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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2016-present**      **Yale-NUS College, Assistant Professor, History**
- 2014-2016**        **Texas Tech University Assistant Professor, History**

## EDUCATION

- 2014**              **Ph.D., History, University of Michigan**  
Dissertation: “To Be My Own Mistress: Women in Jamaica, Atlantic Slavery, and the Creation of Britain’s American Empire, 1660-1770”
- 2007**              **M.A., History, University of Connecticut,**
- 2000**              **B.A., American Studies, Yale University**

## PUBLICATIONS

### Book

*Jamaica Ladies: Female Slaveholders and the Creation of Britain's Atlantic Empire* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2020).

- Winner, 2020 Best Book Award, Society for the Study of Early Modern Women and Gender

### Articles & Chapters

“In Her Own Right: Gender, Slaveholding, and Movable Goods in Colonial Jamaica,” *Movable Goods and Immovable Property. Gender, Law and Material Culture in Early Modern Europe, 1450–1850*, ed. Annette Cremer (London: Routledge, 2020).

“As Though She ‘was a virtuous woman’: Remaking Gender Roles, Marital Relations, and Families in Atlantic Jamaica,” *Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History* 21, no. 2 (August 2020).

“Female Slave Owners,” *Oxford Bibliographies in Atlantic History*, ed. Trevor Burnard, Oxford University Press, (<http://www.oxfordbibliographies.com>) (September 2019).

“Gender in the Caribbean,” *Oxford Bibliographies in Atlantic History*, ed. Trevor Burnard, Oxford University Press, (<http://www.oxfordbibliographies.com>) (April 2016).

“Womanly Masters: Gendering Slave Ownership in Colonial Jamaica,” *Women in Early America: Transnational Histories, Rethinking Master Narratives*, ed. Thomas Foster (New York: NYU Press, 2015).

“Pursuing her Profits: Women in Jamaica, Atlantic Slavery and a Globalising Market, 1700–60,” *Gender & History* 26, no. 3 (November 2014): 478-501.

“Anthony Bacon, ‘Considerations on the Present State of the North American Colonies,’ 1769,” *An Americana Sampler: Essays on Selections from the William L. Clements Library*, eds. Brian Dunnigan, J. Kevin Graffagnino (Ann Arbor: Clements Library, 2011).

## Book Reviews

Trevor Burnard, *Jamaica in the Age of Revolution* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2020), in *Slavery & Abolition* (forthcoming).

Vincent Brown, *Tacky's Revolt: The Story of an Atlantic Slave War* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2020), in H-Diplo, H-Net Reviews (December 2020).

Daniel Livesay, *Children of Uncertain Fortune: Mixed-Race Jamaicans in Britain and the Atlantic Family, 1733–1833* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2018), in *English Historical Review* (December 2019).

Carla Pestana, *The English Conquest of Jamaica: Oliver Cromwell's Bid for Empire* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2017), in *Journal of British Studies*, vol. 57, no. 2 (April 2018): 382-384.

Amanda Herbert, *Female Alliances: Gender, Identity, and Friendship in Early Modern Britain* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2014), in *William and Mary Quarterly*, vol. 73, no. 2 (April 2016): 366-371.

## FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

- 2015-2106** Bernard and Irene Schwartz Postdoctoral Fellowship, New-York Historical Society
- 2015-2106** Long-Term Fellowship, John Carter Brown Library, Brown University, *declined*
- 2015** Lapidus Scholar's Workshop, Omohundro Institute of Early American History & Culture
- 2015** Humanities Center Fellow, Texas Tech University
- 2013-2014** Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies
- 2012-2013** Rackham Humanities Candidacy Fellowship, University of Michigan
- 2011-2012** Fulbright Research Grant to conduct research in Jamaica, Department of State
- 2011** Rackham International Research Award, International Institute, University of Michigan
- 2011** Henry Huntington Library Research Fellowship, Henry Huntington Library
- 2011** Rackham Humanities Candidacy Fellowship, University of Michigan
- 2009** Peter and Barbara Benedek Graduate Fellowship in History, University of Michigan
- 2009** Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant, University of Michigan
- 2007** Albert E. and Wilda E. Van Dusen Prize for outstanding scholarship, University of Connecticut

