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## EDUCATION

### Johns Hopkins University (Baltimore, Maryland)

PhD: History (October, 2008)

MA: History (May, 2005)

Dissertation: "Sunup to Sundown: Plantation Management Strategies and Slave Work Routines in Barbados, Jamaica and Virginia, 1776-1810"

Advisor: Philip D. Morgan

Fields: Atlantic History, 1500-1800 (Philip D. Morgan)

Colonial Latin America (John Russell-Wood)

Early Modern Britain (John Marshall)

Southern History (Michael P. Johnson, passed "with distinction")

### Queen's University (Kingston, Ontario)

MA: History (July, 2002)

MA Thesis: "The Lessons of a Jamaican Overseer: Exploring the Master-Slave Relationship"

Advisor: David Eltis

### Simon Fraser University (Vancouver, British Columbia)

BA with Honors: Double Major in History & English (June, 2001)

Honors Thesis: "'None but a Mother: Medical Authority and Motherhood in the Early Republic"

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, Dalhousie University

2009 to Present

Assistant Professor, University of Mississippi

2008 to 2009

## PUBLICATIONS

### BOOKS

*Slavery and the Enlightenment in the British Atlantic, 1750-1807*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2013.

### ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

"Working Between the Lines: Labor and Agriculture on Two Barbadian Sugar Plantations, 1796-1797," *William and Mary Quarterly*, 63.3 (2006): 551-586.

“Uncertain Business: A Case Study of Barbadian Plantation Management, 1770-1793,” *Slavery & Abolition*, 32.2 (2011): 247-268.

“The Application of GIS to the Reconstruction of the Slave-Plantation Economy of St. Croix, Danish West Indies” with Daniel Hopkins and Philip Morgan, *Historical Geography* 39 (2011): 85-104.

“Venturing Out: The Barbadian Diaspora and the Carolina Colony, 1650-1685,” with Ian Beamish, in Brad Wood and Michelle LeMaster, eds., *Creating and Contesting Carolina*. Charleston: University of South Carolina Press, 2013: 97-134.

## **BIBLIOGRAPHIC ESSAYS**

“Sugar,” in Trevor Burnard et al, eds., *Oxford Bibliographies Online: Atlantic History*. New York: Oxford University Press (2011), [www.oxfordbibliographiesonline.com](http://www.oxfordbibliographiesonline.com)

“Slavery in Danish America,” in Trevor Burnard et al, eds., *Oxford Bibliographies Online: Atlantic History*. New York: Oxford University Press (2013), [www.oxfordbibliographiesonline.com](http://www.oxfordbibliographiesonline.com)

## **REVIEW ESSAY**

“Slavery Counted, Slavery Defined and Slavery Online: A Review of *Voyages: The Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade Database and Slavery, Abolition and Social Justice, 1492-2007*,” in *Reviews in History*, review no. 964 (2010), [www.history.ac.uk/reviews/review/964](http://www.history.ac.uk/reviews/review/964)

## **BOOK REVIEWS**

Review of Kenneth Morgan, *Slavery and the British Empire: From Africa to America* (2007) in *Journal of World History*, 21.2 (2010): 332-336.

Review of Frederick C. Knight, *Working the Diaspora: The Impact of African Labor on the Anglo-American World, 1650-1850* (2010) in *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* 107.4 (2010): 581-583.

Review of Marcus Rediker, *The Slave Ship: A Human History* (2007) in *New West Indian Guide* 84.3-4 (2010): 14-16.

Review of David Beck Ryden. *British West Indian Slavery and British Abolition, 1783-1807* (2009) in *New West-Indian Guide* 85.1-2 (2011): 147-149.

Review of Verene Shepherd, *Livestock, Sugar and Slavery: Contested Terrain in Colonial Jamaica* (2009) in *New-West Indian Guide*, 85 3.4 (2011): 304-306.

Review of Michael Nicholls, *Whispers of Rebellion: Narrating Gabriel's Conspiracy* (2012), in *William and Mary Quarterly*, 69.4 (2012): 868-871.

Review of Niklas Jensen, *For the Health of the Enslaved: Slaves, Medicine, and Power in the Danish West Indies* (2012) in *Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History*, 13.3 (2012): pages forthcoming.

