

Current Position

Binghamton University, Department of Africana Studies, 2016-

Education

Ph.D. Northwestern University, 2016, African History

Dissertation: "The Zinjibari Diaspora, 1698-2014: Citizenship, Migration and Revolution in Zanzibar, Oman and the Post-War Indian Ocean"

M.A. Georgetown University, 2009, Global, International, and Comparative History

B.A. Howard University, History (major), Anthropology (minor)

Publications

"Arab-Islamic slavery': a problematic term for a complex reality" *Research Africa* 4(2): August 2020.

"Islam and Gender on the Swahili Coast of East Africa" in Justine Howe (ed.) *The Routledge Handbook of Islam and Gender* (New York: Routledge, 2021), 256-268.

"The Fused Horizon of Abolitionism and Islam: Historicism, the Quran and the Global History of Abolition" *Journal of Global Slavery* 4(2): June 2019, 226-265.

"Jumuiya ya Kiislamu ya Istiqama Tanzania and Modern Ibādism in East Africa, 1985–2016" in Abdulrahman al-Salimi and Reinhard Eisener (eds.) *Oman, Ibadism and Modernity*. Hildesheim: George Olms, 2017, 235-246.

"Memory, History, Heritage: Omani-Zanzibaris Remember the Zanzibar Revolution, 1964-present." Garth Myers and Marie-Aude Fouere (eds.) *Social Memory and the 1964 Zanzibar Revolution*. Dar-es-Salaam: Mkuti wa Nyota, 2017, 279-310.

"Introduction" *Connecting the Gems of the Indian Ocean*. Washington DC: Smithsonian National Museum of African Art. 2016.

"Imagining Arab Communities: Colonialism, Islamic Reform and Arab Identity in Mombasa, Kenya, 1897-1933." *Islamic Africa* 4(2). Winter 2013, 135-163.

Book Reviews:

Review of M'hamed Oualdi, *A Slave Between Empires: A Transimperial History of North Africa*. ReOrient, forthcoming.

Review of Thomas McDow, *Buying Time: Debt and Mobility in the Western Indian Ocean*. Journal of African History, forthcoming.

Review of Steven Fabian, *Making Identity on the Swahili Coast: Urban Life, Community and Belonging in Bagamoyo*. *International Journal of African Historical Studies* 53(2): 2020, 278-279.

Review of Gwyn Campbell, *Africa and the Indian Ocean World from Earliest Times to Circa 1900*. *American Historical Review* 125(5): December 2020, 1817-1818.

Review of Kai Kresse, *Swahili Muslim Publics and Postcolonial Experience*. *Africa Today* 66(1): Fall 2019, 149-151.

Review of Stuart Laing, *Tippu Tip: Ivory, Slavery, and Discovery in the Scramble for Africa*. *Journal of African History* 60(1): March 2019, 121-122.

“Book Review: Nationality, Empire and Africa in The Age of High Imperialism” *Journal of World History* 30(1-2): 2018, 264-271.

“Review of Ellen Ndeshi Namhila, *Native Estates: Records of Mobility Across Colonial Boundaries*” *Research Africa* 1(3): Dec 2017. <https://sites.duke.edu/researchafrica/ra-reviews/volume-1-issue-3-december-2017/>.

Presentations

“Ethnic return migration, citizenship and a social history of Omani passport acquisition, 1970-2000.” POMEPS Racial Formations Workshop, 26 February 2021. Zoom.

“The role of diasporic political ideas from Zanzibar in the Omani Renaissance, 1970 – Present.” The Indian Ocean in the Modern World. Georgetown University-Qatar, 17 February 2020.

“East African muslims in exile: Zanzibar’s nationalists and muslim critiques of state tyranny in Zanzibar, 1964-1985.” Comparative Muslims Societies Program, Cornell University, 3 February 2020.

“African diaspora consciousness and pan-African ethnogenesis.” African Studies Association, 23 November 2019.

“Children of the Lost Colony: The Zanzibar Revolution and the Making of Modern Swahili Identity in the Diaspora.” NYU Africa in the Middle East/the Middle East in Africa, 23 October 2019.

“Race, migration and citizenship in colonial Zanzibar.” Institute for Advanced Study in Humanities, Binghamton University, 10 October 2018.

“Africanity, Arab identity and the Indian Ocean.” Middle East Studies Association, November 2017.

“Zanzibar, human rights and a diaspora from Africa.” Association for the Study of the World African Diaspora, November 2017.

“Migration, imperial sovereignty and national citizenship in colonial Zanzibar, 1890-1964.” African Studies Association, November 2016.

“The Changing Idea of Empire in Indian Ocean Africa: Literature and Popular Memory on Seyyid Said bin Sultan’s “Omani empire” in East Africa.” African Studies Association, November 2015.

Fellowships and Awards

2018, *Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities*, Binghamton University.

2015, *Breen Fellowship*, Chabreja Center for Historical Studies, Northwestern University.

2014, *Graduate Research Grant*. Northwestern University. The Graduate School.

2012-2013, *Fulbright Fellowship*. International Institute of Education.

Languages:

Arabic- Elementary Proficiency

Swahili- Limited Working Proficiency

