Christopher Tounsel Curriculum Vitae

# **Christopher Tounsel, Ph.D.**

Associate Professor of History
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#### **INSTITUTIONAL HISTORY**

University of Washington
Associate Professor, Department of History

The Pennsylvania State University

Assistant Professor, Department of History and African Studies Program Promoted to tenure May 2022

**Macalester College** 

Visiting Assistant Professor of African History, Department of History

**EDUCATION** 

University of Michigan Ph.D., History

Dissertation: "God will crown us": The Construction of Religious Nationalism in Southern Sudan, 1898-2011

Committee: Derek Peterson (chair), Rudolph Ware, Amal Fadlalla, and Brandi Hughes

M.A., History December 2011

Duke University B.A., History; minor in religion

2009

Seattle, WA

2016-2022

St. Paul, MN

Ann Arbor, MI

Durham, NC

2015-2016

2015

2022-present

University Park, PA

Mellon-Mays Undergraduate Research Fellow, Dean's List, Honors Thesis High Distinction

### **BOOKS**

Chosen Peoples: Christianity and Political Imagination in South Sudan. Duke University
Press. 2021

- Reviewed in the Journal of African History, Journal of Religion, Journal of Africana Religions, Studies in World Christianity, Journal of Religion in Africa, African Studies Quarterly, The Christian Century, Sociology of Religion, Reading Religion, Religion, Journal of Contemporary Religion, Sudan Studies for Sudan and South Sudan, Archives de sciences sociales des religions, Journal of Global South Studies, Fellowship Magazine
- Accolades:
  - Finalist, 2022 Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora Outstanding First Book Prize
  - o Christianity Today 2022 Book Award Finalist (History/Biography)

o Listed in *The Christian Century* as one of Philip Jenkins's picks for "best books of the year on Global Christianity" (October 20, 2021)

Bounds of Blackness: African Americans, Sudan, and the Politics of Solidarity. Forthcoming, Cornell University Press [June 15, 2024 publication date]

#### PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

"Lord Come to Our Aid": Islamisation, Civil War, and the Pastoral Letters of the Sudan Catholic Bishops' Conference' *Journal of Religious History* Vol. 44, no. 2 (June 2020: Christianity and Politics in 20<sup>th</sup>-Century Africa, ed. J.J. Carney): 168-186.

'Negro Canaan: Tuskegee, Cotton, and the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan' *Journal of African American History* Vol. 105, no. 1 (February 2020): 28-55.

'Before the Bright Star: Football in the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan' *Journal of Eastern African Studies* Vol. 12, no. 4 (2018): 735-753.

"Render to Caesar": Missionary Thought and the Sudanese State, 1946-1964' *Social Sciences and Missions* Vol. 31, Iss. 3-4 (2018): 341-374.

'Race, religion and resistance: revelations from the Juba archive' *Journal of Eastern African Studies* Vol. 11, No. 2 (2017): 249-265.

'Khartoum Goliath: SPLM/SPLA Update and Martial Theology during the Second Sudanese Civil War' *Journal of Africana Religions* Vol. 4, No. 2 (2016): 129-153.

# **BOOK CHAPTERS**

'Two Sudans, Human Rights, and the Afterlives of St. Josephine Bakhita' in *Christianity and Human Rights Reconsidered*, ed. Daniel Jenkins-Steinmetz and Sarah Shortall. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2020; pp. 261-275.

#### **ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES**

'Women in South Sudan' In Oxford Research Encyclopedia of African History. Oxford University Press. Article published September 28, 2020. https://oxfordre.com/africanhistory/view/10.1093/acrefore/9780190277734.001.0001/acrefore-9780190277734-e-516

#### OTHER PUBLICATIONS IN SCHOLARLY VENUES

'Religion and National Integration in Sudan and India' Political Theology 24, no. 8 (2023): 844-850.

