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EDUCATION

Ph.D. History, University of California, Berkeley	2013
M.A. History, University of California, Berkeley	2009
M.A. Social Sciences (MAPSS), University of Chicago	2005
B.A. History, Dartmouth College	2001

EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor	2020 – Present
Assistant Professor	2014 – 2020

Department of History
University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV)
Courses: U.S. History from Colonial Era to Reconstruction; Colonial North American History; U.S. Revolutionary Era and Early Republic; U.S. Race, Class, and Gender from the Civil War to War on Terror; History of Mixed-Heritage Peoples in the Americas; Building College Skills in an Intersectional World; Race, Class, and Gender in the U.S. Elections (2016 and 2018)

Adjunct Instructor/Professor	2012 – 2014
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Laney College
Oakland, California
Courses: History of the United States to 1877; History of the United States from 1877; African American History from 1865 to 1945

Adjunct Instructor	2011 – 2013
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Berkeley City College
Berkeley, California
Courses: History of the United States to 1877; History of the United States from 1877; Introduction to African American Studies; College Success Skills and Strategies

Adjunct Instructor	Fall 2011
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University of San Francisco
San Francisco, California
Course: Introduction to African American History

Graduate Student Instructor (Teaching Assistant) 2007 – 2012
University of California, Berkeley
Courses: U.S. History from Colonial Era to Civil War; U.S. History from Civil War to Present; Comparative Social Protest Movements of the 1960s; World History Survey

Graduate Student Reader (Grading Assistant) 2008
University of California, Berkeley
Course: American Indian History from Pre-contact to the Present

High School Teacher, Social Sciences 2001 – 2006
John Hope College Preparatory High School
Chicago Public Schools, Illinois
Courses: U.S. History, World History, African American Studies

BOOKS

Blurring the Lines of Race and Freedom: Mulattoes and Mixed Bloods in English Colonial America, John Hope Franklin Series in African American History and Culture, University of North Carolina Press, 2020.

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

Slave Life at Thomas Jefferson’s Monticello, “The Life of Sally Hemings,” Exhibit Review, *American Quarterly* 71.1 (2019): 247-264.

“People of Mixed Ancestry in the Seventeenth-Century Chesapeake: Freedom, Bondage, and the Rise of Hypodescent Ideology.” *Journal of Social History* 52.3 (2019): 593-618.

“Blurring the Lines of Race and Freedom: Mulattoes in the Colonial Chesapeake Bay.” *Southern Historian* 33 (Spring 2012): 23-36.

“‘White’ Slaves in the Mid-Nineteenth-Century United States: Abolitionist Portrayals and Regional Perceptions of the Mixed Body.” *Journal of the Early Republic* (revise and resubmit).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“Our President Is A Racist: White Nationalism, Charlottesville And Its Aftermath.” *The Huffington Post*. August 15, 2017.

“Rep. Steve King: ‘Champion for Western Civilization.’” *The Huffington Post*. March 14, 2017.

“People of Las Vegas Resist Trump’s Executive Orders.” *The Huffington Post*. January 30, 2017.

“No Dreadlocks Allowed.” *The Atlantic*. November 3, 2016.

“Bleaching The 2016 Olympics: Lochte, Anthony Ervin, And Race In Rio.” *The Huffington Post*. August 23, 2016.

“Why The Cops Who Shot Alton Sterling Will Go Free.” *The Huffington Post*. July 7, 2016.

“Media Blind Spots: The Ghetto and Bernie Sanders.” *The Huffington Post*. March 8, 2016.

“A Right to the Land: Native Americans and Militias in Oregon and Nevada.” *The Huffington Post*. January 25, 2016.

“‘I’m a Working Class Mujer’: Listening to Marginalized Student Voices.” *The Huffington Post*. November 22, 2015.

“U.S. Multiculturalism or Cultural Assimilation?” *The Huffington Post*. October 1, 2015.

“Making Sense Out of Bryce Williams and the Virginia Shooting.” *The Huffington Post*. August 28, 2015.

“What It Means to Become ‘BiRachel.’” *The Huffington Post*. June 17, 2015. (Re-published in *People’s World*, June 29, 2015.)

