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### EDUCATION

Michigan State University, Ph.D., Comparative Black History, 2005  
Michigan State University, M.A., History—Urban Studies, 2000  
Tulane University, B.A., Political Economy, 1996

### FULL-TIME ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Asst Professor of History & Int'l Relations, Florida International Univ., Aug. 2005-07; Jan. 08-present  
Post-Doctoral Associate of History, University of Miami, Aug. 2007-Dec. 07

### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Haiti, United States and the World, Caribbean and Latin America, Inter-American Relations, Decolonization and Development, International Migration and Transnationalism, African Diaspora

### PUBLICATIONS

#### In Progress

*Ready for Self-Rule: Haiti, the United States and Development during the Good Neighbor Years, 1930-1950.* (Book manuscript)

“Haiti, UNESCO, and the Rockefeller Foundation, 1947-1950,” (Article manuscript)

#### Peer Reviewed

“Haitian Migration and Community-Building in Southeastern Michigan, 1966-1998,” *Geographies of the Haitian Diaspora*, Lexington Books/ Rowan & Littlefield, Inc., Forthcoming 2011.

“Maurice Dartigue and Educational Reform as a Strategy for Haitian National Development 1930-46,” *Journal of Haitian Studies*, Vol. 13, no. 2, Fall 2007.

#### Special Reports

“Historical Perspectives on Haiti’s Strategic Culture,” contribution to FIU Applied Research Center/ United States Southern Command/Latin American and Caribbean Center Strategic Culture in Latin America Series Reports. September 2009. <http://strategicculture.fiu.edu/Studies/Haiti.aspx>

“The Role of International Aid in Creating Ties between Haiti and the United States, 1934-1957” *Research Reports Online*, Rockefeller Archives Center, [www.rockarch.org/publications/resrep/verna.pdf](http://www.rockarch.org/publications/resrep/verna.pdf)

### FUNDED RESEARCH

- Faculty Library Travel Grant, University of Florida Smathers Library, Summer 2008
- Faculty Summer Research Grant, FIU College of Arts and Sciences, Summer 2008
- Faculty Research Award, FIU Foundation/Office of the Provost, Summer 2007
- Post-Doctoral Associate, University of Miami, Department of History, Fall 2007
- Scholar-in-Residence, Rockefeller Archives Center, May-July 2003
- International Pre-Dissertation Fellowship, Social Science Research Council, 2001-02
- Graduate School Incentive Award, Michigan State University, 2003, 2001
- Walker Hill International Award, Michigan State University, 2001
- Summer Acceleration Research Fellowship, Michigan State University, 2001, 1998

### **FUNDED SEMINARS**

- Participant, Interrogating the African Diaspora: African Diaspora Identities, International Graduate Student Seminar, Florida International University, Summer 2005
- International Seminar on Decolonization in the Twentieth Century, National History Center, Washington, DC, Summer 2006

### **OTHER FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS**

- Visiting Scholar, University of Miami Center for Latin American Studies, 2004-05; 2003-04
- Competitive Doctoral Enrichment Fellowship, Michigan State University, 1999-2004
- Equal Opportunity Program Fellowship, Michigan State University, 1999, 1997
- Urban Affairs Programs Graduate Assistantship, Michigan State University, 1997-1999
- Mortar Board, Tulane University, 1995

### **INVITED PRESENTATIONS (SELECT)**

Invited Lecturer, "Ready for Self-Rule? Rethinking the Role of the United States in Haitian National Development," 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Jerry Wood Memorial Lecture, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA, April 29, 2010.

[http://media.swarthmore.edu/featured\\_events/?tag=chantalle-verna](http://media.swarthmore.edu/featured_events/?tag=chantalle-verna)

Invited Panelist, "Haiti's History: Foundations for the Future," Duke University, Durham, NC, April 22, 2010.

Invited Panelist, "Perspectives on Haiti: An Interdisciplinary Discussion on Haiti's Past, Present, and Future," Inaugural Haiti Speaker Series, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, January 28, 2010.

<http://thedartmouth.com/2010/01/29/news/haiti>

Invited Lecturer. "Ideological Crossroads: The United States, *Indigenisme* and Haitian Bureaucratic Reform," Center for Africana Studies, The John Hopkins University, October 22, 2009.

Invited Lecturer, "Genocide and Diplomacy: Pan-American Responses to Anti-Haitian Violence in the Dominican Republic, 1937-39," Department of History, Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo, Brazil, June 6, 2007.

