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Academic Positions

Assistant Professor, Department of History, UNC Greensboro (2006-present)
Fellow, John Hope Franklin Humanities Institute, Duke University (2005-6)
Bass Instructor, Duke University (spring 2006)
Instructor, North Carolina State University (summer 2005)
Instructor, Duke University (2004-5)

Education

Ph.D. History, Duke University (2006)
MA History, Duke University (2002)
MA Sociology & Historical Studies, New School for Social Research (1988)
BA Sociology & Latin American Studies, Brandeis University (1979)

Major Grants, Fellowships, & Awards

National

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend (2008)
UNC-CH & Duke Consortium in Latin American & Caribbean Studies Summer Research Fellowship (2008)
Harvard University Research Grant in Atlantic History (2007)
Catherine Prelinger Award, Coordinating Council for Women in History (2006)
American Association of University Women Dissertation Fellowship (2005-6)
Albert J. Beveridge Research Grant, American Historical Association (2005)
Ida B. Wells Award, Coordinating Council for Women in History (2004)
Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship (2003-4)
J. William Fulbright Foundation Dissertation Fellowship (2003-4)

UNC Greensboro

New Faculty Research Grant, UNC Greensboro (2007; deferred to 2008)
Kohler Fund Faculty Research Grant, UNCG Center for Int'l Programs (2007; deferred to 2008)
Faculty Summer Excellence Research Award, UNC Greensboro (2007)

Languages

Papiamentu (Curaçao creole): Complete oral and written fluency
Spanish: Complete oral and written fluency; paleography training
Dutch: Advanced reading comprehension; paleography training

Research & Teaching Fields

Early modern Atlantic and Caribbean/ European Expansion
Comparative slavery & slave societies
Historical geography & cartography

Publications

Journal Guest Editor

Itinerario 30:3 (November 2006), Special Issue: Geographies of Empire.

Refereed Journal Articles

"Contraband Trade and the Shaping of Colonial Societies," *Itinerario* 30:3 (Nov 2006): 35-54.

"Trading Globally, Speaking Locally: Curaçao's Sephardim in the Making of a Caribbean Creole." *Jewish Culture and History* 7/1-2 (2004): 109-22. Also in David Cesarani and Gemma Romain, eds., *Jews and Port Cities, 1590-1990: Commerce, Community and Cosmopolitanism* (London: Vallentine Mitchell, 2006): 109-22.

"Rethinking Curaçao's Commercial History: Some Initial Notes on the Role of Black Seafarers and Jewish Merchants in the Early Modern Period." *Lanternu. Journal of the Central Historical Archives of the Netherlands Antilles*, #20 (September 2001): 5-21.

Refereed Book Chapters

"Waters of Faith, Currents of Freedom: Gender, Religion, and Ethnicity in Inter-imperial Trade Between Curaçao and Tierra Firme." In Nora Jaffary, ed., *Race, Religion, and Gender in the Colonization of the Americas* (Aldershot, UK: Ashgate; 2007): 151-64.

"Curaçao: ¿Entrepôt neerlandés o puerto caribeño?" In Johanna von Grafenstein, ed., *El Golfo Caribe y sus puertos, 1600-1850*. Volume I (Mexico City: Instituto Mora, 2006): 91-126.

Working Paper

"Sailing Suspicious Routes: Atlantic Diasporas and the Transgression of Boundaries in Caribbean Contraband Trade." Atlantic History Seminar, Harvard University. Working Paper #04CR004, 2004.

Refereed Encyclopedia Articles

Entries on "Smuggling," "The Dutch in the Caribbean," "Dutch West India Company," and profiles of Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao, in *The Encyclopedia of the Caribbean*, John Garrigus, ed. (Facts on File: New York, forthcoming 2009).

Review Articles

Black Rice by Judith Carney, *Southern Historian* XXIV (Spring 2003): 57-8.

Non-Academic/ Journalistic Articles and Books

"Hende Muhé Pretu den Komérsio di Kontrabanda" *Extra* 10 June 2006, Curaçao. Published in English as "Women of Colour in the Contraband Trade," *The Daily Herald* 17 June 2006, Curaçao.

Roots of our Future: A Commercial History of Curaçao. Curaçao Chamber of Commerce, 1999.

Curaçao: The Official Tourism Guidebook. Curaçao Tourism Development Bureau, 1996.

Kere: Esaki bo ta hasi ku bo kurason. ("Faith comes from your Heart") Curaçao Women's Center, 1992.

Women in Peru: Voices from a Decade. New York: ECO-Andes, 1986.

Also published journalistic articles in, among others, *The New York Times Travel Section*, *TradeWinds*, *Caribbean Week*, *LatinAmerica Press/Noticias Aliadas*, *The Guardian*, *Kwihi*, *Curaçao Nights*, *Business Curaçao*, *Know How Business Review* (1985-99).

Conferences and Presentations

Conference Co-organizer

Empire and Identity. Forum on European Expansion and Global Interaction (FEEGI) Biennial Conference. Georgetown University, Washington, DC. February 2008.

