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EDUCATION

Johns Hopkins University (Baltimore, Maryland)

PhD: History (2009)

MA: History (2005)

Dissertation: "Sunup to Sundown: Plantation Management Strategies and Slave Work Routines in Barbados, Jamaica and Virginia, 1776-1810"

Advisor: Philip D. Morgan

Queen's University (Kingston, Ontario)

MA: History (July, 2002)

Thesis: "The Lessons of a Jamaican Overseer: Exploring the Master-Slave Relationship"

Advisor: David Eltis

Simon Fraser University (Vancouver, British Columbia)

BA (Honours): Double Major in History & English (June, 2001)

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Dean (Academic Integrity), Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Dalhousie University	2016 to Present
Associate Professor, Dalhousie University	2014 to Present
Assistant Professor, Dalhousie University	2009 to 2014
Assistant Professor, University of Mississippi	2008 to 2009

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Slavery and the Enlightenment in the British Atlantic, 1750-1807. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2013.

Property in People: Slave and Servant Law in the Seventeenth-Century English Americas. New York: Cambridge University Press, under contract.

REFEREED ESSAYS AND ARTICLES

"Working Between the Lines: Labor and Agriculture on Two Barbadian Sugar Plantations, 1796-1797," *William and Mary Quarterly*, 63.3 (July, 2006): 551-586.

“Uncertain Business: A Case Study of Barbadian Plantation Management, 1770-1793,” *Slavery & Abolition*, 32.2 (June, 2011): 247-268.

“The Application of GIS to the Reconstruction of the Slave-Plantation Economy of St. Croix, Danish West Indies” with Daniel Hopkins and Philip D. Morgan, *Historical Geography* 39 (2011): 85-104.

“Slavery in Danish America,” in Trevor Burnard, ed., *Oxford Bibliographies Online: Atlantic History*. New York: Oxford University Press (2013), www.oxfordbibliographiesonline.com.

“The ‘Better Sort’ and The ‘Poorer Sort’: Wealth Inequalities, Family Formation and the Economy of Energy on British Caribbean Sugar Plantations, 1750-1800,” *Slavery & Abolition*, 35.3 (September, 2014): 458-473.

“Race and the Origins of Plantation Slavery,” in John Butler, ed., *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of American History*. New York: Oxford University Press (March, 2016), www.americanhistory.oxfordre.com.

“Surrendering Surinam: The Barbadian Diaspora and the Expansion of the English Sugar Frontier, 1650-1675,” *William and Mary Quarterly*, 73.2 (April, 2016): 225-256.

Nominated for the Wayne D. Ramussen Award in Agricultural History

“Sugar,” in Trevor Burnard, ed., *Oxford Bibliographies Online: Atlantic History*. New York: Oxford University Press (2011, revised in 2015 and 2018). www.oxfordbibliographiesonline.com.

“Barbados,” in Trevor Burnard, ed., *Oxford Bibliographies Online: Atlantic History*. New York: Oxford University Press, (2018). www.oxfordbibliographiesonline.com.

BOOK CHAPTERS

“Venturing Out: The Barbadian Diaspora and the Carolina Colony, 1650-1685,” with Ian Beamish, in Brad Wood and Michelle LeMaster, eds., *Creating and Contesting Carolina: Proprietary Era Histories*. Charleston: University of South Carolina Press, 2013: 49-72.

“The Development of Slave Systems in the British Americas,” in Ignacio Gallup-Diaz, ed., *The World of Colonial America: An Atlantic Handbook*, New York: Routledge, 2017: 123-149.

“Sugar Slavery in Barbados and Jamaica,” in Claude Chevaleyre, Paulin Ismard, Bendetta Rossi and Cécile Vidal, eds., *Histoire Mondiale de l’esclavage*. Paris: Seuil, under contract.

