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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Africa and African Diaspora, African immigration, Women in Africa and the Atlantic World.

EDUCATION

PhD in History, May 1998 – YALE UNIVERSITY, New Haven, CT

M. Phil in History, 1989– YALE UNIVERSITY, New Haven, CT

BA in History with honors and International Relations, 1987 – MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE, South Hadley, MA

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Professor of History and International Affairs since Summer 2020.

Associate Professor, Department of History, The George Washington University, September 2006 – present.

Assistant Professor, Department of History, The George Washington University, 2001 –2006.

Assistant Professor, Department of Arts and Humanities, University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, TX, 1998 – 2001

Senior Lecturer, Department of Arts and Humanities, University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, TX, 1993-1998

RESEARCH

- African connections with its Diaspora
- Biography of a Black Atlantic family – 18th – 20th century

PUBLICATIONS

Books

African Americans and Africa: A New History, Yale University Press, 2019

West Indians in West Africa, 1808-1880: A Diaspora in reverse, University of Rochester Press, 2000

Articles/Book Chapters

Nemata Blyden and Jeannette Eileen Jones *Between Africa and America: Recalibrating Black Americans' Relationship to the Diaspora* in *Perspectives on History*, Volume 58, Issue 6, Aug 20, 2020

“This na true story of our history”: South Carolina in Sierra Leone's historical memory” in *Atlantic Studies: Global Currents*, Volume 12, Issue 3, 2015, pp. 355-370.

“Re envisioning the African Diaspora: Historical Memory and Cross-fertilization in Post-Colonial Sierra Leone” in Paradoxes of History and Memory in Post-Colonial Sierra Leone, Sylvia Ojukutu-Macauley and Ismail Rashid (eds), Lexington Books, 2013

“Relationships among Blacks in the Diaspora: African and Caribbean Immigrants and American-Born Blacks” in Africans in Global Migration: Searching for Promised Lands, editors John A. Arthur, Joseph Takougang, and Thomas Owusu, (Lexington Books 2012)

“Back to Africa: Sierra Leone, 1787-1897” in Back to Africa, Vol. II: The Ideology and Practice of the African Returnee Phenomenon from the Caribbean and North America ed. Kwesi Kwaa Prah (CASAS BOOK SERIES NO. 92, The Centre for Advanced Studies of African Society, 2012

“Early Black Atlantic Identities” in Back to Africa, Vol. II: The Ideology and Practice of the African Returnee Phenomenon from the Caribbean and North America, 2012 ed Kwesi Kwaa Prah (CASAS BOOK SERIES NO. 92, The Centre for Advanced Studies of African Society, 2012

“A Perspective of the African Diaspora in the United States” with Fenda Akiwumi in John W. Frazier, Joe T. Darden, Norah F. Henry (eds), The African Diaspora in the United States and Canada at the Dawn of the 21st Century (Global Academic Publishing, 2009)

“We have the cause of Africa at Heart”: West Indians and African-Americans in 19th century Freetown” in Mac Dixon-Fyle and Gibril Cole, New Perspectives on the Sierra Leone Krio, Peter Lang Publishing. 2006

“‘Back to Africa’ The Migration of New World Blacks to Sierra Leone and Liberia”, in Organization of American Historians Magazine of History, Volume 18, Number 3 (April 2004),

“The Search for Anna Erskine: African-American Women in nineteenth century Liberia in, Stepping Forward: Black Women in Africa and the Americas, Catherine Higgs, Barbara Moss, Earline Rae Ferguson, Ohio University Press, 2002

"Edward Jones: An African American in Sierra Leone" in edited work Moving On: Black Loyalists in the Afro-Atlantic World, John W. Pulis (ed.), Garland Publishing, Inc. 1999

Digital contributions/Encyclopedia entries

“Blyden, Edward Wilmot (1832-1912),” in *Encyclopedia of the African Diaspora*, Carole E. Boyce Davies (ed), ABC-CLIO, 2008. History Reference Online. ABC-CLIO. 27, 2009

“Liberia,” in *Encyclopedia of the African Diaspora*, in *Encyclopedia of the African Diaspora*, Carole E. Boyce Davies (ed), ABC-CLIO, 2008. History Reference Online. ABC-CLIO. 27, 2009

Contributor and consultant for website: In motion: the African-American migration experience <http://www.inmotionaame.org/migrations/index.cfm;jsessionid=f8301279401556793436366?bhcp=1> (Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture), 2002-2005.

