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Degrees

- 2003 PhD, Binghamton University
- 1992 MA, State University of New York at Binghamton
- 1990 BA, Union College, Schenectady, New York.

Academic Positions

- 2015-present Professor, Department of History and Social Studies Education, Buffalo State College.
- 2011-2015 Associate Professor with tenure, Department of History and Social Studies Education, Buffalo State College.
- 2008-2011 Assistant Professor, Department of History and Social Studies Education, Buffalo State College.
- 2004-2008 Associate Professor with tenure, Department of Social Sciences, University of Maine at Farmington.
- 2003-2004 Assistant Professor, Department of Social Sciences, University of Maine at Farmington.
- 1999-2003 Instructor, Department of Social Sciences, University of Maine at Farmington.
- 1997-1999 Instructor, Department of History and Political Science, Mansfield University.

Visiting Positions

- Spring 2018 Professeur Invité, Département Histoire, Université Toulouse Jean Jaures.

Courses Taught

Western Civilization	Global Civilization	World in 20 th Century
Imperialism	History of Africa	History vs. Hollywood
Modern France	Modern Britain	Modern Germany
Comparative Revolutions	The Holocaust	Germany & Central Europe 1618-1918
Historical Methods	Research Seminar	Gender, Sexuality & Imperialism

Publications

Books

Religious Conflict and the Evolution of Language Policy in German and French Cameroon, 1885-1939 (New York: Peter Lang, 2008). Winner of the Heggoy Book Prize, French Colonial Historical Society, 2009.

Edited Works

French Colonial History, 20 (forthcoming 2021).
French Colonial History, 19 (2020).
French Colonial History, 18 (2019).
French Colonial History, 17 (2017).

Journal Articles

“The *Dwarf*, the *Goetzen*, and C. S. Forester’s *African Queen*: A Reassessment of Naval Operations in WW I Africa,” *Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History* 44, no. 4 (2016): 592-621. <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/03086534.2016.1193991>.

“Njoya’s Alphabet: The Sultan of Bamum and French Colonial Reactions to the *A ka u ku* Script,” *Cahiers d’études africaines* LV (1), no. 217 (2015): 45-66.

“An African Kulturkampf: Religious Conflict and Language Policy in German Cameroon, 1885-1914,” *Sociolinguistica* 25 (December 2011): 81-93.

“The Affaire des Sixas and Catholic Education of Women in French Colonial Cameroon, 1915-1939,” *French Colonial History* 1, no.1 (2002): 33-49.

“Sources for Cameroonian Colonial History in Western Archives and Libraries,” *African Research and Documentation* no. 74 (1997): 1-22.

“Colonial Archives in Cameroon,” *African Research and Documentation* no. 71 (1995): 33-40.

Book Chapters

“Literature (Africa)” in: *1914-1918-online. International Encyclopedia of the First World War*, ed. by Ute Daniel, Peter Gatrell, Oliver Janz, Heather Jones, Jennifer Keene, Alan Kramer, and Bill Nasson, issued by Freie Universität Berlin, Berlin 2019-03-28. DOI: [10.15463/ie1418.11356](https://doi.org/10.15463/ie1418.11356).

“Propaganda in the Colonies (Africa)” in: *1914-1918-online. International Encyclopedia of the First World War*, ed. by Ute Daniel, Peter Gatrell, Oliver Janz, Heather Jones, Jennifer Keene, Alan Kramer, and Bill Nasson, issued by Freie Universität Berlin, Berlin 2017-02-21. DOI: [10.15463/ie1418.11056](https://doi.org/10.15463/ie1418.11056).

“For God and Country: Missionary Service in Colonial Africa during the Great War,” in *Empires in World War I: Shifting Frontiers and Imperial Dynamics in a Global Conflict*, ed. Andrew Jarboe and Richard Fogarty (London: I. B. Tauris, 2014), 249-281.

“The ‘Catechist War’ in Inter-war French Cameroon,” in *In God’s Empire: French Missionaries and the Modern World*, ed. Owen White and J. P. Daughton (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012), 233-255.

“Anti-Clericalism, French Language Policy and the Conflicted Colonial Mind in Cameroon 1923-1939,” in *Mental Maps of Empire and Colonial Encounters*, vol. 1 of *The French Colonial Mind*, ed. Martin Thomas (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2012), 121-143.

“Colonialism and the Simplification of Language: Germany’s Kolonial-Deutsch Experiment,” in *German Colonialism and National Identity*, ed. Michael Perraudin and Jürgen Zimmerer (New York: Routledge, 2011), 101-114.