“Slavery and the Origins of the South,” with Noleen McIlvanna in Craig Thompson Friend and Lorri Glover, eds., *Rewriting Southern History: Historiographical Essays*. Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, under contract.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“‘Gold Versus Life’: Jobbing Gangs in the British Caribbean,” with Nicholas Radburn, *William and Mary Quarterly*, revise and resubmit.

“Slavery, Sugar and the Failure of Amelioration in St. Croix, 1750-1815,” with Philip D. Morgan, *William and Mary Quarterly*, under review.

BLOG POSTS

“Familiar Sources and Forgotten Colonies,” *Uncommon Sense- The Blog*, (May, 2016): <http://blog.oieahc.wm.edu/familiar-sources-forgotten-colonies/>

OTHER RESEARCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Data contributor for *Voyages: The Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade Database*

REVIEW ESSAY

“Slavery Counted, Slavery Defined and Slavery Online: A Review of *Voyages: The Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade Database* and *Slavery, Abolition and Social Justice, 1492-2007*,” in *Reviews in History*, review no. 964 (September, 2010): www.history.ac.uk/reviews/review/964.

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of Kenneth Morgan, *Slavery and the British Empire: From Africa to America* (2007) in *Journal of World History*, 21.2 (June, 2010): 332-336.

Review of Frederick C. Knight, *Working the Diaspora: The Impact of African Labor on the Anglo-American World, 1650-1850* (2010) in *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* 107.4 (Fall, 2010): 581-583.

Review of Marcus Rediker, *The Slave Ship: A Human History* (2007) in *New West Indian Guide* 84.3-4 (2010): 14-16.

Review of David Beck Ryden. *British West Indian Slavery and British Abolition, 1783-1807* (2009) in *New West Indian Guide* 85.1-2 (2011): 147-149.

Review of Verene Shepherd, *Livestock, Sugar and Slavery: Contested Terrain in Colonial Jamaica* (2009) in *New West Indian Guide*, 85 3.4 (2011): 304-306.

Review of Michael Nicholls, *Whispers of Rebellion: Narrating Gabriel’s Conspiracy* (2012), in *William and Mary Quarterly*, 69.4 (October, 2012): 868-871.

Review of Niklas Thode Jensen, *For the Health of the Enslaved: Slaves, Medicine, and Power in the Danish West Indies* (2012) in *Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History*, 13.3 (Winter, 2012).

Review of Jane G. Landers, *Atlantic Creoles in the Age of Revolutions* (2010) in *The Journal of Southern History*, 79.1 (February, 2013): 153-155.

Review of John Craig Hammond and Matthew Mason, eds., *Contesting Slavery: The Politics of Bondage and Freedom in the New American Nation* (2011) in *Civil War History* 59.1 (March, 2013): 104-105.

Review of Rebecca J. Scott and Jean M. Hébrard, *Freedom Papers: An Atlantic Odyssey in the Age of Emancipation* (2012) in *Journal of Early Modern History* 18 (2014): 319-321.

Review of Randy Browne, "Politics, Power and Authority in the British Caribbean, 1807-1834," (PhD Thesis, 2012) in *Latin American and Caribbean Studies Dissertation Reviews* (March, 2014). <http://dissertationreviews.org/archives/6883>.

Review of William Mulligan and Maurice Bric, eds. *A Global History of Anti-Slavery Politics in the Nineteenth Century* (2013) in *New West Indian Guide*, 88.3-4 (2014): 337-339.

Review of Woodville K. Marshall, *From Plantations to University Campus: The Social History of Cave Hill Barbados* (2013), for H-Caribbean (February, 2015): <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=43411>.

Review of Jenny Shaw, *Everyday Life in the Early English Caribbean: Irish, Africans and the Construction of Difference* (2013) in *William and Mary Quarterly*, 72.2 (April, 2015): 378-382.

Review of Christa Dierksheide, *Amelioration and Empire: Progress and Slavery in the Plantation Americas* (2014) in *American Historical Review*, 120.5 (December, 2015): 1883-1884.

