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EDUCATION

PhD. Johns Hopkins University (History), 2009.

MA. Johns Hopkins University (History), 2006.

MA. Queen's University (History), 2002.

BA (Honours). Simon Fraser University (History and English Literature), 2001.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Associate Professor, History, Dalhousie University
(Cross appointed with Black and African Diaspora Studies) 2024 to 2025

Associate Professor and Hall Professor in British History,
History, University of Kansas 2022 to 2024

Assistant Dean (Academic Integrity),
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Dalhousie University 2016 to 2022

Associate Professor, History, Dalhousie University 2014 to 2022

Assistant Professor, History, Dalhousie University 2009 to 2014

Assistant Professor, History, University of Mississippi 2008 to 2009

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

Books

Fragile Empire: Slavery in the Early English Tropics, 1645-1720. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2025.

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

Journal Articles

"The Paradox of Abolition: Sugar Production and Slave Demography in Danish St. Croix, 1792-1804," with Philip D. Morgan and Rasmus Christensen. *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, 54.4 (Spring 2024), 453-476.

"'Corruption of the Air': Yellow Fever and Malaria in the Rise of English Caribbean Slavery." *Early American Studies*, 20.4 (Fall 2022): 653-672.

"The Whip and the Hoe: Violence, Work and Productivity on Anglo-American Plantations." *Journal of Global Slavery*, 6.1 (January 2021): 108-130.

"Gold Versus Life: Jobbing Gangs and British Caribbean Slavery," with Nicholas Radburn. *William and Mary Quarterly*, 76.2 (April 2019): 223-256.

Winner of the Wayne D. Rasmussen Award, Agricultural History Society

“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. Rasmussen Award, Agricultural History Society

“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.

“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.

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

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

Book Chapters

“So One Plantation Will Begett Another”: The Development of the Jamaican Plantation Economy, 1655-1730,” in *The Routledge History of Jamaica*, edited by Kathleen E.A. Monteith and Carla Pestana. New York: Routledge, forthcoming.

“A Sugar Revolution? The Expansion of the Caribbean Sugar Frontier” in *Cambridge History of the Caribbean*. Vol. 1: *Indigenous Displacement and the Formation of Colonial Slave Societies*, edited by Kristen Block. New York: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming.

“L'ordre de la plantation, Barbade et Jamaïque, XVIIIe siècle” in *Les Mondiales de l'esclavage. Une Histoire comparée*, edited by Claude Chevaléyre, Paulin Ismard, Benedetta Rossi and Cécile Vidal, 239-247. Paris: Seuil, 2021. [Translated into German in 2024]

“Oriented towards the Ocean: The Colonial South,” with Noeleen McIlvenna in *Reinterpreting Southern Histories*, edited by Craig Thompson Friend and Lorri Glover, 43-71. Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2020.

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

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

Bibliographic and Encyclopedia Entries

“Sugar in the Atlantic World.” *Oxford Bibliographies Online: Atlantic History*, edited by Trevor Burnard. New York: Oxford University Press (2011, revised in 2015, 2018, and 2024).

“Barbados.” *Oxford Bibliographies Online: Atlantic History*, edited by Trevor Burnard. New York: Oxford University Press, (2018, revised in 2024).

“Race and the Origins of Plantation Slavery.” *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of American History*, edited by John Butler. New York: Oxford University Press (March 2016).

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

Works in Progress

Enslavement and the Environment: New Histories of Nature and Slavery in the Atlantic World. Co-Editor (with Andrew Isenberg). Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, under review.

Roads and Rebels: Imperialism and the Environment in the Eighteenth-Century British Empire, in preparation.

“Roads and Rebels: Mountains, Mobility, and Imperial Domain in Jamaica and Scotland, 1720-1740,” in *Enslavement and the Environment: New Histories of Nature and Slavery in the Atlantic World*, edited by Andrew C. Isenberg and Justin L. Roberts. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, under review.

“‘The Greatest Defect of Slavery’: Reexamining the Relationship Between Slavery and the Environment,” with Andrew C. Isenberg in *Enslavement and the Environment: New Histories of Nature and Slavery in the Atlantic World*, edited by Andrew C. Isenberg and Justin L. Roberts. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, under review.