'Religion, Gender, and the Question of Nation' *Religious Studies Review* 49, no. 1 (March 2023): 33-36

'Christianity in (South) Sudan: historical backgrounds, contemporary contestations, and future directions' *Religion Compass*, e12460 (2023). Available from: <a href="https://doi.org/10.1111/rec3.12460">https://doi.org/10.1111/rec3.12460</a>

'A Tale of Two Divestments: South Africa, Sudan, and Howard University' Under review, *African Studies Review* 

SELECTED GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS	
Themed Summer Fellowship on Religious Cultures/Sacred Practices/Spiritual Teachings,	2024
Walter C. Simpson Center for the Humanities	2021
Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, Career Enhancement Fellowship	2019
African Studies Program Travel Grant, Pennsylvania State University	2017, 2019
Doris G. Quinn Fellowship [for Spring/Summer 2015], Doris G. Quinn Foundation and	2014-2015
UM Dept. of History	2011 2013
Mellon-Mays Undergraduate Fellows Dissertation Grant, Woodrow Wilson National	2014-2015
Fellowship Foundation and Andrew W. Mellon Foundation	2011 2015
Rackham Humanities Candidacy Fellowship, University of Michigan	2013
UM Radcliffe-Ramsdell Fellowship	2013
Predoctoral Research Grant, Social Science Research Council and Mellon-Mays Foundati	
Multi-Country Fellowship, Council of American Overseas Research Centers	2012
UM Rackham International Research Award	2012
SSRC-Mellon Mays Graduate Studies Enhancement Grant	2012
UM African Studies Center Research, Language, Travel Grant	2011, 2012
UM Center for Afroamerican/African Studies African Studies Initiative Research Grant	2011, 2012
UM Regents Fellowship	2011, 2012
UNI Regents Fellowship	2009
MEDIA CITATIONS	
	1/2024
Daniel Beekman, "WA's Sudanese community suffering amid war that's displaced	1/2024
Millions," Seattle Times	
https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/was-sudanese-community-suffering-amid-	war-thats-displaced-
millions/	
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Reem Kirja and Jane Lam, "Sudan's struggle" West Side Story, Iowa City West High	10/2023
School	
https://wsspaper.com/88442/feature/sudans-struggle/	
Melissa Chemam, "Egypt and Sudan's international partners try to stop the civil war"	7/2023
Radio France International	
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Melissa Chemam, "Fighting spreads in Sudan after 72-hour truce expires"	6/2023
Radio France International	
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Melissa Chemam, "Sudan's conflict enters third month amid escalation of violence"	6/2023
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Moliggo Chamam "IIC and Soudi modiators reach a according account in Contain"	6/2022
Melissa Chemam, "US and Saudi mediators reach a ceasefire agreement in Sudan"	6/2023
Radio France International	
https://www.rfi.fr/en/africa/20230609-us-and-saudi-mediators-reach-a-ceasefire-agree	ement-ın-sudan

Nick Perry, "Pope's push for peace in South Sudan Faces Tough Hurdles" AFP

2/2023

https://www.barrons.com/news/pope-s-push-for-peace-in-south-sudan-faces-tough-hurdles-01675320909

Elliott Almond, "Soccer leaders deserve blame for putting World Cup in Qatar" Cascadia 11/2022 Daily,

https://www.cascadiadaily.com/news/2022/nov/17/soccer-leaders-deserve-blame-for-putting-world-cup-in-qatar/

Jen Kirby, "The coup in Sudan, explained" Vox https://www.vox.com/2021/10/29/22751437/sudan-coup-protests-al-burhan-hamdok

10/2021

# **OTHER MEDIA**

Interview, History Behind News podcast

7/2023

https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/history-behind-news/episodes/S3E28-A-country-classified-as-a-condominium--What-e276g9p

Interview, National Security This Week with Jon Olson
6/2023
https://kymnradio.net/2023/06/07/national-security-this-week-with-professor-christopher-tounsel-from-the-university-of-washington-6-7-23/

'Sudan's war is wrecking a lot, including its central bank—a legacy of trailblazing 6/2023 African American economist and banker Andrew Brimmer' The Conversation (June 6, 2023) <a href="https://theconversation.com/sudans-war-is-wrecking-a-lot-including-its-central-bank-a-legacy-of-trailblazing-african-american-economist-and-banker-andrew-brimmer-197986">https://theconversation.com/sudans-war-is-wrecking-a-lot-including-its-central-bank-a-legacy-of-trailblazing-african-american-economist-and-banker-andrew-brimmer-197986</a>

