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EDUCATION

Princeton University, Ph.D. in History, 2004-2010
Oxford University, St. Antony's College, M.Phil. in Economic and Social History, 2002-2004
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, B.A. in Honors History, 1998-2002

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Notre Dame, 2011-
Faculty Fellow, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame, 2011-
Faculty Fellow, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame, 2011-
Visiting Fellow, Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies, Notre Dame, 2010-11

PUBLICATIONS

Books

An Uncertain Age: Making Manhood, Maturity, and Authority in Kenya, 1898-1978. Submitted to Ohio University Press, July 2014.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

“Spare the Rod, Spoil the Colony: Corporal Punishment, Colonial Violence and Generational Authority in Kenya, 1897-1952,” *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 45.1 (2012): 29-56.
“Joy Rides for Juveniles: Vagrant Youth and Colonial Control in Nairobi, Kenya, 1901-1952,” *Social History*, 31.1 (2006): 39-59.

Edited Volumes

A.L. Beier and Paul Ocobock, *Cast Out: Vagrancy and Homelessness in Global and Historical Perspective* (Ohio University Press, 2008).

Book Chapters

“Introduction: Vagrancy and Homelessness in Global and Historical Perspective,” in *Cast Out:*

Vagrancy and Homelessness in Global and Historical Perspective, eds. A.L. Beier and Paul Ocobock (Ohio University Press, 2008): 1-34.

Andrew Burton and Paul Ocobock, "'The Traveling Native': Vagrancy and Colonial Control in British East Africa," in *Cast Out: Vagrancy and Homelessness in Global and Historical Perspective*, eds. A.L. Beier and Paul Ocobock (Ohio University Press, 2008): 270-301.

Book Reviews

Alice Bellagamba, Sandra E. Green, and Martin A. Klein, *African Voices on Slavery and the Slave Trade* (Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 2013), for *The Journal of African History* (forthcoming).

Andrew Burton, *African Underclass: Urbanization, Crime & Colonial Order in Dar es Salaam 1919-61* (Oxford: James Currey, 2005), for *Africa: The Journal of the International African Institute*, 76.4 (2006): 606-7.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

Kellogg Institute, Residential Fellowship, 2014 (Fall semester leave)

Kellogg Working Group Grants, Africa Working Group, University of Notre Dame, 2011-13

International Conference Travel Grant, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame, 2013

International Seminar on Decolonization, American Historical Association, National History Center, Washington DC, 2009

Research Affiliate, African Studies Centre, University of Nairobi, 2008

Associate Affiliate, African Studies Centre, Oxford University, 2007

Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, Dissertation Research Grant, Princeton University, 2005

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PAPERS PRESENTED

Earning an Age: Work, Mobility, and Maturity in Western Kenya, Chair: Andreas Eckert, *African Studies Association Conference*, Chair: Paul Ocobock, Baltimore, 21-24 November 2013

Tyranny of Elders: Mobilizing Youth and Crafting Generational Politics in Cold War-Era Kenya, 1945-1978, *Negotiating Independence Conference*, University of Cambridge, 1-2 May 2013

Generation Mau Mau: Resolving an Ambiguous Age and Constructing Rites of Passage in Late Colonial Kenya, *Program of African Studies*, Northwestern University, 27 February 2012

Facing the Knife, Facing the Future: Male Initiation, Manhood, and Colonial Change in Kenya, *African Studies Association Conference*, Chair: Paul Ocobock, Washington D.C. 17-20 November 2011

Serving *Mzee*: Mobilizing Youths and Enduring Legacies in Kenyatta's Kenya, 1955-78, *African Studies Association Conference*, Chair: Richard Waller, San Francisco, 17-20 November 2010

Caning in Kenya: Juvenile Indiscipline, Parental Authority, and the Colonial State, *African Studies Association Conference*, Chair: Tom Spear, Chicago, 14-17 November 2008