Review of Jane. G. Landers, *Atlantic Creoles in the Age of Revolutions* (2010) in *The Journal of Southern History*, 79.1 (2013): pages forthcoming

Review of John Craig Hammond and Matthew Mason, eds., *Contesting Slavery: The Politics of Bondage and Freedom in the New American Nation* (2011) in *Civil War History*, forthcoming

Review of Rebecca J. Scott and Jean M. Hébrard, *Freedom Papers: An Atlantic Odyssey in the Age of Emancipation* (2012) in *Journal of Early Modern History*, forthcoming

## **FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS**

Research Development Fund for the Humanities and Social Sciences, Dalhousie Faculty Research Grant (2010 to 2012)

Finalist for the Barra Postdoctoral Fellowship at the McNeil Center for Early American Studies (2011 to 2012)

Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship at the Huntington Library (June to August, 2010)

Gilder Lehrman Fellowship at the Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies (July and August, 2009)

Finalist for the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship (January, 2009)

Finalist for the Barra Postdoctoral Fellowship at the McNeil Center for Early American Studies (2009 to 2010)

National Society of the Colonial Dames of America Scholarship (February, 2008)

Center for New World Comparative Studies Fellowship at the John Carter Brown Library (July to September, 2007)

Frederick Jackson Turner Travel Grant, Johns Hopkins University (April, 2007)

Gilder-Lehrman Fellowship at the John D. Rockefeller Jr. Library (January to February, 2007)

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Doctoral Fellowship (Fall, 2006 to Fall, 2007)

Dean's Teaching Fellowship, Johns Hopkins University (Fall, 2006)

Betty Sams Christian Fellowship in Business History at the Virginia Historical Society (August, 2006)

Program in Early American Economy and Society Fellowship at the Library Company of Philadelphia (June, 2006)

American Historical Association's Albert J. Beveridge Grant (May, 2006)

NACDA Director's Cup Scholarship (January, 2004)

Johns Hopkins University History Department Fellowship (Fall, 2003 to Fall, 2008)

Queen's University Graduate Award (Fall, 2001 to Spring, 2002)

## **INVITED PAPERS AND LECTURES**

"Sunup to Sundown: Slavery and the Enlightenment in the British Atlantic, 1750-1807," Brown Bag Seminar, Department of Economics, Dalhousie University (November, 2012).

"A World of Orders and Sorts: Slavery and Hierarchies in Eighteenth-Century Virginia," Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, Williamsburg, Virginia (November, 2011).

"Sugar's Path: Slavery, Agriculture and Abolition in St. Croix, 1750-1805," University of Montreal, Montreal, Quebec (December, 2010).

"Labor and Industry: Skilled Slaves on Eighteenth-Century Chesapeake and West Indian Plantations," OIEAHC Colloquium, Williamsburg, Virginia (November, 2010).

"Venturing Out: The Barbadian Diaspora and the Carolina Colony, 1663-1682," with Ian Beamish, Crisis and Conflict in the Early Carolinas, Carolina Lowcountry and Atlantic World Colloquium, College of Charleston, Charleston, SC (October, 2010).

"Sunup to Sundown: Plantation Management Strategies and Slave Work Routines in Barbados, Jamaica and Virginia, 1780-1810," Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies, Charlottesville, Virginia (July, 2009).

"Washington the Improving Farmer," National Society of the Colonial Dames of America Annual Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland (February, 2008).

"Sunup to Sundown: Plantation Management Strategies and Slave Work Routines in Barbados, Jamaica and Virginia, 1780-1810," Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, North Carolina (February, 2008).

"Sunup to Sundown: Plantation Management Strategies and Slave Work Routines in Barbados, Jamaica and Virginia, 1780-1810," University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi (January, 2008).

"Sunup to Sundown: Plantation Management Strategies and Slave Work Routines in Barbados, Jamaica and Virginia, 1780-1810," Utah State University, Logan, Utah (January, 2008).

"Negotiating Sickness: Health and Work on Barbadian and Virginian Plantations, c1780-1810" McNeil Center Brown Bag Seminar, Philadelphia, PA (November, 2007).

"Negotiating Sickness: Health and Work on Barbadian and Virginian Plantations, c1780-1810" University of California, Santa Cruz (November, 2007).

“Negotiating Sickness: Health and Work on British West Indian Sugar Plantations, c1780-1810”  
John Carter Brown Library (August, 2007).

“Late Eighteenth-Century Slave Plantation Labor in Barbados, Jamaica and Virginia”  
John D. Rockefeller Library, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation (February, 2007).

“Daily Labors: A Comparative Study of Plantation Work Regimes in the Chesapeake and the British West Indies in the Late Eighteenth Century,” Virginia Historical Society (August, 2006).

“Daily Labors: A Comparative Study of Plantation Work Regimes in the Chesapeake and the British West Indies in the Late Eighteenth Century,” Library Company of Pennsylvania (June, 2006).

