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EDUCATION

- PhD, Stanford University, History
- MA, Stanford University, History
- AB, Bryn Mawr College, French and History *cum laude* with special honors in History

HIGHER EDUCATION TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Michelle Mercer and Bruce Golden Family Professor in Feminist and Gender Studies

Full Professor, Department of History 2023-present

Full Professor, Department of African and African American Studies 2024-present

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

UNIVERSITÉ PARIS 1 PANTHÉON-SORBONNE

Visiting Professor December 2023

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Full professor, Department of History at University of California Davis July 2024

Associate Professor, Department of History at University of California Davis 2015-2024

Associate Dean, University of California Education Abroad Program 2022- 2023

Faculty Director, UC Davis Institute for Diversity, Equity, and Advancement 1/2021-7/2022

Faculty Director, University of California System Study Center in France 2017- 2019

Assistant Professor, Department of History 2014-2015

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Assistant Professor 2007-2014

STATE UNIVERISTY OF NEW YORK AT ALBANY, DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND DEPARTMENT OF AFRICANA STUDIES

Assistant Professor 1/2005-7/2007

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- *Multiracial Identities in Colonial French Africa: Childhood and Citizenship*. Cambridge University Press, 2023.
 - *Winner, Society for French Historical Studies 2024 David H. Pinkney Prize for most distinguished book in French history.
 - *Winner, American Historical Association 2024 Martin A. Klein Prize for best book in African history.
 - *Honorable Mention, African Studies Association 2024 Best Book Prize.
 - *Honorable Mention, 2024 P. Sterling Stuckey Book Prize, Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora.
 - *Honorable Mention, 2024 Rosalyn Terborg-Penn Book Prize, Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora.

*Honorable Mention, 2022-23 Laurence Wylie Prize in French Cultural Studies, New York University.

- *Conjugal Rights: Marriage, Sexuality, and Urban Life in Colonial Libreville, Gabon*. Ohio University Press, 2014.

*Finalist, Aidoo-Snyder Book Prize, Women's Caucus, African Studies Association.

Articles in Refereed Journals

- Co-editor with Julia Hilner, Lisa Helman, and Daniel Gray, "Gender and Segregation." Special forum of *Gender and History*, In press December 2025.
- Co-author with Julia Hilner, Lisa Helman, and Daniel Gray, "Gender and Segregation: A Global History." Introduction to special forum of *Gender and History*, In Press December 2025.
- Co-editor with Karen Vallgård and Kristin Ceello, "Emotional Histories of Relational Rupture." Special forum of *Gender and History*, July 2025 Volume 37, Issue 2.
- Co-author with Karen Vallgård and Kristin Ceello, "Emotional Histories of Relational Rupture." Introduction to special forum of *Gender and History*, July 2025 Volume 37, Issue 2.
- "To Be Worthy of the Name of My Father: Métis, Paternity, and Belonging in Colonial and Postcolonial French Africa and France." *Gender and History*, July 2025 Volume 37, Issue 2.
- "'Miss Eurafrica': Men, Women's Sexuality, and Métis Identity in Late Colonial French Africa, 1945-1960." *Journal of the History of Sexuality*, Volume 20, Number 3, September 2011
- "'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 Women's History*, Volume 22, Number 2, Summer 2010
- "'These Laws Should Be Made By Us': Customary Marriage Law, Codification And Political Authority in Twentieth-Century Colonial Gabon." *The Journal of African History*, Volume 49, Issue 02, July 2008

Articles in Refereed Edited Books

- "'The Right To My Daughter': African Women, French Men, and Custody of Métis Children in Twentieth Century French Colonial Africa." In *The Routledge Companion to Sexuality and Colonialism*, Edited by Dagmar Herzog, and Chelsea Schields, Routledge Taylor and Francis Group, 2021.
- "'To Save Eurafrican Children': Métis Children, African Mothers, and the Reluctant French Colonial Welfare State in post-World War II Senegal." In *Enjeux coloniaux et postcoloniaux de l'enfance et de la jeunesse. Espace francophone 1945-1980*, edited by Yves Dencher, PIE Peter Lang Press, 2019
- "Love, Marriage, and Families in Africa," co-authored with Emily S. Burrill. In *Holding the World Together: African Women in Changing Perspective*, edited by Nwando Achebe and Claire Robertson, University of Wisconsin Press, 2019.
- "The Ancient and The Modern: Customary and Civil Marriage and Family Law and Gender Equity in Post-Colonial Gabon." In *Marriage, Law and Modernity: Global Histories*, edited by Julia Moses, Bloomsbury Press, 2017.

