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Education

Ph.D., Florida International University (2004)

Dissertation: *And a Child Shall Lead Them?: Slavery, Childhood, and African Cultural Identity in Jamaica, 1750-1838*

M.A., East Tennessee State University (1998)

Thesis: *Suffer the Children: Experiences in the Atlantic Slave Trade*

B.A., Western Carolina University (1995)

Academic Fields

The Atlantic World, Latin America and the Caribbean, The African Diaspora, Comparative Slavery and Emancipation, Abolitionism, Childhood Studies

Languages: Portuguese, Spanish, French

Teaching Experience

Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of West Georgia (2011-Present)

Lecturer, Department of History, University of West Georgia (2009-2011)

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of West Georgia (2005-2009)

Adjunct Professor, Department of History and Philosophy, Kennesaw State University (2005)

Teaching Assistant, Department of History, Florida International University (1998-2002)

Instructor, Department of History, East Tennessee State University (1997-1998)

Courses Taught

Abolitionism in the Atlantic World

The Atlantic World

American History to 1865

American History Since 1865

Colonial Latin America

History of the Caribbean

Methodology

Slavery in the Caribbean

World Civilizations Since 1500

Independent Studies Taught

The African Diaspora

Atlantic Revolutions

The Atlantic Slave Trade

Caribbean Slave Culture

Cultural Identity in Puerto Rico

Historical Fiction

Race in the 19th Century

Publications: Books

And a Child Shall Lead Them?: Slavery, Childhood, and Abolition in Jamaica, 1788-1838. Under consideration, University of Georgia Press, Early American Places Series.

Editor (with Jennifer Hillman Helgren), *Girlhood: A Global History* (Rutgers University Press, 2010). Paperback edition to be released by Rutgers in Spring of 2012

Publications: Book Chapters and Peer Reviewed Articles

- “The Slave Trade,” in Thomas Buchanan (ed.), *Slavery and the United States: An Historiographical Approach*. Interpreting American History Series (Kent State University Press, forthcoming).
- “Introduction,” (with Jennifer Hillman Helgren), in Jennifer Hillman Helgren and Colleen A. Vasconcellos (eds.) *Girlhood: A Global History* (Rutgers University Press, 2010), 1-13.
- “From Chattel to Breeding Wenches: Girlhood in a Jamaican Slave Community,” in Jennifer Hillman Helgren and Colleen A. Vasconcellos (eds.) *Girlhood: A Global History* (Rutgers University Press, 2010), 325-343.
- “‘To Fit You All for Freedom:’ Jamaican Planters, Afro-Jamaican Mothers, and the Struggle to Control Afro-Jamaican Children during Apprenticeship, 1833-1840.” *Citizenship Studies* 10 (2006): 55-75.
- “Junkanoo and the British Caribbean.” *The Atlantic Millenium* 6 (2001): 102-114.

Publications: Opinion Pieces and Other Projects

- Teaching Module: “Children in the Slave Trade.” Global Childhood: Children and Youth in World History (Center for History and New Media, 2008). Website: <http://chnm.gmu.edu/cyh/teaching-modules/141>
- “Infantuation and Childhood Studies at the Nineteenth Century Studies Association: Augusta, 2005.” *Society for the History of Childhood and Youth Online Newsletter* 6 (Summer 2005).
- “Childhood at the AHA: Seattle, 2005.” *Society for the History of Childhood and Youth Online Newsletter* 5 (Winter 2005).