Contributor: Howard Dodson and Sylviane Diouf, In motion: The African-American migration experience (Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture) National Geographic Society, Washington, D.C, 2005

“Non-African Diasporas” in *Encyclopedia of Twentieth-century African history*, Paul Tiyambe Zeleza and Dickson Eyoh (editors) New York: Routledge, 2003.

Updated “Sierra Leone” entry for *Encyclopedia Britannica*, 2000

Book Reviews:

Mariana P. Candido and Adam Jones (eds) African Women in the Atlantic World: Property, Vulnerability and Mobility, 1660–1880, *The English Historical Review*, Volume 135, Issue 577, December 2020

Beverly C. Tomek and Matthew J. Hetrick, Editors, New Directions in the Study of African American Recolonization in *The Journal of African History* (Cambridge University Press), 2018.

James Fairhead, Tim Geysbeek, Svend Holsoe and Melissa Leach African-American Exploration in West Africa: Four Nineteenth Century Diaries in *African Studies Review*, Vol. 48, number 1, April 2005

David Eltis (ed) Coerced and Free Migration: Global Perspectives, Stanford University Press, 2002 in *American Historical Review*, February 2004

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Invited Lectures and Panels

“Diaspora Conversations across the Centuries.” Spring Lecture series: Alexandrian Society, Virginia Commonwealth University, April 2021.

“Making African America: A Virtual Symposium on Immigration and the Changing Dynamics of Blackness,” co-sponsored by the Center for Global Migration Studies and the National Museum of African American History and Culture, March 2021. <https://nmaahc.si.edu/making-african-america>

Book talk and discussion, Holy Cross University, February 2021 (virtual)

Book talk and discussion, Georgia Southern University, March 2021 (virtual)

Book talk and discussion, Trinity Global Initiative, Trinity Washington College, November 2020 (virtual)

"The Krio People of Sierra Leone, West Africa: Creole Language and Culture" Montgomery College, October 2020

Speaker/Panelist, *August and Africa*, the August Wilson Society's annual lecture, September 2020.

Book talk/*African Americans and Africa*, Nemata Blyden, Zoom video conference, Discussion of *African Americans and Africa* with book club organized by docents at National Museum of African American History and Culture, April 2020.

Panelist, Launch event for the Institute of African Studies' Digital History resource titled "Remembering Biafra.", GWU, March 2020.

African Americans and Africa, Nemata Blyden, Mosaic Barnes & Noble Bookstore, Fairfax, VA AUTHOR TALK & BOOK SIGNING EVENT, February 2020.

Speaking Across the Centuries, Nemata Blyden, Vassar College History Department, February 2020.

"African Americans and Africa: From Slavery to Present": Series of three talks at University of Witwatersrand, North West University and Fort Hare University in South Africa under the auspices of the African Centre for the Study of the United States at Witwatersrand. Witwatersrand, February 17, 2020 North West, February 18, 2020 Fort Hare, February 20, 2020:

Panelist, "Sierra Leone and African Americans", The Department of History and African Studies Fourah Bay College University of Sierra Leone, Freetown, Sierra Leone, January 2020.

Keynote Speaker, *African Americans and Africa*, Reflecting on Four Centuries of African American Endurance The Benjamin A. Quarles Humanities and Social Science Institute, Morgan State University, November 2019.

Speaker for Africa Forum, "African Americans and Africa", Nemata Blyden, United States Naval Academy, November 2019.

African Americans and Africa, Nemata Blyden, Barnes & Noble @ Howard University, November 2019

African 'Immigrants' in Early America?: Early African Migration to the United States, Nemata Blyden, George Washington University, "The Metropolitan Washington Workshop on Immigration & Race, October 2019.

