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EDUCATION

- Ph.D., History, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2015. “The Power of Pan Africanism: African American/Tanzanian Linkages, 1947-1997”
M.A., History, Texas Southern University, 2003. “*Lugha Ya Taifa*: Kiswahili, Pan Africanism and Nationalism in Tanzania and the United States”
B.S., Psychology, minor in Sociology, University of Houston, 2000.

Post Graduate Study

- TUKI Summer language program, The Institute of Kiswahili Research, University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, 2002.
Studies on the African American Experience, Humanities and Humanistic Studies Summer Institute, University of California, Los Angeles, 2001.
Summer Research Program, University of California, Los Angeles. Focus: African American and Tanzanian connections, 2001. Edward A. Alpers, Ph.D., Mentor.
Study Abroad Program, Texas Southern University, at the University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, 2000.

TEACHING/RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Sub-Saharan African History:** gender, environment, transnational, diaspora.
Nationalism: African nationalism, black nationalism, black cultural nationalism, Pan Africanism.
African American History: race and ethnicity, slavery, black internationalism.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Present** **Assistant Professor of History**
2019-2020 **Lecturer I**
2017-2019 **Adjunct Instructor**
 Division of Social Work Behavior and Political Science, Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View

History of Texas: Surveys the history of Texas from early migration to the continent and territory through Spanish colonization to the present. Emphasis placed on contributions made to the state by various ethnic groups within the population.

United States to 1877: Surveys the formation of the United States, through social and political history from the development of the British colonies in America to Reconstruction.

African History: Surveys a systematic study of African History. It looks at the forces impacting the growth and evolution of the political, social, and economic institutions of various countries of Africa.

2015 – 2016 Visiting Assistant Professor

2008 – 2015 Instructor

Department of History and Geography, Texas Southern University, Houston

African History to 1800: Surveys the formation of African socioeconomic, cultural, political, and religious history from the beginning of civilization to 1800.

African History since 1800: Explores modern African socioeconomic, cultural, and political history after 1800 to the post-colonial era.

African American History: Examines the African American journey, from the nations of West Africa and the Atlantic slave trade to the challenges and achievements of Reconstruction, Jim Crow, the modern black freedom struggle, and the first African American president.

United States History to 1877: Surveys the formation of the United States, through social and political history from the development of the British colonies in America to Reconstruction.

United States History from 1877: Explores major themes in the United States, social, economic and political development from Reconstruction to the twenty-first century.

2004 – 2007 Grader and Teaching Assistant

Department of History, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Global History: Assisted instructor by leading weekly discussions, grading exams, creating quizzes, and evaluating students' overall participation in three sections of 25 students.

Medieval History: Assisted instructor by leading weekly discussions, grading exams, creating quizzes, and evaluating students' overall participation in three sections of 25 students.

Military History: Assisted instructor by grading essays, quizzes, and exams.

2004 Instructor

African American Studies, University of Houston

Slavery and Race Relations: Explored how race has been used historically and contemporarily as a means of socialization, tool of oppression, and system of identification.

FIELD RESEARCH

2018 Michigan State University, Special Collection, Activist Archives

2017, 2018 National Archives II, College Park

2017 Atlanta University Center, Robert W. Woodruff Library

2017 Moorland-Spingarn Research Center at Howard University

2017 National Archives II

2016 Menil Collection, at Menil Museum, Houston, Texas

2008 Amistad Research Center, Tulane University, New Orleans

- 2008 W. E. B. Du Bois Special Collection, University of Massachusetts at Amherst
 2008 Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe Institute, Harvard University
 2002, 2004, 2006 East Africana Archives, University of Dar es Salaam
 2002, 2004, 2008 Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, New York Public Library
 2004, 2006, 2008 Dissertation research and interviews in Tanzania
 2002 Language and research study at the University of Dar es Salaam

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- 2020 – 2021 PVAMU African American Studies Initiative
 2006 – 2007 Served as a recruiter for the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign history department.
 2010 – 2015 Phi Alpha Theta and History Club, Faculty Advisor
 TSU History Department Recruitment Committee Member
 2011 – 2013 Tanzanian Studies Association Scholarship Fundraising Committee

