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EDUCATION/TRAINING

Yale University	2012 – 2018
<i>Doctor of Philosophy</i>	Expected May 2018
<i>Master of Philosophy</i>	May 2015
<i>Master of Arts</i>	May 2015
Department of History, Department of African American Studies	

Dissertation: “From the North Star to the Black Star: African North Americans and the Search for a Homeland in Canada, 1919–1985”

Dissertation Chair: Professor Glenda Gilmore

Committee: Professors Jonathan Holloway, Matthew Jacobson, Jay Gitlin, Gerald Jaynes,

Examination Fields: 20th Century U.S.; Immigration, Diasporas, and Economic Citizenship in North America; Rise and Fall of Atlantic Slavery; African American Labor from Reconstruction to WWII

University of Toronto	2004 – 2009
<i>Master of Arts</i>	June 2009
Political Science and Ethnic, Immigration, and Pluralism Studies	
<i>Honours Bachelor of Arts</i>	June 2008
International Relations and History (<i>magna cum laude</i>)	

FELLOWSHIPS AND PRIZES

- Predoctoral Fellow and Visiting Scholar, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2017-18
- Senior Resident Fellow, Massey College, University of Toronto, 2016-17
- Echoing Green Global Fellow, 2015-17
- Yale University Edla J. McPherson Fellow (distinction only), 2016-17
- Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation Doctoral Scholar, 2014-17
- Yale University Austin B. Creel Trust Award, Autumn 2016
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral Fellow, 2013-16
- Marcus Garvey Foundation’s Jean Harvey Slappy Research Fellow, Autumn 2016
- Stuart Taylor Travel Fund, Department of African American Studies, Summer 2016
- Yale University Falk Foundation Fellow (distinction only), 2015-16
- Howard R. Lamar Center for the Study of Frontiers and Borders Research Scholar, Autumn 2015
- Bosch Foundation Archival Fellowship for Young Historians, Autumn 2015
- Edward Alexander Bouchet Graduate Honor Society Inductee, 2015
- Junior Fellow (distinction only), Yale Urban Ethnography Project, 2014-15
- Humanity in Action, Senior Fellow (distinction only), 2014
- Humanity in Action Diplomacy and Diversity Fellow, Summer 2014
- Department of History Pre-Dissertation Fellowship, Spring 2014
- Yale University Felix G. Evangelist Fellow (distinction only), 2013-14
- Yale University Douglass M. Bomeisler Fellow (distinction only), 2012-13
- Yale Canadian History Prize for the Best Graduate Student Essay, 2013
- Stuart Taylor Travel Fund, Department of African American Studies, Summer 2013
- Yale University Gilder Lehrman Center Fellow, Summer 2013
- University of Pennsylvania Social Science and Policy Forum Pre-Dissertation Fellowship in Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methods, Summer 2013

- Donald Gallup Fellowship in U.S. Literature, Beinecke Fellow, Spring 2013
- Davenport College Richter Fellow, Summer 2013
- Canadian Delegate to 5th UNESCO Human Rights Leadership Institute, Summer 2009
- Dr. Anderson Abbott Graduate Fellow, Fall 2008
- Canadian Council of Christians and Jews Graduate Fellow, Fall 2008

CONFERENCES AND LECTURES

- “Black Radicals, War Resisters, and the Elusive Search for the North Star,” York University, The Harriet Tubman Institute for Research on Africa and its Diasporas, (Autumn 2017)
- “Draft Resisters, the Underground Railroad, and the Enduring Promise of Canada, 1968–1974,” Yale University, Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition, February 2017
- “Canadian Perceptions of U.S. Racial Violence,” University of Toronto Ethnic and Pluralism Conference Graduate Keynote, 27 January 2017
- “Civil Rights or Human Rights? An African American Activist in Canada, 1950-1968,” African American Studies Endeavors Colloquium, Yale University, November 2016
- “The Fire Next Door: The 1967 Detroit Uprising in the Canadian Imagination,” Yale Redpath Conference in Detroit, September 2016
- “Saving Jimmy Wilson: Canadian Racial Consciousness and Alabama Justice, 1958,” York University, Black Lives Matter: Contemporary and Historical Perspectives on Liberation and Activism, May 2016
- “Counter-Subversion in Canada and the United States, 1965–1975,” Yale University, Edward Bouchet Speaker Series, April 2016
- “The Union Army’s Northern Asset: African Canadian Recruitment and the Civil War,” Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Florida, Autumn 2013
- “Youth Gang Prevention and Intervention Strategies in Toronto” at a national gang conference in Mexico City, Mexico, 2011
- “Deconstructing Gun Violence in Toronto: A Case Study on African-Canadian Youth and the ‘Year of the Gun,’” University of Toronto, Political Science Symposium, April 2009
- “The Moynihan Report: Analysis, Contemporary Discourse, and Social Policy Initiatives, University of Toronto, Ethnic and Pluralism Studies Conference, April 2009
- “The Morality Gap in Intra-State Warfare: Child Soldiering in Sierra Leone and Senegal,” University of Toronto, Undergraduate Senior Thesis Symposium, April 2008