Washington History Seminar., Book discussion, The Woodrow Wilson Center and the National History Center, September 2019.

Book talk/*African Americans and Africa*, Invited talk by Odyssey bookstore co-sponsored with History Department, Mount Holyoke College, Odyssey Bookstore, South Hadley, MA, September 2019.

"African Americans and Africa: Conversations across the Centuries," Featured Speaker, Africana Studies Program, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV, April 2019.

"The Amistad: Diasporic Encounters in the Black World." Keynote Speaker, 16th Annual Lecture on the AMISTAD, Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, CT February 2019.

"African and African American women in conversation," African Studies Association United Kingdom, Birmingham, UK. September 2018.

"How like a Barbarian should I look to the Natives:" Reverse migrations and diasporic encounters in Africa and America." Plenary speaker, Collegium for African American Research (CAAR), June 2017.

"Africans and African Americans." Panelist. Conference on Contemporary African Immigrants in the United States, The John W. Kluge Center at the Library of Congress. December 2016.

"Africans in America: African immigrants in the United States," The African Diaspora Forum, New York University, September 2014.

"Sierra Leone and South Carolina: Historical connections." Studying Carolina, Africa, Rice, and Slavery (SCARS) Walker Institute Small Workshop, Columbia, SC, September 2013.

"Race and place in the work of Edward Wilmot Blyden: Blyden's Africa experience and its relevance." Alfred O. Heath Distinguished Speaker Series -Symposium on the Life of Edward Wilmot Blyden, University of the Virgin Islands, St. Thomas and St. Croix campuses, March 2012.

"Africans in America." "Africans in America: The New Beat of Afropolitans," Houston Museum of African American Culture, September 2011.

"Back to Africa: Diaspora Returnees, their communities and the ideologies of return (18th to 21st centuries)." Centre for Advanced Studies of African Society (CASAS), Johannesburg, South Africa, November 2010.

Panelist, Women's Studies Feminist Research Roundtable. George Washington University, Washington DC. March 2009:

Speaker, Bunce Island Exhibit: A 250-Year Saga in African/African American History, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX, February 2009.

"African Women's Groups in the United States: A Sierra Leone Case Study." Race, Ethnicity and Place Conference, University of Miami, November 2008.

"Diasporic dimensions of Sierra Leone's history." Amistad and "Salone Day" Program sponsored by the Sierra Leone-Gullah Heritage Association (SLGHA) and Miss Sierra Leone in DC, Howard University, Washington, DC, September 2008.

"Black Atlantic Identities and Reverse Migrations." "Year of the Atlantic World," Kennesaw State University Institute for Global Initiatives, Kennesaw, GA, November 2007.

"Two Black Atlantic Men." DePauw University Black Studies Program," February 2007.

"Early 19th-Century Black Atlantic Identities." George Washington University Seminar in the Nineteenth Century, Washington, DC, December 2006.

"The African Diaspora in the Atlantic Region." Race, Ethnicity and Place Conference, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX. November 2006.

"Diasporism: Strengthening our common thread - perspectives on Africa and the African Diaspora." Black Heritage Month, Columbia University, New York, NY, February 2, 2005.

"Reclaiming the Triangle, Perspectives on Africa and the African Diaspora." Diaspora African Heritage Panel, AFRICANDO Conference, Miami, FL., July 2003.

"Souls of Black Folk Revisited." Panelist. Black Heritage Series Forum, Africa and the African Diaspora in the 21st Century. African American Research Library and Cultural Center, Broward County Public Libraries, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, February 2003.

"Black West Indians: A Different Kind of Colonizer." The University Seminar Series on Colonial and Imperial History, The George Washington Department of History in partnership with the Honors Program, George Washington University, Washington, DC. November 2002.

"West Africa." Panelist. Emancipation in Comparative Perspective, sponsored by the Joint Consortium for the Study of Slavery and Freedom, Georgetown University, Washington, DC, March 2002.

