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SUMMARY

Special Advisor to Provost with focus on statewide partnerships, University of Utah | Dean, University of Utah | Co-founder and Director of Interdisciplinary Honors, San Jose State University | American Council on Education (ACE) Fellow | Professor of History, Scholar of American Revolution & American Slavery | Managerial experience in industry (Bell Labs, Cisco, Intel, Google, healthcare and satellite startups) | Committed to innovative partnerships and a broad interdisciplinary foundation to expand student opportunities

EDUCATION

University of California Davis, PhD, History, 2008
University at Albany, MA, Linguistics
Carnegie Mellon University, MA, English
Carnegie Mellon University, BS, English

LEADERSHIP

American Council on Education Fellow, 2021-22, University of Mount Union (Ohio)
Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) Development for Deans and Academic Leaders (2024)

SUMMARY OF ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- University of Utah
 - Special Advisor to Provost (PI of multi-year Mellon towards statewide partnerships), 2024-current
 - Dean, 2023-24
 - San José State University
 - Co-founder and Director of Interdisciplinary Honors, San José State University, 2020-2023
 - Associate Dean of Research, San José State University, 2015-16
 - Industry/High-Tech Experience
 - Managerial positions in Bell Labs, Cisco, Intel, Google, and satellite & healthcare startups in Cambridge/Boston, Miami, & Silicon Valley, 1996-2003
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ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE (UNIVERSITY OF UTAH)

Special Advisor to Provost (focus on statewide partnerships), 2024-Present

As PI of a multi-year Mellon Grant (“Intersectional Studies Collective: Ecologies of Place and Transformative Justice”), convening leadership across the state to establish a statewide Research Center for Rural Communities (RCRC). Housed at the University of Utah, the RCRC will highlight, improve, and extend existing efforts to elevate the state in four key areas: healthcare, education,

business, and art. Our goal is to leverage the diversity of the state for the good of the state. Key Achievements:

- Identified and convened University of Utah experts from Business, Nursing, Fine Arts, Humanities, and Engineering committed to building infrastructure, improving health outcomes, growing entrepreneurship, and celebrating the heritage of rural communities.
- Initiated collaborations with leadership at Utah's higher education institutions (Utah State University, Utah Valley University, Snow College, Weber State, Salt Lake Community College, Westminster University, Western Governors University, Davis Technical College, Southern Utah University, etc.) and the governor's office to organize a statewide summit focused on the concerns of diverse rural communities.
- Partnering with five Mellon partners (New York University, Georgia State University, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, University of Southern California, and University of Virginia) to create RCRC programming for faculty and doctorate students nationally. At Mellon's request, submitting a renewal proposal for up to \$1M in September, '24.

Dean, School for Cultural and Social Transformation, 2023-2024

As the Dean of the college, I authored the college's first three-year strategic plan, established an advancement roadmap, recruited an advisory council, appointed Chairs and Associate Deans, and recruited, retained, and hired key faculty and staff to leverage areas of growth. I established the college's first-ever partnerships with the School of Medicine (OB/GYN) and the Huntsman Cancer Institute (HCI) to build upon the college's expertise (related to the social determinants of health), increase joint grant submissions, and grow health-related internships for students. I recruited students through active engagement with the Women's Resource Center, Black Cultural Center, the American Indian Cultural Center, Accessibility, and Athletics. Key Achievements:

- In collaboration with Chairs, faculty, staff, and an invited consultant, created the college's first three-year strategic/budget plan to align with advancement goals. Focused on leveraging resources towards the following: (1) Increasing student retention and graduation rates by tracking data, appointing an Associate Dean for Student Affairs, creating a student ambassador program, launching an active social media presence, augmenting faculty-student interactions, exploring accelerated programs (e.g., 3+3 with the College of Law), and ensuring that our students matched with relevant internships; (2) Reimagining innovation in curriculum to address university priorities around gaming and AI and new needs around online, hybrid, and summer courses; (3) Incentivizing interdisciplinary faculty research through targeted seed grants, and through creating structured pathways for sharing faculty expertise across campus; and (4) Creating unsurpassed societal impact for the state. This involved leveraging relationships with the mayor's office, community organizations (University Neighborhood Partners, Black Chamber of Commerce, Utah Historical Society, Prison Education Project, Genealogical Society of Hispanic America, Encircle), and the health and corporate sectors.
- Led marketing and advancement to align efforts with the strategic/budget plan. Recruited an advisory council and alumni board to seek advice and to expand philanthropy. Hired a marketing and communications specialist and launched the college's first independent website. Established social media presence and published the college's first print magazine (*Common Ground*) to re-engage alumni and donors. Inaugurated onboarding and regular ongoing programming for students (including transfers).

