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Academic Employment

Associate Professor, Department of History. University of Nevada, Las Vegas (2020--present).

Faculty Affiliate African American and African Diaspora Studies.

Faculty Affiliate Water Resources.

Assistant Professor, Department of History. University of Nevada, Las Vegas (2014—2020).

Graduate Student Instructor (UAW 2865), University of California, Berkeley (2009-2014).

Education

PhD—University of California, Berkeley (2014). History.

Pembroke College, University of Cambridge (2011). Visiting researcher.

BA—University of California, Irvine (2008). History and Anthropology (Honors).

King's College, University of London (2006-2007).

Publications

Book

Wildlife between Empire and Nation in Twentieth Century Africa (Palgrave Macmillan, 2019).

Articles

“Chongololo: The Zambian Children’s Wildlife Magazine and the Making of an African Environmental Movement” (*Journal of Social History*, 2025).

“Arming Zambia in the ‘dark forest of international politics’: Kenneth Kaunda, Britain, and Arms Diplomacy, 1963-1971,” *Zambia Social Science Journal*, vol. 9, no. 1 (December 2023), 95-119.

“‘We hold it in Trust’: The College of African Wildlife Management and the End of Empire”. *Journal of British Studies*, 58:3 (July 2018), 516-542.

“The Elephant Problem: Science, Bureaucracy, and Kenya’s National Parks, 1955 to 1975”. *African Studies Review*, 58:1 (April 2015), 177-198.

Reviews

Meredith McKittrick, *Green Lands for White Men: Desert Dystopias and the Environmental Origins of Apartheid* in *The Journal of World History* (forthcoming 2025).

Sishuwa Sishuwa’s *Party Politics and Populism in Zambia: Michael Sata and Political Change, 1955-2014* in *The English Historical Review* (2025).

Guillaume Blanc’s *The Invention of Green Colonialism* in *The American Historical Review* (130:1, March 2025), 377-378.

Mara Goldman’s *Narrating Nature: Wildlife Conservation and Maasai Ways of Knowing* in *African Studies Review* (68:1, March 2025), 195-197.

Shira Shmueli’s *The Bureaucracy of Empathy: Law, Vivisection, and Animal Pain in Late Nineteenth-Century Britain*, in *Isis: A Journal of the History of Science Society* (115:4, December 2024), 883-884.

Nicholas Westcott, *Imperialism and Development: The East African Groundnut Scheme*, in *Journal of British Studies* (62:2, April 2023), 584-585.

Thomas Lekan's [Our Gigantic Zoo: A German Quest to Save the Serengeti](#), [H-Environment Roundtable Review \(2021\)](#).

Other

"Empires and Environment: Africa's colonial wildlife conservation origins," [Gale](#), 2025.

"Conservation through a political lens: What wildlife management in Africa and Nevada have in common," [Nevada Current](#), 3 May 2022.

"An Ecological Anomaly: Wildlife Policy on the Northern Rhodesian Copperbelt," [Comparing the Copperbelt Blog \(2020\)](#).

Works in progress

"The limits of decolonisation and Africanisation in wildlife conservation" (chapter).

Theirs from Time Immemorial: Wildlife Conservation and the Making of Northern Rhodesia and Zambia (book).

A Devil Somewhere in Africa: Security, Nationhood, and Neocolonialism (book).

"Kenya's Rhodesian Crisis: Diplomacy, Economy, and Security in the 1960s" (article).

Conference, workshop, and other academic presentations

"Writing Africa through Zambia," Neoliberalism, Race, and Empire: A Conference in Honor of James Vernon, UC Berkeley (May 2025).

"The Whiteness of Black Lechwe: Race and Gender in Colonial Conservation Work and Writing in Northern Rhodesia," North American Conference on British Studies, Denver (November 2024).

"Children, Conservation, and Zambia's Environmental Turn," Histories of Childhood and Youth in Southern Africa Workshop, University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa (July 2024).

"Tracking Puku: Traditional knowledge, skills, and the crafting of Zambian wildlife science," American Society for Environmental History, Denver, CO (April 2024).

"A Lobby for Zambia: The Fortunes of the Zambian Brand and the Politics of Decolonization in Central Africa," American Historical Association, San Francisco, CA (January 2024).