"We Have the Cause of Africa at Heart: New World Blacks Return to Africa." Office of International Programs Global Perspectives Series 2001–2002, Winston Salem State University, Winston Salem, NC. November 2001.

"Black women speaking in the voice of others." Invited panelist. Atlantic Crossings: Women's Voices, Women's Stories from the Caribbean and the Nigerian Hinterland Workshop. Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, May 2001.

Public lecture on aspects of Sierra Leone's history. Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, April 2000.

"Teaching the colonial period in African history." Africa panel, World 2000: Conference on Teaching World History and World Geography, February 2000.

"The Search for Anna Erskine: settler women in nineteenth century Liberia." Workshop on Black women in the Old World and New, workshop. University of Tennessee, Knoxville. TN. September 1999.

"Lives in Africa: A Symposium in honor of Eugenia Herbert, E. Nevius Rodman Professor of History" Alumni panel, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA. April 1997.

"West Indians in Sierra Leone: Race, Class and Ethnicity in a British colony" Rutgers Center for Historical Analysis, New Brunswick, NJ, December 1997.

Conference Presentations

"African immigrants in America: 1890 -1945," 104th Annual Meeting and Conference of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, October 2019

"Arthur Abraham's Diaspora Scholarship." Panelist. Intersections in Resistance, Anti-Slavery and Transnationalism in Sierra Leone History. Roundtable in Honor of Professor Arthur Abraham, African Studies Association, Chicago, IL, November 2017.

"Rethinking Diaspora: Sierra Leoneans and African Americans." Organization of American Historians, New Orleans, LA, April 2017.

"The African Student Association: Africans educate Americans." The 2nd Kwame Nkrumah Pan-African Intellectual Conference, June 2017.

"Sierra Leoneans in America, 1890-1945, African Studies Association, Washington, DC, December 2016.

Support systems for female faculty and doctoral students in academia: Sharing experiences from University of South Florida and George Washington University." Panelist. Race, Ethnicity and Place Conference, Kent State University, Ohio. November 2016.

"Coming Together for Change": African Women's Organizations in the United States, Russian Academy of Sciences Institute for African Studies Conference of Africanists, May 2014.

"(Re)Envisioning the African Diaspora: Historical Memory and Cross- Fertilization in Post-Colonial Sierra Leone." African Studies Association, Baltimore, MD, November 2013.

"Blyden's changing views of indigenous Africans" Race, Ethnicity and Place Conference, VI Puerto Rico, October 2012.

"Sierra Leoneans in the United States." Sierra Leone History Past and Present Conference, Freetown, Sierra Leone, April 2012.

"James Emman Kwegyir Aggrey: African immigrant or sojourner?" Organization of American Historians conference, Houston, TX, March 2011.

"Diaspora Alumni Associations and Education Development in Sierra Leone" at Race Ethnicity and Place conference, Binghamton University, Binghamton, NY, October 2010.

"African Women's Groups in the United States: A Sierra Leone Case Study": Race, Ethnicity, and Place Conference IV, Miami, FL, November 2008.

"A Black Transatlantic Migrant Identity in late 18th/early 19th century Sierra Leone". Fifth annual conference of The British Group in Early American History on Diasporas, Migration, and Identities, Clare College, University of Cambridge. September 2005.

"Thomas Carew: A 'Black' Transatlantic Migrant". Eighteenth Annual DeBartolo Conference on Eighteenth Century Studies, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL, February 2004.

"The Erskine Family of Tennessee and Liberia." East Tennessee State University, Conference of Tennessee Historians, Johnson City, TN. October 2002.

"Black West Indians in British colonial administration - a different kind of colonizer? Warwick University, Coventry, UK. May 2002.

"West Indians and the press in 19th century Sierra Leone." 2nd Conference on Caribbean Culture in Honour of Kamau Brathwaite, University of the West Indies, Mona, Kingston, Jamaica. January 2002.

"New World Diasporas in Africa: West Indians and African Americans in 19th Century Freetown." African Studies Association, Houston, TX, November 2001.