Review of Michael Guasco, *Slaves and Englishmen: Human Bondage in the Early Modern Atlantic World* (2014) in *Journal of Modern History*, 88.1 (March, 2016): 176-178.

Review of Matthew Mulcahy, *Hubs of Empire: The Southeastern Lowcountry and British Caribbean* (2014) in *Journal of Historical Geography* 53 (July, 2016): 113-114.

Review of Richard S. Dunn, *A Tale of Two Plantations: Slave Life and Labor in Jamaica and Virginia* (2014) in *New West Indian Guide* 90.3-4 (2016): 13-14.

Review of Trevor Burnard and John Garrigus, *The Plantation Machine: Atlantic Capitalism in French Saint-Domingue and British Jamaica* (2016) in *Agricultural History* 91.2 (Spring, 2017): 247-248.

Review of Adrian Finucane, *The Temptations of Trade: Britain, Spain and the Struggle for Empire* (2016) in *The Historian* 80.1 (Spring, 2018), pages forthcoming.

Review of Linda Schiebinger, *Secret Cures of Slaves: People, Plants, and Medicine in the Eighteenth-Century Atlantic World* (2017) in *Journal of Early Modern History*, forthcoming.

Review of L.H. Roper, *The Torrid Zone: Caribbean Colonization and Cultural Interaction in the Long Seventeenth Century Caribbean* (2018) in *New West Indian Guide*, forthcoming.

INVITED SEMINARS AND LECTURES

"A Swarm of People: The Barbadian Diaspora and the Expansion of the English Atlantic, 1650-1680," Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire (May, 2018).

"'Keep Numbers of Them Alive': Counting People and Populations on British Caribbean Sugar Plantations," Numbers, Measures and Scale, Eighteenth-Century Studies Workshop, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana (May, 2017).

“‘Gold Versus Life:’ Jobbing Gangs, Paternalism, and Capitalism in the British Caribbean,” Atlantic Seminar, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland (May, 2017).

“A Swarm of People: The Barbadian Diaspora and the Expansion of the English Atlantic, 1640-1690,” Library Company of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (August, 2015).

“Surrendering Surinam: The Wild Coast and Competing Visions of Empire in the Early English Atlantic, 1650-1680,” Graduate Conference Keynote, Memorial University, St. John’s, Newfoundland (April, 2015).

“Surrendering Surinam: The Politics of Barbadian Expansion and the Early English Atlantic, 1650-1675,” Washington Area Early American Seminar, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland (October, 2014).

"Surrendering Surinam: The Wild Coast and Competing Visions of Expansion in the Early English Empire, 1640-1670," Concordia University, Montreal (October, 2013).

“Sunup to Sundown: Slavery and the Enlightenment in the British Atlantic, 1750-1807,” Brown Bag Seminar, Department of Economics, Dalhousie University (November, 2012).

“A World of Orders and Sorts: Slavery and Hierarchies in Eighteenth-Century Virginia,” Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, Williamsburg, Virginia (November, 2011).

“Sugar’s Path: Slavery, Agriculture and Abolition in St. Croix, 1750-1805,” University of Montreal, Montreal, Quebec (December, 2010).

“Labor and Industry: Skilled Slaves on Eighteenth-Century Chesapeake and West Indian Plantations,” OIEAHC Colloquium, Williamsburg, Virginia (November, 2010).

“Sunup to Sundown: Plantation Management Strategies and Slave Work Routines in Barbados, Jamaica and Virginia, 1780-1810,” Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies, Charlottesville, Virginia (July, 2009).

“Washington the Improving Farmer,” National Society of the Colonial Dames of America Annual Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland (February, 2008).

“Sunup to Sundown: Plantation Management Strategies and Slave Work Routines in Barbados, Jamaica and Virginia, 1780-1810,” Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, North Carolina (February, 2008).

“Sunup to Sundown: Plantation Management Strategies and Slave Work Routines in Barbados, Jamaica and Virginia, 1780-1810,” University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi (January, 2008).

