

CURRICULUM VITA
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Education:

Ph.D., Florida International University, Miami, Florida, 2004: Atlantic Studies with a concentration in Latin America and the Caribbean
Examination Fields: Colonial Latin America and the Caribbean, Modern Latin America, The African Diaspora

M.A., East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tennessee, 1998: American and European History
Thesis: "Suffer the Children: Experiences in the Atlantic Slave Trade"
Advisor: Melvin E. Page

B.A., Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, North Carolina, 1995: History

Dissertation Title: "And a Child Shall Lead Them?: Slavery, Childhood, and African Cultural Identity in Jamaica, 1750-1838." Advisor: James H. Sweet

Academic Fields: The Atlantic World; Latin America and the Caribbean; The African Diaspora; Comparative Slavery and Emancipation; Childhood Studies

Languages: Portuguese, Spanish, French

Current Position:

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of West Georgia, 2005-Present
Courses Taught: World History Since 1500, America to 1865, Colonial Latin America, Slavery in the Caribbean

University and Community Activities:

Advisor, The Interested Ladies of Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc., University of West Georgia, Carrollton, Georgia, 2007-Present

Guest Speaker, "The Life of Alexander Hamilton," Sons of the American Revolution, Carrollton, Georgia, November 2006.

Guest Speaker, "'The Crime of Padre Amaro' and Religion in Mexico," Latin American Film Series, Department of Foreign Languages, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, Georgia, March 2006.

Guest Speaker, "'The Motorcycle Diaries' and the Real Che Guevara," Latin American Film Series, Department of Foreign Languages, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, Georgia, September 2005.

Judge, National History Day Regional Competition, Senior Documentary Division, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, Georgia, March 2005

Current Professional Activity:

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

Co-Editor, Newsletter, Society for the History of Childhood and Youth, 2004-Present
Advisory Board, H-CHILDHOOD, H-Net, Humanities On-Line, 2003-Present
Manuscript Evaluation, *Wadabagei: The Intellectual Voice of the Caribbean and its Diaspora*,
2002-Present
Co-Editor, H-CARIBBEAN, H-Net, Humanities On-Line, 2001-Present
Co-Editor, H-AFRICA, H-Net, Humanities On-Line, 2001-Present

Past Professional Experience:

Manuscript Evaluation, University Press of America, 2004
Archival Database Management, The Eric Williams Memorial Collection, 2002
Assistant, Erica Williams Connell and The Eric Williams Memorial Collection, 2001-2002
Co-Founder, H-CARIBBEAN, H-Net, Humanities On-Line, 2001
Co-Editor, H-CHILDHOOD, H-Net, Humanities On-Line, 1998-2001
Assistant Editor, H-AFRTEACH, H-Net, Humanities On-Line, 1998-2000

Teaching Experience:

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of West Georgia, Carrollton,
Georgia, 2005-Present
Adjunct Professor, Department of History and Philosophy, Kennesaw State University,
Kennesaw, Georgia, 2005
Courses Taught: American History to 1890; American History Since 1890
Discussion Leader: Latin American Civilization, Department of History, Florida International
University, Miami, Florida, 2000
Supervisor: Dr. Victor Uribe.
Teaching Assistant, Department of History, Florida International University, Miami, Florida,
1998-2002: World Civilizations; Latin American Civilizations
Graduate Instructor, Department of History, East Tennessee State University, Johnson City,
Tennessee, 1997-1998
Courses Taught: American History to 1877; American History Since 1877

Academic Training and Experience:

Research Assistant, Dr. Sidney W. Mintz, Jordan Davidson Chair in the Humanities, College of
Arts and Sciences, Florida International University, Miami, Florida, Spring 2002
Research Assistant, Dr. Noble David Cook, Department of History, Florida International
University, Miami, Florida, Spring 2001
Program Assistant and Website Design, Working Group for Pre-Modern Histories and
Cultures, Florida International University, Miami, Florida, Spring 2001
Teaching Assistant, Department of History, Florida International University, Miami, Florida,
1998-2002: World Civilizations; Latin American Civilizations
Graduate Assistant, Department of History, East Tennessee State University, Johnson City,
1996-1997: American History

Fellowships, Honors, and Awards:

2003 Dissertation Year Fellowship, The Graduate School, Florida International University,
2003-2004
2003 Albert J. Beveridge Grant, American Historical Association

- 2003 Short-Term Research Grant: John Hope Franklin Collection, Duke University, August 2003
- 2003 Short-Term Research Grant: William J. Clements Library, University of Michigan, August, 2003
- 2002 US Fulbright Fellow, 2002-2003, Jamaica
- 1993 Student of Excellence, Department of History, Western Carolina University

Field Research Experience:

Durham, North Carolina, August 2003: Duke University Library and Special Collections
 Ann Arbor, Michigan, August 2003: William J. Clements Library
 Kingston, Jamaica, 2002-2003: The National Library of Jamaica
 Spanish Town, Jamaica, 2002-2003: The Jamaican Archives and the Island Record Office
 Mona, Jamaica, 2002-2003: University of the West Indies, West India Collection

Works In Progress:

Manuscript, "And a Child Shall Lead Them?: Slavery, Abolition, and Childhood in Jamaica, 1750-1838"
 Article, "The Hidden Nevis Childhood of Alexander Hamilton"

Publications: Books

Girlhood and Global Conversations, edited by Jennifer Hillman Helgren and Colleen A. Vasconcellos. Rutgers University Press (forthcoming 2008).

Publications: Peer-Reviewed Articles:

"From Chattel to Breeding Wenches: Girlhood in a Jamaican Slave Community," to be published in *Girlhood and Global Conversations*, edited by Jennifer Hillman Helgren and Colleen A. Vasconcellos. Rutgers University Press. (forthcoming 2008).
 "'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, Editorships, and Other Projects:

Editor, *Studies in the Social Sciences*, "Childhood in the Social Sciences," (forthcoming Spring 2008).
 Teaching Module: "Children in the Slave Trade." *Global Childhood: Children and Youth in World History*. Center for History and New Media (forthcoming 2008).
 "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: Encyclopedia Entries:

Encyclopedia of Slavery in the Americas. Edited by Edward E. Baptist. New York: Facts on File (forthcoming). Entries are as follows:

“Phibbah,” “Edward Long,” “Las Casas,” “Orlando Patterson,” “Tacky,” “Tituba,”
 “Anansi/John,” “Paul Bogle,” “Christopher Columbus,” “Drums,”
 “Demerara Revolt.” In the *Encyclopedia of African-American Culture and History: The Black Experience in the Americas*. Edited by Colin Palmer. (forthcoming).
Encyclopedia of Emancipation and Abolition in the Trans-Atlantic World. Edited by Junius P. Rodriguez. New York: M.E. Sharpe, 2007. Entries are as follows:
 “Dolben’s Act (1788),” “Bogle, Paul,” “Cugoano, Ottobah,” “Equiano, Olaudah,”
 “Jamaica, Abolition in,” “Jamaica, Emancipation in.”
Colonialism: An International Social, Cultural, and Political Encyclopedia. Edited by Melvin E. Page. New York: ABC-CLIO, 2003. Entries are as follows:
 “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,” “George Washington.”

Publications: Reviews:

Caribbean Journeys: An Ethnography of Migration and Home in Three Family Networks, by Karen Fog Olwig. *Itinerario* (forthcoming).
Caribbean Rum: A Social and Economic History, by Frederick H. Smith. *Itinerario* 32 (forthcoming).
Braided Relations, Entwined Lives: The Women of Charleston’s Urban Slave Society, by Cynthia M. Kennedy. *Itinerario* 31:1 (2007): 189-191.
Gone is the Ancient Glory: Spanish Town Jamaica, 1534-2000, by James Robertson. H-CARIBBEAN, May 2006.
 “Machuca,” directed by Andrés Wood. Society for the History of Childhood and Youth Online Newsletter #7, Winter 2006.
Mastery, Tyranny, & Desire: Thomas Thistlewood and His Slaves in the Anglo-Jamaican World, by Trevor Burnard. *Florida Historical Quarterly* 83 (2005): 470-473.
General History of the Caribbean. Volume 1: Autochthonous Societies, by Jalil Sued Badillo. *Itinerario* 29:1 (2005): 152-153.
Voices from Within: Photographs of African Children, by A. Olusegun Fayemi. *Africa e Mediterraneo* 35-36 (2001): 126.
Slaves and Slaveholders in Bermuda, 1616-1782, by Virginia Bernhard. *Florida Historical Quarterly* 79 (2001): 402-404.
African Muslims in Antebellum America: Transatlantic Stories and Spiritual Struggles, by Allan D. Austin. *International Journal of African Historical Studies* 32 (1998): 498-499.