"Diasporic Cross fertilizations: American, West Indian, and African Exchanges among Nineteenth-century Emigrants to Sierra Leone." Organization of American Historians conference. St. Louis, Missouri, April 2000.

"West Indians in Sierra Leone." African Studies Association, San Francisco, CA, November 1996.

Chair/Commentator

Panel Chair, 'Rethinking the Sierra Leone Civil War: 30 Years Later,' March 2021

Panel Chair, and Discussant, The Toyin Falola @65 Conference: African Knowledges and Alternative Futures, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria, January, 2018.

Chair, Migration, Mobility, and Belonging in Ghana and Abroad. African Studies Association, San Diego, CA 2015.

Boren Fellowship Panelist, March 2012

Chair, The Globalization of African-American Business and Consumer Culture, German Historical Institute Workshop, February 2012.

Discussant. Panel on "The Transatlantic Slave Trade: Insurance Litigation involving the Zong and other Slave Ships, 1780-1807. DC Area Legal History Roundtable, Washington, DC. April 2007.

Discussant. Black Political Identities in the Atlantic World, Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, July 2006.

Discussant and panel chair. Conference on the United States and West Africa. University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX. April 2005:

Chair, Women and Religion in Twentieth Century America, American Society of Church History Meeting, Washington, DC. January 2004.

Discussant, Sisterhood and Slavery: Transatlantic Antislavery and Women's Rights. Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance & Abolition. Yale University, New Haven, CT, October 2001.

Invited: Public Talks/Lectures/Speeches/Appearances

Inaugural Lecture for the Antiracism Nursing Student Alliance Spring Speaker Series, "Our Claims are on America" African American Struggles for Equality , January 2021 (virtual)

Mount Holyoke College DC Club, Talk and Discussion on African American Struggles for Equality, November 2020

Book talk/African Americans and Africa, Nemata Blyden, Zoom video conference, April 2020, Discussion of *African Americans and Africa* with book club organized by docents at National Museum of African American History and Culture.

Speaker, Washington Latin 2019-2020 Distinguished Speaker Series, Washington Latin Public Charter School, Washington DC, February 2020.

Panelist and discussant on historical content for Batoto Yetu's performance, The Life and Spirit of a Warrior Queen:Nzinga Mbandi of Matamba, City College, New York, February 2020.

Moderator, Kwanzaa Day 2019, Smithsonian National Museum of African Art, December 2019

Panelist, Remembrance 20, Embassy of Angola, Smithsonian National Museum of African Art, To mark the 400th anniversary of the first Africans arriving to the colony of Virginia, December 2019

Author Talk and Discussion – "African Americans and Africa: A New History", Nemata Blyden, Alexandria Black History Museum. Author Talk and Discussion – "African Americans and Africa: A New History" sponsored by Port of Harlem Magazine, October 2019.

Speaker, Creole Heritage Association Canada, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Creole Heritage Association Canada, "Celebrating Creoledom: Our History, Culture and Heritage" August 2019.

Video Interview "Perspectives on Edward Wilmot Blyden by Prof. Nemata Blyden." February 2019.

“Black Migrations.” Invited speaker. Legal Services Corporation, Washington, DC. February 27, 2019

“Black Migrations.” Invited speaker. Government Publishing Office, Washington, DC. February 22, 2019

“Black Migrations.” Invited speaker. Fish and Wildlife Agency, VA, February 13, 2019.

“In Slavery and Freedom: Sierra Leone’s Ties to the Americas.” Historic London Town Winter Lecture Series, Edgewater, MD. February 9, 2019.

“I AM Frederick Douglass: Life and Legacy,” commemorating the 200th birthday of Frederick Douglass. Invited Panelist. DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (CAH) in collaboration with the Mayor's Office on African Affairs (MOAA), the Mayor's Office on African American Affairs (MOAAA) and the Office of Cable Television, Film, Music and Entertainment (OCTFME), Washington, DC. February 2018

Panelist, Women in Academia Roundtable. DC History Grad Organization, Washington DC, May 3, 2018

Speaker. Annual Symposium, Krio Descendants Union International, Washington Metropolitan. Washington, DC, September 2017.