- Inaugurated partnerships with the CEO of the Huntsman Cancer Institute and the Dean of the Utah School of Medicine, starting with hiring a tenured faculty focused on preventative cancer research for rural LatinX communities. Collaborated with OB/GYN team (Center for Reproductive Health) to create new curriculum around women’s health and women’s rights (especially around reproductive justice) and to co-hire a community engagement specialist. The launch of this multi-hire initiative establishes new possibilities for large team-based grant proposals and creates pathways for health-related internships for students. Explored similar partnerships with the Chair of Gaming and the Dean of the College of Business.
- Increased campus-wide and community-wide collaborations to showcase, strengthen, and grow awareness of the college and its offerings. Successfully received budget approval to inaugurate PhD concentration that enables graduate students in any discipline to learn skills in community-engaged research. Partnered with physicians in the School of Medicine and faculty across colleges towards establishing a Pacific Islanders summer bridge program for highschoolers interested in pursuing a PhD or MD. (Outside of Hawaii, Utah has the largest number of Pacific Islanders, most of them Tongan and Samoan.) Guided the Board of Trustees’ approval of the first center dedicated to Pacific Islanders (“Center for Pasifika Indigenous Knowledges”). In collaboration with ophthalmologists of Utah’s Moran Eye Center, visited Navajo Nation to expand opportunities for high schoolers in rural and underserved areas. Aligned with the Salt Lake City mayor’s priorities to grow businesses and convinced the mayor (Erin Mendenhall) to re-engage with the university by speaking at the College’s Convocation.
- Steered the college towards operational excellence. Evaluated the ongoing cost of services as well as future space requirements. Worked with architects and facilities to plan a dedicated wing for future expansion to accommodate new hires and new centers at a cost of over \$300k. In alignment with the mission of the university, transitioned the college towards shared services for HR, IT, pre- and post-grant support, and student advising.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE (SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY)

Co-founder and Director, Honors, 2020-2023

As the co-founder and first director of San Jose State University’s inaugural university-wide Honors program, I managed our budget, supervised staff, led marketing and advancement initiatives, partnered with deans, chairs, advisors, and student affairs, recruited and borrowed faculty, handled faculty concerns and student issues, and enlisted Silicon Valley’s leaders to participate as advisors, mentors, and donors. We received multi-million dollar commitment from Adobe towards the Honors program.

Key Achievements:

- Co-founded and launched San Jose State’s first university-wide Honors and launched funding efforts to support the initiative. Successfully partnered with San Jose State University’s VP of Advancement and received initial Adobe funding (\$1M) towards launching Honors in 2022. Evidence of success in the pilot led Adobe to commit another \$1M towards growing the program in 2023. Published [an Op-Ed](#) to showcase Honors in *EdSource* (November, 2022). Submitted multi-year grant application (with faculty from Public Health, Business, and Engineering) to Honda Foundation to support scholarships for Honors students.

- Determined the sustainable baseline budget for the pilot cohort and submitted a five-year plan for expansion to the President’s Cabinet. Recruited an advisory board comprised of non-profit and corporate leaders to provide real-time input on every aspect of Honors: rigorous & relevant curriculum, twenty-first century skills, equity-minded disposition, and best outcomes.
- Chaired the Honors team to define the contours of the program, from curriculum and space, course timings and modality, to orientation and assessment, to determining the high-profile public venue (Hammer Theater) for the final TEDx-type Honors symposium. Created buy-in and excitement with internal constituents including deans, chairs, Faculty Senate, and students. Initiated a mentorship infrastructure so every student would benefit from hands-on experiences with external experts. Established a portfolio of high-impact practices such as practicums and internships.
- Partnered with the VP of Marketing to create widespread awareness about Honors across multiple stakeholders. Launched signature brand, website, news story, flyer, and other collateral for internal and external stakeholders. Showcased interdisciplinarity, design and storytelling, leadership, and a global mindset. Embedded Honors’ alignment with San Jose State University’s mission within the President’s Fall address. Produced recruitment videos for target audiences in the region and across the US, developed an inclusive application process, and successfully recruited a cross-disciplinary pilot group.
- Actively sought to diversify Honors applicants by collaborating with the VP of Student Affairs, requesting faculty referrals from Deans across all nine colleges, and by working one on one with community colleges, cultural centers, and student groups. Designed customized information sessions and presented at the athletic complex and at cultural centers (Black Leadership Opportunity Center, Chicanx/Latinx, PRIDE, Veterans Resource Center, Undocu Center) to encourage the widest student involvement. Instituted a one-stop “concierge-style” hub for Honors students by working closely with Career Services, Advising, Information Technology, Registrar, and the Bursar’s Office.
- Developed and implemented advising and other initiatives (e.g., Honors homeroom) to successfully promote a positive student experience leading to retention and post-graduation success. Assessed current university “student success” activities with the goal of enhancing the ease of access for Honors students.

