

Curriculum Vitae

Name: Harvey Amani Whitfield

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Employment History:

Professor, University of Calgary, 2021-Present

Professor, University of Vermont, 2017-2021

Associate Professor, University of Vermont, 2008-2017

Director of Critical Race and Ethnic Studies, 2008-09

Assistant Professor, University of Vermont, 2004-2008

Lecturer, Saint Mary's University (Halifax, Nova Scotia), 2003-2004

Education:

Dalhousie University, 1999-2003, Ph.D. in History

Dissertation: "Black American Refugees in Nova Scotia, 1813-1840"

Comprehensive Fields: African, American, Canadian History

Dalhousie University, 1997-1999, M.A. in History

Thesis: "Colonial Complexity: The Images and Ideas of John Mensah Sarbah and S.R.B. Attoh Ahuma, 1895-1912"

Comprehensive Fields: African/African American Intellectual and British Imperial History

Colorado State University, 1994-1997, B.A. in History, *Magna Cum Laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Alpha Theta, Outstanding African American Senior Award

Current Research Projects

My current research builds on my biographical dictionary of enslaved Black people in the Maritimes. I am currently working on a book that will focus on 7 or 8 enslaved individuals and their lives in both the United States and Colonial Canada. I will be focusing on individuals who have a fair amount of documentation about their lives, but still require a great deal of historical reconstruction and imagination to understand their lives.

I recently completed six entries for the *Dictionary of Canadian Biography*. These entries are exclusively about enslaved Black people and include Diana Bastian, Statia, an unnamed teenage boy, Nancy, Isaac Willoughby, and Lydia Jackson.

I recently completed a book chapter on the *Somerset* decision and how it impacted Colonial Canada. I hope to present it to the Stokes Seminar. It will be published in a collection edited by Matthew Mason and David Waldstreicher.

Books:

Biographical Dictionary of Enslaved Black People in the Maritimes (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2022)

Black Slavery in the Maritimes: A History in Documents (Peterborough: Broadview Press, 2018)

North to Bondage: Loyalist Slavery in the Maritimes (Vancouver: University of British Columbia Press, 2016)

The Problem of Slavery in Early Vermont, 1777-1810 (Barre: Vermont Historical Society, 2014)

Blacks on the Border: The Black Refugees in British North America, 1815-1860 (Burlington: University of Vermont Press/University Press of New England, 2006)

From American Slaves to Nova Scotian Subjects: The Case of the Black Refugees, 1813-1840 (Toronto: Pearson/Prentice Hall, 2005)

Journal Articles and Book Chapters:

And Franco Paz, "On the Edge of Freedom: The Re-enslavement of Elizabeth Watson in Nova Scotia," In Search of Liberty: African American Internationalism in the Nineteenth-Century Atlantic World, ed., Ronald Johnson (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2021)

"White Archives, Black Fragments: Problems and Possibilities in Telling the Lives of Enslaved Black People in the Maritimes," Canadian Historical Review 101 (September 2020): 323-45

"Runaway Advertisements and Social Disorder in the Maritimes: A Preliminary Study," Unrest, Social Violence, and Social Disorder (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2019)

"The African Diaspora in Atlantic Canada: History, Historians, and Historiography," Acadiensis: Journal of the History of the Atlantic Region (Spring/Summer 2017)

"Slave Life in the Canadian Maritime Colonies," in Slavery, Memory Citizenship, Paul E. Lovejoy and Vanessa S. Oliveira, eds., (Trenton: Africa World Press, 2016)

"The Struggle over Slavery in the Maritime Colonies," Acadiensis: Journal of the History of the Atlantic Region (Summer/Autumn 2012)

Co-Written with Barry Cahill and D.G. Bell, "Slavery and Slave Law in the Maritimes," in The African Canadian Legal Odyssey: Historical Essays, Barrington Walker, ed.,

(Toronto: University of Toronto Press [Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History], 2012)

“Slavery in English Nova Scotia, 1750-1810,” Journal of the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society (2010)

“American Background of Loyalist Slaves,” Left History: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Historical Inquiry and Debate (Autumn, 2009)

Co-written with Barry Cahill, “Slave Law and Slave Life on Prince Edward Island, 1763-1825,” Acadiensis: Journal of the History of the Atlantic Region (Summer/Autumn 2009)

“African Americans in Burlington, Vermont, 1880-1900,” Vermont History (Summer/Fall, 2007)

“Black Loyalists and Black Slaves in Maritime Canada,” History Compass (October 2007)