“Contemporary African Immigration.” Alexandria Black History Museum, Alexandria, VA. May 20, 2017

February 2017: African Americans and Africa: Links in History, Mayor’s Office on African Affairs (MOAA), Panelist: 2017 Black History Month Celebrations at The Lincoln Theater. Panel theme: The District’s African Diaspora: Communities in Conversation. Mayor’s Office on African Affairs (MOAA), A Celebration of Black History Month honoring African American, African and Afro-Latino History, Arts and Culture. Partner agencies for this event were the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCA) the Mayor’s Office on African American Affairs (MOAAA) and the Mayor’s Office on Latino Affairs (MOLA).

Women's Leadership in Development in Africa”, Civil Society Policy Forum at the 2016 World Bank/IMF Annual Meetings. Part of the Civil Society Policy Forum at the 2016 World Bank/IMF Annual Meetings, Washington, DC. October 2016.

Keynote speaker, African Students Association, Taste of Africa celebration, George Washington University, Washington, DC. March 26, 2016

“Africans in America: Immigrant Experiences.” Invited speaker: GWU Textile Museum, May 11, 2016.

Invited Speaker, Kilpatrick, Townsend and Stockton LLP Law firm, Washington, DC. February 2016

Memory and History in Sierra Leone and its Diaspora, George Washington University History department colloquium, February 2016.

Opening Remarks and Panelist: Africa 3.0: "Women's Transformational Leadership in a Fast-Changing Continent" American University School of International Service. Washington, DC, August 6, 2015

"African American Engagement with Africa." Food for Thought. George Washington University Honors Program, Washington DC. 2015

"19th Century Liberia." Georgetown Neighborhood Library, Washington, DC. November 3, 2014

Workshop leader: Focus on Violence Against Women & Girls: An Interactive Workshop (The South Africa Project, 10th Anniversary of GW's Partnership with the Bokamoso Youth Centre in Winterveldt, South Africa. George Washington University, Washington DC, February 8, 2013

Moderator, workshop leader film/discussion series "Unity in Spirit: A Perspective on the Global African Experience." African Student Association (ASA). George Washington University, Washington DC, February 27, 2013.

"Africans in America, 1898-1950." Africana Studies Brown Bag speaker, George Washington University, Washington, DC October 12, 2012

"Remembering The Black Loyalists: The Founding of Freetown: A Black History Month Celebration." Bus, Boys & Poets, Washington DC, February 2012.

Guest on "Africa meets Africa" radio show, Washington, DC May 2005.

Keynote Speaker: Africa Week, George Washington University, Washington, DC. April 2005.

Speaker, Annie Walsh Memorial School First International Reunion, Washington, DC June 2002.
Keynote Speaker, Black History Month "Big Dinner" – University of Texas, Dallas, Richardson, TX. February 1999.

Interview for Documentary, Shaping America, Dallas County Community College District, R. Jan LeCroy Center for Educational Telecommunications, 2000/2001

Speaker, Black History Month "Big Dinner" – University of Texas, Dallas, February 1999.

Co-organizer "Voyage to Africa", 1991-1993. Summer program for youth.

Media

Africa's wish list of what might change under a Biden presidency 10 March 2020 - John Stremlau, University of Witwatersrand News, March 2020.

Speaking Across the Centuries That Connect African Americans to Africa BY LARRY HERTZ, Vassar College Stories, 2020 Feb, Vassar Stories <https://stories.vassar.edu/2020/speaking-a...> 3.

