

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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**Education:**

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|-------|----------------------|---------------|--|
| A.B.  | Stanford University  | 1968          | History  |
| M.A.  | Stanford University  | 1970          | African History  |
| Ph.D. | Stanford University  | 1977          | African History  |
|       | Cambridge University | 1976-<br>1977 | Post-doctoral training in<br>Anthropology and Demography |

**Employment:**

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| 9/77-6/79 | Assistant Professor, Department of History, Wellesley College   |
| 9/79-8/81 | Assistant Professor (half-time, non-tenure track), Department of History, Emory University  |
| 9/81-     | Assistant Professor (full-time, tenure track), then Associate Professor, then Professor, Department of History, Emory University; also Core faculty African Studies; Associated faculty African American Studies and Anthropology |
| 9/93-8/96 | Director, Institute of African Studies, Emory University  |
| 9/08-8/11 | Chair, Department of History, Emory University  |

**Selected Prizes, Awards, and External Fellowships:**

Fulbright-Hays Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship, 2/73-1/74  
American Association of University Women Dissertation Fellowship, 9/74-6/75  
Social Science Research Council Research Training Fellowship, 9/76-6/77  
National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, 6/80-8/80  
Social Science Research Council, Postdoctoral Research Grant, 9/83-2/84 (declined in favor of Fulbright Senior Research Award)  
Fulbright Senior Research Award, 10/83-12/83 and 8/84-2/85  
Senior Council Award for Distinguished Teaching and Service to Undergraduates, 5/86  
Social Science Research Council, Research Planning Activity Award, 6/87  
Ford Foundation, Travel Grant for African participants in the Conference on Law and Colonial Africa, 9/87  
National Endowment for the Humanities Senior Research Fellowship, 1/91-12/91  
Ford Foundation Grant to Strengthen African Studies at Emory University and the Atlanta University Center, 1995-96, PI  
John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Fellowship, 1/2002-6/2002

Finalist, 2009 Frederick Douglass Prize, Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition, Yale University  
 Charles Edmondson Historical Lectures, Baylor University, March 2011  
 National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, 8/2011-7/2012  
 American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship, 1/2012-12/2012

### **Current Research:**

Trans-Atlantic Lives: Slavery and Freedom in West Africa and Brazil, book manuscript in preparation

“The Cultural Meaning of Imprisonment for Debt in Nineteenth-Century Lagos,” article in preparation

### **Publications:**

#### Books:

- 1985      Marrying Well: Marriage, Status and Social Change Among the Educated Elite in Colonial Lagos, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press.
- 1991      Law in Colonial Africa, edited with Richard Roberts, Portsmouth: Heinemann Books and London: James Currey.
- 2001      Rethinking the African Diaspora: The Making of a Black Atlantic World in the Bight of Benin and Brazil, edited with Edna G. Bay, London: Frank Cass (also published as a special issue of Slavery and Abolition).
- 2007      Slavery and the Birth of an African City: Lagos, 1760-1900, Indiana University Press. Paperback edition published 2010. (Finalist, Frederick Douglass Prize)

#### Articles:

- 1981      “The Problem of Marriage among the Educated African Elite in Lagos Colony, 1880-1915,” International Journal of African Historical Studies, Vol. 14, pp. 201-38.
- 1982      “Women’s Rights in Law and Practice: Marriage and Dispute Settlement in Colonial Lagos,” in Margaret Jean Hay and Marcia Wright, eds., African Women and the Law: Historical Perspectives, Boston University Papers on Africa, Vol. 7, pp. 151-71.
- 1983      “The Dangers of Dependence: Christian Marriage among Elite Women in Lagos Colony, 1880-1915,” Journal of African History, Vol. 24, pp. 37-57.

