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### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Texas State University	
Associate Professor of History	2016-Present
Assistant Professor of History	2010-2016
U.S. Department of State	
Foreign Service Officer	1999-2003
Central Intelligence Agency	
Political Analyst	1996-1999

### EDUCATION

Purdue University, Ph.D.	2010
History	
Boston University, M.Div., magna cum laude	2006
Church History	
Johns Hopkins University, M.A., distinction	1999
Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)	
American Foreign Policy	
Texas State University, B.A., summa cum laude	1997
International Studies	

### CURRENT PROJECTS

*Racialized Diplomacy and the Haitian Diaspora in Early America*, in progress

*In Search of Liberty: African American Internationalism during the Nineteenth Century*,  
ed. Ousmane Power-Greene and Ronald Angelo Johnson, in progress

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Book

*Diplomacy in Black and White: John Adams, Toussaint Louverture, and Their Atlantic World Alliance* (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2014)

## Articles and Chapters in Books

- "Haitian-American Diplomacy in the Age of Atlantic Revolutions," in *A Companion to U.S. Foreign Policy, Colonial Era to the Present*, ed. Christopher Dietrich (Hoboken, N.J.: Wiley-Blackwell), *under review*
- "Black Literary Engagement with the Haitian Revolution," in *African American Literature in Transition*, Volume 1, 1775-1800, ed. Rhondda Robinson Thomas (New York: Cambridge University Press), *under review*
- "Enslaved by Memory: Pierre Toussaint and Freedom in Antebellum America," in *Traces and Memories of Slavery in the Atlantic World*, ed. Lawrence Aje and Nicolas Gachon (New York: Routledge), *under review*
- "The Public Diplomacy of Toussaint Louverture," in progress
- "Early American Connections to Haiti," invited article for *History Compass* (February 2018), DOI 10.1111/hic3.12442
- "A Revolutionary Dinner: U.S. Diplomacy toward Saint-Domingue, 1798-1801," *Early American Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal* 9 (Winter 2011): 114-41
- "The Peculiar Ventures of Particular Baptist Pastor William Kiffin and King Charles II of England," *Baptist History & Heritage* 44 (2009): 60-71
- "Toussaint Louverture 1743–1803 " in *America in the World, 1776 to the Present: A Supplement to the Dictionary of American History* (Farmington Hills, MI: Charles Scribner's Sons, 2016), II, 1008-1010
- "The Caribbean," in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of American Social History* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2012), I, 133-34
- "'For Such a Time as This': John Dury, Jean-Baptiste Stoupe, and Cromwellian Diplomacy," *Selected Annual Proceedings of the Florida Conference of Historians* 15 (2008): 95-101

## Reviews

- "Not Your Fathers' Revolution: Internationalizing American Independence," review essay, *Brothers at Arms: American Independence and the Men of France and Spain Who Saved It* by Larrie D. Ferreiro, and *American Revolutions: A Continental History, 1750-1804*, by Alan Taylor, *Reviews in American History* 46 (March 2018): 14-20.
- "Slavery: An American Diplomatic Priority," review of *This Vast Southern Empire: Slaveholders at the Helm of American Foreign Policy*, by Matthew Karp, *Diplomacy History* 41 (November 2017): 1028-31
- Review of *Toussaint Louverture: A Revolutionary Life*, by Philippe Girard, *American Historical Review* 122 (December 2017): 1664-1665
- Review of *The Haitian Revolution and the Early United States*, edited by Elizabeth Maddock Dillon and Michael Drexler, for *The Historian*, *under review*

Review of *Dangerous Neighbors: Making the Haitian Revolution in Early America*, by James Alexander Dun, for the *Journal of American Ethnic History*, under review

Review of *Baptists in Early North America, Volume III; Newport, Rhode Island, Seventh Day Baptists*, edited by Janet Thorngate, under review

Review of *The Haitian Declaration of Independence: Creation, Context, and Legacy*, edited by Julia Gaffield, for *New West Indian Guide*, at press