Blog Posts

“Philanthropy and Torture: Linking Workhouses and Plantations,” *The Collation: Research and Exploration at the Folger* (May 2023): <https://www.folger.edu/blogs/collation/philanthropy-and-torture/>

“Co-authoring Atlantic History in the Digital Age,” with Nicholas Radburn, *Uncommon Sense- The Blog* (July 2019): <https://oieahc.wm.edu/publications/blog/co-authoring-atlantic-history-in-the-digital-age/>

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

Other Research Contributions

Data Contributor for *Slave Voyages: The Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade Database*: www.slavevoyages.org

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 Randy Browne, *The Driver’s Story: Labor and Power in the World of Atlantic Slavery* (2024) in *American Historical Review*, forthcoming.

Review of Jacob Selwood, *At Kingdom’s Edge: The Suriname Struggles of Jeronimy Clifford, English Subject* (2022) in *Journal of British Studies*, 63.3 (July 2024), pages forthcoming.

Review of Anna Suranyi, *Indentured Servitude: Unfree Labor and Citizenship in the British Colonies* (2021) in *New West Indian Guide*, 98.1-2 (Spring 2024): 13-14.

Review of Lee B. Wilson, *Bonds of Empire: The English Origins of Slave Law in South Carolina and British Plantation America, 1660-1783* (2021) in *William and Mary Quarterly* 79.3 (July 2022): 491-495.

Featured Review of Miles Ogborn, *The Freedom of Speech: Talk and Slavery in the Anglo-Caribbean World* (2019) in *American Historical Review* 126.3 (September 2021): 1199-1201.

- Review of Caitlin Rosenthal, *Accounting for Slavery: Masters and Management* (2018) in *Slavery & Abolition* 41.3 (July 2020): 686-688.
- Review of Edward B. Rugemer, *Slave Law and the Politics of Resistance in the Early Atlantic World* (2018) in *Journal of Southern History* 86.1 (February 2020): 133-134.
- Review of L.H. Roper, ed. *The Torrid Zone: Caribbean Colonization and Cultural Interaction in the Long Seventeenth Century Caribbean* (2018) in *New West Indian Guide* 93.3-4 (Fall 2019): 291-292.
- Review of Wendy Warren, *New England Bound: Slavery and Colonization in Early America* (2016) in *American Historical Review* 124.3 (June 2019): 1063-1064.
- Review of Londa Schiebinger, *Secret Cures of Slaves: People, Plants, and Medicine in the Eighteenth-Century Atlantic World* (2017) in *Journal of Early Modern History* 22.6 (December 2018): 561-563.
- Review of Adrian Finucane, *The Temptations of Trade: Britain, Spain, and the Struggle for Empire* (2016) in *The Historian* 80.1 (Spring 2018): 147-148.
- 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 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 (Fall 2016): 13-14.
- 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 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 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 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 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 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 (Fall 2014): 337-339.
- 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).
- 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* 18.3 (2014): 319-321.
- 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 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 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 Michael Nicholls, *Whispers of Rebellion: Narrating Gabriel's Conspiracy* (2012), in *William and Mary Quarterly*, 69.4 (October 2012): 868-871.

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

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

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

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

Fellowships, Scholarships, and Grants

Heinz Heinen Fellowship at the Bonn Center for Dependency & Slavery Studies (May to August 2023)

Short-Term Fellowship at the Folger Shakespeare Library (July 2022)

Huntington Library Travel Grant (June 2022)

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 2018)

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)

National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) Director's Cup Scholarship (January 2004)

Invited Lectures and Workshops

"Fragile Empire: Slavery and English Expansion, 1619-1707," University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas (December 2024).

"Sugar," London Museum Research Workshop, London, England (November 2024).

"Fragile Empire: Slavery in the Early English Tropics, 1645-1720," Rethinking Atlantic Narratives Colloquium, Bonn Center for Dependency & Slavery Studies, Bonn, Germany (May 2023).

"The Metrics of Mastery: Maintaining a Slave Empire in England's Global Tropics, 1640-1713," Hall Center for the Humanities, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas (December 2022).

"Corruption of the Air: Slavery, Disease, and Climate Change in the Early English Tropics," University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas (February 2022).

"Slavery and Plantation Management in the Americas," Faculty of Management, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia (February 2022).

"'Perpetual Servants': Disease, Migration and Climate Change in the Evolution of English Racial Slavery," British and Imperial History Workshop Online, University of Chicago (March 2021).

