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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in History 2023

Vanderbilt University

Dissertation Title: *Professionalizing Science: British Geography and the Exploration of Africa*.

Dissertation Committee: Drs. Moses Ochonu (Chair), Tasha Rijke-Epstein, Helmut W. Smith, and Johnathan Lamb.

M.A. in History 2015

University of North Texas

Thesis: *The Shifting Borders of Egypt*

B.A. in History 2011

University of North Texas

RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research focuses on the history of science, the British Empire, and the creation and dissemination of geographic knowledge, with emphasis on the history of nineteenth-century exploration and travel writing in the Nile and Africa.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Assistant Professor *Cumberland University* 2022-Present

Survey Courses Taught: World History to 1500, World History since 1500, US History I (before 1877), Western Civilization I, and World War II.

Specialty Courses Taught: **African History**, and **Historical Geography, History of Science**.

Teaching Assistant, *Vanderbilt University* 2018-2021

Courses: History of the Modern Sciences and Society, History of Western Warfare, Global History: 1453 to 2020, and Global History of Waste.

Adjunct Instructor, *North Central Texas College* 2015-2016

Courses: US History I, US History from 1865.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Violence as Pedagogy: Discipline in Victorian Exploratory Expeditions in Africa, 1840 to 1900"

Paper presented at the History of Science Society Conference, Mérida, MX. 2024

“Colonial’ Science: John Brian Christopherson and Sudanese Knowledge in Anglo-Egyptian Sudan”

History of Science Society Conference, *Chicago, IL.*

2022

“Professionalizing Science: British Geography, Africa, and the Exploration of the Nile”

History of Science Society Conference, *Online*

2021

“Boxed them both most impartially:” Authority and Discipline in British Exploratory Missions in Africa, 1860-1900.”

North American Conference on British Studies, *Atlanta.*

2021

“Slaves of the Desk”: Nile Exploratory Accounts as Masculine Escapism in Mid-Nineteenth Century Britain”

Northeast Conference on British Studies, *Online.*

2021

“The Echoes of Exploration: The legacy of Nile exploration on the Wellcome Laboratories in Khartoum”

Southern Association for the History of Medicine and Science Conference, *New Orleans.*

2020

“The Failed Explorer: John Petherick and Reputation in Nile Exploration”

Ohio Valley History Conference, *Martin, TN.*

2018

“Classical Ghosts: Greco-Roman Influences on Enlightenment Travel Writers in Ottoman Egypt”

Rocky Mountain Interdisciplinary History Conference, *Boulder, CO.*

2015

“From Enlightened to Despot: The Shifting Orientalist Portrayal of Ismail Pasha, the Khedive of Egypt”

Fifth Annual Texas A&M History Conference, *College Station, TX.*

2014

“From Arabia Petraea to the Sinai: The Shifting British Portrayals of the Egyptian-Palestinian Border from the Victorian Era until the 1906 Aqaba Crisis”

Rocky Mountain Interdisciplinary History Conference, *Boulder, CO.*

2013

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant

2019 and 2020

Vanderbilt University

- Photographed and organized manuscripts at the British Library and the National Archives at Kew on behalf of Drs. Adam Clulow and Lauren Benton.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

History Day - Competition Judge

2024

Middle Tennessee History Day Regional Contest

Academic Advisor <i>Cumberland University</i>	2022-2024
Academic Assessment Committee Member <i>Cumberland University</i>	2023-2024
Faculty Advisor for FUTORO (Student Organization) <i>Cumberland University</i>	2023-2024
Moderator: Public Lecture, "Racist Ideology: A Marxian Approach" <i>Robert Penn Warren Center, Vanderbilt U.</i>	2022
Moderator: "Session 8A: Birth, Obstetrics, and Contraception" <i>SAHMS Conference</i>	2020

INVITED TALKS

Guest Lecture: "The Woman King and Dahomey" <i>Cumberland U.</i>	2023
Panelist: "Celebrating Hispanic Voices" <i>Cumberland U.</i>	2022
Guest Lecture: "John C. Christopherson and Sudan" <i>Cumberland U.</i>	2022
Guest Lecture: "Professionalizing Science: British Geography, Africa, and the Exploration of the Nile" <i>Robert Penn Warren Center, Vanderbilt U.</i>	2022
Guest Lecture: "Decolonization: 1945 to Present" <i>Vanderbilt U.</i>	2021
Guest Lecture: "Precursor to Civilization: Abolitionism in Samuel White Baker's Exploration" <i>Vanderbilt U.</i>	2017

FELLOWSHIPS

J. León Helguera Endowed Fellow in History, <i>Vanderbilt U.</i>	2021-2022
William J. Vaughn Fellow at the Robert Penn Warren Center, <i>Vanderbilt U.</i>	2021-2022
Dibner Research Fellow in the History of Science, <i>Huntington Library</i>	2019
Provost Graduate Fellowship, <i>Vanderbilt U.</i>	2016-2021

RESEARCH GRANTS

Bone Research Grant , <i>Cumberland U.</i>	2024
Robert Penn Warren Center Research Grant, <i>Vanderbilt U.</i>	2021
College of Arts and Science Summer Research Award, <i>Vanderbilt U.</i>	2019
History Department Research Grant, <i>U. of North Texas</i>	2013

AWARDS

LACS Recognition Award, <i>Vanderbilt U.</i>	2022
Blanche Henry Weaver Fellowship Award, <i>Vanderbilt U.</i>	2018
Blanche Henry Weaver Fellowship Award, <i>Vanderbilt U.</i>	2017
College of Arts and Sciences Graduate Travel Grant, <i>U. of North Texas</i>	2014
C.J. Red Davidson Scholarship, <i>U. of North Texas</i>	2010

LANGUAGES

Spanish – Read, Write, Speak
French – Read, Write

MEMBERSHIPS

History of Science Society
North American Conference on British Studies
Southern Historical Association
Southern Association of the History of Medicine and Science