Review of *Caribbean Crossing: African Americans in the Haitian Emigration Movement*, by Sara Fanning, *New West Indian Guide* 90 (2016): 353-54

Review of *Baptists in Early North America, Volume I: Swansea, Massachusetts*, edited by William H. Brackney with Charles K. Harman, and *Baptists in Early North America, Volume II: First Baptist, Providence*, edited by J. Stanley Lemons, *Baptist History & Heritage* 50 (2015): 106-08

Review of *Encountering Revolution: Haiti and the Making of the Early Republic*, by Ashli White, in *The William and Mary Quarterly* 68 (2011): 311-14

Review of *Toussaint Louverture and the American Civil War: The Promise and Peril of Second Haitian Revolution*, by Matthew J. Clavin, in *The Journal of African American History* 96 (Fall 2011): 563-65

## FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Verena & Kenneth Wilson Latin American Research Grant, Texas State University	2018, 2017
Research Grant, Department of History, Texas State University	2017, 2016, 2014
Research Enhancement Program Grant, Texas State University	2016, 2010
National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Summer Institute	2013
Travel Grant, Program for Excellence in Teaching & Learning, Texas State University	2012
Albert B. Alkek Library Research Grant, Texas State University	2010
Albert M. Greenfield Foundation Fellowship, Library Company of Philadelphia	2009
Winifred Beatrice Bilsland Dissertation Fellowship, Purdue University	2009
Summer Research Grant, Purdue Research Foundation	2009
Harold D. Woodman Graduate Research Award, Purdue University	2009
Doctoral Grant, American Baptist Churches, U.S.A.	2008
Research and Discovery Support Program Grant, Purdue University	2008
Edmund M. Beebe Fellowship, Boston University	2008
National Ministries Scholarship, American Baptist Churches, U.S.A.	2005
Seminarian Scholarship, Northern Baptist Education Society	2005
William S. Studley Scholarship, Boston University	2003
Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship, Wilson Foundation	1998
George C. Crowell Memorial Fellowship, Johns Hopkins University	1998

## PRESENTATIONS

"Frederick Douglass's Haiti: In Writing and Diplomacy," Frederick Douglass Centennial Conference, Paris, France, October 2018

"Teaching @VastEarlyAmerica," Annual Conference of the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, June 2018

- “Racialized Diplomacy: How Toussaint Louverture Moved White Americans to Accept the Haitian Revolution,” Annual Meeting of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA), Barcelona, Spain, May 2018
- “From the Haitian Revolution to Howard University: One Family’s Journey Across a Century of African-American Education and Assimilation,” Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (SHEAR), Philadelphia, PA, 2017
- “Diplomacy of the Public: Congress and Consuls Champion Haitian Recognition,” Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR), Washington, DC, 2017
- “Becoming Black: African Protestantism and Haitian Immigrants in Early America,” Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians (OAH), New Orleans, LA, 2017
- “‘Born in St. Domingo, A Slave’: The Freedom of Pierre Toussaint Buried Beneath a Memory of Slavery,” *Traces & Memories of Slavery in the Atlantic World*, Montpellier, France, 2016
- “From South to North: Haitian Emigration to Early America,” Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association (AHA), Atlanta, GA, 2016
- “Haitian Immigration and Labor in the Black Atlantic,” Annual Meeting of the Southern Labor Studies Association (SLSA), Washington, DC, 2015
- “A Philadelphia Story: Becoming Haitian in Early America,” Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), Memphis, TN, 2014
- Commentator, “Engaging the Early Black Atlantic: Voyages and Encounters in African History” Panel, Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (SHEAR), Philadelphia, PA, 2013
- Organizer, “Stride Toward Freedom in the Age of Atlantic Slavery” Panel for the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), Memphis, TN, 2014
- “A Tale of Two Professions: Existing Professional Differences in Academic Careers,” Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (SHEAR), St. Louis, MO, 2013
- “From Christiansted to *Cap-Français*: Edward Stevens and U.S. Diplomacy in Saint-Domingue,” Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR), Arlington, VA, 2013
- Chair, “Brazil Media Representations on Screen and in Print,” Annual Meeting of the Southwest Council of Latin American Studies (SCOLAS), Miami, FL, March 2012
- “Revolution and Relocation: The Haitian Effect on Atlantic Colonization and Migration,” Annual Meeting of the Association of Caribbean Historians (ACH), San Juan, PR, May 2011
- “Allegiance to the Flag(s): Race, Nationality, and Politics in Atlantic Migration, 1793-1825,” Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians (OAH), Houston, TX, 2011
- “Our Minister to Toussaint: Race and U.S. Relations toward Revolutionary Saint-Domingue,” Annual Meeting of the New England Historical Association (NEHA), Burlington, VT, 2009
- “A Revolutionary Dinner: U.S. Diplomacy toward Saint-Domingue, 1798-1801,” Annual Meeting of the Association of Caribbean Historians (ACH), St. Francois, Guadeloupe, May 2009
- Chair and Commentator, “Power: International and Local Challenger” panel, History Department Graduate Student Association Conference, Purdue University, April 2009
- “Diplomacy in Black and White: A Distinctive U.S. Foreign Policy toward Revolutionary Saint-Domingue,” Annual Meeting of the Society of Historians of the Early American Republic (SHEAR), Philadelphia, PA, 2008
- Organizer, “Revolutionary Relations: The Saint-Dominguan Influence on Early American Policy” Panel for the annual meeting of the Society of Historians of the Early American Republic (SHEAR), 2008
- “‘For Such a Time as This’: John Dury, Jean-Baptiste Stoupe, and Cromwellian Diplomacy,” Annual Meeting of Florida Conference of Historians, Orlando, FL, 2007

