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Appointments	University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, California <i>Postdoctoral Scholar</i> , Berkeley Artificial Intelligence Research	2019-2021
Education	Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois <i>Ph.D.</i> , History	2011-2019
	Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia M.A., Modern German History B.A., History & Political Science	2008–2011 2003–2007
Publications	 Articles & Chapters "Simulation and 'Seduction' at the Policy Interface" in <i>IEEE Annals of the History of Computing</i> 39 (3) "Virtually Nigeria: USAID, Simulated Futures, and the Politics of Postcolonial Expertise, 1964-1980" in <i>The Struggle for the Long-term in Science and Politics: Forging the Future</i> edited by Jenny Andersson and Egle Rindzeviciute (2015) 	
	 Book Reviews Review of Joy Lisi Rankin, A People's History of Computing in the Uni The Journal of Arizona History, 6:2, (Spring 2019) p.126-128 Review of Matthew H. Wisnioski, Engineers for Change: Competing Vis nology in 1960s America in The Sixties, 6:2, (Feb 2014) p.229-231 	
	 Other Essays "Model Metropolis," <i>Logic</i>, Winter 2018. "Why German Economic Thought Made the Greek Crisis Inevitable <i>Meta</i>, July 10, 2015. 	," Tropics of
Honors & Awards	 Fellowships T.H. Breen Graduate Fellow, Nicholas D. Chabraja Center for Histor 2018-2019. Dissertation Fellow, Consortium for the History of Science, Technolog (CHSTM), 2017-2018. Adelle and Erwin Tomash Fellow in the History of Information Techno Babbage Institute, 2016-2017. Teaching Fellow, Teagle Foundation, 2013-2014. HASTAC Fellow, Northwestern University Digital Humanities Labor 2013. THATCamp Fellow, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, 2011. Science Studies Research Fellow, Northwestern University, 2011-2016 	y, and Medicine logy, Charles ratory, 2012-

	- Graduate Research Assistant, Georgia State University, 2008-2010.
	 Grants Graduate Student Organized Conference Grant, Buffett Institute for Global Studies, Northwestern University, 2016.
	- Research Grant, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, 2015.
	- Travel Grant, Association of Georgia State Historians, 2010.
	 Honors Distinction, Qualifying Exam, "Modern European History," Northwestern Univerity, 2014. Distinction, Qualifying Exam, "The Cold War and Decolonization," Northwestern Univerity, 2014.
Talks & Lectures	Invited Talks
	- "Hacktivism and World Politics," Invited Speaker, Northwestern University His- tory Department (Evanston, IL) Oct. 2016.
	- "Science Studies and the Digital Humanities," Invited Speaker, Digital Humanities Speaker Series, Illinois Institute of Technology (Chicago, IL) Ост. 2015.
	- "Too Much Information: Text Mining for Twentieth Century Historians" Invited Speaker, Digital History Working Group, Northwestern University Library (Evanston, IL) Apr. 2015.
	- "How to Navigate the Archive," Invited Discussant, Northwestern University His- tory Department (Evanston, IL) Nov. 2012.
	- "Digital Tools for Historical Research," Invited Speaker, Northwestern University History Department (Evanston, IL) Feв. 2012.
Conference Participation	Conferences Organized:
	 "Back to the Future: Visions of Tomorrow in History," Nicholas D. Chabraja Center for Historical Studies, Northwestern University MAY 2019. A one-day inter- disciplinary conference on the history of the future, keynoted by Patrick McCray.
	- "Science, Technology, and the Politics of Knowledge in Global Affairs," Buffett Institute for Global Studies, Northwestern University MAR. 2017. A two-day con- ference on the relationship between Science and Technology Studies and interna- tional politics, keynoted by Sheila Jasanoff. (Co-organized with Savina Balasubra- manian and Omri Tubi)
	 On Global Simulation Modeling: "Catastrophe or New Society? Limits to Growth, NIEO, and the Birth of Sustainable Development" in the session "Mathematical Diplomacy between War and Peace, Theory and Application" at the Social Science History Association (Phoenix) Nov. 2018.

