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EDUCATION

Harvard University, Ph. D. History, 2001.

Harvard University, M.A. History, 1996.

Princeton University, A.B. History, *summa cum laude*, 1991.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Harvard University, Faculty of Arts and Sciences

Professor, Departments of History and African and African American Studies, Harvard University, 2009 to present.

Hugh K. Foster Associate Professor of African Studies, Department of History, Harvard University, 2005 to 2009.

Assistant Professor, Department of History, Harvard University, 2001 to 2005.

Harvard Business School

Thomas Henry Carroll/Ford Foundation Professor of Business Administration, 2022 to present.

Visiting Professor in Business Administration, Harvard Business School, 2017 to 2021.

Harvard Law School

Affiliated Professor, 2013 to present.

Harvard University, Office of President and Provost

Founding Oppenheimer Faculty Director, Center for African Studies, Harvard University, 2009 to 2016.

NON-ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Analyst, Corporate Finance, Lehman Brothers, New York, NY, 1991 to 1993.

Associate, LMD Interests, Houston, TX, 1993 to 1994.

SELECT AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Baillie Gifford Prize, Finalist, *Legacy of Violence*, 2022.

The New York Times, Notable 100 Books of 2022, *Legacy of Violence*.

History Today, Books of the Year, 2022, *Legacy of Violence*.

New Statesman, Books of the Year, 2022, *Legacy of Violence*.

BBC, Books of the Year, 2022, *Legacy of Violence*.

Du Bois Institute Fellow, Hutchins Center, 2014-15.

ACLS/Burkhardt Fellow, taken at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, 2012-13.

John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, Fellow, 2010.

Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Research Grant, 2008 and 2012.

Carr Center for Human Rights Policy, Fellowship, 2006-07.

Pulitzer Prize for General Non-Fiction, *Imperial Reckoning*, 2006.

Walter Channing Cabot Fellow, Harvard University, 2005-06 and 2022-23.

Phi Beta Kappa, Harvard University Chapter, elected honorary member, 2006.

Gelber Prize for Non-Fiction, Finalist, *Imperial Reckoning*, 2006.

The Economist, Best History Book Selection, *Imperial Reckoning*, 2005.

The New York Times, Editors' Choice, *Imperial Reckoning*, 2005.

Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Faculty Research Leave Fellowship, spring 2005.

Bunting Fellow, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, 2003-04.

J. William Fulbright Fellowship for Kenya (IIE), 1998-1999.

Social Science Research Council, International Dissertation Research Fellowship, 1998-1999.

Frank Knox Memorial Fellowship, 1997-1998.

Krupp Foundation Fellowship in European Studies, 1997-1998.

Harvard University Derek Bok Award for Teaching Excellence, 1996-1997 and 2000-01.

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Intensive Swahili III, 1995.

Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship in the Humanities, Woodrow Wilson Foundation, 1994-1995.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Legacy of Violence: A History of the British Empire (New York: Knopf, 2022). Simultaneously published by Bodley Head (Random House) in the United Kingdom and Commonwealth.

Time for Reparations? Addressing State Responsibility for Collective Injustice, co-edited with Jacqueline Bhabha and Margareta Matache (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2021).

Imperial Reckoning: The Untold Story of Britain's Gulag in Kenya (New York: Henry Holt, 2005). Simultaneously published by Jonathan Cape in the United Kingdom and Commonwealth under the title *Britain's Gulag: The Brutal End of Empire in Kenya*.

Settler Colonialism in the Twentieth Century: Projects, Practices, Legacies, co-edited with Susan Pedersen (New York: Routledge, 2005).

BOOK CHAPTERS

“History on Trial: Mau Mau Reparations and the High Court of Justice,” in Bhabha, Elkins, and Matache (eds.), *Time for Reparations? Addressing State Responsibility for Collective Injustice* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2021), 101-18.

“British imperial violence in the Middle East,” in Philip Dwyer and Mark S. Micale (eds.), *The Darker Angels of our Nature: History, Violence and the Steven Pinker Controversy* (London: Bloomsbury Publishing, 2021), 197-218.