Co-editor and Co-author, “Special Issue: Freedom on the Margins,” Citizenship Studies 10 (February 2006)

Co-Written with Bonny Ibhawoh, “Problems and Paradigms: Africanist Historiography and the Question of Audience,” Canadian Journal of African Studies (December 2005)

“The Development of Black Refugee Identity in Nova Scotia, 1813-1850,” Left History: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Historical Inquiry and Debate (Fall, 2005)

“African and New World African Immigration to Mainland Nova Scotia, 1749-1816,” Journal of the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society 7 (2004)

“Black Refugee Communities in Early Nineteenth Century Nova Scotia,” Journal of the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society 6 (2003)

“‘We can do as we like here’: An Analysis of Self-Assertion and Agency among Black Refugees in Halifax, Nova Scotia, 1813-1821,” Acadiensis: Journal of the History of the Atlantic Region 32 (2002)

“The Gold Coast Educated Elite: A Reassessment,” Gateway: An Academic Journal on the Web 2 (2000)

Book Reviews:

“Review of W.S. Spray’s *The Blacks in New Brunswick* (republication of 1972 monograph),” Canadian Historical Review (Summer, 2022)

“Review of Richard Archer, *Jim Crown North*,” Vermont History (Summer/Fall, 2018)

“Review of Will Thomas, *The Seeking*,” Vermont History (Spring, 2014)

“Review of John Ravage, *Black Pioneers*,” New Mexico Historical Review (2010)

“Review of Afua Cooper, *The Hanging of Angelique*,” Slavery & Abolition (2008)

“Reviewing Blackness in Atlantic Canada and the African Atlantic Canadian Diaspora,” Acadiensis (Autumn, 2008)

“Review of Justin Marcus Johnston, *James Robinson Johnston*,” Canadian Historical Review (2006)

Encyclopedia and Dictionary Entries:

“Thomas Peters,” African American National Biography (Oxford University Press, 2008)

“Peter Salem,” African American National Biography (Oxford University Press, 2008)

“Richard Preston,” African American National Biography (Oxford University Press, 2008)

“Black Refugees in Nova Scotia,” Africa and the Americas: Culture, Politics, and History (ABC-Clio, 2008)

“African American Diaspora in Nova Scotia,” Africa and the Americas: Culture, Politics, and History (ABC-Clio, 2008)

Public History:

“African Nova Scotians in the Age of Slavery and Abolition, 1749-1833,” Virtual Web Exhibit, Nova Scotia Archives (2004)

Lectures, Presentations, Conferences, and Podcasts

“Enslaved Black Women, Biographies, and Methodological Problems,” presented to the Universities Studying Slavery Conference, Halifax, 2023

“Understanding Unnamed Black Slaves in Colonial Canadian Newspapers,” presented to the Canadian Historical Association, York University, May 2023

“Statia: An Enslaved Black Women in New York and New Brunswick During the Revolution and its Aftermath,” Palmer Lecture, Brigham Young University, April 2023

“The Life of Nancy: An Enslaved Black Women in Maryland and New Brunswick,” presented to Atlantic Canada Studies Conference, May 2022

“Biographical Fragments of Enslaved People,” presented to the “Methodological

Faultlines and Opportunities in Black Slavery and Freedom Studies” roundtable at McGill University, April 2022

“Two Biographical Fragments of Enslaved Black Women in Colonial Canada,” presented to the Slavery North conference at NSCAD, March 2022

"Lydia Jackson and the Study of Enslaved Black Women in Colonial Canada," presented to the Department of History, University of Lethbridge, March 2022

“The Trials of Statia: An Enslaved Black Woman in Colonial Canada,” presented to the Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History, February 2022

“An Enslaved Black Family at the Crossroads of Slavery and Freedom,” presented to the Black Law Student Association at the University of Calgary, February 2022

“Biographies of Enslaved Black People in Canada,” presented to the Office of Equity Diversity and Inclusion at the University of Calgary, January 2022

“Research talk: Methodologies about Slavery in New England and the Maritimes,” presented to the Atlantic Black Box, Monthly Research Forum, September 2021

“Enslaved Black Biographies from Canada's Atlantic Region: The Saga of Nancy,” presented to the Atlantic Black Box, Monthly Research Forum, September 2021

“Policing the Border-Blacks and the Border,” <https://anchor.fm/max-hamon/episodes/Blacks-and-the-Border-Interview-with-Dr--Amani-Whitfield-e10m3sb>, May, 2021

White Archives, Black Fragments: The Study of Enslaved Black People in the Maritimes," presented to the Africana Studies Center at Central Connecticut State University, February 2021

"Reconstructing Enslaved Black Lives in the Canadian Maritimes after the American Revolution," presented to History Department Colloquium Series, University of Calgary, Department of History, November 2020

“Biographical Sketches, Black Atlantic Slavery, and the Maritimes,” The Donald Creighton Lecture, presented at the University of Toronto, History Department, March 2020

“Sketches of Everyday Enslaved Black People in the Maritimes,” presented to the Wilson Institute Speaker Series at McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, November 2019

“Slavery in Vermont,” presented to the African Americans in Early New England Workshop, Deerfield, Massachusetts, July 2019

“Dinah, A Slave,” presented to Historic Windsor, Windsor, Vermont, July 2019

“Slave Lives Matter: Putting Biography at the Center of Atlantic Canadian Slavery Studies,” W. Stewart MacNutt Distinguished Lecture, presented to the University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, New Brunswick, March 2019

“Slave Lives Matter,” presented to University of King’s College, Halifax, Nova Scotia, January 2019

“Do Slave Lives Matter?: Short Biographies of American Slaves in the Canadian Maritimes,” College of Arts and Sciences Full Professor Lecture, presented to the University of Vermont, November 2018

“Black Loyalists and Black Slaves during the American Revolution,” Massachusetts Historical Society, July, 2018

“Runaway Slave Advertisements in the Maritimes,” Riley Distinguished Lecturer in Canadian History, presented to the University of Winnipeg, Winnipeg, Manitoba, February 2018

“The Meaning of Slavery in the Loyalist Maritimes,” Riley Distinguished Lecturer in Canadian History, University of Winnipeg, Winnipeg, Manitoba, February 2018

“Loyalist Slavery in the Maritimes,” American Historical Association, Denver, Colorado, January 2017

“North to Bondage: Loyalist Slavery in the Maritimes, 1783-1815,” Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, New Haven, Connecticut, July 2016

“Runaway Slaves and Social Disorder in the Maritimes,” Unrest, Violence, and the Search for Social Order Conference, Saint Mary’s University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, June 2016

“Loyalist Slavery in the Maritimes,” Atlantic Canada Studies Conference, Mount Alison University, Sackville, New Brunswick, May 2016

“The Meaning of Slavery in Vermont,” Ethan Allen Homestead, Burlington, Vermont, May 2015

“The Question of Slavery in the Maritime Colonies,” Black Canadian Studies Association, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, May 2015

“Slavery in Nova Scotia before 1783: Planter Slavery in Context,” Read Family Lecture in Planter Studies, Acadia University, Wolfville, Nova Scotia, February 2015

“The End of Vermont Slavery,” Vermont History Expo, Tunbridge, Vermont, June 2014

“Slaves and Slavery in Vermont,” Brattleboro Historical Society, Brattleboro, Vermont, May 2014

“Why Slavery Lasted in Vermont,” Castleton State College, Castleton, Vermont, April 2014

“Slaves in Vermont,” Vermont Historical Society, Lyndon State College, Lyndon, Vermont, March 2014

“Vermont Slavery and the Constitution,” Rokeby Museum, Ferrisburgh, Vermont, February 2014

“Slavery and Vermont,” Vermont History Museum, Montpelier, Vermont, February 2014

“Slavery in Canada: The Maritime Provinces,” Black History Month Special Lecture, University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario, February 2014

“The Problem of Slavery in Early Vermont,” Vermont Historical Society, University of Vermont, January, 2014

“The Persistence of Slavery in Early Vermont,” Friends of Special Collections Lecture, University of Vermont, March 2013

“How Black People Freed Themselves in the Maritime Colonies,” North American Black Historical Museum, Amherstburg, Ontario, February 2013

“Slave Work and Slave Culture in the Maritimes,” 14th Annual J.B. McLachlan Memorial Lecture, Cape Breton University, Distinguished Lecture, Sydney, Nova Scotia, October 2012

“Loyalist Slavery in Maritime Canada,” Slavery, Memory, and Citizenship Summer Institute, Harriet Tubman Institute, York University, Toronto, Ontario, August 2011

“The Culture of Slavery and Slave Culture in Maritime Canada,” Canadian Historical Association, Fredericton, New Brunswick, May 2011

“Maritime Canada, the West Indies, and Slavery,” Macalester College, Saint Paul, Minnesota, April 2011

“19th Century African American Migration to Canada,” Macalester College, Saint Paul, Minnesota, April 2011

