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EDUCATION

- 2003 Ph.D. Anthropology, University of Virginia
Dissertation: "Viewing Stonetowns from the Countryside: An Archaeological Approach to Swahili Regions, AD 800-1500"
- 1997 M.A. Anthropology, University of Virginia
- 1992 B.A. Anthropology, University of Virginia, with Distinction

SPECIALIZATIONS

- Area** Tanzania, Eastern and Southern Africa, Indian Ocean Rim
- Topics** Old World archaeology, African archaeology and ethnography, political economy, landscape and regional archaeology, household studies, ceramics
- Languages** Swahili (reading, writing, speaking)

POSITIONS HELD

- 2007-present Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Rice University
- 2005-2007 Director, Joint Multicultural Program, Lehigh University
- 2004-07 Visiting Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology and Africana Studies Program, Lehigh University
- 2003 Adjunct Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Kutztown University

FELLOWSHIPS, ACADEMIC HONORS, and AWARDS

- 2003 *Graduate Fellow*, American Academy of Political and Social Science
- 2001-02 *Pre-doctoral Research Fellowship*, Carter G. Woodson Institute for Afro-American and African Studies, University of Virginia
- 1999-00 *Fulbright Foreign Fellowship*, Tanzania

- 1999-00 *National Science Foundation Dissertation Enhancement Award* (INT 9906345)
 1999-00 *Wenner-Gren Foundation Small Grant for Dissertation Research* (Gr. 6497)
 1999 *Exploration and Field Research Grant*, Explorers Club of Washington DC
 1998 *Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award*, Teaching Resource Center and Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia.
 1997-98 *Dupont Fellowship for Graduate Studies*, University of Virginia
 1995-98 *Academic Enhancement Fellowship for Graduate Studies*, University of Virginia
 1995-98 *Francis S. Viele Scholarship for Graduate Studies*, Sigma Phi Society
 1997 *Summer Field Research Grant*, University of Virginia
 1995-96 *Virginia Governor's Fellowship for Graduate Studies*, University of Virginia

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Introduction to Anthropology (ANTH 105)
 Introduction to Archaeology (ANTH 280)
 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (ANTH 113)
 Introduction to Africana Studies (AAS 3)
 Landscape Archaeology (ANTH 355/555)
 African Civilizations (AAS 3/HIST 3)
 Peoples and Cultures of Africa (ANTH 198)
 Cannibalism: Bodies of Thought (ANTH 398/AMSTUD 398/HUM 371)
 Environment and Culture (ANTH 121)
 Africans in the New World (ANTH 197)
 African and African-American Art and Religion (AAS/REL/ART 196)

FIELD RESEARCH

- 2002, 04, 06 *Co-Director*, Pemba Archaeological Project, Pemba Island, Tanzania, June-August
 2003 *Field School Instructor*, Pine Lake Archaeological Field School, Late Archaic settlement, Hartwick College/SUNY-Oneonta, June
 2001 *Survey Director*, archaeological survey, Buhera Region, Zimbabwe, October-November
 1999-00 *Director*, survey and excavations on Pemba Island, Tanzania, research for Ph.D. dissertation, July-May
 1999 *Site Supervisor*, excavations at Kagumbudzi Ruin, Buhera Region, Zimbabwe, October
 1997, 1998 *Assistant Director*, excavations and survey at Pujini and Chwaka, 8th-18th-century Swahili sites on Pemba Island, Tanzania, June-August

- 1995 *Site Supervisor*, excavations at the Foster Homesite, a 19th-century house within a free-black community, Charlottesville, Virginia, July-August
- 1995 *Site Supervisor*, excavations at Utopia, a 17th- to 18th-century field-slave quarter site, Williamsburg, Virginia, March-July
- 1994-95 *Field Director*, cultural resource management surveys, Lone Mountain Archaeological Services, southeast New Mexico, December-February
- 1994 *Field Archaeologist*, survey and excavations for Lincoln National Forest and the Mescalero Apache Indian Reservation, southeast New Mexico, April-December
- 1993-94 *Field Archaeologist*, survey and excavations, James River Institute of Archaeology, Tidewater area surrounding Williamsburg, Virginia, October-April
- 1993 *Site Supervisor*, excavations at Pujini, a 15th-16th-century Swahili site, Pemba Island, Tanzania, June-August
- 1992 *Field Archaeologist*, survey, Stanislaus National Forest, northern California, August-November
- 1992 *Intern*, excavations at a 19th-century formal garden at The Hermitage, Nashville, Tennessee, June-July
- 1991 *Field School Supervisor*, Monticello, Charlottesville, Virginia, Feb.-Dec

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

- in prep Viewing Stonetowns from the Countryside. British Archaeological Reports, Cambridge Monographs in African Archaeology.