Book Reviews

Faith, Power and Family: Christianity and Social Change in French Cameroon, by Charlotte Walker-Said, *Journal of African History* 60, no. 3 (November 2019): 493-494.

Into Africa: A Transnational History of Catholic Medical Missions and Social Change, by Barbara Mann Wall, *American Historical Review* 122, no. 2 (April 2017): 496-497.

Faith in Empire: Religion, Politics, and Colonial Rule in French Senegal, 1880-1940, by Elizabeth A. Foster, *H-France* 14, no. 178 (November 2014), <http://h-france.net/vol14reviews/vol14no178orosz.pdf>.

Africa in Translation: A History of Colonial Linguistics in Germany and Beyond, 1814-1945, by Sara Pugach, *Central European History* 47, no. 1 (March 2014): 186-188.

Museums, Anthropology and Imperial Exchange, by Amiria Henare, *Canadian Journal of History* vol. 41 (Winter 2006): 632-634.

Survivors on the Gold Coast: the Basel Missionaries in Colonial Ghana, 2nd ed., by Peter A. Schweizer, *African Book Publishing Record* 29, no. 4 (2003): 359.

From Liberation to Reconstruction, by J. N. K. Mugambi, *African Book Publishing Record* 23, no. 1 (1997): 32.

Selected Conferences and Presentations

- Fall 2023 Invited talk, “Mirror Images? A Comparative View of Social Policy in Cameroon and Palestine under Mandate,” The British Mandate in Palestine: Regional and Global Contexts, Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, Jerusalem, Israel, September 2023.
- Fall 2022 “Ambition and Petty Politics: The Marcel Brun Affair and the Battle to Represent Protestant Missions in French Africa at the Brazzaville Conference,” 49th Western Society for French History, Victoria, BC, November 2022.
- Fall 2022 Roundtable panelist, “Legacies of Slavery, Race and Empire in France” 73rd New York State Association of European Historians, Niagara Falls, NY, October 2022.
- Fall 2022 “Slavery by Another Name? Church-State conflicts over Labor Policy in Inter-war Cameroon,” 73rd New York State Association of European Historians, Niagara Falls, NY, October 2022.
- Fall 2018 Chair, “Africans in France and the French Empire from the Great War to the Fourth Republic” panel, 46th Western Society for French History, Portland, ME.
- Spring 2018 Invited talk, “Pour Dieu et la patrie: Service missionnaire en Afrique coloniale pendant la Grande Guerre,” Séminaire Guerres et Conflits Armées, FRAMESPA: France, Amériques, Espagne, Sociétés, Pouvoirs, Acteurs, Université Toulouse Jean Jaures, Toulouse, France, March 2018.
- Fall 2017 “The Spiritan Campaign vs Polygamy in inter-war French Cameroon,” Jean Quataert Retirement Symposium, Binghamton University, Binghamton NY, September 2017.
- Fall 2016 “Parks and Recreation: Big Game Hunting, Tourism and Conservation in Inter- War French Cameroon,” 59th African Studies Association Conference, Washington, DC.
- Fall 2015 “Selling the White Man’s War: Propaganda in Colonial Africa during the Great War,” 65th New York State Association of European Historians Conference, St John Fisher College, Rochester, NY.
- Spring 2015 “Violence and Marital Reform in Inter-war French West Africa,” 41st French Colonial Historical Society Conference, Binghamton, NY.
- Summer 2014 “Serving the Nation and the Lord: European Missionaries and the Great War in Colonial Africa,” Perspectives on the Great War, Queen Mary College, University of London.

Selected University Service

- 2020-2024 Personnel Committee, Department of History and Social Studies Education, Education, Buffalo State College. Chair 2023-2024.
- 2020-2021 Chair, George Floyd Memorial Scholarship Selection Committee, Buffalo State College.
- 2019-2021 Personnel Committee, School of Natural and Social Sciences, Buffalo State College Chair 2020-2021.
- Spring 2019 Promoting Recruitment, Opportunity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Growth (PRODIG) Search Committee for 5 lines in Africana Studies, Buffalo State College.
- 2018-2019 E. O. Smith Arts and Humanities Faculty Development Fund Selection Committee, Buffalo State College.
- 2018-2019 Personnel and Graduate Committees, Department of History and Social Studies Education, Buffalo State College.
- 2018-2021 Coordinator, Africana Studies Interdisciplinary Unit, Buffalo State College.
- 2016-2017 Advising Implementation Team, Buffalo State College.

