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REFERENCES

Dr. Mark Souther

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Director, Center for Public History +
Digital Humanities

Cleveland State University

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Professor of History

Director, Initiative for Public
Humanities

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Dr. Julie Thompson Klein

Professor Emeritus of English

Wayne State University

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WORK HISTORY

2011 - 2017 **Assistant Professor of African History**

Wayne State University

Detroit, MI

2010 - 2011 **Visiting Assistant Professor of History and Political
Science**

Goshen College

Goshen, IN

EDUCATION

2007 - 2011 **Ph.D.**

Indiana University

African History, African Studies, Comparative Colonial History

2005 - 2007 **M.A.**

Indiana University

African History

2001 - 2005 **B.A.**

Denison University

International Studies and Philosophy

BOOKS

- *Ghana on the Go: African Mobility in the Age of Motor Transportation* (Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press), 2016
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ARTICLES

- "'One Man, No Chop': Licit Wealth, Good Citizens, and the Criminalization of Drivers in Postcolonial Ghana", *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 46:3 (December 2013), 373-396.
- "Motor Transportation, Trade Unionism, and the Culture of Work in Colonial Ghana" (Special Issue: "Labor in Transport: Histories from the Global South [Africa, Asia, and Latin America] 1700 to 2000"), *International Review of Social History* 59 (2014), 185-209. Reprinted in *Labor in Transport: Histories from the Global South, c. 1750-1950*, Stefano Bellucci, Larissa Rosa Correa, Jan-George Deutsch, and Chitra Joshi, eds (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press), 2014.
- "'Nifa Nifa': Technopolitics, Mobile Workers, and the ambivalence of Decline in Acheampong's Ghana", *African Economic History* 44 (2016): 181-201.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- (with Peter Cole) "Trade, Transport, and Services." *Handbook: Global History of Work* (forthcoming 2017).

ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

- "El Anatsui." In *Dictionary of African Biography*. Edited by Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and Emmanuel Akyeampong. New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011.
- "Glover, Emmanuel Ablade." In *Dictionary of African Biography*. Edited by Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and Emmanuel Akyeampong. New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011.

BOOK REVIEWS

- Casper Andersen, *British Engineers and Africa, 1875-1914*. *Journal of British Studies*, 51(4): October 2012, 1036-1037.
- Emily Lynn Osborn, *Our New Husbands Are Here: Households, Gender, and Politics in a West African State from the Slave Trade to Colonial Rule*. *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 46(1): February 2013.
- Raymond Dumett, *Imperialism, Economic Development, and Social Change in West Africa*. *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 47(3): 2014.
- Ato Quayson, *Oxford Street, Accra: City Life and the Itineraries of Transnationalism*. *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 48(1): 2015.
- Clapperton Chakanetsa Mavhunga, *Transient Workspaces: Technologies of Everyday Innovation in Zimbabwe*. *ICON: Journal of the International Committee for the History of Technology*, forthcoming.
- Jonathan T. Reynolds, *Sovereignty and Struggle: Africa and Africans in the Era of the Cold War, 1945-1994*. *The Middle Ground Journal*, forthcoming.

PUBLICATIONS UNDER REVIEW

- "Of Pirate Drivers and Honking Horns: Mobility, Authority, and Urban Planning in Late-Colonial Accra", under review with *Technology and Culture* (submitted January 2016).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- *Accra Wala*, digital humanities site (with MATRIX Center for Digital Humanities at Michigan State University)
- "Africanist Digital History", a special issue for *History in Africa*, proposal in progress
- *Planning Politics: City Life in 20th Century Accra*, book manuscript in progress
- "Precarious Histories: Entrepreneurialism, Insecurity, and Automobility in 20th Century Ghana", drafted and under revision for the *American Historical Review*
- "Piracy, Planning, and the Politics of Space: Using History to Understand Transport Plans in Accra, Ghana", drafting with Carolyn Loh for submission to *The Journal of Planning History*
- "Gender, Entrepreneurialism, and History in Ghana", drafting with Esenam Nyador for submission to *Signs*.
- "Sanitation, Segregation, and the Infrastructure of Colonialism in Accra, Ghana" drafting for submission to the *Journal of Urban History*.