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Yale-NUS College

History 2228: "The Atlantic World" (Seminar)

Common Curriculum 2121: "Modern Social Thought" (Lecture/Seminar)

History 3276: "The Historian's Craft" (Seminar)

History 3238: "Empire, Slavery and the Making of the Americas" (Seminar)

History 3295: "Nasty Girls: Gender, Sexuality and Race in Early America" (Seminar)

History 3253: "Imperial Outlaws: Social Deviants in the Age of Empires" (Seminar)

### The New School

History 3038: "Empire, Slavery and the Making of the Americas" (Seminar)

History 2073: "Bad Girls in Early America" (Seminar)

## **Texas Tech University**

History 4328: “Bad Girls in Early America” (Seminar)

History 5320: “Studies in the Atlantic World” (Graduate Seminar)

History 2300: “History of the U.S. to 1877” (Lecture)

History 4301: “The Atlantic World” (Seminar)

## **TALKS & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

### **Invited Talks**

**2021** “Jamaica Ladies: Female Slaveholders and the Creation of Britain’s Atlantic Empire,” Ben Franklin’s World Podcast (forthcoming, February 2021)

**2021** “Jamaica Ladies: Female Slaveholders and the Creation of Britain’s Atlantic Empire,” New Books in African American Studies Podcast, New Books Network (forthcoming, February 2021)

**2021** “Jamaica Ladies: Female Slaveholders and the Creation of Britain’s Atlantic Empire,” Friends of the Georgian Society of Jamaica (forthcoming, January 2021)

**2020** “Jamaica Ladies: Female Slaveholders and the Creation of Britain’s Atlantic Empire,” Australian and New Zealand American Studies Association Graduate Seminar

**2020** “‘Realy I have bin a tru Slave to the plantation’: Reckoning with Jamaica’s Women Enslavers,” History Seminar Series, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

**2020** “Jamaica Ladies: Female Slaveholders and the Creation of Britain’s Atlantic Empire,” Early Modern Women and Gender Graduate Seminar, University of Connecticut

**2020** “Jamaica Ladies: Female Slaveholders and the Creation of Britain’s Atlantic Empire,” Black Womanhood Graduate Seminar, Johns Hopkins University

**2020** “Jamaica Ladies: Female Slaveholders and the Creation of Britain’s Atlantic Empire,” Centre for Early Modern History Research Seminar Series, Trinity College, Dublin, March 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19)

**2018** “‘My slaves whereof I am seized in my own right’: Women, Inheritance, and the Growth of Slavery in Colonial Jamaica,” Gender Differences in the History of European Legal Cultures Conference, London

**2016** “‘Natural’ Children: Baptized Out of Slavery in Colonial Jamaica,” Center for the Study of Slavery & Justice, Brown University

**2015** “Island Intimacies: Illegitimacy and Baptism in Colonial Jamaica,” Humanities Center Conference, Texas Tech University

**2015** “Women, Slaveholding, and Equity Law in Colonial Jamaica,” Early American Legal Histories Workshop, *William and Mary Quarterly* – Early Modern Studies Institute, Huntington Library

**2014** “To Buy, Kidnap, or Free a Slave? Redrawing the Boundaries Between Gender, Race, and Authority in Colonial Jamaica,” Center for the Study of Slavery & Justice, Brown University

**2013** “Ladies of Diverse Trade: Free and Enslaved Jamaican Women in Britain’s Commercial Empire, 1700-1760,” The Library Company of Philadelphia’s Program in Early American Economy and Society Conference, Philadelphia

