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EDUCATION

Ph.D., History of Science, Harvard, Cambridge, MA 2005
A.B., History and Science, *magna cum laude*, with highest honors, Harvard, Cambridge, MA 1998
Certificate in African Studies, Harvard, Cambridge, MA 1998

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Full Professor, Department of History, University of Texas at Austin 2022 - present
Faculty Affiliate, Department of African American and African
Diaspora Studies 2024 - present
Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Texas at Austin 2017 - 2022
Faculty Affiliate, Department of Population Health, Dell Medical
School 2017 - present
Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Texas at Austin 2014 - 2017
Faculty Affiliate, Health and Society Program 2014 - present
Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of California, Berkeley 2005-2014
Faculty Affiliate, Department of Women and Gender Studies 2008-2014
Faculty Affiliate, Department of Anthropology, History and Social
Medicine, Medical School, University of California, San Francisco 2006-2014
Junior Scholar, Harvard Academy for International & Area Studies, Harvard 2005-2006;
2008-2009

PUBLICATIONS

Books

1. Osseo-Asare, A.D. (2019). *Atomic Junction: Nuclear Power in an African Suburb*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press. 278 pages. <https://doi.org/10.1017/9781108557955>

Award:

Martin A. Klein Prize in African History for the most distinguished work of scholarship on African history published in English, American Historical Association, 2020

Reviews:

African Studies Review, *Technology and Culture*, H-Africa (H-Net), *Journal of African History*, *Isis (journal of the History of Science Society)*, *Journal of African Military History*, *Canadian Journal of African Studies*, *WerkstattGeschichte*

Citations: 75 (Cambridge Press Metrics); 65 (Google Scholar Metrics)

2. Osseo-Asare, A.D. (2014). *Bitter Roots: The Search for Healing Plants in Africa*. Chicago, IL: The University of Chicago Press. 300 pages. <https://doi.org/10.7208/chicago/9780226086163.001>

Awards:

Herskovits Prize for best English language publication in African Studies, African Studies Association, 2015

Pacific Coast Branch Book Award for best book by scholar in the Western Region, American Historical Association, 2015

Outstanding Academic Titles Book Award, *Choice Magazine*, 2015

Reviews:

The American Historical Review, Studies in History and Philosophy of Biological and Biomedical Sciences, The Quarterly Review of Biology, Social History of Medicine, British Journal for the History of Science, Bulletin of the History of Medicine, Isis (journal of the History of Science Society), African Studies Review

Citations: 250 (Google Scholar Metrics)

Non-print/Online materials

3. Osseo-Asare, A.D. (2016). *Atomic Junction: The Road to Nuclear Power*. (HDV documentary film, approx. 30 minutes). <http://www.atomicjunction.com>

Works in Progress

4. Osseo-Asare, A.D. (book manuscript under review at Cambridge University Press). *Body Shields: Nonspectacular Technologies of Health*

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles (including Accepted and In Press)

5. Osseo-Asare, A.D. (2024). "Safe Sex and the Debate over Condoms on Campus in the 1980s." *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/jhmas/jrae016>
6. Osseo-Asare, A.D. (2023). "'Don't use herbs in labor!': Plants, pharmaceuticals, and the unmaking of traditional birth attendants in Ghana, 1970–2000." *Social Science Medicine* 329 (115980). <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2023.115980>
7. Osseo-Asare, A.D. (2023). "Making Masks: The Women Behind Ghana's Nose Covering Mandate During the Covid-19 Outbreak." *Journal of Material Culture* 28(3), 426-450. <https://doi.org/10.1177/13591835221086870>
8. Osseo-Asare, A.D. (2021). "Kwame Nkrumah's Suits: Sartorial Politics in Ghana at Independence." *Fashion Theory*, 25 (5): 597-632. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1362704X.2021.1878591>
9. Osseo-Asare, A.D. (2016). "'Atomic Lands': Understanding Land Disputes near Ghana's Nuclear Reactor." *African Affairs*, 115 (460), 443-465. <http://doi:10.1093/afraf/adw021>