Panel Co-organizer

Webs of Empire. American Historical Association Annual Meeting. New York, January 2009.

Brokering Empire: Negotiating the Dutch Atlantic. American Historical Association Annual Meeting. Washington, DC. January 2008.

Colliding Geographies and the Dilemma of Imperial Authority. American Historical Association Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA. January 2006.

Panel Chair

Conflict on the Margins. Forum on European Expansion and Global Interaction (FEEGI) Biennial Conference. Georgetown University, Washington, DC. February 2008.

Diasporic Cultural Connections. Association for the Study of African American Life and History Annual Conference. Charlotte, NC, October 2007.

Research Paper Presentations

"Marronage and Manumission in a Maritime Economy." Atlantic Emancipations. McNeil Center for Early American Studies. Philadelphia. April 2008.

"Rethinking Power and Trade under the Dutch West India Company." American Historical Association Annual Meeting. Washington, DC. January 2008.

"Imperial Rivalries, Marronage, and Freedom in the Circum-Caribbean, 1680-1790." Beyond Slavery in the Iberian Atlantic. The University of Liverpool. Liverpool, UK. September 2007.

"Papiamentu and the Port." Association of Caribbean Historians 39th Annual Conference. University of the West Indies, Kingston, Jamaica. May 2007.

"Maritime Marronage in the Early Modern Caribbean." Race, Representation, and Citizenship in the Americas. University of North Carolina Chapel Hill & Duke University. March 2007.

"In Order not to Arouse any Hostile Suspicions: Atlantic Diasporas and Regional Networks in Seventeenth Century Dutch Atlantic Trade." The Netherlandish Seventeenth Century. Duke University, Durham, NC. March 2007.

"Towards a New Human Geography of the Early Modern Caribbean." Rethinking Boundaries: Transforming Methods and Approaches in Atlantic History. New York University, New York, NY. February 2007.

"On the Margins or at the Center? Rethinking the Role of Women of African Descent in Caribbean Contraband Trade." Gender, Race, Ethnicity and Power in Maritime America. Frank C. Munson Institute, Mystic Seaport, Mystic, CT. October, 2006.

"Missing Atlantic Diasporas on the 'Other Side' of a Dutch Colonial Map." Frames: Imaging Indigeneity and Diaspora. John Hope Franklin Humanities Institute, Duke University. April 2006.

"Navigating Between Empire and Region." American Historical Association Annual Meeting. January 2006.

"The Development of a Trans-Imperial Region between Curaçao and Tierra Firme." Atlantic History: Soundings. Atlantic History Seminar. Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. August 2005.

"Anchoring the Maritime Economy: Gender and Ethnicity in Caribbean Inter-imperial Trade." Sin Fronteras: Women's Histories, Global Conversations. Berkshire Conference on the History of Women. Scripps College, Claremont, CA. June 2005.

"Cruising to the Most Advantageous Places.' Afro-Curaçaoans in the Development of Caribbean Inter-Imperial Trade Networks." A Pan-Caribbean Perspective on the Atlantic World: New Directions in Scholarship. York University, Toronto. October 2004.

"Common Voices: The Development of an Iberian Creole Language in the Dutch Caribbean." Creating Identity and Empire in the Atlantic World, 1492-1888. UNC Greensboro. September 2004.

"Trading Identities: Creolization and Commerce in the Eighteenth-Century Caribbean." Across Frontiers, Beyond Borders: Transatlantic History 1400-2004. UT Arlington. September 2004.

"Sailing Suspicious Routes.' Atlantic Diasporas and the Transgression of Boundaries in Inter-Imperial Trade between Curaçao and Venezuela." The Atlantic World in Motion. Cambridge University, England. March 2004.

"The Phantom Walls of Charlestown, SC." 20th International Conference on the History of Cartography. Harvard University. June 2003.

"Trading Globally, Speaking Locally: Curaçao's Sephardim in the Making of a Caribbean Creole." Port Jews: Jews and non-Jews in Cosmopolitan Maritime Trading Centres, 1650-1914. Kaplan Centre for Jewish Studies, University of Cape Town, South Africa. January 2003.

"Curaçao: Dutch Entrepôt or Caribbean Port?" *El golfo-caribe y sus puertos, siglos XVIII y XIX*. Instituto Mora, Mexico City. June 2002.

Public Lectures, Discussion Leader, and Invited Presentations

"A Messy Trade in Chocolate." National Museum of the Netherlands Antilles in collaboration with University of the Netherlands Antilles. Curaçao. May 2008.

"Atlantic World Studies: Overviews and Opportunities." Inauguration of the Atlantic World Research Network, UNC Greensboro. March 2008.

"From Sociologist/Activist to History Professor." Coordinating Council for Women in History roundtable discussion, Non-Traditional Stories: Women in the Historical Profession. American Historical Association annual meeting, Washington, DC. January 2008.

"Seeking Freedom across the Water: Runaway Slaves and the Development of Colonial Caribbean Slave Societies." North Carolina Central University. Black History Month lecture series. Durham, NC. February 2007.