“Les mythes de l’impérialisme britannique,” in Bruno Cabanes, et. al. (eds.), *Une histoire de la guerre: Du XIXe siècle à nos jours* (Paris: Editions du Seuil, 2018), 186-202.

“Limitless Violence in Palestine,” in Wm. Roger Louis (ed.), *Effervescent Adventures with Britannia: Personalities, Politics and Culture in Britain* (London: I.B. Tauris, 2017), 261-72.

“British Colonial Violence in the Era of the Cold War,” in Elisabeth Leake and Leslie James (eds.), *Decolonization and the Cold War: Negotiating Independence* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015), 257-83.

“Colonial Legacies: Silenced Trauma and the Political Economy of Imperialism,” in Peyi Soyinka-Airwele and Rita Edozie (eds.), *Reframing Contemporary Africa: Politics, Economics, and Culture in a Global Era* (New York: CQ Press, 2009).

“Race, Citizenship and Governance: Settler Tyranny and the End of Empire,” in Caroline Elkins and Susan Pedersen (eds.), *Settler Colonialism in the Twentieth Century: Projects, Practices, Legacies* (New York: Routledge, 2005).

“Memories of Mau Mau in Kenya: Public Crises and Private Shame,” co-authored with John Lonsdale in Alessandro Triulzi (ed.), *Dopo la Violenza: Costruzioni di Memoria nel Mondo Contemporaneo* (Napoli: L’Ancora del Mediterraneo, 2005), 159-96.

“Detention, Rehabilitation, and the Destruction of Kikuyu Society,” in E.S. Atieno-Odhiambo and John Lonsdale (eds.), *Mau Mau and Nationhood: Arms, Authority, and Narration* (Oxford: James Currey Ltd., 2002), 191-221.

“Maritime Innovation and Nautical Science in the Early Modern World,” in Ozment et al. (eds.), *The World Heritage*, Fifth Edition (Englewood Cliffs: Prentice Hall, 1999).

JOURNAL ARTICLES

“The ‘Moral Effect’ of Legalized Lawlessness: Violence in Britain’s Twentieth Century Empire,” *Historical Reflections*, 44, 1 (Spring, 2018), 78-90; and, reprinted in Philip Dwyer and Mark S. Micale (eds.), *On Violence and History* (New York: Berghahn, 2020), 78-90.

“Looking Beyond Mau Mau: Violence in the Era of Decolonization,” *The American Historical Review*, 120, 3 (2015), 852-868.

“Alchemy of Evidence: Mau Mau, the British Empire, and the High Court of Justice,” *Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History*, 39, 5 (2011), 731-48.

“The Reassertion of the British Empire in Southeast Asia,” *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, 39, 3 (2009), 361-85.

“Reckoning with the Past: The Contrast between the Kenyan and South African Experiences,” *Social Dynamics: Essays in Commemoration of H. Leroy Vail*, 26, 2 (Summer 2000), 2-28.

“The Struggle for Mau Mau Rehabilitation in Late Colonial Kenya,” *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 33, 1 (2000), 25-57.

CASE STUDIES AND TEACHING NOTES

“‘A Marshall Plan for Africa’: James Mwangi and Equity Group Holdings,” with Debora L. Spar, et. al., Harvard Business School Case, 323-048, November 15, 2022.

“A Note on Contextual Intelligence,” with Tarun Khanna, Karen Mills, et. al., Harvard Business School Module Note, 322-077, December 13, 2021.

“A Note on Design Thinking,” with Alan MacCormack, Leonard Schlesinger, et. al., Harvard Business School Module Note, 322-042, August 22, 2021.

“A Note on Team Effectiveness,” Harvard Business School Module Note, 322-078, December 13, 2021.

“‘Africa Rising’: Understanding Business, Entrepreneurship, and the Complexities of a Continent,” with Hakeem Belo-Osagie, Harvard Business School Teaching Supplement, 320-083, May 23, 2019.

“Agility Africa,” with Juan Alcacer and Esel Cekin, Harvard Business School Case, 720-357, October 11, 2019.

“Andela: Africa’s AWS for Talent,” with Tarun Khanna and Joyce J. Kim, Harvard Business School Case, 321-113, January 12, 2021.

“Babban Gona: Great Farm,” with Kristin Fabbe, Tarun Khanna, et. al. Harvard Business School Case, 722-027, February 17, 2022.