UPCOMING PAPER PRESENTATIONS

- "A New Accra for a Better Ghana: New Urbanism, Precarity, and Youth in Ghana", European Conference on African Studies, Basel, Switzerland, June-July 2017.
- "What is the 'new Accra'?", DIY Urbanism Workshop, Abuja, Nigeria, November 2017.

PAPERS PRESENTED

- "Roundtable: Pedagogical Tools for African History: From High School to Graduate School", African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, December 3, 2016.
- "Digital Research, Study Abroad, and African Studies", Network Detroit, September 30, 2016.
- "Accra: A Plan for the Town—Urban Politics, Planning, and Citizenship in Nkrumah's Ghana", African Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 2015.
- "Automobility, Technopolitics, and African Histories of Technology-in-Use in Twentieth Century Ghana", Society for the History of Technology, Albuquerque, NM, October 2015.
- "Accra Mobile: Motor Transportation, Imagination, and New Media", HASTAC, East Lansing, MI, May 2015.
- "Of Mammy Trucks and Men: African Automobility and the Politics of Development in Colonial Ghana", Africanizing Technology Conference, Wesleyan University, March 2015.
- "'No Rest for the Trotro Driver': Ambivalence and Automobility in 21st Century Ghana", American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. December 2014.
- "'Nifa, Nifa': Technopolitics, Regionalism, and Authoritarianism in Acheampong's Ghana", African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, IN. October 2014.
- "Precarious Histories: Automobility, Entrepreneurialism, and Insecurity in 20th Century Ghana", From Proletariat to Precariat: Changing Labor Relations in the Twentieth and Twenty-first Centuries, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN. September 2014.
- "Of Pirate Drivers and Honking Horns: Mobility, Authority, and Urban Planning in Interwar Accra", Mobility and Authority in Africa, Rice University and Texas Southern University, Houston, TX. March 2014.
- "Motor Transport and the Politics of Everyday Life in the Era of Ghanaian Decolonization" Working on Globalization: Work and Transport in Global History after 1945, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany. October 2013.
- "Of Pirates and Honking Horns: Mobility, Authority, and Urban Planning in Interwar Accra", African Studies Seminar, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, October 2013.
- "Labor Unions, Entrepreneurs, and the Politics of Driving in Twentieth Century Ghana", African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA. December 2012.
- "Labor Unions, Entrepreneurs, and the Politics of Driving in Twentieth Century Ghana", North American Labor History Conference, Detroit, MI. October 2012.
- "Occupational Histories and Life on the Road in the Gold Coast/Ghana", Canadian Association of African Studies, Quebec City, Canada, May 2012
- "'No Respect': Status, Security, and the Ambivalence of Decline in the Life of Drivers, 1960s-1980s", African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. November 2011
- "'Fear Not': Public Danger, Public Safety, and the Culture of Driving in Late-Colonial Ghana", *ECAS 2011: The 4th European Conference on African Studies*, Uppsala, Sweden, June 15-18, 2011
- "'Heaven's Gate, No Bribe': Development, Citizenship and Motor Transportation in Postcolonial Ghana", *Sites of Citizenship Conference*, King's College, London, June 10, 2011

- “Cocoa, Markets and Mammy Trucks: Indigenous Enterprise and the Emergence of Motor Transport in Colonial Ghana”, American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, January 2011
- “Steering the Fortunes of the Ga Shifimo Kpee: Drivers, Nationalism and the Writing of History”, African Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, November 2010
- “Mobility, Trade and Autonomy: Indigenous Entrepreneurship and the Politics of Motor Transportation in Colonial Ghana”, Conference in Honor of Terence Ranger, University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign), October 14-16, 2010.