'Q&A: Christians Worry About Getting Trampled Like Grass in Sudan Conflict' 5/2023 *Christianity Today*, <a href="https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2023/may-web-only/sudan-christian-conflict-middle-tounsel-interview-history.html">https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2023/may-web-only/sudan-christian-conflict-middle-tounsel-interview-history.html</a>

'The Global Impact of Sudan's Current Crisis' The Doorstep podcast, Carnegie 5/5023 Council for Ethics in International Affairs, https://youtu.be/9kcVf7DmGQM

'Sudan's plunge into chaos has geopolitical implications near and far—including 4/2023 for US strategic goals' The Conversation (April 28, 2023) <a href="https://theconversation.com/sudans-plunge-into-chaos-has-geopolitical-implications-near-and-far-including-for-us-strategic-goals-204453">https://theconversation.com/sudans-plunge-into-chaos-has-geopolitical-implications-near-and-far-including-for-us-strategic-goals-204453</a>

Interview, BBC World Service (Newsday) 4/2023

'Conflict in Sudan: Power Perspective with Denzil Taylor' Power 98.7 (South Africa) 4/2023 https://omny.fm/shows/power-perspective/conflict-in-sudan

'What Is Happening in Sudan, Explained' The Quicky Podcast (Australia) 4/2023 https://www.mamamia.com.au/podcasts/the-quicky/sudan-war-explained/

Interview, BeFM Morning Wave [Busan, South Korea] 4/2023 <a href="https://www.befm.or.kr/program/template.php?midx=89&pg=morning&cn=morning\_sp&mode=view&page=1&intnum=35616">https://www.befm.or.kr/program/template.php?midx=89&pg=morning&cn=morning\_sp&mode=view&page=1&intnum=35616</a>

'Sudan crisis explained: What's behind the latest fighting, and how it fits nation's troubled past' The Conversation (April 17, 2023)	4/2023
Interview, KNKX Public Radio (Seattle, Tacoma) <a href="https://www.knkx.org/social-justice/2023-02-27/our-black-history-the-uws-andrew-brimmer-brimm&lt;/td&gt;&lt;td&gt;2/2023&lt;br&gt;:-was-a-&lt;/td&gt;&lt;/tr&gt;&lt;tr&gt;&lt;td&gt;trailblazer-and-an-economic-genius&lt;/td&gt;&lt;td&gt;&lt;/td&gt;&lt;/tr&gt;&lt;tr&gt;&lt;td&gt;Interview, Al Jazeera English &lt;a href=" https:="" mediaview.aljazeera.com="" rofgtbmid4"="" video="">https://mediaview.aljazeera.com/video/RofGTbMID4</a>	2/2023
Interview, University of Washington News <a href="https://www.washington.edu/news/2023/02/01/qa-uw-historian-explores-how-a-husky-alum-influenced-postcolonial-sudan/">https://www.washington.edu/news/2023/02/01/qa-uw-historian-explores-how-a-husky-alum-influenced-postcolonial-sudan/</a>	2/2023
Interview, New Books Network Africa podcast <a href="https://newbooksnetwork.com/chosen-peoples">https://newbooksnetwork.com/chosen-peoples</a>	5/2022
Interview, Obehi Podcast <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WwEEoaff8NM">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WwEEoaff8NM</a>	4/2022
Interview, United Nations Mission in South Sudan Radio Miraya (South Sudan)	12/2021
Interview, "This Morning with Henry Shinn," TBS eFM Radio (Seoul, South Korea)	11/2021
Interview, BBC Radio 5 Live's "Up All Night" with Dotun Adebayo	10/2021
Interview, 'Reclaiming History Segment,' Media Sanctuary Program, WOOC 105.3FM <a href="https://soundcloud.com/mediasanctuary/reclaiming-history-with-dr-christopher-tounsel">https://soundcloud.com/mediasanctuary/reclaiming-history-with-dr-christopher-tounsel</a>	8/2021
Interview, Jude 3 Project Podcast <a href="https://jude3project.org/podcast/sudan">https://jude3project.org/podcast/sudan</a>	8/2021
'Religion in the Making of South Sudan' Duke University Press Blog	7/2021
'As South Sudan turns 10, questions over the role of the church emerge amid anti-clerical Violence,' <i>The Conversation</i> , (July 8, 2021)	
'Chosen Peoples: Christianity and Political Imagination in South Sudan' <i>Patheos</i> , Anxious I (April 30, 2021)	Bench,
'South Sudanese football: colonial legacy sheds light on present day fortunes' <i>The Conversation</i> , (September 25, 2018)	

