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Education: B.A. (Hons) History, Durham University, 1962.  
M.A. History, University of Alberta, 1969.  
Ph.D. History, University of Rochester, 1979.

Professional: Visiting Fellow, All Souls College, University of Oxford, 2004  
  
Professor of History, Queen's University, Kingston, 1996 to 2002  
  
Senior Fellow, Gilder-Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery and  
Abolition, Yale University, 2000.  
  
Research Associate, W.E.B. Du Bois Institute, Harvard University, 1993-  
2000, 2006 to the present (non-resident).  
  
Visiting Professor, Dept. of African-American Studies, Harvard  
University, Jan. 1 - June 30, 1997

Honors (last 12 yrs): 2011 Anisfield-Wolf Book Prize given by the Cleveland Foundation  
  
2011 RR Hawkins award, American Publishers Association, for the most  
outstanding scholarly work in all disciplines of the arts and sciences.  
  
2011 Honorable mention New York Book Festival prize, non-fiction  
category.  
  
John T. Hubbell Prize for Best Article in the journal Civil War History,  
2008.  
  
Killam Research Fellowship, Canada Council, 2001-2003  
  
Frederick Douglass Prize for a book published on the subject of slavery or  
abolition (awarded 2000 by the Gilder-Lehrman foundation).  
  
Wesley-Logan prize, 2000 (awarded by the American Historical  
Association for the best book on African-American History).  
  
John Ben Snow Prize, 1999 (awarded by the North American Conference  
on British Studies for the best book in British History).

Publications (selected, last 12 years): (A) Books, Monographs and Electronic Publications

The Cambridge World History of Slavery, volume 3, Cambridge University Press (Cambridge, 2011), contributor and co-editor with Stanley L. Engerman.

[www.african-origins.org](http://www.african-origins.org) (2011), co-authored with Philip Misevich and Martin Halbert.

Atlas of the Transatlantic Slave Trade (New Haven, 2010), co-authored with David Richardson.

Human Capital and Institutions (Cambridge, 2009), co-edited with Frank D. Lewis, Kenneth L. Sokoloff.

[www.slavevoyages.org](http://www.slavevoyages.org) (2008), co-authored with David Richardson, Manolo Florentino, Stephen Behrendt.

Extending the Frontiers: Essays on the New Transatlantic Slave Trade Database (New Haven, 2008), co-editor and contributor with David Richardson

Slavery in the Development of the Americas (Cambridge, 2004), co-editor and contributor with Frank Lewis and Kenneth Sokoloff.

Coerced and Free Migrations: Global Perspectives (Stanford, 2002), editor and contributor.

Special issue of William and Mary Quarterly, 60 (2001), co-editor with Philip Morgan and contributor.

The Rise of African Slavery in the Americas (Cambridge, 2000).

#### (B) Journal Articles and Contributions to Books

“Shipboard Slave Revolts and Abolition,” in Seymour Drescher and Pieter Emmer (eds.), Who Abolished Slavery? (New York, 2010), pp. 145-55.

“Black, Brown, or White? Color Coding American Rice Cultivation with Slave Labor,” American Historical Review, 115 (2010): 164-171.

“Transport Costs and the Slave Trade to the Caribbean,” Journal of Economic History, 71 (2010) co-authored with Frank Lewis and Kimberley McIntyre.

“Africa, Slavery, and the Slave Trade, mid-Seventeenth to mid-Eighteenth Centuries,” in Philip D. Morgan and Nicholas Canny (eds.), Oxford Handbook of Atlantic History (forthcoming in 2011).

“Revolution, War, Empire: Gendering the Transatlantic Slave Trade, 1776–1830,” in Karen Hagemann, Jane Rendall, and Gisela Mettele (eds.), in Gender, War, and Politics: The Wars of Revolution and Liberation - Transatlantic Comparisons, 1775-1820 (Basingstoke, 2010), pp. 21-41.

“Focus: Slavery. Slavery and the Slave Trade, a Roundtable Discussion,” European Review, 17 (2009): 569-91, co-authored with Richard Benjamin, Seymour Drescher, Pieter Emmer, Oliver Petre-Grenouilleau.

“Abolition and Identity in the very Long Run,” in Willem Klooster (ed.), Migration, Trade and Slavery in an Expanding World: Essays in Honour of Pieter Emmer (Leiden, 2009), pp. 227-256.

“Was Abolition of the US and British Slave Trade Significant in the Broader Atlantic Context?” William and Mary Quarterly, 66 (2009): 662-82.

“The U.S. Transatlantic Slave Trade, 1644-1867: An Assessment,” Civil War History, 54 (2008): 347-78.

“Agency and Diaspora in Atlantic History: Reassessing the African Contribution to Rice Cultivation in the Americas,” American Historical Review, 112 (Dec. 2007): 1213-42, co-authored with Philip D. Morgan and David Richardson.

“Roundtable Review Essays of Emma Christopher, Slave Ship Sailors and their Captive Cargoes,” International Journal of Maritime History, 19 (2007): 294-99.

“The Slave Economies of the Caribbean: Structure, Performance, Evolution and Significance,” in Franklin Knight (ed.), Vol 3, General History of the Caribbean- UNESCO (New edition, New York,

2007), pp.178-202. Revised and updated essay.

“Slave Prices, the African Slave Trade and Productivity Growth in Eighteenth Century South Carolina,” Journal of Economic History, 66 (2006): 1054-1065, co-authored with Frank Lewis and David Richardson.