- 1986 "African Civilizations to the Era of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade" and "Africa in the Modern World," syllabi published in Daniel R. Smith, ed., Teaching African History, New York: Wiener Publications, pp. 9-19.
- 1991 "Introduction," co-authored with Richard Roberts, in Mann and Roberts, eds., Law in Colonial Africa, pp. 1-48.
- 1991 "The Rise of Taiwo Olowo: Law, Accumulation, and Mobility in Early Colonial Lagos," in Mann and Roberts, eds., Law in Colonial Africa, pp. 85-107.
- 1991 "Women, Landed Property, and the Accumulation of Wealth in Early Colonial Lagos," Signs, Vol. 16, pp. 682-706.
- 1994 "The Historical Roots and Cultural Logic of Outside Marriage," in Caroline Bledsoe and Gilles Pison, eds., Nuptiality in Sub-Saharan Africa: Contemporary Anthropological and Demographic Perspectives, Oxford: Clarendon Press, pp. 167-93.
- 1995 "Owners, Slaves and the Struggle for Labour in the Commercial Transition at Lagos," in Robin Law, ed., From Slave Trade to 'Legitimate Commerce': the Commercial Transition in Nineteenth-Century West Africa, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 144-71.
- 1998 "The World the Slave Traders Made: Lagos, c. 1760-1850," in Paul E. Lovejoy, ed., Identifying Enslaved Africans, Proceedings of the SSHRCC/UNESCO Summer Institute, York University.
- 1999 "West Africa in the Atlantic Community: the Case of the Slave Coast," William and Mary Quarterly, 3rd Series, Vol. LVI, no. 2 (April), pp. 308-34 (co-authored with Robin Law).
- 1999 "The Original Sin: British Reform and Imperial Expansion at Lagos," in Robin Law and Silke Strickrodt, eds., Ports of the Slave Trade, (Bights of Benin and Biafra), Center of Commonwealth Studies, Stirling University, Occasional Paper No. 6, 169-89.
- 2001 "Shifting Paradigms in the Study of the African Diaspora and of Atlantic History and Culture," in K. Mann and E. Bay, eds., Rethinking the African Diaspora, 3-21 (originally published in Slavery and Abolition).
- 2001 "Las Redes Comerciales: de la Bahía de Benín al sur del Atlántico, 1750-1850," in Rina Cáceres, ed., Rutas de la esclavitud en África y América Latina. San José: Editorial de la Universidad de Costa Rica, 45-82.

- 2003 “Interpreting Cases, Disentangling Disputes: Court Cases as a Source for Understanding Patron-Client Relationships in Early Colonial Lagos,” in Toyin Falola and Christian Jennings, eds., Sources and Methods in African History: Spoken, Written, Unearthed, Rochester: University of Rochester Press, 195-218.
- 2003 “Ending Slavery/Reforging Freedom: the Problem of Emancipation in Western Culture,” Comparative Studies in Society and History, Vol. 25, pp. 29-40.
- 2003 “Lagos,” Oxford Encyclopedia of Economic History, New York: Oxford University Press.
- 2008 “Efunroye (Madame) Tinubu,” Oxford Encyclopedia of Women in World History, New York: Oxford University Press.
- 2011 “African and European Initiatives in the Development of Land Law in Colonial Lagos (West Africa),” in Saliha Belmessous, ed., Native Claims: Indigenous Law against Empire, 1500-1914, New York: Oxford University Press, 223-48.
- 2013 “A Tale of Slavery and Beyond in a British Colonial Court: West Africa and Brazil,” in Alice Bellagamba, Sandra E. Greene, and Martin A. Klein, eds., African Voices on Slavery and the Slave Trade, New York: Cambridge University Press, 378-85.
- Forthcoming *AHR* Conversation, 2013: “How Size Matters: The Question of Scale in History,” with Sebouh D. Aslanian, Joyce Chaplin, and Ann McGrath, *American Historical Review*, Vol. 118, Issue 5.
- Forthcoming “Slave Voices in African Colonial Courts: Sources and Methods,” co-authored with Richard Roberts, in Alice Bellagamba, Sandra E. Greene, and Martin A. Klein, eds., Sources and Methods for the Study of Slavery and the Slave Trade in Africa, New York: Cambridge University Press.

Papers and scholarly presentations:

- \* designates invited lectures
- 1974 “Teaching the History of African Women,” Conference on Teaching Women’s History, Stanford University.
- 1975 “Aspects of Marriage among the Educated African Elite in Colonial Lagos, 1880-1915,” American Historical Association Convention.