<sup>&#</sup>x27;America needs Africa,' Centre Daily Times PA, (January 21, 2018)

# **BOOK REVIEWS**

Review for Kimberly D. Hill, A Higher Mission: The Careers of Alonzo and Althea Brown 2022

<sup>&#</sup>x27;Army Chaplains in the Mahdist War', Sudan Studies Association Bulletin Vol. 34: 27-32, 2016

Edmiston in Central Africa in Reading Religion (July 1, 2022)

Review for Douglas H. Johnson, *South Sudan: A New History for a New Nation* in *Africa: The International Journal of the International African Institute* 90, no. 2 (February 2020): 422-423.

'Fragile States: Nation-building in Sudan' Review of Alden H. Young's *Transforming Sudan:* 2018 *Decolonization, Economic Development, and State Formation.* Cambridge University Press, 2017. Published in *Books & ideas*. https://booksandideas.net/Fragile-States-Nation-building-in-Sudan.html

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

"Understanding the Wagner Group" Presentation for the Boston University Frederick S. 2023 Pardee School of Global Studies African Studies Center, Unpacking Foreign Military Presences in Africa Webinar Series for 6-12 teachers.

"Chosenness, Providence and Political Theology in South Sudan" Presentation at Global Studies Outreach Workshop on Religious Nationalism in a Global Context, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

"When Caesar Ruled Khartoum: The Hermeneutics of Church-State Relations in Wartime Sudan" Paper at the American Historical Association Meeting, Philadelphia.

"Call to Brotherhood: the Nation of Islam and the Sudan" Paper at the African Studies 2022 Association Meeting, Philadelphia.

"Reorienting Africa in the Classroom: Religion and Politics in South Sudan." Presentation with the World Affairs Council, Seattle.

"Christianity is now your tribe: Christian and Ethnic Politics in South Sudan." Presentation at the African Studies Centre, Leiden University. Virtual.

"After the Exodus: Political Theology in South Sudan." Presentation at the African Studies Center Eye on Africa speaker series, Michigan State University.

"The Troubled Promised Land: Political Theology in South Sudan." Presentation at the Council of African Studies Lecture Series, Yale University.

"After the Exodus: Political Theology in South Sudan." Presentation at the Studies in Contemporary Africa Seminar, Columbia University. Virtual.

"Two Sudans, Human Rights, and the Afterlives of St. Josephine Bakhita." Presentation at the Faith and History Conference, Baylor University.

"Christianity is now your tribe: Christian and Ethnic Politics in South Sudan." Presentation at the Center for Political Theology, Villanova University.

"Christianity is now your tribe: Christian and Ethnic Politics in South Sudan." Presentation hosted

By the Sudan Studies Society UK and the Durham University Centre for Contemporary African History. Virtual.

"Christianity is now your tribe: Christian and Ethnic Politics in South Sudan." Presentation at Fordham University. Virtual.

"Two Sudans, Human Rights, and the Afterlives of St. Josephine Bakhita." Presentation at African Studies Association meeting.

"Christianity is now your tribe: Mission, Education and Ethnicity in Colonial South Sudan." Presentation at the Vanderbilt History Seminar, Vanderbilt University.

"Christianity is now your tribe: Christian and Ethnic Politics in South Sudan." Presentation at Stanford University Africa Research Workshop. Virtual.

"Christianity and Political Imagination in South Sudan." Forthcoming roundtable at the American Academy of Religions annual meeting. Virtual.

"Christianity is now your tribe: Christian and Ethnic Politics in South Sudan" Forthcoming presentation at Makerere History Seminar, Makerere University. Virtual.

Discussant for panel concerning "The Moral Empire at Large: Religion and the Diplomacy of Colonialism and Decolonization in Central Africa." Meeting of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations. Virtual.

