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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 Professorship in Feminist and Gender Studies](#)

Faculty Director, [Feminist, Gender and Sexuality Studies Program](#)

Full Professor, Department of History and Department of African and African American Studies

7/2023-present

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Associate Professor, Department of History at University of California Davis

7/2015-7/2022

Associate Dean, [University of California Education Abroad Program](#)

7/2022- 7/2023

Faculty Director, UC Davis [Institute for Diversity, Equity, and Advancement](#)

1/2021-7/2022

Faculty Director, University of California System [Study Center in France](#)

7/2017- 7/2019

Assistant Professor, Department of History

7/2014-7/2015

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Assistant Professor

7/2007-7/2014

STATE UNIVERSITY 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
- *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.
- *Marriage and Families in African History*, (co-author Richard Roberts). Under contract, Cambridge University Press, New Approaches to African History Series.

Articles in Refereed Edited Volumes

- "‘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

Articles in Journals

- "‘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

Encyclopedia Essays

- “Marriage Across Africa,” co-authored with Emily S. Burrill. Oxford Online Dictionary of Africa, in press 2023.
- “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, National Science Foundation, PROMISE Engineering Institute Mentor Academy, 2023-25. \$399,048.
- Co-PI, National Science Foundation, PROMISE Engineering Institute, 2021-23. \$500,000.
- 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

INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS (Selected)

University of California Davis

- Humanities Institute Faculty Research Fellowship
- Humanities Institute Faculty Research Cluster Grant: Africa-California Research Innovations and Women and Gender in the World
- University of California Consortium for Black Studies in California Faculty Research Grant
- Senior Faculty Residential Fellowship, Center for Historical Studies, Ohio State University (declined)
- DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service), Learn German in Germany Faculty Grant
- Woodrow Wilson Foundation Career Enhancement Fellowship
- Fulbright Fellowship, Institute for International Education
- Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship in Humanistic Studies

AWARDS/DISTINCTIONS (Selected)

- National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity Coach Excellence Award, 2022
- University of California Davis
 - University of California System Women’s Initiative for Professional Development Program
 - Chancellor’s Award for International Engagement
- Faculty Leadership Academy

BOARDS/LEADERSHIP: JOURNALS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Coordinating Council for Women in History, Co-President. 2021-2023.
- African Studies Association, Board of Directors, 2022-2024.
- Western Society for French History, Governing Board. 2021-2023.
- Gender and History journal, UK Collective Editorial Board. 2021-2024.
- Urban History Association, Board of Directors, 2017-2020.

TEACHING**Undergraduate Courses**

- Introduction to Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
- Gender and Sexuality in African History
- Women in African History
- Global History of Race
- Africa to 1900
- Colonial African History
- Urban African History
- African Women in the United States: Immigration and Oral History Methodologies
- Africa, Africans, and The Making Atlantic World
- African History Since 1960
- Slavery, Africa, and the Atlantic World
- History of West and West-Central Africa

Graduate Courses

- Marriage, Sexuality, and the Law in Global History
- Gender and History: Theories and Methods
- Gender and Women in African History
- Race and Ethnicity in African History
- Colonial Africa
- Post-Colonial Africa
- History of West and Central Africa
- Slavery, Africa, and The Atlantic World
- Gender and Colonialism in Global History
- Global History of Sexuality