PANELS AND OTHER PRESENTATIONS

- “Draft Resisters and the Enduring Myth of Canada,” Slavery and its Legacies Podcast, June 2017
- “Reconciling the Fruits of Citizenship,” Walrus Talks/Canada 150, May 2017
- “Voices of Africa: Student Activism on the Continent,” Presenter and Panelist, University of Toronto, January 2017
- “Why We Celebrate Black History,” Keynote Address, Massey College, February 2017
- “The Gift of History and the Burden of Greatness,” Toronto British Methodist Episcopal Church, Black History Month Keynote, February 2017
- “Roots, Routes, and Revolution: Black Liberation in the 21st Century,” Panelist, Massey College, February 2017
- “The Urgency of Scholar Activism,” Panelist, Yale Bouchet Conference, April 2017
- Yale Graduate Student Conference, Discussant, April 2016
- Yale Bouchet Graduate Conference, Panelist, April 2015
- “Africa Now,” Yale Afro-American Cultural Center 45th Anniversary, October 2014

Peer Reviewed

- “Saving Jimmy Wilson: Canadian Racial Consciousness and the U.S. Freedom Struggle, 1958,” *Unsettling the Great White North: African Canadian History* (York University Press, 2018)

Articles

- “Shedding Our False Sense of Virtue,” *The Walrus*, 3 August 2017
- Akwasi Owusu-Bempah and Wendell Adjetey. “Sound bites won’t stop bullets,” *The Toronto Star*, 25 July 2012
- “Helping to take back our youth,” *The National Post*, 21 December 2009
- “Inner-city youth need positive role models,” *The National Post*, 19 August 2009

Other Publications

- “Policing Race: Rethinking the Myth of National Exceptionalism in a Canadian Context,” *Humanity in Action*, August 2014
- Neil Seeman and Patrick Luciani. *XXL: Obesity and the Limits of Shame*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2011. (Conducted research and editing)
- “From Discrimination to Equality: The Gradual Liberalization of Canada’s Immigration Policy in the 1960s” in *The Future of History Vol. 3, No. 1* (2008): 89-96
- “The Evolution of U.S.-Israeli Strategic Relations: The Making of a Regional Superpower” in *Undergraduate Journal of Political Science Vol. 2, No. 1* (2007): 25-34

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

ACADEMIC

Predoctoral Fellow and Visiting Scholar **2017 – 2018**
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Visiting Scholar and Senior Resident Fellow **2016 – 2017**
Massey College, University of Toronto

Teaching
Yale University

Assistant Instructor, Quebec and Canada, 1791 to Present **2015 – Present**

- Facilitate seminars; provide detailed feedback on written work

Yale University Teaching Fellow, The Civil War and Reconstruction Era **Winter 2015**

- Facilitate reading discussion in two sections; provided detailed feedback on written work

Lead Instructor, Yale Young Global Scholars **Summer 2015**

- Taught seminars in Politics, Law, and Economics; and International Affairs and Security
- Designed a curriculum and delivered 15 seminars on topics as far ranging as Dollar Diplomacy and John Locke and Property Rights to the Haitian Revolution, the Monroe Doctrine, and the U.S. Civil Rights Movement
- Mentored students and provided critical feedback on written assignments

ADMINISTRATIVE

Head Graduate Affiliate **2012 – 2016**
Davenport College, Yale University

- Oversee 35 graduate and professional students affiliated with a Yale residential college
- Coach seniors in the Mellon Research Forum on effective presentation skills

Residence Coordinator

2013 – 2016

Yale Graduate Housing

- Manage daily affairs of a graduate residence; instruct residents on proper conduct
- Coordinate and implement both large and small scale social events for residents

Graduate Fellow

2013 – 2015

Office for Graduate Student Development and Diversity, Yale University Graduate School

- Support the Associate Dean of the Graduate School in the recruitment and retention of under-represented minorities