“Freddie Gray, Burning Baltimore and Constitutional Rights.” *People’s World*. May 8, 2015.

“Tony Robinson, Rubén García, and Police Brutality Against Brown Bodies.” *The Huffington Post*. March 17, 2015. (Re-published in *People’s World*, March 23, 2015.)

“Oscars 2015: So Hollywood Is Still Racist (and Sexist), Now What?” *The Huffington Post*. January 27, 2015.

“‘Did Somebody Say Mulatto?’ Speaking Critically on Mixed Heritage.” *The Huffington Post*. November 21, 2014.

“Raven-Symoné, Oprah, and What It Means to Be (African) American.” *The Huffington Post*. October 13, 2014.

“What Would MLK Say About Ferguson?” *The Huffington Post*. September 2, 2014.

“LeBron James and the Return of the Role Model.” *The Huffington Post*. July 14, 2014.

“What We’re Missing About Sex and Race from Donald Sterling and V. Stiviano.” *The Huffington Post*. June 2, 2014.

“Ellsberg warns of ‘surveillance state.’” *People’s World*. October 8, 2013.

“Obama and the 2010 Census: Not So Black and White.” *Nichi Bei Weekly* (San Francisco). May 20, 2010.

“Mixed Meanings: Student Groups and (Re)defining Multi-Identity.” *One Drop* (University of California, Davis). Fall 2007.

“Anti-Slavery Arguments” & “Anti-Slavery Literature.” *Gale Library of Daily Life: Slavery in America*. Farmington Hills, Michigan: Cengage Gale Publishers, 2007.

“Holding a Mirror to America: A Conversation with John Hope Franklin.” *People’s Weekly World*. December 10, 2005.

“Pondering the teacher shortage.” *People’s Weekly World*. November 29, 2003.

“Pentagon gets edge on student recruitment.” *People’s Weekly World*. February 15, 2003.

AWARDS AND HONORS

2019 Affiliate Faculty Member, CSIEME Program (Cultural Studies, International Education, and Multicultural Education), Department of Teaching and learning, College of Education, UNLV.

2018 William Morris Award for Excellence in Teaching, College of Liberal Arts, UNLV.

2017 Faculty Fellow (Community) Building Block Award, Office of Housing and Residential Life, UNLV.

2017 University Travel Funding Committee Award, UNLV.

2016 Ph.D. Student Summer Faculty Research Award (Shiori Yamamoto, Research Assistant), College of Liberal Arts, UNLV.

2015 University Travel Funding Committee Award, UNLV.

2013 Emerging Scholars Speaker Series, Richards Civil War Era Center, Pennsylvania State University.

2012 – 2013 Dissertation-Year Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley.

2012 Summersell Prize for best article, *Southern Historian*, University of Alabama.

2011 – 2012 Dean’s Normative Time Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley.

2010 – 2011 Berkeley Empirical and Legal Studies Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley.

2010 Center for Race & Gender Graduate Student Grant, University of California, Berkeley.

2007 Academic Opportunity Fund Grant, Associated Students of the University of California, Berkeley.

2006 – 2011 Chancellor’s Fellowship in the Humanities, University of California, Berkeley.

2004 – 2005 University Unendowed Scholarship, Master of Arts Program in the Social Sciences (MAPSS), University of Chicago.

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

“‘Mustees’ in Colonial South Carolina: War, Captivity, and Merging Communities,” Front Range Early American Consortium, Auraria Campus, Denver, Fall 2019.

“‘Mustees’ in the Colonial Southeast: African and Native American Mixed Identity,” 24th Annual Omohundro Institute Conference, College of William & Mary, Virginia, Summer 2018.

“Passing for an ‘Indian’: Runaway Slaves of Mixed Heritage in the Colonial Period,” 5th Critical Mixed Race Studies Conference, University of Maryland, College Park, Spring 2018.

“Shifting Legislative Ground: ‘Mulatto Bastards’ in British Colonial North America,” American Society for Legal History, Las Vegas, Nevada, Fall 2017.

“‘Mustees, Or Mulattoes’: Coming to Terms in English Colonial North America,” 4th Critical Mixed Race Studies Conference, University of Southern California, Spring 2017.