Associate Dean of Research, College of Social Science, 2015-16

I served as the primary contact for retention, promotion, and tenure standards, facilitated interdisciplinary collaborations across departments, advocated successfully for increasing faculty research funding, and created venues to encourage collaborative research across 300 faculty in the College of Social Science. Converted unused computer lab to a state-of-the-art research hub and a venue for ongoing community, faculty, and student collaborations.

Key Achievements:

- Created processes and policies to encourage, validate, and showcase faculty research. Successfully advocated for and established an annual budget (\$20k) to increase institutional support for just-in-time faculty needs and travel and chaired the committee that awarded this funding. Launched the first-ever College of Social Science research board consisting of faculty

and administrators to review and recommend best policies for supporting applications for large grants, starting at \$100k. Advanced university recognition by ensuring that faculty expertise was available via searchable database. This also promoted California-wide collaborations.

- Pioneered an interdisciplinary Dean's Symposium to accelerate research collaborations across disciplines on issues such as early childhood education and urbanization. Launched campaign to advertise widely to students, faculty, and staff across all divisions and invited Provost to offer welcome. This Symposium has since become integral to the College of Social Science, drawing wide university-wide support.
- Successfully coached tenure-track faculty to prepare them for San Jose State University's expectations for reappointment, tenure, and promotion. Developed an advising and mentoring program for newly hired and mid-career faculty in the College of Social Science. Supported and handled faculty concerns related to personnel, advising, and teaching. Created training workshops so new faculty could acquire expertise in hybrid teaching. Launched biweekly newsletter so faculty could share achievements, learn about research or summer funds, and announce important upcoming events.
- Spearheaded a review to systematically assess M.A. programs across all departments in the College of Social Science to analyze patterns of enrollment, graduation rates, and career choices of graduates.
- Collaborated with Chairs, faculty, and community partners to set up a new interdisciplinary hub for the College. Coordinated with Facilities and Instructional Technology to furnish and digitize this space and to ensure that it had modern, appropriate, and technologically-enhanced facilities. We modeled the space based on the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture (New York City) to seek public engagement and philanthropic support.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

American Council on Education Fellow, University of Mount Union (OH), 2021-22

As an ACE fellow, I participated in all aspects of daily operations and planning in the Office of the President (with Dr. Tom Botzman). I also observed selected meetings in the Office of the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Jeff Breese, and in the Office of the Vice President of Finance, Pat Heddleston. Key responsibilities:

- Actively sought opportunities to communicate Mount Union's mission to increase the university's post-Covid enrollment numbers. To this end, authored (on behalf of the president) five op-eds emphasizing the university's commitment to preparing a talented diverse workforce to meet Ohio's future needs in manufacturing and sustainability. Visited over 40 higher education institutions (Georgia Institute of Technology, Georgia College and State University, Spelman College, Agnes Scott College, Claflin University, Clemson, UNC Charlotte and UNC Asheville, Howard University, UC San Diego, Berea College (KY), Carnegie Mellon University, and others) to study interdisciplinary research and teaching approaches. Visited three Ohio community colleges to identify transfer partnerships, met with community leaders in the Chamber of Commerce and in the Stark County Economic Initiative to align town/gown goals, and participated in community-building events that increased support for the university. Joined

Enrollment in welcoming freshmen families to the university at eight different events and participated in recruitment campaign to invite the top 10 percent of local high school seniors to Mount Union.