PUBLICATION

- African Cultural Influence in American Society*, edited. San Diego: Cognella Publishing, Fall 2021 publication.
 “An African Liberation Language’s Entrance in the United States,” *International Journal of Humanities and Social Science Review*. Vol. 6, No. 1. (April, 2020).
 “The 1952 Meru Land Case: A Pan Africanism Mission: A Pan Africanism Mission,” *Journal Education & Social Policy*. Vol.6 No.3. (September, 2019)
 “Networks from Pan African Linkages Emerge from UN 1952 Meeting,” *Global Journal of Multidisciplinary Research*. Vol. 3, No. 1. (July, 2019).
 “Pan-Africanism, Tanzanian/African American linkages and the Six Pan African Congress, 1969-1974,” *Global Journal of Multidisciplinary Research*. Vol.2 No.1. (May, 2018).
 “Tuskegee Model Abroad,” in *Encyclopedia of African American History 1896 to the Present*. Vol. 4, ed. Paul Finkelman (New York: Oxford University Press, 2009), 496.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- And Still We Rise: Black Women Scholars in the Ebony Tower since 1965*,” Panel. Zoom Webinar. March 31, 2021.
 “A Pan African Language: Kiswahili and the Impact of Tanzanian Independence on the African Diaspora,” *American Historical Association*, Webinar, April 1, 2021.
 “Tanzanian/African American linkages: Working Pan Africanism through Black Internationalism.” Presentation at the Third Biennial African Philosophy World Conference: Building Africa’s Future on African Philosophy, University Of Dar es Salaam, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, October 28—30, 2020.

- “Diaspora Studies Rise from a 1965 International Congress: ‘Emerging Themes of African History’.” Presentation at the conference for 50 Years of Black Studies: Intellectual Histories and Institutional Demands, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, November 29—December 1, 2018.
- “The Arusha Declaration: A Pan African Legacy.” Board Sponsored Roundtable at the African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, November 16-18, 2017.
- “Tanzanian Nation Building in Africa and Abroad, 1967-1974.” Paper presented at the African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, December 1-3, 2016.
- “The Texas African American Engagement in Pan African Liberation Linkages.” Presentation At the Summer Workshop on African American Texas History, Texas Southern University, Houston, TX, July 9, 2016.
- “A Moor: The First African Explorer in Texas.” Presentation at the Summer Workshop on African American Texas History, Texas Southern University, Houston, TX, July 9, 2015.
- with Alvia Wardlaw, Merline Pitre, Naomi Carrier, and Portia Baker, “Juneteenth.” Presentation at the Fifth Annual Houston History Conference, University of Houston, Houston, TX, September 12, 2014.
- “An African/Diaspora Linkage at the Dawn of African Independence.” Paper presented at the African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, November 21-23, 2013.
- “The Tanzanian/African American Linkage: A Product of Black Hubs, 1947-1956.” Paper presented at the African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, November 29-December 1, 2012.
- “The Tanzanian/African American Linkage: A Product of Black Hubs, 1947-1956.” Paper presented at the Fourth Annual Africanist Graduate Conference, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, October 8-9, 2010.
- “Researching Tanzania’s Practice of Pan Africanism through Transnational Study.” Presentation at Carleton College, Northfield, MN, April 2007.
- “*Lugha Ya Taifa*: Kiswahili, Pan Africanism and Nationalism in Tanzania and the United States.” Paper presented at the Second Biennial Conference of the Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, October 2-4, 2003.
- “Dr. Alberta Seaton: An African American Woman’s Participation in Tanganyika’s Nationalism.” Paper presented at the African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, December 5-8, 2002.

“From Slavery to Middle Class: The Making of an East Texas Family.” Paper presented at the East Texas Historical Association Fall Meeting, Nacogdoches, TX, September 2002.

“Enslaved Migration to Texas via the New Orleans Ports.” Paper presented at the Southwest Social Science Association Conference, Tarleton State University, New Orleans, LA, March 2002.

“A Glimpse of Africa through the New Orleans Port’s 1850s Manifest.” Presentation at the Houston Area African Studies Group, Rice University, Houston, TX, February 2002.

“African Americans in East Africa.” Paper presented at the African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Houston, TX, November 15-18, 2001.

HONORS AND AWARDS

2008-2007	University of Illinois Graduate Fellowship
2006-2007	Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship
2005-2006	Catherine C. and Bruce A. Bastian Grant for Global and Transnational Studies
2004-2005	University of Illinois Graduate Fellowship
2002	Mickey Leland International Enhancement Grant
2002	Program Council Leadership Award
2000-2001	Texas Opportunity Graduate Fellowship
1999-2000	University of Houston African American Studies Scholarship
1999	Delegate from the University of Houston’s African American Studies Program to the Fifth African/African American Summit, Accra, Ghana.

PROFESSIONAL and CIVIC MEMBERSHIPS

National Council for Black Studies
American Historical Association
E-certification
Advisory Board Member for the “Reversing Sail: Slavery and Freedom from the Gulf Coast to The Gold Coast
Friends of Emancipation Park
African Studies Association
The Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora
Tanzania Studies Association
Houston Area African Studies Group
Phi Alpha Theta

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Kiswahili: read, speak fluently

French: read