Publications: Reviews and Encyclopedia Entries

- Review of Margaret Nicola Abruzzo, *Polemical Pain: Slavery, Cruelty, and the Rise of Humanitarianism* in *The Journal of World History* 23:2 (forthcoming 2012).
- Entries on Anansi, Paul Bogle, Christopher Columbus, Drums, Edward Long, Bartolome de las Casas, Phibbah, Tacky, and Tituba in the *Encyclopedia of Slavery in the Americas* (Facts on File, 2011).
- Review of Swithin R. Wilmot, ed., *Freedom: Retrospective and Prospective* in the *Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History* 11:3 (2010).
- Review of Gwyn Cambell, Suzanne Miers, and Joseph C. Miller (eds.), *Children in Slavery Through the Ages* in *Journal of the History of Childhood and Youth* 3:3 (2010): 427-431.
- Review of Gerald Horne, *The Deepest South: The United States, Brazil, and the African Slave Trade* in *Itinerario* 32:3 (2008): 149-151.
- Review of Karen Fog Olwig, *Caribbean Journeys: An Ethnography of Migration and Home in Three Family Networks* in *Interventions* 10:3 (2008): 400-421.
- Review of Frederick H. Smith, *Caribbean Rum: A Social and Economic History* in *Itinerario* 31:2 (2007): 187-188.
- Review of Cynthia M. Kennedy *Braided Relations, Entwined Lives: The Women of Charleston’s Urban Slave Society* in *Itinerario* 31:1 (2007): 189-191.
- Entries on Dolben’s Act (1788), Paul Bogle, Ottobah Cugoano, Olaudah Equiano, Abolition in Jamaica, and Emancipation in Jamaica, Emancipation in the *Encyclopedia of Emancipation and Abolition in the Trans-Atlantic World* (M.E. Sharpe, 2007).
- Review of James Robertson, *Gone is the Ancient Glory: Spanish Town Jamaica, 1534-2000* for H-CARIBBEAN (2006).
- Review of “Machuca,” directed by Andrés Wood in the *Society for the History of Childhood and Youth Online Newsletter* 7 (Winter 2006).
- Review of Trevor Burnard, *Mastery, Tyranny, & Desire: Thomas Thistlewood and His Slaves in the Anglo-Jamaican World* in the *Florida Historical Quarterly* 83 (2005): 470-473.

- Entry on the Demerara Revolt in the *Encyclopedia of African-American Culture and History: The Black Experience in the Americas*. 2nd Edition (MacMillan, 2005).
- Review of Jalil Sued Badillo, *General History of the Caribbean*. Volume 1: *Autochthonous Societies in Itinerario* 29:1 (2005): 152-153.
- Entries on Arawak, Asiento, Children, Columbian Exchange, Ferdinand and Isabella, French West Indies, Inquisition, Maroons, William Pitt, Walter Rodney, Racism, Royal African Company, Slavery and the Slave Trade, Serfdom, Sugar, and George Washington in *Colonialism: An International Social, Cultural, and Political Encyclopedia* (ABC-Clio, 2003).
- Review of A. Olusegun Fayemi, *Voices from Within: Photographs of African Children in Africa e Mediterraneo* 35-36 (2001): 126.
- Review of Virginia Bernhard, *Slaves and Slaveholders in Bermuda, 1616-1782* in *Florida Historical Quarterly* 79 (2001): 402-404.
- Review of Allan D. Austin, *African Muslims in Antebellum America: Transatlantic Stories and Spiritual Struggles* in *International Journal of African Historical Studies* 32 (1998): 498-499.

Fellowships, Honors, and Awards

- Student Government Association Faculty Member of the Year Award for Outstanding Service with the College of Arts and Sciences, University of West Georgia (2011)
- Faculty First Year Student Advocate Teaching Award, University of West Georgia (2008)
- Dissertation Year Fellowship, Florida International University (2003-04)
- Albert J. Beveridge Grant, American Historical Association (2003)
- Short-Term Research Grant: John Hope Franklin Collection, Duke University (2003)
- Short-Term Research Grant: William J. Clements Library, University of Michigan (2003)
- Fulbright Fellow, Jamaica (2002-2003)
- Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society (1999-Present)
- Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society (1997-Present)
- Pi Gamma Mu Honor Society (1997-Present)
- Student of Excellence, Department of History, Western Carolina University (1993)

Conference Papers and Participation

- Panel Commentator, "Religion and Revolt: Issues of Colonial Control in the Nineteenth-Century British Caribbean," Southern Historical Association (October 2011).
- "'And a Child Shall Lead Them?': Slavery, Childhood, and Abolition in Jamaica, 1750-1838," Department of History Brown Bag Lunch Series (November 2010).
- Panel Commentator, "Representations of Revolutionary Print Culture in the Atlantic World," Consortium on the Revolutionary Era (February 2010).
- "The Christianization of Slave Children in Jamaica," Society for the History of Childhood and Youth Biennial Conference (July 2009).
- "From Chattel to Breeding Wenches: Girlhood in a Jamaican Slave Community," Georgia Association of Historians Annual Meeting (February 2008).
- "'To Fit You All for Freedom: Jamaican Planters, Afro-Jamaican Mothers, and the Struggle to Control Afro-Jamaican Children during Apprenticeship, 1833-1840,'" Georgia Association of Historians Annual Meeting (April 2006).
- Panel Chair and Commentator, "West Africans and Hybrid Identities in Latin America," Allen Morris Conference on the History of Florida and the Atlantic World (February 2006).
- "'Train up a child in the way he should go': Childhood and Education in the Jamaican Slave Community," Society for the History of Childhood and Youth Annual Conference (August 2005).
- "Emancipation and the Changing Nature of Childhood in Jamaica," Nineteenth-Century Studies Association

Annual Conference (March 2005).

