

## Ryan Minor: Curriculum Vitae

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### Education:

- PhD, History – University of California Santa Barbara 2021.

**Dissertation:** “A Rope of Many Fibers: The Making of Transnational Co-operative Citizenship in Ghana.”

**Committee:** Stephan Miescher (Chair), Mhoze Chikowero, Erika Rappaport, Paul Spickard

**Exam Fields:** African History / World History / Comparative Race and Ethnicity

- Master of Arts, History (Africa focus) – University of California Santa Barbara: 2015
- Master of Arts, Social Science (Global Studies) – CSU, San Bernardino: 2013.

**Thesis:** “There is no Bournville in Africa: English Chocolate Makers, African Cocoa Producers, and the Ethics of Capitalism.

**Committee:** Tiffany Jones (Chair), Mayo Toruño, James Fenelon

- Bachelor of Arts, History – University of Redlands: 2003.

### Publications:

Book Review: *Cocoa* by Kristy Leissle in *Historia Agraria* 83, (April, 2021): 274-278.

“English Chocolate, Ghanaian Cocoa” (travelogue). In *History in the Making: A Journal of History* 6 (2013): 217-223.

“There is no Bournville in Africa: Capitalist Labor Relationships Through the Lens of Interactions Between West African Cocoa Workers and Industrial Chocolate Manufacturers from the 19<sup>th</sup> Century to the Present Day.” In *History in the Making: A Journal of History* 5 (2012): 43-80.

### Public History Projects:

Mapping Transnational Co-operative Citizenship ( in progress)

Enchanted Archives, “We Wants the Redhead! The Signares of Senegal and Constructions of Gender in the Eighteenth-Century Atlantic World” (2019) <https://enchantedarchives.com/signares>

Enchanted Archives, “The Jungle Cruise: Romance, Adventure, and the Legacies of Colonialism.” Enchantedarchives.com (2018). <https://enchantedarchives.com/junglecruise>

### Selected Conference Presentations:

*A Global Co-operative Movement: Imagined Post-Colonial Futures and Print media in Ghana 1950 – 1966*. Presented at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Triennial Ghana Studies Association Conference: Ghana as Center – July 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> 2019, University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana.

*Spreading the News: Co-operative Print Media in Colonial Ghana 1951 – 1957*. Presented at the African Studies Association 61st Annual Conference: Research Energies: Power, Creativity and Afro-Futures. November 29<sup>th</sup> – December 1<sup>st</sup> 2018, Atlanta, GA.

*A Fanciful Vision: Colonial Co-operative Development in the Gold Coast, 1930 – 1957*. Presented at the Pacific Coast Conference of British Studies Annual Meeting, Friday March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018, UCSB, Santa Barbara, CA.

*Am I not a Man and Also a Laborer? The Lasting Effects of Abolition, Enlightenment, and Capitalism on West African Labor and Trade.* Presented at the 2nd Annual CSUSB symposium, "Meeting of the minds," February 23rd 2013, San Bernardino, California.

*There is no Bournville in Africa: Capitalist Labor Relationships Through the Lens of Interactions Between West African Cocoa Workers and Industrial Chocolate Manufacturers from the 19<sup>th</sup> Century to the Present Day.* Presented at the African Studies Association 55<sup>th</sup> annual Conference *Research Frontiers in the Study of Africa.* November 29<sup>th</sup> – December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

#### **Awards and Fellowships:**

- UCSB Graduate Division Dissertation Fellowship, 2021
- History Associates General Fellowship, 2019-2020
- UCSB Graduate Division Humanities Research Fellowship, 2019-20 (one year fellowship)
- UCSB Academic Senate Outstanding Teaching Associate Award (nominated), 2018-19
- UCSB Dissertation Fellowship Quarter, 2018-19
- UCSB History Department Travel Grant, UCSB 2018
- UCSB Graduate Student Association Outstanding Teacher's Associate Award (nominated): 2017-2018
- History Associates Award, 2014
- CSUSB Outstanding Graduate Student Award for Social Science M.A. program, 2013
- CSUSB Outstanding Graduate Student Award for College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, 2013
- CSUSB Outstanding Thesis Award for College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, 2013
- CSUSB Student Research and Travel Award, 2012.

#### **Employment:**

- Westmont College: Visiting Assistant Professor of English 2022 – present
- Westmont College: Visiting Assistant Professor of History 2021 – present
- Westmont College: Instructor (History Department), 2021
- UCSB: Instructor (History/Writing Studies), 2018 - 2021
- UCSB: Writing Program graduate student research assistant, 2020
- Crafton Hills Community College: Instructor, 2016-17
- UCSB: History Department Teacher Assistant, 2013-15, 2017-18

#### **Courses Taught:**

- Westmont College: History 195 – Topics in History – Modern Africa
- Westmont College: English 044 – Studies in World Literature: Global South (Africa Focused)
- Westmont College: English 002 – Composition
- Westmont College: History 010 – Perspectives on World History
- Westmont College: History 009 – World History to 1750
- UCSB: History 49C / Black Studies 49C – African History 1945 to the Present
- UCSB History 101 – Historical Fiction
- UCSB: History 147D – Development in Africa
- UCSB: Writing 2 – Introduction to Academic Writing
- Crafton Hills Community College: History 150 – Latin American History
- Crafton Hills Community College: History 171 – World Civilizations since 1500CE
- Crafton Hills Community College: History 101 – History of the United States since 1865
- Crafton Hills Community College: History 170 – World Civilizations to 1500CE

**Teacher Assistant / Discussion section leader:**

- UCSB: History 49A / Black Studies 49A – African History up to 1800
- UCSB: History / Black Studies 49B – African History 1800 to the Present
- UCSB: History 2A – World History up to 1000CE
- UCSB: History 2C – World History 1700 to the Present
- UCSB: History/ Black Studies 49A – African History up to 1800
- UCSB History 4C – Western Civilization from 1750

**Academic Service:**

- Writing Program graduate student research assistant – Fall 2020
- UCSB History Department South Asia Hiring Committee: Graduate Student Member – 2017-2018
- UCSB African Studies Research Focus Group member – 2013-2021
- UCSB Ancient Borderland Conference: planning committee member – 2013-14
- CSUSB History in the Making journal: Editor – 2011-2013

**Languages:**

- French: intermediate reading, speaking, and writing
- Spanish: basic reading, speaking, and writing
- Twi: basic reading, speaking, and writing