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Academic Employment

At Case Western Reserve University:

Professor of History, 2017-
Theodore J. Castele Professor of the History of Medicine, 2000-
Associate Director, Master's Program in Medicine, Society and Culture,
Department of Bioethics, 2016-
Adjunct Professor of Psychiatry, 2014-
Adjunct Professor of Bioethics, 2016-
History Department Chair, 2006-2015
Associate Professor of History, 1999-2017
Assistant Professor of History, 1993-1998
Director, College Scholars Program, 2001-2006

Teaching and Research Interests

History of medicine/psychiatry; modern African history; comparative history of race, slavery, and colonialism; world history.

Education

Ph. D., 1993, History, The Johns Hopkins University
Dissertation: "Imperial Bedlam: Institutions of Madness and Colonialism in Southwest Nigeria"
Fields in Comparative World History, African History, Cultural Anthropology, and European Intellectual History
Visiting Fellow, Fall 1989, Psychiatric Epidemiology Training Program, Columbia University School of Public Health
Course work in Psychiatric Epidemiology, Clinical Psychiatry, and Medical Anthropology
M.A., 1987, Modern British History, Stanford University
B.A. with High Honors, 1984, History, Wesleyan University
Concentration: European Imperialism and the Third World
Thesis: "Bulhoek: The Millenium and the Rise of Racial Politics in South Africa"

Fellowships, Awards, and Distinctions

Nationally-Competitive Fellowships and Grants

Greenwall Foundation Grant (as Co-Principal Investigator), Spring 2006
Howard Foundation Fellowship, Spring 2003
Fellow, National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar on the Contributions of the History of Medicine to Social History, Summer 1995
Fellowship, Institute for Advanced Research in the Humanities in Africa, Evanston, Illinois, Winter 1991-1992
Fellowship for Interdisciplinary Training and Research in Health and Agriculture in Africa, Social Science Research Council, June, 1989
Fellowship for Research in Africa from the Social Science Research Council, May, 1989 (declined)

Internal CWRU Fellowships and Grants

Baker-Nord Center for the Humanities Conference Grant, Summer 2006
CGREAL Grant (as Co-Investigator), Spring 2006
Service Learning Fellowship, Fall 2004
U-CITE Learning Fellowship, Fall 2004
College of Arts and Sciences Senior Faculty Research Fellowship, Spring 2001
1525 Foundation Ethics Fellowship, Summer, 1997

Other Honors

Nominee for the Jessica Melton Award for Instruction in Disciplinary Writing, 2018
Nominee for the Bruce Jackson, MD, Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Mentoring, 2017.
Northeast Ohio Council on Higher Education Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2005
John S. Diekhoff Award for Distinguished Graduate Teaching, CWRU, 1999 (also a finalist in 2008)
Nominee for the Carl F. Wittke Award for Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching, CWRU (5 times)
Ph. D. qualifying examinations with distinction, June 1989

Publications (Refereed Publications are marked with an asterisk)

Books

- **Depression: A History* (forthcoming from Polity Books)
- * *Electroconvulsive Therapy in America: The Anatomy of a Medical Controversy* (Routledge, 2016)
- **Imperial Bedlam: Institutions of Madness and Colonialism in Southwest Nigeria.* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1999).