Journal Articles and Chapters

- in prep Flexner, James, Jeffrey Fleisher, and Adria LaViolette. Bead Grinders and Early Swahili Household Economy: An Analysis of an Assemblage from Pemba Island, Tanzania.
- in prep Fleisher, Jeffrey. Housing the Market: Swahili Merchants and Regional Marketing on the East African Swahili Coast, 7th-16th Centuries AD. In *Archaeological Approaches to Market Exchange in Pre-Capitalist Societies*,

Christopher Garraty and Barbara Stark, eds. Boulder: University Press of Colorado.

- in press Fleisher, Jeffrey and Adria LaViolette. The Changing Power of Swahili Houses, AD Fourteenth to Nineteenth Centuries. In *The Durable House: House Society Models in Archaeology*, Robin A. Beck, ed. Occasional Paper No. 35, Center for Archaeological Investigations. Carbondale: Southern Illinois University.
- 2007 Fleisher, Jeffrey. Urbanism and Urbanization: Prehistoric. In *The New Encyclopedia of Africa*, Second Ed., John Middleton and Joseph Miller, eds. Charles Scribner's Sons.
- 2005 LaViolette, Adria and Jeffrey Fleisher. The Archaeology of African Cities and their Countrysides. In *African Archaeology: A Critical Introduction*, Ann B. Stahl, ed. Oxford: Blackwell, pp. 327-352. [Winner of the 2006 Society of Africanist Archaeologists Book Prize]
- 2004 Fleisher, Jeffrey. Behind the Sultan of Kilwa's 'Rebellious Conduct': Local Perspectives on an International East African Town. In *African Historical Archaeologies*, Andrew Reid and Paul Lane, eds. New York: Kluwer Academic/Plenum, pp. 91-123.
- 2001 Fleisher, Jeffrey. Archaeological Survey and Excavations in Northern Pemba Island, Tanzania, 1999-2000. *Nyame Akuma* 56:36-43.
- 1999 Fleisher, Jeffrey and Adria LaViolette. Elusive Wattle-and-Daub: Finding the Hidden Majority in the Archaeology of the Swahili. *Azania* 34:87-108.
- 1999 Fleisher, Jeffrey and Adria LaViolette. The Recovery of Swahili Settlements in the Absence of Stone Architecture: Two Preliminary Surveys from Pemba Island, Tanzania. *Nyame Akuma* 52:64-73.
- 1995 LaViolette, Adria and Jeffrey Fleisher. Reconnaissance of Sites Bearing Triangular Incised (Tana Tradition) Ware on Pemba Island, Tanzania. *Nyame Akuma* 44:59-65.

Book Reviews

- 2007 Review of *West African Early Towns: Archaeology of Households in Urban Landscapes* by Augustin Holl. *Journal of African Archaeology* 5(2).
- 2004 Review of *The Archaeology of Islam in Sub-Saharan Africa* by Timothy Insoll. *International Journal of African Historical Studies*. 37(1):131-133.

Unpublished Reports

- 2004 Pemba Archaeological Project: Preliminary Report, Second Season, June-August 2004. Office of the President, Zanzibar.
- 2003 Pemba Archaeological Project: Preliminary Report, First Season, June-August 2002. Office of the President, Zanzibar.
- 2000 Final Field Report: Northern Pemba Archaeological Survey and Excavations, 1999-2000. Office of the President, Zanzibar.
- 1994 Archaeological Survey of Lone Mountain Vegetation Project Area. USDA-Lincoln National Forest, Alamogordo, New Mexico, #1994-08-088.
- 1994 South Pajarita, Red Lake, and Eagle Roost Pipeline Survey. Bureau of Indian Affairs, Mescalero Apache Indian Reservation, Mescalero, New Mexico.
- 1994 Archaeological Survey of the Lower Elk Canyon Multi-Product Sale Area. Bureau of Indian Affairs, Mescalero Apache Indian Reservation, Mescalero, New Mexico.

CONFERENCE PANELS ORGANIZED

- 2008 Authority and the Process of Power: The View from African Archaeology. Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Vancouver, BC. March.
- 2002 Village Communities in Medium- and Large-Scale African Societies. Biennial Meeting of the Society of Africanist Archaeologists, Tucson, Arizona, May (Adria LaViolette, co-chair).
- 2001 The Changing Landscape of African Archaeology: Assessing the Role of Regional Surveys and Studies in Iron Age Africa. Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington DC, December (Amy Lawson, co-chair).
- 2000 Sun, Sweat and Trowels: Recent Ph.D. Fieldwork in Africa. Biennial Meeting of the Society of Africanist Archaeologists, Cambridge, UK, July (Amy Lawson, co-chair).

