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RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

U.S. and the world; U.S. political, social, and labor history (20th century); sub-Saharan African labor and political history; comparative history; transnational history.

EDUCATION

- Columbia University, Ph.D., History 2001
Dissertation—"Anti-Communism, Anti-Colonialism, and African Labor: the AFL-CIO in Africa, 1950-1975." Advisors: Alan Brinkley and Marcia Wright
- Columbia University, M.A., History 1994
Thesis—"How Can We Make Them Work? The Dilemma of Maintaining a Labor Supply in West Virginia and Natal Coal Mining, 1885-1930."
- Duke University, B.A., History and Political Science 1991
Magna Cum Laude with Distinction

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- University of Pittsburgh, Undergraduate Advisor/Lecturer, Pittsburgh, PA 2010-present
- Binghamton University, State University of New York, Assistant Professor, Binghamton, NY 2003-10
- Union College, Visiting Assistant Professor, Schenectady, NY 2002-3
- Brooklyn College, City University of New York, Visiting Assistant Professor Brooklyn, NY 2001-2
- Skidmore College, Visiting Instructor, Saratoga Springs, NY 2000-1

SELECTED SCHOLARSHIP

- Making Africa Safe for America: The United States Information Agency in Cold War Africa* (manuscript in preparation).
- Neither Solidarity nor Subversion: The AFL-CIO in Cold War Africa* (currently under review with Cornell University Press).
- "Selling America between Sharpeville and Soweto: The USIA in South Africa, 1960-1976," in Hallvard Notaker, Giles Scott-Smith, and David J. Snyder, eds., *Reasserting America in the 1970s: U.S. Public Diplomacy and the Rebuilding of America's Image Abroad* (Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2016).
- "'We will follow a nationalist policy; but we will never be neutral': American Labor and Neutralism in Cold War Africa, 1957-1962," in Robert Waters and Geert Van Goethem, eds., *American Labor's Global Ambassadors: The International History of the AFL-CIO During the Cold War*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2013).
- "Africa in the 21st Century," in Tom Zeiler, ed., *U.S. Foreign Policy: A Diplomatic History*. Los Angeles: CQ Press, SAGE, 2012.

SELECTED SCHOLARSHIP (continued)

Review of Pamela E. Brooks, *Boycotts, Buses, and Passes: Black Women's Resistance in the U.S. South and South Africa*. Amherst: University of Massachusetts Press, 2008.
Journal of American Ethnic History 31, no. 1 (Fall 2011): 101-102.
The 1950s (co-authored with Alice George), a volume in the Social History of the 20th Century United States, Daniel Walkowitz and Daniel Bender, series eds. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2008.
 Review of Opoku Agyeman, *The Failure of Grassroots Pan-Africanism: The Case of the All-African Trade Union Federation*. Lanham: Lexington Books, 2003, H-SAfrica, August 2004. URL: <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.cgi?path=4981095034068>
 "The United States and Sub-Saharan Africa since 1961," in Robert Beisner, ed., *American Foreign Relations since 1600: a Guide to the Literature*. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2003 (online updates, Tom Zeiler, ed., 2004-2007).
Makonde. New York: Rosen Publishing, 1998.

HONORS AND AWARDS

John G. Bowman Faculty Grants for Research Abroad, University of Pittsburgh	2014
Writing in the Disciplines Faculty Seminar Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh	2011
Individual Development Award, Binghamton University	2010
Dean's Research Semester Fellowship, Binghamton University	2006
Humanities Faculty Development Grant, Union College	2002
Faculty Development Grant, Skidmore College	2001
Eisenhower World Affairs Institute Fellow	1998-9
Summer Fellow, Institute of African Studies, Columbia University	1996
President's Fellow, Columbia University	1993-6, 1998-9
Fulbright Scholar, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa	1992
Researched African and Indian coal miners and contemporary trade unionism.	
Richard Hofstadter Fellow, Columbia University	1991, 1993

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Pittsburgh

- U.S. in the World (forthcoming graduate seminar)
- U.S. Foreign Policy in Africa (forthcoming—Pitt in South Africa program Summer 2015)
- The U.S. in the 1960s (undergraduate)
- U.S. Foreign Relations (undergraduate)
- U.S. War and Imperialism in Comparative Perspective (introductory required seminar)