“Children and African Survivals in Jamaica,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting (January 2004).

“Marginality and the Mulatto Slave Children of Jamaica,” History of Childhood Conference August (2000).

“The Value of a Child: Perceptions of Infant and Child Mortality among Slave Children in the British West Indies,” Department of History Graduate Student Association Conference (March 2000).

"Infant and Child Mortality among Slave Children in the British West Indies," Phi Alpha Theta Spring Colloquium (March 1999).

"Children as Commodities in the Slave Trade," Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference (February 1998).

"Children and the Middle Passage," Tennessee Conference of Historians (October 1997).

Invited Talks

“The Role of Slavery in History: A Pedagogical Approach,” Teaching Slavery Across Borders Pedagogy Workshop, Georgia Highlands College (forthcoming, February 2012).

“The Chasseurs-Volontaires de Saint-Domingue and the Siege of Savannah, 1779,” Sons of the American Revolution Casimir Pulaski Chapter, (September 2011).

“Ending Slavery,” Dr. Gary Van Valen’s HIS4485/5485 History of the Caribbean class, University of West Georgia (March 2009).

“The Life of Alexander Hamilton,” Sons of the American Revolution Casimir Pulaski Chapter, (November 2006).

“*The Crime of Padre Amaro* and Religion in Mexico,” Latin American Film Series, University of West Georgia (March 2006).

“*The Motorcycle Diaries* and the Real Che Guevara,” Latin American Film Series, University of West Georgia (September 2005).

Current University Service

Director, Thesis Committee, Xavier Bonilla (2011-Present)

Director, Thesis Committee, Charlie Sicignano (2011-Present)

Thesis Committee, Kristina Hartmann Ferguson (2011-Present)

Thesis Committee, Michael Epanchin (2011-Present)

Thesis Committee, Jennifer Teeter (2011-Present)

Member, Disciplinary Appeals Committee, University of West Georgia (2011-Present)

Member, Responsible Sexuality Committee, University of West Georgia (2011-Present)

Advisor, Africana Studies Program and Minor, University of West Georgia (2011-Present)

Member, Online Teaching Committee, Department of History, University of West Georgia (2011-Present)

Member, Budget Oversight Committee, Department of History, University of West Georgia (2011-2013)

Advisor, History Club, University of West Georgia (2011-Present)

Advisor, Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society, Xi Rho Chapter, University of West Georgia (2011-Present)

Advisor, Caribbean Students Association, University of West Georgia (2010-Present)

Advisor, Interdisciplinary Discourse Association, University of West Georgia (2010-Present)

Website Maintenance and Design, Department of History, University of West Georgia (2006-Present)

History Department Graduate Faculty Member, University of West Georgia (2005-Present)

Past University Service

Graduate Examination Committee, Jennie Williamson (Fall 2010)

Thesis Committee, Angeles Ramirez (2009)

Graduate Examination Committee, Chun Williams (Summer 2009)

Thesis Committee, Mark Jones (2008-2009)

Current Professional Service

Advisory Board, H-CHILDHOOD, H-Net (2003-Present)

Editor, H-CARIBBEAN, H-Net (2001-Present)

Past Professional Service

Editor, H-AFRICA, H-Net (2001-2011)

Co-Editor, Society for the History of Childhood and Youth Online Newsletter (2004-2010)

Manuscript Evaluation, *Wadabagei* (2002-2005)

Judge, National History Day Regional Competition, Senior Documentary Division, Kennesaw State University (2005)

Manuscript Evaluation, University Press of America (2004)

Assistant, Erica Williams Connell and The Eric Williams Memorial Collection (2001-2002)

Founder, H-CARIBBEAN, H-Net (2001)

Editor, H-CHILDHOOD, H-Net (1998-2001)

Editor, H-AFRTEACH, H-Net (1998-2000)

Affiliations

Fulbright Association (2003-Present)

Society for the History of Childhood and Youth (2003-Present)

Caribbean Studies Association (2002-Present)

Association of Caribbean Historians (1999-Present)

American Historical Association (1999-Present)

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society (1999-Present)

Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society (1997-Present)

Pi Gamma Mu Honor Society (1997-Present)