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*Curriculum Vitae*

**ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

* **Assistant Professor,** University of Utah, Dept. of History (2020 – present)
* **Postdoctoral Fellow,** The Ohio State University, Dept. of African American & African Studies (2018-2020)
* **Postdoctoral Fellow,** Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture/NYPL (2017-2018)

**EDUCATION**

* **Ph.D. Columbia University,** History Department, Advisor: Christopher L. Brown, 2017
* **M.S. Columbia University,** Graduate School of Journalism, 2009
* **B.A. Princeton University**, History Department, *cum laude,* 2006

**ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS**

***Books***

* ***Carbon Conscripts: Slavery and the Origins of Climate Change*** (work-in-progress)
* ***The Science of Abolition: How Slaveholders Became the Enemies of Progress***(Yale University Press, 2021)

***Peer-Reviewed Articles***

* ***The William and Mary Quarterly*** “The Plantation Carbon Complex: Slavery and the Origins of Climate Change in the

Early Modern British Atlantic,” co-authored with John L. Brooke, *William and Mary Quarterly* (forthcoming, for April

2024 issue)

* ***Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied* Sciences** “Slavery, Health, and Healing Now: The State of the Field,”

*Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences* 77, no. 1 (Jan. 2022): 1-23.

* ***Slavery & Abolition*** “What Kind of Abolitionist Was Benjamin Banneker? Reluctant Activism and the Intellectual Lives of

Early Black Americans,” *Slavery & Abolition* 42, no. 4 (Oct. 2021): 669-90.

* ***Journal of National Medical Association*** “Discovering a Hidden Figure of Service and Leadership: The Reverend Charles

Edgar Newsome, MD,” co-authored with Leon McDougle, Leta Hendricks, Quinn Capers IV, Simone C. Drake.

*Journal of National Medical Association* 112, no. 1 (Feb. 2020): 24-27.

* ***Early American Studies***“The Science of Antislavery in the Early Republic: The Case of Dr. Benjamin Rush,” *Early*

*American Studies,* Vol. 15, No. 2 (Spring 2017): 274-307.

* ***The Journal of the Early Republic***“Slaves, Spaniards and Subversion in Early Louisiana: The Persistent Fears of Black

Revolt and Spanish Collusion in Territorial Louisiana, 1803-1812,” *The Journal of the Early Republic* Vol. 36, No. 2 (Summer 2016): 283-311.

***Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters***

* **“Climate Change and Global Commodities,”** co-authored with John L. Brooke and Jed O. Kaplan, in *Oxford Handbook*

*of Global Commodities History*, eds. Jonathan Curry-Machado, Jean Stubbs, William Clarence-Smith, and Jelmer Vos

(Oxford University Press, 2023)

* “**Slavery, Science, and Empire at Yale: Silliman’s Scientific Instruments,”** in *Scientific Instruments as Cultural Artifacts*,

ed. Paola Bertucci (Yale University Press, under contract)

* **“Frederick Douglass: Science and Technology**,” in *Frederick Douglass in Context****,*** ed. Michael Roy (Cambridge

University Press, 2021): 255-66.

**GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS**

***For* Carbon Conscripts *Project:***

* **Harvard University, Warren Center for American History:** *Academic Year Faculty Fellowship,* 2024-2025
* **Univ. of Utah, Tanner Humanities Center Fellowship:** *1-semester faculty research leave,* 2023-24
* **Yale University, Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery & Abolition:** *1-month research fellowship,* 2023-23
* **Library Company of Philadelphia:** *1-month research fellowship, 2023-24*
* **The Huntington Library:** *1-month research fellowship, 2023-24*
* **National Humanities Center Summer Residency:** *1-month research fellowship, Summer 2023*
* **Digital Matters Research Grant, University of Utah**: ($5,000), 2022-23
* **Seed Research Grant, University of Utah College of Humanities:** ($5,000), 2021-22

***For* Science of Abolition *Project:***

* **Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture (NYPL**) / Lapidus Center for the Study of Transatlantic Slavery:

*Postdoctoral Research Fellowship*(academic year), 2017-18

* **University of Pennsylvania, McNeil Center for Early American Studies**: *Pre-Doctoral Dissertation Completion*