INVITED LECTURES/TALKS

- “Digital Humanities: Public Humanities in New Media”, *NEH Next Generation Humanities PhD Project Workshop*, with Julie Klein and Nathan Kelber, Wayne State University, November 9, 2016.
- “Communicating with Broader Audiences”, *NEH Next Generation Humanities PhD Project Workshop*, with Jack Lessenberry, John Corvino, and Saeed Khan, Wayne State University, February 8, 2017.
- “A New Accra For a Better Ghana?”, Ghana@60: Transitions Within Globalization, Department of African American Studies, Wayne State University, February 7, 2017.
- “Accra Wala: Mapping Sensation Using Digital Technologies”, *Meltwater Entrepreneurial School of Technology*, Accra, Ghana, October 26, 2016.
- “Learning from Africa’s Technology Stories”, Presidential Roundtable, Society for the History of Technology, Albuquerque, New Mexico, October 10, 2015.
- “Precarity in the Postcolony?: The Risks of the Road and the History of Automobility in Ghana”, University of Florida, Baraza Lecture, September 11, 2015.
- “Modern Men: Gender, Mobility, and the Culture of Driving, 1930s-1960s”, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN. April 2014.

OTHER SCHOLARLY WRITING

- “Inequality and Automobility”, *Ghana on the Go: African Mobility in the Age of Motor Transportation*. <http://ghanaonthego.com/2015/05/08/inequality-and-automobility/>. May 8, 2015.
- “Innocence, Aspiration, and Global Automobility”, *Ghana on the Go: African Mobility in the Age of Motor Transportation*. <http://ghanaonthego.com/2015/05/14/innocence-aspiration-and-global-automobility/>. May 14, 2015.
- “Accra Mobile: Motor Transportation, Sensation, and New Media”, *Ghana on the Go: African Mobility in the Age of Motor Transportation*. <http://ghanaonthego.com/2015/07/05/accra-mobile-motor-transportation-sensation-and-new-media/>. July 5, 2015.
- “Two Accras?: Income Inequality and the Meaning of Development”, *Ghana on the Go: African Mobility in the Age of Motor Transportation*. <http://ghanaonthego.com/2015/07/19/two-accras-income-inequality-and-the-meaning-of-development/>. July 19, 2015.
- “Automobility, Technopolitics, and African Histories of Technology-in-Use in Twentieth Century Ghana”, *Technology’s Stories*. Society for the History of Technology. <http://www.technologystories.org>. October 5, 2015.
- “Dumsor Struggles: Light-off and Petrol Shortages in West Africa’s Newest Oil Capital”, *Ghana on the Go: African Mobility in the Age of Motor Transportation*. <http://ghanaonthego.com/2015/10/07/dumsor-struggles-light-off-and-petrol-shortages-in-west-africas-newest-oil-capital/>. October 7, 2015.
- “Daladala, ‘African’ Technologies, and the Political Culture of Modern Mobility”, *Ghana on the Go: African Mobility in the Age of Motor Transportation*. <http://ghanaonthego.com/2016/01/03/daladala-african-technologies-and-the-political-culture-of-modern-mobility/>. January 3, 2016.

