

Curriculum Vitae

Education

2001-2007 George Washington University (3.91 GPA)

Doctor of Philosophy, History (received May 2007)

- *Dissertation title: Betting on the Dark Horses: John F. Kennedy's Courting of African Nationalist Leaders*
- *Dissertation Committee:* Dr. Hope Harrison (chair), Dr. James Hershberg, and Dr. Nemata Blyden.

Master of Arts, History (received August 2003)

1997-2000 Michigan State University

Bachelor of Arts

- Major: History
- Minors: Political Science and Psychology

Publications

Betting on the Africans: John F. Kennedy's Courting of African Nationalist Leaders. New York: Oxford University Press, forthcoming.

Race, Ethnicity, and the Cold War: A Global Perspective, ed. Philip Muehlenbeck. Nashville: Vanderbilt University Press, forthcoming.

Religion and the Cold War: A Global Perspective, ed. Philip Muehlenbeck. Nashville: Vanderbilt University Press, forthcoming.

"Kennedy & Toure: A Success in Personal Diplomacy" *Diplomacy & Statecraft*, Spring 2008.

"John F. Kennedy's Courting of African Nationalism" *Madison Historical Review* (Volume II, 7 September 2004). <http://web.jmu.edu/history/mhr/>

Works in Progress

Contested Skies: Cold War and the Battle for Africa's Hearts, Minds, and Airports [Research for Book length manuscript underway]

Fateful Decision: The Ford Administration's Covert Operation in Angola [Article length manuscript in progress]

"Seeing Castro in Africa" [Article length manuscript in progress]

Conference Participation

"Keeping the Soviets Out of African Air: U.S.-U.S.S.R. Competition for African Civil Aviation Markets and the Cuban Missile Crisis, 1961-1963" *Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Meeting*, June 2009.

"The Kennedy-de Gaulle Rivalry in Africa" *Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Meeting*, June 2009.

"Washington, the 'Castro Phenomena' and African Nationalism, 1958-1965" *American Historical Association Annual Meeting*, New York, NY, January 2009.

"Seeing Castro in Africa" *Cold War as the Periphery Conference*, Columbus, OH, April 2008.

"Fateful Decision: The Ford Administration's Covert Operation in Angola" *Cold War Group Graduate Student Conference*, Washington, DC, May 2004.

Teaching Experience

2006-Present *The George Washington University, Adjunct Professor*

- Courses taught: History 101: West Africa to Independence
History 134: U.S. History Since 1941
History 138: American Foreign Policy since Vietnam
History 182: U.S. Diplomatic History

2005-Present *Strayer University Online, Adjunct Professor*

- Courses taught: Humanities 101: Origins of Western Civilization
Humanities 100: Intro to Art, Music, and Literature

2007-2009 *Southern New Hampshire University-Online, Adjunct Professor*

- Course taught: History 110: Western Civilization II
History 114: U.S. History II: 1865-Present

2007-2008 *University of Maryland-College Park, Lecturer*

- Courses taught: History 123: Sub-Saharan Africa Since 1800
History 408: Variety & Scope of U.S. Diplomatic History
History 453: U.S. Diplomatic History

Employment

Oct. 2002-Present *American Council on Education*, Washington D.C. Project Associate

Responsibilities: editing *Solutions for Our Future* national initiative bi-weekly e-newsletter and weekly headlines email blast, maintaining *Solutions for Our Future*, *Higher Education Goes Green*, and *Solutions for Our Health* websites, responding to media data inquiries, assisting with the editing of publications, tracking grant and budget expenditures, and organizing presidential level policy summits.

Language Skills

Russian

Intermediate level speaking, reading, and writing abilities.

Professional Memberships

American Historical Association
Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations

Research Experience

National Archives II, College Park, MD

Winter 2001-Present: Conducted research for Doctoral Dissertation and manuscript projects.

Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library, Abilene, KS

Winter 2006: Conducted research for Doctoral Dissertation

Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library, Ann Arbor, MI

Winter 2001/Fall 2003: Awarded travel grant to conduct research at library. Conducted research focusing on the Ford Administration's involvement in Angolan civil war

John F. Kennedy Presidential Library, Boston, MA

Fall 2002/Spring 2003/Fall 2006: Awarded travel grant to conduct research at library. Conducted research for Master's Thesis and PhD Dissertation.

National Public Records Office, London, United Kingdom

Summer 2003/Summer 2009: Conducted research for Doctoral Dissertation and manuscript project.

William Tubman Papers, Bloomington, Indiana

Fall 2008: Presidential Papers of long time Liberian President William Tubman. Currently being restored at Indiana University, eventually to be returned to the Liberian archives.

Professional References

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