

## **LIBBIE FREED**

Associate Professor, Department of History, SUNY Potsdam

### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D., History of Science, University of Wisconsin - Madison, 2006. Dissertation: "Conduits of Culture and Control: Roads in Colonial French Central Africa, 1890-1960." Minor and Certificate in African Studies. Advisor: Dr. Eric Schatzberg.

### **TEACHING**

HIST 100 (World History)

HIST 464 (Technology in History)

HIST 230 (Introduction to Africa)

HIST 470 (African Environmental History)

HIST 252 (Eat: A Global Food History)

HIST 480 (Seminar)

HIST 331 (Africa to 1870)

WAYS 102 (Africa is Cities)

HIST 332 (Africa Since 1870)

### **RECENT SERVICE**

Online Coach for the History Department

Co-Chair of DIAC Curriculum, Policy, and Faculty-Staff Advocacy Subcommittee

Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee

Faculty Advisor, Potsdam Ummah Student Association

Days of Reflection Planning Committee

Soliya 1YC Advisory Board, and Facilitator for 1YC January 2021 Pilot Program

Secondary Appointment in INDS. Member, INDS Department Personnel Committee

Secretary, Friends of the Potsdam Museum

### **PUBLICATIONS**

Co-authored with Georgina Montgomery and John M. MacKenzie. "Sub-Saharan Africa." In *The Cambridge History of Science, Volume 8: Modern Science in National and International Context*, edited by Hugh Richard Sloten, Ronald L. Numbers, and David L. Livingstone, 495-509. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2020.

"Every European Becomes a Chief: Travel Guides to Colonial Equatorial Africa, 1900-1958," *Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History* 12:2 (Fall 2011).

Review of *The Routes of Man: How Roads are Changing the World and the Way We Live Today*, by Ted Conover, in *Technology and Culture* 52:4 (October 2011): 850-852.

“Networks of (Colonial) Power: Roads in French Central Africa After World War I,” *History and Technology* 26:3 (2010): 203-223.

## **OFF-CAMPUS PRESENTATIONS**

Commentator, WHEATS (Workshop for the History of the Environment, Agriculture, Technology, and Science) Workshop, Albany NY, October 13-15, 2017. Invited workshop.

Discussant, panel on French Colonial Indochina, Society for French Historical Studies annual meeting, Cambridge, Mass, April 2013.

“Good Enough For What? Infrastructure Tensions in France’s Equatorial African Colonies in the 1930s,” presented to “Roads as Routes to Modernity” Workshop sponsored by the Zentrum Moderner Orient (ZMO), Berlin Germany, October 2012.

“Implementing Modernity? Roads in French Central Africa, 1945-1960,” presented to the African Studies Association, San Francisco, November 21, 2010.

“Men or Machines? Considering Mechanized Road Work in France’s Central African Colonies” presented to the Canadian Association of African Studies, Ottawa, May 6, 2010.

“The Empire’s New Roads: Colonial Africa and the History of Technology,” presented to the Society for the History of Technology, Washington DC, October 2007.

“Roads in French Central Africa: Networks of (Colonial) Power?,” presented to Technology and the Colony workshop, Harvey Mudd College, Claremont, CA, February 2007. Invited workshop.

“Road-Building in French Equatorial Africa: Technology and Colonial Practice,” presented to the Technopolitics in Africa Workshop (workshop funding provided by the Society for the History of Technology and the University of Michigan), Ithala, South Africa, July 2006. Invited workshop.

## **AWARDS AND GRANTS**

Voted “Favorite Professor,” History Department, by SUNY Potsdam Emerging Leaders, Fall 2019 (honor shared with Dr. Sheila McIntyre).

Distinguished Honors Professor of the Year, 2015-2016, SUNY Potsdam Honors Program.

Distinguished EOP Advocate Award, 2015-2016, SUNY Potsdam EOP Program.

Voted Favorite History Professor by SUNY Potsdam History students, Spring 2015.

Title III Faculty Curriculum Development Award, Summer 2011.

Dr. Nuala McGann Drescher Leave, SUNY, Fall 2010.

Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship, Cameroon, 2002-2003.

National Science Foundation Dissertation Research Improvement Fellowship, 2002.