“Blurring the Lines of Race and Freedom: Mulattoes in the Early Nineteenth-Century United States,” *Revising Freedom: Law, Literature, and the Racial Imaginary* (Forum), Center for Race and Gender, University of California, Berkeley, Spring 2013.

“Mulattoes in the Early Nineteenth Century: Mulatto Participation in Slave Rebellion,” 2nd Critical Mixed Race Studies Conference: What is Critical Mixed Race Studies?, DePaul University, Chicago, Fall 2012.

“Early Mixed-Race Ideologies: Mulattoes in the Colonial Chesapeake Bay,” *Crossing Lines: Praxis in Mixed Race/Space Studies*, University of California, Berkeley, Spring 2012.

“Mixed-Race Ideological Development in British Colonial North America,” University of California at Berkeley Sociological Research Symposium, University of California, Berkeley, Spring 2010.

“Origins of Hypodescent in British Colonial North America,” Inaugural Critical Mixed Race Studies Conference: Emerging Paradigms in Critical Mixed Race Studies, DePaul University, Chicago, Fall 2010.

“Sally Hemings Is Not My Lover: A Historical Look at Mixed-Heritage Children in the Media from Thomas Jefferson to Michael Jackson,” *Mixed Experiences: Celebrating Diversity of Experience in “Mixed Race” Communities*, University of California, Berkeley, Fall 2009.

“The Obama Phenomena and the “Mixed Race” Community,” *Merging the Emerging: Cultivating a Mixed Race Community*, University of California, Berkeley, Fall 2008.

“Abolitionist Portrayals and Perceptions of the ‘White Slave,’” National Student Conference on the Mixed Race Experience, Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota, Spring 2007.

“Mixed Meanings: Student Groups, Identity, and Resistance,” *The Newest Oldest Thing: Reflections of the Mixed Race Community*, University of California, Berkeley, Fall 2007.

“Walking the Color Line: Looking at the Identity Formation of Charles W. Chesnutt,” *Eyes on the Mosaic: Rendering Race Visible – Centralizing the Effects of Racial Realities*, University of Chicago, Spring 2005.

SERVICE AND OUTREACH

2016 – 2020 *Rebel Movies*, Founder and Organizer

Film series showcases historical, political, and socially relevant movies and documentaries. Open to the UNLV community and general public, UNLV.

2016 – 2020 “Faculty Fellow,” Housing and Residential Life, UNLV.

2020 Panel, “Masculinity on Campus, in the Classroom and the Workplace,” *The Intersection*, UNLV.

2020 Panel, “Multicultural Opportunities for Full Integration into Political Participation in America,” Native American Presidential Forum, Las Vegas, Nevada.

2019 Moderator, “Rethinking Race and Indigeneity in Comparative History,” American Studies Association, Honolulu, Hawai’i.

2018 “Maintaining your Culture in the Academy,” Men of Color Retreat, UNLV.

2018 Invited Speaker, Elevar (music and art festival), Las Vegas, Nevada.

2018 “Race in the U.S. during the Era of #45,” Humanist Association of Las Vegas, American Humanist Association, Las Vegas.

2017 Indigenous Peoples’ Day Speaker, Native American Student Association, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

2017 “Connecting and Continuing Civil Rights Actions,” Post-Charlottesville Know Your Rights Action Training, Las Vegas.

2017 “Town Hall: The State of Race and Class,” Panel by All Shades United, Las Vegas.

2017 “Living Under Colonialism: The Dakota Access Pipeline and Other Current Issues,” Panel by Anthropology Society and History Department, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

2017 “Mixed-Heritage Relationships During Slavery,” Guest lecture for HIST 110: History of Sexuality in Multicultural America, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

2017 “Deconstructing Masculinity,” Panel for The Intersection, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

2016 “Dialogue about Diversity and Social Justice,” Panel for Diversity, Research, and Mentorship Reception, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

2016 “Worker’s Perspectives of the Dakota Access Pipeline,” Presentation for “The President and the Pipeline,” Presidential Debate Series, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

2016 “Mixed-Heritage Relationships During Slavery,” Guest lecture for HIST 110: History of Sexuality in Multicultural America, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

2016 “A Discourse on African American History,” Lecture for BGSA Black History Month Event, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