“Bridge International Academies in 2020: Battling Headwinds to Solve Africa’s Education Problems,” with Tarun Khanna and Joyce J. Kim, Harvard Business School Case Supplement, 521-048, November 4, 2020.

“Edita: Making Choices in Uncertain Times,” with Juan Alcacer, Alpana Thapar, and Youssef Abdel Aal, Harvard Business School Case, 320-026, November 12, 2019.

“FIELD Immersion,” Harvard Business School Course Overview Note, 322-079, January 19, 2022.

“iOpenEye: Theater and #MeToo in Nigeria,” with Tarun Khanna and Joyce J. Kim, Harvard Business School Case, 321-111, January 22, 2021.

“Kenya Railways: China’s Belt and Road in Africa,” with Prithwiraj Choudhury and Tarun Khanna, Harvard Business School Case, 319-109, October 31, 2019.

“Mzamo Masito: Making the Internet Relevant for Africa’s Entrepreneurs,” with Tarun Khanna and Joyce J. Kim, Harvard Business School Teaching Supplement, 321-116, January 20, 2021.

WITNESS STATEMENTS

Witness Statement of Caroline Macy Elkins, *Ndiku Mutua and 4 Others and Foreign and Commonwealth Office*, Claim No. HQ09X02666 (London: Royal Courts of Justice, May 2012).

Witness Statement of Caroline Macy Elkins, *Ndiku Mutua and 4 Others and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office*, Claim No. HQ09X02666 (London: Royal Courts of Justice, April 2011).

Witness Statement of Caroline Macy Elkins, *Ndiku Mutua and 4 Others and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office*, Claim No. HQ09X02666 (London: Royal Courts of Justice, February 2011).

OTHER ARTICLES, REVIEWS, AND OP-EDS

“Even During Queen Elizabeth II’s Reign Violence Was Central to the Empire,” *Time*, September 13, 2022.

“The Imperial Fictions Behind the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee,” *The New York Times*, June 4, 2022.

“Britain Can No Longer Hide Behind the Myth That Its Empire Was Benign,” *Time*, April 2, 2022.

“Europe’s Scramble for Africa,” *The Wall Street Journal*, 9 April, 2017.

“Who Killed Patrice Lumumba?,” *The Wall Street Journal*, 3 April, 2015.

Review of Huw Bennett, *Fighting the Mau Mau: The British Army and Counter-Insurgency in the Kenya Emergency*, *American Historical Review*, 119, 2 (April 2014), 653-54.

“Listening to the Voices of Kenya’s Colonial Past,” *The Guardian*, 16 October, 2013.

“Britain has said sorry to the Mau Mau. The rest of the empire is still waiting,” *The Guardian*, 6 June, 2013.

“Colonial Papers: FCO Transparency is a Carefully Cultivated Myth,” *The Guardian*, 18 April, 2012.

“My Critics Ignored Evidence of Torture in Mau Mau Detention Camps,” *The Guardian*, 14 April, 2011.

“African Idyll,” *Featured Review, The New York Times*, September 7, 2008.

Featured Review of *Among Empires* and *Empire and Superempire*, *American Historical Review*, 113, 2 (April 2008), 446-49.

“What’s Tearing Kenya Apart? History, for One Thing,” *Washington Post*, January 6, 2008.

“The Gates of Hell,” *The New York Times Book Review*, March 20, 2007.

“A Life Exposed,” *The New York Times Book Review*, January 14, 2007.

“Dogs of War,” *The New York Times Book Review*, August 13, 2006.

“Why Malaya is No Model for Iraq,” *The New Republic*, 4,744, 233 (December 19, 2005), 16-17.

“The Wrong Lesson,” *The Atlantic*, 296, 1 (July/August, 2005), 34-38.

“Forest War No More: Detention, Villagization and the Mau Mau Emergency,” *Working Paper No. 227*, Boston University, February 2000.

SELECT ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

Dean’s Advisory Committee, Division of Social Science, 2022 to present.

FIELD curriculum review, co-chair, Harvard Business School, 2022 to 2023.

Course Head, FIELD Global Immersion, Harvard Business School, 2020 to 2022.