Binghamton University

- American Workers in the 20th century (graduate seminar)
- The Cold War at Home (senior seminar)
- Cold War Politics and Society (undergraduate/graduate seminar)
- The Cold War: U.S./Soviet Views (team-taught lecture with Prof. Heather Dehaan)
- The Early Cold War in America (graduate seminar)
- Modern American Civilization (undergraduate survey)
- Research Seminar (graduate seminar on primary research)
- The U.S. and the World (senior seminar)
- U.S. Foreign Policy (graduate seminar)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (continued)

- The U.S. in the 1960s (upper level undergraduate lecture)

- U.S. War and Imperialism in Comparative Perspective (senior seminar)

Union College (all undergraduate)

- Colloquium on the Depression and the New Deal (required seminar for juniors)
- Contemporary South African History
- History of the United States (to the Civil War and from the Civil War to the Present)
- U.S. Labor History

Brooklyn College

- The Civil War and Reconstruction (graduate seminar)
- The Shaping of the Modern World (undergraduate)
- The Social History of the United States to 1860 (undergraduate)
- The Social History of the United States from 1860 to the Present (undergraduate)

Skidmore College (all undergraduate)

- American Labor and Political Radicalism
- Cinema of the African Diaspora (team-taught with Professor Jordana Dym)
- From Diamond Mines to Defiance Campaigns: 100 years of South African History
- United States History, 1865-present
- The United States in Africa, 1930-present

Columbia University

- Race, Ethnicity, and Work: Conflict in Twentieth-Century South Africa (undergraduate)

GRADUATE ADVISING

Committee member for more than fifty students (M.A. and Ph.D.) between 2003 and 2017

Principal advisor for two Ph.D. and six M.A. students since 2003

Zhaokun Liu, A.B.D., Carnegie Mellon University. “The Forgotten War, the Unforgotten Bodies: The Search, Repatriation, and Identification of the Remains of U.S. Servicemen Missing in Korea, 1953-2008”

Hillary Gleason, Ph.D. 2010. “The CIA to 1950” (principal advisor)

Laura Warren Hill, Ph.D., 2010, “‘Strike the Hammer While the Iron Is Hot’: The Black Freedom Struggle in Rochester, NY, 1940-1970”

Devan Bissonette, Ph.D., 2009, “The *Time* of our *Life*: Packaging the News for America’s Busy Readers from Little Rock (1957) to the end of *Life* as we knew it (1972)”—recipient, Distinguished Dissertation Award in the Social Sciences

Phyllis Amenda, Ph.D. 2008, “‘God Bless the Revolution:’ Episcopalians and Social Justice, 1885-1919” (principal advisor)

Deanna Gillespie, Ph.D., 2008, “‘They walk, talk, and act like new people’: Black women and the Citizenship Education Program, 1957-1970”—recipient, Distinguished Dissertation Award in the Social Sciences

Christopher Leahey, Ed.D., 2007, “Hegemony and history: A critical analysis of how high school history textbooks depict key events of the Vietnam War”

GRADUATE ADVISING (continued)

Gregory Geddes, Ph.D. 2006, “Literature and labor: Harvey Swados and the twentieth-century American left”—recipient, Distinguished Dissertation Award in the Social Sciences

Suronda Gonzalez, Ph.D. 2005, “Immigrants in our midst: Grace Abbott, the Immigrants’

Protective League of Chicago, and the new American citizenship, 1908-1924”
Katharine Dawson, Ph.D. 2004, “Coal, community, and collective action in McKinley County,
New Mexico: 1900-1935”