## INVITED TALKS

- "Bilateral Blackness: The Haitian Diaspora and African American Episcopalians," Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, VA, September 2018
- "'This State of Things': Early U.S. Denial of Haitian Diplomacy and Identity," University of Rochester, March 2018
- "'A Slave' No Longer: Studying Yesterday; Building Tomorrow," Keynote Speech, Cultural Connection Celebration Dinner, Baylor University, February 2018
- "Look Abroad, See Back Home: Diplomacy as a Lens into Cultural and Racial History," Future(s) of Microhistory Symposium, University of Rochester, 2017
- "Transatlantic Pollination," Authors Panel, Miami Book Fair, Miami, FL, 2016
- "Story as Bridges," Plenary Speaker Leadership Institute Conference, Texas State University, 2016
- "Revolutionary Immigration: Being Haitian and 'Black' in Early America," Speaker Series, School of History, Technology, & Society, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2015
- "One among Many: The Political Leadership of Toussaint Louverture and Barack Obama," Houston Area Southern Historians Seminar, Rice University, 2015
- "From Belief to Book: Researching & Writing *Diplomacy in Black and White*," Keynote Address, History Graduate History Conference, Texas Tech University, 2015
- "Diplomacy in Black and White," Development Foundation, Texas State University, 2014
- "Tools for Tomorrow," Commencement Address, Pineywoods Community Academy, Lufkin, TX, 2014
- "Diplomacy in Black and White," Faculty Book Talk, Department of History, Texas State University, 2014
- "Diplomacy of the People: Timothy Pickering's Foreign Policy Plan for Saint-Domingue," The Pickering House, Salem, MA, 2014
- "Crossroads Revisited: The United States and Haiti," University of California, Davis, 2014
- "U.S. Diplomacy in the Midst of Atlantic World Slavery," The Center for African-American Studies, Texas Lutheran University, 2014
- "U.S. Diplomacy in the Age of Obama: Exceptionalism vs. Excessive Power," International Dialogue Series, Texas State University, 2013
- "Relations over Race: U.S. Cross-Cultural Diplomacy during the Haitian Revolution," Phi Alpha Theta Brown Bag Lecture Series, Texas State University, 2011
- "Merchant on the Move: Marie Bunel and Atlantic Migration in the Age of Revolutions," Alexandrian Society Colloquium, Virginia Commonwealth University, 2011
- "Early American Leaders, Public Opinion, and the Haitian Revolution," Fellowship Colloquium, Library Company of Philadelphia, 2009
- "The 'I' of International Affairs: Intersections of Ideals, Imaginations and Individuals," Keynote Address, Center for International Studies, Texas State University, 2009

