**Lacy Noel Feigh**

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**EDUCATION**

**Ph.D. Northeast African and Middle Eastern History**

**The University of Pennsylvania**; Philadelphia PA

*Expected Completion: May 2022*

**Dissertation Title**: *‘As Pretty As An Abyssinian Girl Could Be’: Slavery, Race, and Empire in the Nile Valley*

**Fields:**  Modern Greater Horn of Africa; Modern Middle East Borders and Frontiers; Race, Labor, and Migration

Lee Cassanelli (chair), Eve Troutt-Powell, Firoozeh Kashani-Sabet

**M.A. The University of Pennsylvania**;Philadelphia, PA

*Received May 2018*

**B.A. Presbyterian College**; Clinton, SC

*Completed May 2012*

History and Political Science, *summa cum laude*

Minors in Chinese Studies and English

**The American University in Cairo**, *study abroad, fall 2010*

**PUBLICATIONS**

**“Punishing Slavery: Enforcing Abolition in Southwest Ethiopia, 1942-52”**

Submitted to *The* *Journal of African History*, currently revising to resubmit

**“Unsilencing the Archive: Enslaved Histories and the Ethiopian National Archives”**

Solicited Research Note for a special volume for *Aethiopica*, under review

**“Now 60 years old, the Peace Corps can be more than a Cold War artifact”**

Perspective piece published in March 2021 for *The Washington Post*’s *Made by History* column

**FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, & AWARDS**

**EXTERNAL**

**Social Science Research Council** Ethiopia, UK, Egypt **2019**

*International Dissertation Research Fellowship*

Dissertation research funding

**Fulbright** Addis Ababa, Ethiopia **2018-2019**

*Student Scholar Fellowship*

Dissertation research funding

**Fulbright** Amman, Jordan **2014-2015**

*English Teaching Assistantship*

**FLAS Academic Year Fellowship** **2017-2018**

*Amharic Language*

**FLAS Summer Fellowship** Muscat, Oman **2017**

*Arabic Language*

**FLAS Summer Fellowship** Addis Ababa, Ethiopia **2016**

*Amharic Language*

**INTERNAL**

**Penfield Dissertation Research Fellowship** Italy and Egypt **2021-2022**

*Dissertation Research Travel*

**Perry World House** **2020-2021**

*Graduate Fellow*

**Penfield Dissertation Research Fellowship** Rome, Italy **2020-2021**

*Dissertation Research Travel*

**History Undergraduate Advisory Board** **2018**

*Teaching Assistant of the Year*

**Lynn Lees and Faye Rattner Travel Grant** Switzerland, Oman **2017**

*Dissertation Research Travel*

**Joseph E. and Helen M. Miller Fellowship** **2016-2017**

**Benjamin Franklin Fellowship** **2015-2021**

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

**“Builders of Empires: Enslaved Knowledge and Labor in the 19th Century Nile** **Valley”** Virtual Presentation to the African Studies Association Annual Meeting; *November 2021*

**“Builders of Empires: Enslaved Knowledge and Labor in the 19th Century Nile** **Valley”**

Presentation at the Middle East Studies Association in Montreal, Canada;*October 2021*

**“Punishing Slavery: Enforcing Abolition in Southwest Ethiopia, 1942-52”**

Virtual presentation to the University of Pennsylvania’s Annenberg Seminar; *February 2021*

“**Punishing Slavery: Enforcing Abolition in 1940s Ethiopia”**

Virtual presentation to 14th Greater New York Area African History Workshop; *November 2020*

“**Punishing Slavery: Enforcing Abolition in 1940s Ethiopia”**

Virtual presentation at Harvard’s Conference for International History; *August 2020*

**“’As Pretty As An Abyssinian Girl Could Be’: Ethiopian Exceptionalism in the 19th and Early 20th Centuries”**

Workshop on The Middle East in Africa/Africa in the Middle East, NYU and Cornell;