“Slavery and Evil,” co-authored with Stanley L Engerman in Steve Mintz and John Stauffer (eds.), The Problem of Evil: Slavery, Freedom, and the Ambiguities of American Reform (Amherst, 2006), pp. 54-60.

“Slave Prices of Newly Arrived Africans in the Americas, 1673-1807: A Quinquennial Series,” in Susan Carter, Scott Gartner et al. (eds.), Historical Statistics of the United States (Cambridge, 2006), 5: 690-1, co-authored with David Richardson.

“National Participation in the Transatlantic Slave Trade: New Evidence,” co-authored with Steve Behrendt and David Richardson in Jose Curto and Renee Soudre-LaFrance (eds.), Africa and the Americas: Interconnections during the Slave Trade (Trenton, N.J, 2005), pp. 13-41.

“Slave Prices, the African Slave Trade and Productivity in the Caribbean, 1674-1807,” Economic History Review, 58 (2005): 673-700, co-authored with Frank D. Lewis, David Richardson.

“The Diaspora of Yoruba-Speakers, 1650-1865: Dimensions and Implications,” in Toyin Falola and Matt Childs (eds), The Yoruba Diaspora in the Atlantic World (Bloomington, 2005), pp. 3-26.

“Free and Coerced Migrations: the Atlantic in Global Perspective,” European Review, 12 (2004): 313-28.

“New Introduction” to Gomer Williams, History of the Liverpool Privateers and Letters of Marque with an Account of the Liverpool Slave Traders (Montreal, 2004, 1st edition, 1897), pp 1-8.

“Markets for Newly Arrived Slaves in the Americas, 1673-1864,” co-authored with David Richardson, in Eltis, Lewis and Sokoloff (eds.), Slavery in the Development of the Americas (Cambridge, 2004), pp, 183-221.

“Introduction,” co-authored with Ken Sokoloff and Frank Lewis in Slavery in the Development of the Americas (Cambridge, 2004) pp. 1-27.

"Identity And Migration: The Atlantic In Comparative Perspective," in Wim Klooster and Alfred Padula (eds.), The Atlantic World: Studies In Migration, Imagination And Slavery (Englewood Cliffs, NJ, 2004), pp.108-125.

“African and European Relations in the Last Century of the Transatlantic Slave Trade,” in Olivier Petre-Grenouilleau (ed.), From Slave Trade to Empire. Europe and the Colonization of Black Africa 1780's-1880's (London, 2004), pp. 21-46.

Foreword to James A. Rawley, London: Metropolis of the Slave Trade (London, 2003).

"Os Mercados De Escravos Africanos Recém-Chegados 'As Américas: Padroes De Preços, 1673-1865", Co-Authored with David Richardson, in: Topoi (Revista De História Do Programa De Pós-Graduação Em História Social da UFRJ), 6 (2003): 9-46.

“Introduction: Migration and Agency in Global History,” in Eltis (ed.), Coerced and Free Migration (Stanford, 2002), pp. 1-31.

“Free and Coerced Migrations from the Old World to the New,” in Eltis (ed.), Coerced and Free Migration (Stanford, 2002), pp. 33-74.

"The Roots Of The African Diaspora: Methodological Considerations in The Analysis of Names in the Liberated African Registers of Sierra Leone and Havana," History In Africa, 29 (2002):365-79, Co-Authored With Ugo Nwokeji

"Characteristics of Captives Leaving the Cameroons for the Americas, 1822-1837," Journal of African History, 43 (2002): 191-210, co-authored with Ugo Nwokeji.

"Free and Coerced Migrations: The Atlantic in Global Perspective," in Silvi Sogner (ed.), Making Sense of Global History: The 19th International Congress of the Historical Sciences Oslo, 2000 Commemorative Volume (Oslo, 2001): 189-206.

"The Costs of Coercion: African Agency in the History of the Atlantic World," Economic History Review, 54 (2001): 454-76; co-authored with David Richardson and Stephen D. Behrendt.

"The Volume and Direction of the Transatlantic Slave Trade: A Reassessment," William and Mary Quarterly, 60 (2001): 17-46.

"A Participação dos Países da Europa e das Américas no Tráfico Transatlântico de Escravos: Novas Evidências," Afro-Ásia, 24 (2000): 9-50, co-authored with Stephen D. Behrendt and David Richardson.

"The Importance of Slavery and the Slave Trade to Industrializing Britain," Journal of Economic History, 60 (2000): 123-44, co-authored with Stanley L. Engerman.

"Atlantic History in Global Perspective," Itinerario: Journal of European Overseas Expansion, 23 (1999)

"The Nineteenth Century Slave Trade in Nigeria," in Anne O'Hear and Toyin Falola (eds.), An Economic History of Nigeria (Madison, Wisconsin, 1999), pp. 85-96, 370-75.

"Slavery and Freedom in the Early Modern World," in Stanley L. Engerman (ed.), The Terms of Labor: Slavery, Serfdom and Free Labor (Stanford University Press, Stanford, 1999), 25-49.

Recent Grants: Arts and Historical Research Board (UK) £300,000 grant to extend the Transatlantic Slave Trade Database (2001-2004). Co-principal investigator with David Richardson.

Division of Preservation and Access of the National Endowment for the Humanities. PA-51985, "The Transatlantic Slave Trade Database: An On-line and Revised Version." (2006-2008), Co-Principal Investigator

Division of Preservation and Access of the National Endowment for the Humanities. PA-62897, "The Origins and Identities of Africans Entering the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade 1819-1845," (2009-2012), co-Principal Investigator