"Mosquitos and Slaves: Disease, Migration and Labor Politics in the Seventeenth-Century Global Tropics," Huntington Library Special Conference: Early Modern Global Caribbean, Online Conference (September 2020).

"Slavery and Plantation Management in the Americas," Faculty of Management, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia (February 2020).

"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: Capitalism, Paternalism and Jobbing Gangs 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, Quebec (October 2013).

"Sunup to Sundown: Slavery and the Enlightenment in the British Atlantic, 1750-1807," Brown Bag Seminar, Department of Economics, Dalhousie University, Nova Scotia (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, California (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

“How Unique were Early American Plantations? Slavery and the Global Plantation Complex,” McNeil Center Special Conference: What is Early America? Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (May 2025).

“Roads and Rebels: Mountains, Mobility, and the Creation of Infrastructure in Jamaica and Scotland, 1720-1740.” North American Conference on British Studies, Denver, Colorado (November 2024).

“Roads and Rebels: Mountains, Mobility, and the Creation of Infrastructure in Jamaica and Scotland, 1720-1740,” Slavery and the Environment in the Atlantic World Symposium, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas (May 2024).

“Roads and Rebellions: Mountains, Mobility and the Creation of Infrastructure in Jamaica and Scotland, 1720-1746,” Slavery, Institutions, and Empire: Moving Beyond Microhistory, Global History of Capitalism Project, Oxford, UK (September 2023).

“‘[L]et the slaves have their pay’: Wages, Contracts, and Consent in the Seventeenth-Century British Atlantic,” European Early American Studies Association Biannual Meeting, Poitiers, France (December 2021).

“‘Corruption of the Air’: Disease and Climate Change in the Rise of English Caribbean Slavery,” *Sugar and Slaves* 50th Anniversary Workshop, McNeil Center and University of Hull Online Conference (June 2021).

Chair and Commentator for “Labor and Laborers,” McNeil Center and PEAES Special Conference: Investigating Mid-Atlantic Plantations: Slavery, Economies and Space, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (October 2019).

“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 Arithmetick” of Empires in the Early Modern Atlantic World, 1500–1807, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland (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).

TEACHING AND SUPERVISION

Undergraduate Courses

“American Revolution”

“Atlantic World, 1450-1650”

“Atlantic World, 1650-1812”

“Chattel Slaves & Wage Slaves”

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

“George Washington and the American Presidency”

“Global History of Capitalism”

“History of the Americas: Pre-conquest to the Revolutionary Era”

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

“Rise and Fall of the British Empire”

“Slavery and Freedom in the Americas”

“Slavery in the New World”

“Slavery, War and Piracy in the Early Caribbean”

“United States History to 1877”

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

Graduate Courses and Fields

“American Revolution”

“Atlantic World”

“British Atlantic World”

“Comparative Global Slavery”

“Early American History”

“Early Modern Caribbean History”

“Slavery in the Americas”

“Slavery in the Atlantic World”

MA Thesis Supervision

Raksha Shrestha, “Interpreting the History of Slavery in the 21st Century Museum: Case Studies” (University of Kansas, 2024).

Heywot Tadesse, “The Virginia Height Increase: The Effects of Climate, Diet, and Labour on the Health of Enslaved Men in the Cold South, 1815-1835” (Dalhousie University, 2022).

Madelaine Hare, “Less ‘Determined in his Purpose’ than ‘Sincere in His Wishes’”: Amelioration at Henry Goulburn’s Amity Hall Estate, Jamaica, 1825-1833 (Dalhousie University, 2021).

Aonghus Garrison, “Medicine & Power: Authority and British Caribbean Medical Practitioners, 1750-1807” (Dalhousie University, 2019).

Nicholas Grabstas, “Power & Profit: Slave Traders in Parliament & the Life of Humphrey Morice, 1690-1730” (Dalhousie University, 2018).

Janet Mills, “‘Quamina, do you hear this?’: Revisiting the Demerara Slave Rebellion, 1823” (Dalhousie University, 2018).

Sophia Allen-Rice, “‘To Be Sold’: The Commodification of Black Bodies and Dehumanization of Enslaved Africans in Jamaican Slave Sale Advertisements, 1780-1800” (Dalhousie University, 2018).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PhD Thesis Supervision

Brennan Dempsey (History, Dalhousie University, passed comprehensive exams in 2018 and withdrew in 2021).