Executive Committee, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, 2010 to 2022.

Committee on General Education, Harvard College, 2009 to 2011, 2020 to 2022.

Undergraduate Technology Innovation Fellowship selection committee (joint w/FAS, SEAS, and HBS), 2018 to present.

Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, fellowship reviewer, 2011 to present.

Hoopes Prize Committee (top 10% of undergraduate senior theses), 2008, 2011-2012, 2014, 2016-18, 2021.

President Faust's Faculty Advisory Committee on Global Institutes, Harvard University, 2012 to 2014.

President Faust's International Strategy Working Group, Harvard University, 2011 to 2012.

Executive Committee, Hutchins Center for African and African American Research, Harvard University, 2009 to 2016.

Chair, Committee on Ethnic Studies, Harvard University, 2009 to 2011.

Search Committee Chair, Neiman Foundation Curator, Harvard University, 2010 to 11.

Elected Member, Faculty Council, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University, 2006 to 2009.

Elected Vice-Chair, Docket Committee for the Faculty Council, Harvard University, 2007 to 2008.

Hauser Human Rights Fellowship Selection Committee, 2008.

COUR Donor Presentations, 2006, 2008, and 2010.

Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Studies, donor presentations and meetings, 2003 to 2017.

Harvard College Fund, presentations on teaching African History at Harvard, 2003 and 2008.

Standing Committee on Women, 2005 to 2012.

Knox, Henry, Smith, and von Clemm Fellowship Committee, 2005.

Member, Committee on Scholars at Risk, 2003 to present.

Fay Prize Selection Committee, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, 2002 and 2006.

History Department, various committees, including chair and member of promotion and tenure review cases, planning committee, prize committees, board of examiners, and fellowship committees, 2001 to present.

Department of African and African American Studies, various committees, including chair and member of promotion and tenure review cases, planning committee, graduate curriculum committee, admissions committee, 2009 to present.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Appear widely on various television and radio shows including CNN; MSNBC; ABC; CBS; Vox; Al Jazeera; NPR's Fresh Air, Morning Edition, All Things Considered, Talk of the Nation, and Here and Now; Charlie Rose; BBC World; BBC Radio One and Radio Four; BBC World; Sky News; ITV; Australia Public Radio; and Kenya Broadcasting Corporation's various radio and television programs.

Contributor to *Time*, *The New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *The Guardian*, *The Atlantic*, *The Washington Post*, and *The New Republic*. Research and writing have been the subject of newspaper interviews and coverage in various publications, including *The New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Newsweek*, *The Economist*, *The New York Review of Books*, *Washington Post*, *The Nation*, *The New Yorker*, *Nos Journaal*, *Le Monde*, *International Herald Tribune*, *The London Review of Books*, *Guardian*, *Independent*, *The London Times*, *The Daily Mail*, *East African Standard*, *Daily Nation*, and *The East African*.

Expert Witness. *Mutua and 5 others versus the Foreign and Commonwealth Office*. I was expert witness in a legal claim filed in the High Court of Justice, London. Five Kenyans filed the claims and sought reparations for alleged British war crimes committed during the Mau Mau Emergency. The claimants' case was based upon the research and findings of *Imperial Reckoning*. Document discovery during the case produced the largest, recent release of new files related to the end of the British Empire. Together with a team of five Harvard students, I excavated these documents for the High Court. The case settled in June 2013, and included the British Government's apology issued in the House of Commons, and reparations of £20 million to 5,228 claimants who were included in the final settlement.

Radiolab, "Mau Mau" Podcast, July 2015. I was a subject of Radiolab's podcast on Mau Mau and the High Court of London case. The podcast included multiple hours of Radiolab interviews, and Radiolab's travel to Kenya for interviews with former Mau Mau camp survivors, legal experts, and archivists.

BBC documentary, "Kenya: White Terror." My research on detention camps and villagization during the Mau Mau Emergency was the subject of this documentary. It was filmed in Kenya and Britain, September/October 2002, airing in Britain on 17 November 2002, to an audience of over 1.5 million viewers (at the time, the largest viewership in BBC documentary history). It was subsequently aired on BBC Worldwide several times. It won the International Committee on the Red Cross Award at the Monte Carlos Film Festival in June 2003.

