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Curriculum Vitae

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EMPLOYMENT

- 2017 - Assistant Professor of History, Stanford University.
- 2016 - 2017 *Past and Present* Postdoctoral Fellow, Institute of Historical Research, University of London, UK.

EDUCATION

- 2017 DPhil, University of Oxford, History.
Thesis: "Necropolis: Yellow Fever, Immunity, and Capitalism in the Deep South, 1800-1860." (Supervisors: Pekka Hämäläinen and Lawrence Goldman)
- 2013 MSt, University of Oxford, US History. Distinction.
Thesis: "American Slavery's Most Important Non-Event: Understanding the 1808 African Slave Trade Ban in the Long War for the West."
- 2011 BA, Yale University, History, New Haven, CT. *Cum Laude*, Phi Beta Kappa.
Thesis: "Panic! on the Yazoo: Land Pirates, King Cotton, and the Lynchings of Madison County, Mississippi, 1835."

PUBLICATIONS

Necropolis: Disease, Power, and Capitalism in the Cotton Kingdom (Harvard University Press, manuscript in preparation).

"Immunity, Capital, and Power in Antebellum New Orleans," *American Historical Review* 124, no. 2 (April 2019).

Winner of the Jane Willis Kirkaldy Senior Prize, 2016 by the Committee for the History of Science, Medicine, and Technology at the University of Oxford, November 2016.

TEACHING

- 2017 - HIST 252C Old South: Culture, Society, and Slavery
HIST 305K Age of Revolutions: America, France, Haiti, and the Atlantic World
HIST 107D Rise and Fall of Atlantic Slavery, 1400-1900
HIST 200C Doing the History of Race and Ethnicity
HIST 155F Civil War and Reconstruction, 1830 to 1877
BIO 2N Guest Lecturer, Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Disease in a Changing World

Primary and secondary reader, Senior Honors Thesis, History and AAAS

- 2015 – 2017 Dissertation in History, Undergraduate Supervisor, Oxford

- 2016 The United States, 1776-1877, Lecturer on Slavery and Origins of the Civil War, Oxford

- 2015 Haiti and Louisiana: The Problem of Revolution in the Age of Slavery, Co-convenor and Tutor

Age of Jefferson, Co-Convenor, Oxford

- 2014 Britain's North American Colonies from Settlement to Independence, 1600-1812, GSXV, Tutor, Oxford

Associate Fellow of Higher Education Academy, UK, March 2016

BOOK REVIEWS

History from the Bottom Up and the Inside Out: Ethnicity, Race, and Identity in Working-Class History. By James R. Barrett, Canadian Journal of History (forthcoming Spring-Summer 2019).

Making a Slave State: Political Development in Early South Carolina. By Ryan A. Quintana, Journal of Southern History (forthcoming 2018).

Reproducing the British Caribbean: Sex, Gender, and Population Politics After Slavery. By Juanita De Barros, Women's History Review (May 2016).

INVITED PAPERS

"Epidemics and Uprisings: New Evidence in American Slave Revolts" Boston-London-California Historical Symposium, University College London, May 2019.

“Seasonal Gerrymandering: Yellow Fever, Statecraft, and Citizenship in Antebellum New Orleans,” Stanford Center for Law and History Workshop, April 2019.

“Immunity, Capital, and Power in Antebellum New Orleans,” Approaches to Capitalism Seminar, Stanford University, April 2018.

“Immunocapital: Disease, Power, and Citizenship in New Orleans, 1803 to 1860” Junior Faculty Research Group, Stanford University, October 2017.

“Boosters, their Bankers, and the Making of Nineteenth-Century America,” Institute of Historical Research Colloquium, London, November 2017.

“Immunocapital: Yellow Fever, Citizenship, and Power in New Orleans, 1803 to 1860,” Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine, Oxford, UK, October 2016.

“Immunocapital, State Absence, and Yellow Fever: Becoming a Citizen of New Orleans, 1796- 1840,” British Group of Early American Historians, Institute of Historical Research, London, March 2016.

“Migration, Motherhood, and Mortality: Yellow Fever and Gender Construction in the Deep South, 1800 to 1830” (podcast online) Gender and History in the Americas, Institute of Historical Research, London, December 2015.

“Worried Sick: The Impact of Disease and Death on Deep Southern Society, 1796 to 1835” Oxford-Notre Dame Colloquium, South Bend, Indiana, 2015.

“From ‘People with Slaves’ to a ‘Slave Society’: The Impact of Ecology, Disease, and Death in Old Southwest, 1803 to 1835,” Institute of Historical Research, London, January 2015.

CONFERENCES

“New Directions in the History of Science: Nineteenth-Century North America,” Convener, Stanford, October 2020.

“Immunocapitalism: Epidemiology and Empire in the American South,” *Global Environmental Borderlands*, Stanford-SMU joint conference, Taos, New Mexico, September 2019 and Stanford, California, Spring 2020.

“Quantifying “Climate Risk”: Life Insurance, Yellow Fever, and the American South, 1840-1880” *International Conference on Risk and the Insurance Business in History*, Seville, Spain, June 2019.

“Mortal Risk, Climate, and Life Insurance in the Antebellum Deep South” American Society for Environmental History, Columbus, Ohio, April 2019.