Conference Presentations:

“‘To Fit You All for Freedom:’ Jamaican Planters, Afro-Jamaican Mothers, and the Struggle to Control Afro-Jamaican Children during Apprenticeship, 1833-1840.” Presented at the Georgia Association of Historians Annual Meeting, Morrow, Georgia, April 2006.
 “‘Train up a child in the way he should go’: Childhood and Education in the Jamaican Slave Community.” Presented at the 3rd Annual Conference of the Society for the History of Childhood and Youth, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, August 2005.
 “Emancipation and the Changing Nature of Childhood in Jamaica.” Presented at

“Infantuation: Childhood, Youth, and Nineteenth-Century Culture,” 26th Annual Conference of the Nineteenth-Century Studies Association, Augusta, Georgia, March 2005.

“Children and African Survivals in Jamaica” Presented at the 118th Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Washington, D.C., January 2004.

“Marginality and the Mulatto Slave Children of Jamaica.” Presented at the 1st Annual History of Childhood Conference, Washington, D.C., August 2000.

“The Value of a Child: Perceptions of Infant and Child Mortality among Slave Children in the British West Indies.” Presented at “Clio’s Workshop: Europe and the Atlantic World,” Department of History Graduate Student Association Conference, Florida International University, Miami, Florida, March 2000.

"Infant and Child Mortality among Slave Children in the British West Indies." Presented at the Phi Alpha Theta Spring Colloquium, Miami, Florida, March 1999.

"Children as Commodities in the Slave Trade." Presented at the Phi Alpha Theta Conference, Johnson City, Tennessee, February 1998.

"Children and the Middle Passage." Presented at the Tennessee Conference of Historians, Memphis, Tennessee, October 1997.

Conference Participation

Chair and Commentator, “West Africans and Hybrid Identities in Latin America,” panel held at the 4th Biennial Allen Morris Conference on the History of Florida and the Atlantic World, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida, February 2006.

Conference Program Designer, “The Making of the Atlantic Working Classes,” Southern Labor Studies Conference, The Palms Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, April 2002.

Coordinated Panels, Conferences, and Public Lectures:

"The Papers of Eric Williams: Challenges and Opportunities," panel held at the 2002 Association for the Study of African American Life and History Conference, Orlando, Florida, October 2002.

Hon. Mia Mottley, Hon. Cynthia Pratt, Ms. Beverley Manley, “Women and Politics in the Caribbean: A Round Table Discussion,” Fourth Annual Eric Williams Memorial Lecture, Wertheim Performing Arts Center, Miami, Florida, September 2002.

Dr. Sidney W. Mintz, “Precocious Modernity: The Caribbean in an Anthropological Perspective,” Jordan Davidson Chair in the Humanities Public Lecture Series, Florida International University, Miami, Florida, Spring 2002.

“Eric Williams: His Scholarship, Work, and Impact,” The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, New York, New York, February 2002.

Dr. Hilary McD. Beckles, “The Global Politics of Reparations: Before and after Durban,” Third Annual Eric Williams Memorial Lecture, Wertheim Performing Arts Center, Miami, Florida, October 2001.

Department of History Graduate Student Association Conference, Florida International University, Miami, Florida, March 2001.

“Clio’s Workshop: Europe and the Atlantic World,” Florida International University Department of History Graduate Student Association Conference, Florida International University, Miami, Florida, March 2000.

Phi Alpha Theta Spring Colloquium, Florida International University, Miami, Florida, March 1999.

Phi Alpha Theta Conference, East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tennessee, February 1998.

Affiliations:

American Association of University Professors, 2005-Present

Conference on Latin American History, 2004-Present

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

President, Alpha Beta Pi Chapter, Florida International University, 2000-2001

Honor's Council Representative, Florida International University, 2000-2001

Vice-President, Alpha Beta Pi Chapter, Florida International University, 2001-2002

Pi Gamma Mu Honor Society, 1997-Present