## TEACHING

### Undergraduate:

- History 1310, History of the United States to 1877
- History 3368O, Early U.S. Diplomacy
- History 3368W, Religion in America
- History 1320, History of the United States from 1877
- History 3357, Modern U.S. Diplomacy
- History 4388, Problems in U.S. Diplomatic History
- International Studies 4380, Senior Seminar

### **Graduate:**

History 5390, Religion and the American Revolution  
History 5341A, Early American Diplomacy  
History 5390, History of Atlantic World Revolutions  
History 5390, Religion in Colonial America  
History 5341C, Modern American Diplomacy  
History 5346, African American History  
History 5390, African American History, 1865-1945

### **DOCTORAL THESES**

Reader, Katrina Ponti, "The Social History of Diplomacy in the Early American Republic,"  
Department of History, University of Rochester, in progress

### **MASTER THESES**

Reader, Christyjoy Skaw, "Against All Attacks: Boundaries of Violence in the Early American Republic, 1791-1794," in progress  
Chair, Monesha Carter, "Why Do Conservative Christians Feel America is God's Country," Eastern University, St. Davids, PA, 2017-2018  
Co-Chair, Jace Waechter, "Track Two Diplomacy in American Foreign Policymaking, 2017  
Reader, Kathleen DesOrmeaux, "Public History as Public Diplomacy," 2017  
Reader, James Bernsen, "The Origins and Motives of the Gutiérrez-Magee Filibusters," 2016  
Chair, Katherine Elise Leal, "Education for God: The Ideological Transformation of the American Sunday School Movement, 1790-1834," 2013  
Reader, Kimberlee J. Ortiz, "Pushing Beyond Centuries of Inequality: How the US Facilitated the Normalization of Diplomatic Relations between South Korea and Japan," 2013

### **HONORS THESES**

Chair, Sara Pavey, "Good Intentions and False Representations: How U.S. Humanitarian Aid Cultivates Dependency in Haiti," 2017  
Chair, Tyler Smith, "The Journey of Vodou from Haiti to New Orleans: Catholicism, Slavery, The Haitian Revolution in Saint-Domingue, and Its Transition to New Orleans in the New World," 2015

### **TEACHING AWARDS**

Center for International Studies Professor of the Year	2018, 2012
Teaching Award of Honor, Alumni Association	2017
Outstanding Faculty of the Year Award, Black Student Alliance	2017
Alpha Chi National Honor Society Favorite Professor	2018, 2017, 2016, 2014, 2011
Presidential Distinction Award for Excellence in Teaching	2016, 2015
Finalist, Presidential Excellence in Teaching Award	2016, 2015
Excellence in Teaching Award, College of Liberal Arts	2016, 2015
Student Foundation of Excellence Award	2013
Bobcat Preview Namesake and Den Leadership Selection	2013
Non-Traditional Student Organization Positive Impact Award	2013

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Member, Broussard First Book Prize Committee, Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (SHEAR), 2017-present  
Member, Editorial Board, *Journal of the Early Republic*, 2017-present  
Member, Advisory Board, New Perspectives on Jacksonian America Book Series, Vanderbilt University Press, 2016-Present  
Co-Chair, Nominations Committee, Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (SHEAR), 2017-2018  
Participant, 2<sup>nd</sup> Book Workshop, Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, 2017  
Member, Nominations Committee, Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (SHEAR), 2015-2017  
Member, Program Committee, Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (SHEAR), 2015-2016  
Member, Academic Program Committee, Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), 2012-2016  
Member, Research Fellowships Selection Committee, American Antiquarian Society, 2015  
Book Referee, Oxford University Press  
Book Proposal Referee, Bloomsbury  
Article Referee, *Early American Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal*  
Article Referee, *Journal of American History (JAH)*  
Article Referee, *Journal of Early Republic (JER)*  
Article Referee, *International History Review (IHR)*  
Article Referee, *Journal of Haitian Studies*

