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EMPLOYMENT

Andrew Mellon Post-Doctoral Fellow in History & Visiting Lecturer in African and African American Studies Program, Washington University in St. Louis, 2008-2010

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Michigan State University, Comparative Black History, 2008
M.A., Ohio State University, African American & African Studies, 2002
B.A., Elon College, Independent Major: African American Studies, 2000

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Middle passage studies, gender and slavery in the Americas, diaspora/black Atlantic studies, medical history, violence, maritime history, sexuality, and historical memory.

PUBLICATIONS

Articles/Book Chapters:

“‘I Never Have Such A Sickly Ship Before’: Diet, Disease, and Mortality In 18th - Century Atlantic Slaving Voyages,” *Journal of African American History* 93 (Fall 2008): 474-496.

“‘Make Haste & Let Me See You With A Good Cargo of Negroes’: Gender, Power, and the Centrality of Violence in the Eighteenth Century Atlantic Slave Trade,” in *Gender, Race, Ethnicity, and Power in Maritime America*, Edited by Glenn Gordinier. (Mystic, CT: Mystic Seaport Museum, 2008): 3-21.

‘Far Cry From a Fantasy Voyage: The Impact of the Middle Passage on Slave Societies Across the Atlantic World,’ *Islas: Official Publication of the Afro-Cuban Alliance, Inc. Year 2, No. 8*, (Fall 2007).

Book Reviews:

Saltwater Slavery: A Middle Passage from Africa to American Diaspora by Stephanie Smallwood, *South Carolina Historical Magazine* (Forthcoming).

If We Must Die: Shipboard Insurrections in the Era of the Atlantic Slave Trade by Eric Robert Taylor, *North Carolina Historical Review*, Vol. LXXXV (Spring 2008): 109-110.

New Studies in the History of American Slavery edited by Edward Baptist and Stephanie M.H. Camp, *Southern Historian*, Vol. XXVIII (Spring 2007): 93-95.

Encyclopedia Entries:

Encyclopedia of the Middle Passage: Greenwood Milestones in African American History. Edited by Toyin Falola and Amanda Warnock (Greenwood Publishing, 2007), s.v. "Shipmate," and s.v. "Torture."

Emancipation and Abolition in the Trans-Atlantic World. Edited by Junius Rodriguez, (M.E. Sharpe, 2007) s.v. "Henry 'Box' Brown," s.v. "Juneteenth," and s.v. "The Zong Case."

Black Women in America: An Historical Encyclopedia. Edited by Darlene Clark Hine, et. al., (New York: Oxford University Press, 2005) s.v. "Shirley Ann Jackson," s.v. "Grace Towns Hamilton," s.v. "Bernice Johnson Reagon," and s.v. "Tina Turner."

AWARDS AND HONORS

"Slaves, Rebels, and Soldiers: Black Resistance in the Tropical Atlantic, 1760-1888," NEH Summer Institute hosted at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, 6 July - 7 August 2009.

Michael Kraus Research Grant in American Colonial History, American Historical Association, Spring 2007.

Gilder Lehrman Dissertation Research Fellowship, Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, Spring 2006.

John Hope Franklin Collection Research Travel Grant, Duke University, 2004-2005.

King-Chavez-Parks Future Faculty Dissertation Writing Fellowship, Michigan State University, Fall 2006-Present.

U.S Department of Education Title VI Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship to study Akan/Twi, Indiana University, Summer Cooperative African Languages Institute, Summer, 2005.

Competitive Doctoral Enrichment Fellowship, Michigan State University, 2002-2006.

PRESENTATIONS

Conferences & Symposiums:

"'She Must Go Overboard and Shall Go Overboard': Gender, Slavery, and the Memory of 'Murder' at Sea," Charting New Courses in the History of Slavery and Emancipation: An International and Interdisciplinary Conference, University of Southern Mississippi, Long Beach, MS 3-6 March 2010.

"Battered Bodies, Enfeebled Minds: Mapping the Role of the Middle Passage Within the Landscape of Enslaved Resistance" American Historical Association, San Diego, CA 7 -10 January 2009.

Participant, 'Roundtable Discussion: Women in Early America', Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, Salt Lake City, Utah, June 11-14, 2009.

"Gender, Disease, and the Spectacle of Violence in the Rhode Island Slave Trade," Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Spring Symposium, Washington University in St. Louis, 27 March 2009.

'[I]t was Common for the Dirty Filthy Sailors to Take the African Women: Rape, Motherhood and Female Resistance Aboard Atlantic Slaving Vessels,' Cessation, Nation, and Reparations: The Legacy of Slavery in the United States, University of Missouri Black Studies Conference, Columbia, Missouri, 17-19 October, 2008.

"'Her Disorder Increased So As to Become Offensive...For Her to Remain on Board': Disease, Mortality, and the Perpetuation of Violence Against Black Female Captives in the Eighteenth Century Slave Ship Experience," 14th Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Minneapolis, MN, 12 – 15 June 2008.