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (SELECT)**

"The Challenge of Transnational American Studies," Roundtable Participant, American Studies Association Annual Convention, San Antonio, Texas, November 18, 2010.

"Ideological Crossroads: The United States, Haitian Indigenisme and Educational Reforms, 1930-1945," Paper Presented, Education and Empire The Sixth Galway Conference on Colonialism, National University of Ireland-Galway, June 24, 2010.

"Decolonization and Recolonization: Bridging Decolonization Studies from the 19th and 20th Centuries," Roundtable Participant and Organizer, American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., January 5, 2008.

"A Friendship for a Fresh Future/Start: A Comparative Study of News Reports on Cooperation between Haiti and the Dominican Republic during the 1930s and the 2000s," Paper Presented, Haitian Studies Association Annual Meeting, Boca Raton, FL, October 5, 2007.

"Genocide and Diplomacy: Pan-American Responses to Anti-Haitian Violence in the Dominican Republic, 1937-39," Paper Presented and Panel Organized, Caribbean Studies Association Annual

Meeting, Salvador da Bahia, Brazil, May 31, 2007.

“Haiti's 'Second Independence': Toward a Focus on the Post-Occupation Period, 1930-1946,” Paper Presented, Haitian Studies Association Annual Meeting, Charlottesville, VA, October 2006.

“Haiti's 'Second Independence' and the Legacies of U.S. Occupation,” Paper Presented, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Meeting, Lawrence, KS, June 2006.

“Creating a Modern and Authentic Haiti: Intellectual Cooperation with the United States after 1934,” Paper Presented, Interrogating the African Diaspora: African Diaspora Identities, Florida International University, August 6, 2005.

“Haitian Pan-Americanism after 1934,” Paper Presented, Caribbean Studies Association Annual Meeting, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, June 2005.

## **TEACHING**

### University Courses

*Undergraduate* — Haiti: Colonial to Present, Haiti-U.S. Relations, International Relations of the Caribbean, Inter-American Relations, Modern American Civilization

*Graduate* — Haiti-U.S. Relations, The Caribbean and the United States, Dynamics of International Relations, U.S. Foreign Policy

### Public School Teacher Training

Invited Presenter, “Teaching Post-1945 U.S./Cold War History,” FIU Teaching American History/Global Learning Global Initiatives workshop for Miami-Dade County 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers, Miami, FL, May 8, 2010.

Invited Presenter, “The Caribbean and the United States: Historical Perspectives,” Integrating Technology and Area Studies: Discovering Caribbean Diversity, Professional Development Workshop for middle and high school foreign language, social studies and language arts teachers, sponsored by Florida International University, University of Florida, Digital Library of the Caribbean and the Foreign Language Educators of Northeast Florida, Orange Park, FL, January 23, 2010 and Cocoa Beach, FL, May 1, 2010.

Invited Instructor, “Readings in American History: The U.S. & the World,” FIU-Miami Dade Public Schools Teaching American History Program, Summer 2009.

## **MEDIA CONTRIBUTIONS (SELECTED)**

### Radio/Television

Consultant, “Black in Latin America w/ Henry Louis Gates, Jr.” Wall to Wall/PBS Documentary Film, (Spring 2010), Broadcast Premiere April 2011.

Commentator, “Haiti, Part 2,” PRI’s The World/How We Got Here Podcast, <http://www.theworld.org/2010/02/05/haiti-part-2/>, February 5, 2010.

Interviewee, Morning Program with Julio Cesar Camacho, Actualidad 1020 Union Radio Miami, 15 January 2010.

On-Camera Interviewee, “Our Relationship with Aid,” The Agenda with Steve Paikin, TVO, Toronto, Canada, February 19, 2010.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-DCfU3YUWnc>

On-Camera Interviewee, "Haiti in Crisis," *The Agenda* with Steve Paikin, TVO, Toronto, Canada, January 15, 2010.

[http://www.tvo.org/cfmx/tvoorg/theagenda/index.cfm?page\\_id=7&bpn=779693&ts=2010-01-15%2020:00:00.0](http://www.tvo.org/cfmx/tvoorg/theagenda/index.cfm?page_id=7&bpn=779693&ts=2010-01-15%2020:00:00.0)

Consultant/On-Camera Interviewee, "Egalité for All: Human Rights and the Haitian Revolution," Koval/PBS Documentary Film, (January 2008-present). Premiere, January 25, 2009.