Reviewer for various publishers and journals, including the Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, Yale University Press, Princeton University Press, *American Historical Review*, *Twentieth Century British History*, and *International Journal of African Historical Studies*.

Social Science Research Council, Visioning Task Force, 2020 to 2021.

The Cundhill History Prize, juror (100+ books), 2018.

“The Archive, History and Law,” conference organizer, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. March, 2015.

Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Exploratory Seminar, “The Archive, History and Law: the Politics of Re-membering, Truth-Seeking and the Re-making of History,” co-convened with Lucie White (HLS), Cambridge, MA. October, 2013

Series Editorial Board, *Empire in Perspectives*, Pickering & Chatto, 2007 to 2012.

National Book Foundation, National Book Award, non-fiction juror (500+ books), 2007.

Columbia University School of Journalism/Harvard University Neiman Foundation, Lynton History Prize, jury chairman (100+ books), 2007.

Social Science Research Council, IDRF Fellowship, selection committee, 2006 to 2008.

“Human Rights in Africa,” Co-convener with Jacqueline Bhabha (HLS/HKS) and Lucie White (HLS), Harvard University, April 27 and 28, 2006.

Editorial Advisory Committee, Princeton University Press Series, “Crimes Against Humanity,” August 2005 to 2008.

Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Exploratory Seminar, “Governance, Land, and Human Rights in Africa,” co-convened with Lucie White (HLS), Cambridge, MA. February, 2004.

Co-chair with Lucie White (HLS) of Governance, Authority and Power cluster of the Africa Initiative, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. 2003 to 2009.

“Settler Colonialism in the Twentieth Century,” conference co-convened with Susan Pedersen, Center for European Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. October, 2002.

Faculty Associate, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. 2001 to present.

Research Associate, Centre of African Studies, School of Oriental and African Studies, London, England. 1999 to 2000.

“Mau Mau: Revisionist Histories of Rebellion,” conference co-convened with David, School of Oriental and African Studies, London, England. November, 1999.

SELECTION OF INVITED LECTURES AND CONFERENCES

“Legacy of Violence: A History of the British Empire,” Jaipur Literary Festival, Jaipur, India. January 2023.

“Legacy of Violence: A History of the British Empire,” Matrix Chambers, London, United Kingdom. November, 2022.

“Legacy of Violence: A History of the British Empire,” University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC. November, 2022.

“Legacy of Violence: A History of the British Empire,” endowed William Roger Louis Lecture, National History Center, Washington DC. October, 2022.

“Legacy of Violence: A History of the British Empire,” Brooklyn Book Festival, Featured Speaker, September, 2022.

“Legacy of Violence: A History of the British Empire,” British Institute of East Africa, Nairobi, Kenya, July 2022.

“Decolonizing History: Method or Fact?,” London School of Economics, London, United Kingdom. October, 2021.

“The Moral Effect of Legalized Lawlessness in the British Empire,” address and workshop, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA. February, 2019.

“Logics of Violence and the Arab Revolt: A Story of Imperial Convergence,” Global Brexit and the Lost Futures of European Empires Conference, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC. April, 2019.

“Settlers, Race, and Identities,” Global Brexit and the Lost Futures of European Empires Conference, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC. April, 2019.

“Transnational Histories and British Studies,” Roundtable, North American Conference on British Studies, Providence, RI. October, 2018.

“Kenya’s Past and Future,” Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya. August, 2018.

“Leadership and Africa,” African Leadership Academy Decennial, Johannesburg, South Africa. February, 2018.

“Empire on Trial: Mau Mau and the High Court of Justice,” Pembroke Research Center Lecture, Brown University, Providence, RI. February, 2018.

“Rethinking the British Empire: Churchill, Kenya, and the High Court,” Harrow School, Harrow, United Kingdom. November, 2017.

“British Colonial Violence and the End of Empire,” University of Texas, Austin, Austin, TX. February, 2017.

“Mau Mau on Trial: History, Archives, and the Law,” Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Toronto, Canada. February, 2017.

“Violence and Empires,” Annual History Department Endowed Lecture (followed by all-day workshop), University of Basel, Zurich, Switzerland. March, 2017.