"'Be very carefull about your Slaves and take none on Board but what is Healthy & Young': Gender, Age, and Physical Disability Among Newly Arrived Africans," Ending the International Slave Trade: A Bicentenary Inquiry, The Program in the Carolina Low Country and the Atlantic World, College of Charleston, Charleston, SC, 26-29 March 2008.

"The Female...Seeming To Pine And Waste, Was Sent on Shore': Black Females and the Emotional & Psychological Traumas of the Atlantic Slave Trade," Paper Presented at the "Gender, Emotion, Work and Travel Conference," Greenwich Maritime Institute, London, England, 22-23 June 2007.

'Really They Were A Wretched Cargo': Gender And The Politics of Violence Within The Middle Passage Experience," 31st Annual National Council for Black Studies National Convention, San Diego, CA, 15-17 March 2007.

"Health and Resistance in the Experiences of Black Females Aboard Eighteenth Century Slave Ships," 10th Annual Joint Fellows Conference for King-Chavez-Parks Fellowship Recipients, Lisle, IL, 2-5 November 2006.

'Make Haste & Let Me See You With A Good Cargo of Negroes': Gender, Power, & Resistance Within The Atlantic Slave Trade," Gender, Ethnicity, Race and Power in Maritime America Conference, Mystic Seaport Institute, Bridgeport, CT, 26-28 October 2006.

'The Slaves in General are Y'e Worste I Ever Saw': Gender & Health Aboard Slavers of the Middle Passage," Association for the Study of African American Life & History National Convention, Atlanta, GA, September 28-October 1, 2006.

"'Brought Me a Woman Slave, But Being Long Breasted & Ill Made, Refus'd Her': The Atlantic Slave Trade through the Lives of Black Female Captives," 8th Annual Graduate Conference on African American History, The University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, 13-15 September 2006.

"Driven By Captivity: Exploration of Black Women's Role in Ship Revolts of the Atlantic Slave Trade, 1721-1729," 28th Annual Great Lakes History Conference, Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, MI, 27-29 October 2004.

“Traces of the Trade: A Film Commentary,” New England Slavery & Slave Trade, The Colonial Society of Massachusetts, Boston, MA, 21-23 April 2004.

“The Weakest Link: Exploration of Black Women’s Role in Ship Revolts of the Atlantic Slave Trade, 1721-1729,” Fifth Annual Graduate Symposium on Women and Gender History, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL, 11 March 2004.

“Battles From Within: Exploration of the Factors of Sexism and Racism Within the Civil Right Movement,” Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, Greensboro, NC, April 2000.

Guest Lectures/Speakers:

Radio Guest, ‘Black History Special’, WLTH, Gary Indiana, 3 March 2009.

“‘I Never Have Such a Sickly Ship Before’: Disease, Mortality, and the Politics of Enslaved Health Care Aboard Slave Vessels,” Slavery and Abolition Lecture Series, Africana Studies Department, University of South Florida, 25 September 2007.

Panel/Community Presentations:

Guest Speaker, Professional Development Luncheon, 11th Annual Graduate Conference on African American History, The University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, 11 September 2009.

Guest Lecturer, “Charting the Black Journey: Culture, Gender, and Resistance,” Cultural Leadership Program on Diversity, Missouri History Museum, St. Louis, Missouri, 8 February 2009.

Guest Panelist, Diversity Lecture Series, Washington University in St. Louis, 5 February 2009.

Keynote Speaker, Junior Achievement Program, East St. Louis High School, East St. Louis, Illinois, 17 November, 2008.

Keynote Speaker, “Taking Stock in Your Own Value: The Critical Importance of Mentoring and Uplift Among Today’s Black Undergraduates,” Feed My Sheep Mentoring Program Kick-Off Dinner, Washington University, St. Louis, 2 November 2008.

Public Lecturer, “Motherhood, Disease, and Resistance Among Black Females Forced Within the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade,” Unheard Voices Program, Rosedale Plantation, Charlotte, North Carolina, February 9, 2008.

Keynote Address, “Unraveling the Importance of Black History & Culture for High School Students of the 21st Century,” Black History Grand Finale Celebration, Avondale High School, Atlanta, Georgia, 1 March 2007.

Keynote Address, “Inspiring the Minds, Commemorating the Times: Generational Responsibility & The Lingering Importance of Black Studies” Black Oaks Legacy Celebration, Elon University, 15 February 2007.

Keynote Address, “The Implications of Education for Black College Graduates in the 21st Century” African American Graduation Celebration, Elon University, 18 May 2005.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Gender, Health, and Resistance: Comparative Slavery in the African Diaspora
Critical Themes in Afr-Amer. Women's History: Sexuality, Violence, and The Love of Hip Hop
Terror and Violence in the Black Atlantic

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee, *The MSU Undergraduate Historian*, Michigan State University, Spring 2007
Editor, Department of History E-Newsletter, Michigan State University, Summer 2005.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Historical Association
Association for the Study of African American Life and History
National Council for Black Studies
Organization of American Historians