Other PhD Committee Work

Jesse Eaton (History, Dalhousie University, field examiner, 2025).

Jason Michelakos, “Power on the Plantation Complex: Biopolitics and Thanatopolitics” (Social & Political Thought, York University, external thesis examiner, 2020).

Kevin Harrell (History, University of Mississippi, field co-examiner, 2008).

Undergraduate and Honours Thesis Supervision

Lucy Carolan, “The Political Divide in the United States: The Creation of the United States Government Through the Correspondence of John Adams and Thomas Jefferson” (2022).

Matthew Zolkivski, “Autonomy to Assimilation: Perceptions of Indigenous Identity in the Revolutionary Era” (2021).

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

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

Jessica Schalburg-Clayton, “‘We Come to Make Some Remarks upon the Earth-quake’: Reconciling Scientific Reasoning and the Port Royal Earthquake of 1692 (2015).

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

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

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

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

Presentations on Student Success, Pedagogy, and Academic Integrity

“Academic Integrity: Ask Away,” Panel Discussion, Centre for Learning and Teaching, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia (October 2020).

“Tell Me Sweet Little Lies: Academic Integrity in an Online World,” Radio FASS Podcast, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia (June 2020).

“I Suspect an Academic Integrity Violation in My Course: What Am I In for?” Panel Discussion, Dalhousie Academic Integrity Week, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia (June 2020).

“Fail Forward: Falling Short and Climbing Up,” Panel Discussion. Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia (February 2017).

“Succeeding in University,” Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, Nova Scotia (October 2012).

ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNANCE

University Level

University Scholars and Global Scholars Interview Team, University of Kansas (2022).

Senate Think Tank: Academic Integrity, Dalhousie University (2021).

Online Teaching and Academic Integrity Workshop Planning Committee, Dalhousie University (2020).

Academic Integrity Working Group, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences Representative, Dalhousie University (2020).

Consulted for Blue Ribbon Panel on Dalhousie's Relationship to Slavery and Race Report (2018).

Consulted for University of King's College's Relationship to Slavery and Race Report (2018).

Faculty Level

Black and African Diaspora Studies Program Development Committee, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, Dalhousie University (2020-2022).

Academic Appeals and Student Matters Committee, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, Dalhousie University (2020-2022).

Administrative Assistant Hiring Committee, Dean's Office, Dalhousie University (2019, 2022).

Academic Integrity Officer, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, Dalhousie University (2016-present).

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

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

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

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

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

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

Department Level

Personnel Committee, Department of History, University of Kansas (2023-2024)

Graduate Committee, Department of History, University of Kansas (2022-2023)

Search Committee for an Assistant Professor of Canadian History, Department of History, Dalhousie University (2020-2021).

Search Committee for a Limited-Term Appointment in United States History, Department of History, Dalhousie University (2020).

Chair of the Search Committee for a Limited-Term Appointment in Canadian History, Department of History, Dalhousie University (2020).

Search Committee for an Assistant Professor of North American Indigenous History, Department of History, Dalhousie University (2018-2019).

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

Chair of the Search Committee for a Limited-Term Appointment in United States History, Dalhousie University (2014).

Executive Committee, Department of History, Dalhousie University (2012-2022).

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

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

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

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

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

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

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Advisory board member for *Slavery, Law & Power in The British Empire and Early America*: <https://blog.umd.edu/slaverylawandpower/> (2021-2025).

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

Co-Organizer of “Slavery and the Environment” symposium. Sponsored by The McNeil Center for Early American Studies and the Center for American Studies at the University of Kansas (University of Kansas, 2024).

External Tenure and Promotion Reviewer for Royal Military College of Canada, Syracuse University.

Swiss National Science Foundation Grant Application Reviewer, 2024.

Manuscript reviewer for *Britain and the World*, *Business History*, *Early American Studies*, *Eighteenth-Century Studies*, *History: Journal of the Historical Association*, *Journal of British Studies*, *Journal of the Historical Society*, *Journal of Southern History*, *Left History*, *Modern Intellectual History*, *William and Mary Quarterly*, Broadview Press, Oxford Bibliographies Online: Atlantic History, University of Pennsylvania Press, University of Toronto Press.

COMMUNITY AWARDS

Ambassador to Halifax, Awarded by Destination Halifax, 2014

ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE TRAINING

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

French (reading knowledge).