- Participated in three strategic planning initiatives related to increasing student retention: (1) Configuring a one-stop advising hub; (2) Designing a multicultural center; and (3) Establishing a pathway for “Undeclared” majors. All of these efforts aimed to support and diversify the student population. Participated in meetings with consultants (Carnegie and Gradient) to redefine the university’s brand in northeast Ohio to better align with its mission. In collaboration with Human Resources, defined the position for Mount Union’s inaugural Chief Diversity Officer.
- Worked with the Vice President of Finance to learn how to develop, implement, and manage Mount Union’s \$55M operating budget in a Covid environment. Learned how to allocate revenue streams to streamline and build academic programs, provide student scholarships, and support athletics. Participated in the consultative, transparent, and inclusive process that led to a one-time substantial reduction.
- Joined all Board of Trustees meetings. Attended the NCAA Convention (in Indianapolis) and participated in over 40 site visits to meet senior leadership at various types of higher education institutions across the US: community colleges, nursing schools, STEM-centered universities, schools focused on music and visual arts, public liberal arts universities, online-only systems, private comprehensives, women’s colleges, and HBCUs.

INDUSTRY/HIGH-TECH EXPERIENCE PRIOR TO DOCTORATE

1996-2003

List of Employers

- Telecommunications: Boston Technologies, Bell Communications Research, Ascend-Lucent, Intel, Alcatel, Cisco
- Healthcare startups: Lancet, BetaSphere
- Satellite: Skybox-Google, Kongsberg Satellite Services (Norway)
- Internet: Google
- Financial and Philanthropic: Parkworth Wealth Management

Description

Contributed to the internet revolution by joining new business initiatives, both within large companies and startups that have pushed the envelope in new technology for internet and access. In my roles, I spearheaded development of new products in multiple domains of internet access and led technical translation projects with multiple FTEs and management of outside resources of \$100k+.

Drawing on my expertise in multi-task and multi-resource management, developed and implemented new streamlined processes for managing diverse stakeholders from engineering, sales, legal counsel, marketing, and graphic teams across multiple time zones to design and deliver proposals for multimillion dollar RFPs, working within extremely tight deadlines. Created in-person onboarding processes for new marketing hires: implemented state-of-the-art content management system and developed modules for learning technical content, marketing procedures, business policies, review cycles, and other areas of expertise.

Responsible for product development and delivery, with expertise in the following areas:

- Full product lifecycle, from technical specifications to product launch, to marketing materials and training for pre- and post-sales support
 - Multi-language support projects for technical specifications and marketing materials (Hired and supervised writers and consultants)
 - Interdisciplinary and cross-cultural teams
 - Health, satellite, and internet infrastructure technologies
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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

University of Utah

- Professor of History, 2023-Present

San Jose State University

- Professor of History, 2015-2023
- Associate Professor of History, 2010-15
- Assistant Professor of History, 2008-10

Oberlin College

- Visiting Assistant Professor of History, 2007-08

University of California, Davis

- Lecturer, Department of History, 2006-07

Carnegie Mellon University

- Lecturer, Department of English, 1995-96

Courses Taught: New World Encounters, Comparative Cultural Encounters, Colonial America, American Revolution, Colonial and Revolutionary America, American Labor, Comparative Slavery, Becoming American: Natives, Colonists, and Slaves in British Mainland North America, Gender and Labor in Early America, Captives, Primary Sources and Early America, Theories of Reading, Introduction to Women's Studies

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS and AWARDS:

John Carter Brown Library, Brown University (RI), 2020

Research Fellow, research related to Jamaican slavery and the Haitian Revolution

Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society (Munich), 2019

Research Fellow, research related to eighteenth-century understandings of hot and cold weather in the Americas

Munich Center for Global History, Ludwig Maximilian University, 2019

Research Fellow, research related to conflicting understandings of globalization

North American Conference on British Studies (DC), 2019

Research Fellow, research related to the roles of Guyana, Trinidad, and Jamaica after the British abolition of slavery

Folger Shakespeare Library (DC), 2019

Research Fellow, research related to seventeenth-century maps of continents and weather

Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity (Göttingen), 2018

Research Fellow, research related to urbanization in post-slavery Jamaica

American Philosophical Society (PA), 2018

Research Fellow, research related to the founding of Sierra Leone and Liberia

Obama Institute for Transnational American Studies (Mainz, Germany), 2018

Research Fellow, research related to eighteenth-century ideas of race, climate, and migration

