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**EDUCATION**

- 2018**            **PhD in African History, University of Wisconsin at Madison**  
Dissertation Title: “Charity, Cosmopolitanism and the City in coastal East Africa, 1750s-1930s” (August 2018)
- 2008**            **MA in World History, Northeastern University, Boston, MA**  
MA Title: “Toward a Swahili Narrative: Africans, Arabs and Europeans in East Africa’s Textual Tradition”
- 1997**            **BA in History and Social Science, Cedarville University**

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2015-present**    Assistant Professor of History, Indiana Wesleyan University
- Courses taught: “World History to 1500”; “World History 1500 to present”; “Africa and the World”; “History of the Middle East and North Africa”; “Topics in History: Zambian History” (for Nursing Abroad students); “History of the Christian-Muslim Encounter”
- 2015 Spring**    Instructor for “Global Islams: Histories of Multiple Muslim Modernities” (HST225), University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2008-2015**      Teaching Assistant, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
“Africa: an Introductory Survey” with James Sweet, Summer 2015  
“Africa since 1940” with Emily Callaci, Fall 2013
- 2013-2015**      Publications Assistant, African Studies Program, University of Wisconsin at Madison
- 2008-2015**      Project Assistant, Oral History Project  
University Archives, University of Wisconsin at Madison

2006-2008 Teaching Assistant, Northeastern University  
 “Introduction to Middle Eastern History” with Ilham Khuri-Makdisi  
 “Soviet Secret Police” with Jeffrey Burds

1999-2006 History Teacher, Baptist High School, Haddon Heights, NJ

## PUBLICATIONS

**In preparation** *The Wealth of God: Islamic Charity in East Africa* (book manuscript based on dissertation research)

“‘The Graves of our Pioneers’: Regimes of Sacred Space in British East Africa”

**2012** “The Leper Settlement at Walezo: a case study of a colonial-era state-society partnership,” *Cahiers d’Afrique de L’est* 45 (Dec 2012), 117-129.

## PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE PAPERS

2019 “Watching Black Panther in Marion: Marvel and the (re)imagination of Africa,” Day of Courageous Conversations, Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, IN, February 2019

2017 “‘We can no longer afford sentiment’: F. C. McClellan and the reorganization of Zanzibar’s Wakf Commission,” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 2017

“Sympathetic Communities: Omani Wakf Donors and Donations, 1830-1890,” Northwestern University/University of Wisconsin-Madison African History Workshop, April 2017

2016 “Domesticating Charity: urban Omani wakf in 20th century Zanzibar,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, November 2016

2015 “Charity Interrupted: Local Knowledge and early British administrative reform in 20th Century Zanzibar,” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 2015

- 2015 (cont)      “Islamic Charity as Oceanic Knowledge,” Conference on “Early Maritime Cultures on the E. African Coast,” Madison, WI, October 2015
- “Oral History,” Indiana Wesleyan University Research Seminar, Marion, IN, October 2015
- “‘Under Present Circumstances’: Islamic Charity and Urban Vulnerability in early 20th Century Zanzibar,” at “Spirit and Sentiment: Affective Trajectories of Religious Being in Urban Africa,” International Conference of the Research Network on Religion, AIDS and Social Transformation in Africa (RASTA), Berlin, Germany, May 2015
- 2014                “*Wakf* and the Social Logics of Urban Development in Zanzibar (1800-1890),” Institute for Research in the Humanities, Madison, WI, November 2014
- 2013                “Philanthropy, Patronage and Power in Swahili cities, 1820-1890,” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, November 2013
- 2009                “Early Swahili History from an Oceanic Perspective,” Boston University Graduate Student Fall 2009 Conference, Boston MA
- “Toward a Swahili Narrative: Africans, Arabs and Europeans in East Africa’s Textual Tradition,” Northwestern University/University of Wisconsin-Madison Spring 2009 Workshop, Madison WI
- 2008                “Disciplining African Bodies; Freeing African Minds: Colonial Violence in 1950s Kenya,” New England Historical Society Spring 2008 Conference, Boston MA. Won NEHA Graduate Student Paper Prize 2008.

#### HONORS AND AWARDS

- Spring 2015      Merle Curti Teaching Fellowship, University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of History
- Fall 2014        Dana-Allen Dissertation Fellowship, Institute for Research in the Humanities, University of Wisconsin at Madison

- Spring 2014      Chancellor’s Fellowship, University of Wisconsin-Madison Graduate School
- 2012-2013      University Fellowship for Graduate Study in African History, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2011-2012      Mellon Foundation/Fulbright-Hays Fellowship for Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad in Zanzibar and Kenya, 2011-2012
- 2009-2011      Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship  
for Arabic at UW-Madison—Academic Year 2010-2011  
for Kiswahili at UW-Madison—Academic Year 2009-2010
- 2010              Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Grant  
for Intensive Summer Kiswahili; Arusha, Tanzania—Summer 2010
- 2008-2009      University Fellowship for Graduate Study in African History  
Academic Years 2008-2009 and 2012-2013
- 2008              NEHA Graduate Student Paper Prize for “Disciplining African Bodies; Freeing African Minds: Colonial Violence in 1950s Kenya,”
- Feer Award (highest graduate GPA); Northeastern Univ., May 2008
- 2006-2008      Stipended Graduate Assistantship, Northeastern University

#### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICE**

Intercultural Fellow, Indiana Wesleyan University, 2017-present  
 African Studies Association  
 World History Association  
 Middle East Studies Association  
 American Historical Association

#### **FOREIGN LANGUAGES**

Kiswahili (advanced high reading, speaking, writing proficiency)  
 French (intermediate reading proficiency)  
 Arabic (intermediate high reading, speaking, writing proficiency)