- 1975 "Teaching the History of Women in the Third World," American Historical Convention.
- 1976 \*"The Changing Role of Women among the Educated African Elite in Colonial Lagos, 1880-1915," Conference on Women and Development, Wellesley College.
- 1976 \*"Family History in Africa: Can we do it?" Conference on Family History, University of California at Santa Barbara.
- 1976 "Fostering as a Means of Labor Recruitment in West Africa," African Studies Association Convention.
- 1977 \*"The Making of the Educated African Elite in Lagos Colony, 1880-1915," Faculty Seminar on Stratification and Hierarchy, Cambridge University and Faculty Seminar on African Studies, Oxford University.
- 1977 \*"The Role of Marriage in the Formation and Maintenance of the Educated African Elite in Lagos Colony, 1880-1915," Faculty Seminar, Department of Anthropology, Cambridge University and Faculty Seminar in Atlantic History and Anthropology, Johns Hopkins University.
- 1979 \*"The Impact of Changing Marriage Laws on Women among the Educated African Elite in Lagos Colony, 1880-1915," Conference on African Women and the Law, Columbia University.
- 1979 "The Response of Educated, Christian Women in Colonial Lagos to Western Marriage," Faculty Seminar, Center for Research on Women, Wellesley College and African Studies Association Convention.
- 1980 \*"Changing Urban-Rural Linkages in Southwestern Nigeria," Conference on Changing Urban-Rural Values, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, Tifton, Georgia.
- 1980 "Inheritance and the Transmission of Resources among the Educated African Elite in Colonial Lagos," African Studies Association Convention.
- 1981 "Marriage and the Consolidation of Status among the Educated Elite in Colonial Lagos," Southeastern Regional Seminar in African Studies.
- 1981 \*"The Dangers of Dependence: Women and Marriage in Colonial Lagos," Conference on African Women's History, University of Santa Clara and History Department Seminar, University of Georgia.

- 1981 Discussant, "Women and Stratification in Urban Africa," African Studies Association Convention.
- 1982 "The Making of the Educated African Elite in Early Colonial Lagos," African Studies Association Convention.
- 1983 \*"The Problem of Marriage among the Educated African Elite in Colonial Lagos," Seminar, United States Embassy, Lagos, Nigeria.
- 1985 \*"Marrying Well: Marriage, Status and Social Change among the Educated African Elite in Colonial Lagos," History Department Seminar, University of Lagos.
- 1985 \*"The Uses of Legal Records for the Study of African Social History," School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London and African Social History Seminar, Stanford University.
- 1985 \*"Education, Development and Gender Relations in Colonial Lagos," Stanford International Development Education Committee, Stanford University.
- 1985 Discussant, "Colonialism and the Rule of Law in French West Africa," American Historical Association Convention.
- 1986 \*"On Becoming an Adult: Observations from West Africa," Eighth Annual Cross-Cultural Mental Health Conference, "Aging: Tracking Changes and Changing Tracks," Division of Mental Health Services, South Carolina Department of Mental Health, Charleston, South Carolina.
- 1986 "Personal Life--Professional Life: Coping with the Conflicts," Lilly Conference on Undergraduate Teaching, New Harmony, Indiana.
- 1986 \*"Men and Marriage in Colonial Lagos," History Department/ African-American and World Studies Program joint Seminar, University of Iowa.
- 1987 \*"The Visible Hand: Trade, Credit and Land in Nineteenth Century Lagos," Baraza seminar, University of Florida, and Conference on "New Perspectives on Colonial Africa," University of Illinois.
- 1987 "Women, Landed Property, and the State in Colonial Lagos," African Studies Association Convention.
- 1987 "Yoruba Oriki as an Historical Source," American Historical Association Convention.

- 1988 \*"On Documents and Dead Men: The Uses of Legal Records and Life Histories for the Study of Colonial Accumulation," The Emory-Stanford Conference on Law in Colonial Africa, Stanford, California.
- 1988 \*"The Impact of Christianity on Yoruba Marriage, Gender, and Fertility," International Union for the Scientific Study of Population, Conference on Nuptiality in sub-Saharan Africa: Current Changes and Impact on Fertility, Paris, France.
- 1988 "Whither African Women's History?" African Studies Association Convention.
- 1989 "Integrating Africa into the Global History Curriculum," Dekalb Community College, Atlanta.
- 1989 \*"Sources and Methods for the Study of Post-emancipation Societies in Africa," Seminar on the Comparative Study of Post-emancipation Societies, University of Michigan.
- 1989 "Redefining Servitude: From Slavery to Clientage in Late-nineteenth Century Lagos," African Studies Association Convention, Atlanta.
- 1990 \*"Coping with Gender Conflict: Male Responses to Female Expressions of Power in Nineteenth Century Yorubaland," The University of Minnesota Conference, Towards a Gendered History of Men in Africa.
- 1991 \*"Integrating Africa into the Global History Curriculum in Middle and Secondary Schools," Workshop for Grand Rapids and East Grand Rapids Social Science Teachers, Grand Rapids, Michigan.
- 1991 \*Discussant, "Sources and Limits of African Women's Power," Conference on Queen Mothers in Africa, New York University.
- 1991 "The Emancipation of Female Slaves in Early Colonial Lagos," African Studies Association Convention, St. Louis.
- 1991 \*"Methodologies for the Study of Women in Africa," Conference on the State of Women's Studies in Africa, St. Louis.
- 1993 \*"Abolition and the Organization of Labor in Lagos," Conference on The End of the Atlantic Slave Trade: Its Impact on Africa, University of Stirling, Scotland, and Seminar in the Comparative History of Labor, Industrialization, and Technology, Emory University, Georgia State University and Georgia Institute of Technology.