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

- (In progress, with Kristi Ninneman) “Electroconvulsive Therapy in Popular Culture: Memory, Erasures, and Power” for submission to *Harvard Review of Psychiatry*
- (In progress, with Jeremy Greene) “The Colonial and Postcolonial Roots of Global Mental Health Efforts,” for submission to Bibhav Acharya and Anne E. Becker, eds., *Global Mental Health Services Delivery: A Framework for Training and Practice*.
- “Somatic Treatments” in Greg Eghigian, ed., *The Routledge History of Madness and Mental Health* (Routledge, 2017).
- *The Long Shadow of Colonialism: Why We Study Medicine in Africa” in Paula Viterbo and Kalala Ngalamulume, eds. *Medicine and Health in Africa: Multidisciplinary Perspectives* (East Lansing: Michigan State University Press, 2010).
- **“Beyond the Metaphor of the Pendulum: Electroconvulsive Therapy, Psychoanalysis, and the Styles of American Psychiatry” *The Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences* 61 (January, 2006) 1-25.
- *“The Reality of Mental Illness and the Social World: Lessons from Colonial Psychiatry,” *Harvard Review of Psychiatry*, 11, 4 (July 2003).
- **“Symptoms of Colonialism: Content and Context of Delusion in Southwest Nigeria, 1945-1960” in Robert Barrett and Janis Jenkins, eds. *Schizophrenia, Culture, and Subjectivity: The Edge of Experience* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2003)
- **“Confinement and Colonialism in Nigeria,” in Roy Porter and David Wright, eds. *The Confinement of the Insane, 1800-1965: International Perspectives* (Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2003)
- “‘The Great Patients’: Heroes and Anti-Heroes in a Medical History Course,” *Radical History Review* 74 (1999) 173-183 (invited submission)
- **“Psychiatry and Colonial Ideology in Nigeria,” *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* 71, 1 (Spring 1997) 94-111
- “T. A. Lambo,” in Lois Magner, ed., *Doctors, Nurses, and Medical Practitioners* (Westport: Greenwood Press, 1997)
- **“The Confinements of Isaac O.: A Case of ‘Acute Mania’ in Colonial Nigeria,” *History of Psychiatry*, 7 (1996), 91-112

Encyclopedia Article

- “T. A. Lambo” in Henry Louis Gates, Jr., and Emmanuel Akyeampong, eds., *Dictionary of African Biography* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2011).

Book Reviews in:

Social History of Medicine
Somatosphere
Medical History (2)
Journal of Religion in Africa

International Journal of African Historical Studies (5)
Journal of the American Medical Association
Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences (2)
American Historical Review (2)
Journal of African History
Hastings Center Report
Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences (4)
Isis
Bulletin of the History of Medicine (13)
The Historian (3)
The Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease (2)

Selected Presentations

Selected Invited Lectures and Seminar Papers

- “Depression and Culture: The History of a Global Mental Health Conundrum,” in Preparation for “Global Histories of Psychiatry,” Groningen University, The Netherlands, November 2018
- “Before and After Prozac: The Historiography of Depression,” Department of the History and Sociology of Science and Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, April 2018
- “Cold War Medicine: Electroconvulsive Therapy as Therapy and Control in an Age of Anxiety,” Center for the History of Psychology, Akron, February 2013
- “Electroconvulsive Therapy and the History of Therapeutics,” Program in the History of Medicine and Science, Yale University, September 2011
- “Medicine and Danger,” Washington University, April 2011
- “The History of a Side Effect: Electroconvulsive Therapy and Memory Loss, 1940-The Present,” Department of History of Science and Medical History and Bioethics, University of Wisconsin, Madison, September, 2007; also presented as the Annual Zverina Lecture, CWRU, October, 2007
- “Unsettling Stories of Shock Therapy,” Program in Science, Technology, and Society at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, November 2005, also presented as the Dorothy Bernstein Lecture, Department of the History of Medicine, University of Minnesota, September, 2005, and to the Institute for the History of Medicine, The Johns Hopkins University, November, 2003
- “Electroconvulsive Therapy and the Concept of Medical Progress,” The Lillian Sauter Lecture, New York Academy of Medicine, February 2004
- “The Reality of Mental Illness and the Social World: Lessons from Colonial Psychiatry,” at the Conference “The Politics of Racial Health,” Rutgers University, October 2001
- Grand Rounds, Department of Psychiatry, Maimonides Medical Center, Brooklyn, New York, January 2001
- “Colonial Psychiatry and the Historiography of Psychiatry,” Richardson Seminar in the History of Psychiatry, Cornell Medical College, New York City, Sept. 1999
- “‘Symptoms of Colonialism’: Patients and Problems in Southwest Nigeria’s ‘Lunatic

- Asylums' in the Late Colonial Period," Program in Society and Medicine, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, March 1998.
- "The Political Construction of Delusion: A Gain for 'Normal' History?" Cleveland Psychoanalytic Society, January 1997
- "T. A. Lambo and the Architecture of African Psychiatry," Handerson Medical History Society, Cleveland, Ohio, January 1995
- "The Enigma of Colonial Medicine" at the conference "Doing is Believing: Credibility in Science," Cornell University, April 1995
- "Benin and Benin Art in Modern World History," Cleveland Museum of Art, May 1994.
- "The Confinements of Isaac O.: A Case of 'Acute Mania' in Colonial Nigeria," Institute for Advanced Research in the Humanities in Africa, Evanston, Illinois, January, 1992.
- "The Colonial 'Lunatic Asylums' of Southwestern Nigeria: A Historical Overview," presented to the Institute of African Studies, the University of Ibadan, Nigeria, April, 1991.
- "Institutionalization in a Colonial Context: Southwestern Nigeria, 1906-1960," Faculty Fellows Seminar, Psychiatric Epidemiology Training Program, Columbia University School of Public Health, December, 1989.