- "Future Shocks: Limits to Growth, NIEO, and the Birth of Sustainable Development" in the session "Mathematical Diplomacy between War and Peace, Theory and Application" at the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (Philadelphia) JUN. 2018.
- "The Computer that Printed Out W*O*L*F?: Representations of Computer Simulation and Modeling in the 1970s" in the session "Simulation, Automation, Communication" at Society for the History of Technology, Special Interest Group for Computers, Information and Society (Philadelphia) Oct. 2017.
- "Economists Against Limits" in the session "The Politics of Economics and the Economics of Politics," at the 42th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Social Study of Science (Boston) SEP. 2017.
- "Living with Limits: Asian Growth, the Club of Rome and the Birth of Sustainable Development" in the session "Oceans and Environment" at University of Hong Kong Spring History Symposium (Hong Kong) MAY. 2017.
- "Computer Looks Ahead and Shudders: Popular Representations of Computers in the Limits to Growth Debate" in the session "Media and Public Understanding" at The Popular and History (Evanston) Apr. 2017.
- "Engineering Intuition: From Counterintuitive to Human-Centered Computer Forecasting," in the session "Histories of Postwar Futures: Forecasts, Simulations and Scenarios" at the History of Science Society, (Atlanta) Oct. 2016.
- "Life after Limits: the First Decade of Global Modeling" paper presented at the seminar "Prediction" at FUTUREPOL, Sciences Po (Paris) Apr. 2016.
- "Gaming the System: Computer Policy Simulation at the Practitioner-Expert Interface, 1965-1980" in the session "The Other Experts in Policymaking: Beyond Science and Publics," at the 40th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Social Study of Science (Denver) Nov. 2015.

On Simulation and Nigerian Development:

- "Programming Modernity: Computer Simulation, Modernization Theory and the Creation of a Virtual Nigeria" in the session "Statistics, Technology, and Politics" at the 38th Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association (Chicago). Nov. 2013.
- "Virtually Modern: Simulating Nigeria's Path to Capitalist Modernity" at the 10th Annual Loyola University Chicago History Graduate Student Conference. (Chicago) Nov. 2013.
- "Programming a Virtual Nigeria: Systems Simulation, Economic Performativity, and the History of Development" at the 56th Annual Meeting of the Midwest Junto for the History of Science (South Bend). Apr. 2013.

On East German Cybernetics:

- "Marxist Cybernetics or Cybernetic Marxism? Information, Systems Modeling, and the Boundaries of Orthodoxy in the GDR" at the Third Annual AGSUH Graduate Student Conference (Atlanta). APR. 2011.

	- "Visualizing Authority: Cybernetics, Systems Modeling, and the German Power" in the session "Beyond Illustration: Visual Culture Regimes of Modernity" at the Fourth Annual Southeast German shop (Atlanta). FEB. 2011.	and the Scopic	
	 "Red Helmsman: Dogmatism, Pragmatism, and Negotiation in the Georg Klaus" at the Cold War Cultures Conference (Austin). OCT "Compass Rising: East German Cybernetics and the 'New Class" "Class and Hierarchy: What's Left?" at the Third Annual Southeas ies Workshop (Atlanta). MAR. 2010. 	2010. in the session	
	 On Issues in Higher Education: Panelist on "Program Committee Teach-in: Educators Unite!" at th ing of the American Studies Association. (Chicago) Nov. 2017. 	e Annual Meet-	
Teaching	 Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois History of Western Science and Medicine (with Ken Alder) The Computerized Society (with Michael Kramer) Global History II: The Age of Carbon (with Daniel Immerwahr) Biomedicine & World History (with Helen Tilley) 	Spring 2015 Spring 2014 Winter 2014 Spring 2013	
	 History of Western Science and Medicine (with Ken Alder) Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia U.S. History Survey: 1492 – Present (with Larry Youngs) World History Survey: 1500 – Present (with Jared Poley) 	Winter 2012 Spring 2012 Fall 2009	
Service	 Committees & Administration Social Media Coordinator, Special Interest Group for Computers, Information and Society (SIGCIS) 2017- Coordinator, Science in Human Culture Doctoral Colloquium, 2015-2016 Assistant Director, Northwestern University Digital Humanities Laboratory, 2013-2014 President, Northwestern History Graduate Student Organization, 2014-2015 Vice President, Northwestern History Graduate Student Organization, 2013-2014 		
	<i>Peer Review</i> - Peer Reviewer, <i>IEEE Annals of the History of Computing</i> , 2013-201	.4	
Professional Experience	 Archives and Museums National Archives at Atlanta, Archives Technician, 2008–2011 Specialized in Atomic Energy Commission and Manhattan Projec Participated in workshops for K-12 educators. Assisted academic researchers. Gwinnett History Museum, Museum Attendant, 2003–2007 GCPR Attendant of the Year, 2007. 	t records.	

	<i>Information Technology</i> Micromeritics Instrument Corporation, IT Technician, 2006–2008
Language & Software Proficiencies	Research Languages German, Spanish
Tonciclicites	Computer Langauges and Research Software COBOL, Debian Linux, Fortran, Git VCS, HTML/CSS, Lager, MALLET, Medi- aWiki, R, SQL, Python, Stanford NLP, WordPress
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