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Assistant Professor of History  
Seattle Pacific University  
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**Education**

Ph.D., University of Washington, June, 2010

Dissertation: *Africans in the British Missionary Imagination, 1910-1965*

Committee: George Behlmer (chair), Jordanna Bailkin, Lynn Thomas

Fields: Modern Britain, Comparative Colonialisms, Early Modern Europe,  
Modern Africa

M.A., History, Central Connecticut State University, December 2001

*British Missionaries in Barbados (1819-1834): Agents of Cultural Change*

B.A., Chemistry, Trinity University, 1983

**Teaching and Work Experience:**

Seattle Pacific University

Assistant Professor, Autumn 2016-

Adjunct Professor, Autumn 2010-2016

Courses include: "World History, 1500-Present," "Life and Death in  
World Cities," "Christianity in Asia," "The Holocaust in Prague,"  
"Genocide," "Modern Africa," "Humanitarianism," "Game of Life:  
WWII"

Cornish College of the Arts

Adjunct Professor, 2010 to 2015, Courses on colonialism and 20<sup>th</sup>-century wars

Seattle University

Adjunct Professor, Autumn 2010, "Colonial Encounters"

University of Washington

Pre-Doctoral Instructor, 2008-2010 "Africans and Britons: British Colonialism  
in Sub-Saharan Africa," "Colonial Encounters"

Teaching Assistant, 2005-2007 – "Modern Europe," "Early Modern Europe,"  
"Ireland," "Medieval Europe"

Writing Tutor, History Writing Center, 2004-2005

Reader, Spring 2004-"Nineteenth-Century Britain"

Teikyo Post University, Adjunct Faculty, "World Geography" Spring 2002

Central Connecticut State University, Graduate Assistant, 2000-2001, research position

The Hartford Insurance Group, 1983-1988, Senior Commercial Underwriter –final  
position. Began as an OJT, July 1983.

**Published Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals:**

"Expanding the Bounds of Christianity and Feminism: Mabel Shaw and the Women of  
Mbereshi, Northern Rhodesia, 1915-1940". *The Journal of Religion  
in Africa*. Forthcoming.

"Grandfather in the Bones": Scientific Racism and Anglican Missionaries in Uganda,  
c. 1900-1930," *Social Sciences and Missions* 33.3-4 (2020): 347-378.

“Visions of Friendship and Equality: Representations of African Women in Missionary Propaganda in Interwar Britain,” *Journal of Canadian Historical Association*, Vol. 24. 2 (2014): 353-385.

“‘Science in the Hands of Love’: British Evangelical Missionaries and Colonial Development in Africa, c. 1940-1960,” *The Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History* 41.5 (2013): 823-42.

#### **Published Articles in General Academic Journal:**

“The Legacy of Mabel Shaw,” *International Bulletin of Missionary Research*, 37.2 (April, 2013): 105-108.

#### **Published Book Reviews:**

Book Review: *Reclaiming the Women of Britain’s First Mission to West Africa: Three Lives Lost and Found*, Fiona Leach. *Early Modern Women: An Interdisciplinary Journal* 16.1 (2021): 148-51.

Book Review: *The Lost White Tribe: Explorers, Scientists, and the Theory that Changed a Continent*, Michael F. Robinson. *Journal of African History* 58.3 (2017): 544-45.

#### **Conference Presentations:**

“St. John’s Community Centre and the Future of Kenya: Urban Missions in Colonial Nairobi, c. 1956-64,” Conference on Faith and History, October 2021.  
UPCOMING

“Expanding the Western Bounds of Christian Theology and Worship: Mabel Shaw and Her Work in Northern Rhodesia, 1915-1940,” Conference on Faith and History, October, 2019.

“Teaching Global Inequality from a Christian Perspective,” Panel Participant, Conference on Faith and History, October 2019

“‘Grandfather in the Bones’: Scientific Racism and Spiritual Equality in Uganda, c. 1910-1930,” North American British Studies Conference, November, 2017.

“Christian Marriage and Polygamy in the Writings of Mabel Shaw,” Yale-Edinburgh Group, Edinburgh, June 2014

“Visions of Friendship and Equality: Representations of African Women in Missionary Propaganda during Interwar Britain,” Canadian Historical Association, Victoria, BC, June 4, 2013.

“Missionary Writing as Feminist Endeavor: Mabel Shaw and the ‘Children of the Chief,’” North American British Studies Conference, Montreal, November 2012

“The ‘Missionary’ in British Evangelical Missionary Propaganda, 1910-1965,” Pacific Coast Chapter British Studies, University of Washington, March 2011

“‘A Treasure of Darkness’: The African Woman in British Missionary Propaganda, 1919-1939,” British Scholar Society Conference, Austin, TX, February 2009

“Representations of Africans in British Missionary Propaganda, c. 1880-1965,” Mellon Regional Conference, Graduate Student Workshop, Berkeley, CA, 2008

“‘Changing Africa’: Representations of Africans in British Missionary Propaganda, 1919-1939,” Pacific Coast Chapter British Studies, University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA, 2007. Received award for best graduate essay.

**University Presentations:**

“Can Democracy Survive?: The Rise of Nazism,” News & Nachos: Panel, October 2020  
“‘Grandfather in the Bones’: The Limits of Spiritual Equality in Missionary Discourse  
on Uganda, c. 1910-1930,” SPU Arts and Humanities Colloquium, February 2020  
“Explaining Brexit,” News & Nachos, February 2019

**Academic Awards and Honors:**

OIEX Race and Pedagogy Community of Practice, Spring 2021  
Promising Practices in Online Teaching during Covid-19, Spring 2020  
SPU internal award  
Academic Renewal Grant, March 2019, for course release Winter 2020  
Innovation Grant for “Created Lives: Game of Life: WWII” course, 2018  
Jack and Anita Hess Faculty Seminar, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum,  
January 2016  
Pacific Coast Chapter British Studies Best Graduate Essay, 2008  
Robert Edward Willstadter and Joanne Snow-Smith Fund for research in Britain, 2007  
The CCSU Outstanding Graduate Scholar in the School of Arts and Sciences for 1999-  
2000  
Presidential Scholarship, Trinity University, 1979-1982, academic award  
French Honor Society, Trinity University, 1980-1983

**Collaborative Grants:**

SERVE grant, “The History of LGBTQIA+ Activism at SPU,” July 2020-June 2021  
OIEX Seed Grant, History Department, Autumn 2021, forthcoming IDI training

**University Service:**

History Department Chair, Autumn 2021-  
Advisory Council on Diversity and Reconciliation, 2018-2021  
FLAGG co-leader with Dr. Emily Huff, Topics on Racism, 2019- present