- 1993 “Interpreting Cases, Disentangling Disputes: Court Talk as a Prism for Viewing Patron-Client Relationships in Late-nineteenth Century Lagos,” Conference on Wealth, Language, and Performance in Nineteenth Century Yorubaland, Institute of African Studies, Emory University.
- 1994 “The Emancipation of Female Slaves in Early Colonial Lagos,” Political Science Department Seminar, Clark Atlanta University, and Women’s Studies Colloquium, Emory University.
- 1995 Discussant, “Law in Nineteenth-Century Colonial Borderlands,” American Historical Association Convention, Chicago.
- 1995 \* “The Emancipation of Female Slaves in Early Colonial Lagos,” International Federation for Research on the History of Women, International Congress for the Historical Sciences, Montreal.
- 1996 \*Discussant, “New Directions in the History of the Slave Trade in the Interior of the Bight of Benin,” Conference on the Creation of the Diaspora from the Nigerian Hinterland, York University.
- 1996 “Slave Exports from Lagos, c. 1760-1850,” Canadian Association of African Studies annual meeting, Montreal.
- 1996 Discussant, “Constructions of Male Identity in Africa,” Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Chapel Hill.
- 1996 \* “Slavery, Gender, and Emancipation in Early Colonial Lagos,” Conference on Africa’s Urban Past, School of African and Oriental Studies, University of London.
- 1996 “The Slave Trade and the Construction of an Atlantic Community from the Bight of Benin,” African Studies Association Convention, San Francisco.
- 1997 “Slavery, Gender, and Emancipation in Early Colonial Lagos,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting.
- 1997 \* “The Slave Coast in the Atlantic World,” Conference on the Making of the African Diaspora, University of the West Indies, Mona Campus.
- 1997 “Born of Suffering: Lagos in the Era of the Slave Trade,” History Department Colloquium, Emory University.
- 1997 \* “The World the Slave Traders Made: Lagos, c. 1760-1850,” Conference on Identifying Enslaved Africans, York University, Toronto, and Institute of African Studies, Emory University.



- 1998 “Shifting Paradigms in the Study of the African Diaspora and of Atlantic History and Culture: Toward a Research Agenda,” Conference on Rethinking the African Diaspora: The Making of a Black Atlantic World in the Bight of Benin and Brazil, Emory University.
- 1998 \*“The Original Sin: British Reform, Imperial Expansion, and Early Colonial Rule at Lagos,” Conference on the Ports of the Atlantic Slave Trade, Stirling University.
- 1998 \*Discussant, “Sex and Age Composition of Slaves,” Conference on Transatlantic Slaving and the African Diaspora: Using the W. E. DuBois Institute Data Set, Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, Williamsburg.
- 1999 \*“Route of the Slaves: The Bight of Benin to the South Atlantic,” Conference on La Ruta del Esclavo en Hispanoamerica, University of Costa Rica.
- 1999 \*“Shifting Paradigms in the Study of the African Diaspora and of Atlantic History and Culture: Towards a Research Agenda,” Black Atlantic/African Diaspora Seminar, Rutgers University.
- 1999 “The Political Economy of Credit and the Moral Culture of Obligation in Late-nineteenth Century Lagos,” African Studies Association Convention, Philadelphia.
- 2000 “Changing Ideas about Land Ownership and the Transformation of Owner-Slave Relationships in Late-nineteenth Century Lagos,” African Studies Association Convention, Nashville.
- 2000 \*“Interpreting Cases, Disentangling Disputes: Court Cases as a Source for Understanding Patron-Client Relationships in Early Colonial Lagos,” Conference on Pathways to the African Past, University of Texas, Austin.
- 2001 \*“Brazilian Returnees and the Privatization of Land in Lagos,” Conference on Aguda: Aspects du patrimoine Afro-Bresilien dans la Golfe du Benin, Maison Internationale de la Culture Porto-Novo (Benin).
- 2004 “Clandestine Slaves and Alien Children, Lagos Colony, 1875-1900,” Conference on Yoruba History and Culture, University of Texas, Austin.
- 2005 \*“Anti-slavery, Imperial Expansion, and Early Colonial Rule at Lagos: Discourses of Abolition and Empire,” Atlantic History Seminar, University of Pittsburgh.