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Faculty Co-Sponsor, Alpha Chi National Honor Society, Texas Iota Chapter, 2017-present  
Member, Board of Advisors, Center for International Studies, 2013-present  
Co-Founder, Ronald A. and Colette D. Johnson Foreign Affairs Scholarship, 2009-present  
Member, Athletic Advisory Council, 2011-present  
Member, Coalition of Black Faculty and Staff, 2011-present  
Chair, Library Committee, Department of History, 2017-present  
Chair, Search Committee, Texas Historian, Department of History, 2017-2018  
Acting Department Chair, Department of History, December 2017  
Co-Sponsor, "Paris Noir: African Americans in the City of Light" Film/Talk, 2017  
Participant, College and University Educators Workshop, Council on Foreign Relations, 2017  
Presenter, "Teaching Expectations at Texas State University," New Faculty Orientation, 2017  
Member, Read-Across Committee, Honors College Experience Subcommittee, 2017  
Member, Common Experience 2017 Steering Committee, 2016-2017  
Member, Common Experience 2017 Book Selection Committee, 2016  
Lecturer, History Class, Texas State Family Day, 2016  
Member, Research Committee, Department of History, 2013-2014, 2016  
Member, Search Committee, Colonial American Historian, Department of History, 2015-2016  
Discussant, Lyndon Baines Johnson Panel, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Higher Education Act, 2015  
Speaker, "One Campus, One Body," Crosstalk Student Ministry at Texas State, 2015  
Discussant, Interdisciplinary Panel on Film "In Remembrance of Martin," 2015

Organizer, Interdisciplinary Faculty-Student Discussion, "Separation of Church & State in America" with Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty, 2014  
 Discussant, "The Enhancement of Business through Diversity from African American, Latino and People with Disabilities," McCoy College of Business Administration, 2014  
 Member, Study Abroad Council, College of Liberal Arts, 2013-2014  
 Member, Search Committee, Mexican-American Historian, Department of History, 2012-2013  
 Faculty Advisor, History Club, 2013-2017  
 Faculty Co-Advisor, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, 2013-2014  
 Member, Curriculum Committee, College of Liberal Arts, 2013  
 Discussant, Ecumenical Panel on Religion and Immigration, Catholic Student Center, 2012  
 Discussant, International Relations Jobs Fair, 2011  
 Commentator, International History Panel, Phi Alpha Theta Graduate History Conference, 2012  
 Discussant, "Surviving your PhD Program," Phi Alpha Theta Graduate History Conference, 2012  
 Discussant, Interdisciplinary Faculty Panel on "Religion and American Politics," 2012  
 Discussant, Panel on Political Unrest in the Middle East, Department of Political Science, 2011  
 Commentator, "World War II & International Relations," Graduate History Conference, 2011  
 Member, Library, Committee, Department of History, 2010-2015  
 Participant, Teaching and Learning Excellence seminar, 2010-2011

## **SERVICE AWARD**

Quarterly Team Award, Lyndon Baines Johnson 1965 Education Act Anniversary Commemoration, Texas State University, 2015

## **AWARDS AND RECOGNITION**

Election to American Antiquarian Society (AAS)	2014
Alumni Achievement Award, Alumni Association, Texas State University	2009
Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award, Liberal Arts, Texas State University	2008
Recognition from U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs	2002
Recognition from U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell	2001
U.S. Congressional Citation for excellence in government service	2001
Texas State Legislature Citation for service to U.S. government	2001
Key-to-the-City of Lufkin, Texas, with Mayoral Citation for professional excellence	2001
U.S. Air Force Commendation Medal	1994
U.S. Air Force Achievement Medal	1992
U.S. Air Force Southwest Asia Service Medal	1992

## **RESEARCH LANGUAGES**

French  
 Italian

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:**

American Historical Association (AHA)  
 Organization of American Historians (OAH)  
 Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (SHEAR)  
 Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR)  
 African American Intellectual History Society (AAIHS)