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Research

My principle research interests lie in the fields of colonial American history, the British Caribbean, and the Revolutionary Atlantic World. I am interested in understanding how the revolutions of the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries influenced identity construction, and the political and socio-economic interactions of peripheral colonies in the British Caribbean.

Education

- 2013-Present **Ph.D. History** Florida International University – Miami, FL
- 2010-2012 **M.A. History** University of New Hampshire – Durham, NH
Thesis: “A Tumultuous Upheaval and Transformation: The Impact of the American Revolution on the Bahama Islands.”
Supervisor: Dr. Eliga H. Gould
- 2006-2010 **B.A. History; B.A. Philosophy** West Virginia University – Morgantown, WV
Honors: Summa Cum Laude

Scholarships and Awards

- Dec. 2014 Graduate and Professional Student Committee Travel Grant, Florida International University.
- Oct. 2014 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) academic-year fellowship (declined).
- Jan. 2014 Graduate and Professional Student Committee Travel Grant, Florida International University.
- 2013-Present Graduate Teaching Assistantship, Department of History, Florida International University.
- 2011-2012 Full-Tuition Scholarship, Department of History, University of New Hampshire.
- Apr. 2010 Sallie Poole Wilkins Prize, Department of History, West Virginia University.
- 2009-2010 Carrol H. Quenzel Scholarship, Eberly College of Arts and Sciences, West Virginia University.

May 2009 The John Maxwell Historical Research Award, Department of History, West Virginia University.

2008-2009 The McKay-Coast Scholarship, Eberly College of Arts and Sciences, West Virginia University.

Publications

Essays and Miscellaneous Contributions:

“Barbara Christian,” “Roosevelt Douglas,” and “Gail Saunders,” in *Dictionary of Caribbean and Afro-Latin American Biography*, edited by Henry Lewis Gates Jr. (New York: Oxford University Press, forthcoming).

Conferences and Presentations

Feb. 2015 “Gateways of Empire: The British Caribbean Periphery in the Age of the American Revolution,” Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, 1750-1850 annual meeting at High Point University, High Point, NC.

Jan. 2015 “Revolutionary Changes on the British Atlantic Periphery: Bermuda and the Bahamas in the American Revolution,” British Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies annual meeting at St. Hugh’s College, Oxford, United Kingdom.

Nov. 2014 “Representation for the Common Ground: The Imperial Crisis in the Bahamas and Turks Islands,” Southern Historical Association annual meeting, Atlanta, GA.

Feb. 2014 “The Imperial Crisis Transposed: The Political Debate over Bahamian Control of the Turks and Caicos Islands in the Late Eighteenth Century,” Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, 1750-1850 annual meeting at the University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS.

Oct. 2013 “Chaos at Home, Chaos Abroad: The American Revolution’s Impact on Bahamian Colonial Politics,” Fourteenth Annual International Graduate Student Conference on Transatlantic History at the University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX.

May 2013 “The Loyalist Revolution: The Transformation of the Post-Revolutionary Bahamas.” North American Society for Oceanic History annual meeting, Alpena, MI.

Apr. 2012 “Caught Between Realities: The American Revolution, the Continental Congress, and Political Turmoil in the Bahama Islands,” University of New Hampshire Graduate Research Conference, Durham, NH.

- Apr. 2010 “Do We Have a Rhode Island Problem? How Economic Factors Moved Rhode Island to Ratify the Constitution,” West Virginia/Western Pennsylvania Phi Alpha Theta History Conference at Mercyhurst University, Erie, PA.
- Mar. 2009 “The Salem Witchcraft Trials: Interpretations throughout the Ages,” West Virginia/Western Pennsylvania Phi Alpha Theta History Conference at West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV.

Editorial Boards

- 2009-2010 Editorial Board, *Think.*, undergraduate philosophy research journal for West Virginia University.

University and Community Service

- 2014-Present Treasurer of the Department of History Graduate Student Association (DOHGSA) at Florida International University.
- June 2014 Smith’s Island, Bermuda Archaeological Dig Volunteer.
- May 2014 Florida Historical Society Conference Volunteer.
- 2008-2009 Phi Alpha Theta (Delta Nu chapter), Vice President. Helped organize the 2009 West Virginia/Western Pennsylvania Phi Alpha Theta History Conference.

Organizations and Professional Memberships

American Historical Association
Association of Caribbean Historian
The Bahamas Historical Society
British Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies
Latin American and Caribbean Section–Southern Historical Association
Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, Associate
Organization of American Historians
Phi Alpha Theta
Southern Historical Association