*Fellowship* (academic year), 2016-17

* **American Philosophical Society**: *Short-Term Research Grant,* 2015-16
* **The Huntington Library**: *Short-Term Dibner Fellow in the History of Science and Technology,* 2015-16
* **Lapidus-OIEAHC Short-Term Research Grant in African American Print Culture**, 2015-16

**SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

***For* Carbon Conscripts *Project:***

* **ASEH (American Society for Environmental History), Annual Conference.** April 2024. Paper: “Ghost Emissions:

Caribbean Slavery’s Carbon Footprint in the Northern British American Colonies”

* **Yale University’s Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery**. Sept. 2023. Presenter: “Carbon Conscripts: Slavery

and the Origins of Climate Change”

* **OAH (Organization of American Historians), Annual Conference.** March 2023. Invited Panelist: “Roundtable: Black

History and the Plantationocene”

* **Massachusetts Historical Society: African American History Seminar.** Sept. 2022. Presenter: “Carbon Boom: Sugar,

Slavery, and the Plantationocene in Seventeenth Century Barbados”

* **McNeil Center for Early American Studies at UPenn. Conference: “The Climate Crisis: Early Americanists Respond.”**

June 2022. Paper: “Up in Smoke: Slavery and the Plantationocene in the Early Chesapeake”

* **ASEH (American Society for Environmental History), Annual Conference.** March 2022. Paper: “Up in Smoke: Slavery

and the Plantationocene in the Early Chesapeake”

***For* Science of Abolition *Project:***

* **Yale University, Beinecke Library Monday Talks.** Nov. 2021. Invited speaker: “Science and Slavery at Yale”
* **Oxford University** (Oct 26, 2021) Invited panelist on roundtable: “Slavery and Medicine in the Black Atlantic,” with

Professors Sasha Turner, Katherine Paugh, and Suman Seth.

* **Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture: “Pandemic Legacies: Slavery, Health, and Healing”** Oct. 2021.

Invited speaker on roundtable on *The Science of Abolition: How Slaveholders Became the Enemies of Progress*.

* **SHEAR (Society for Historians of the Early American Republic), Annual Conf.**, July 2021. Panel Organizer/Presenter:

“The Intellectual Worlds of Black and White Abolitionists, 1830-1860”

* **OAH (Organization of American History), Annual Conference,** Apr. 2021. Paper: “Black Thought in the Age of Slavery:

African American Intellectual Histories Before Emancipation”

* **AAIHS (African American Intellectual History Society), Annual Conference,** Mar. 2021. Paper: “The Intellectual

Worlds of Benjamin Banneker: Translating African Vernacular Knowledge into ‘Legitimate’ Western Science”

* **Princeton University, Conference: “Law, Difference, and Healthcare: Structural Racism in Medico-Legal History”** Jun.

2019. Invited Paper: “Slavery, Health, and Healing Now: The State of the Field”

* **The Johns Hopkins University, History of Science Faculty Colloquium,** Oct. 2018. Invited Speaker: “Benjamin

Banneker: Avid Astronomer, Ambivalent Abolitionist”

* **OIEAHC (Omohundro Institute of Early American History & Culture), Annual Conference**, Jun. 2016 Panel Organizer

/ Paper: “Sierra Leone as Science Lab: Making Scientific Knowledge in the Age of Revolution and Abolitionism, 1787-1807”

**COURSES TAUGHT**

**HIST 1700: American Civilization,** Univ. of Utah

**HIST 2080 / AFAM 2080: African American History to 1877**, Ohio State University

**HIST 2700: The United States to 1877**, University of Utah

**HIST 3730: The Civil War: A Global History,** Univ. of Utah

**AFAM 4326: Race & Medicine: Past, Present, and Future**, Ohio State University

**HIST 4680 / ETHNC 4850: American Slavery**, Univ. of Utah

**HIST 7610: Nineteenth Century U.S. History (Graduate Reading Seminar),** Univ. of Utah

**HIST 7650: Slavery in the Atlantic World (Graduate Reading Seminar),** Univ. of Utah, Ohio State Univ.

**HIST 7670: Climate History (Graduate Reading Seminar),** Univ. of Utah

**JOURNALISM**

Articles have appeared in *The New York Times, The New Republic, The New York Review of Books, The Washington Post, The Atlantic, Slate,* and *The Daily Beast*