CONFERENCE PAPERS and INVITED LECTURES

- 2008 The Politics of Feasting on the Eastern African Coast, AD 700-1500. Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Vancouver, BC, March.
- 2007 Understanding Swahili Urbanism through Regional Archaeological Study in Northern Pemba, Tanzania (with Adria LaViolette). Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, New York, October (with A. LaViolette)
- 2007 Panelist, Exhibiting 'Lucy': Bones of Contention at the Houston Museum of Natural Science. Rice University, Houston, September.
- 2007 A Series of Unfortunate Events: Working Against the Grain to Improve Campus Race Relations. Case Study/Model Program Session at National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in American Higher Education, San Francisco, June (with John McKnight and Alta Thornton).
- 2007 Housing the Market: Swahili Merchants and Regional Marketing on the East African Swahili Coast, 7th-16th Centuries AD. In invited session "Archaeological Approaches to Market Exchange in Pre-Capitalist Societies." Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Austin, April.
- 2006 The Archaeology of the Swahili "Middle Period," 1400-1880. Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, San Francisco, November.
- 2006 Swahili Households in Village and Town: Research in Northern Pemba, 7th-15th centuries AD (with Adria LaViolette). British Institute in Eastern Africa Conference, "The Maritime Heritage and Cultures of the Western Indian Ocean in Comparative Perspective," Zanzibar, July, 2006.
- 2006 The Composition of Swahili Stonetowns. Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, San Juan, Puerto Rico, April.
- 2005 The Changing Power of Swahili Houses, AD 14th-19th Centuries (with Adria LaViolette). Visiting Scholar Conference, "The Durable House: Architecture, Ancestors and Origins," Center for Archaeological Investigations, Southern Illinois University, March.
- 2004 Pemba's Pivotal Century: Archaeological Perspectives on Demographic, Socio-political and Linguistic changes Before and After the 11th century AD. Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, New Orleans, November.
- 2004 Technologies of the Self in Elite Swahili Architecture, 1300-1900. 13th Triennial Symposium on African Art, Cambridge, MA, April.

- 2004 Doing Archaeology on the Swahili Coast: Eastern Africa and the Indian Ocean World, AD 800-1600. Invited lecture, Moravian College, Bethlehem, March.
- 2003 The Social Life of Imported Ceramics at Swahili Towns and Villages, AD 800-1500. Lehigh University, December.
- 2003 Importing Commodities, Distributing Gifts, and Displaying Prestige: On the Multivocality of Imported Goods at Swahili Coast Settlements, AD 800-1500. Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Boston, November.
- 2002 Qualifying Village Complexity in Northern Pemba, Tanzania. Biennial Meeting of the Society of Africanist Archaeologists, Tucson, Arizona, May.
- 2002 Early Islam and the East African Coast. Invited lecture in "Islam in Africa," Department of Religious Studies, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, April.
- 2002 Town and Country in Early Swahili Society, AD 800-1500. Department of Anthropology, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, March.
- 2001 Surveying a Swahili System: Rethinking Site Discovery Methods for the East African Coast. Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington DC, December.
- 2000 It Takes a Village: Establishing the Countryside Perspective in Swahili Archaeology, 800-1600 AD. Biennial Meeting of the Society of Africanist Archaeologists, Cambridge, UK, July.
- 2000 Arkiologia na Mambo Mapya kuhusu Historia ya Kaskazini ya Pemba (Archaeology and New Information about the History of Northern Pemba). Public Lectures, Wete, Pemba Island and Zanzibar Town, Tanzania, May.
- 2000 The New Archaeology of Pemba. Department of History Seminar Series, University of Dar es Salaam, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, May.
- 1998 The Sultan of Kilwa's "Rebellious Conduct": Understanding the Background to Kilwa's Initial Contact with the Portuguese in AD 1500. Biennial Meeting of the Society of Africanist Archaeologists, Syracuse, New York, May.
- 1997 Kilwa Kisiwani AD 800-1200: Re-interpreting the Transformations of an East African Coastal Town. Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, March.
- 1996 Looking into 'Root Cellars': Formation and Function at Utopia, an 18th-Century Chesapeake Slave Quarter Site. Annual Meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology, Cincinnati, Ohio, January.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2006 Article Reviewer, *Journal of Social Archaeology*
- 2004-present *Treasurer*, Executive Board of the Society of Africanist Archaeologists
- 2001-02 *Tutor*, Literacy Volunteers of America, Charlottesville Chapter, Virginia
- 2000-02 *Student Representative*, Executive Board of the Society of Africanist Archaeologists, July-present
- 2000 *Teaching and Technology Support Partner*, Carter G. Woodson Institute for Afro-American and African Studies, University of Virginia
- 1998 *Supervisor*, Laboratory of Archaeology, University of Virginia
- 1997-99 *Editorial Assistant*, Visual Anthropology Review

Committees

Dean's Advisory Council on Diversity, College of Arts and Sciences, Lehigh University
Student Diversity Task Force, Lehigh University
University Diversity Leadership Council, Benchmarking Committee, Lehigh University

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

African Studies Association
American Anthropological Association
British Institute in Eastern Africa
Society for American Archaeology
Society of Africanist Archaeologists