“The Future of Empire Studies,” Plenary Address, Modern British Studies Conference, Birmingham, United Kingdom. July, 2016.

“History on Trial: Mau Mau and the High Court of Justice,” endowed Coleman Lecture, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA. May, 2016.

“Reparative Justice and the British Empire,” Responses to State Sponsored Collective Injustice, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. April, 2106.

“The Liability of Empire: Mau Mau, Batang Kali, and Other Colonial Claims,” Matrix Chambers, London, United Kingdom. March, 2016.

“African Entrepreneurship in the 21st Century,” African Leadership Network, Marrakech, Morocco. November, 2015.

“Africa and Harvard: Visions for the 21st Century,” Lagos, Nigeria. June, 2015.

“Rethinking the End of the British Empire,” Sawyer Lecture, Boston University, Boston, MA. May, 2015.

“Rethinking the End of the British Empire,” Distinguished Easton Lecture, University of California, Irvine, Irvine, CA. April 2015.

“The Long Shadow of Mau Mau: History, Archives, and the High Court,” Davis Center, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ. April 2015.

“Mau Mau on Trial: History, Law, and Memories of Empire,” Keynote Lecture for Embers of Empire, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark. May, 2014.

“Covering Historical Atrocities and Contemporary Justice: the Case of Mau Mau and the High Court,” Nieman Foundation, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. April 2014.

“*Imperial Reckoning*, the High Court, and Kenya’s Road to Independence,” Keynote Lecture, Fiftieth Anniversary of Kenya’s Independence Conference, Karatina University/National Museum of Kenya, Karatina, Kenya. December, 2013.

“History on Trial: Mau Mau and the High Court of Justice,” College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA. November, 2013.

“History on Trial: Mau Mau and the High Court of Justice,” Du Bois Institute, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. September, 2013.

“(Re)Writing the History of British Decolonization,” Harvard Law School Faculty Colloquium, Cambridge, MA. October, 2012.

“‘W’ Marks the Spot: Document Destruction and Removal at the End of the British Empire,” Institute of Historical Research, London, England. March, 2012.

“Alchemy of Evidence: Rethinking the End of Empire,” Du Bois Institute, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. December 2012.

“Re-imagining Empire: Kenya, Mau Mau, and the High Court of Justice,” Plenary Lecture, New Zealand Historical Society, Waikato University, Hamilton, New Zealand. November, 2011.

“The Mau Mau Emergency: Re-thinking Counter-Insurgency at the End of the British Empire,” Keynote Lecture, Brunel University, London, England. September, 2011.

“Memories of Empire: Legacies of the Imperial Past Compared,” Keynote lecture, University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia. December, 2009.

“British Colonial Violence at the End of Empire,” Historical Perspectives on Violence Series, Department of History, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN. January, 2009.

“Kenya: A Case of Deferred Violence,” Presidential Session, The Deferred Violence of Decolonization, American Historical Association Conference, New York, NY. January, 2009.

“British Colonial Violence and the End of Empire,” Mershon Center for International Security Studies and Department of History, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. November, 2008.

“Kenya’s History and Troubled Present,” special lecture, University of Northern Colorado, Greeley CO. November, 2008.

“Kenya: Structures of Colonial Rule and End of Empire Violence,” and “Deferred Violence in Kenya,” both presented at Postcolonial Wars: Current Perspectives on the Deferred Violence of Decolonization, Radcliffe Institute for Advance Study, Cambridge, MA. October, 2008.

“The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1948-2008: A 60th Anniversary Roundtable,” panel participant, International and Global History Seminar, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. September, 2008.

“Settler Societies and Europe,” Research Cluster Co-Chair and Moderator, Postcolonial Europe Conference, Florence, Italy. May, 2008.

“‘A Most Expensive Form of Illness:’ British Colonial Violence in Malaya,” UCLA History Department Seminar Series, Los Angeles, CA. April 2008.

“African History in the Twenty-First Century,” Keynote Lecture, Bergen College, Bergen, NJ. April, 2008.

“Kenya, British Colonial Violence in the Twentieth Century: Confronting the Past, Understanding the Legacies,” University of Leiden, Leiden, Netherlands. January, 2007.

