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### FACULTY POSITIONS

**University of Georgia**, Assistant Professor Fall 2011-Present

**University of Chicago**, Collegiate Assistant Professor and Harper-Schmidt Fellow 2008-2011

### EDUCATION

**University of Michigan**, Ann Arbor, Michigan April 2008  
Ph.D. in History & Women's Studies (Joint Program)

**University of Cambridge**, Cambridge, England July 1999  
Master's of Philosophy in History

**University of Virginia**, Charlottesville, Virginia May 1997  
Bachelor of Arts with Distinction in Interdisciplinary Studies

### PUBLICATIONS

*Intimate Bonds: Family and Slavery in the French Atlantic* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2016).

"Women and Contracts in the Age of Transatlantic Commerce," in *Women and Work in Eighteenth-Century France*, ed. Daryl Hafer and Nina Kushner (Baton Rouge, LA: LSU Press, 2015), .

"The Princess Served by Some Slaves: Making Race Visible through Portraiture in Eighteenth-Century France," *Gender & History* 26.2 (2014): 242-262.

"Writing Wills and Families: Constructing Mixed-Race Families in Eighteenth-Century France," in *For the Salvation of my Soul': Women and Wills in Medieval and Early Modern France*, ed. Joelle Rollo-Koster and Katheryn Ryerson (St. Andrew's, Scotland: St. Andrew's University Press, 2012), 98-115.

"What's in a Name? Mixed-Race Families and Resistance to Racial Marginalization in Eighteenth-Century La Rochelle," *French Historical Studies* 33 (2010):357-385.

"Les Huguenots et leurs esclaves en La Rochelle pendant le XVIII<sup>e</sup> siècle: baptême, autorité, et esclavage," in *Les Huguenots et l'Atlantique (XVI<sup>e</sup>-XXI<sup>e</sup> siècle)*, ed. Mickaël Augeron, Didier Poton, and Bertrand Van Ruymbeke (Paris: Indes Savantes, 2009), 542-543.

"Creating and Belonging to Community: Race and Gender in Eighteenth-Century La Rochelle," *Proceedings of the Western Society for French History* 34 (2006): 27-43.

### FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

#### National and International

- Gilbert Chinard Research Fellowship, *Institut Français d'Amérique* 2010
- Travel and Research Grant, *Society for French Historical Studies /Western Society for French History* 2010

- Robert R. Palmer Travel Research Award, *American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies* 2010
- Chateaubriand Fellowship, *République Française* 2004-2005
- Fulbright Award (Declined), *U.S. Government* 2004-2005
- Florence Gould Pre-Dissertation Award, *Columbia University Council for European Studies* 2003

### University

- Willson Center Research Fellow, *University of Georgia* 2017-2018
- Sarah H. Moss Fellowship, *University of Georgia* 2015
- Faculty Research Grant, *Office of the Vice President for Research, University of Georgia* 2015
- Willson Center Research Fellow, *University of Georgia* 2012-2013
- Willson Center Research Seminar Grant, Gender and History Workshop 2012-2016
- Institute for the Humanities, Graduate Student Fellow, *University of Michigan* 2007-2008
- Society of Fellows, Associate Fellow, *University of Michigan* 2006-2007

### AWARDS AND HONORS

- Richard B. Russell Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, *University of Georgia* 2015
- Nominee, Franklin College Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award, *University of Georgia* 2015
- Distinguished Dissertation Award, Honorable Mention, *University of Michigan* 2009
- Distinguished Dissertation, Women's Studies, *University of Michigan* 2009
- Anna Olcott Smith Award for Outstanding Women Graduate Students, *University of Michigan* 2006
- Michigan Teaching Fellow, *University of Michigan* Summer 2006
- Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, *University of Michigan* Spring 2004
- Women's Studies John H. D'Arms Award, *University of Michigan* 2002
- Echols Scholar, *University of Virginia* 1994-1997

### SELECTED INVITED AND KEYNOTE LECTURES

"The Ambiguous Status of Slavery," *Institute for the Humanities, University of Michigan, February 2017.*

"Slavery and Intimacy," *Slavery and Emotion Conference, Martinique, January 2017.*

Comment, "Approaches," *Emerging Histories of the Early Modern French Atlantic, Omohundro Institute, Williamsburg, VA, October 2015.*

"Colonial Vues and Fictions of Slavery in Eighteenth-Century Saint-Domingue," *Emory University Early Modern Studies Symposium, October 2015.*

Comment, "Slave Resistance in the Americas," *Cambridge World History of Slavery Conference, Atlanta, GA; September 2014.*

"Legitimizing Slave Owner Authority in Atlantic France," *Law and Humanities Workshop, Columbia University, New York; June 2015.*

"It Cannot Be the Work of a Single Man': Diderot and d'Alembert's Encyclopédie." *History of the Book Symposium, Athens, GA; November 2013.*