"Who Needs History in the Age of Globalization?" Lloyd International Honors College, University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Honors College Coffee. February 2007.

"Memories and Silences in Dutch Atlantic History." The Atlantic World and the Dutch. Caribbean Workshop. Curaçao, July 2006.

"Women on the Margins or at the Center?" American Association of University Women. Raleigh, NC chapter. December 2005.

"Laborers, Commodities, and Agents: The Triple Role of Afro-Curaçaoans in Inter-Imperial Trade." Triangle Early American History Seminar (TEAHS). National Humanities Center. Research Triangle Park, NC. October 2005.

"Language and Belonging in the Diaspora." Epistemologies of Belonging: Indigeneity and Diaspora. John Hope Franklin Humanities Institute, Duke University. Durham, NC. October 2005.

"Slaves and Merchants: Creolization in the Early Modern Caribbean." John Hope Franklin Center for Interdisciplinary and International Studies, Duke University. October 2005.

"Sailing Beyond the Plantation: The African Diaspora in the Caribbean." North Carolina Central University. April 2005.

"The Transatlantic Slave Trade." Riverside High School. Durham, NC. March 2005.

"Archival Challenges in the Study of Early Modern Women." Triangle Working Group in Feminism and History. Durham, NC. February 2005.

"What was she doing? What was she thinking?" Coordinating Council for Women in History Awards Luncheon. AHA Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA. January 2005.

"Atlantic Studies: Views from the Colonies." Keynote presentation, The Atlantic World and the Dutch. Inaugural conference. National Library of the Netherlands, The Hague. April 2004.

"Trade, Port Jews, and the Development of Papiamentu." University of the Netherlands Antilles, Maritime Museum of Curaçao, and Curaçao Chamber of Commerce. Curaçao. February 2003.

"The People of the Port. The Early Years of Willemstad." Ports Authority. Curaçao. February 2003.

"Behind Phantom Walls: The 1739 Engravings of Charlestown, South Carolina." TEAHS. National Humanities Center. Research Triangle Park, NC. October 2002.

"New Perspectives on Curaçao's Historical Role as an International Trade Center." National Archives of the Netherlands Antilles. Curaçao. May 2000.

"The History of Slavery in Curaçao." International School of Curaçao. March 2000.

"History and Identity." Curaçao Chamber of Commerce and Public Library of the Netherlands Antilles. Curaçao. November 1999.

Teaching: UNCG

Atlantic World Colloquium (Graduate Seminar; taught annually)
The Atlantic Slave Trade (Graduate Seminar; taught biennially)
Map it Out (Freshman Seminar; taught biennially)
The Transatlantic Slave Trade (Senior Seminar in Historical Research and Writing; spring 2008)
Globalization, 1400-1750 (Part of new Topics in World History curriculum; taught biennially)
The Caribbean: Conquest to Plantations (Undergraduate; taught biennially)
The Atlantic World (new Senior Honors Seminar in History; planned for spring 2009)
Pirates of the Caribbean: The Real Story (Undergraduate; planned for spring 2009)

Professional Service and Involvement

Organizational Leadership

Executive Committee, Forum on European Expansion and Global Interaction (2004-present)
Advisory Board, Atlantic World Research Network; UNC Greensboro (2008-present)
Coordinator, Duke Univ. Center for International Studies (DUCIS) Working Groups (2004-5)
Coordinator, DUCIS Atlantic Basin Working Group (2002-3)

Participation in Interdisciplinary Working Groups

Center for Critical Inquiry, UNC Greensboro (2006-present)
Afro-Latin America Working Group, Duke Univ. & UNC (2005-present)
The Atlantic World and the Dutch, KITLV, the Netherlands (2004-present)
Triangle Early American History Seminar, National Humanities Center (2002-present)
Race, Space, and Place, African & African-American Studies Program, Duke Univ. (2005-7)
Epistemologies of Belonging: Indigeneity & Diaspora, J. H. Franklin Institute, Duke (2005-6)
Triangle Area Working Group on Feminism and History (2004-6)
Atlantic Basin Working Group, Center for International Studies, Duke Univ. (2000-3)

University Committees (UNCG)

Harriet Elliot Lecture Series Committee (2008-present)
Graduate Committee, Department of History (2007-present)
Richard S. Wells Lecture Committee, Department of History (2006-present)
Search Committee, Golden Age Literature & Culture, Department of Romance Languages (2007-8)

Membership in Professional Organizations

American Historical Association
Association of Caribbean Historians
Association for the Study of African American Life and History
Coordinating Council for Women in History
Forum on European Expansion and Global Interaction
Latin American Studies Association

Non-Academic Experience

Founder and Director, Words (text production company; Curaçao, 1989-2000)
Program Director, Sentro di Dama (women's center; Curaçao, 1988-89)
Researcher, writer, and advocate, ECO-Andes (human rights organization; New York, 1983-87)
Director of Socio-Economic Research, Centro de Desarrollo Agropecuario (rural education center; Ayacucho, Peru; 1980-82)
Researcher and writer, CUSO (international development agency; Lima, Peru; 1979-83)