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University Employment

Texas Christian University, Assistant Professor, Department of History, August 2024-present

Rice University, Postdoctoral Associate, Department of History, Spring 2024-present

University of The Gambia, Department of History, Adjunct Lecturer, 2021-2022.

Education

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, USA.

Ph.D., African History, December 15, 2023.

Dissertation: *Reproducing Environmental Inequalities: Power, Dispossession, and Injustice in the Gambia River Region, 1600-1960*

Major field: African History

Minor fields: Environmental History, Gender and Sexuality in African History, Islamic History

Committee: Walter Hawthorne (chair), Nwando Achebe, David Robinson & Mara Leichtman

Ohio University, Athens, Ohio.

M.A., in African Politics, 2017.

University of The Gambia, Banjul, The Gambia.

B.A. in Development Studies, Minor in History, 2014.

Works in Preparation

“The Sahel Drought, Jahaly-Pacharr Irrigation Infrastructure, and the Making of a West African Postcolonial Techno-Environmental State” (Under preparation for *African Studies Review*)

“The Working Plow: Technological Intermediaries, Power, and Inequalities in Colonial and Postcolonial Gambia, 1952-1986” (Under Preparation for *Journal of African History*)

“Mobility and Religious Encounter in Southern Senegambia: A Religious Pursuit of Alhagie Mohammed Farang Njie, 1890s-1940s” (under Preparation for *Journal of West African History*)

Book Reviews

Mohammed Bashir Salau, *Plantation Slavery in the Sokoto Caliphate: A Historical and Comparative Study*, (Rochester, NY: University of Rochester Press, 2018), *Canadian Journal of African Studies*, Vol 53, No. 2 (2019), pp. 390-392

Laura Ann Twagira, *Embodied Engineering: Gendered Labor, Food Security, and Taste in Twentieth-Century Mali* (Ohio University Press, 2021), (Forthcoming at the *Journal of West African History*)

Major Fellowships and Grants

Dissertation Completion Fellowship, The Graduate School and Department of History, Michigan State University, Summer 2023 to Fall 2023 (\$16,500)

Mellon International Dissertation Research Fellowship (IDRF)
2021-22 Research in The Gambia and the United Kingdom (\$35,600)

Center for Gender in Global Context, Michigan State University, Gender, Justice, and Environmental Change Dissertation Research Fellowship (GJEC), 2019-20 Research in The Gambia and Senegal (\$10,000).

Fellowships, Awards & Honors

J. Donald Hughes Travel Grant, American Society for Environmental History, 2024

Travel Funding for Africanist Scholars 2022-23
African Studies Center, Michigan State University—Two-time winner of travel grants for Research Paper Presentation at African Studies Association Conference at Philadelphia, PA and San Francisco, CA (\$1,500).

TIAA Ruth Simms Hamilton Graduate Merit Dissertation Fellowship competition 2020
Finalist, (\$2,400) fellowship award, The Graduate School, Michigan State University

Jeff Rooney Paper Prize 2020
Best Research Paper Award, MSU Department of History (\$600.00)

Muslim Studies Program Graduate Student Essay Award 2019
The best research paper at Michigan State University on the Muslim World (\$500.00)

Walker Hill International Research Grant 2019
International Studies & Programs, Michigan State University (\$2,000).

Academic Conference Travel Award 2017-19
History Department, Michigan State University—Three-time winner of departmental travel grants for Research Paper Presentations at African Studies Association Annual Conferences held in Chicago, IL, Atlanta, GA, and Boston, MA (\$1,200.00).

College of Social Science Research Scholars Fellowship 2018
College of Social Science, Michigan State University (\$6,000.00).

Conference Travel Grant 2018
African Studies Center, Michigan State University (\$600.00)

College of Social Science Travel Fellowship	2018-19
College of Social Science, Michigan State University—Two-time winner of conference grants for Research Paper Presentations at African Studies Association Conferences held in Atlanta, GA, and Boston, MA (\$1,300.00).	
The Graduate School Travel Grant	2018-19
The Graduate School, Michigan State University—Two-time winner of travel grants for African Studies Association academic conferences held in Atlanta, GA, and Boston, MA (\$500.00).	
Graduate School Research Enhancement Fellowship	2018
Graduate School, Michigan State University (\$2000.00)	
Prestage-Cook Travel Award	2016
Southern Political Science Association (\$600.000)	
Conference Travel Grant Award	2015
Department of Political Science, Ohio University (\$1,200.00)	
H. Thomas Waring World Teaching Fellowship	2014
Department of Education, St. Mary's College of Maryland, MD, (\$1,600.00).	

Languages

Mandinka (The Gambia/ Senegal/Guinea)—Native.

Wolof (The Gambia/Senegal)—Fluent speaking.

French: Intermediate Reading.

