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Associate Professor of History
Director, African Studies Program
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Professional Appointments

University of Washington

Associate Professor, Department of History

Seattle, WA
2022-present

The Pennsylvania State University

Assistant Professor, Department of History and African Studies Program
Promoted to tenure May 2022

University Park, PA
2016-2022

Macalester College

Visiting Assistant Professor of African History, Department of History

St. Paul, MN
2015-2016

Education

University of Michigan

Ph.D., History

M.A., History

Ann Arbor, MI
2015
2011

Duke University

B.A., History; minor in religion

Durham, NC
2009

Publications

Chosen Peoples: Christianity and Political Imagination in South Sudan (Duke University Press, 2021)

Bounds of Blackness: African Americans, Sudan, and the Politics of Solidarity (Cornell University Press, forthcoming June 2024)

Writings appear in *Journal of Religious History*, *Journal of African American History*, *Journal of Eastern African Studies*, *Social Sciences and Missions*, *Journal of Africana Religions*, *Political Theology*

Selected Grants and Fellowships

Career Enhancement Fellowship (Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, now Institute for Citizens & Scholars), Mellon-Mays Undergraduate Fellows Dissertation Grant (Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation & Andrew W. Mellon Foundation), Multi-Country Fellowship (Council of American Overseas Research Centers)

Awards and Honors

Finalist, Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora's Outstanding First Book Award; Finalist, *Christianity Today* Book Award (History/Biography).

Media Citations and Appearances

Seattle Times, Radio France International, Barron's, Vox, The Conversation, Christianity Today, BBC World Service, Al Jazeera English, Jude 3 Project podcast, The Doorstep podcast (Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs), KNKX Public Radio, UN Mission in South Sudan Radio Miraya