"Picturing Slavery in the Eighteenth Century." *The Enlightened Gaze: Gender, Power, and Visual Culture in Eighteenth-Century Russia, Athens, GA; November 2013.*

"Family and Plantations: Changing Economic Relations to Colonialism in Eighteenth-Century Saint-Domingue." *Willson Center for the Humanities, Athens, GA; February 2013.*

- "White Subjects: Constructing Race and Gender through Portraiture in Eighteenth-Century France." *History and Gender Workshop, University of Georgia, Athens, GA; February, 2012.*
- "Black Men, White Women: Categorizing Race and Gender in Eighteenth-Century France." *Keynote Lecture, African American History Month, Buffalo State University, Buffalo, New York; February 2012.*
- "Mademoiselle de Clermont as a Sultana and Constructing Race and Gender." *University of Chicago Society of Fellows, Chicago, Illinois; May 2011.*
- "Family and Plantations." *University of Chicago History Day, Chicago, Illinois; March, 2011.*
- "People of Color in France: Establishing and Subverting Race and Gender Hierarchies." *Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, Williamsburg, Virginia; October 2010*
- "Intimacy, Race, and Gender in the Eighteenth Century." *College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia; October 2010.*
- "Colonialism, Family, and the Law in the Eighteenth-Century French Atlantic World." *University of Chicago Caribbean Studies Workshop, Chicago, Illinois; October 2010.*
- "An Ocean Between Them: Race, Gender, and the Family in France and its Colonies." *University of Chicago Center for Gender Studies; April 2009.*
- "Black Men, White Women: Problems and Possibilities of Categorizing Race and Gender in Eighteenth-Century France." *Columbia College, Chicago; April 2009.*
- "What's in a Name? Mixed-Race families and Resistance to Racial Marginalization in 18<sup>th</sup>-Century La Rochelle." *Modern France Workshop, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL; February 2009.*
- "Mademoiselle de Clermont and Pierre Neptune: An Intimate View of Race and Gender in Eighteenth-Century France." *Keynote Lecture, James Weldon Johnson Lecture Series, African-American Studies Department, University of Central Florida; March 2008.*

#### SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- "'Common in All Goods': White Women and Property in Saint-Domingue." *American Historical Association, Atlanta, GA; January 2016.*
- "Beyond the Bedroom: White Women and People of Color in Saint-Domingue." *Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, High Point, NC; February 2015.*
- "Different Freedoms: Gender and Emancipation in Eighteenth-Century France," *Association of Caribbean Historians, Fort-de-France, Martinique; May 2014.*
- "From Slaves to Citizens: The Solidification of Racial Categories during the Haitian Revolution." *Paper chosen for precirculation; Western Society for French History, Atlanta, GA; October 2013.*
- "White Women and African Slaves: Constructing Race and Gender through Portraiture in Eighteenth-Century France." *French Colonial Historical Society, Louisbourg, Nova Scotia, Canada; June 2013.*
- "Family and Plantations: Changing Economic Relations to Colonialism in the Eighteenth-Century French Empire." *French Colonial Historical Society, New Orleans, Louisiana; June 2012.*
- "White Subjects: Constructing Race and Gender through Portraiture." *Berkshire Conference for Women Historians, Amherst, Massachusetts; June 2011.*
- "'Your Interests, Sirs, and Ours are Linked': Port Towns as Center in the Eighteenth-Century French Atlantic." *French Colonial Historical Society, Toronto, Canada; June 2011.*

- "Race, Gender, and Patriarchy among People of Color in Eighteenth-Century France." *French Colonial Historical Society, Paris, France; June 2010.*
- "Peculiar Institutions, Peculiar Landscapes: Representing Colonies in the Eighteenth Century." *Weissbourd Conference, University of Chicago, Illinois; April 2010.*
- "Intimacy and the Atlantic World." *American Historical Association, San Diego, California; January 2010.*
- "Laws, Contracts, and Testaments: The Tale of One Woman's Struggle to Preserve her Family Legacy in Eighteenth-Century France." *Western Society for French History, Boulder, Colorado; October 2009.*
- "Teaching, Learning, and Translating Diderot and D'Alembert's *Encyclopédie*." *American Library Association, Chicago, Illinois; July 2009.*
- "The Landscape of Slavery: Painted Views of Eighteenth-Century Saint-Domingue." *French Colonial Historical Society, San Francisco, California; May 2009.*
- "Boundaries and Belonging in Eighteenth-Century La Rochelle." *Weissbourd Conference, University of Chicago, Illinois; April 2009.*
- "Race, Gender, and Redefining the Family in Eighteenth-Century France." *French Historical Studies, St. Louis, Missouri; March 2009.*
- "Mademoiselle de Clermont as a Sultana' and Constructing Discourses of Race and Gender in France." *American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Richmond, Virginia; March 2009.*
- "Shaping Slavery: Personal Relationships between Slaves and Owners in Eighteenth-Century La Rochelle." *French Colonial Historical Society, Quebec, Canada; May 2008.*
- "Contracts and Journeys: How the Atlantic Shaped Inheritance in Eighteenth-Century La Rochelle." *Western Society for French History, Albuquerque, New Mexico; November 2007.*
- "Slavery and the Letter of the Law: Gender and Race Hierarchies in Eighteenth-Century La Rochelle." *French Colonial Historical Society, La Rochelle, France; June, 2007.*
- "Race, Illegitimacy, and Lineage: Inheritance and Family Relationships in Eighteenth-Century La Rochelle." *Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, Arlington, Virginia; March 2007.*
- "Creating and Belonging to Community: Race and Gender in Eighteenth-Century La Rochelle." *Western Society for French History, Long Beach, California; October 2006.*
- "Masculinity, Patronage, and Belonging in Eighteenth-Century La Rochelle's Community of People of Color." *Slavery and Freedom in the Atlantic World: Statutes, Science and the Seas, Ann Arbor, Michigan and Windsor, Ontario; March/April 2006.*
- "Affective Ties: Gender and Slavery in Eighteenth-Century La Rochelle." *L'Expérience Coloniale Dynamiques des Échanges dans les Espaces Atlantiques à l'Époque de l'Esclavage (XVe - XIXe siècles), Nantes, France; June, 2005.*
- "Gender, Race, and Slavery in Port Towns in Eighteenth-Century France." *Council for European Studies Conference of Europeanists, Chicago, Illinois; March 2004.*