"Chongololo: The Children's Wildlife Magazine and the future of conservation and the wild from 1970s Zambia," European Conference on African Studies, Cologne, Germany (June 2023).

"Friends for Zambia: Rhodesia, the making of a Zambia lobby, and the limits of solidarity, 1964-1974," Pacific Coast Conference on British Studies, Riverside, CA (March 2023).

"The contingent origins of militarised conservation in eastern and southern Africa," European Society for Environmental History, Bristol, UK (July 2022).

"'Sitting like robots doing extremely nothing': Expatriates, work, loyalty, and neocolonial power in 1960s Africa", Pacific Coast Conference on British Studies, virtual conference (March 2022).

"Arming Zambia for Africa: Kenneth Kaunda, Britain, and Arms Diplomacy, 1963-1973," for the Southern African Institute for Policy and Research Remembering Kaunda: His Life and Legacies in Southern Africa and Beyond Conference, Lusaka (November 2021).

"Developing the 'National Herds': The Making of National-Era Wildlife Policy in Zambia, 1964-1974," African Studies Association (November 2020).

"Operation Noah: Conservation, Development, and Colonialism on the Zambezi," William L. Davis Lecture, Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA (September 2019).

"Negotiated Neocolonialism and National Security: Zambia and Britain, 1964-1972," Southern African Institute for Policy and Research Bi-Annual Research Workshop, Lusaka (May 2019).

- “Thin White Line: Expatriates, Military Training, and Neo-Colonial Security in 1960s Central Africa,” Pacific Coast Conference in British Studies, Merced, CA (March 2019).
- “Please start saving our wildlife now, not later’: Thatcherite Britain’s Overseas Development Administration, global conservation, and Kenya’s most endangered species,” Pacific Coast Conference in British Studies, Santa Barbara, CA (March 2018).
- “Their heart abroad obeying their master’s voice’: Kenya’s wildlife merger and decolonization after independence,” International Conference on Decolonization and Wildlife, Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study, Stellenbosch University, South Africa (September 2017).
- “Decolonization after Independence: the College of African Wildlife Management and the End of Empire in East Africa,” Pacific Coast Conference in British Studies, Victoria, BC (March 2017).
- “Commonwealth Brexit: National and neo-colonial power in 1960s Southern Africa,” UNLV African American Studies Brown Bag Series (October 2016).
- “Mammon and Mars on the Zambezi: Decolonizing Zambia during UDI,” Pacific Coast Conference in British Studies, Huntington Library, CA (March 2016).
- “Government Cattle to National Herds: Wildlife Politics in Zambia,” Southern African Institute for Policy and Research, Lusaka, Zambia (July 2015).
- “Fauna Economics and Colonial Politics on the Kafue Flats in Zambia, 1950-1960,” American Society for Environmental History, Washington, D.C. (March 2015).
- Round table on Peter Mandler’s *Return from the Natives*, Pacific Coast Conference in British Studies, Las Vegas (March 2015).
- “The Elephant Problem: Ecology and the Transition to Independence in British East Africa, 1955-1968,” Pacific Coast Conference in British Studies, Riverside, CA (March 2014).
- “Imperial Ark: the Politics of Wildlife in East and Central Africa, 1890-1970,” Center for African Studies Graduate Research Forum, UC Berkeley (April 2013).
- “Government Cattle: Anti-Wildlife Politics in 1950s Central Africa,” Pacific Coast Conference in British Studies, UC Berkeley (March 2013).
- Reports from the field: Topics in Linguistics, Development, and Environment. Center for African Studies Fieldwork Forum, UC Berkeley (September 2012).
- “Deferring Uhuru: Colonial Security, the College of African Wildlife Management, and the Second Coming of the Global Wildlife Preservationist Movement in East Africa, c. 1950-c. 1970”, Centre of African Studies African Research Forum, Cambridge, UK (November 2011).
- “Deferring Uhuru: Colonial Security and the Second Coming of the Global Wildlife Preservation Movement in East Africa,” Pacific Coast Conference in British Studies, University of Washington (March 2011).
- “Imperial Ark: Wildlife Policy and Colonial Governance in East and Central Africa, 1890-1960,” University of California African Studies Multi-Campus Research Group Dissertation Workshop, UC Irvine, CA (September 2010).