Referreed Encyclopedia Essays

- "Marriage Across Africa," co-authored with Emily S. Burrill and Abigail Warchol. *Oxford Research Encyclopaedia of African History*, Oxford University Press, [Published online 22 May 2024](#).
- "Gabon," co-authored with Judy Knight, *Encyclopedia of World Dress and Fashion*, Vol. 4, eds. Joanne B. Eicher, et. al., Berg Publishers, 2010, pp. 393-398
- "Central Africa, 1500-1900." *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Women in World History*, Vol 1, General Ed. Bonnie Smith, Oxford University Press, 2008, pp. 302-308

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR GRANTS

- Co-PI, France-Stanford Center for Interdisciplinary Research, 2025-26. "African Women Shaping the World: Activism, Networks and Connections (1920s-1970s)." \$20,000.
- Principal Investigator, Curriculum Transformation Grant, Center for Teaching and Learning, Stanford University, 2025-27, \$250,000.
- Project Director, National Endowment for the Humanities Collaborative Research Grant,

Senegal Liberations Project, 2024-25. \$247,376.

- Co-PI, France-Stanford Center for Interdisciplinary Research, “Roots and Routes: Belonging and Citizenship of Métis in France, Senegal, Benin 2024-26. \$20,000.
- Co-PI, National Science Foundation, PROMISE Institute Mentoring Academy, 2023-2024, \$399,048.
- Co-PI, National Science Foundation PROMISE Engineering Institute, 2022-2023. \$499,000.
- Co-PI, University of California System Humanities Research Institute, Multi-Campus Faculty Working Group, "The Crisis of Diversity within the Multiversity: Rethinking African and Africana Studies at the University of California," 2016-18. \$20,000

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS/DISTINCTIONS

- Stanford University
 - Women’s Faculty Forum Outstanding Leader Award, 2025
- University of California Davis
 - University of California System Women’s Initiative for Professional Development Program, 2021
 - Chancellor’s Award for International Engagement, 2019
 - Faculty Leadership Academy, 2016

CONFERENCES/SYMPOSIA CONVENEED

- “Global Black French Studies across Time and Space: The Formation and Future of the Field.” Boston College, October 2024. Co-convened with Jennifer Boittin UNC-Chapel Hill, Jacqueline Couti Rice University, Audrey Célestin NYU, Trica Keaton Dartmouth University, Lorelle Semley Boston College.
- “Gender and the Emotional History of Relational Rupture.” Stanford University, May 2004. Co-convened with Kristen Celello Queens College CUNY and Karen A. A. Vallgård, University of Copenhagen.
- “Gender and Segregation.” University of Bonn (Germany), Center for Dependency and Slavery Studies. Co-convened with Lisa Hellman Lund University. Julia Hillner Bonn Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn, Daniel Grey University of Hertfordshire,
- “Sexuality and Colonial Black Atlantic Cities.” University of Chicago, April 19-20, 2011 (co-convened with Lorelle Semley, College of Holy Cross).

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP

- Coordinating Council for Women in History, Co-President. 2021-2024.

BOARDS: JOURNALS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- African Studies Association, Board of Directors, 2022-2025.
- Western Society for French History, Governing Board. 2021-2024.
- *Gender and History* journal, Collective Editorial Board. 2021-present.
- *Journal of History of Sexuality*, Editorial Board, 2024-2026.
- Urban History Association, Board of Directors, 2017-2020.