“Sunup to Sundown: Plantation Management Strategies and Slave Work Routines in Barbados, Jamaica and Virginia, 1780-1810,” Utah State University, Logan, Utah (January, 2008).

“Negotiating Sickness: Health and Work on Barbadian and Virginian Plantations, c1780-1810” McNeil Center Brown Bag Seminar, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (November, 2007).

“Negotiating Sickness: Health and Work on Barbadian and Virginian Plantations, c1780-1810”
University of California, Santa Cruz (November, 2007).

“Negotiating Sickness: Health and Work on British West Indian Sugar Plantations, c1780-1810”
John Carter Brown Library, Providence, Rhode Island (August, 2007).

“Late Eighteenth-Century Slave Plantation Labor in Barbados, Jamaica and Virginia”
John D. Rockefeller Library, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, Williamsburg, Virginia
(February, 2007).

“Daily Labors: A Comparative Study of Plantation Work Regimes in the Chesapeake and the
British West Indies in the Late Eighteenth Century,” Virginia Historical Society, Richmond,
Virginia (August, 2006).

“Daily Labors: A Comparative Study of Plantation Work Regimes in the Chesapeake and the
British West Indies in the Late Eighteenth Century,” Library Company of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (June, 2006).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Work Time: Technologies of Labor Discipline and Surveillance on Sugar Plantations and in
Early English Factory Labor, 1750-1833,” Huntington Library Special Conference: Landscapes
of Exploitation in The British Atlantic World, San Marino, California (October 2020).

“Property in People: The Principle of Possession in Seventeenth-Century Barbadian and
Virginian Slave and Servant Law,” OIEAHC Annual Meeting, College of William and Mary,
Williamsburg, Virginia (June, 2018).

Chair and Commentator for “Unfreedom: A Roundtable--Constructing Race and Class in the
Early Modern Atlantic World,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Washington,
DC, (January, 2018).

“A Swarm of People: Population Management and Migration Strategies in Barbados, 1645-
1670,” European Early American Studies Association Biannual Meeting, Paris, France
(December, 2016).

“‘Some Alleviation from Their Misery’: William Fitzherbert’s Visit to Barbados and the
Plantation Enlightenment,” Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, University of Mississippi,
Oxford, Mississippi (February, 2014).

Commentator for “Planters and Plantation Economies in the Eighteenth-Century Americas,”
OIEAHC Annual Meeting, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland (June, 2013).

“Surrendering Surinam: Competing Visions of Expansion in the Early English Caribbean and the
Treaty of Breda, 1640-1670,” Association of Caribbean Historians Annual Meeting, San Ignacio,
Belize (May, 2013).

“The ‘Better Sort’ and the ‘Poorer Sort’: Wealth Inequalities, Family Formation and the Economy

of Energy on British Caribbean Sugar Plantations, 1750-1800,” Society for Historical Archaeology Annual Meeting, University of Leicester, UK (January, 2013).

“Beasts of Burden: Parallels in Husbandry Reform and the Amelioration of Slavery in the British West Indies, 1700-1807,” OIEAHC Annual Meeting, Huntington Library, San Marino, California (June, 2012).

“‘It Will Thin the People:’ the Barbadian Diaspora and the Politics of Population Management in the Early English Caribbean, 1650-1670,” OIEAHC Special Conference: The “Political Arithmetic” of Empires in the Early Modern Atlantic World, 1500–1807, University of Maryland, College Park (March, 2012).

“Clock Work: Time, Numeracy and Enlightenment Science in British West-Indian Plantation Management, 1750-1807,” Association of Caribbean Historians Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico (May, 2011).

“Blame it on the Rain: Health, Work and the Environment in the British West Indies, 1750-1800” Society of Early Americanists’ Seventh Biennial Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (March, 2011).