"The Troubled Promised Land: Political Theology in South Sudan." Presentation at the Wits Interdisciplinary Seminar in the Humanities. Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research, University of the Witwatersrand. Virtual.

"Political Theology in South Sudan." Presentation at the Edinburgh Centre For Global History. University of Edinburgh. Virtual.

"After the Exodus: Political Theology in South Sudan." Presentation at the Institute on Culture, Religion, and World Affairs. Boston University.

"The Troubled Promised Land: Political Theology in Independent South Sudan." Presentation at the Penn State African Studies Brown Bag Seminar Series. Virtual.

"Negro Canaan: Tuskegee, Leigh Hunt, and the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan" Northwestern University Department of African American Studies Virtual Lecture Series

"Lord Come to Our Aid": Islamization, Civil War, and the Pastoral Letters of the Sudan Catholic Bishops' Conference, 1983-1991." African Studies Association meeting.

"Black America and the Sudanese Mahdi" Presentation at the Association for the Worldwide Study of the African Diaspora Conference, Williamsburg, Virginia.

"Negro Canaan: Tuskegee, Leigh Hunt, and the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan" Presentation at the Association for the Study of African American Life and History Meeting,

North Charleston, South Carolina.

"The Religious Auspices of the Torit Mutiny" public lecture at the Symposium on Religious Minorities in Muslim Africa, sponsored by the Islam in Africa Working Group (Center for African Studies) at the University of Florida.

"Before the Bright Star: Football in the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan" African Studies Conference, 2018 Atlanta.

"Colonial Past, Present Meaning: Football in South Sudan" Center for the Study of Sports in Society, Pennsylvania State University.

"Theologians in Exile: War, Refugees, and Religious Thought during the First Sudanese Civil War" Paper presentation at the Rethinking Migration: African Perspectives Conference hosted by the African Studies Program, Pennsylvania State University

"The Construction of Religious Nationalism in Southern Sudan" Public lecture co-sponsored by the Berkley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs and the Department of Theology and Religious Studies, Georgetown University.

"Religion, Ethnicity, and the Politics of Identity in Southern Sudan" Presentation at the Paterno Fellows Lunch with Honors, Pennsylvania State University.

"You are not a Dinka": Christianity, Ethnicity, and Mission Print Culture in South Sudan, 1930-1955" Paper delivered at African Studies Association Conference, Chicago.

"Khartoum Goliath: The Martial Theology of SPLM/SPLA Update" Presentation at the African Studies Program Open Seminar, Pennsylvania State University.

"Propaganda, Theology, and Resistance in Sudan" Presentation at the Center for Religious and Spiritual Life, Macalester College.

"The Troubled Promised Land: The Politics of Religious Thought in Southern Sudan Since the Comprehensive Peace Agreement" Paper delivered at African Studies Association Conference, San Diego.

"Propaganda, Theology, and Resistance in Sudan" Paper delivered at Center for Scholarship and Learning, Conversations about Our Scholarly Lives Series. Macalester College.

"Khartoum Goliath: The Martial Theology of the *SPLM/SPLA Update*" Paper delivered at African Studies Association Conference, Indianapolis.

"I clearly see the finger of God': Providence and the Construction of South Sudanese Religious Thought in the First Civil War". Paper delivered at Graduate Students in African Studies Symposium, Indiana University.

"Persecution and Exile': F. Angelo Tutuo and Revelations from the South Sudan National Archive" Paper delivered at African Studies Association Conference, Baltimore.

"Ye are a Chosen People': Biblical Rhetoric and National Liberation in Southern Sudan, 1955-1967" Paper delivered at Sudan Studies Association Conference, University of Pennsylvania.

"When Caesar Ruled Khartoum: The Hermeneutics of Church and State in Southern Sudan." Paper delivered at African Studies Group, Durham University (UK).

"The Construction of Christian Nationalism in South Sudan." Presentation at Black Humanities Collective, University of Michigan.

2012

"Religion, Militarism, and the Seeds of Southern Sudanese Separatism, 1899-1914." Paper delivered at Graduate History Conference, Louisiana State University.

"Building Stronger Peer Relationship to Improve Our Retention in Graduate School." Panelist at Students of Color of Rackham Conference, University of Michigan.