10. Osseo-Asare, A.D. (2016). "Writing Medical Authority: The Rise of Literate Healers in Ghana, 1930-1970." *Journal of African History*, 57 (1), 69-91.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/S0021853715000742>
11. Osseo-Asare, A.D. (2013). "Scientific Equity: Experiments in Laboratory Education in Ghana," *Isis: A Journal of the History of Science Society*, 104 (4), 713-741.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1086/674941>
12. Osseo-Asare, A.D. (2008) "Bioprospecting and Resistance: Transforming Poisoned Arrows into Strophanthin Pills in Colonial Gold Coast, 1885-1922." *Social History of Medicine*, 21 (2), 269-290. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/shm/hkn025>

Book and Film Reviews

13. Osseo-Asare, A.D. (2024). Review of *A Dam for Africa: Akosombo Stories from Ghana* by Stephan Miescher. *African Studies Review*, 67 (4): 1049-1050.
14. Osseo-Asare, A.D. (2023). Review of *Atomic Doctors: Conscience and Complicity at the Dawn of the Nuclear Age* by James L. Nolan, Jr. *Technology and Culture*, 64 (2): 620-622.
15. Osseo-Asare, A.D. (2019). Review of *Edges of Exposure: Toxicology and the Problem of Capacity in Senegal* by Noemi Tousignant. *Canadian Journal of African Studies*, 53 (3): 517-518.
16. Osseo-Asare, A.D. (2019). Review of *Steeped in Heritage: The Racial Politics of South African Rooibos Tea* by Sarah Ives. *Journal of Modern African Studies*, 57 (1): 169-171.
17. Osseo-Asare, A.D. (2018). "Comment on 'Eating Kola': The Global Circulation of Plants from Ghana," *Ghana Studies Journal* (30th Anniversary Special Issue) 21: 163-165.
18. Osseo-Asare, A.D. (2016). Review of *Healing the African Body: British Medicine in West Africa, 1800-1860*, by John Rankin. *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences*, 71 (4): 478-480.
19. Osseo-Asare, A.D. (2016). Review of *Healing Roots: Anthropology in Life and Medicine* by Judith Laplante. *Social History of Medicine*, 28 (4): 440-441.
20. Osseo-Asare, A.D. (2015). Review of *In the Shadow of Ebola* (documentary film, 27 minutes) by Gregg Mitman. *Medical History*, 59 (4), 645-647.
21. Osseo-Asare, A.D. (2010). Review of *Healing Traditions: African Medicine, Cultural Exchange, and Competition in South Africa, 1820-1948*, by Karen E. Flint, *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*, 84 (1), 136-137.

22. Osseo-Asare, A.D. (2007). Review of *The African Aids Epidemic: A History*, by John Iliffe, *Social History of Medicine*, 20 (2), 401-402.

Reference

23. Osseo-Asare, A.D. (2007). Entries for “Oku Ampofo,” “Matthew Anum Barnor,” “Susan de Graft-Johnson,” and “Charles Odamtten Easmon.” In W.F. Bynum and H. Bynum (Eds.), *Dictionary of Medical Biography* (Vol. 1, pp. 112-113, 159, Vol. 2, pp. 401-402,446-447). Westport, CT: Greenwood Press.
24. Osseo-Asare, A.D. (1998). “Tamil Nadu” in *Let’s Go India*. Nate Barksdale, editor. (St. Martin’s Press). Revised coverage of Ooty, Nilgri Hills, Thanjavur, Chennai, Mahabalipuram, and nearby locations in Southern India.

RESEARCH GRANTS

- Osseo-Asare, A.D. (P.I.). “African Fabrics and Fashion Immersive Course.” UT Experiential Learning Course-Developer Award. 2019-2021. Total funding awarded: \$10,000
- Osseo-Asare, A.D. (PI). “Particles in Bodies: Historical Perspectives on Radiation and Health in Ghana.” UT Humanities Research Award. 2016-2019. Total funding awarded: \$15,000
- Osseo-Asare, A.D. (PI). “Atomic Junction.” National Science Foundation. 2010-2016. Total funding awarded: \$293,599
- Osseo-Asare, A.D. (PI). “Bitter Roots: The Search for Healing Plants in Africa,” Hellman Family Faculty Fund Award, University of California at Berkeley. 2006-2010. Total funding awarded: \$25,000

FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

- 2021-2026 Walter Prescott Webb Fellow, University of Texas at Austin
- 2021-2022 College Research Fellowship, College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas at Austin
- 2018-2021 Fellow of the Jack S. Blanton, Sr. Chair in History, University of Texas at Austin
- 2017-2018 Institute for Historical Studies Faculty Fellow, University of Texas at Austin
- 2017 Humanities Institute Fellow, University of Texas at Austin
- 2016-2017 UT Graduate Editorial Assistantship for support as Book Reviews Editor at *Journal of African History*
- 2015 Herskovits Prize for best English language publication in African Studies for *Bitter Roots*, African Studies Association