- Children of Mau Mau: Youth and State During the Kenya Emergency, 1952-60, *African Studies Workshop*, Chair: Emily Osborne, University of Chicago, 15 January 2008
- Children of Mau Mau: Youth and State During the Kenya Emergency, 1952-60, *Graduate Dissertation Workshop*, Chair: Timothy Parsons, University of Washington, St. Louis, 14 December 2007
- From Repatriation to Rehabilitation: Youth and Colonial Law and Order in Kenya, *Youth and Africa Workshop*, Chair: Terence Ranger, Oxford University, 17 May 2007
- Coming of Age in a Colony: Youth, Law, and Order in Colonial Kenya, *African Studies Association Conference*, Chair: Thomas McClendon, San Francisco, 16-19 November.
- “The Traveling Native”: Vagrancy and Colonial Control in British East Africa, *Social Science History Conference*, Chair: A.L. Beier, Minneapolis, 2-5 Nov 2006
- Children of Mau Mau: Youth and State during the Kenya Emergency, 1952-60, *African Studies Association Conference*, Chair: Robert Tignor, Washington D.C., 17-21 November 2005
- Between Rehabilitation and Repatriation: Juvenile Vagrancy, Colonial Control and Kenya’s Emergency, 1945-63, *Townlife in Modern Africa Workshop*, Chair: John Lonsdale, Trinity College, Cambridge, 13 March 2004
- “Joy Rides for Juveniles:” Outcast Youth and Colonial Control in Nairobi, Kenya, 1901-45, *Symposium on Law, Colonialism and Children in Africa*, Chair: Richard Roberts, Stanford University, 1 May 2004
- “A Species of Drudge:” Juvenile Vagrancy, Colonial Control and Urban Order in Kenya, 1902-52, *African Studies Association Conference*, New Orleans, Chair: Jan-Georg Deutsch, 11-14 November 2004

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED

- Fourth Annual New York Area Workshop on Africa co-organized with Professor Emmanuel Kreike, *Princeton University*, 3-4 February 2006
- Cast Out: A History of Vagrancy in Global Perspective, *Princeton University*, 11-12 November 2005

TEACHING

Courses Taught

- HIST 10050/30050, Early Africa and the Slave Trade (Introductory Survey), Fall 2011, 2012
- HIST 30051, Gender and Sexuality in African History (Upper-Level Seminar), Fall 2013
- HIST 10061/30061, Modern Africa (Introductory Survey), Spring 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014
- HIST 13184, Anatomy of An African Rebellion (First-Year Seminar), Fall 2011, Spring 2012
- HIST 33000, History Workshop (Gateway to History Major Program), Fall 2013, Spring 2014
- HIST 83000, Historian’s Craft (Introductory Graduate History Seminar), Fall 2013
- HIST 93050, Topics in African History (Graduate Course), Fall 2012
- HIST 86000, Early Africa and the Slave Trade (Graduate Directed Reading), Fall 2011

Graduate Dissertation Committees

Stephen Morgan, "Shepherds of a Dying Flock: the Rhenish Mission, the Herero, and German Colonial Conquest in South-West Africa"

Ashley Greene, "Narratives of Power: Political Rhetoric, History Education, and Nation Building in Post-Independence Uganda"

Bethany Montagano, "America's 'Last' Slave: Collecting Myths and Slaves in America's Borderlands, 1863-1938"

Graduate Examination Committees

Ben Wetzel, Modern Africa, 2013

Joshua McIntire, Early Africa and the Slave Trade, 2013

Ashley Greene, Modern Africa, 2013

Bethany Montagano, Early Africa and the Slave Trade, 2013

Mary Swanson, Early Africa and the Slave Trade, 2012

Senior Honors Theses Directed

Alexander Killen, "Hip-Hop and Politics: Exploring the Relationship between Hip-Hop, Politics and Youth Empowerment in Kampala, Uganda," History Department, 2014, *awarded the Best Thesis Prize in History and Africana Studies*

Alexander Coccia, "Development in Rwanda's Post-Gacaca Communities," Department of Africana Studies and Glynn Family Honors Program, 2014

Brianna Kunycky, "Tragedy of the Colonial Commons: The Development of Ugandan Water Policy," Environmental Sciences and Glynn Family Honors Program, 2013, *awarded the Undergraduate Library Research Award*

Rose Donohue, "Protestant Christians and the Colonial State;" The Role of the Christian Council of Kenya in the African Struggle for Independence, 1952-63," History Department, 2013

Zachary Weber, "Black Physicians and the 'White Man's Grave:' Establishment of the West African Medical Staff and the Changing Status of African Physicians in the British Cold Coast, 1858-1957, History Department, 2013

SERVICE

History Department

Member, Undergraduate Committee, History Department, 2013-14

Member, Graduate Committee, History Department, 2012-13

Member, Intellectual Life Committee, History Department, 2011-12

Kellogg Institute for International Studies

Visiting Fellows Selection Committee, 2012-14

Experiencing the World Fellowship Selection Committee, 2011-14

Chair, Africa Working Group, 2011-13

Graduate Research Fellowships Selection Committee, 2011-12

Professional

Reviewer for *History and Memory*, 2013

Reviewer for *Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History*, 2012-13

Reviewer for *Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History*, 2012-13

Reviewer for *The International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 2014

Reviewer for *Radical History Review*, 2014

Professional Memberships

American Historical Association

African Studies Association

British Institute for East Africa