Graduate Student-in-Resident Fellow

2013 – 2015

Afro-American Cultural Center, Yale University

- Support the management of the Center by providing leadership to undergraduate staff

Graduate Affiliate

Yale World Fellows Program, Yale University

2013 – 2014

- Liaise between the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and the Yale World Fellow

University Committees

Yale Edward Alexander Bouchet Conference Steering Committee

2015

Yale Martin Luther King, Jr./Black History Month

2013 – 2015

Yale African American Studies Department Senior Search Student Representative

2014

Yale Kaplanoff Librarian for American History Hiring Committee

2013

MANAGEMENT/LEADERSHIP

Board Governance

Director

2017 – Present

Inspirit Foundation, *a national non-profit that promotes pluralism and inclusion, and supports young change agents through impact investing*

Director and Secretary

2015 – Present

Tujenge Africa Foundation, *an educational and peace-building non-profit operating in post-conflict African states*

Co-founder and President (www.tujenge.org)

2015 – Present

Tujenge Africa Foundation

- Recipient of the prestigious 2015 Echoing Green Global [Fellowship](#)
- Fundraising \$1.2 million USD to construct two ground-breaking projects in Burundi: the first public library and the Tujenge Peace Academy, the first English curriculum, liberal arts school
- Working closely with high-level government stakeholders, high-net-worth individuals, and global philanthropic foundations

Founder and Executive Director (Volunteer)

2006 – 2011

Forster Terrace After-School Program, FTAP, *a non-profit organization that provided mentorship and educational support to inner-city youth*

- Fund-raised \$20,000 by liaising with educational institutions and community agencies
- Educated and empowered children and youth through literacy, arithmetic, and civic rights
- Prepared quarterly progress reports, budgets, and other financial statements

Research Consultant, Child Welfare Policy **2012**

Peel Children's Aid Society, *Government of Ontario Child Welfare Agency*

- Conducted in-depth research on child welfare and social service delivery in Ontario
- Wrote an extensive analytical and evaluative report on Afrocentric programming and service delivery for Black youth in state care
- Provided detailed recommendations to improve current practices

Research Associate, Health Care Policy **2009 – 2010**

Health Strategy Innovation Cell, *a patient-oriented health innovation think-tank*

- Researched public health, particularly obesity, in North America and Europe
- Conducted literature reviews, edited documents, and briefing materials for management

Researcher/Intern **2008 – 2009**

Canadian High Commission in Accra, Ghana, *Government of Canada*

- Conducted research and interviews with former child soldiers and victims of war crimes
- Completed a research paper on child soldiering in Sierra Leone and Senegal

Research Associate, Education Policy **2006 – 2008**

The Fraser Institute, *a leading economic and public policy think-tank*

- Conducted research on education policy and reviewed survey data

OTHER PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Toronto Urban Fellow, an intensive training in municipal public policy **2012**

City of Toronto (voluntarily declined to pursue a PhD at Yale University)

- One of 12 Fellows selected from an applicant pool of over 1200 candidates

Case Manager **2009 – 2012**

Prevention Intervention Toronto, *\$5-million federal gang prevention and intervention initiative*

- Provided case management and mentoring for 100 gang-involved Toronto youth
- Encouraged structural change through report writing, advocacy, and outreach
- Maintained a high level of clarity and calmness under duress
- Assisted in the development, implementation, and delivery of a peace-building/violence prevention curriculum on pro-social behaviour
- Facilitated workshops on vocational training, conflict resolution, and anger management

DiverseCity Fellow **2010 – 2011**

Civic Action, *Trains city builders to address critical public policy issues*

Freelance Journalist **2009 – 2012**

The Toronto Star and *National Post*

Immigration Officer Assistant **2006 – 2009**

Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC), *Government of Canada*

- Administered citizenship and immigration services in a demanding work environment
- Worked with social service providers to assist refugees and unaccompanied minors

AWARDS

- Police and Community Award of Excellence, 2017
- Featured doctoral student in the Fall 2014 Graduate School of Arts and Sciences [news](#)
- Summer 2014 "Ethnic Gem," *Ethnic Online*

- Keith Forde Youth of Excellence Award, 2012
- YMCA Peace Medallion, 2009
- Ontario Medal for Young Volunteers, 2008
- University of Toronto Father Robert Madden Graduation Leadership Award, 2008
- St. George's Society of Toronto Award for Humanitarianism, 2007
- Erindale S.S. Varsity Basketball Team Most Valuable Player, 2004; Varsity Captain, 2002 – 2004

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST