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EDUCATION

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| 2006-2013 | Ph.D. New York University . Major Fields: African History and Colonial Law.
Thesis: <i>"Our Country Customs": Legality, Diplomacy, and Violence on the Sierra Leone Frontier, 1861-1896</i> . Supervisor: Frederick Cooper. Committee: Lauren Benton and Gregory Mann. |
| 2003-2004 | M.A., Dalhousie University . (Halifax, Nova Scotia) Thesis: <i>Altared Communities: Marriage, Respectability, and Gender in Early Freetown, Sierra Leone 1792-1830</i> . |
| 1999-2003 | B.A. (Honours), University of Toronto , Trinity College.
Major: History. |

EMPLOYMENT

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| 2016-present | Associate Professor of History, <i>Oregon State University</i> |
| 2013-2016 | Assistant Professor of History, <i>Columbia College Chicago</i> |

PUBLICATIONS

The Paradox of Protection: Law and the Making of Indirect Rule in Southern Sierra Leone 1850-1915.
Michigan State University Press, 2025.

The Paradox of Protection demonstrates how protection emerged as the central concept through which commerce was negotiated between the British administration, imperial traders, and indigenous African communities on imperial frontiers. The book reveals how British diplomatic and treaty arrangements that sought to protect British subjects and African allies ironically created a foundation of and political instability and violence. To counter challenges to their sovereignty, Africans were compelled to increasingly engage with British policing, courts, and other legal institutions to cement their authority. Contrary to scholarly convention, my research reveals how long-standing negotiations over protection on the frontier shaped the framework of colonial law and rule well into twentieth century. The development of this manuscript was supported by two year-long fellowships in 2018-2019: The Wallace Johnson Fellowship for First Book Authors and a Humanities Fellowship in Oregon State University.

Book Chapters:

“The Notorious Ruffian Cannagboh: Law and Warfare on the Boom River, Sierra Leone. 1870-1880” in *Sierra Leone: The Making of a British Colony in the Atlantic World* eds. Paul Lovejoy and Suzanne Schwarz. Trenton N.J.: Africa World Press, [forthcoming 2026].

“From Bandits to Political Prisoners: Detention and Deportation on the Sierra Leone Frontier” in *Africans in Exile: Mobility, Law, and Identity* eds. Nathan R. Carpenter and Benjamin N. Lawrance, 54-68. Indiana University Press, 2018.

Published Book Reviews:

Review of Henry Lovejoy and Richard Anderson. *Liberated Africans and the Abolition of the Slave Trade, 1807*. Rochester, NY: University of Rochester Press, 2020. *The Journal of African History* 62, no. 3 (2021): 457-458.

Review of Padraic X. Scanlan. *Freedom's Debtors: British Antislavery in Sierra Leone in the Age of Revolution*. New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 2017. *The Journal of African History* 59, no. 3 (2018): 534-536.

Review of Bonny Ibhawoh. *Imperial Justice: Africans in Empire's Court*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013. *The Journal of African History* 55, no. 3 (2014): 494-496.

PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS, CONFERENCE PAPERS, AND INVITED TALKS

Paper Panelist: “Female Witnesses in Human Leopard Murder Trials in the Sierra Leone Protectorate: 1904-1913.” *African Studies Association Conference*. Chicago, IL. 2024.

Paper Panelist: “Protection and Politics on the Sierra Leone Frontier: 1860-1890.” *American Legal History Society*. San Francisco, CA. 2024.

Chair, Organizer, and Paper Panelist: “Protection and the Construction of Protectorate Rule in Southern Sierra Leone.” *African Studies Association Annual Conference*. San Francisco, CA. 2023.

Chair: “New Directions in African Legal History” *African Studies Association Annual Conference* [Remote] November 2021.

Invited Presenter: “Abolition and Apprenticeship in Nineteenth Century Freetown, Sierra Leone” Symposium *Imperial Connections: Ports, Power, and People*, New York University. March 7-9, 2019.

Invited Presenter: “The Paradox of Protection” *American Society for Legal History*. Boston, MA. November 2019.

Chair, Organizer, and Paper Panelist: “Circuit and Customary Courts: Criminal Cases in the Sierra Leone Protectorate” *Legal Histories of the British Empire: Perspectives from the Colonized Conference*. University of the West Indies, Bridgetown, Barbados. July 2018.

Paper Panelist: “The Impact of the Construction of the Railway on African Lives in the Early Twentieth Century” African Studies Lecture Series. University of Oregon. May 23, 2017.

Chair, Organizer, and Paper Panelist: "Our Impending danger must be Averted: West African Labor in the Congo 1890-1915" *American Society for Legal History*. Las Vegas, NV. November 2017.

Chair, Organizer, and Paper Panelist: "British West African Workers in the Congo." *African Studies Association*. Washington, D.C. December 2016.

Paper Panelist: "Rivers and Rails: Comparing law along natural and man-made transportation corridors." *American Society for Legal History*. Toronto, ON (Canada). November 2016.

Paper Panelist: "Sovereignty in the Sherbro." *African Studies Association*. San Diego, CA. November 2015.

Competitive Paper Presentation: "Bandits and War Captains: Political Prisoners on the Sierra Leone Hinterland, 1861-1896." *Constable Conference in International Studies*. "Exile and Deportation in a Global Perspective." Rochester Institute of Technology. Rochester, NY. April 2015.

Paper Panelist: "Courts and Commissions: Colonial Legality after the Sierra Leone Rebellion of 1896." *American Society for Legal History*. Denver, Colorado. November 2014.

Paper Panelist: "Slavery and the Limitations of Colonial Rule on the Sierra Leone Frontier 1861-1896." *Law and Society Association Conference*. Minneapolis, MA. May 2014.

Paper Panelist: "From Roads to Rivers: Policing the Sierra Leone Frontier." *African Studies Association*. Baltimore, Maryland. November 2013.

Competitive Paper Presentation: "From Bandits to Political Prisoners: Imperial Legality in Pre-colonial Sierra Leone, 1870-1885." *Greater New York African Historian's Workshop*. Barnard College New York. April 2012.

Paper Panelist: "Chartering New Territory: treating making and legal maneuvering on the Sherbro Coast, 1870-80." *Canadian Association of African Studies*. Ottawa, Canada. May 2010.

Competitive Paper Presentation: "Human Leopards: Legitimacy and Leadership along the Sherbro Coast and Estuaries, 1880-1915" *Wilberforce Institute for Slavery and Freedom*. Hull, United Kingdom. October 2008.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2024: Bill and Caroline Wilkins Faculty Development Award, College of Liberal Arts, OSU

This award recognizes a faculty member in the College of Liberal Arts to provide support for research and career development.

2020: Cliff and Jo Anne Trow Excellence in Teaching Award, School of History, Philosophy and Religion, OSU

This award recognizes one SHPR faculty member for excellent teaching, based on student nominations. I won this award after being nominated by the entire graduate student cohort and supporting them during the early years of the pandemic.

2018-2019: Wallace Johnson Fellow. Program for First Book Authors.

This year-long fellowship is supported by the American Society for Legal History. Over the course of a year, the six fellows engaged in a series of workshops, culminating in a two-day event at Penn State Law School where we received feedback from organizers and a self-selected expert in my field on two chapters and our book proposal.

2018-2019: Fellow at The Centre for the Humanities at Oregon State University.

This award provided a two-course buy-out, as well as office space in the Center for the Humanities, so that I could make significant progress on my book manuscript. I also gave a public talk at the Centre in Fall 2018 entitled "Witches, Shapeshifters, and the Law in Nineteenth Century Sierra Leone."

2015: Faculty Development Grant

I received this competitive grant for \$10,000 to facilitate the purchase of research equipment and travel to the United Kingdom to conduct research at the British National Archives.

2012-2014: Mellon Dissertation Completion Fellowship

This \$30,000 fellowship supports advanced graduate students to complete their dissertation in the last year of writing.

Summer 2012: Fellow at Global Research Initiatives Center, Florence Italy.

This competitive fellowship included airfare, accommodation, and dining for four weeks at New York University's Global Research Initiatives Center. An office and daily mentoring were provided.

2008: Robert Holmes Award for Preliminary Research in Africa

This award of \$5000 was given to a promising pre-prospectus doctoral student working on Africa at New York University.

2007: History Department NYU: Pre-Doctoral Travel Award

This award of \$5000 was given to promising history graduate students to engage in preliminary research in their chosen field.

2006-2011: New York University: MacCracken Fellowship

This fellowship provided five years of full tuition remission and a monthly stipend.

SERVICE

Oregon State University

Departmental Service (School of History, Philosophy, and Religion)

Member: History Course Scheduling Committee, Winter 2024-present.

Member: Distribution Committee, Fall 2023-present.

Member: Graduate Committee, AY 2022-2023, 2023-2024.

Chair: Distribution Committee, AY 2018-2019; AY 2019-2020; AY 2020-2021; AY 2021-2022; AY 2022-2023.

Member: Distribution Committee, AY 2017-2018

Member: Undergraduate Committee, AY 2017-2018

Member: SHPR Awards Committee, AY 2016-2017

College Level Service

Member: College of Liberal Arts Awards Committee, AY 2017-2018; AY 2018-2019; AY 2019-2020.

Workshop Provider: SHPR/SWLF Undergraduate Conference Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023.

University Level

Member: President's Commission on the Status of Women (PCSOW), sub-committee Gender and Pay Equity, Fall 2021- present.

Service to the Profession

Outreach Officer, American Society for Legal History, AY 2019-2020.

Fellowship Selection Committee Member, American Society for Legal History AY 2021-2022