#### Print

"Haitian presidential candidates campaign in Florida," Associated Press Newswire, November 14, 2010.

[http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2010/11/14/haitian\\_presidential\\_candidates\\_campaign\\_in\\_fl/](http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2010/11/14/haitian_presidential_candidates_campaign_in_fl/)

"Haiti relief efforts carry on," *FIU Student Media*, 10 June 2010.

<http://fiusm.com/2010/06/10/haiti-relief-efforts-carry-on/>

"Digital archivists work to save rare books, historical documents," *The Miami Herald*, 27 February 2010.

<http://www.miamiherald.com/2010/02/27/1500728/preserving-haitis-memories-digital.html>

"Aceh, Haiti and the Perils of Post-Disaster Reconstruction," OpenDemocracy.net, 1 February 2010.

<http://www.opendemocracy.net/peter-fragiskatos/aceh-haiti-and-perils-of-post-disaster-reconstruction>

"Exodus to Countryside Reverses Long Trend," *New York Times*, 21 January 2010.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/01/21/world/americas/21scene.html>

"Scholars Speak Out on Haiti," *Diverse Education*, 21 January 2010.

<http://diverseeducation.com/cache/print.php?articleId=13332>

"American Colleges Scramble to Contact Students and Professors in Haiti," *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, 13 January 2010.

<http://chronicle.com/article/American-Colleges-Scramble-/63518/>

#### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

- Founding Academic Advisory Board Member, Digital Library of the Caribbean, May 2006-present
- On-Site Planning Committee, Haitian Studies Association, Boca Raton, FL, 2007
- Reviewer, *Journal of Caribbean Studies*
- Reviewer, *Journal of Haitian Studies*
- Reviewer, Longman Press

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

### Campus Service (Selected)

- Academic Advisory Board, Latin American and Caribbean Studies Center, 2009-present
- Department of History Representative, College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee, 2009-present
- Department of History, Colloquium Committee, present
- Author, "My Haiti, Our Shared Future," *FIU Magazine*, Winter 2010  
[issuu.com/fiunmagazine/docs/finalpdf-winter\\_2010](http://issuu.com/fiunmagazine/docs/finalpdf-winter_2010)
- Consultant, Model OAS Team, Spring 2010
- Search Committee Member, Assistant Professor of Afro-Brazilian History, 2006
- Committee Member, Department of History Development Committee, 2006-07

### Campus Events (Selected)

- Invited Presenter, FIU Haiti Teach-In: Approaches to Relief and Reconstruction, March 6, 2010  
<http://news.fiu.edu/2010/03/fiu-teach-in-tackles-decentralization-of-haiti-and-other-recovery-issues/>  
<http://fiusm.com/2010/03/10/expert-panel-speaks-on-haiti/>
- Invited Discussant, "What Kind of Haiti in 2025?," Tuesday [New York] Times Roundtable, January 19, 2010
- Invited Commentator, FIU Haiti Teach-In, January 16, 2010
- Invited Panelist. "Historical Perspectives on Haiti's Strategic Culture," FIU Applied Research Center/United States Southern Command/Latin American and Caribbean Center Strategic Culture in Latin America Workshop Series, August 6, 2009

### Unit Affiliations (beyond formal appointments)

African and African Diaspora  
Latin American and Caribbean Studies Center  
Center for Spirituality Studies  
Women's Studies Program

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

- Advisory Board Member for Community Research, Historical Museum of Southern Florida, January 2007-present
- Invited Judge, Annual Student Essay Competition, Haitian American Leadership Organization, January 2008.
- Co-Chair, Church Oral History Project, Universal Truth Center for Better Living, Inc., Miami Gardens, FL, January 2006-2008

### Presentations

- Invited Presenter and Panel Organizer, "Haiti: Past and Present, Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Miami, April 16, 2010.
- Interviewee, Teen Oral History Project, Miami-Dade Women's Park, July 28, 2009.
- Invited Lecture, "Visions of Self-Determination: The Contributions of the USA in the Creation of an Independent Czechoslovak Republic in 1918," Florida Chapter of the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences, North Miami, October 21, 2007.

### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS (In order of active participation)

Haitian Studies Association  
Caribbean Studies Association  
Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations  
American Historical Association