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Education

University of Pennsylvania, Ph.D. in History (2008)
Areas of Specialization: Northeast Africa, Imperialism, Global History, Europe in a Wider World
Committee: Lee Cassanelli, Heather Sharkey, and Lynn Hollen Lees

University of Pennsylvania, A.M. in History (2003)
University of Texas at Austin, B.A. in History, with Honors (2000)
Austin Community College (1995-1997)

Employment

Associate Professor, History Department (2015-Present)
John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York City

Assistant Professor, History Department (2009-2015)
John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York City

Visiting Assistant Professor, History Department (2008-2009)
John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York City

Courses

The Modern World	Colonial Justice	Historiography
The Medieval World	Making of the 99%	Historical Research Methods
Imperialism in Africa and Asia	Globalization Past and Present	Senior Thesis in History

Publications: Book

Guardians of the Tradition: Historians and Historical Writing in Ethiopia and Eritrea (Rochester: University of Rochester Press, 2015).

Publications: Peer Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters

"A Cruel Destiny: The Armenian Stranger in Twentieth Century Ethiopia," *International Journal of African Historical Studies* 49, no. 3 (2016): 405-435.

"Missionaries and the Making of Colonial Notables: Conversions to Modernity in Eritrea and Ethiopia, 1890-1935," in *Cultural Conversions: Unexpected Consequences of Christian Missionary Encounters in the Middle East, Africa, and Asia*, ed. Heather Sharkey (Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, 2013), 157-175, 255-261.

"Northeast African Studies," *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East* 33, no. 2 (2013): 154-155.

"Red Sea Travelers in Mediterranean Lands: Ethiopian Scholars and Early Modern Orientalism, ca. 1500-1668," in *World-Building in the Early Modern Imagination*, ed. Allison Kavey (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2010), 173-200.

"Textbooks and Films, Facts and Problems: Linking Visual Literacy and Critical Thinking in the World History Survey," *World History Bulletin* 26, no. 1 (2010): 49-51.

"'Listening for History' in an Amharic Histoire Universelle: Gabra Krestos Takla Hāymānot, Cosmopolitanism, and World Historiography, 1892-1932," *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East* 28, no. 2 (2008): 342-350.

"Caught in the Storm of Progress: Timoteos Saprighian, Ethiopia, and the Modernity of Christianity," *Journal of World History* 19, no. 1 (2008): 89-114.

Publications: Book Reviews

Review of *The Red Sea: In Search of Lost Space*, by Alexis Wick, *Northeast African Studies* (forthcoming).

Review of *Etiopia 1800-1900. Le strategie del potere tra l'Africa e l'Italia*, by Irma Taddia, *International Journal of African Historical Studies* (forthcoming).

Review of *Collision of Empires: Italy's Invasion of Ethiopia and its International Impact*, ed. G. Bruce Strang, *Itinerario* 40, no. 2 (2016): 311-312.

Review of *Paths Toward the Nation: Islam, Community, and Early Nationalist Mobilization in Eritrea, 1941-1961*, by Joseph Venosa, *Journal of African History* 57, no. 2 (2016): 296-298.

Review of *The Quest for Socialist Utopia: The Ethiopian Student Movement c. 1960-1974*, by Bahru Zewde, *International Journal of African Historical Studies* 48, no. 1 (2015): 118-120.

Review of *Early Modern Dutch Prints of Africa*, by Elizabeth Sutton, *Journal of African History* 55, no. 1 (2014): 122-124.

Review of *The Siege of Magdala: The British Empire against the Emperor of Ethiopia*, by Volker Matthies, *International Journal of African Historical Studies* 45, no. 2 (2012): 332-333.

Review of *Anglo-Ethiopian Relations 1869-1906: A Study of British Policy in Ethiopia*, by K.V. Ram, *International Journal of African Historical Studies* 44, no. 2 (2011): 333-334.

Review of *The Ethiopian Revolution: War in the Horn of Africa*, by Gebru Tareke, *International Journal of African Historical Studies* 43, no. 2 (2010): 383-384.

Review of *Red Sea Citizens: Cosmopolitan Society and Cultural Change in Massawa*, by Jonathan Miran, *Islamic Africa* 1, no. 1 (2010): 128-130.

Review of *Radicalism and Cultural Dislocation in Ethiopia, 1960-1974*, by Messay Kebede, *International Journal of African Historical Studies* 42, no. 2 (2009): 326-327.