Speaker grapples with African, African-American identities By OLIVIA DIALLO, The Miscellany News, 2020 Feb, Interview with Vassar College's student newspaper URL: <https://miscellanynews.org/2020/02/13/...>

A question of identity: African Americans and Africa through the centuries, The Daily Maverick, 2020 Feb, <https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/opinionista/2020-02-17-a-question-of-identity-african-americans-and-africa-through-the-centuries>

Daily Theta talk show, South African Broadcasting Corporation, 2020 Feb, Invited guest on youth talk show during Black History Month, on the relationship between African Americans and Africa Comments: Panelist on Daily Theta show on South African Broadcasting TV. Daily

African Americans and Africa: A New Book about Black America's Relationship with the Continent By AAIHS Editor, Black Perspectives, January 2020.

Blyden Explored African/African-American History and Personal Relationships By Wayne A. Young, Port of Harlem Magazine, 2019 Oct URL: <https://portofharlem.net/snippets19/nov062...>

Tatyana Hopkins, African Americans and Africa: A New History CCAS and Elliott School professor Nemata Blyden's new book explores the complex relationship between African Americans and the African continent from the era of slavery to the present., George Washington Today, 2019 Oct URL: <https://gwtoday.gwu.edu/african-americans-an...>

Book discussion, WPFW Radio, 2019 Sep, Book discussion of African Americans on Works In Progress show with Andy Shallal & Julienne Malveaux 10.

Discussion of book/African Americans and Africa, Community Watch & Comment -- The Wednesday Edition WPFW 89.3FM, 2019 Aug Comments: Interview with David Whettstone, Community Watch & Comment -- The Wednesday Edition WPFW 89.3FM 11.

Book discussion, Black Agenda Report, 2019 Aug, Interview discussing book, African Americans and Africa URL: <https://www.blackagenda.com/african-im...> 12.

Book discussion, Vantage Point Radio Show, 2019 July 2019 Jul Comments: Radio interview discussion of my book. URL: <https://ibw21.org/vp-radio-posts/070119-va...>

African Americans and Africa, Yale University Press Blog, 2019 Jul URL: <http://blog.yalebooks.com/2019/07/19/a...> 14.

Nemata Blyden's "African Americans and Africa", The Page 99 Test and Campaign for the American Reader, 2019 Jul, CAMPAIGN FOR THE AMERICAN READER THE OFFICIAL BLOG OF THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE AMERICAN READER, AN INDEPENDENT INITIATIVE TO ENCOURAGE MORE READERS TO READ MORE BOOKS. URL: <https://page99test.blogspot.com/2019/07/...> 15.

BAR Book Forum: Nemata Blyden's "African Americans and Africa", Black Agenda Report, 2019 Jun, BAR Book Forum: Nemata Blyden's "African Americans and Africa" Roberto Sirvent, BAR Book Forum Editor URL: <https://www.blackagendareport.com/bar-book-f>

Diverse Issues in Higher Education, Dorothy Givens Terry, Black Like Who? A Small Scholarship Offer Triggers Debate about Black Identity in America, 2019 May, Interviewed for article URL: <https://diverseeducation.com/article/14529...>

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

Consulting

- Guest lecturer/speaker, Foreign Service Institute: July 12, 2012- current
- Co-Organizer and Panelist, "Africa 1960: Beyond Independence" Symposium – Smithsonian National Museum of African Art and George Washington University, November 2010.
- Consultant, "In Motion: The African-American Migration Experience", a digital archive project for the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, New York Public, 2003-2005
- Invited participant/consultant, Schomburg Teachers Forum, July 2002

Manuscript reviews

Article review, Oxford Research Encyclopedia of African History, 2019
Reviewer, Palgrave Macmillan, 2016

- Palgrave Macmillan, 2015
- New York University Press, September 2005
- New York University Press, February 2004
- University of North Carolina Press, January 2003
- Radical History Review, January 2002
- Indiana University Press, January 2002
- Longman Publishers, December 2001
- Houghton Mifflin: Summer 1999
- Harvard University Press

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Administrative

- Program director, Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies, George Washington University, 2016-2018
- Deputy Chair, History Department, George Washington University, 2011-2014
- Program director, Africana Studies, George Washington University, 2006-2009