“Negotiating Bondage and Re-enslavement in Loyalist Maritime Canada,” Harriet Tubman Institute, York University, Toronto, Ontario, January 2011

“African Nova Scotians and the Border,” American Society of Legal History, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 2010

“The Problem of Freedom in Post-Revolutionary Nova Scotia,” Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine, October 2010

“Freedom and Slavery in Post-Revolutionary Nova Scotia and New Brunswick,” Distinguished Alumni Lecture, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado, September 2010

“From Slavery to Slavery: African Americans in Maritime Canada during the Age of Loyalty,” the Canadian Historical Association, Montreal, Quebec, May 2010

“Loyalist Slaves in Prince Edward Island,” Loyalism and the Revolutionary Atlantic World conference, University of Maine, Orono, Maine, June 2009

“Loyalist Slavery in Maritime Canada,” National Archives of the United States, January 2009

“Slavery and the New England Planters,” McGill University, Department of History, October 2008

“Slaves and the Loyalist Migration to the Maritimes,” the American Historical Association, Washington D.C., January 2008

“From Slavery to Slavery,” the American Studies Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 2007

“Slavery and the Loyalists,” the Slavery, Anti-Slavery and the Road to Freedom Conference, Halifax, Nova Scotia, May 2007

“Slaves of the Loyal Americans,” the Atlantic Canada Studies Conference, Saint Mary’s University, May 2007

“Slavery and the Loyalists in Maritime Canada,” the Shelburne County Genealogical Society, Shelburne, Nova Scotia, May 2007

“Black Loyalists and Black Slaves in Maritime Canada,” the Early American Seminar, University of Maryland, April 2007

“From Slavery to Slavery: African Americans in Maritime Canada after the Revolutionary War,” the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington D.C., March 2007

“Black Canadian History and the Underground Railroad,” presented to the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington D.C., March 2007

“The Black Refugees in Nova Scotia, 1815-1860,” the Department of History and Gregg Centre for War and Society, University of New Brunswick, February 2007

“Blacks on the Border,” the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, University of Montreal, July 2006

“James W. St. G. Walker and the Writing of Canadian History,” the Canadian Historical Association, York University, May 2006

“From African American to African Nova Scotian,” the Organization of American Historians, Washington D.C., April 2006

“Black Refugee Migration to Nova Scotia during and after the War of 1812,” the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Buffalo, October 2005

“Everyday Life among African Nova Scotians in the Nineteenth Century,” the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Buffalo, October 2005

“African American Migration to Nova Scotia,” the New England Historical Association, Regis College, April 2005

“Blacks on the Border: An African American Community in British North America,” the African American Studies Conference, University of Massachusetts, April 2005

“Black Halifax and Racial Improvement,” the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society, Halifax, March 2005

“Blacks on the Border,” the History Department Faculty Research Seminar, University of Vermont, October 2004

“Social Behavior, Political Involvement, and Racial Uplift on the African American Diaspora: A Study of the Anglo-African Mutual Improvement and Aid Association,” the New England Historical Association, St. Joseph’s College, October 2004

“African Americans and African Nova Scotians,” the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Brown University, July 2004

Africans and African Americans in Nova Scotia, 1605-1840,” the World History Association, George Mason University, June 2004

“African and New World African Immigration to Nova Scotia, 1749-1815,” the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society, February 2004

“Historical Research and African Americans in Canada,” the Black Loyalist History Workshop, Halifax, October 2003

“Work, Race, and a Contracting Economy: The Case of the Black Refugees, 1813-1838,” the Canadian Historical Association, Dalhousie University, May 2003

“The Pursuit of Pleasure and the Challenge to Public Space: The Black Refugees in Halifax,” the Atlantic Canada Studies Conference, Memorial University, May 2003

“Religion and Education among the Black Refugees in Halifax, Nova Scotia, 1815-1850,” the Nova Scotia Historical Society, Public Archives of Nova Scotia, February 2003

“North of Racism: White Attitudes toward the Black Refugees,” the Canadian Historical Association, University of Toronto, May 2002

“Government Policy and Early Black Refugee Consciousness,” the Atlantic Graduate Student’s History Conference, Dalhousie University, March 2002

Co-Presenter Bonny Ibhawoh, “Multiple Tensions and Endless Contradictions: The “New” Colonial Historiography and the Limits of Deconstruction,” the Canadian Association of African Studies, University of Alberta, May 2000

Not-Traditionally-Published Outputs

Researcher on the King’s College and Slavery committee:

