Legal History, Univ. of Wisconsin
- 2011 Chair and commenter, “Legal Processes, Mobility, and the Idea of the Slave South,” Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco
- 2011 “Beasts and Bloodlines: Legacies of Slavery in Colonial Ghana,” Washington Univ. St. Louis Joint Law & History Colloquium (April 2011); LSA San Francisco (June 2011); Beyond Freedom conference, Gilder-Lehrman Institute, Yale (Nov. 2011)
- 2010 Commenter on panel, “Localized Law and Governance in the 19th-century U.S.,” OAH annual meeting, Washington DC
- 2010 “Beasts and Blood: Legacies of Slavery in Colonial Ghana,” Wisconsin-Northwestern African History Workshop, Evanston; and W. E. B. DuBOIS 75th Anniversary Symposium, Duke University

- 2009 Chair and commenter, "Enslavement and Gendered Visions of Freedom in the African Diaspora," biennial meeting of ASWAD (Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora), Accra, Ghana
- 2009 "Law and the Black Church in Jim Crow Virginia and Washington DC," ASLH annual meeting, Dallas; ABF Fellows Research Advisory Committee, Chicago
- 2009 "Beasts and Blood: Legacies of Slavery in Colonial Ghana," conference on Creating Citizenship in the 19th Century South and Beyond, Univ. of Florida
- 2008 "The Preacher's Wife," History Colloquium, Southwestern Univ.
- 2008 "The Claims of Slaves and Ex-Slaves to Family and Property: A Transatlantic Comparison," The Seminar, Johns Hopkins Univ.
- 2008 Panel chair, "Revisiting the Slave Community," OAH annual meeting, New York
- 2008 Mellon Seminar Workshop, Univ. of Wisconsin
- 2008 "The Preacher's Wife: Law, Divorce, and Respectability among African Americans, 1865-1930," Center for Historical Studies, Northwestern
- 2007 "The Preacher's Wife: Law, Divorce, and Respectability among African Americans, 1865-1930," Legal History Colloquium, Harvard Law School; The Seminar, Johns Hopkins History Department
- 2007 "The Slave Community and African Slavery," British-American Nineteenth Century History annual meeting, Cambridge, England
- 2007 "African American Divorce in Virginia and Washington DC, 1865-1930," AHA annual meeting, Atlanta
- 2006 "Slaves' Claims to Family and Property in Southern Gold Coast and the U.S. South," Rock Ethics Institute, Penn State Univ.
- 2006 Respondent, "Rethinking Rebellious Slaves and Slave Rebellions," SHEAR annual meeting, Montreal
- 2006 "Kinship," symposium on New World Slavery: History, Memory and Redress, Univ. of Southern California
- 2006 "Slaves' Claims to Family and Property in Southern Gold Coast and the U.S. South," Legal History Workshop, American Bar Foundation
- 2006 "The Idea of Ancestry: Family Land and Local Courts in the Jim Crow South," AHA annual meeting, Philadelphia
- 2005 Consultant for Teaching American History institute, Evanston
- 2005 Organizer and panelist, "Inheritance in Comparative Perspective: West Africa and the U.S.," Law & Society Association annual meeting, Las Vegas
- 2005 "A Question of Belonging," Distinguished Lecturer Series, Stanford History Department
- 2004 Panelist, "New Meanings of Property in Legal History," American Society for Legal History
- 2004 Organizer, "Slavery: State of the Field," OAH Plenary
- 2004 Panelist, "Transforming Slavery" Conference, Univ. of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
- 2004 Legal History Workshop, Columbia Law School

- 2004 Commenter, "African Americans and the State in the United States and Canada," AHA annual meeting
- 2003 "One of the Family? The End of Slavery in Fante, West Africa, 1868-1930," American Bar Foundation
- 2003 "The Dynamics of Community in Southern Slavery," OAH
- 2003 "After the Love Has Gone: Marital Exits Among Freedpeople," USC Law School
- 2002 "Taking Kin to Court: The Renegotiation of Property and Family in the Freedmen's Courts," American Society for Legal History Annual Conference
- 2002 "Loud talking, landscapes, and black life in the 19th-century Lowcountry," presented at "The Material World of Tidewater, Lowcountry, and Caribbean," College of Charleston
- 2002 "My People, My people: The Dynamics of Community in Southern Slavery," presented at symposium "New Studies in American Slavery," Univ. of Washington, Seattle
- 2002 "The Black Family During Reconstruction," Woodrow Wilson Center
- 2001 "One of the family? The dynamics of kinship among African Americans in the age of emancipation," Southern Historical Association
- 2001 "The Role of African Studies in African American History," presented at "Rethinking Nineteenth-Century American History," Stanford
- 2000 "Reconstructing Property: African Americans and the Southern Claims Commission," presented at Washington and Lee Law School
- 1999 "The Dynamics of Kinship Among African Americans During the Emancipation Process," presented at "Slave Routes: The Long Memory," symposium sponsored by UNESCO, New York University, Schomburg Center, and Smithsonian Institution
- 1999 Visiting Scholar, McNutt Graduate History Workshop Series, Indiana University, Bloomington, April 27-28, 1999
- 1998 Commentator, "Historical Perspectives on Race and Law in the United States," Conference at University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison
- 1998 "Social Claims to Property Among Enslaved African Americans, 1850-1880," presented at Cultural Studies in the African Diaspora Colloquium, UCLA
- 1997 "Social Claims to Property Among African Americans in the U.S. South Before the Civil War," California Institute of Technology
- 1997 "One of the Family? Abolition and Social Claims to Property in the Gold Coast, 1868-1885," Johns Hopkins Institute for Global Studies in Culture, Power, and History