**2011** “Britain and the Birth of British America 1700-1750 Workshop,” University of Warwick-Newberry Library

## **Selected Conference Participation**

**2021** “To “Enjoy Privileges That Free Negroes Enjoy”: Free Women of African Descent, Slaveholding, and the Creation of British Jamaica,” American Historical Association Annual Conference, Seattle (cancelled due to COVID-19)

**2020** “To my four daughters...now being slaves’: Free Women of African Descent, Slaveholding, and the Creation of British Jamaica,” Society for the History of Women in the Americas Annual Conference, Manchester, England (cancelled due to COVID-19)

**2020** “Women Enterprisers and Enslavers in Kingston’s Globalizing Emporium, 1700-1760,” Economic History Society Annual Conference, Oxford, England (cancelled due to COVID-19)

**2019** “‘A Cruel, Inhumane and Barbarous Manner’: The Boundaries of Feminine Violence in Colonial Jamaica,” Australian and New Zealand American Studies Association Conference, Auckland, New Zealand

**2019** “The ‘diverse goods’ and ‘merchandise she delivered to him’: Credit and Debt Transactions in Colonial Jamaica,” Women, Money and Markets Conference, Brighton, England

**2016** “‘He Took Her Slaves’: Slave Theft, Gendered Conflicts, and the Legality of Slave Ownership in Colonial Jamaica,” British Group of Early American Historians, Cambridge, England

**2016** “From Sexuality to Intimacy: Re-centering Baptisms in Colonial Jamaica,” Annual Omohundro Institute Conference, Worcester

**2016** “Born Again: Baptized Out of Slavery in Colonial Jamaica,” Association for Caribbean Historians Conference, Havana, Cuba

**2014** “Marriage, Slaveholding and the Erosion of Coverture in Colonial Jamaica,” American Society for Legal History Annual Conference, Denver (Panel Organizer)

**2013** “Ladies of Diverse Trade: Jamaican Women, Slave Ownership and the Expansion of Britain’s Commercial Empire, 1700-1760,” International Conference on ‘Women’s Histories: the Local and the Global,’ Hallam University, England

**2013** “A Petticoat Empire: How Women Fostered International Commerce and Slavery in Colonial Jamaica,” Annual Omohundro Institute Conference, Baltimore

**2013** “An ‘Unkind, Unquiet and Turbulent Wife’: Gender, Slavery and the Boundaries of Authority in Colonial Jamaica,” Association for Caribbean Historians Conference, San Ignacio, Belize

**2013** “Female Slave Ownership in Colonial Jamaica: Rethinking Gender, Family & Race in the Early Modern Atlantic World,” Society of Early Americanists Biennial Conference, Savannah

**2012** “Numbers Become Her: How Anglo-Jamaican Women Financed the First British Empire, 1720-1770,” Midwest Conference on British Studies, University of Toronto

**2012** “Numbers Become Her: How Anglo-Jamaican Women Financed the First British Empire, 1720-1770,” Conference of the Forum of European Expansion and Global Interaction, University of Minnesota

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Awards Committee Member, Society for the Study of Early Modern Women, 2016-2019

Member, Law and Liberal Arts Search Committee, Yale-NUS College, 2020

Member, Undergraduate Ethics Committee, Yale-NUS College, 2018-2019, 2020-2021

Member, Postdoctoral Humanities Fellowship Committee, Yale-NUS College, 2017  
Co-Organizer, Gender Research Cluster, Yale-NUS College, 2016 to present  
Organizer, History Guest Speaker Series, Yale-NUS College, 2016-2018  
Organizer, Junior Faculty Writing Workshop, New-York Historical Society, 2015-2016  
Member, Graduate Studies Committee, Texas Tech University, 2014-2015

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

American Historical Association  
American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies  
American Society for Legal History  
Association of Caribbean Historians  
Australian and New Zealand American Studies Association  
British Group of Early American Historians  
North American Conference on British Studies  
Southeast Asian Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies