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EDUCATION

Vanderbilt University

ABD: PhD Candidate in History

Expected: December 2023

Dissertation: *Professionalizing Science: British Geography and the Exploration of Africa*

University of North Texas

M.A. in History

2015

Thesis: *The Shifting Borders of Egypt*

University of North Texas

B.A. in History

2011

RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research focuses on the history of science, the British Empire, and the creation and dissemination of geographic knowledge, with emphasis on the history of nineteenth-century exploration and travel writing in the Nile and Africa.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Colonial' Science: John Brian Christopherson and Sudanese Knowledge in Anglo-Egyptian Sudan"

Paper presented at the History of Science Society Conference, *Chicago, IL.* **2022**

"Professionalizing Science: British Geography, Africa, and the Exploration of the Nile"

Paper presented at the History of Science Society Conference, *Online.* **2021**

"Boxed them both most impartially:" Authority and Discipline in British Exploratory Missions in Africa, 1860-1900."

Paper presented at the North American Conference on British Studies, *Atlanta.* **2021**

"Slaves of the Desk": Nile Exploratory Accounts as Masculine Escapism in Mid-Nineteenth Century Britain"

Paper presented at the Northeast Conference on British Studies, *Online.* **2021**

"The Echoes of Exploration: The legacy of Nile exploration on the Wellcome Laboratories in Khartoum"

Paper presented at the Southern Association for the History of Medicine and Science Conference, *New Orleans.* **2020**

"The Failed Explorer: John Petherick and Reputation in Nile Exploration"

Paper presented at the Ohio Valley History Conference, *Martin, TN.* **2018**

"Classical Ghosts: Greco-Roman Influences on Enlightenment Travel Writers in Ottoman Egypt"

Paper presented at the Rocky Mountain Interdisciplinary History Conference, *Boulder, CO.* **2015**

"From Enlightened to Despot: The Shifting Orientalist Portrayal of Ismail Pasha, the Khedive of Egypt"

Paper presented at the Fifth Annual Texas A&M History Conference,
College Station, TX.

2014

"From Arabia Petraea to the Sinai: The Shifting British Portrayals of the Egyptian-Palestinian Border from the Victorian Era until the 1906 Aqaba Crisis"

Paper presented at the Rocky Mountain Interdisciplinary History
Conference, *Boulder, CO.*

2013

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, "Western Civilization I"

2022

Cumberland University

Assistant Professor, "US History to 1865"

2022

Cumberland University

Assistant Professor, "World History to 1500"

2022

Cumberland University

Assistant Professor, "World War II"

2022

Cumberland University

Teaching Assistant, "Global History of Waste"

2021

Vanderbilt University

Teaching Assistant, "Global History: 1453 to 2020"

2020

Vanderbilt University

Teaching Assistant, "History of the Modern Sciences and Society"

2019

Vanderbilt University

Teaching Assistant, "The History of Western Warfare"

2018

Vanderbilt University

Adjunct Instructor, "United States History from 1865"

2016

North Central Texas College

Adjunct Instructor, "United States History I"

2015

North Central Texas College

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant

2019 and 2020

- Photographed and organized manuscripts at the British Library and the National Archives at Kew on behalf of Dr. Adam Clulow.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Student Advisor

2022-2023

Cumberland University

Guest Lecture: "Professionalizing Science: British Geography, Africa, and the Exploration of the Nile"

2022

Robert Penn Warren Center, Vanderbilt U.

Moderator: Public Lecture, “Racist Ideology: A Marxian Approach” **2022**
Robert Penn Warren Center, Vanderbilt U.

Moderator: “Session 8A: Birth, Obstetrics, and Contraception” **2020**
SAHMS Conference

INVITED TALKS

Guest Lecture: “The Woman King and Dahomey” **2023**
Cumberland U.

Panelist: “Celebrating Hispanic Voices” **2022**
Cumberland U.

Guest Lecture: “John C. Christopherson and Sudan” **2022**
Vanderbilt U.

Guest Lecture: “Decolonization: 1945 to Present” **2021**
Vanderbilt U.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Technical Helpdesk Analyst **2008 to 2015**
Xerox Business Services, LLC.

- Served as a liaison between Xerox engineers and the end-clients.
- Trained new technicians into the procedures of Xerox technical support, including server reboots, authentication resets, and network monitoring.

FELLOWSHIPS

J. León Helguera Fellow in History, *Vanderbilt U.* **2021-2022**

William J. Vaughn Fellow at the Robert Penn Warren Center, *Vanderbilt U.* **2021-2022**

Dibner Research Fellow in the History of Science, *Huntington Library* **2019**

Provost Graduate Fellowship, *Vanderbilt U.* **2016-2021**

AWARDS

LACS Recognition Award, *Vanderbilt U.* **2022**

Robert Penn Warren Center Research Grant, *Vanderbilt U.* **2021**

College of Arts and Science Summer Research Award, *Vanderbilt U.* **2019**

Weaver Summer Research Award, *Vanderbilt U.* **2018**

Weaver Summer Research Award, *Vanderbilt U.* **2017**

College of Arts and Sciences Graduate Travel Grant, *U. of North Texas* **2014**

History Department Research Grant, *U. of North Texas* **2013**

C.J. Red Davidson Scholarship, *U. of North Texas* **2010**

LANGUAGES

Spanish – Read, Write, Speak

French – Read, Write

MEMBERSHIPS

History of Science Society

North American Conference on British Studies

Latin American and Caribbean Students Association (Vanderbilt U.)

Southern Historical Association

Southern Association of the History of Medicine and Science