“Kenya in the Post-Colonial Context,” Post-Colonial Wars Seminar, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. December, 2007.

“‘A Most Expensive form of Illness:’ Britain’s decolonization of Malaya,” annual endowed Fusco Lecture, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT. October, 2007.

“Britain’s Gulag in the Context of Genocide Studies,” Annual Endowed Lecture, Strassler Family Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Clark University, Worcester, MA. October, 2007.

“Africa in the Americas,” Keynote Lecture, 3er Encuentro Internacional del Veracruz, Coatzacoalcos, Mexico. May 2007.

“The End of the British Empire and the Era of Human Rights,” Carr Center for Human Rights Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. May, 2007.

“‘A Most Expensive form of Illness:’ British Colonial Violence in Malaya,” British Studies Lecture, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA. March, 2007.

“Malaya and the End of the British Empire,” annual endowed lecture, History and Literature Department, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. February, 2007.

“Legacies of Colonialism in Africa: Reparations and Reconciliation,” lectures and discussions at the Rockefeller Center. Bellagio, Italy, December, 2006 (two weeks).

“Britain’s Gulag: Violence and the End of Empire in Kenya,” Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA. November, 2006.

“‘A Most Expensive form of Illness:’ Terror in Late Colonial Malaya,” Davis Center, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ. November, 2006.

“Legacies of Empire: The Dark Side of Democracy,” talk given to the Fellows Program, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. September, 2006.

“Imperial Reckoning,” Neiman Foundation, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. September 2006.

“Victims and Perpetrators, Perpetrators and Victims: The Legacies of Kenya’s Colonial Past,” presented at “The Revenge of the Victims?” conference sponsored by the International Committee on the Red Cross, the University of Geneva, and the University of Fribourg, Geneva, Switzerland. April, 2006.

“Britain’s Gulag: Violence and the End of the British Empire,” College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA. April, 2006.

“British Colonial Violence and the End of Empire,” University of Texas, Austin, TX. February, 2006.

“Violence and the End of the British Empire,” annual endowed African Studies lecture for Amherst, Smith, UMass Amherst, and Mount Holyoke, Amherst, MA. December, 2005.

“From Malaya to Kenya: An Examination of Violence in the British Empire,” presented at “The Empire and its Discontent,” a conference in honor of Robert L. Tignor, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ. September, 2005.

“‘Where does castration of man come from?’: Gendered Violence during the Mau Mau Emergency,” Yale African Studies Seminar Series, New Haven, CT. April, 2005.

“Britain’s Gulag: Violence and the End of Empire in Kenya,” Institute for International and Regional Studies/African Studies Seminar Series, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ. April, 2005.

“Colonial War Crimes in Kenya: Assessing the Damage and the Possibilities for Reconciliation,” annual endowed history lecture at Portland State University, Portland, Oregon. March, 2005.

“Britain’s Suppression of the Mau Mau Emergency,” University of Nairobi, Nairobi, Kenya. March, 2005.

“Understanding Colonial Violence in the Context of Kenya,” British and French Institutes of East Africa, Nairobi, Kenya. March, 2005.

“Colonial War Crimes and their Impact on Contemporary Politics in Kenya,” School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University, New York, NY. February, 2005.

“Britain’s Gulag,” African Studies Seminar, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK. February, 2005.

“Britain’s Gulag in Kenya,” African Studies Seminar Series, Columbia University, New York, NY. January 2005.

“Imperial Reckoning: Detention and Violence in Kenya,” Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington DC. January, 2005.

“Colonial War Crimes and Their Impact on Contemporary Politics in Kenya,” Brookings Institute, Washington DC. January, 2005.

“Truth and Reconciliation: A New Moment for Nationhood in Kenya?,” presented with John Nottingham at the Political Economy of Kenya Workshop, Oxford University, Oxford, England. May, 2004.

“Britain’s Gulag: Violence and the End of Empire in Kenya,” Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Cambridge, MA. April, 2004.

“Race, Citizenship and Governance: Settler Tyranny and the End of Empire,” presented at “Settler Colonialism in the Twentieth Century,” Center for European Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. October, 2002.