The Huntington Library, San Marino (CA), 2018

Research Fellow, research related to the founding of Sierra Leone in the eighteenth century

Social Science Research Council Fellow, University of Göttingen, 2017

Research Fellow, invited to work on book proposal on climate's relationship to eighteenth-century colonization (received book contract from Columbia University Press)

American Philosophical Society (PA), 2015

Research Fellow, research related to British emancipation policies during the American Revolution

Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History (NY), 2015

Research Fellow, research related to New York City's loyalist newspapers

The Huntington Library, San Marino (CA), 2014

Research Fellow, research related to the role of Nova Scotia during the American Revolution

Brown University (RI), 2013

Research Fellow, research related to eighteenth-century settlements in West Africa, Caribbean, and British North America

University of Michigan, Clements Library (MI), 2012

Research Fellow, research related to the role of loyalist women during the American Revolution

David Library of the American Revolution (PA), 2010

Research Fellow, research related to British-civilian tensions in occupied New York City

Harvard University, Atlantic World (MA), 2008

Research Fellow, invited to present on the loyalist cause during the American Revolution

New York State Library (NY), 2006

Research Fellow, research related to war crimes committed in occupied New York City

American Antiquarian Society (MA), 2006

Research Fellow, research related to eighteenth-century newspapers in American colonies

University of Michigan, Clements Library (MI), 2005

Research Fellow, research related to British military occupation of New York City during the American Revolution

Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History (NY), 2005

Research Fellow, research related to the tensions between Benjamin Franklin and William Franklin

David Library of the American Revolution (PA), 2005

Research Fellow, research related to refugees who flocked to New York City during the American Revolution

University of California, Institute of Government Affairs Fellowship (CA), 2005

Research Fellow, research related to British Headquarters papers archived in New York City, Ann Arbor, and Philadelphia

Hemispheric Institute for the Americas Fellowship (CA), 2004

Research Fellow, research related to contextualizing the “old thirteen” colonies in relation to British Caribbean and British Canada

All-University of California Fellowship (CA), 2004

Research Fellow, awarded to first-year doctorate students for dedicated research

University of California Borderlands Fellowship (CA), 2003

Research Fellow, awarded to first-year doctorate students studying borders and borderlands

PUBLICATIONS

Books

“Between God and Darwin: Early Modern Transitions in the Understanding of Climate” (Columbia University Press, under contract)

Almost Home: Maroons Between Slavery and Freedom in Jamaica, Nova Scotia, and Sierra Leone (Yale University Press), 2018.

Choosing Sides: Loyalists in Revolutionary America (Rowman and Littlefield Press), 2013.

Unnatural Rebellion: Loyalists in New York City during the Revolution (University of Virginia Press), 2011.

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

“Rethinking the Historiography of Coolie Integration in British Caribbean Cities,” [MMG Working Paper 19-01](#) (Göttingen, Germany: Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, 2019).

"Leaving Nova Scotia: Sierra Leone and Free Black People, 1792–1800" in Karly Kehoe and Michael Vance (eds), *Reappraisals of British Colonization in Atlantic Canada* (University of Edinburgh Press, 2019).

"The Royalist Maroons of Jamaica in the British Atlantic World, 1740-1800," in *Varia História* (Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, 2019).

"Post-War Loyalist Hopes in Nova Scotia: To be Parts and not Dependencies of the Empire," in R.N. Brannon and J. S. Moore (eds) *Loyalty and Revolution: Essays in Honor of Robert M. Calhoun* (South Carolina University Press, 2019).

"'Wayward Humors and Perverse Disputings': Exiled Blacks and the Foundation of Sierra Leone, 1787-1800," in B. N. Lawrance and N. R. Carpenter (eds) *Africans in Exile: Mobility, Law, and Identity* (University of Indiana Press, 2018).

"Maroons and Mi'kmaq in Nova Scotia, 1796-1800" in *Acadiensis: Journal of the History of the Atlantic Region* XLVI, no. 1 (Winter/Spring 2017): 5-23.

"Loyalist Women during the Revolutionary Era," in T.A. Foster (ed) *Women in Early America* (New York University Press, 2015).

"Charles Inglis," in M.G. Spencer (ed) *The Bloomsbury Encyclopedia of the American Enlightenment* (Bloomsbury, 2015).

