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Teaching

Associate Professor of History, Regent University, 2020-Present, Assistant Professor, 2014-2020

Visiting Assistant Professor of History, Beloit College, 2012-2013

Education

B.A., History, Bowling Green State University, 2005 - Concentrations: History, Classical Civilization

M.A., History, Ohio University, 2008 – Advisor Chester J. Pach, Jr.

- Thesis: “Color and Credibility: Eisenhower, the U.S. Information Agency, and Race, 1955-57”

Ph.D., History, Ohio University, 2012 – Advisor Chester J. Pach, Jr.

Contemporary History Institute certificate (interdisciplinary seminar series), Ohio University, 2012

- Concentrations: U.S. Foreign Relations, U.S. 1789-1900, Great Britain 1815-Present, World History
- Dissertation: “Symbol of Modernity: Ghana, African Americans, and the Eisenhower Administration”

Courses Created (most in online format as well)

Introductory Historical Methods, Historiography and Historical Methods (capstone), U.S. History I and II, Western Civilization II, Cold War, Race in American Foreign Relations, African American Relations with Africa, British Empire, Middle East/Africa, Ancient Greece, Ancient Rome, Middle Ages, French Revolution/Napoleonic Era, Virginia, Europe 1648-1815, Europe 1815-Present

Key Regent University Service Positions

- Faculty Advisor, Regent Young Democrats, Fall 2022 - Present
- College of Arts & Sciences (CAS) Tenure and Promotion Review Committee – Fall 2020-Present
- History Program Coordinator – Fall 2017-Present
- CAS Undergraduate Research Conference Committee – 2016-2019

Key Professional Service Activities

- 2023 – Present – *H-Diplo* Review Editor
- 2021 – Present – Referee for *Labor History*
- 2021 C-Span’s *Historians Survey of Presidential Leadership*
- Section Editor for digitization of Routledge’s *Encyclopedia of the Cold War* for Routledge Resources Online
 - Editing and adding links, pictures, and updated bibliographies to 38 entries to date

Books

(in progress)

Fish Out of Water: The International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, Modernization, and Ghana, 1951-1959.

America Enters the Cold War: The Road to Global Commitment, 1945-1950. New York: Routledge, 2017. Part of Routledge’s Critical Moments in American History Series.

- Review of work - <https://networks.h-net.org/node/28443/reviews/2288585/lass-grimm-america-enters-cold-war-road-global-commitment-1945%E2%80%931950>

Journal Articles – review of Cold War History article that mentions others (<https://networks.h-net.org/group/discussions/20028403/h-diplo-article-review-1206-waters-grimm-perils-promises-and>)

- “Views From West Africa: Ghanaian Attention to Race Relations in 1950s America,” *Media History* 30, no. 2 (2024): 239-253.
- “‘A First Class Medium’: The Cautious Anti-Communism of the ICFTU’s International Labour Film Institute, 1953-1972,” *Labor History* 64, no. 2 (2024): 221-239.

- “Perils, Promises, and Perspectives: Nuclear Weapons, Atomic Energy, and the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions in the Early Cold War,” *Cold War History* 23, no. 4 (2023): 495-515.
- “‘With Flags Waving’: African Diasporic Agency in the 1960s ICFTU-Liberian Relationship,” *Journal of West African History* 9, no. 1 (2023): 85-110.
- “‘Encroaching Upon Trade Union Preserves’: The 1950s Fight Over Global Labor Norms Between the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions and Moral Re-Armament,” *Labor History* 62, no. 4 (2021): 489-510.
- “Gazing Toward Ghana: African American Agency in the Eisenhower Administration’s Relations with Africa,” *Journal of Contemporary History* 48, July (2013): 578-596.
- “Narrative of Modernity: Horace Mann Bond and the Public Image of Ghana in 1950s America,” *OFO: Journal of Transatlantic Studies* 2 (2013).

Book Chapters

- “From Books to Land Rovers: The Informal, Small Philanthropy of the AFL-CIO and the ICFTU in Africa During the Early Cold War,” in Ben Offiler and Rachel Williams, eds. *American Philanthropy at Home and Abroad: New Directions in the History of Giving*. London: Bloomsbury, 2022.
- “One Man’s Peace: Influences on Martin Luther King Jr.’s Non-violent Philosophy” in William M. Knoblauch, Michael Loadenthal, and Christian P. Peterson, eds. *The Routledge History of World Peace Since 1750*. New York: Routledge, 2018.
- Historiographical Essay, “Eisenhower and the Third World” in Chester J. Pach, Jr, ed. *A Companion to Dwight D. Eisenhower*. Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishing Ltd., 2017.
- “The Tidewater Wars: 1609-1646,” in Christos G. Frentzos and Antonio S. Thompson, eds. *The Routledge Handbook of American Diplomatic and Military History: The Colonial Period to 1877*. New York: Routledge, 2015.
- “A National Concern: Remembering and Teaching the Death of Emmett Till,” in Novotny Lawrence, ed. *Documenting the Black Experience: Essays on African American History, Culture and Identity in Nonfiction Films*. Jefferson, NC: McFarland & Company, Inc., 2014.
- “Lasting Legacy: James E. O’Hara’s Post-Reconstruction Struggle for Racial Equality,” in Matthew Lynch, ed. *Before Obama: A Reappraisal of Black Reconstruction Era Politicians*. New York: Praeger, 2012.

