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Education

Doctoral Candidate in Atlantic History, University of Pennsylvania (Aug. 2020-May 2025)
Philadelphia, PA

Masters of Arts in Global and Comparative History, Georgetown University (Aug. 2017-May 2019)

Washington, DC

MA Capstone: "From Subversives to State Actors: White Perceptions of the Jamaican Maroons Before, During, and After the Second Maroon War" (1795-1796)

Bachelor of Arts in History, Fisk University (Aug. 2013-May 2017)
Nashville, TN

Relevant Courses

Black Atlantic Seminar

Global and Comparative History

Introduction to African and African Diaspora Thought

Race, Citizenship, and US Political Development

Race and Gender in Historical Perspective

Presentations

"Sierra Leone as a Site of Diaspora, Dislocation, and Homegoing (1787-1850) at The Association for Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora in Accra at the University of Ghana's Cedi Conference Centre (August 2023)

"Reckoning with Unfreedom in Freetown During the Age of Revolution" at the "Imagining Emancipation in the Atlantic World: 1750-1888" Workshop at the Centre for Political Thought at the University of Exeter (June 2023)

"Cooperation, Contestation, and Identity Formation: A Study of Black Life in Late Eighteenth and Early Nineteenth Century Sierra Leone, 1787-1834" for Caribbean Crucible: The Making of the Atlantic World Conference at Columbia University (April 2023)

Commentator on Grant Stanton's Paper "Somerset's Boston, Boston's Somerset" at the University of Pennsylvania's History Graduate Colloquium (February 2023)

"Jamaican Maroons: A Study of Subversion, Symbolism, and Complicity from 1800-1850" at the 21st Annual International Transatlantic History Conference on Spectacle and Power in the Transatlantic World at the University of Texas at Arlington (October 2021)

“Roles, Reactions, and Reasoning: Examining Constructions of Jamaican Maroon Identity”.
Workshop, Graduate Colloquium in History, University of Pennsylvania (November 16, 2020)

“A People Without Counterparts: The Construction of Maroon Identity in Jamaica” at the
University of West Indies at Mona in Kingston, Jamaica. (March 2020)

Research Experience

Lapidus Center Fellowship at the Schomburg Center (Sept-Dec 2023)

Interamericas Fellowship at the John Carter Brown Library (July-Sept. 2022)

- Engaged in extensive archival research and participated in generative discussions with scholars throughout the world.

Research Assistant to Dr. Steven Pincus at the University of Chicago (Jan. 2020)

- Assisted Dr. Pincus in locating and digitizing archival documents at the National Library of Jamaica.

Fulbright Research Award to Jamaica (Sept. 2019 to March 2020)

- Conducted archival research, interviewed Maroon communities, and integrated ethnographic data into my scholarship.

Assistant Archivist at the John Hope and Aurelia E. Franklin Library (Fall 2013-Fall 2014)

- Assisted Mrs. Mattie McHollin in archiving information on African Americans artists during the Civil Rights Movement.

Professional Experience

Residential Assistant for the Hotchkiss School Hersey Scholars Program at Harvard

University (Summer 2023)

- I was responsible for helping a group of Hotchkiss highschoolers navigate the archives at Harvard's Houghton Library and the Boston Public Library.

Communications Civic Engagement Intern at the Netter Center for Community

Partnerships (Summer 2021)

- Educated a group of West Philadelphia high-school students about the political process and the importance of voting.

Children's Defense Fund Nashville Freedom Schools (Summer 2017)

- Taught a class of African American seventh graders from largely urban communities, whose literacy skills, oratory skills and self-esteem I helped improve.

Honors

- Reviewed Vincent Carretta's *Olaudah, the African: Biography of a Self-Made Man* (Athens, University of Georgia Press, 2022), *African American Intellectual History Society* (2022)
- Attained Rank of Eagle Scout in Scouts BSA
- Graduate Fellow at the Africana Summer Institute (2021)
- Recipient of the Fontaine Fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania (2020)
- Recipient of the MAGIC Scholarship at Georgetown University (2017-2018)
- Graduated Magna Cum Laude at Fisk University