Courses Taught

Texas Christian University

Undergraduate

World History: Africa and the World Since 1800 (HIST 10113)

Rice University

Undergraduate

Seminar in African Environmental History (HIST 477)

History of Modern Africa (HIST 223)

Michigan State University

Undergraduate

African Environmental History (HST 201)

Teaching Assistant

Sports History in America (HST 324)

College Sports History (HST 329)

African History, Culture, and Society (ISS 330)

College Sports History (HST 239 Summer 2022)

University of The Gambia

Undergraduate

Economic History of West Africa (HIST 209)

Ohio University

Teaching Assistant

Department of Political Science

Themes in Global Politics (POLS 1500 Fall 2015)

Themes in Global Politics (POLS 1500 Spring 2016)

Invited Presentations

Rethinking “Islamization” and Environmental Transformations in West Africa, Guest Lecturer, ANP 417: Islam in Africa, Michigan State University & Indiana University-Bloomington, September 14, 2022.

Early Modern West African History and Environmental History, Module 4AAH0003: Global Early Modern History, Guest Lecturer, King’s College London, July 20, 2022

Transition from Colonial Rule to Independence in West Africa, Guest Lecturer, IAH 205: Africa and the World, Michigan State University, October 29, 2018.

Truth, Reconciliation and Reparations Commission and Jammeh-led Atrocities, 1994-2016, Michigan State University, African Studies Center, *African Teatime*, October 10, 2019.

Selected International Research Experience

Oral and Archival Research in The Gambia 2015, 2016-2022

Archival Research in United Kingdom and Senegal 2017, 2019 & 2022

Enslaved: People of the Historic Slave Trade 2019 – 2020
Research Assistant to Dr. Walter Hawthorne for NEH & Mellon Foundation funded grant for constructing database African slavery.

M.A. Research on Religion and Politics in Postcolonial Gambia 2016
Department of Political Science, Ohio University.

United Purpose – The Gambia & Senegal- Research Consultant 2015
“Baseline Study on Ebola Response in The Gambia.”

United Purpose/ECOWAS – The Gambia & Senegal – Research Consultant 2014
“Baseline Survey on Economic Conditions of Casamance Women Refuges in The Gambia.”

United Purpose/UK Lottery Fund - The Gambia – Research Consultant 2013
“Impact Assessment: Rice Pump Irrigation, Horticulture and Livestock Interventions for Livelihood Improvement.”

Selected Conference Presentations

“Developing the Environment, Nurturing the State: Wetland Reclamation, Agricultural Technological Development, and Inequality in the British Gambia, 1945-1980,” *American Historical Association*, January 3-6, 2025

“Rethinking Colonial State-Making in West Africa: Land Alienation and the Making of Colonial Environmental Management State in the Gambia, 1880-1910,” *African Studies Review*, December 12-14, 2024

Co-Chair/Panelist, “The Sahel Drought, Jahally-Pacharr Irrigation Infrastructure, and the Remaking of a West African Techno-Environmental State,” *African Studies Association*, December 12-14, 2024.

“Reproducing Environmental Inequalities: Wetland Development and Gendered Land Dispossession in the Gambia, 1938-1950,” *American Society for Environmental History*, April 3-7, 2024.

A Panelist for Author Meets Critics, Pettigrew, Erin, *Invoking the Invisible in the Sahara: Islam, Spiritual Meditation, and Social Change* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2023), *African Studies Association*, November 30-December 2, 2023.

“From Conflict Ecology to Disease Environment: Coastal Erosion, Refugees, and Injustice in Colonial Cities along the Gambia River, 1850- 1880,” *African Studies Association*, November 30-December 2, 2023.

“Conflict Ecologies: Politics of Class and Injustice along the Gambia River, 1840-1894”
The Gambia *National Council for Arts & Culture*, Banjul, Gambia, October 18-20, 2022.

“Mobility and Religious Encounter on Southern Senegambia: The Religious Pursuit of Alhagie Mohammed Njie, 1890s-1930s,” *African Studies Association*, November 21-23, 2019.

“Trans-regional Migration, ‘Controlling Rain,’ and the Spreading of Islam in British Gambia, 1887-1920s,” *African Studies Association*, November. 29-December 1, 2018.

“The Historiography of Islam in Africa and Atlantic Slave Trade Revisited,” Graduate Student Conference, *Department of History*, Ohio University, Athens, March 15, 2017.

“The Politics of Minority (In)Tolerance: The Case of The Gambia and Ahmadiyah Community,” *International Studies Association-Midwest Political Science Conference*, November 19, 2016.

Research & Teaching Interests

17th- 20th C. African History, West African History, Environmental History, The History of Islamic World, Gender and Sexuality Histories, History of Technology and Inequalities, , World History, Urban Environmental History, Histories of Waste, Sanitation, and Public Health, Digital History and Historical Preservation, Historical Methods and Skills, and British Imperial History.

Affiliations

- African Studies Association
- American Historical Association
- West African Research Association
- Senegambian Studies Association
- Gambianist Association
- American Society for Environmental History