- “Made in Ghana?: Defining ‘Local’ in the Age of Globalization”, *Ghana on the Go: African Mobility in the Age of Motor Transportation*. <http://ghanaonthego.com/2016/01/22/made-in-ghana-defining-local-in-the-age-of-globalization/>. January 22, 2016.
- “Death on the Road”, *Ghana on the Go: African Mobility in the Age of Motor Transportation*. <http://ghanaonthego.com/2016/03/03/death-on-the-road/>. March 3, 2016.
- “Fear Women, Save Your Life”, *Ghana on the Go: African Mobility in the Age of Motor Transportation*. http://ghanaonthego.com/2016/03/08/fear_women_save_your_life/. March 8, 2016.
- “Remimagining Technology and Mobility”, *Ghana on the Go: African Mobility in the Age of Motor Transportation*. <https://ghanaonthego.com/2016/03/30/reimagining-technology-and-mobility/>. March 30, 2016.
- “Driving Myself: Experiencing Space, Autonomy, and Mobility in the ‘New Accra’”, *Ghana on the Go: African Mobility in the Age of Motor Transportation*. <https://ghanaonthego.com/2016/07/11/driving-myself-experiencing-space-autonomy-and-mobility-in-the-new-accra/>. July 11, 2016.
- “Uber Accra: Global Solutions to Local Movement?”, *Ghana on the Go: African Mobility in the Age of Motor Transportation*. <https://ghanaonthego.com/2016/07/12/uber-accra-global-solutions-to-local-movement/>. July 12, 2016.
- “Regional Transit, Infrastructure, Colonialism, and the Meaning of Auto/Mobility in Accra and Detroit”, *Ghana on the Go: African Mobility in the Age of Motor Transportation*. <https://ghanaonthego.com/2016/07/30/regional-transit-infrastructure-colonialism-and-the-meaning-of-automobility-in-accra-and-detroit/>. July 30, 2016.
- “Interviewing Miss Taxi Ghana: Gender, Entrepreneurialism, and Social Media”, *Ghana on the Go: African Mobility in the Age of Motor Transportation*. <https://ghanaonthego.com/2016/08/05/interviewing-miss-taxi-ghana-gender-entrepreneurialism-and-social-media/>. August 5, 2016.
- “City Life and Automobility in Twentieth Century Ghana”, *Global Urban History*. <https://globalurbanhistory.com/2016/12/01/forward-ever-backward-never-cosmopolitanism-city-life-and-the-creation-of-a-mobile-society-in-twentieth-century-ghana/>. December 1, 2016.
- “Student Research and Study Abroad in Ghana”. *Ghana on the Go: African Mobility in the Age of Motor Transportation*. <https://ghanaonthego.com/2017/01/07/student-research-and-study-abroad-in-ghana/>. January 7, 2017.
- “Populism, Discontent, and the Failure of Global Elite Imaginations.” *Ghana on the Go: African Mobility in the Age of Motor Transportation*. <https://ghanaonthego.com/2017/01/14/populism-discontent-and-the-failure-of-global-elite-imaginations/>. January 14, 2017.
- “A New Accra for a Better Ghana?” *Ghana on the Go: African Mobility in the Age of Motor Transportation*. <https://ghanaonthego.com/2017/02/06/a-new-accra-for-a-better-ghana/>. February 6, 2017.
- “Accra Wala: Digital History, Community Partnerships, and Work in Progress”. *Ghana on the Go: African Mobility in the Age of Motor Transportation*. <https://ghanaonthego.com/2017/02/20/accra-wala-digital-history-community-partnerships-and-work-in-progress/>. February 20, 2017.

MEDIA AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- Organizer, “Religion and the Uprising: Interfaith Reflections on the Response to 1967” (with the Detroit Historical Society, The Cathedral Church of St. Paul, and Religious Studies at Wayne), May 13, 2017.
- Development Consultant and Grant-writer, Cathedral Choir School of Metropolitan Detroit and Cathedral Music Society, Detroit, MI, 2013-present
- Marketing consultant for Kashi “Teff Thins”, February 17, 2016.
- Consultant for, “Waithood: The Passage to Adulthood in Ghana”, *The Compass* (BBC World Service, November 1, 2015) <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p035w9bs>

- Interviewed as a panel expert on Boko Haram and the “Bring Back Our Girls” Campaign in Northern Nigeria, *Detroit Today*, “World 101,” host: Stephen Henderson, WDET, April 22, 2015. <http://wdet.org/posts/2015/04/22/80273-world-101-boko-haram/>.
- Interviewed for and quoted in the article, “Ghana Taxis Display Religious Faith”, by Ken Maguire, *Global Post*, May 30, 2010. <http://www.globalpost.com/dispatch/ghana/091216/ghana-taxis-religious-belief>.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