"Religion and the Loyalists," in D.L. Dreisbach and M.D. Hall (eds) *Faith and the Founders of the American Republic* (Oxford, 2014). (Co-written with R. M. Calhoun)

"Enduring patterns of Loyalist Study: Definitions and Contours," *History Compass*, 11, no. 11 (2013): 983-993.

"Loyalists," in L. Duménil (ed) *Encyclopedia of American Social History*, (Oxford Press, 2013).

"Printer Hugh Gainé Crosses and Re-Crosses the Hudson," *New York History*, 90 (Fall, 2009): 271-285.

Book Reviews

- J. Black, *The Atlantic Slave Trade in World History* (2nd edition) in Choice (Fall, 2024)
- N. Rogers, *Blood Waters: War, Disease and Race in the Eighteenth-Century British Caribbean* in Choice (Spring, 2023)
- S. Hazareesingh, *Black Spartacus: The Epic Life of Toussaint Louverture* in Choice (Spring, 2021).
- G. Horne, *The Dawning of the Apocalypse: The Roots of Slavery, White Supremacy, Settler Colonialism, and Capitalism in the Long Sixteenth Century* in Choice (Spring, 2021).
- Y. Goyal, *Runaway Genres: The Global Afterlives of Slavery* in Choice (Fall, 2020).
- V. Brown, *Tacky's Revolt: The Story of an Atlantic Slave War* in Choice (Fall, 2020).
- J. G. McCurdy, *Quarters: The Accommodation of the British Army and the Coming of the American Revolution* in Early American Literature (Spring, 2020).
- M. Rediker, T. Chakraborty, and M. von Rossum, *A Global History of Runaways* in Choice (Winter, 2019).
- J. Gonzales, *Maroon Nation: A History of Revolutionary Haiti* (2019) in The Journal of Interdisciplinary History (2019).
- E. B. Rugemer, *Slave Law and the Politics of Resistance in the Early Atlantic World* in The Journal of American History (2019).
- C. Petley, *White Fury: A Jamaican Slaveholder and the Age of Revolution* in The Journal of British Studies (2019).
- G. Frazer, *God against the Revolution: The Loyalist Clergy's Case against the American Revolution*, in Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture (2019).
- S. Turner, *Contested Bodies: Pregnancy, Childrearing, and Slavery in Jamaica*, in The Historian (Fall, 2018).
- L. Roopnarine, *The Indian Caribbean*, in Choice (May, 2018).
- R. M. Browne, *Surviving Slavery in the British Caribbean*, in Choice (April, 2018)
- L. S. Shire, *The Threshold of Manifest Destiny: Gender and National Expansionism in Florida*, in Choice (May, 2017).
- H.A. Whitfield, *North of Bondage: Loyalist Slavery in the Maritimes*, in Choice (June, 2016).
- J. Polasky, *Revolution without Borders: The Call to Liberty in the Atlantic World*, in American Historical Review (June, 2016).

J. Jemmott, *Ties that Bind: The Black Family in Post-Slavery Jamaica, 1834-1882*, in Choice (October, 2015).

P. Papas, *Renegade Revolutionary: The Life of General Charles Lee*, in American Historical Review, 120, no. 1 (2015): 236.

P. Gould, *Writing the Rebellion: Loyalists and the Literature of Politics in British America* in Journal of American History, 101, no. 2 (2014).

J. Bannister and L Riordan, *The Loyal Atlantic: Remaking the British Atlantic in the Revolutionary Era*, in The Journal of Early Modern History, 17, no. 3 (2013): 309-311.

W. Roberts, *A Place in History: Albany in the Age of Revolution, 1775-1825* in Journal of Early American History, 32, no. 3 (Fall, 2012): 561-563.

INVITED TALKS & CONFERENCES

Invited Talks

John Carter Brown Library, "Between God and Darwin: Evading Disorder while Journeying Far from Home," RI, 2020.

University of California, Davis, "Why did Slaves Rebel?" CA, 2019.

Royal Society of Canada, "Thinking Historically about Refugees," Canada, 2017.

University of Göttingen, "Servants and Slaves in the British Atlantic," Göttingen, Germany, 2017.

David Library of the American Revolution, "Maroons in the Age of Slavery," PA, 2017.

Institute for Asia and Asian Diasporas, "Asian Laborers in the Post-Slavery Caribbean," NY, 2017.