2016 “To Kill A Mockingbird Talkback,” Panel for To Kill A Mockingbird, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

2015 “Race, Gender, Sexuality, and Class in Higher Education,” Panel for Diversity, Research and Mentorship Reception, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

2015 “Diversity as a Strength: Preventing Micro-Aggressions & Creating a Culture of Inclusiveness,” Administrative Development Day, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

2015 “How Race is Made in the Colonial Americas,” Guest lecture for Women’s Studies/WMST 113: Gender, Race and Class, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

2015 “Slavery and Colonial Trade in the Atlantic World,” Guest lecture for HIST 106: European History since 1648, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

2015 “From ‘Diversity’ to Diverse Bodies of Knowledge: Engaging a Diverse Student Population,” Co-presenter with Mark Padoongpatt and Brandon Manning, MSI (Minority Serving Institution) Leadership Institute, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

2015 “Intersectionality, Solidarity and Activism,” Black & Brown Solidarity Teach-In, Co-presenter with Anita Revilla, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

2014 “Mulatto/a Representations,” Panel chair, Critical Mixed Race Studies Conference, DuPaul University, Chicago.

2014 “The Story of Pocahontas/Matoaka,” Indigenous Day of Remembrance, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

2014 “Mixed-Heritage Peoples, Past and Present,” 10th Annual Mixed Heritage Week, University of California, Davis.

2014 “Blurring the Lines of Race and Freedom: Mulattoes in English Colonial North America and the Early United States Republic,” Oklahoma State University; University of Nevada, Reno; University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

2014 “The Long Civil Rights Movement,” Black History Month keynote address, Laney College, Oakland, California.

2014 “Southern Redemption and the Birth of Jim Crow,” Guest lecture for HIST 125: African American History, University of California, Berkeley.

2013 “A Discussion of Embracing and Rejecting Mixed-Heritage People in the U.S. Past and Present,” Acknowledging the Other: Embracing Mixed Identity in America (Conference), University of California, Berkeley.

2013 “Early Mixed-Race Ideologies and Mulattoes from the Seventeenth to Nineteenth Centuries,” Guest lecture for HIST 125: African American History, University of California, Berkeley.

2013 Panel Speaker, Graduate Student Diversity Day, University of California, Berkeley.

2013 Guest Speaker, Distinguished Graduate Fellows Reception, University of California, Berkeley.

2012 “Catharsis and Critical Mixed Race Studies,” Mapping Out Mixed Identities (Conference), University of California, Berkeley.

2012 “A History of U.S. Voter Suppression and Why Your Vote Counts,” Constitution Day, Laney College, Oakland, California.

2012 “‘If There Is No Struggle, There Is No Progress,’” Black History Month keynote address, Willard Middle School, Berkeley Unified School District, Berkeley, California.

2011 “Racial Passing” and “Race or Slavery, Slavery or Race?: A Brief Look at the ‘Chicken or Egg’ Argument,” Guest lectures for HIST 125: African American History, University of California, Berkeley.

2009 “Educational Goals and Priority Setting,” Excel High School, Oakland Unified School District, Oakland, California.

2008 – 2011 “Maintaining Cultural Identity in Institutions of Higher Education” and “A Historical Look at Mixed Children in Colonial North America and the United States,” Presentations for Mixed Student Union Senior Weekend, University of California, Berkeley.

2008 Panel Speaker, Merging the Emerging: Cultivating a Mixed Race Community (Conference), University of California, Berkeley.

2007 “‘White Slaves’ and ‘Human Hybrids’: Social and Scientific Perceptions of Racial Mixture in the Nineteenth-Century United States,” Mixed Heritage Week, University of California, Davis.

2007 “Barack Obama: ‘Push[ing] questions of who I was out of my mind,’” Mixed Student Union Meeting, University of California, Berkeley.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Indian Association (UNLV)

American Studies Association

Southern Historical Association

Critical Mixed Race Studies Association

2019 – 2022 Programming Committee for the 2022 CMRS Conference

2017 – 2018 Awards Committee for the 2018 CMRS Conference

University of Maryland, College Park

2016 – 2017 Planning Committee for the 2017 CMRS Conference

University of Southern California

REFERENCES

William Bauer

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