Conference Papers

- "Depression and Culture: The History of a Global Mental Health Conundrum," in preparation for the conference "Global Histories of Psychiatry," Groningen, The Netherlands, November 2018
- "Whatever Works: Medical Efficacy in History and Anthropology," (co-authored with Eileen Anderson-Fye), American Anthropological Association, November 2015
- "Problems of Presentism: History and Psychoanalysis in a Post-Freudian Culture," Conference of the American Historical Association, January 2008.
- "A Therapy of the Mind Meets a Technology of the Body: American Psychoanalysis and Electro-Convulsive Therapy," International Congress of the History of Technology, Prague, August 2000
- "Colonial Psychiatry and its Historiography," presented at a panel on "African Historiographies 1995: Reflections on Current Work and New Directions," African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Orlando, November 1995 (also chaired panel).
- "How the Mad Made God in West Africa: Conversion and the Enigma of Lunacy in Southwest Nigeria" for panel on "Evangelical Health and the Colonial Representation of the Body," Conference of the American Historical Association, January 1995.
- "Domination and Diagnosis: The 'Lunatic Asylums' of Colonial Nigeria as a Cultural Frontier," Conference of the American Association for the History of Medicine, May, 1994, and at a panel on "The Politics of Scientific and Expert Knowledge in Twentieth Century Africa," (also chaired panel), Conference of the African Studies Association, November 1994.
- "The Science of Colonialism: Psychiatry's Definition of the 'African Mind' in Nigeria," Conference of the American Association for the History of Medicine, May 1993.

Public Engagement

Popular Press

“Electroconvulsive Therapy: A History of Controversy, But Also of Help,” *The Conversation*, January 13, 2017.

Reprinted in *Scientific American* on-line, January 2017.

Print Interviews

Culture, Medicine, and Society (on-line edition), February 1, 2017.

Psychiatric Times, June 23, 2017.

Radio Appearances

Interviewed about the history of electroconvulsive therapy for the syndicated public radio program “The Pulse”; aired February 17, 2017

Interviewed about the history of electroconvulsive therapy for the syndicated public radio program “The Infinite Mind”; aired May 4, 2005

Interviewed for program on culture and mental illness, “Odyssey” at Chicago Public Radio, WBEZ, aired July 18, 2002

CWRU Junior Faculty Members Formally Mentored

Renee Sentilles, Associate Professor of History (tenured 2005)
Cheryl Toman, Professor of Modern Languages and Literature (tenured 2009)
Gillian Weiss, Associate Professor of History (tenured 2010)
John Broich, Associate Professor of History (tenured 2014)
Damaris Puñales-Alpízar, Associate Professor of Modern Languages and Literature
(tenured 2016)
Wendy Fu, Assistant Professor of History (Now Assistant Professor at Emory University)
Ananya Dasgupta, Assistant Professor of History

CWRU Courses Taught

Freud and the Psychoanalytic Movement
Comparative Colonialism
Graduate Seminar: Foundations of Medical Humanities and Social Medicine
First Year Seminar: The Atlantic Slave Trade
Graduate Seminar in Comparative History: Slavery
Graduate Seminar in Comparative History: Empire
The Age of Prozac: Social and Cultural Aspects of Depression
The Body in History
Colonialism in Africa
History of Southern Africa
Introduction to Modern World History
Introduction to Modern African History
History of Medicine
History and Cultural Studies
Culture, History, and “Mental Illness”