## **CONFERENCE PAPERS**

“Surrendering Surinam: Competing Visions of Expansion in the Early English Caribbean and the Treaty of Breda, 1640-1670,” Association of Caribbean Historians Annual Meeting, Ambergris Cay, Belize (May, 2013).

“The ‘Better Sort’ and the ‘Poorer Sort’: Wealth Inequalities, Family Formation and the Economy of Energy on British Caribbean Sugar Plantations, 1750-1800,” Society for Historical Archaeology Annual Meeting, University of Leicester, UK (January, 2013)

“Beasts of Burden: Parallels in Husbandry Reform and the Amelioration of Slavery in the British West Indies, 1700-1807,” OIEAHC Annual Meeting, Huntington Library, San Marino, California (June, 2012).

“‘It will Thin the People:’ The Barbadian Diaspora and the Politics of Population Management in the Early English Caribbean, 1650-1670,” OIEAHC Conference: The “Political Arithmetick” of Empires in the Early Modern Atlantic World, 1500–1807, University of Maryland, College Park (March, 2012).

“Clock Work: Time, Numeracy and Enlightenment Science in British West-Indian Plantation Management, 1750-1807,” Association of Caribbean Historians Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico (May, 2011).

“Blame it on the Rain: Health, Work and the Environment in the British West Indies, 1750-1800”  
Society of Early Americanists’ Seventh Biennial Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (March, 2011).

“The Numbers Game: Time and the Evolution of Bookkeeping Practices on West Indian Sugar Plantations, 1750-1807,” OIEAHC Annual Meeting, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi (June, 2010).

“Labor and Industry: The Work Routines of Skilled Slaves on Chesapeake and West Indian Plantations, 1750-1807,” Plantation Slavery in the Americas: Scottish Connections, University of Glasgow, Glasgow, UK (March, 2010).

“Uncertain Business: A Case of Study of Barbadian Plantation Management, 1770-1793”  
Economic and Business Historical Society Annual Meeting, Providence, RI (April, 2007)

## **TEACHING AND SUPERVISION**

### **Undergraduate Courses:**

“History of the Americas: Preconquest to the Revolutionary Era”  
“United States History to 1877”  
“Atlantic World, 1450-1650”  
“Atlantic World, 1650-1800”  
“Chattel Slaves & Wage Slaves”  
“Slavery and Freedom in the Americas”  
“Flesh and Bones in the British Atlantic”  
“Slavery, War and Piracy in the Early Caribbean”  
“Jamestown and the Era of Discovery, 1492-1644”  
“Wild Coasts and Tulips: The Rise and Fall of the Early Modern Dutch Empire”

### **Graduate Courses:**

“Slavery in the Americas”  
“The British Atlantic World”

### **MA Thesis Supervision**

Kilroy Abney, “Warrior Traders: A Comparative Study of Early Seventeenth-Century French and English North American Colonization” (2012)  
Nathan VanderMeulen, Current  
Michael Hatton, Current  
Mike Kofahl, Current

### **Honors Thesis Supervision**

Mike Kofahl, “Enlightened Diets: The Long Eighteenth Century and Upper Class Eating” (2012)  
Conner Coles, “Fear and Loathing from London to Lexington: England, the Jacobites and the War of Spanish Succession” (2013)  
Daisy Ramsden, Current  
Michael Smith, Current

## **OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND AWARDS**

Instructor, “Slavery and Freedom in the Americas,” Department of History, Johns Hopkins University  
(Fall, 2006)

Nominated for Johns Hopkins University Teaching Assistant Award  
(March, 2005)

## **OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

Data contributor for *Voyages: The Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade Database*

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Co-Chair of the Program Committee for OIEAHC Twentieth Annual Meeting (Halifax, 2014).

Manuscript reviewer for *William and Mary Quarterly*, *The Journal of the Historical Society* (Boston, MA) and *Left History*.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES**

Flint Prize Committee, Dalhousie University (2009-2010)

Russian Studies Chair Advisory Committee, Dalhousie University (2010)

Workload and Curriculum Committee, Dalhousie University (2010-2011)

Co-Organizer and Chair of the Lawrence D. Stokes Seminar, Dalhousie University (2010-2013)

Graduate Committee, Dalhousie University (2010-2013)

Pangea (Dalhousie History Undergraduate Society Journal), Guest Editor (2012)

Tenure and Promotion Committee, Dalhousie University (2012)

Executive Committee, Dalhousie University (2012-2013)

(Chair) Classics Chair Advisory Committee, Dalhousie University (2012-2013)