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EDUCATION:

Ph.D. 2005. Latin American History, The Ohio State University
M.A. 1998. History, The Ohio State University
B.A. 1995. History, North Carolina Central University

EMPLOYMENT:

Associate Professor of African American Studies and History Northwestern University	2013-present
Assistant Professor of African American Studies and History Northwestern University	2005-2013
College Fellow Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences Northwestern University	2004-2005
Visiting Instructor & Dissertation Fellow Department of History Kenyon College	2002-2003

AREAS OF INTEREST:

Afro-Latin American History
Comparative Slavery
Early Modern African Diaspora
Gender and Sexuality

Latin American History and Historiography
Slavery and the Law
Political Theory
Early modern scientific thought

PUBLICATIONS:

Books:

1. *Rivers of Gold, Lives of Bondage: Governing Through Slavery in Colonial Quito*, (University of North Carolina Press, 2014). (Paperback edition--August 2018).
2. *Africans to Spanish America*, Sherwin K. Bryant, Rachel O'Toole, and Ben Vinson (Eds.), (University of Illinois Press, 2012). (Paperback edition—February 2014).

Chapters in Edited Volumes:

3. Bryant, Sherwin K. and Ben Vinson. "Introduction" in *Africans to Spanish America*. Sherwin K. Bryant, Rachel O'Toole, and Ben Vinson III (Eds.), (University of Illinois Press, 2012): 1-26.
4. "Finding Freedom in Colonial Quito," in *The Ecuador Reader*. Steve Striffler and Carlos de la Torre (Eds.), (Duke University Press, 2008): 52-67.

Articles in Peer-reviewed Journals:

5. "Finding Gold, Forming Slavery: The Creation of a Classic Slave Society, Popayán, 1600-1700," *The Americas* Vol. 63:1 (July 2006): 81-112.
6. "Enslaved Rebels, Fugitives, and Litigants: The Resistance Continuum in Colonial Quito," *Colonial Latin American Review*, 13:1 (June 2004): 7-46.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS:

Post-Doctoral:

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| 2008-2009 | Kaplan Center for the Humanities Fellowship (quarter release)
Northwestern University |
| 2007 | University Research Grants Committee Grant
Northwestern University |
| 2007 | Paul W. McQuillen Research Fellowship
John Carter Brown Library, Brown University |
| 2006-2007 | Mellon Postdoctoral Research Fellowship
Newberry Library, Chicago |
| 2006-2007 | Kaplan Center for the Humanities Fellowship (declined)
Northwestern University |

Pre-Doctoral:

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| 2003-2004 | Erskine A. Peters Dissertation Fellowship
University of Notre Dame |
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2002-2003	Dissertation/Teaching Fellowship Kenyon College
Summer 2003	Graduate School Summer Research Award Department of History, Ohio State University
2001-2002	Ford Foundation Minority Dissertation Fellowship
2001-2002 (declined)	Erskine A. Peters Dissertation Fellowship University of Notre Dame
2000-2001	Fulbright Fellowship (IIE) Pre-dissertation Research, Ecuador
2000	Tinker Travel Grant Latin American Studies Center, Ohio State University
2000	International Dissertation Research Grant Office of International Studies, Ohio State University
1999-2000	Title VI Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship Portuguese

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS:

Invited Lectures:

April 3, 2019, "'I was too young to understand': Marriage, Sex, and Black Interiority--18th Century Popayán," at the University of Rochester.

March 28, 2019, "Valuing Early Modern Slavery: Settlement, Servitude, and the development of race governance" Porter-Fortune Symposium, University of Mississippi.

June 28, 2018 "Freedom, Possession, and Colonial Subjection: The Case of Colonial Quito," Freedom: An International Mellon-Sawyer Symposium, June 28-29, 2018, The Graduate Center, CUNY, New York, New York.

April 6, 2018 "Afro-Latin America, Afro-Latinidad, and Afro-Latino Studies: Envisioning a New Horizon" at the "Documenting Diasporas: Afro-Latin Americans and Afro-Latinos" symposium, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Pittsburgh.

April 9, 2018 "Afro-Latin America and the Black Pacific: Black life in Guayaquil and Barbacoas before the Age of Revolution". W.E.B. Dubois Distinguished Lecture, Africana Studies Department California State University--Dominguez Hills.

April 25, 2017 "Sex, Crime, and Colonial Subjection in Colonial Barbacoas," Distinguished Visiting Scholar of History, Department of History, Dartmouth College.