University Committees/Service—

- Faculty Guide (Center for Student Engagement) 2012/2013, 2013/2014, 2018/2019
- Faculty advisory council Global Women's Institute, 2017-present
- Affiliated Faculty, Jacob Institute on Women's Health, 2015-present
- Affiliated Faculty, Global Women's Institute, 2013-present
- Search Committee, Vice Provost of Diversity and Inclusion, 2015/2016
- Search Committee, CCAS Dean 2012/2013
- Search Committee, Global Women's Institute (University wide) 2011/2012
- Committee, Faculty Recruitment and Retention Committee (Council on Diversity and Inclusion)
- Freshman advising (PSA & First Class advising)
- Honors Advisory Committee, 2007- present
- Technical Board of The George Washington University's (GWU) Africa Center for Health and Human Security (Africa Center)

College Committees

- BA-International Affairs Program Committee, ESIA committee, 2012-present
- Global Gender Program Advisory Board, Elliott School of International Affairs, 2012
- Adviser, Deans Scholars in Globalization Program, 2006-2008.
- Africa Working Group Steering Committee, Working group on Africa in Elliott School of International Affairs, 2011/2012.

Departmental committees

- Search Committee for US Women's History (History department/ Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies)
- Search Committee for Public Policy Gender position (Trachtenberg School/ Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies)
- Search committee for African American Historian (History department)
- Search committee for Intellectual History position (Honors Program)
- Search committee, African American position (American Studies department)
- Search committee, Middle East position (History department).
- Search committee, Honors Program (Historian position)
- Served as undergraduate adviser for History majors.

Other Service

- National Endowment for the Humanities Panelist, 2013.
- Boren Fellowship Panelist, March 2012
- Member: Local arrangements committee – African Studies Association – December 2002.
- Member: Core committee on Women and minorities (UTD) 1999/2000.
- Member: Women's Center committee (UTD) 1998 - present.
- Member: Local arrangements committee - Southern Historical Association - Fall 1999.

GRANTS/AWARDS

- National Endowment for the Humanities, *To Enter Africa from America: The United States, Africa and the New Imperialism, 1862-1919*. Research and preparation of an online resource and print publication about United States engagement with Africa during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. (36 months) Project Director: Jeannette Eileen Jones, University of Nebraska. \$216,106 (awarded), January 2019-December 2021
- University Facilitating Fund, George Washington University, 2014.
- Columbian College Facilitating Fund award, George Washington University. Summer 2012

HONORS / AWARDS

- International AAHGS Book Awards (IABA) winner, Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, 2020.
- Invited member, International Advisory Council The Toyin Falola @65 Conference: African Knowledges and Alternative Futures, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria, January, 2018,
- Recipient: Dr. Arthur Porter History Award. Krio Descendants Union International, Washington Metropolitan. Washington, DC, September 2017.
- Sierra Leone Association of University Women, USA Branch (SLAUW USA), 2013 Academic Achievement Award, Nemata Blyden
- Recipient: Columbian College Departmental Undergraduate Advising Award, May 2005
- Inducted to Phi Beta Delta Honor Society, Beta Omicron Chapter (George Washington University), March 2004.
- Appointed as non-budgeted faculty member to Elliott School of International Affairs, January 2004.
- Yale Center for International and Area Studies, Dissertation research grant, 1994
- Recipient: The Frances Harriet Williams Award (Mount Holyoke College) - January 1987 (“This award, established in honor of Frances Harriet Williams ’19, is presented annually to an African American, Asian American, Hispanic American, or Native American junior or senior student at Mount Holyoke College who best exemplifies the ideals to which Miss Williams’ life was dedicated—the capacity to create a dream, the passion to pursue it, and the ability to soar with that goal, whether it be academic excellence, social justice, or service to others”.)
- Upper-class Academic Adviser, Mount Holyoke College – 1987

- Baccalaureate Speaker (Mount Holyoke College) -May 1987
- Elected to Xi Chapter of Sigma Iota Rho (Mount Holyoke College) - May 1986

MEMBERSHIPS / AFFILIATIONS

- Member, African Studies Association
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