Conference panel chair/comment

- “Extraction, Nutrition, and the Challenges of Environmental Control in Southern Africa.” Panel comment and chair, American Society for Environmental History, Denver, CO (April 2024).
- “Political and Environmental Histories of Neoliberal Conservation in East Africa.” Panel comment and chair, American Historical Association, San Francisco, CA (January 2024).

“Contested Boundaries: Placemaking, Sub-Imperialism, and Labor on Britain’s Imperial Frontiers.” Panel chair and comment, Pacific Coast Conference on British Studies, Riverside, CA (March 2023).
“Butter, Sugar, Water: Economic Development Beyond the State.” Panel comment, North American Conference on British Studies, Vancouver, Canada (November 2019).
“Twentieth Century Britain and the World.” Panel chair and comment, Pacific Coast Conference in British Studies, Huntington Library (April 2016).
“Using World History in the Classroom.” Panel chair, California World History Association Conference, Berkeley, CA (March 2014).

Other presentations

“Anti-Zionist Perspectives on Peace and Justice in Israel/Palestine,” SJP/FSAP Panel (October 2025).
“The new U.S. administration and South Africa,” UNLV public lecture (April 2025).
“Chongololo: Children, Conservation, and Zambia’s Environmental Turn,” Phi Alpha Theta (Psi Sigma) Lecture, UNLV (October 2024).
“Music and the Struggle for Freedom in South Africa”, in *Origins*, UNLV Music public performance (February 2022).
“South Africa: Apartheid, Resistance, Music,” guest lecture to MUSE 107 (University Chorale), UNLV (February 2022).
“Elephant Problems: National Parks, International Scientists, and Global Conservation in Kenya,” guest lecture to environmental science course at Gonzaga University (September 2019).
“Brexit,” Nevada Center on Foreign Relations (January 2018).
“Zimbabwe in Crisis and Context,” Public lecture, UNLV Department of History (November 2017).
“Kenya’s election in historical context,” Public lecture, UNLV Department of History (October 2017).
“Fascism in America,” UNLV Sanctuary Alliance Teach-In (March 2017).
“Golden Gate Park’s History,” International House, UC Berkeley (November 2012).

Teaching

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Animal Histories (History 443B). Spring 2026
Apartheid in a Global Context (History 103). Spring 2026, Fall 2025, Spring 2024, Summer 2023, Spring 2023, Summer 2022, Spring 2021, Spring 2019, Fall 2017, Fall 2016.
Living with and after empire (History 728). Fall 2025.
Modern Africa: Empires and Nations (History/African American Studies 350). Fall 2024, Fall 2018, Spring 2016.
Theory and method in European history (History 740B). Fall 2024.
Independent study: research capstone (History 497). Fall 2024.
History of (early) Africa (History/African American Studies 232). Spring 2024, Spring 2020, Spring 2018.
Doctoral independent study: Community, Education, and African Social Worlds (History 761). Spring 2024.
Global Environmental History (History 443/643). Fall 2023, Spring 2021, Fall 2018, Fall 2015.
Capstone Research Course (History 451). Fall 2023, Fall 2017
European history since 1648 (History 106). Spring 2023, Spring 2018, Spring 2017, Fall 2015, Fall 2014.
Colonialism of a Special Type? (History 738). Spring 2022.

Decolonization in Africa (Honors 430). Spring 2022.
Making Modern East Africa (History/African American Studies 477B/677B). Fall 2021.
The Anthropocene (History 103). Fall 2021, Fall 2019.
Global Africa (History 738). Spring 2020.
Graduate Research Seminar (History 733). Spring 2020.
European History since 1914 (History 464/664). Spring 2019, Spring 2016.
The British Empire (History 479/679). Fall 2019, Fall 2016.
Graduate Directed Reading in Environmental History (History 760). Spring 2019.
Historiography in global history (History 740E). Fall 2018.
Empire and Colonialism (History 732). Spring 2017, Spring 2015.
Doctoral Independent Study in Colonial History (History 761). Spring 2016.
Graduate Directed Reading in European History (History 760). Fall 2015.
University of California, Berkeley
Graduate Student Instructor. World History (International and Area Studies 45). Spring 2014.
Graduate Student Instructor. South Africa since 1652 (History 112B). Spring 2013.
Graduate Student Instructor. History and Practise of Human Rights (History 187). Fall 2012.
Graduate Student Instructor. Environment, Land and Conflict in Africa (History 103H). Spring 2011.
Graduate Student Instructor. Africa since 1500 (History 10). Fall 2010, Fall 2009.
Graduate Student Instructor. Europe since 1500 (History 5). Spring 2010.