- November 10, 2016 "Governing the Body: Sex, Kinship, and Christian Conjugalinity" Department of History, Working Papers, The Johns Hopkins University.
- February 10, 2016 "Policing the Colonial: Slavery, Race, and the Development of Colonial Law," the Center for Race, Politics, and Culture; The University of Chicago.
- October 16, 2015. "Woodes Rogers and the Colonial Predicament of Blackness in the South Sea," at Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Vancouver, British Columbia.
- July 18, 2015. Presenter, Mellon Foundation Professionalization Seminar for Junior Scholars, University of Illinois--Chicago Circle.
- February 17, 2015. Book Talk--*Rivers of Gold, Lives of Bondage: Governing through Slavery in Colonial Quito*, Morton Grove Public Library.
- May 28, 2015 Roundtable discussion of work in progress--"Territories of Colonial Blackness: Crime, Sex, Law, and Life along the South Sea"--CUNY Graduate Center.
- April 28, 2015. Book Talk--*Rivers of Gold, Lives of Bondage: Governing through Slavery in Colonial Quito*, University of Texas at Austin, Department of African and African American Studies.
- June 5, 2014 "Rethinking the Archive: Atlantic Slavery and the Colonial Practice of Race in Early Modernity" Seminar on Latin America--Center for Race Politics and Culture, The University of Chicago.
- October 23, 2013 "Race Governance and Black Life in the Colonial Andes: Interrogating Black Subjectivity in Andean Worlds" Department of History, University of South Carolina Columbia, SC.
- May 3, 2013, "Early Modern Race and the Assembling of Race Governance in Colonial Quito," Faculty and Fellows Colloquium, Buffett Center for International and Comparative Studies at Northwestern University.
- February 2, 2013, "Black History along another passage: Afro-Latin America" Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church, Wilmington, NC (Black History Month Program Kickoff and Keynote)
- May 6, 2012, "A Conversation on the African Diaspora to Spanish America with Professor Ben Vinson III (The Johns Hopkins University), Ethnic and Diaspora Studies Colloquium, Northwestern University.
- July 26, 2011. "Resisting Mastery, Negotiating Slavery: Enslaved Litigants and the Struggle for Autonomy," NEH Summer Institute for University and College Professors of Slave Resistance and Rebellion in the Americas, Center for Africana Studies, The Johns Hopkins University.
- May 6, 2011. "Rivers of Gold, Sweet Valleys, and Sordid Cities: Slavery and Slave Life in the Kingdom of Quito, 1680-1800," Department of History, CUNY Graduate Center.
- October 20-21, 2010. "*Esclavitud Negra en la Nueva Granada Durante la Epoca Colonial*" (trans. "Slavery in New Granada during the Colonial Era"), International Seminar on the Economic History of the Nueva Granada, *Banco de la República* (Central Bank of Colombia), Bogotá, Colombia.

- August 5, 2009. "Rebels, Fugitives and Litigants in Colonial Quito," NEH Summer Institute, Center for Africana Studies, Johns Hopkins University.
- April 1, 2009. "Inside the Veil: Slave Marriage and Family in Colonial Guayaquil," Black Atlantic Urbanities Conference, Center for Historical Studies, University of Texas-Austin.
- November 5, 2007. "In Gorgona Road': Marked Bodies, Contraband Slave Trading, and the Social "Landscape of Eighteenth-Century Barbacoas (Colombia)," University of South Florida Slavery & Abolition Lecture Series, Department of Africana Studies and the Institute on Black Life, University of South Florida.
- September 19, 2007. "In Gorgona Road': Marked Bodies, Contraband Slave Trading, and the Social Landscape of Eighteenth-Century Barbacoas (Colombia)," Fellows Luncheon Chat, John Carter Brown Library, Brown University.
- March 29, 2007. "Slavery and the Law in Colonial Quito," Graduate Seminar" Department of History & the Center for Latino Studies, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois.
- March 28, 2007. "On the Trail of Contraband: Contraband Slave Trading and the Restructuring of Empire in Eighteenth-Century Quito and Santa Fé," Department of History & the Center for Latino Studies, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois.
- March 23, 2007. "Marking Bodies, Trafficking Souls: The Expansion of Slavery on Quito's Northern Frontier," Lecture presentation at the 5th Annual Taller on Constructing Race and Identity in Latin America," The Center for Africana Studies, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland.
- November 17, 2005. "Slave Litigants and their Narratives: Reading the Lives of Slaves through the Prism of the Law," Department of History, University of North Carolina at Wilmington, Wilmington, North Carolina.
- November 3, 2005. "Slavery and the Law in Spanish America," Slavery Seminar at the National Humanities Center, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina.
- November 2, 2005. "Expanding the Diaspora: Africans, Afro-Creoles, and the Context of Identity Formation in Colonial Quito (Ecuador and Southern Colombia), 1600-1730," Department of Romance Languages, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina.
- October 31, 2005. "Slave Testimony, Voice, and the Law in Colonial Spanish America," Department of History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.
- March 25, 2004. "African Americans in the Academy," Symposium Participant, Sponsored by the African & African American Studies Program, University of Notre Dame. (Comments quoted and reprinted in *The Observer* issue 03/26/04, and *The Journal of Blacks in Higher Education*).