- Online Course Design Fellowship, Wayne State University, summer 2016
- Humanities Center Fellowship for Working Group—“Digital Humanities” (with Lisa Maruca and Andrew Hnatow), Wayne State University, 2015-2016, 2016-2017.
- Research Enhancement Project (Humanities), Wayne State University, 2015-2016
- Humanities Center Faculty Fellowship, Wayne State University, summer 2015
- University Research Grant, Wayne State University, summer 2015
- Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies, Residency Fellow, University of Michigan, 2012-2013
- Humanities Center Faculty Fellowship, Wayne State University, summer 2012
- Humanities Center Fellowship for Working Group—“Politics Culture and the City” (with Tracy Neumann, Andrew Newman, and Krysta Ryzewski), 2011-2012, 2012-2013
- Fulbright-Hays Dissertation Grant, 2008-2009
- Fulbright IIE Dissertation Grant, 2008-2009 (declined)

CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP ORGANIZING

- North American Labor History Conference, Conference Organizing Committee, 2016-present (previously also 2012-2014)
- Network Detroit, Co-organizer, 2016-2017
- Midwest Conference on British Studies (Detroit) Local Arrangements Committee, 2015
- DIY Urbanism Workshop (Abuja, Nigeria), Organizing Committee, 2017 (funded by The Swedish Foundation for International Cooperation in Research and Higher Education)
- DIY Urbanism Workshop (Detroit), Co-Organizer, 2017-2018

TEACHING

Undergraduate

Africa to 1800; Africa Since 1800; African Cities; Everyday Africa; African Democracy Project; Christianity in Africa; African States; African Slavery and the Slave Trade; Colonial Encounters; British Colonies; Ethnographic History; Oral History; Gender and Sexuality in Africa; Digital History Seminar; Intro to Digital History; History Communication; History of Development

Graduate

World History Seminar; African Cities; Everyday Africa; African Democracy Project; Christianity in Africa; African States; Ethnographic History; Oral History; Digital History; History of Development

Graduate Advising

Master's students: Kaitlin Cooper (World History); Yvonne Crenshaw (African History)

PhD Exam Committees: Lillian Wilson Szlaga (modern US/gender/world)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

National and International Service

- Reviewer: Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders, US Department of State (November 2015); National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend (November 2015)
- Referee (Journals): *International Journal of African Historical Studies*; *African Studies Review*; *Africa Today*; *International Labor and Working Class History*; *International Review of Social History*

University and Departmental Service

- Alternate Faculty Representation, Academic Affairs, Board of Governors (2016-2017)
- General Education Reform Committee (2016-2017)
- Curriculum and Instruction Committee (Academic Senate), chair (2016-2017)
- DHatWayne Working Group, co-coordinator (2015-present)
- Politics and Culture in the City Working Group, co-coordinator (2012-2014)
- Academic Senate (2015-present)
- Curriculum and Instruction Committee, Academic Senate (2015-present)
- Fulbright Review Committee (2013)
- Faculty Liaison, Swimming and Diving (2015-present)
- Colloquium Committee, Co-Chair (2011-2014)
- History Department Budget Committee (2015-2016)
- History Department Executive Committee (2015-2016)
- Religious Studies Advisory Board (2015-present)
- Global Studies Advisory Board (2015-present)
- History Department Search Committee (Colonial North America) (2014)
- History Department Graduate Committee (2013-2014)
- History Department Salary Committee (2013-2014)
- History Department Website Committee (2012-2013)
- History Department Undergraduate Committee (2011-2013, 2015-2016)
- President-Elect, WSU Gamma Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa (2015)
- Phi Beta Kappa, New Member Review Committee (2015-present)

Professional Memberships

- African Studies Association
- American Historical Association
- Society for the History of Technology
- Ghana Studies Association