“Venturing Out: The Barbadian Diaspora and the Carolina Colony, 1663-1682,” with Ian Beamish, Crisis and Conflict in the Early Carolinas, Carolina Lowcountry and Atlantic World Colloquium, College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina (October, 2010).

“The Numbers Game: Time and the Evolution of Bookkeeping Practices on West Indian Sugar Plantations, 1750-1807,” OIEAHC Annual Meeting, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi (June, 2010).

“Labor and Industry: The Work Routines of Skilled Slaves on Chesapeake and West Indian Plantations, 1750-1807,” Plantation Slavery in the Americas: Scottish Connections, University of Glasgow, Glasgow, UK (March, 2010).

“Uncertain Business: A Case of Study of Barbadian Plantation Management, 1770-1793” Economic and Business Historical Society Annual Meeting, Providence, Rhode Island (April, 2007).

FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Explore Grant (2018-2019)

North American Conference on British Studies Short-Term Fellowship at the Folger Shakespeare Library (August, 2019)

Fletcher Jones Foundation Fellowship at the Huntington Library (October to December, 2015)

Barra International Fellowship at the Library Company of Philadelphia and the Historical Society of Pennsylvania (August, 2015)

Research Development Fund for the Humanities and Social Sciences, Dalhousie Faculty Research Grant (2010 to 2012)

Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship at the Huntington Library (June to August, 2010)

Gilder Lehrman Fellowship at the Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies (July and August, 2009)

National Society of the Colonial Dames of America Scholarship (February, 2008)

Center for New World Comparative Studies Fellowship at the John Carter Brown Library (July to September, 2007)

Frederick Jackson Turner Travel Grant, Johns Hopkins University (April, 2007)

Gilder-Lehrman Fellowship at the John D. Rockefeller Jr. Library (January to February, 2007)

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Doctoral Fellowship (Fall, 2006 to Fall, 2007)

Dean's Teaching Fellowship, Johns Hopkins University (Fall, 2006)

Betty Sams Christian Fellowship in Business History at the Virginia Historical Society (August, 2006)

Program in Early American Economy and Society Fellowship at the Library Company of Philadelphia (June, 2006)

American Historical Association's Albert J. Beveridge Grant (May, 2006)

NACDA Director's Cup Scholarship (January, 2004)

Johns Hopkins University History Department Fellowship (Fall, 2003 to Fall, 2008)

Queen's University Graduate Award (Fall, 2001 to Spring, 2002)

TEACHING AND SUPERVISION

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

"History of the Americas: Pre-conquest to the Revolutionary Era"

"United States History to 1877"

"Atlantic World, 1450-1650"

"Atlantic World, 1650-1800"

"George Washington and the American Presidency"

"Chattel Slaves & Wage Slaves"

"Slavery and Freedom in the Americas"

"Flesh and Bones: Health, Disease and the Body in the British Atlantic"

"Slavery, War and Piracy in the Early Caribbean"

“Jamestown and the Era of Discovery, 1492-1644”

“Wild Coasts and Tulips: The Rise and Fall of the Early Modern Dutch Empire”

“The American Revolution”

GRADUATE COURSES

“Slavery in the Americas”

“The British Atlantic World”

“The American Revolution”

“Early Modern Caribbean History”

MA THESIS SUPERVISION

Kilroy Abney, “Warrior Traders: A Comparative Study of Early Seventeenth-Century French and English North American Colonization” (2012).

Mike Kofahl, “Trelawny Maroon, the Colour of Freedom: Re-Conceptualizing Subjecthood in the Eighteenth-Century British Atlantic” (2014).

Michael Hatton, “The Mark of Cane: A Microeconomic Case Study of Profitability, Accounting and Plantation Management on Three Barbadian Sugar Plantations, 1763-1815” (2014).

Conner Coles, “Reform is Become Our Enemy: Anglo-Jamaican Planters and British Identities, 1765-1786” (2014).

Daisy Ramsden, “‘Generally Fitt to be Trusted’: Social Networks and the Moral Economies of Sugar Plantations in Early Anglo-Jamaica” (2015).