Honors and Awards

UNLV University Faculty Travel Award (2024, 2022, 2017).
Department of History nominee for Rita Deanin Abbey Teaching Award (2024, 2017). College of Liberal Arts, UNLV.
William Morris Award for Excellence in Teaching (2019). College of Liberal Arts, UNLV.
Dean's Normative Time Fellowship (2013-14). UC Berkeley.
Graduate Division Summer Grant (2013). UC Berkeley.
George H Guttridge Prize in English and American Colonial History (2012). UC Berkeley Department of History.
Andrew and Mary Thompson Rocca Scholarship in Advanced African Studies (2011). UC Berkeley Center for African Studies.
Berkeley-Pembroke Exchange Grant (2011). UC Berkeley Center for British Studies.
Andrew and Mary Thompson Rocca Summer Pre-Dissertation Award in African Studies (2010). UC Berkeley Center for African Studies.
Anglo-California Foundation Pre-Dissertation Scholarship (2010). UC Berkeley Center for British Studies.
UC Berkeley Center for British Studies Travel Grant (2009).
Chancellor's Fellowship for Graduate Study, UC Berkeley (2008-14).
Chancellor's Achievement Scholarship, UC Irvine (2004-08).

Service

University

Executive Committee member, Ph.D. and M.Sc. programs in Water Resources (2024-present).
Executive Committee member, Ph.D. program in Water Resources (2023-2024).

Liberal Arts representative, faculty advisory group on Water Resources Ph.D. program creation (2020-2021)

College of Liberal Arts

Executive Committee (at large member, 2025-present).

Awards committee for COLA Morris Teaching Award (2020—2024).

Departmental

Faculty Advisor to UNLV Phi Alpha Theta Chapter (2015-19, 2024-present).

Faculty Advisor to UNLV Rebels History Club (2018-19, 2024-present).

History Department Awards Committee (member, 2015-2023; chair 2023-2024, 2025-present).

History Department Research and Library Committee (member, 2025-present).

History Department Curriculum, Assessment, and Teaching Committee (member, 2023-2024).

History Department Undergraduate Committee (member, 2021-2023).

History Department Travel Committee (member, 2014-15, 2020-2023)

History Department Personnel Committee (member, 2020-2022).

History Department Graduate Committee (member, 2017-2020, 2022).

Search committee for tenure-track appointment in U.S. history (member, 2019-20).

Search Committee for tenure-track appointment in the history of China (member, 2015-16)

History Department Strategic Planning Committee (member, 2015-16)

History Department Library Committee (member, 2014-15)

History Department Appointments Committee (member, 2015)

Professional

Secretary, Pacific Coast Conference on British Studies (2020-2023)

David Lieberman Presidential Doctoral Student Fellowship Committee, Pacific Coast Conference on British Studies (member, 2023).

MA Prize Committee (North American Conference on British Studies (member, 2019-2021; chair, 2022-2023).

Member, Search Committee for the position of Executive Director of the North American Conference on British Studies (2018).

Member, Graduate Prize Committee, Pacific Coast Conference on British Studies (2015-16).

Member, Program Committee, Pacific Coast Conference on British Studies (2014-15).

Co-Convenor of the Berkeley-Stanford British Studies Reading Group (2009-2010).

Reviewer

Book presses

Cambridge University Press

Boydell & Brewer

Common Notions

Bloomsbury

Journals

Environmental History

Journal for the History of Environment and Society

Humanimalia

Journal of Global History

Zambia Social Science Journal

Journal of Human Ecology

African Studies Review

Funding bodies

Swiss National Science Foundation

American Academy in Berlin

Other

Member, Search Advisory Committee for the position of the Chief of Operations, International House,
Berkeley (Fall 2013).