- 2015 Outstanding Academic Titles Book Award for *Bitter Roots*, Choice Magazine
- 2015 Pacific Branch Book Award for *Bitter Roots*, American Historical Association
- 2005-2006; Postdoctoral Fellowship, Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies
2008-2009
- 2005-2008 Society of Fellows, Columbia (award declined)
- 2005 Award for Best Graduate Essay, African Studies Association
- 2004-2005 Graduate Fellow, Dibner Institute for the History of Science & Technology,
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 2003-2005 Graduate Associate, Weatherhead Center for International Studies, Harvard
- 2001-2004 Course Instructor & Teaching Fellow, History of Science Department, Harvard
- 2003-2004 Dissertation Fellowship for Minorities, Ford Foundation
- 2003-2004 Sheldon Fellowship for Travel to Ghana and the U.K., Harvard
- 2002-2004 Weatherhead and Jennifer Cole Fellowships to Ghana, Harvard
- 1999-2004 Graduate Prize Fellowship, Harvard
- 1998-1999 Fellowship to Ghana, Institute of International Education Fulbright Program

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks (External)

Book Talks (*Atomic Junction*):

- “Atomic Knowledges.” Technological globalization from below, 2022-23, session 1: Off-grid electricity in Africa. CEPED-University of Paris. Paris, France. April 26, 2023. (virtual)
- “Ghana’s Nuclear Program.” Anti-Nuclear Activism in Africa Workshop. The Johannesburg Institute for Advanced Study. Johannesburg, South Africa. April 3, 2023. (virtual)
- “Nuclear Reactors in Ghana: Phantoms and Realities.” Institute for Advanced Study. Princeton, NJ. April 6, 2021. (virtual)
- “Atomic Junction: Nuclear Power in Africa after Independence.” Cambridge University Press History Book Festival. January 15, 2020. (virtual) <https://youtu.be/PSoZXXNhbkg>
- “Atomic Junction: Nuclear Power in Africa.” Department of History, Princeton University, NJ. October 4, 2019.
- “Atomic Junction: The Road to Nuclear Power in Ghana.” African Studies Lecture. University of Cambridge. Cambridge, United Kingdom. November 12, 2018.

“Atomic Junction: The Road to Nuclear Power.” History Department, Rutgers University. New Brunswick, NJ. September 19, 2016.

Research Talks:

“The Very Reverend Professor B.W. Garbrah of Ghana and the interchangeability of nuclear physics from the Soviet Union to the UK.” African Scientists in Colonial and Post-colonial Worlds. The Royal Society. London, U.K. October 21, 2022.

“Scientists and Healers in the Transformation of African Plant Medicine.” Bioprospecting: Technologies and Ethics through Western and Indigenous Perspectives. Cambridge Indigenous Studies. University of Cambridge. Cambridge, United Kingdom. May 3, 2021. (virtual) <https://www.crowdcast.io/e/bioprospecting>

“Do not use herbs!’: Plants and Pills in Maternal Health Care in Ghana.” International Symposium. Vital Experiments: Living (and Dying) with Pharmaceuticals after the Human.. Kyoto University. Kyoto, Japan. February 24, 2018.

“African Science and Technology Studies: Past and Futures.” Keynote. 4S Pre-Conference: STS Africa 2018. The University of Sydney. Australia. August 2018.

“Don’t use Herbs!’” Healers, Birthing, and Access to Care in late 20th Century Ghana.” Science and Technology Studies: The Sciences Otherwise Speaker Series. Brown University. Providence, RI. April 3, 2017.

“Don’t use Herbs!’” Healers, Birthing, and Access to Care in late 20th Century Ghana.” Forum for Africa Studies: Multiple Healths Conference. Uppsala University. Uppsala, Sweden. May 11, 2017.

Book Talks (*Bitter Roots*):

“From Plants to Pharmaceuticals: Take Bitter Roots for Malaria”

Program in the History of Science and Medicine, Yale. New Haven, CT. April 18, 2016

History Department, University of California. Los Angeles, CA. October 5, 2015

The Lilianna Sauter Lecture, New York Academy for Medicine. New York, NY. April 28, 2015

History of Science, Technology, and Medicine Colloquium Series, University of Minnesota. Minneapolis, MN. February 27, 2015.