<https://ukings.ca/administration/public-documents/slavery-scholarly-inquiry/>

Contributor, Report on Lord Dalhousie’s History on Slavery and Racism:

https://cdn.dal.ca/content/dam/dalhousie/pdf/dept/ldp/Lord%20Dal%20Panel%20Final%20Report_web.pdf

Courses Taught:

African American History, 1619-1865

African American History since the Civil War

Atlantic Canadian History since Confederation

Culture of Atlantic Canada

Seminar of Debating American Slavery

From the Slave Trade to Reconstruction: Trends and Interpretations (TAP)

Seminar on American

Seminar on The Black Experience in Canada and the United States

United States History since 1876

United States History since 1865

United States History to 1876

Undergraduate Readings and Research

Graduate and Postdoctoral Supervision and Teaching:

1. Jesse Eaton, MA thesis: Maritime Mastery, 2024, student at the University of Calgary
2. Sarah Chute, MA thesis: Slavery in the West Indies and Canadian Maritimes, 2021, Current PhD student at University of Toronto
3. Post-doctoral supervisor to Rachel Zellars, now on faculty at Saint Mary's University in the Department of Community Studies
4. Franco Paz, MA Thesis: On the Edge of Freedom: The Re-Enslavement of Elizabeth Watson in Halifax, 2018 Current PhD Candidate at Harvard University
5. Daniella Bassi, MA Thesis: Dutch/Indigenous Land Contracts in Seventeenth Century New York, 2017, Admitted to PhD program at William and Mary
6. Matthew Hannon, MA Thesis, The Vermont Colonization Society, 2008
7. Andre Hansard, MA Thesis, Comparison of Virginian and New York Racial Laws in the 1600s, 2006

I have taught the following Graduate Courses:

Seminar on African Atlantic World History
 Seminar on Slavery, the Constitution and the Founders
 Seminar on The Problem of Slavery in Western Society
 Seminar on American Slavery
 Seminar on The Black Experience in Canada and the United States
 Graduate Independent Study in African American History
 Graduate Independent Study in the Loyalists
 Graduate Independent Study in Early American History
 Graduate Independent Study in New England Slavery
 Graduate Independent Study in Canadian Slavery
 Graduate Independent Study in Black Canadian History

*Please note that the Graduate Student Senate awarded me an Outstanding Supervisor Award in 2016-17

Academic Grants:

SSHRC Insight Grant, 60,000, 2023-2028

Awards to Scholarly Publishing Program, Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences--Social Science and Humanities Research Council, \$8,000, 2016

Lattie Coor Travel Grant, received from the University of Vermont, 2011

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Canadian Heritage Grant, received from Canadian Government, 2007

Summer Diversity Grant, received from the University of Vermont, 2007

Post-doctoral fellowship for African Canadian History, received from the University of New Brunswick, 2007 (Turned down)

Summer Diversity Grant, received from the University of Vermont, 2006

Summer Diversity Grant, received from the University of Vermont, 2005

Dean's Faculty Travel Grant, received from the College of Arts and Sciences, University of Vermont, 2005

Post-doctoral fellowship for African American History, received from Lewis and Clark College (Turned down), 2004

Nova Scotia Archives and Records Management, Grant for Study of Black Immigration to Nova Scotia, received from Nova Scotia government, 2003-2004

Research Fellowship, Gorsebrook Research Institute of Atlantic Canadian Studies, 2003-2004

Other Academic Activities of Note:

Council of the Canadian Historical Association

Editorial Advisory Board Member: *Canadian Historical Review* and *Acadiensis: Journal of the History of the Atlantic Region, Labour/Le Travail*.

Manuscript Reviewer: Yale University Press, Cambridge University Press, University of Toronto Press, University Press of New England, University of Georgia Press, New York University Press, University of British Columbia Press, 2009-present.

Journal Peer Reviewer: *Acadiensis*, *Journal of Canadian Studies*, *William and Mary Quarterly*, *Journal of American Ethnic History*, *Social History/Historie Sociale*.

Consulting Historian, Film about Lucy Prince (a black woman in eighteenth century Vermont)

Speaker at the celebration for Dr. Larry McCrorey, UVM Library, October 2015

Consulting Scholar, Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association, Memorial Hall Museum, Deerfield, Massachusetts

Radio and television Interviews on Vermont Slavery for VPR, WCAX, WDEV, 2014

Promotion Case Reviewer: Colorado College, Clark University, Western Washington University

External Examiner, PhD Thesis: Howard University, 2011