Yale University, Popular Royalisms, "The Loyal Maroons," CT, 2016.

University of Edinburgh, *Indentured Lives: Rethinking the Experience of Indian Overseas Labour Migration, 1800-1920*, "Not Slaves: Indians in Jamaica," UK, 2016.

Conables Conference in International Studies, "Free Blacks in Nova Scotia and Sierra Leone," Rochester Institute of Technology, NY, 2015.

Huntington Library, "Sentimental Relocations: Jamaican Maroons in the Anti-Slavery Era," CA, 2014.

George Washington Teacher Institute, "Loyalist Perspective on the American Revolution," VA, 2014.

Society of the American Revolution, "Post-Revolutionary Legacies," PA, 2014.

Fraunces Tavern Museum, "Through Loyalist Eyes: The American Revolution as an Unnatural Rebellion," NY, 2013.

John Carter Brown Library, "Enemies of the British Atlantic, 1750-1800," RI, 2013.

Richmond Roundtable on the American Revolution, "Rethinking Loyalism in British America, 1750-1800," VA, 2013.

David Library of the American Revolution, "Choosing Sides: Allegiances during the Revolutionary Era," PA, 2013.

University of Michigan Clements Library, "Deporting 'Dangerous Enemies, 1750-1800," MI, 2012.

College of William & Mary, Omohundro Institute of Early American History, "Post-War Loyalist Hopes in the Canadian Maritimes," VA, 2012.

The George Washington Forum on American Ideas, Politics & Institutions, "The Loyalist Problem of Suppressing the "Unnatural Rebellion," OH, 2010.

European Science Foundation Conference, "Imaging War: Intergenerational Perspectives," Vadstena, Sweden, 2008.

Harvard University, International Seminar on the History of the Atlantic World, "New Yorkers' Vision of Reunion with the British Empire: 'Quicken Others by our Example," MA, 2008.

Conferences

American Historical Association, "Violence in the American Revolution," NYC, 2025

West Indian Literature Conference ("Hinterlands: Journeys of the Imagination"), "Bodies in their Proper Places," Guyana, 2019.

Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) Conference, "Going to a Promised Land?: Four Hundred Years of Free and Enslaved Black Migrations into and out of Canada," SC, 2019.

Society of Historians of the Early American Republic, "Networks, Class, and Capital in Federalist New York City" MA, 2018.

American Society for Environmental History, "Matching Bodies and Environments: Black Bodies in Atlantic Canada," OH, 2018.

The Society of Nineteenth Century Americanists Fifth Biennial Conference: Climate, "Constitutionally Unfit for Winter: Race and Climate in Atlantic Canada," NM, 2018.

Institute for Asia and Asian Diasporas, "Asian Laborers in the Post-Slavery Caribbean," Binghamton University, NY, 2017.

Organization of American Historians, "Age and Authority in Maroon Communities," LA, 2017.

University of Pennsylvania, "The Jamaican Maroons and the Meanings of Migration," PA, 2017.

Atlantic Canada Studies Conference, "Maroons and Mi'kmaq in Nova Scotia," New Brunswick, Canada, 2016.

Black Canadian Studies Association, "Jamaican Maroons in Nova Scotia, 1796-1800," Nova Scotia, Canada, 2015.

Organization of American Historians, "Patriots, Loyalists and Communication Networks in the Atlantic World, MO, 2015.

Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, 1750-1850, "Caribbean Deportations in the era of the Haitian Revolution," MS, 2014.

Eighteenth Annual Omohundro Institute Conference, "Britons Re-Born: American Loyalists in the Canadian Maritimes after the Revolution," CA, 2012.

American Literature Association, "Tories Traitors and Spies: Loyalists of the American Revolution," CA, 2012.

American Historical Association, "Loyalist Lessons from the Unnatural Rebellion," MA, 2011.

Charting New Courses in the History of Slavery and Emancipation, "Competing Beneficiaries: Black and White Loyalists during the War of American Independence," MS, 2010.

Researching New York Conference, "Rebels and Loyalists Compete for Imperial New York City: 1775-1776," NY, 2009.

Fifteenth Annual Conference of the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, "Limits of Sentimentality: Loyalist Negotiation with the British during the Revolution," UT, 2009.

Loyalism and the Revolutionary Atlantic World, "Loyalist Persuasions: New York City, 1776-1783," ME, 2009.