March 23, 2004. Comment on "Rabbit Proof Fence," Progressive Faculty Alliance, University of Notre Dame.

February 18, 2004. "On the Margins of the Atlantic World: The Formation of a *Spanish American* Slave Society in the North Andes, Popayán, 1600-1680." Department of History and Religious Studies, Penn State University.

February 13, 2002. "Race, Eugenics and Nationalism in Modern Latin America," Department of History Ohio Wesleyan University.

Conference and Panel Presentations:

January 4-7, 2019 Commentator for panel "Rethinking Freedom and Manumission in Latin America and the Atlantic World," American Historical Association Panel, Chicago, IL.

January 4-7, 2018 Commentator for Panel "Family, Household, Community, and the Court: Extending and Defying Domestic Male Authority in Colonial Latin America" American Historical Association-Conference on Latin American History Panel, Washington, DC.

November 7-11, 2017 "Gender and Race Governance in Colonial Barbacoas," Association for the Worldwide Study of the African Diaspora, Seville, Spain.

June 8-9, 2017 Commentator for "Precarious Enslavement: Authority, Race and Law in a Frontier Slaveholding Society, Ceará, Brazil, 1850-1884" by Martha Santos at the "Slavery, Freedom and the Making of Modern Brazil" Center for Latin American Studies, University of Chicago.

January 5-8, 2017 "Between Social Death and Racial Life: Gender and Race Governance in Colonial Barbacoas," American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado.

May 23, 2014 Commentator for Panel "The Politics of Slavery and Freedom in the Revolutionary Atlantic" Session 188 Congress on Latin American Studies International Conference, Chicago, IL.

August 4, 2012. "Brands, Baptism, and Bodies as Texts," Tepoztlán Institute for the Transnational History of the Americas, Tepoztlán, Mexico.

January 6, 2012. "Marriage, Sex, and Slavery at the Margins: Questioning Slave Marriages in Colonial Spanish America," Conference on Latin American History (CLAH) Gran Colombia Roundtable, at the American Historical Association, Chicago, Illinois.

October 4, 2008. "Contraband Slave Trading and the Circuitous Routes to Slavery in Spanish America," Association for the Study of African American Life and History 93rd Annual Convention," Birmingham, Alabama.

October 3, 2007. "Gender, Coartación, and Enslaved Women's Use of Honor in colonial Quito," Association for the Study of African American Life and History 92nd Annual Convention, Charlotte, North Carolina.

September 4, 2007, "Sex, Master Honor, and slave claims for freedom in Guayaquil," XXVII International Congress, Latin American Studies Association, Montréal, Canada.

March 24, 2007. "Marking Bodies, Trafficking Souls: The Expansion of Slavery on Quito's Northern Frontier," Draft portion of book chapter presented for workshop discussion at the 5th Annual Workshop on Constructing Race and Identity in Latin America," The Center for Africana Studies, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland.

December 11, 2006. "Marking Bodies, Trafficking Souls: Slavery and the Context of Ethnogenesis on Quito's Northern Frontier, 1700-1800," Newberry Library Fellows' Seminar.

April 14-15, 2006. "Centering the Margins: The Transatlantic Slave Trade to Quito (Ecuador) and the Expanding Boundaries of the Atlantic World," National Symposium on Oceanic Empires at the University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio.

April 22, 2005. "Contextualizing Identity: Seventeenth-Century Quito City and the Changing Context of African Ethnicity," National Symposium—"The African Diaspora to Latin America: New Directions in Scholarship," Center for African American History, Northwestern University.

March 12, 2005. "Africans, Afro-Creoles, Andeans, and the Changing Context of African Identity in Colonial Quito," Connecticut College Workshop on Race and Difference in Colonial Latin America, New London, Connecticut.

November 24-28, 2004. *Renaissance Weekend*: Guest Panelist on two weekend panels, Hilton Head, South Carolina.

