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Rachel Jean-Baptiste

Michelle Mercer and Bruce Golden Family Professor of Feminist and Gender Studies,
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 Curriculum Vitae available Online

Bio

BIO

Ph.D., Stanford University

M.A., Stanford University

A.B., Bryn Mawr College

Rachel Jean-Baptiste is a historian of 19th-21st century West and Equatorial Africa and the French-speaking Atlantic World. Her research interests include the histories of: marriage and family law; citizenship; urbanization; family and childhood; women, gender, and sexuality; colonialism; and race.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Professor, History
- Professor, African and African American Studies

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Faculty Director, Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program, (2023- present)

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Board Member, African Studies Association (2022 - present)
- Board Member, Society for French Historical Studies (2025 - present)
- Co-President, Coordinating Council for Women in History (2021 - 2024)
- Editorial Board, Gender and History (2022 - present)

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

- Center for Latin American Studies

Teaching

COURSES

2025-26

- Haiti: Past, Present, and Futures: AFRICAAM 274C, FRENCH 274, GLOBAL 275, HISTORY 275, HISTORY 375 (Win)
- Introduction to Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies: AMSTUD 107, CSRE 108, FEMGEN 101, HISTORY 108A (Aut)
- Why College? Your Education and the Good Life: COLLEGE 101 (Aut)

2024-25

- Doing Research and Experiential Learning in Feminist, Gender and Sexuality Studies: FEMGEN 104X (Spr)
- Graduate Workshop: Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies: FEMGEN 299 (Spr)
- History of West Africa: AFRICAAM 243, HISTORY 246A, HISTORY 346A (Spr)
- Introduction to Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies: AMSTUD 107, CSRE 108, FEMGEN 101, TAPS 108 (Aut)
- Slavery, Africa, and the Atlantic and Indian Ocean Worlds: HISTORY 446A (Aut)
- Slavery, Africa, and the Atlantic and Indian Ocean Worlds: HISTORY 446B (Win)

2023-24

- Gender and Sexuality in African History: AFRICAAM 247, FEMGEN 247, FEMGEN 347, HISTORY 247, HISTORY 347 (Spr)
- Graduate Workshop: Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies: ARTHIST 499, FEMGEN 299 (Aut)
- Introduction to Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies: AMSTUD 107, CSRE 108, FEMGEN 101, TAPS 108 (Spr)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

Seyi Osundeko

Orals Evaluator

Mathew Ayodele, Nina de Meira Borba

Master's Program Advisor

Lindsay Allebest

Doctoral (Program)

Selam Kidane, Lucy Stark

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Gender and Segregation: An Introduction** *GENDER AND HISTORY*
Hellman, L., Hillner, J., Grey, D. J. R., Jean-baptiste, R.
2025
- **Runaway Enslaved Families in Senegal: Mothers, Children, Resistance, and Vulnerabilities, 1857-1903** *SLAVERY & ABOLITION*
Aponte, B., Balde, M., Cheng, C., Goodwin, J., Jean-Baptiste, R., Roberts, R., Sene, A., Sy, M., Teska, W.
2025; 46 (3): 671-701
- **Emotional Histories of Relational Rupture** *GENDER AND HISTORY*
Jean-Baptiste, R., Vallgarda, K., Cejello, K.
2025; 37 (2): 457-461
- **To Be Worthy of the Name of My Father: Métis, Paternity and Belonging in Twentieth and Twenty-first Century Colonial and Postcolonial French Africa and France** *Gender & History*,
Jean-Baptiste, R.
2025; 37: 462-476
- **Multiracial Identities in Colonial French Africa: Race, Childhood, and Citizenship**
Jean-Baptiste, R.
Cambridge University Press.2023
- **Conjugal Rights: Marriage, Sexuality, and Urban Life in Colonial Libreville, Gabon** *New African Histories*
Jean-Baptiste, R.

Ohio University Press.2014

- **"Miss Eurafrica": Men, Women's Sexuality, and Metis Identity in Late Colonial French Africa, 1945-1960** *JOURNAL OF THE HISTORY OF SEXUALITY*
Jean-Baptiste, R.
2011; 20 (3): 568-593
- **"A BLACK GIRL SHOULD NOT BE WITH A WHITE MAN" Sex, Race, and African Women's Social and Legal Status in Colonial Gabon, c. 1900-1946** *JOURNAL OF WOMENS HISTORY*
Jean-Baptiste, R.
2010; 22 (2): 56-82
- **'THESE LAWS SHOULD BE MADE BY US': CUSTOMARY MARRIAGE LAW, CODIFICATION AND POLITICAL AUTHORITY IN TWENTIETH-CENTURY COLONIAL GABON** *JOURNAL OF AFRICAN HISTORY*
Jean-Baptiste, R.
2008; 49 (2): 217-240