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History Department
University of California, Irvine

◆ Employment

University of California, Irvine	2002–present
University of Texas, San Antonio	2000–2002
Senior Research Associate, History Department, University of Johannesburg	2024–2030

◆ Education

University of California, Los Angeles	Ph.D. in African History	2001
Georgetown University	MS in Foreign Service, MA in History	1993
University of Cape Town	African Studies (Rotary Foundation Scholar)	1991
University of California, Berkeley	BA, with distinction, History & French	1986

◆ Selected Publications

Encounters Old and New in World History: Essays Inspired by Jerry Bentley. Co-edited with Alan Karras. University of Hawaii Press, 2017.

The New World History: A Field Guide for Teachers and Researchers. Co-edited with Ross Dunn and Kerry Ward. University of California Press, 2016.

Panorama: A World History, with Ross Dunn. McGraw-Hill, 2015.

Belongings: Property, Family & Identity in Colonial South Africa. An Exploration of Frontiers, 1725 – c. 1830. Columbia University Press, 2008. [Gutenberg-e series](#)

“Domestic Space, Intimate Surprises: The Bonds and Bondage of Enslaved, Khoisan, and Settler Women in the 1825 Koue Bokkeveld Revolt.” *South African Historical Journal*, online March 2025. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02582473.2024.2423182>

“Taxonomer,” in *Decolonizing the Plan: Keywords for Rethinking the Histories of Planning*, edited by Sarah Blacker, Emily Brownell, Anindita Nag, Martina Schluender, and Sarah van Beurden. Fordham University Press, 2024, 220–229.

Teach in the Time of Corona(virus), guest editor for a special issue of the *World History Bulletin* 36:1 (Spring/Summer 2020).

“From Mermaids to Menocchio: Truths and Divergence in Politically Tempestuous Times,” Fiftieth Anniversary Issue: [Taking the Temperature of Early Modern Studies](#) in *The Sixteenth Century Journal* 50:1 (2019), 231-237.

“The Natural World,” in [A Cultural History of Western Empires](#), Volume 4 *The Age of Enlightenment (1650–1800)*, ed. Ian Collier (London: Bloomsbury Press. 2018), 69-91

◆ Selected Service

Editor in Chief, <i>Journal of World History</i>	2025–2029
Faculty Advisor, UC Irvine History Project	2023–present
President, World History Association	2020–2022
UCI School of Humanities Faculty Learning Community facilitator	2018–2020
UCI Faculty Director, AHA Career Diversity Initiative	2017–2020
NEH Next-Gen PhD project, UC Irvine. Committee member	2016–2017
World History Association delegate @ American Council of Learned Societies	2015-2019
President, Forum on European Empires and Global Interaction	2010–2012
Co-Chair, AP World Curriculum Development Committee	2010–2012
AHA member	since 1996