SELECTED PAPER PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

- Panel organizer, Transnational Research from South Africa, Professor Nicholas Cull, chair,
conference of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, June 2015.
- “Selling Apartheid in America and Civil Rights in South Africa in the 1960s,” paper presented
at the conference of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, June 2015.
- “Selling America between Sharpeville and Soweto: the USIA in South Africa, 1960-1976,”
Paper presented at “Selling America in an Age of Uncertainty” conference, Oslo,
Norway, October 2013.
- Invited chairperson, panel on Transnational Labor and U.S. Foreign Relations, Society for
Historians of American Foreign Relations annual conference, June 2013.
- Invited participant, “*Seeking Evolution, Not Revolution in Apartheid South Africa: American
Labor and South African Unions, 1979-1984,*” Society for Historians of American
Foreign Relations annual conference, June 2012.
- Invited participant, “We will follow a nationalist policy; but we will never be neutral”: American
Labor and Neutralism in Cold War Africa, 1957-1962,” at conference, “The AFL-CIO
and the International Cold War: Problems, Paradigms, and Pragmatic Responses,”
University of Ghent, Ghent, Belgium, October 2011.
- Invited discussant, “Class and Labor in Global Perspective” panel, New England Historical
Association annual conference, April 2009.
- Invited participant, “Labor Unions in South Africa: from Anti-Apartheid Activists to Neo-liberal
Critics,” Social Histories of Africa conference, Columbia University, February 2009.
- Invited discussant, “African and Andean Nationalists Encounter the U.S. State Department: Cold
War Interpersonal Diplomacy from a Transnational Perspective, 1958–75” panel,
American Historical Association annual meeting, January 2009.
- “U.S. Labor and African Decolonization.” Paper presented at the American Historical
Association annual meeting, January 2008.
- “Thanks But No Thanks! South African Reactions to American Labour Largesse, 1955-1985.”
Paper presented at “Rethinking Worlds of Labour: southern African labour history in
international context,” University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa, July
2006.
- “Modernization and African labor: the AFL-CIO, Ghana and neutralism, 1955-1963.” Paper
presented at the Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, April 2006.
- “A Case of Tricky Labor Diplomacy: the AFL-CIO and South Africa's union movement, 1955-
1985.” Paper presented at the North American Labor History Conference, October 2005.
- “Top Down or Bottom Up? The AFL-CIO as NGO in Cold War Africa.” Paper presented at the
Social Science History Association, November 2004.
- “Could Labor be Both Neo-Colonialist and Pan-African? AFL-CIO African Policy and the
Career of George McCray.” Paper presented at the North American Labor History
Conference, October 2002.

SELECTED PAPER PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES (continued)

- “Did America's Trade Unions Challenge Apartheid? The AFL-CIO in South Africa,
1960-1980.” Paper presented at the African Studies Association convention, October
1998.
- “Cooperation or Conflict? The AFL-CIO in Sub-Saharan Africa, 1957-1966.” Paper presented
at the Annual Conference of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations,

June 1998.

“A Good Case for Comparison? Coal Mining in Natal and West Virginia Examined, 1885-1930.” Paper presented to the African Studies Association Convention, November 1996.

SERVICE

University of Pittsburgh

- Advised hundreds of undergraduate majors and minors on degree completion requirements, internships, course selection, and career development.
- Advised Beta Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta.
- Job search committees for positions in U.S. History, ACLS New Faculty Fellow, World History Center post-doctoral position, and African History position.
- Inaugural Faculty Director, Pitt in South Africa program (2015-present).
- Faculty Advisory Committee, Department of History, 2013-15.
- Undergraduate Committee, Department of History, 2010-present.
- Organizer and department liaison, Military Veterans Initiative Group (MVIG), 2013-2014
- Departmental Self-Study Planning Group, 2014-15
- Social Sciences Representative, Faculty Assembly, 2014-2017, 2017-2020
- Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of History, 2015-present
- Member, University Senate, 2015-2017
- Member, ad-hoc Senate committee on part-time non-tenure-stream faculty, 2015-2017
- Member, ad-hoc Senate committee on teaching evaluations, 2016-present
- Member, University Review Board, 2017-2018

Binghamton University

- Department liaison, Turkish Dual Diploma Program in Global and International Affairs, 2004-2009. Participated in defining aspects of innovative program operating among Binghamton University and three Turkish partner institutions. Designed honors program and mentored honors graduate. Participated in initial stages of program assessment.
- Chair or co-Chair, Professional Development Committee, Department of History, 2005-2008. Member, 2008-9. Co-chaired first departmental effort to coordinate professional development for graduate students.
- Advisory Committee, Department of History, 2004-2006
- Harpur College Council, Fall 2003
- Undergraduate Committee, Department of History, 2003-2005
- Job search committees for African-American history, U.S. women’s history, Colonial U.S. history, School of Education search.

Union College

- Collective on Diversity Awareness, Union College

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES (present and past)

American Historical Association

African Studies Association

Organization of American Historians

Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations

Labor and Working Class History Association

Journal referee for *Diplomatic History*