

I am an associate professor in the Morehouse College history department and specialize in the history of slavery in the Americas. I have chaired the Morehouse history department since 2011 and mentored students who are pursuing graduate degrees in history or careers in various fields. Before my time at Morehouse, I served on the faculty at the University of Memphis and Colorado State University, where I taught courses and conducted research on the Diaspora. I have published a book and numerous articles on the history of the African Diaspora. My book titled [Working the Diaspora: The Impact of African Labor on the Anglo-American World, 1650-1850 \(NYU Press, 2010\)](#) traces how Africans drew upon knowledge from their homelands to shape the agricultural and material worlds of New World slave labor camps. My current research centers on questions tied to generation in early African-American history, and I have recently published an article on [Jarena Lee](#), the first woman preacher in the AME Church.

Throughout the course of my career, I have collaborated with colleagues from across disciplines and on African Diaspora Studies. At Morehouse, I have worked on an interdisciplinary committee that redesigned our core curriculum and instituted a requirement on the African Diaspora that pulls in an array of scholarly approaches. I have also served with faculty from different disciplines and institutions on the board of Lever Press, a new peer-reviewed, open access academic press that is grounded in the values of liberal arts colleges. And as a fellow at the Center for Black Studies at UCSB, a visiting student at the Institute of African Studies at the University of Ghana, and a fellow at the Carter G. Woodson Institute at UVA, I have been immersed in broad discussions about the experience of Africa and its Diaspora.