“Memories of Mau Mau in Kenya: Public Crises and Private Shame,” presented with John Lonsdale at “Violence and Memory in History,” sponsored by the Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli, Cortona, Italy. June, 2002.

“Kikuyu Society Detained: A Re-evaluation of Mau Mau and the End of Empire,” Committee on African Studies Series, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. April, 2002.

“Understanding Liberalism in the Empire: the Case of Late Colonial Kenya,” British Studies Council Workshop, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. May, 2001.

“Forest War No More: Detention, Villagization and the Mau Mau Emergency,” Walter Rodney Seminar Series. Boston University, Boston, MA. February, 2000.

“Mau Mau behind the Wire,” presented at “Mau Mau: Revisionist Histories of Rebellion.” School of Oriental and African Studies, London, England. November, 1999.

“Rethinking Mau Mau: the Civilian Drama,” African History Workshop, University of Nairobi, Nairobi, Kenya. May, 1999.

BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

Global Advisory Board, Equity Group Foundation, Nairobi, Kenya. 2018 to 2021.

Global Advisory Board, African Leadership University, Mauritius, 2014 to 2020.

International Advisory Board, UCD Centre for War Studies, Dublin, Ireland, 2013 to present.

COURSES

Harvard College –

History of Modern Africa; Human Rights and the Global South; Early African History; Imperialism, Colonialism and Independence in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East; British Colonial Violence in the Twentieth Century; Human Rights and the Global South; A History of Southern Africa; A History of

Human Rights in Africa; History of Christianity in Africa; Race and Empires; Protest and Rebellion in East Africa; Slavery and Slave Trade in Africa and the Americas.

Harvard Business School –

Inclusive Leadership; FIELD Foundations; FIELD Global Immersion; “Africa Rising:” Understanding Business, Entrepreneurship, and the Complexities of a Continent; African Literature and Leadership; AfricaLive!; FoodSystemsLive!

Harvard Law School/Graduate School of Arts and Sciences –

History, Law, and Reparations (joint with Harvard Law School); Major Themes in Modern Sub-Saharan African History; Writing History: Approaches and Practices; Twentieth-Century Comparative Empire; Histories of Colonial Violence

Graduate Reading Fields –

Early Africa, Modern Africa, Comparative Colonialisms and Empires, and British Empire since 1688

ADVISING

Doctoral Committees (*Connotes Primary Advisor) –

- Poppy Fry, completed 2007.
- Prita Maier, completed 2007.
- Myles Osborne, completed 2008.*
- Harmony O’Rourke, completed 2009.
- Sana Ayir, completed 2009.
- Meghan Healy, completed 2011.
- Adam Ewing, completed 2011.
- James Esdaile, completed 2011.
- Erik Lindstrum, completed 2012.
- Sreemati Mitter, completed 2014.
- Philip Lehman, completed 2015.
- E. Asiedu-Acquah, completed 2015.
- Jody Benjamin, completed 2015.
- Stephanie Bosch, completed 2015.
- Erin Mosely, completed 2016.*
- Xu Liang, completed 2017.*
- Safia Aidid, completed 2020.*
- Barnaby Crowcroft, completed 2020.
- Iman Mohammed, current student.*
- Kirk Mcleod, current student.
- Kirin Gupta, current student.*
- Panashe Chigumadzi, current student.

- Nathan Grau, current student.

Undergraduate Senior Theses –

- Joshua Marks, 2001-02.
- Elizabeth Thornberry, 2003-04.
- Millie Canter, 2006-07.
- Noah Hertz-Bunzl, 2007-08.
- Mishy Harman (winner of Hoopes Prize and Philippe Wamba Prize), 2007-08.
- Lauren Yapp, (winner of the Lillian Bell Prize), 2008-09.
- Megan Shutzer (winner of Hoopes Prize), 2009-10.
- Ahmed Mabruk, 2010-11.
- Alissa Costello (winner of Hoopes Prize), 2011-12.
- Gus Ruchman, (winner of Hoopes Prize and Harris Prize), 2014-15.
- Junius Williams (winner of the Kwame Appiah Prize), 2017-18.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

North American Conference on British Studies, American Historical Association, African Studies Association, PEN

LANGUAGES

French, Swahili, and Kikuyu