American Historical Association, "Loyalism in the Atlantic Diaspora, NY, 2009.

San Jose State University Teaching Symposium, "Narrating the Revolution, Narrating the Nation: Some Reflections," CA, 2008.

Organization of American Historians, "Alternate Visions of Empire," NY, 2008.

Colonial Society of Massachusetts, "Trans-Atlantic Allegiances during the American Revolution" MA, 2007.

Bay Area Seminar in Early American Studies, "Loyalists Cope with Disappointments: New York City, 1777-1778," CA, 2007.

David Library of the American Revolution, "Loyalists Welcome the British: New York City, 1776-1777," PA, 2005.

INTERVIEWS, BLOGS, PODCASTS, OP-ED

[College Honors programs should be inclusive, grassroots and hands-on](#) (November 30, 2022)

[Interview for CBC Nova Scotia](#) (January 2, 2022)

["Dr. Short and global environmental history"](#) (North American Conference on British Studies, April 10, 2020)

["Launching Global Environmental History: Dr. Thomas Short on Air and Diseases in 1749"](#) (Folger Shakespeare Library Blog, August 7, 2019)

[Black Agenda Report Book Forum](#) (April 3, 2019)

[New Books Network Podcast](#) (November 21, 2018)

["No Wakanda for Us"](#) in Yale University Press blog (July, 2018)

["Refugees Fit for Rescue: Loyalists, Maroons and Mi'kmaq"](#) (*Early Canadian History* blog, April 2017)

["Reflections on Writing Maroon and Mi'kmaq History"](#) (*Acadiensis* blog, November 2017)

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?311548-1/loyalists-york-city-revolution> (C-SPAN Lecture, 2013)

SERVICE (SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY)

Elected Chair, University Retention, Tenure, and Promotion Committee, 2022-23

Member, Academic Senate Student Fairness Committee, 2022

Member, Academic Senate General Education Curriculum Committee, 2020-21

Member, College Retention, Tenure, and Promotion Committee, 2020-21

Advisor, Underrepresented Minority faculty, 2020-21

Member, Academic Senate Accreditation Committee (WASC), 2020

Member, Sabbatical Leave Committee, 2019-20

Faculty Advisory Committee for Academic Technology, 2017-18

Admissions Committee, University Grants Academy, 2017-18

Undergraduate Advisor, History Department, 2016-17

Member, Reading Program Committee, 2017-18

Chair, History Department Retention, Tenure, and Promotion Committee, 2016-19

Chair, Hiring Committee, History Department, 2016-17

Co-Chair, Curriculum Redesign Committee, History department, 2014-19

Co-Chair, Graduate Admissions Committee, History Department, 2013-15

Member, University Library Board (Senate Committee), 2013-14
Member, Library Committee, College of Social Science, 2008-13
Chair, Student Scholarships Committee, 2008-13
Search Committee, Provost, 2008-09

Professional Affiliations and Disciplinary Service

Elected Board Member: American Association of University Administrators (AAUA), 2022-Present

Champion, A Bolder Way Forward for Utah (Utah Women and Leadership Project), 2023-Present

Elected Board Member: Board Member, Center for Aging, University of Utah, 2023-24

Moderator, American Council on Education (ACE), Introductory Panel for 2021-22 Fellows, San Diego, 2022

Scholarly Advisor: Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, 2019-24

Reviewer, Refereed Journals & Academic Press: American Philosophical Society, The American, Historical Review, The William and Mary Quarterly, Journal of the Early American Republic, Early American Studies, Journal of American History, American Antiquarian Society, The Historian, New York History, Church History, The Journal of British Studies, The Journal of Interdisciplinary History, CHOICE, University Press of Florida, 2010-2023

Selection Committee: American Philosophical Society Fellowships, PA, 2021

Speaker, Shared Heritage: Mexico and California 200 Years: Martin Luther King Library, CA, "Mexican Independence from the American Perspective," 2010

Judge: California Academic Decathlon Essay Competition, 2018

Editorial Board Member: Journal of Global History, Colonial Society of Massachusetts, 2019-2023

Consultant: Parks Canada and the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada (HSMBC), Hungry Eyes Media, CBC News Nova Scotia, 2018-2023

Advisor: Museum of the American Revolution (2024-25); Museum of the City of New York (2024-25)