- 2005 “The Historical Development of Private and Family Property Rights in Nineteenth-Century Lagos: Early Colonial Transformations in Land Tenure,” African Studies Association Convention, Washington, D.C.
- 2007 “Abolition and the Ports of the African Slave Trade: Lagos, West Africa,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta.
- 2007 \* “Finding Slave Voices in British Colonial Court Records: Lagos, 1789,” Conference on Finding the African Voice: Narratives of Slavery and Enslavement, Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Study and Conference Center, Bellagio, Italy
- 2008 “Reconstructing Kinship and Community: Tales of Slavery and Beyond in Lagos Colonial Court Records,” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Chicago.
- 2009 \* “Reflections on Old Trends and New Paradigms in Early African History,” Africa and the Early Modern: A Workshop, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore
- 2009 \* “Reconstructing a Transatlantic Slave Family: Tales from Colonial Court and Administrative Records,” Conference on Tales of Slavery, University of Toronto
- 2009 \* “African and European Initiatives in the Development of Land Law in Colonial Lagos (West Africa),” Conference on Indigenous Versus European Property Claims, University of Sydney
- 2009 \* “Tales of Slavery and Beyond in West Africa and Brazil from British Colonial Court Records: Trans-Atlantic Connections,” Conference on Condições ambíguas: Lei, escravidão e liberdade no mundo atlântico, University of Campinas
- 2011 \* “Tales of Enslavement, Slavery and Freedom in the Lagos Colonial Supreme Court Records,” and “Reconstructing Kinship and Family among Slaves and Freed People in Salvador (Bahia) and Lagos (West Africa),” Charles Edmondson Historical Lectures, Baylor University, March 30-31
- 2011 Discussant, “Assessing the Work of Pierre Fatumbi Verger,” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington
- 2012 \* “Writing the Trans-Atlantic Biographies of Slaves and Freed People,” Conference on Ruptures and Linkages: Biography and History in the South, German Historical Institute, London, 16-18 February.

- 2012 \*”Entre duas margens: fluxos e refluxos de escravos e libertos no Atlântico Sul,” O Seminário Internacional Conexões Transatlânticas: Bahia-África no Atlântico Negro (Séculos XVII-XIX), Universidade Federal da Bahia, 19-20 March.
- 2012 \*”Slave Voices in African Colonial Courts: Sources and Methods,” Conference on Slavery and Freedom in Africa and Beyond: Sources, Silences, and Methodology, Institute for Advanced Studies, Berlin, 28-29 June.
- 2012 \*”Abolition, Empire, and the History of Sierra Leonean Re-captives and Brazilian *Retornados* at Lagos, 1840-1900,” Conference on Slavery and its Aftermath in the Atlantic World, University of Illinois, Chicago, 4-8 October.
- 2013 “Court Records, Legal Narratives, and Historical Silencing in the Study of Transatlantic Slave Biographies,” Institute of African Studies Seminar Emory University, 21 February.
- 2013 “The Transatlantic Odyssey of Francisco Gomes de Andrade: New Perspectives on the Costa da Mina’s Illegal Slave Trade and Brazilian Community,” Conference on New Frontiers in the Economic, Cultural, and Digital History of the Atlantic Slave Trade, Emory University, 21-3 March.