Networks of Exchange Seminar, Rutgers Center for Historical Analysis, Rutgers University. New Brunswick, NJ. October 6, 2014.

Berkeley Center for Social Medicine, Institute for the Study of Societal Issues, University of California. Berkeley, CA. April 2014.

“The King of Spices: Mapping Grains of Paradise from Chaucer to Herbal Viagra,” Center for International History Lecture Series, Columbia University. New York, NY. March 23, 2012.

“Dilemmas of Drug Discovery in Madagascar: Plants, Patents and Pills,” Lecture Series in the History of Modern Biomedicine, Medical School, University of California. San Francisco, CA. May 17, 2010.

“Who Owns Africa’s Plants? The Case of Madagascar Periwinkle and Pennywort,” University Herbarium, Harvard. Cambridge, MA. April 28, 2009.

“African Healing Authority and Colonial Governance,” Center for African Studies, Stanford University. Palo Alto, CA. May 14, 2008.

“The Search for Grains of Paradise.” Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls. Meyerton, Gauteng, South Africa. July 11, 2007.

“Bioprospecting and Resistance: A view from West Africa.” Conference: A2K2 (Access to Knowledge II), Yale Law School. New Haven, CT. April 28 2007.

“Strophanthin and the History of Bioprospecting in Africa,” Conference: Empires, Colonialisms, and Contexts. Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies, Harvard University. Cambridge, MA. April 20, 2007.

“‘Once-Forgotten but Flavorful’: Africa’s Grains of Paradise from Chaucer to Sam Adams,” Conference: Drug Trade in the Early Modern Atlantic World, Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine. London, UK. April 13, 2007.

“Bioprospecting in West Africa: The Ghana Quinine Patent,” Conference: Culture, Nature, Future? Science in Africa, University of Edinburgh. Edinburgh, Scotland. April 12, 2006.

“Who Owns Africa’s Plants? Bioprospecting, Pharmaceuticals and the Postcolony,” Department of History and Sociology of Science, University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, PA. April 10, 2006.

“Green Gold: Ethical questions in the Search for healing Plants in Ghana,” Guest Lecture for BI 85 (Biological and Social Context of Disease), Brown University. Providence, RI. March 15, 2006.

Invited Talks (Internal – within UT System)

“Textiles as Texts: Reading Healthcare Garments in Austin and Accra.” American Studies Workshop, University of Texas. Austin, TX. January 30, 2026.

“Atomic Junction: Nuclear Power in Africa after Independence.” History Faculty New Book Series, University of Texas. Austin, TX. October 31, 2019.

“The Flu in Texas.” Panel Discussion: “The Influenza Pandemic of 1918-1919: 100 Years Later.”
Institute for Historical Studies, University of Texas. Austin, TX. March 13, 2019.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N79_-X2DPD8

“Bitter Roots: The Search for Healing Plants in Africa.” History Faculty New Book Series,
University of Texas. Austin, TX. December 4, 2014.

“Atomic Junction: Bringing a Nuclear Reactor to an African Suburb.” History and Philosophy of
Science Talk Series, University of Texas. Austin, TX. February 6, 2015.

Conference Presentations

“Author meets Critics: Reginald Royston’s *Pan-African Futurism*.” Annual Association of the African
Studies Association. Atlanta, GA. November 2025.

“Filoviruses vs. Tyvek: How West African scientists use hazmat suits to stop disease outbreaks.”
Annual meeting of the Society for the Social Studies of Science. Seattle, WA. September, 2025.

“‘Stop AIDS, Love Life’: Condom Campaigns in Ghana before and after the outbreak of HIV.”
Annual meeting of the American Association for the History of Medicine. Boston, MA. May
2025.

“Reframing the Epidemic: New Perspectives on the History of HIV/AIDS.” Annual meeting of the
American Association for the History of Medicine. Kansas City, KA. May 2024.

“Author meets Critics: Stephan Miescher, *A Dam for Africa*.” Annual meeting of the African Studies
Association. San Francisco, CA. December 2023.

“Making Masks: How women in Ghana made and sold nose coverings to combat Covid-19.” Annual
meeting of the Society for the Social Studies of Science. Honolulu, HI. November 2023.