PEER REVIEW AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

Referee for the *American Historical Review*, *Stanford Law Review*, *Journal of American History*, *Social History*, *Journal of Southern History*, Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, University of North Carolina Press, *Civil War History*, *William & Mary Quarterly*, Harvard University Press

UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING

United States Legal and Constitutional History since 1850
African American History, 1500-1870
African American History Since 1860
Civil Rights in America
Blacks and the Law
The Trial in American History
Race and Slavery in America
Coordinator, Introduction to African American and African Studies (Univ. Virginia, team-taught)
Gender and Slavery
Slavery and Emancipation in West Africa and the U.S. South
The Black Family

GRADUATE TEACHING

Civil Rights in American History
American Legal History
African American History
Nineteenth-Century U.S. History
First Year Research Seminar

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

BIPOC Mentor for ASLH
Cromwell Dissertation Prize Committee & Cromwell Advisory Committee, American Society for Legal History, 2020-23
Project and Proposals Committee, American Society for Legal History, 2017-
Hurst Memorial Fund Committee, American Society for Legal History, 2013-19
Organizing Committee, Chicago-area U.S. Legal History Roundtable, 2013-14
Board of Directors, American Society for Legal History, 2009-12
Program Committee, American Society for Legal History, 2009-10
Editorial Board, *Journal of American History*, 2008-10
2008 Program Committee, Organization of American Historians
Surrency Prize Committee, American Society for Legal History, 2005-07
2006 Program Committee, Southern Historical Association, 2005-06
Panelist, Public Programs Division, National Endowment for the Humanities, Jan. 2003
Consultant for NEH Summer Seminar, "Roots," Univ. of Virginia, June 2003

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Building Name Review Committee, UC Berkeley, 2020-21
Chair, ad hoc Committee on Black Life in JSP, 2020-21
Prizes and Awards Committee, History Department, 2020-21
Chair and Equity Officer, JSP Graduate Diversity Committee, 2016-18, 2020-21
Equity Officer, JSP Graduate Studies Committee, 2016-18, 2020-21
Co-coordinator, Berkeley Law faculty workshop, 2020-21
Graduate Studies and Admissions Committee, JSP, 2019-20
Committee on Undergraduate and Graduate School Programs, Berkeley Law, 2019-20

Honors Thesis Committee, History Department, 2016-17, 2019-20
Tenure ad hoc committee, Berkeley Law, 2017-18, 2016-17
ABF Fellowship Advisory Committee, 2016-19
Jefferson Memorial Lectures Committee, Berkeley, 2015-18, Chair 2016-18
Faculty Lecturer for Learning in Retirement Program, fall 2016
Search Committee in African History, Berkeley, 2015-16
ABF Doctoral Fellowships Committee, 2015-16
ABF-Law & Social Science Fellowships Committee, 2015-16
Graduate Studies Committee, Jurisprudence and Social Policy, Berkeley Law, 2015-17
Search Committee for Neukom Chair in Legal Diversity, American Bar Foundation, 2014-15
Freshman Advisor, Northwestern History, 2012-13
Faculty Senate (and Budget Committee), Northwestern History, 2012-13
Research Group in Legal Diversity, American Bar Foundation, 2012-14
Appointments Committee, American Bar Foundation, 2009-15
Graduate Affairs and Admissions Committee, Northwestern History Department, winter 2010, 2011-12, 2012-13
Planning Committee, Northwestern History Department, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13
Policy Committee, American Bar Foundation, 2007-08, 2009-10, 2010-11 (chair), 2012-13
Doctoral Fellowships Committee, American Bar Foundation, 2011-12
Legal Studies Faculty Advisory Board, Northwestern, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2014-15
Selection Committee, TGS nominations to CIC Smithsonian Fellowship, 2011
Departmental tenure and promotion committees, 2010 (chair), 2011
Graduate Prize Committee, Northwestern History Department, 2009-10
Senior Search Committee, Northwestern Sociology Department, 2008-09
Tenure Committee, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences, Northwestern, 2006-09
Speakers Committee, American Bar Foundation, 2008-09
Council member, Center for Historical Studies, Northwestern, 2007-08
Research Committee, American Bar Foundation, 2007-08
Chair, U.S. Borderlands Search Committee, Northwestern History, 2007-08
Chair, Native American/Environmental History Search Committee, 2005-06
Chair, Early America/Early National Search Committee, Northwestern History, 2004-05
Member, College Ad Hoc Committee (on tenure), 2004-05
Member of Woodson Institute Postdoctoral Fellowship Selection Committee, Univ. of Virginia, 2002
Search committee in Modern West African History, Univ. of Virginia, 2001
“Arts and Sciences Envision,” University of Virginia strategic planning, 2001
Steering Committee, Carter G. Woodson Institute for African American and African Studies, 1999-2002
Member of Woodson Institute Fellowship Selection Committee, 1998
Head of Curriculum Redesign Committee and Coordinator for Introduction to African American and African Studies (AAS 101), 1999-2002