"Missionaries, Prophecy, and Southern Sudanese Nationalism." Paper delivered at Eisenberg 2011 Institute for Historical Studies, University of Michigan.

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES AND SERVICE

Bethwell A. Ogot Book Prize Committee Member, African Studi	ies Association	2023-present
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**Executive Board Member, Walter Chapin Simpson Center for the Humanities** 2023-present

Director of Graduate Studies, UW Department of History 2023-present

Director, UW African Studies Program 2023-present

Interim Director, UW African Studies Program 2022-23

Member, UW History Undergraduate Studies Committee

2022-23

# **Web development and public relations committee, PSU African Studies Program** 2021-22 Committee is responsible for working on the website, social media presence, highlighting faculty work, creating advertising.

### **Outreach Committee, Religious Studies**

2021-present

Committee is working on building a new website, starting a regular newsletter, facilitating the RLST Book Club, and developing outreach programs to increase awareness of the RLST minor on campus and engagement in RLST more broadly.

### Chair, Promotion Committee for faculty member under review

2021

# **PSU Presidential Commission Truth and Reconciliation Process Subcommittee**Tasked with identifying Penn State expertise, locate models, articulate challenges, and create goals for an institutional "Truth and Reconciliation Process."

# Faculty Adviser, PSU Organization for the Development of Africa

2020-2021

#### Presidential Commission on Racism, Bias and Community Policing

2020-2021

Tasked with examining the deployment of Penn State's resources to address social issues related to racism and bias that are pervasive in the country and specifically at Penn State. Tasked with making recommendations that will promote and support the safety of faculty, staff and students who are confronted by racism and bias on Penn State campuses.

#### **Graduate Committee, PSU African Studies Program**

2018-2020

Tasked with helping to promote the new PhD minor in African Studies and advocate for a dual PhD program with the History Department.

# **Policy Committee, PSU History Department**

2017-2018

#### SSRC-Mellon PhD Professional Development Conference

2018

Attended three-day event that provided useful information for alumni of the Mellon-Mays Undergraduate Fellowship who are currently on the tenure-track.

**Emerging Scholars Summer Mentoring Program for Doctoral Study in History** 2017-2018 Organized by the George and Ann Richards Civil War Center and Department of History, I served on panels about pursuing a PhD and succeeding in graduate school.

# **Minority Rights Group International**

2017

Reviewed 6,000 word updates on the profile on South Sudan for MRGI's World Directory of Minorities and Indigenous Peoples.

# Awards Committee Member, Penn State Center for the Study of Sport in Society

Reviewed undergraduate essays that outlined proposed research projects. Assessed their relative quality for the purpose of providing input for the awarding decision.

#### Member of History Prize Committee, Macalester College Department of History

2016

Reviewed undergraduate essays for the purpose of selecting prize recipients for essays in areas that included US, European, and Women's and Gender History.

### Co-Coordinator, UM African History and Anthropology Workshop

2014-2015

Organized regular workshops for graduate students and faculty interested in African studies, invite University and external scholars to present their work.

### Cataloging Intern, South Sudan National Archive

2012

Served on six-week project coordinated by the Rift Valley Institute. Worked with members of the Ministry of Sport, Youth and Culture to preserve, catalog, and digitize documents held in the South Sudan National Archives in Juba.

### Co-Chair, UM Black Humanities Collective

2010-2012

Organized bi-weekly meetings and workshops of graduate students interested in various aspects of the African Diaspora, planned a panel discussion entitled "Who's in Charge? Deconstructing Black Leadership in America", and a film screening and discussion of Vincent Brown's documentary "Herskovits at the Heart of Blackness".

#### Research Assistant for Professor Amal Fadlalla

2012, 2013

Conducted research about the historical conflict between Northern and Southern Sudan (events and historiography) and African-American attention given to Southern Sudan/Sudanese slavery.

# Research and Writing Assistant, William L. Clements Library

2010

Participated in project funded by the National Institute for the Humanities; conducted research to be used to supplement online finding aids for the William L. Clements Library, edited existent finding aids, and deciphered handwritten manuscripts dating back to the eighteenth century.