2016-2017	Supplemental Instruction Coordinator, Buffalo State College.
2015-2016	Instruction Committee, School of Natural and Social Sciences, Buffalo State College.
2013-2016	Personnel Committee, School of Natural and Social Sciences, Buffalo State College. Chair 2015-2016.
2013-present	Judicial Board, Buffalo State College.
2012-2014	President's Medal for Outstanding Student and Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence Committee, Buffalo State College.
2011-2015	Personnel Committee, Department of History and Social Studies Education, Buffalo State College. Chair 2012-2015
2011-2012	Standards and Fundamental Elements Workgroup, Middle States Accreditation Review, Buffalo State College
2010-2016	Fulbright Campus Evaluation Committee, Buffalo State College.
2010-2012	Non-Western Intellectual Foundations Assessment Committee, Buffalo State College.
2010-2016	Standards for Students Committee, Buffalo State College.
2009-present	African and African American Studies Minor Steering Committee, Buffalo State College.
2007-2008	Faculty Representative, Board of Trustees, University of Maine System.
2006-2008	Fulbright Program Advisor, University of Maine at Farmington.
2006-2008	Academic Integrity Task Force, University of Maine at Farmington.
2005-2008	Advisor, Alpha Iota Omicron Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, University of Maine at Farmington.
2004-2005	Chair, International Studies Council, University of Maine at Farmington.
2004-2008	Academic Standards Committee, University of Maine at Farmington.
1999-2008	International Studies Council, University of Maine at Farmington. Chair 2004-2005.

Selected Service to the Profession

2021-2023	Editorial Board, <i>French Colonial History</i>
Spring 2021	Mentor, Early Career Scholar Mentoring Program, French Colonial Historical Society
2020-2023	World History Advanced Placement Exam Grader, Educational Testing Service.
2019-2020	Organizer and Program Committee, 46 th French Colonial Historical Society Conference, Buffalo, NY.
Spring 2017	External Program Reviewer, History Department, Cleveland State University.
2016-2020	Editor, <i>French Colonial History</i> .
2014-2015	Local Arrangements and Program Committees, 41 st French Colonial Historical Society Conference, Binghamton, NY.
2014-2016	Past-president (advisory), French Colonial Historical Society.
2014-2016	Application reader, Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders, International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX.)
Fall 2013	External grant reviewer, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.
2012-2014	President, French Colonial Historical Society
2010-2012	Vice President, French Colonial Historical Society.
2010-2011	Program Committee, 37 th French Colonial Historical Society Conference, Toronto.
2009, 2020	World History Advanced Placement Exam Grader, Educational Testing Service.
2001-2010	Newsletter Editor, French Colonial History Society.
2001-present	Pre-publication reviewer. Read manuscripts under consideration by Bedford/St Martin's, Cambridge University Press, <i>Canadian Bulletin of Medical History</i> , De Gruyter, <i>First World War Studies</i> , <i>French Colonial History</i> , <i>French Historical Studies</i> , <i>Historical Reflections/Réflexions historiques</i> , Houghton-Mifflin, <i>Journal of African Military History</i> , <i>Journal of Historical Sociolinguistics</i> , Longman,

McGraw-Hill, Oxford University Press, Pearson, Prentice Hall, Rowman & Littlefield, SAGE Publications, University of Nebraska Press.

Selectd Honors, Prizes and Awards

- 2012 President's Award for Excellence in Research, Creativity and Scholarship, Buffalo State College.
- 2012 Emerging Scholar Award, School of Natural and Social Sciences, Buffalo State College.
- 2009 Heggoy Book Prize for *Religious Conflict and the Evolution of Language Policy in German and French Cameroon, 1885-1939*, French Colonial Historical Society.
- 2008 Faculty Member of the Year with Six to Ten Years Service, Campus Residence Council, University of Maine at Farmington.
- 2007 Runner Up, Faculty Member of the Year with Six to Ten Years Service, Campus Residence Council, University of Maine at Farmington.

Selected Grants and Fellowships

- 2016 E. O. Smith Arts and Humanities Faculty Development Fund, Buffalo State College. Funded research trip to Cameroon.
- 2013 Provost's Incentive Grant, Buffalo State College. Funded conference travel.
- 2009, 2011 Individual Development Award, United University Professions, Buffalo State College. Funded conference travel and research trip.
- 2002-2003 Maine Humanities Council Grant. Funded Annual UMF Global Affairs Forum.
- 2002 Trustee's Award for the Advancement of Liberal Learning, University of Maine
- 1995-1996 Fulbright Grant, Germany

Professional Affiliations

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| American Historical Association | New York African Studies Association |
| French Colonial Historical Society | New York State Association of European Historians |
| Fulbright Alumni Association | North American Association of Cameroon Scholars |
| German History Society | |