Book Reviews

- Corrie Decker and Elisabeth McMahon. *The Idea of Development in Africa: A History*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2020. *H-Diplo*, October 2023.
- Alice Wiemers. *Village Work: Development and Rural Statecraft in Twentieth-Century Ghana*. Athens, OH: Ohio University Press, 2021. *Journal of West African History* 9, no. 1 (2023): 147-150.
- Abou B. Bamba. *African Miracle, African Mirage: Transnational Politics and the Paradox of Modernization in Ivory Coast*. Athens, OH: Ohio University Press, 2016. *Journal of West African History* 7, no. 1 (2021): 148-150.
- Kate Skinner. *The Fruits of Freedom in British Togoland: Literacy, Politics and Nationalism, 1914-2014*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2015. *Journal of West African History* 5, no. 1 (2019): 147-150.
- Paul J. Heer. *Mr. X and the Pacific: George F. Kennan and American Policy in East Asia*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2018. *H-Diplo*, 2018. <https://networks.h-net.org/node/28443/reviews/2662582/grimm-heer-mr-x-and-pacific-george-f-kennan-and-american-policy-east>.
 - Peter Dombrowski and Andrew C. Winner, eds. *The Indian Ocean and US Grand Strategy: Ensuring Access and Promoting Security*. Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press, 2014. Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa’s Book Notes Program, March (2016). <http://www.asmeascholars.org/publications/the-indian-ocean-and-us-grand-strategy-ensuring-access-and-promoting-security/>.
 - James Gow, Funmi Olonisakin, and Ernst Dijxhoorn, eds. *Militancy and Violence in West Africa: Religion, Politics and Radicalisation*. New York: Routledge, 2013. *Human Rights Review* 16 (1), (2015): 77-78.

- Alexander V. Campbell. *The Royal American Regiment: An Atlantic Microcosm, 1755 – 1772*. Norman, OK: The University of Oklahoma Press, 2010. *Swiss American Historical Society Review* 50, February (2014): 77-79.
- Dayo F. Gore. *Radicalism at the Crossroads: African American Women Activists in the Cold War*. New York: New York University Press, 2011. *The Journal of African American History* 97, Summer (2012): 342-344.
- Albert Tillson, Jr. *Accommodating Revolutions: Virginia's Northern Neck in an Era of Transformations, 1760-1810*. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2010. *Southern Historian* 32, Spring (2011): 69-71.

Conference Papers

- *"Trade Unions, Authoritarians, and Human Rights: The ICFTU's Early 1950s Human Rights Campaigns in the First and Second Worlds*. Paper presented at the 6th "Human Rights, Violence and Dictatorship" International Interdisciplinary Conference, virtual, October 2023.
- *"Workers' Fists Against Soviet Steel": The International Confederation of Free Trade Union's Human Rights Reaction to the 1953 East German Uprising*. Paper presented at the 2023 Annual Meeting of The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, Arlington, VA, June 2023.
- *"A Positive and Noble Revolution": The International Confederation of Free Trade Unions and Racial Discrimination in Africa During the Decolonization Era*. Paper presented at Monmouth University's Seventh Biennial Interdisciplinary Conference on Race – Public Spaces, Private Places: Construction Race and Liberation, virtual, November 2022.
- *"Fish Out of Water": The International Confederation of Free Trade Unions and Labor Modernity in 1950s Ghana*. Paper presented at the 2019 Annual Meeting of The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, Arlington, VA, June 2019.
- *Laboring the Cold War: Explorations of ICFTU Activity in Different African Regions in the 1950s*. Paper presented at the 8th Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa, Washington, D.C., October 2015.
- *A View From West Africa: Ghanaian Attention to Race in America During the 1950s*. Paper presented at "Remapping the Black Atlantic: Diaspora (Re) Writings of Race and Space in an International Conference," DePaul University Center for Black Diaspora, Chicago, IL, April 2013.
- *A New Nation and Western Labor: Ghana and The International Confederation of Free Trade Unions in the 1950s*. Paper presented at the 5th Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa, Washington, D.C., October 2012.
- *Narrative of Modernity: Horace Mann Bond and the Public Image of Ghana*. Paper presented at "50 Years of African Liberation," the 54th Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Washington, D.C., November 2011.
- *Symbol of the Third World: African Americans, Ghana, and the Eisenhower Administration*. Paper presented at the 33rd Mid-America Conference on History, Stillwater, OK, September 2011.
- *Common Language, Divergent Goals: Kwame Nkrumah and the Eisenhower Administration, 1957-1960*. Paper presented at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Ohio Academy of History at Capital University, Columbus, OH, March 2010.

Awards and Honors

- Regent University Fall 2017 Faculty Excellence Award in the Area of Scholarship
- Ohio University Contemporary History Institute Fellowship 2008-9 and 2011-12 Academic Years

Technology

- Blackboard (and Collaborate)
- Canvas

- Panopto
- Kaltura Capture