“Author meets Critics: Robyn D’Avingnon, *A Ritual Geography*.” Annual meeting of the African
Studies Association. Philadelphia, PA. November 2022.

“Author meets Critics: Abena Dove Osseo-Asare, *Atomic Junction: Nuclear Power in Africa after
Independence*.” Annual meeting of the African Studies Association. Virtual. November 2020.

“Edmund Abaka and the Diffusion of Kola: Modeling African Plant Diasporas and the Global
Circulation of Knowledge.” Annual meeting of the Society for the Social Studies of Science.
New Orleans, LA. August 2019.

“Health for All: Historical Perspectives on Survival in an Uneven Medical Landscape.” Annual
meeting of the American Association for the History of Medicine. Columbus, OH. May 2019.

Do not use herbs!: Historical Perspectives on Traditional Birth Attendants, Healing Plants, and Medical Ethics in Ghana.” University of Kent Law School. Canterbury, UK. November 9, 2018.

“Plants and Pills in Maternal Health Care in Ghana.” Society for the Social Studies of Science Conference. Sydney, Australia. August 2018.

“From Manpower to Hydropower and Atomic Power in Nkrumah’s Ghana.” Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association. Chicago, IL. November 2017.

“Physics from the Soviets,” Symposium on Soviet Union and Africa, New York University. New York, NY. October 13, 2017.

“Author meets Critics: *A Nervous State* by Nancy Rose Hunt.” Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association. Washington, DC. December 2016.

“Author meets Critics: *Bitter Roots* by Abena Osseo-Asare.” Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association. Washington, DC. December 2016.

“Physics from the Soviets: African Independence, the Gold War, and Nuclear Power in Ghana.” Annual Meeting of the History of Science Society. Atlanta, GA. November 2016.

“Atomic Junction: The Road to Nuclear Power.” Tri-Annual Meeting of the Ghana Studies Association. Cape Coast, Ghana. August 2016.

“Historicizing Therapeutic Pluralism on the Gold Coast,” presented with Jonathan Roberts. Annual Meeting of African Studies Association. San Diego, CA. November 2015. Panel organizer.

“Author meets Critics: *Africa as a Living Laboratory* by Helen Tilley.” Annual Meeting of Society for the Social Studies of Science Meeting. Denver, CO. November 2015.

“Airing Grievances: Land Conflicts on Ghana’s Nuclear Frontier from Colonial Courts to Online Forums.” African Studies Association Meeting. Indianapolis, IN. November 2014.

“Atomic Junction: Nuclear Science in an African Suburb.” 20-minute documentary film in progress screened at Annual Meeting of Society for the Social Studies of Science. San Diego, CA. October 2013.

“What was Traditional Healing? From African Scientific Herbalists, to Psychic and Traditional Healers in Ghana (1930-1975).” Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association. Washington, D.C. November 2011.

“Nuclear Prospects in Africa: Rights and Risks.” Annual Meeting of Society for the Social Study of Science. Cleveland, OH. November 2011.

“(E)missions to and from Africa: How Radiation became safer in Ghana (1960-2010),” Society for the Social Study of Science meeting. Tokyo, Japan. August 2010.

- “‘No Logical Grounds for Compensation’: Eli Lilly, La Roche and the Transformation of Plants into Pharmaceuticals (1940-1980).” American Association for the History of Medicine Meeting. Rochester, MN. May 2010.
- “Atomic Junction: Nuclear Power at the Crossroads in Ghana,” African Studies Association meeting. New Orleans, LA. November 2009.
- “Scientific Citizens: Experiments in Flag Nationalism and Laboratory Science in Ghana, 1956-1977” History of Science Society Meeting. Pittsburgh, PA. November 2008. Panel organizer
- “‘Akwabaa, my sister’: Recreational Genetics and the Future of Heritage Tourism in Ghana,” African Studies Association Meeting. New York, NY. October 2007. Panel organizer
- “Drug Prospecting in Africa: Historical Lessons from Madagascar Periwinkle to Ghana Quinine,” African Studies Association Meeting. San Francisco, CA. November, 2006.
- “‘Killing the Intellectual Properties’: Managers of Bio-data in Africa,” paper presented at Society for the Social Study of Science Meeting, Vancouver, BC, Canada. November, 2006.
- “Curing Konoruku: The interplay of Mangos, Malaria and the Mosquito in Colonial Gold Coast, 1860-1940.” African Studies Association Meeting. Washington, D.C. November 2005.
- “Poisoned Arrows, *Strophanthus hispidus*, and the Rise of Pharmaceutical Chemistry in Britain and the Gold Coast (1880-1922).” History of Science Society Conference. Minneapolis, MN. November 2005. Panel organizer
- “Plant Medicine Research in Ghana since Independence.” Annual Meeting of the Ghana Historical Society. Teachers Hall. Accra, Ghana. August 2005.