#### PUBLIC LECTURES

- "Voltaire's *Candide*," *Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra, Orlando, Florida; October 2016.*
- "Keeping up with the Past: Student-Centered Teaching and Social Media," *Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Georgia, September 2016.*

“How to Change Minds and Influence People, or, What do Chemistry, Cards, and Chocolate have in Common?” *Lunchtime Time Machine, Athens, GA; October 2014.*

“Diderot’s *Encyclopédie*.” *Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Athens, GA; September 2013.*

#### NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC SERVICE

<b>Founding Member</b> , Greater Atlanta Latin American and Caribbean Studies Initiative	2016
Funded scholarly partnership among the University of Georgia, Georgia State University, Emory University	
<b>Treasurer</b> , French Colonial Historical Society	2010-2014
<b>Reviewer</b> , <i>Early American Studies, French Historical Studies, History Compass, French History, University of Alabama Press</i>	2012-Present
<b>Program Committee</b> , Emerging Histories of the Early Modern French Atlantic, Omohundro Institute	2014-2015
<b>Local Arrangements Committee</b> , Western Society for French History	2013

#### UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC SERVICE

University of Georgia

<b>Brazil Search Committee</b>	2016-2017
<b>Black History Month Focus Group</b>	2016-2017
<b>Policy Committee</b>	2015-2018
<b>Founder and Convener, Gender Workshop</b>	2011-Present
<b>Graduate Travel Committee</b>	
<i>Chair</i>	2013-Present
<i>Member</i>	2012-2013
<b>Undergraduate Studies Committee</b>	2011-2013

University of Chicago

<b>Weissbourd Conference Chair</b>	2009-2010
<b>Center for Teaching and Learning Facilitator</b>	2011

#### GRADUATE COMMITTEES:

##### **Early Modern Europe**

Derrick Angermeier, Ph.D.  
Justin Heath, M.A., 2013  
Brandon Munda, M.A., 2015  
Caitlyn O’Grady, M. A.  
Kathryn Veale, M.A.

##### **Modern Europe**

Alexander Turner, M.A.

##### **Atlantic World**

Elizabeth Busquets, Ph.D.  
Lauren Tittley, M.A.

##### **Early Modern World**

Nicole Gallucci, Ph.D. - recipient of the Thomas Pleasant Vincent Sr. Award, at my nomination

##### **Enlightenment**

Michael Taylor, Ph.D., 2016

##### **Gender**

Alisha Cromwell, Ph.D.  
Katherine Korth, M.A.  
Leah Richier, Ph.D.

## UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AND HONORS THESES SUPERVISED

Brian Underwood, Honors BA (Advisor): "Against All Reason: Rousseau and the Counter-Enlightenment," 2013.

- Directed reading, 2012.
- Awarded CURO Undergraduate Research Fellowship

Emily Francis, Honors BA (Advisor): "The Guillotine as a Symbol of the French Revolution," 2014.

- Directed reading, 2014.
- Awarded CURO Undergraduate Research Fellowship

## COURSES TAUGHT

### **Graduate**

Gender History Colloquium  
Early Modern Europe Seminar

### **Undergraduate**

Old Regime and Revolutionary France  
Age of Enlightenment  
Age of Absolutism  
Women in Early Modern Europe  
Pirates, Captives, and Travelers  
Western Society since 1500 (Honors)

## LANGUAGE COMPETENCIES

English - Native language  
French - Excellent reading, comprehension, speaking, and writing  
Spanish - Competent reading, comprehension, speaking, and writing