Other Professional Activities

Instructor in the History of Psychoanalysis, Cleveland Psychoanalytic Center, 2018
Co-organizer, “Beyond Empathy: Critical Perspectives on Medicine, Society and
Culture,” Symposium for the Cleveland Humanities Festival Spring 2018
Advisory Editorial Board, h-madness, 2017-
Instructor in the History of Psychiatry, Psychiatry Residency Program, University
Hospitals of Cleveland, 2009-
Editorial Board, *Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry*, 2007-
Editorial Board, *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*, 2008-2011
American Association for the History of Medicine, 2009 Annual Conference Local
Arrangements Committee
American Association for the History of Medicine, 2009 Annual Conference Program
Committee
Welch Medal Committee, American Association for the History of Medicine, 2007-2008
Article Manuscript Peer Reviewer for the *American Historical Review*; *Bulletin of the
History of Medicine*; *Radical History Review*; *Gender and History*; *Comparative*

Studies in Society and History; History of Psychiatry; Journal of the American Medical Association; Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History; The Lancet; Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences; Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences; Spontaneous Generations; British Journal of Psychiatry; Medical History; Culture, Medicine, and Psychiatry; Law and History Review; Journal of Nervous and Mental Diseases; International Journal of African Historical Studies; Journal of African History; Canadian Journal of History; Medical Anthropology Theory; History of Psychology; Theory and Society; American Journal of Public Health

Book Manuscript Peer Reviewer for the University of Pennsylvania Press, Rutgers University Press, Prentice Hall, University of Chicago Press, University of Nebraska Press, University of California Press, The Johns Hopkins University Press

Fellowship or Grant Reviewer for the National Science Foundation, New York Academy of Medicine, The Wellcome Trust

Pre-screener, Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Field Research Fellowships, 1999-2000

Conference Organizing Committee, "German-American Frontiers of Social Science," 1999-2000

Advisory Committee for "African Zion: The Sacred Art of Ethiopia," 1995, and for "The Royal Art of Benin," 1994, at the Cleveland Museum of Art

Outside examiner for history honors committees, Swarthmore College, 1995

Outside examiner for history honors committees, Kenyon College, 1994, 2001

Selected University Service and Administration

Chair, Search Committee in History of Science, 2017-2018

College of Arts and Sciences Graduate Committee, 2017-

Chair, Search Committee in South Asian History, 2012-2013

University Librarian Search Committee, 2009-2010

Ethnic Studies Program Steering Committee, 2004-2011

President's Committee on Child Care Opportunities, 2008-2009

Faculty Senate (3-year term, 2008-2011)

Faculty Senate Executive Committee, 2010-2011

University Strategic Planning Committee on Experiential Learning, 2007-2008

College of Arts and Sciences Strategic Planning Committee on Graduate Education, 2007-2008, 2013-2014

Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Advisory Board, 2007-2008

University Honorary Degree Committee, 2006-2007

SAGES Advisory Committee, 2006-2007

Freshman Common Reading Committee, 2006-2007

Chair, Search Committee in the History of Science, Technology, Environment, or Medicine, 2006-2007

British History Search Committee, 2006-2007

College of Arts and Sciences Executive Committee, 2003-2006

Executive Committee Representative to Chair Council, 2005-2006

History Department Graduate Council, 2003-2004, 2006-2016
Chair, Latin American History Search Committee, 2003-2004
Pancoast Fellowship Selection Committee, 2002, 2003
Early Modern European History Search Committee, 2001-2002
President's Commission on Undergraduate Education and Life, 2000-2001
African Art History Search Committee, 2000-2001
Ad Hoc Committee on Course Evaluations, 1999-2000
University Committee on the Status of Women, 1998-2000
American Women's History Search Committee, 1999-2000
Chair, History Department Speakers Committee, 1994-1996, 1999-2002, 2007-2011
Kirk Middle School Project (through U-CITE), 1999-2000
Co-organizer, Faculty Colloquium on "Body and Embodiment," Baker-Nord Center for
the Humanities, 1998-1999
Humanities Week Founder and Coordinator, 1997
Co-Director, Mellon Fellows Dissertation Program, 1996-1997
Faculty Advisor for Phi Alpha Theta and the Society for History and Culture, 1994-1998
"Share the Vision" Committee, 1996-1999
Women's Studies Program Steering Committee, 1996-2002
Undergraduate Advisor for Women's Studies, 1998-2001
Asian History Search Committees, 1995-1996, 1996-1997