ADVISING AND STUDENT-RELATED SERVICE

Dissertation Committees

University of Texas at Austin

- Knowledge Gray Moyo, PhD Candidate 2022-present. (Member).
- Horus Tan, Ph.D. in History, 2019-2024. (Member).
- Katie Rogers, Ph.D in Sociology, 2018-2023. (Member).
- John Carranza, Ph.D in History, 2016-2022. (co-Chair).
- Daniel Jean-Jacques, History, 2017- present. (Member)
- Ogechukwu C. Ezekwem, Ph.D. in History, 2015-2017. (Member).
- Ben Breen, Ph.D. in History, 2015. (Member).

Johns Hopkins

- Heidi Morefield, Ph.D. in History of Medicine, 2017-2019. (Member).

University of California, Berkeley

Marlee Tichnor, Ph.D. in Medical Anthropology, 2016. (Member).
Katherine Hendy, Ph.D. in Medical Anthropology, 2015. (Member).

University of California, San Francisco

Elena Conis, Ph.D. in History of Medicine, 2011. (Member).

Undergraduate Honors Theses

University of Texas at Austin

Claire Grunberg, History, 2026. (Primary Thesis Advisor).
Ahya Elsayed, Biochemistry, 2025. (Primary Thesis Advisor).
Christle Nwora, Liberal Arts Honors Program, 2016. (Primary Thesis Advisor).

University of California, Berkeley

Madeleine Seiwald, History, 2013. (Supervisor).
Beth Holtzman, History, 2013. (Supervisor).
Julian Rojas, History, 2013. (Supervisor).

ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Departmental Service

University of Texas at Austin

Advisory Committee, College of Liberal Arts Humanities Institute, 2025-present.
Steering Committee, Institute for Historical Studies, 2024-present.
Core Faculty, Humanities, Health & Medicine Masters Program, 2020-present.
Co-chair, Member, History Ambassadors Team (co-founder), 2019-present.
Minority Liaison Officer, 2019-2022.
Search Committee for African-American Business History, 2019.
History Department Executive Committee, 2017-2019.
Faculty Participant, Texas Well-being Initiative ([website](#)), 2017-present.
Assessment and Curriculum Committee, 2016-2017.
Search Committee for Faculty Investment Initiative, 2015-2017.
Search Committee for Asian-American History, 2015.

University of California at Berkeley

Interviewer, Regents' and Chancellor's Scholarship (Southern California Region), 2010.
History Department Prize Committee, 2006-2007, 2009-2010, 2012.
Committee on History Undergraduate Majors, 2007-2008.

Member, Search Committee for African Studies Librarian, 2006-2007.

Professional Service

Council, American Association for the History of Medicine, 2023-present.

Advisory Editorial Board, *Osiris*, 2024-present.

Advisory Editorial Board, *Bulletin for the History of Medicine*, 2022-2024.

Editorial Board, *Social History of Medicine*, 2018-present.

Book Review Editor, *Journal of African History*, 2017.

Editorial Board, *Endeavour*, 2016-present.

Chair, Public Health Section, Program Committee, African Studies Association, 2015.

Program Committee, American Association for the History of Medicine, 2014.

Panel Chair/Commentator, Association for the History of Medicine, History of Science Society.

Panelist, Why Diversity Matters Panel, American Association for the History of Medicine meeting in Nashville, May 2017.

Peer-Reviewer (ad hoc since 2006)

Canadian Journal of African Studies, Isis: A Journal of the History of Science Society, Social Studies of Science, Social History of Medicine, Bulletin for History of Medicine

National Science Foundation, Swiss National Science Foundation

Professional Memberships

African Studies Association, 2005-present.

American Association for the History of Medicine, 2006-present.

History of Science Society, 2007-present.

Ghana Studies Association, 2009-present.

Society for the Social Studies of Science, 2007-present.