*November 2019*

**“Unsilencing the Archive: Finding Slave Legacies in the Ethiopian National Archives”**

Presentation to the SLAFNET Spring School on Slavery in Africa; *April 2019*

**“Punishing Slavery: Enforcing Abolition in Imperial Ethiopia, Post-1940”**

Presentation to the SLAFNET Spring School on Slavery in Africa; *April 2019*

**“Punishing Slavery: Enforcing Abolition in Interwar Period Ethiopia”**

Presentation to the 20th International Conference of Ethiopian Studies; *October 2018*

**“Painting the Racial Frontier: Race in Twentieth Century Ethiopian Art”**

Presentation to the 20th International Conference of Ethiopian Studies; *October 2018*

**“Painting Racial Boundaries: Picturing Race in Twentieth Century Ethiopia”**

Presentation to the 12th Greater New York Area African History Workshop; *March 2018*

**“Painting Racial Boundaries: Picturing Race in Twentieth Century Ethiopia”**

Presentation to the African Studies Association’s 2017 Annual Meeting; *November 2017*

**“Transnational Perceptions of Race and Gender”**

Panel discussant at the African Studies Association’s 2017 Meeting; *November 2017*

**TEACHING**

**Lecturer, University of Pennsylvania Forthcoming, Spring 2022**

*From Rastafari to Haile Selassie: A Global History of Modern Ethiopia*

Cross-listed course with History and Africana Studies

**Instructor, Penn High School Summer Prep Program** **Summer 2021**

*You Are What You Eat: A Global History of Food and Drink*

**Virtual Teaching Assistant in History**

*History of Foreign Aid in Africa* **Spring 2021**

*Africa Since 1800* **Fall 2020**

**Teaching Assistant at Wharton’s Lauder Institute** **Spring 2020**

*INTS 732: Global and Regional Analysis*

**Teaching Assistant in History**

*Making of the Modern World* **Spring 2018**

*Africa Since 1800* **Fall 2017**

*History of the Modern Middle East* **Fall 2016**

**Grader**

*Asian American History* **Spring 2016**

**SERVICE**

**University of Pennsylvania, History Department**

*Graduate Student Social Chair* **2021-2022**

**University of Pennsylvania, History Department**

*College Hall Building Committee Graduate Student Representative* **2021**

**Reviewer** **2021**

*Journal of Global Slavery*

**Greater New York Area African History Workshop**

*Co-organizer and facilitator* **Spring 2021**

**University of Pennsylvania, History Department**  **Fall 2018**

*Ottoman History Search Student Representative*

**University of Pennsylvania, History Department** **2017-2018**

*Graduate Committee Student Representative*

**University of Pennsylvania, History Department**

*Clio Graduate Student Co-president*  **2016-2017**

**Nationalities Service Center** **2017**

*Volunteer ESL Teacher*

**EXPERIENCE**

**United States Peace Corps** Yirgalem, Ethiopia **2012-2014**

*English Teacher Trainer*

Designed and implemented English language trainings for USAID funded program

Cross-sector work in gender equality, HIV/AIDS, Malaria, and volunteerism

Served as a member of the Program Advisory Committee

Obtained intermediate-high Amharic proficiency

**LANGUAGES**

**Amharic**

*Reading proficiency test passed Fall of 2016*

One year private tutoring in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (2018-2019)

One academic year reading and spoken (advanced, 2017-2018)

Three-month summer program in Ethiopia (advanced, 2016)

Two semesters at the University of Pennsylvania (advanced, 2016)

Two years working experience in Ethiopia (2012-2014)

Intermediate-high proficiency (ACTFL certified, spring 2014)

Ten-week intensive Pre-Service Training with Peace Corps (2012)

**Arabic**

Two months private tutoring (MSA and Egyptian dialect, Fall 2019)

Six-week summer intensive program (MSA, Oman, summer 2017)

One year private tutoring (MSA, Jordan, 2014-2015)

One semester private group course at Ahlan Jordan (Jordanian dialect, 2015)

One semester group course at Qasid Institute (Jordanian dialect, 2014)

One semester intensive at the American University of Cairo (MSA, 2010)

**Italian**

*Reading Proficiency test passed Fall 2018*

Italian for Reading Knowledge at the University of Pennsylvania (Summer 2018)

One semester private tutoring (Spring 2018)

**AFFILIATIONS**

Middle East Studies Association (MESA)

African Studies Association (ASA)