October 7, 2004. "On the Margins of the Atlantic World: Quito and the Changing Context of African Identity in the Spanish-Occupied North Andes, 1650-1700," Latin American Studies Association, Las Vegas, Nevada.

April 10, 2002. "Representing Resistance: Slave Litigants in the Kingdom of Quito during the Eighteenth Century," at the 2002 Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians Conference, Washington, District of Columbia.

September 20, 2001. "Upon the Mercy of the Courts: The Social and Legal Realities of Slave Life in Colonial Ecuador during the Eighteenth Century," African Diaspora Paradigms: New Scholarship in Black History Conference, Michigan State University.

Sessions Chaired:

June 9-11, 2009. "Urban Slavery in Latin America," Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Congress, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

October 1-3, 2008. "Racial Systems and Black Resistance in Colonial Latin America," Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) Convention, Birmingham, Alabama.

January 4, 2003. Panel Organizer, "Mit'a and Slavery: The Realities of Bondage in the North Andes," and paper, "Subjects of the King: Afro-criollos and the Notion of Mercy in Late Seventeenth- and Early Eighteenth-Century Quito," Conference on Latin American History and the American Historical Association, Chicago, Illinois.

Conferences Organized:

May 16-17, 2014 "A Symposium on the work of Richard Iton: Feeling the Black Fantastic" (with Barnor Hesse and the Iton Memorial Working Group). Center for African American History, Northwestern University.

April 19-20, 2013, "The Early Modern Atlantic World: Slavery, Race, Governance" Center for African American History, Northwestern University.

January 28, 2010. "Haiti: History, Politics, and Culture," co-organized with colleagues John Márquez, Marla Frederick, and NU Stands with Haiti, Northwestern University.

April 22-23, 2005. "The African Diaspora to Latin America: New Directions," Center for African American History, Northwestern University.

Media Exposure:

April 05, 2018, "It's Time to re-examine diversity and inclusion programs to make real progress," *The Hill* <https://thehill.com/opinion/education/381804-its-time-to-re-examine-diversity-and-inclusion-programs-to-make-real>

April 22, 2017 "Afro-Latin America and the Black Pacific: An Interview with Sherwin K. Bryant" African American Intellectual History Society (AAIHS) <https://www.aaihs.org/afro-latin-america-and-the-black-pacific-an-interview-with-sherwin-k-bryant/>

December 11, 2013 "Practically Speaking Episode 35: Afro-Latin@ Perspectives" Vocolo Radio

September 15, 2013--Quoted in: Huffington Post, "Black Voices" http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/09/15/birmingham-church-bombing-50th-anniversary_n_3927128.html?1379252658

March 27, 2007—Appearance on BBC Radio Station "Five Alive" Show—*Up All Night*. Special show dedicated to slavery in the Americas on the 200th anniversary of the British Parliamentary vote to suppress the transatlantic slave trade. (Podcast Available on web).

LEAVES OF ABSENCE:

2015-2016 Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences (research leave full academic year)

2011-12 Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences (Winter Quarter leave)

2008-09 Alice Berlin Kaplan Quarter teaching release fellowship

This led to additional research on contraband and piracy in the South Sea, as well as the development of a course on the same taught for the Kaplan Center. During this time, I also completed work on the co-edited anthology—*Africans to Spanish America*, and continued work on my first monograph—*Rivers of Gold*.

2006-2007 Newberry Library (Mellon Fellowship)

John Carter Brown (McQuillen Fellowship)

These grants supported research related to my first book—*Rivers of Gold, Lives of Bondage*; archival research in Bogotá, Colombia on contraband slave trading, slavery in New Granada, and marriage annulment records found in the microfilmed *Archivo Arzobispal de Popayán*, Colombia.

PEER REVIEW:

External Reviewer for:

Newberry Library Summer Fellowship Selection
Denison College Internal Grants Competition
The John Carter Brown Library Long-term Fellowships
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowships

Manuscript Reviewer for:

Cambridge University Press
The University of California Press
Hispanic American Historical Review
Oxford Bibliographies
Palgrave Press
Pluto Press
The Small Axe Project
Yale University Press

Press Boards:

Northwestern University Press

The Americas

The University of Georgia Press--Gender and Slavery series board.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE:

American Historical Association (AHA)

Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora (ASWAD)

Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH)

Conference on Latin American History (CLAH)

Latin American Studies Association (LASA)

Mid-West Colonial Latin American Writing Group

TEACHING AND ADVISING:

Graduate Advising:

Direct Advising:

Emily Kamm (History)

Dissertation Committees (African American Studies, Anthropology and History):

Frederick Stadium

Patricia Lott

Rita Wilkenfeld

Ph.D., Qualifying Exam Committees:

Patricia Lott

Rita Wilkenfeld

Valería P. Jimenez

Alvaro Villagran

Areas of Undergraduate and Graduate Teaching:

Colonial and Modern Latin American History and Historiography

Comparative Slavery

African Diaspora

Afro-Latin America

Early African American History (1502-1888)

Courses Taught at Northwestern (all of my own design):

AFAM 101 Slavery, Race, and Law in the Americas--first year seminar.