Michael Smith, “Protestantism and the Origins of Seventeenth-Century Barbadian Servitude and Slavery” (2017).

Kylie Peacock, “‘To Live up to the Character of My Profession’: Jonathan Troup’s Enlightenment and the Politics of Reputation in Eighteenth-Century Dominica” (2017).

Aaron Clarke, Current

Aonghus Garrison, Current

Janet Mills, Current

Sophia Allen-Rice, Current

Nicholas Grabstas, Current

Madeleine Hare, Current

PHD THESIS SUPERVISION

Brennan Dempsey, Current

UNDERGRADUATE HONOURS THESIS SUPERVISION

Mike Kofahl, “Enlightened Diets: The Long Eighteenth Century and Upper Class Eating” (2012).

Conner Coles, “Fear and Loathing from London to Lexington: England, the Protestant Interest, and the War of Spanish Succession” (2013).

Daisy Ramsden, “An Empire-In-Waiting: Scotland, Empire and the Darien Project” (2013).

Michael Smith, “‘Stiff Priggishness and Bad Manners’: The Virginian Ruling Class and Their Rejection of English Genteel Culture, 1700-1776” (2013).

Jessica Schalburg-Clayton, “We come to make some remarks upon the Earth-quake”: Reconciling Scientific Reasoning and the Port Royal Earthquake of 1692 (2015).

Aonghus Garrison, “African Ailments: West Indian Ways of Knowing the Black Body” (2015).

Madelaine Hare, “Not Merely an Enjoyment, but a Dignity and Rank”: Class and Hierarchy in Late Eighteenth-Century Jamaica” (2017).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Co-Chair of the Program and Organizing Committee for the Twentieth Annual Omohundro Institute of Early American History & Culture (OIEAHC) Meeting (Halifax, 2014)

Manuscript reviewer for *William and Mary Quarterly*, *The Journal of the Historical Society*, *Left History*, *History: The Journal of the Historical Association*, *Eighteenth-Century Studies*, *Early American Studies*, *Business History*, University of Pennsylvania Press, Broadview Press and University of Toronto Press.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

DEPARTMENT LEVEL

Flint Prize Committee (Dalhousie History Graduate Conference Essay Prize), Dalhousie University (2009-2010, 2015, 2017-2018)

Workload and Curriculum Committee, Department of History, Dalhousie University (2010-2011)

Organizer and Chair of the Lawrence D. Stokes Faculty and Graduate Student Research Seminar, Dalhousie University (2010-2014, 2016-2018)

Graduate Committee, Department of History, Dalhousie University (2010-2015, 2016-2018)

Pangea (Dalhousie History Undergraduate Society Journal), Guest Editor (2012)

Tenure and Promotion Committee, Department of History, Dalhousie University (2012)

Executive Committee, Department of History, Dalhousie University (2012-2015, 2016-2018)

Chair of the Search Committee for Visiting Assistant Professor of American History, Dalhousie University (2014)

Graduate Coordinator, Department of History, Dalhousie University (2014-2015, 2016-2018)

FACULTY LEVEL

Dean’s Advisory Committee for the Russian Studies Chair, Dalhousie University (2010)

Chair of the Dean’s Advisory Committee for the Classics Chair, Dalhousie University (2012-2013)

Chair of the Search Committee for Director of the School of Performing Arts, Dalhousie University (2013)

Dean’s Advisory Committee for the Classics Chair, Dalhousie University (2014)

Chair of the Council of Graduate Coordinators, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Dalhousie University (2014-2015)

Dean's Advisory Committee for the French Chair, Dalhousie University (2016-2017)

Assistant Dean, Academic Integrity Officer, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Dalhousie University (2016-2018)

AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

Ambassador to Halifax, Awarded by Destination Halifax, 2014

ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE TRAINING

Early Modern Dutch Reading Skills, University College of London (Certificate Awarded in July 2013).