Review of *Colonialism in Question: Theory, Knowledge, History*, by Frederick Cooper, *University of Pennsylvania African Studies Newsletter* (Spring, 2007): 2-3.

Presentations

"Empire and the Politics of Expertise: Reconstructing the Multilingual Flame War of Enrico Cerulli and Ḥeruy Wäldä Śelassé," Paper to be presented at the SOAS workshop "Multilingual Locals and Significant Geographies," New Delhi, India, December 14-16, 2017.

"Who's the Expert? Intertextual Politics and Epistemic Injustice in the Work of Enrico Cerulli and Ḥeruy Wäldä Śelassé" (Paper presented at the annual conference of the Canadian Association of African Studies, Toronto, Ontario, May 31-June 2, 2017).

"Orientalism on Trial: Enrico Cerulli and the United Nations War Crimes Commission" (Invited paper presented at the School for Advanced Research Summer Colloquia, Santa Fe, July 20, 2016).

"Rabbits and Poachers: Intercultural Collaboration and Discord in the Genealogy of Ethiopian Studies" (Invited paper presented at the symposium "Beyond Orientalism: Abyssinia and/in the World," Washington University St. Louis, May 1, 2015).

"Ḥeruy Wäldä Śelassé and the Lessons of Modern Egypt: Historical Texture in Ethiopian Travel Writing" (Paper presented at the International Conference of Ethiopian Studies, Dire Dawa, Ethiopia, October 29-November 2, 2012).

"Publishing in Northeast African Studies" (Roundtable at the International Conference of Ethiopian Studies, Dire Dawa, Ethiopia, October 29-November 2, 2012).

"Travel Writing as Intellectual Mediation: the Ethiopian Search for the New Queen of Sheba" (Paper presented at the

annual meeting of the World History Association, Albuquerque, New Mexico, June 27-30, 2012).

"Making Sense of Yä'eslam Mängest: Constructions of the Muslim World in Early Modern Ethiopian Historiography" (Paper presented at the annual conference of the Middle East Studies Association, Washington, December 1-4, 2011).

"Histories of the Sacred and Profane: Perspectives on Early Twentieth Century Historiography from the Bibliographies of Heruy Wäldä Šellasé" (Paper presented at the Junior Scholars Research Seminar, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia, November 3, 2011).

"Uncovering Connected Histories: Red Sea Travelers and the Genealogy of Early Modern Orientalism" (Paper presented at the annual Sixteenth Century Society Conference, Montreal, Quebec, October 14-17, 2010).

"Divine Histories, Sacred Geographies, and Troubled Colonies: The Holy Land and Ethiopian Intellectual Life, 1500-1945" (Paper presented at the annual conference of the Middle East Studies Association, Boston, Massachusetts, November 21-24, 2009).

"Being Modern Through the Past: Historiography, Print Culture, and Ethiopian and Eritrean Intellectuals, 1890-1935" (Paper presented at the International Conference of Ethiopian Studies, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia, November 1-9, 2009).

"Films and Critical Thinking in the World History Classroom: Reflections on a Teaching Portfolio" (Paper presented at the annual meeting of the World History Association, Salem, Massachusetts, June 25-28, 2009).

"Manuscripts and Books, Chronicles and Histories: Print Culture and the Production of Knowledge in Colonial Eritrea, 1885-1935" (Paper presented at the conference "Technology and Print Media in Modern Italy," Italian Studies Department, Seton Hall University, South Orange, New Jersey, October 16-17, 2008).

"Reconciling Cultural Conversion and National Authenticity: A Colonial Notable's History of Eritrea, 1900-1936" (Paper presented at the conference "Comparative Studies of Mission Christianity and Cultural Conversion in the Middle East, Africa, and Asia," University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 10-11, 2008).

"World History on the Periphery: Listening for History in an Amharic Histoire Universelle, 1900-1924" (Paper presented at the annual University of Pennsylvania Humanities Forum, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, February 22-23, 2007).

"Colonialism and Modernity in the Nile Valley" (Paper presented at the annual Middle Eastern Studies Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, May 16, 2006).

"Caught in the Storm of Progress: Timoteos Saprichian, Ethiopia, and Armenian Modernity" (Paper presented at the annual conference of the Barnes Club, Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, February 19, 2005).

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

Professional Staff Congress/CUNY Research Award (B), PSC/CUNY (2017)

Program Improvement Grant (Co-PI), Teaching and Learning Center, CUNY John Jay College (2017)

William Y. and Nettie K. Adams Fellowship in the History of Anthropology, School for Advanced Research (2016)

D3 Faculty Fellowship, John Jay College, CUNY (2016)

Collaborative Incentive Research Grant (Co-PI), CUNY (2014-2015)

Book Publication Funding, Office for the Advancement of Research, CUNY John Jay College (2014)

Franklin Research Grant, American Philosophical Society (2014)

Professional Staff Congress/CUNY Research Award (A), PSC/CUNY (2014)

Seed Grant, Office for the Advancement of Research, CUNY John Jay College (2013)

Pedagogy Development Grant, Center for Advancement of Teaching, CUNY John Jay College (2013)

William Stewart Travel Award, University Faculty Senate, CUNY (2012)

Franklin Research Grant, American Philosophical Society (2011)

Professional Staff Congress/CUNY Research Award (A), PSC/CUNY (2011)

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar Grant ("Remapping the Renaissance: Exchange between Early Modern Islam and Europe"), University of Maryland College Park (2010)

Associate Fellow, Rutgers Center for Historical Analysis, Rutgers University New Brunswick (2008-2009, declined)

Travel Grant, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania (2008)

Penfield Dissertation Research Fellowship, School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania (2007-2008)

Salvatori Research Award, Department of Italian Studies, University of Pennsylvania (2007)
Heckman Grant, Hill Monastic Manuscript Library, St. John's University (2006-2007)
Research Assistant Fellowship, African Studies Center, University of Pennsylvania (2006-2007)
Faye Ratner Research Travel Grant, Department of History, University of Pennsylvania (2006)
Dissertation Prospectus Grant, Department of History, University of Pennsylvania (2005)
Barnes Club Conference Prize for Best Paper in World History, Department of History, Temple University (2005)
Foreign Language Area Studies Scholarship (FLAS), US Department of Education (2003-2005)

Service: University and College

Chairperson, Student Election Review Committee (2011-2012)
Member, College Wide Assessment Committee (2012-2014)
Member, History Department Curriculum and Assessment Committee (2009-present)
Member, History Department Grade Appeal Committee (2014-present)
Member, History Department Faculty Development Committee (2008-2009)
Member (Alternate), Student Election Review Committee (2015-2016)
Major Advising Coordinator, History Department (2013-present)
Faculty Advisor, College Democrats (2012-2014)
Faculty Advisor, Student Council (2010-2011)
Coordinator, History Department/First Year Experience (2012)
Coordinator, History Department Major and Course Advertising (2011-2012)
Participant, CUNY Online/Hybrid Instruction Workshop (2011)
Participant, History Department Teaching Portfolio Project (2009)

Service: Professional

Managing Editor, *Northeast African Studies* (2010-2015)
Contributing Editor, *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East* (2013-present)
External Reviewer, *International Journal of African Historical Studies*
External Reviewer, *Islamic Africa*
External Reviewer, *Journal of African History*
External Reviewer, *Journal of the History of Ideas*
External Reviewer, *Journal of Law and Religion*
External Reviewer, *Northeast African Studies*
External Reviewer, MacArthur Foundation
External Reviewer, Oxford University Press
External Reviewer, Lynne Rienner Publishers
External Reviewer, Syracuse University Press
External Reviewer, Pearson-Prentice Hall Publishers (Academic Editions)
External Reviewer, Bedford-St. Martins
Member, History of Anthropology Network
Member, World History Association
Member, Middle East Studies Association
Member, African Studies Association
Member, Canadian African Studies Association
Grader, AP World History Exam (2009, 2010)
Coordinator, Title VI National Resource Center Grant, University of Pennsylvania (2007)
Coordinator, Conference on Comparative Studies of Mission Christianity and Cultural Conversion in the Middle East, Africa, and Asia (2008)
Coordinator, Annual Sudan Studies Conference, Sudan Studies Association (2007)
Coordinator, Title VI African Studies Colloquium, Philadelphia (2007)
Coordinator, African Studies Scholar for a Day Conference, University of Pennsylvania (2007)
Associate, Communicating within the Curriculum Pedagogy Program, University of Pennsylvania (2005)
Media Literacy Curriculum Coordinator, Media Tank, Philadelphia (2004)
Public Historian, Spiral Q/Living Loft Community Arts Museum, Philadelphia (2002-2004)
Family Services Social Worker, San Francisco (2000-2001)

Languages

Amharic, Italian, French