AFAM/HIST 212-1 (Intro. To African American History 1500-1865)

AFAM 213 *History of the Black World* (African Diaspora History 1500-c1835).

AFAM 342 *Comparative Slavery*

AFAM 345 *Politics of Afro-Latin America* (redesigned course previously on books under this title)

AFAM 392 *Early Modern Black Atlantic* (designed and co-taught with Butch Ware)

AFAM 380/Humanities 301 *Captives, Contraband and Pirates in the Spanish Pacific*

AFAM 380 *Controversial Blackness**

AFAM 390 Research seminar, *The Slave Trade to Spanish America*

AFAM 403 Graduate seminar, *Diaspora Tropes, Theory, and the early modern African Diaspora to Latin America* (core course).

AFAM 440 Graduate Seminar, Black Historiography (core course)

AFAM 442 Graduate seminar, *Africans in Colonial Latin America*

AFAM 445 Graduate seminar, *Historicizing Race in Colonial Latin America*

AFAM 480 Graduate seminar, *Race and Nation in Modern Latin America*

* Course designed by colleague Barnor Hesse and adopted as core offering for AFAM Studies Department.

Curriculum Development:

Humanities 211/103, Combined Lecture and freshman seminar, *Black Freedom, African Justice and the Good Society: Aspiration, Governance and Representation in Atlantic Worlds*, co-designed and team-taught with Yari Pérez Marín and David Schoe Brun for the Humanities Scholars Program, Kaplan Center for the Humanities, Northwestern University, Winter 2009

Pedagogical Training:

Searle Center for Teaching Excellence Junior Fellows Program--A series of seminars and workshops on teaching and learning resulting in a teaching innovation project. Northwestern University. 2007-08.

DEPARTMENT, COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE:

2018-present	Chair, Executive, Faculty Appeals Committee
2017-present	Executive Committee, Faculty Appeals Committee
2016-present	University Faculty Appeals Committee
2015-present	Press Board, Northwestern University Press
2016-present	University Faculty Appeals Committee
2017-present	Executive Committee, Faculty Appeals Committee
2013-2015	University Senate, Northwestern University

Affiliations with other Departments and Programs:

History	Buffett Institute for Global Studies
Latin American and Caribbean Studies	Program of African Studies

Department and Program Office:

2018-19	Director, Graduate Admissions, Department of African American Studies
2012-16	Director, Center for African American History
2011-12	Associate Director, Center for African American History
2008-09	Associate Director, Center for African American History
2004-06	Associate Director, Center for African American History

Department and Program Committee:

2018-	Graduate Committee, Department of African American Studies
2018-	Graduate Admissions director, Department of African American Studies
2016-2017	Graduate Committee, Department of African American Studies

2016-2017	Search Committee, African American History, Department of African American Studies
2014-2015	Search Committee, Black Politics, Department of African American Studies
2010-2011	Web-site committee, Department of African American Studies
2009-2011	Department Liaison to African American Student Services
2009-2010	Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department of African American Studies
2009-2010	Gardner Exum Fellowship Committee
2007-2009	Executive Committee, Department of African American Studies

College Committees:

2015-present	Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program Advisory Board
2013-2015	LACS Cluster Fellowship Committee
2009-2010	LACS Cluster Fellowship Committee
2007-2008	WCAS Strategic Development Committee on Latin American and Caribbean Studies

COMMUNITY WORK:

2014-2016	Coming Together in Niles Township District 219 Niles North & Niles West High Schools --Advisor on matters of race, diversity, and Africans in the Americas.
2010-2014	Parent Advisory Board, District 65 Evanston/Skokie, Washington Elementary School
March 2012	Keynote Address for Evanston Alumni Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. EMBODI program for African American male youth.
2010-12	District 65 Evanston/Skokie Public School—African American Literary Forum (February)
2009-2011	UNITY Tea (Evanston, IL) Scholarships for Area African American High School Seniors—Selection committee & representative for Theta Kappa Kappa Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

LANGUAGES :

Fluent English and Spanish, reading knowledge and oral comprehension of Portuguese.