### **Selected University Service:**

President’s Committee on Undergraduate Education, 1980-81  
 Executive Committee, African-American and African Studies Program, 1980-91  
 Program Coordinator, Women’s Caucus, 1980-81  
 Search Committee, Anthropology Department Chair, 1981-82  
 Advisory Council, Emory Program in International Studies, 1981-82  
 Committee on Comparative Cultural Change (Speakers Committee, 1981-82;  
 Coordinator of Speakers Committee, 1982-83)  
 Faculty Advisor, Woodruff Scholars, 1982-83  
 Committee on Campus Life, 1983-84  
 Search Committee, Sociology Department, 1983-84  
 Search Committee, History Department, 1983-84  
 Feminist Study Group, 1983-84  
 President’s Advisory Committee on South Africa, 1985-86  
 College Affirmative Action Committee, 1985-86  
 Search Committee, Art History/African-American and African Studies Program, 1985-86  
 Seminar to Promote Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, supported by the Lilly Foundation, 1985-86  
 Faculty Advisor, Phi Alpha Theta, 1985-87  
 Advisory Board, Asbury House, 1985-87  
 Search Committee, History Department, 1986-87

Executive Committee, Women's Studies Program, 1986-87  
 Writing Across the Curriculum Program, 1986-88  
 Search Committee, History Department, 1987-88  
 Committee to Revise the Graduate Program, History Department, 1987-88  
 Committee to Review Non-western Curriculum, History Department, 1987-88  
 Steering Committee, Women's Studies Program, 1987-90  
 Search Committee, Dean of the Graduate School, 1988-89  
 Chair, Search Committee, History Department, 1988-89  
 Executive Committee, Institute of African Studies, 1989-  
 Search Committee, History Department, 1990-91  
 Chair, Search Committee, History Department, 1991-92  
 President's Committee on Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Affairs, 1991-92  
 Curriculum Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, 1992-95 (Chair, Social Sciences  
 Sub-committee)  
 Search Committee, History Department, 1992-93  
 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Women's Studies, 1992-93  
 Speakers and Events Committee, African-American Studies Program, 1992-93  
 Director, Institute of African Studies, 1993-96  
 Minority Concerns Committee, History Department, 1994-95  
 Minority Recruitment Committee, History Department, 1995-96, Chair, 1996-98  
 Advisory Committee, History Department, 1998-99  
 History Department Self-Definition Project, 1998-99  
 Atlantic History Project, History Department, 1998-  
 Historical Anthropology Workshop, Anthropology Department, 1998-99  
 Co-Director, Institute of African Studies, 1999-2000  
 University Senate, Spring Semester, 1999-2000  
 Institute for Comparative and International Studies, Area Studies Coordinating  
 Committee, Spring 2000  
 Coordinator, Atlantic History Project, History Department, 2000-2002  
 Search Committee, Mellon Post-doctoral Fellowship, History Department, 2000-2001  
 Curriculum Committee, Emory College, 2003-2006 (Chair, Social Sciences Sub-  
 committee, 2004-2005; Chair, Natural Sciences and Mathematics Sub-committee,  
 2005-2006)  
 Chair, African History Search Committee, 2003-2004  
 Graduate Committee, History Department, 2004-2005  
 Coordinator, Non-western Caucus, History Department, 2004-2005, 2006-2008  
 Undergraduate Committee, History Department, 2005-2007  
 Humanities Council, Emory College, 2008-2011  
 Council of Social Science Chairs, Emory College, 2008-2011  
 Nominating Committee, Laney Graduate School, 2012-  
 Faculty Council, Emory University, 2013-  
 University Senate, Emory University, 2013-  
 Productivity and Promotion Committee, Department of History, Emory University, 2013-

**Selected Professional Service:**

Council for International Exchange of Scholars, Africa Discipline Committee, 1985-88  
Coordinator, Southeastern Regional Seminar in African Studies, 1986-89  
Planning Committee, African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, 1987-89  
Council for International Exchange of Scholars, Africa Area Advisory Committee, 1989-91  
Editorial Board, African Studies Review, 1988-1991  
Editorial Board, Journal of African History, 1990-1999  
Executive Committee, The Development of an African Diaspora: The Slave Trade of the Nigerian Hinterland, 1650-1900; the U.N.E.S.C.O. Slave Route Project, 1995-2001  
Editorial Board, Lagos Historical Review, 2001-  
Advisory Board, Atlantic Slaves Data Network, NEH funded project, Michigan State University, 2010-  
*Journal of West African History*, Editorial Board, 2012-  
Program Committee, American Society for Legal History annual meeting, Miami, 2013  
Review Proposals or Manuscripts, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Humanities Center, Fulbright, Fulbright-Hays, Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Heinemann Press, University of Virginia Press, University of Minnesota Press, Ohio University Press, Journal of African History, Canadian Journal of African Studies, International Journal of African Historical Studies, Comparative Law Journal