“Yellow Fever Epidemics and Slave Revolts: New Evidence in American Slave Resistance” Organization of American Historians, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 2019.

“Immunocapitalism: Disease, Risk, and Creditworthiness in Antebellum New Orleans” *Business History Conference*, Cartagena, Colombia, March 2019.

“Acclimating Bodies: The Ecology of Yellow Fever Transmission in the Nineteenth-Century Greater Caribbean” American Society for Environmental History, Riverside, California, April 2018.

“Quantifying the Ephemeral: Life Insurance, Disease, and Mortal Risk in the Deep South” Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 2017.

“The Immunocapitalists: Leveraging Yellow Fever Immunity in the Nineteenth-Century Atlantic,” Controlling “Unseen” Contagion: Disease, Citizenship, and Mobility, London, UK, 2 July 2017.

“Immunocapital, State Absence, and Yellow Fever: Becoming a Citizen of New Orleans, 1796 to 1840” Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, New Haven, Connecticut, July 2016.

“Yellow Fever and ‘Immunocapital’: Becoming a Citizen of New Orleans, 1803-1853” Society for the Social History of Medicine, Canterbury, UK, July 2016.

“Yellow Fever, Ecology, and American State Power, 1803 to 1820” American Society for Environmental History, Seattle, Washington, April 2016.

“We have heard sickness and death causing great distress in different parts”: Reanalyzing the Impact of Mosquitoes and Disease on Southern Identity, 1800 to 1830” Agricultural History Society, Lexington, Kentucky, June 2015.

“Building a Southwestern Empire: Migration, Environment, Slavery, and Disease on the Gulf Coast, 1800 to 1830” British American Nineteenth Century Historians Annual Meeting, Reading, UK, September 2014.

“Deconstructing Rape and “No-Possible-Consent” for Black Women in the Antebellum South” British American Nineteenth Century Historians Postgraduate Workshop, London, UK, March 2014.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Writing and Rhetoric Requirement Governance Board, Stanford University, 2018-2021.

Stanford History Department Prize Committee; co-convener “Historical Conversations,” 2018-2019.

National Historical Publications and Records Commission, Grant Reviewer, Presidential Papers, January 2019.

AAAS Advisory Board; Affiliated Member Stanford Center for Law and History; Affiliated Faculty, the Program in History & Philosophy of Science, Stanford University.

Article Reviewer, *Enterprise & Society*.

Rhodes and Marshall Scholarship Interview Board, Stanford University, 2018.

Undergraduate Studies Committee; Diversity Committee, Stanford University, 2017-18.

Controlling “Unseen” Contagion: Disease, Citizenship, and Mobility, Conference Organizer, London, UK, July 2017.

Participant in AAAS “Real Talk,” 2017, 2018.

Committee member, History PhD; Examiner for 19th Century US History Candidates, Qualifying Exams, 2018.

Graduate Admissions in History, reader.

Post-Graduate/Early Career Annual Conference, British Group of Early American Historians and Institute of Historical Research, Co-Organizer, University of London, School of Advanced Studies, London, 31 March 2017.

Consent in Early America, 1600-1900, Conference Co-Organizer, Sponsored by the Rothermere American Institute and the Royal Historical Society, University of Oxford, February 2015.

Undergraduate Admissions in History, Pembroke College, University of Oxford, December 2014.

Graduate Mentor for History Master’s Students, October 2013 – Present.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

“Kathryn Olivarius on Her Article ‘Immunity, Capital, and Power in Antebellum New Orleans,’” *American Historical Association Podcast*, April 2019.

Commentator, “Sickness and the City,” on Billy Smith (Montana State) and Michael Levy (University of Pennsylvania), *Consortium for the History of Science, Technology, and Medicine*. Philadelphia, January 2019.

“How Yellow Fever Shaped 19th-century New Orleans: A Q&A,” *Scope by Stanford Medicine*, January 2019.

“How Yellow Fever Turned New Orleans into the ‘City of the Dead,’” *All Things Considered/Code Switch*, National Public Radio, October 31, 2018.

Historical Expert, “Who Do You Think You Are?” BBC 1, Sophie Raworth, Series 13, Episode 10.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2017 Dev Family Annual Book Prize. Awarded annually for the best DPhil thesis in the history of medicine at the University of Oxford.
- 2016 Jane Willis Kirkaldy Senior Prize. Committee for the History of Science, Medicine, and Technology at the University of Oxford.
- 2016-2017 Past and Present Fellow, Institute of Historical Research, London.
- 2013-2016 Isaiah Berlin Scholarship, Wolfson College, Oxford.
- 2013-2016 Arts and Humanities Research Council Studentship, University of Oxford.
- 2016 Donald Worster Travel Grant, American Society for Environmental History.
- 2015 Postgraduate Travel Award, Rothermere American Institute, Oxford; American Society for Environmental History Travel Grant; Agricultural History Society Travel Grant.
- 2014 Arts and Humanities Research Council, Travel Grant. 2013 Santander Travel Award, Oxford; Divisional Scholarship in the Humanities, Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford.
- 2011 George Washington Eggleston Prize for the best dissertation in American History, Yale University.
- 2011 Phi Beta Kappa, Yale University.
- 2009 Canadian History Prize, for the best essay on Canadian history, Yale University.